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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Pirate Fest Returns To Fort Myers Beach

The 6th annual Fort Myers Beach Pirate Fest will take place on Old San Carlos Boulevard and beyond during Columbus Day weekend, October 7 to 10 and will include hundreds of professional actors and actresses from across the state and beyond who choreograph their performances for months in advance, bringing one of the most exciting events of the year to Fort Myers Beach.

Family friendly activities will include a treasure hunt, costume contests, roving musicians, strolling street performers, stage shows, sea skirmishes, interactive games with pirates and a bon voyage breakfast on Monday morning. Adult friendly activities will include a pirates gathering and costume contest on Friday night and a leisurely and ongoing weekend-long Tortuga Pub Crawl throughout the beach region.

The Pirate Fest draws adventurers from far and near for Columbus Day weekend activities with historical re-enactments, period correct encampments, black powder demonstrations and sea shanties. Visitors will witness Old San Carlos Boulevard transform into a pirate's haven. Guests are encouraged to garb up as their favorite buccaneer, swashbuckler or movie-themed pirate character and join the excitement while reliving a few golden days of piracy. There is no charge to attend.

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Jan Ellen Atkielski with the students in front of the mural

Rotary Italian Fest To Feature Mural Created By Art Students

Local artist, Jan Ellen Atkielski, recently gave Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts art students, Andie Kunkel, Ravella Raker and Sophia Jaecques a lesson in the methodology of creating a mural. The result is a large portable mural of a Tuscan landscape which will be displayed at the Rotary Italian Fest on October 2 at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

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October Marks Three-Year Anniversary Of Fort Myers Art Walk



Inside HOWL Gallery during a recent Art Walk

photo courtesy of HOWL Gallery

Art Walk has withstood the test of time and the economy. In October, the monthly art event will mark its third successful year as part of the revitalization of downtown Fort Myers.

The next Art Walk will take place on Friday, October 7 with local art galleries and art stops featuring new exhibits and shows. This regular cultural event draws between 1,500 and 2,500 people each month to the downtown River District.

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Royal tern

Bird Patrol

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, October 15 at 8 a.m.

Meet in the parking lot at Bunche Beach located in South Fort Myers off Summerlin Road. Drive south on John Morris Road until it deadends.

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shore-

birds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Waterfowl, raptors, and warblers can also be seen.

This event is free with parking fee and provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. No registration is necessary. Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.

For more information call 707-3015 or visit www.birdpatrol.org.

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Where Cars Rode The Elevator

by Gerri Reaves



Henry Ford himself chose the design for the Mediterranean Revivalist-style Sykes and Hill Garage that operated as a car dealership from 1926 until 1963. The dealership sold Lincolns, Fords and Fordsons.

Completed in January 1926 for \$60,000, the garage took the concept of “showroom” to dizzying heights during boom times.

The fireproof, steel-enforced concrete construction was state-of-the-art for the time.

Thirty-three hundred dollars worth of gold leaf embellished the ceiling of the two-story showroom that had plate-glass front and side windows.

The huge elevators transported the chassis of new Fords to the third floor to be assembled. A car elevator: what an oddity today, when car dealerships typically cover several acres.

The fourth floor was reserved exclusively for Lincolns, and the dealership employed a special mechanic to work on them.

At the grand opening, Sykes and Hill gave away a brand new Ford Touring Car.

Hill's Ford dealership had been one of the first automobile agencies to open in Fort Myers. As early as 1916, Henry Ford visited him at his Bay Street dealership, an authorized dealer for Ford, the Universal Car.



The Main Street site today, near the intersection with Heitman Street

photo by Gerri Reaves



In this circa 1927 photo of the historic car dealership, a Ford sign hangs over the entrance and the words “Ford Products” are visible on the building façade

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Ten years later, it moved to this stunning new building on Main Street.

In 1927, DL Shackelford bought the business, known as Tropical Motors, and later renamed Lee Motors. In the mid-1940s, his son-in-law Sam Galloway took over the running of the dealership, which moved south of downtown in 1963.

LD Bochette is one of many Fort Myers residents who remember the business on Main. In the 1950s and early 1960s, one model of an automobile would remain on the ground floor for show at Lee Motors, he says.

In the early 1960s, Egbert T. Smith extensively renovated the historic structure. Modernization included the removal of the large-car elevator and the installation of a modern office one.

The Fort Myers Travel Agency became the first tenant of the newly named Smith Building, followed by Hertz Rent-A-Car, Warren Real Estate, and then several life insurance companies.

Lee County bought the historic building for \$200,000 and used it as a courthouse annex in its last years.

In 1990, the Lee County Board of Commissioners' plan to demolish the historic building and use the land for a parking lot evoked an outcry to save it.

In addition to the compelling argument of historic preservation, some people argued that a building designed to bear the substantial weight of vintage cars could be renovated into a parking garage.

Obviously, the effort to save the structure failed.

Fort Myers native Pete Bowen stood across the street with a crowd and watched the demolition.

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Edison & Ford Winter Estates Programs Starting In October



A Homeschool and Virtual School Science Fair will be held on October 11

October at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates is highlighted with the return of the Edison Ford Quilt Show – Airing of the Quilts, continuation of Garden Talks and home-school classes, a new monthly program for children age one to three. Emerging Inventors Early Learning Class, as well as a variety of children and adult programs throughout the month.

The October schedule of programs and events includes:

- Emerging Inventors Early Learning

Class, October 6 – Halloween Time and October 20, Pumpkin Party 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

This newest Edison & Ford Winter Estates education program series is a child and parent learning class for children age one to three and their parents to involve children and families in informal learning. Grandparents and caregivers are invited and neighborhood groups are also encouraged to attend. The classes are theme based and combine science, invention, story book reading and hands-

on activities as well as immersion into the historic gardens, buildings and museum. The continues twice a month throughout the year. Cost: members, \$5; non-members \$15 each class. Registration is recommended.

- Garden Talk – Building a historical herb mound, October 8, 9 a.m.

Mrs. Edison grew herbs in her gardens including her favorite herb, nasturtiums. She used herbs in many of her recipes. Estates horticulturists will teach the basics of herb gardening and an alternative method of growing herbs with mound gardening. Reservations not required. Free for members, non-members, \$5; all participants will receive a \$5 gift certificate to be used in the Estates Garden Shoppe.

- Science Fair Workshop for Homeschoolers and Virtual Students, October 11, 10 a.m. to noon

The estates is hosting the 2nd annual Homeschool and Virtual Students Young Engineers, Scientists and Inventors Fair on October 25, 2012. Homeschool and virtual students must enter to pre-qualify for the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science & Engineering Fair. Workshops will be offered throughout the year to assist students with their science projects. The workshops focus on choosing a science fair topic, conducting the experiment, documenting results and designing a science fair display board. Cost, \$5. Call the education department at 334-7419 to register.

- Monthly Volunteer Meeting and New Volunteer Orientation, October 11, 9:30

a.m.

Join Edison Ford volunteer staff and Florence Keen Sansom, who was born in the Edison Caretaker's House in 1917, and the subject of Denege Patterson's book, *Edisonia Native Girl*. Sansom will present A Heart-to-Heart Conversation, chronicling her childhood, gardens, artwork and Florida in the 1920s. This is a regular monthly volunteer meeting and mandatory training for all new volunteers; potential volunteers are also welcome.

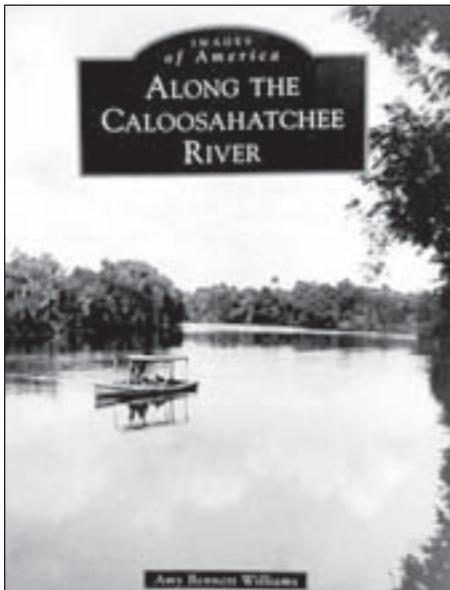
- Homeschoolers: Powerful Plants, October 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

From plant cells to photosynthesis, homeschooled students will learn the significance of plants in everyday life as well as the important plant research Thomas Edison conducted at this Fort Myers estate. Students and their parents can enroll in a half day of curriculum that follows the Florida Sunshine Objectives for Learning. The program follows the Lee County mandated program and addresses environmental science, history and reading SOLs. Pre-visit curriculum materials will be mailed to registered families. Registration required. Members \$5; non-members, \$15 (one adult, one child), additional children \$5 per child. Program recommended for grades 1 to 6.

- Quilting and Stitchery Demonstration, October 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Quilters from the Southwest Florida Quilter's Guild and members of the

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Bennett Williams, October 22, 1 p.m. Meet Williams, editor of the *Fort Myers News-Press Tropicalia* magazine and author of the new book, *Along the Caloosahatchee River*, at the Edison Ford Museum for a book signing and reading. Williams will be available to answer questions after the reading. The book is available for purchase in the Edison Ford retail shops or the online store.

• Homeschool and Virtual School Science Fair, October 25, 10 a.m. to noon, awards presentation at 1 pm

The second fair is open to all 6th to 12th grade homeschool and virtual students. Students receiving the top awards will proceed on to the Southwest Florida Regional Fair, Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science & Engineer Fair held in January as well as the opportunity to participate in state and international level competitions. Registration is required. There is no cost to register.

• Clothesline Quilt Show and Airing of Quilts, October 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates and the Southwest Florida Quilter's Guild will be "airing their quilts" on clotheslines in front of Seminole Lodge, the winter estate of Thomas and Mina Edison. The tradition of "airing" quilts dates back to Colonial America when women would take quilts out of summer storage and "air" them in autumn for use in winter. In addition to the contemporary quilts available for show and sale, a variety of antique quilts will be on display, live Edison era music will be performed, and a collection of antique cars will be on display on the Ford lawn. Free for members,

Amy Bennett Williams' book signing and reading is October 22

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Estates October Programs

Southwest Embroidery Guild will demonstrate quilting and stitching and will be available to answer questions. Items will be available for purchase. The Quilters are preparing for the Estates annual Clothesline Quilt Show on October 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The demonstration is free with the purchase of a complete tour ticket.

- Reading and Booksigning with Amy



The Clothesline Quilt Show will be held on October 29

\$5 for non-members.

• Edison Garden Market vendor space is available for November 19 and 20.

The garden market has space available for plant growers, fruit producers, garden art and garden supply vendors. The market attracts nearly 1,000 gardeners and visitors looking for unique and historical garden items including flowering trees, tropical plants and fruits, bougainvillea, orchids, roses bromeliads, palms, cactus, herbs, bonsai, bamboo, fruit, ginger, and butterfly plants as well as garden art, home and gardening supplies. For more information contact the Estates Garden Shoppe at 334-7419.

The Estates is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.✪

Greeters Club

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on October 20 at Colonial County Club on 9181 Independence Way Fort Myers.

Sheri Samotin of LifeBridge Solutions is speaking about ways to help us navigate life's transitions. Luncheon cost is \$18 with reservations required.

To join this group or attend the luncheon, contact Janet Gambuzza, 454-5750 or Linda Fitzpatrick, 437-5653 or email Greeters.Lunch@comcast.net.✪

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NARFE Meetings

The NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association), South Lee County Chapter #1263 will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Myerlee Park Homes Condominium Association Clubhouse, 6950 Cedarhurst Drive in Fort Myers. The speaker will be Kathleen McIntosh from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. For more information call 482-6713.

The regular luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the International King Buffet, 9061 College Parkway in Fort Myers. The VNA will be giving flu shots. The speaker will be Lois Todd, representative for the GEHA Health Insurance Co. For more information call 482-6713.✪

Lee Republican Women Meet

The October dinner meeting of Lee Republican Women Federated will take place Monday, October 10. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. The location is the Hilton Garden Inn-Fort Myers, 12601 University Drive. Cost is \$20 all inclusive.

For reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindyignelli222@gmail.com.

The speaker for the dinner meeting is Col. Mike McCalister, candidate for U.S. Senate.

For information, go to www.leerepublicanwomen.com.✪

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Rawlings' Story Coming To The Foulds Theatre

Theatre Conspiracy announces the opening of *Invasion of Privacy* by Larry Parr on October 7 at the Fould Theatre in Fort Myers.

Tickets for the show are \$18, however, Facebook fans and followers will have a chance each day to win a pair of tickets to opening night. Just follow Theatre Conspiracy on Facebook for your chance to win.

Winner of Theatre Conspiracy's annual new play contest, *Invasion of Privacy*, tells the story of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Rawlings was at the height of her career in 1946, having won a Pulitzer Prize for her novel *The Yearling*, and having gained three honorary degrees from universities. The movie version of *The Yearling* was just coming out, and she was riding the success of her latest non-fiction account of her life in Florida, *Cross Creek*, and the subsequent *Cross Creek Cookery*.

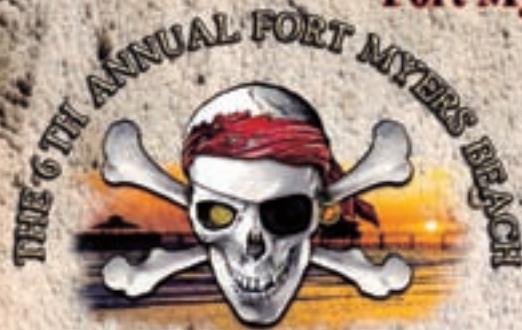
All was not perfect, though. Despite her happy marriage to Norton Baskin, Marjorie was plagued by alcoholism and what her friends and neighbors described as her "black spells." Then suddenly, a woman she thought was her good friend, Zelma Cason, sued her for right of privacy in the first such trial brought against an author. Representing Zelma was Kate Walton, the first female attorney in Florida, and representing Marjorie was Sigsby Scruggs, a cagey old cracker attorney. The ensuing struggle between right of privacy and the constitutional promise of free speech became a spectacle.

"I haven't seen people around here so stirred up about anything since that two-headed calf was born over to Island Grove," said Norton. But not only were the people in Cross Creek mesmerized by the unfolding drama, the eyes of the world were on the little Florida town. The struggle between Sigsby and Kate became personal, with the question of the appropriateness of a female attorney, which in 1946 cracker Florida was revolutionary. Complicating the drama were not only Marjorie's total belief in freedom of speech, which was necessary for her success as an author, but her driving need for privacy, to hide her true nature from an adoring world, enthralled with her sensitive portraits of these Florida pioneers, and her exact and poetic depiction of the wildlife around her.

For more information visit www.theatreconspiracy.org or call the box office at 936-3239. Season subscriptions are also on sale. Buy five shows for just \$80 or four shows for \$68.*

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The 6th Annual Fort Myers Beach Pirate Fest is produced by SIK Promotions Inc. and Pirates of the Treasure Coast. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Fort Myers Beach Little League.

HORTOONS



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The Power Of Popcorn



Scouts across America begin selling popcorn this month

Boy Scout troops across America kick-off their annual popcorn sales this month, including those in Lee County.

"The popcorn sale is the single largest annual fundraiser for scouts," says Tracy Wilson, popcorn fundraising chair for Troop 140 that meets at Faith United Methodist Church in south Fort Myers. "These funds are essential because they support year-round programs that help build young men into good citizens for the future. And that's something worth investing in."

Seventy percent of the sale proceeds stay within scouting, helping to pay for the activities of local scouts across Southwest Florida.

These items make excellent gifts or you can elect to send your selection to active military personnel.

To learn more, visit www.trails-end.com or contact Wilson at 707-5731 or at tracydwilson@embarqmail.com.

College Admission

Brandt Rice, a resident of Fort Myers, has been admitted to Alfred State College for the fall semester in the business management program.

Alfred State is one of eight University Colleges of Technology within the State University of New York (SUNY) system.

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Cars Rode Elevator

"It kind of got to the heart of people," he says. "It was like the building didn't want to go." Nor did many people want it to go.

It took more than one blow from the wrecking ball to make the building even budge, he recalls, but when it did crumple, it was gone in minutes.

Today that land is part of the Lee County Justice Center complex.

Walk down Main Street to the Justice Center block and imagine – or remember – the car dealership that efficiently used vertical rather than horizontal space.

Then walk several blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the impact of the many automobile dealerships on downtown Fort Myers.

For information, call 321-7430 or go

to swflmuseumofhistory.com. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Then continue your explorations of transportation history at one of the area's best historical research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, located on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the all-volunteer non-profit organization at 939-4044. Or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon to peruse the fascinating archives.

Sources: *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer; *Fort Myers News-Press* archives; *Pages from the Past* by Prudy Taylor Board and Esther B Colcord; *The Edisons of Fort Myers* by Tom Smoot; and *Fort Myers... Yesterday & Today* by Prudy Taylor Board, Marian Bailey Godown, and Anna Rogers Pack.

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Annual Fillet And Release Tournament Raises \$10,360 To Benefit Hope Hospice

The 7th annual Fillet and Release Tournament held September 17 raised \$10,360 for Hope Hospice.

Hope Hospice is a special kind of care designed to provide comfort and support to people of all ages who are facing a life-limiting illness. The tournament doubled its participation entries this year. A special appearance by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers cheerleaders was enjoyed by all and they were available for photographic opportunities for anglers and guests.

Prizes were awarded to the follow teams:

1st Place: Team Extreme Fishing, Eric Davis, Brian Ball, and Matt Persons, \$7,200

Calcutta: Team Extreme Fishing, Eric Davis, Brian Ball, and Matt Persons, \$1,650, Largest Redfish

2nd Place: Team Raymond, Craig Whitaker, Matt Schell, Kerry Trotter, \$2,000

3rd Place: Team DCS Inc., Damon Warfel, Peter Kendal, and Landon Edlin, \$1,000

4th Place: Team "24," Derek Carlson, Stuart Widner, and Joe Marzucco, Free Entry 2012

Smallest Red: Team Red Fever, Richard Radka, Nick Gross, Valerie Keyser, Janelle Keyser, \$150

Red with most spots: Team FISHIZZLE, Chris Trimble & George Braczko, \$150

Mystery Fish (snapper): Team Hittin Bottom, Jonathan Steinke and Chris Ritter, \$100 bar tab at Matanzas Inn

Each year this tournament has grown, with more prize donations given and the funds collected for Hope Hospice increased. Teams entered and awarded prizes have also continued to grow. The 8th annual tournament will be held in September 2012 and it's anticipated to grow even larger. To see photographs, donations and sponsors, www.filletandrelease4hospice.com.*



Tampa Bay Buccaneers cheerleaders with tournament winners



Presentation of check to Hope Hospice

Exhibitors Needed For Aviation Day

Aviation Day 2011 will be held Saturday, November 5 at Page Field from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Lee County Port Authority is looking for exhibitors who would like to display and/or sell aviation-related memorabilia or show their aircraft at the event. We are not looking for food-related vendors.

Aviation Day is a free, annual community event that promotes education and awareness of the aviation industry in Southwest Florida. This year, the main attraction will be a P-51D Mustang, which began its service at Page Field Army Base in 1945. In addition, visitors can also view a four-engine, completely restored DC-7B that was delivered to Eastern Airlines in 1958 and was one of the last commercial piston-engine planes built before the advent of the jet age.

Other attractions will include experi-

mental, antique and general aviation aircraft exhibits, airplane and helicopter rides, children's activities including a giant slide and bounce houses, WGPU Untold Stories about aviation history in Southwest Florida, character appearances, clowns, face painting, demonstrations by airport police and fire departments, and refreshments. Aviation Day 2010 attracted more than 6,000 visitors so this event provides excellent exposure for exhibitors.

Exhibitor/sales booth space is free and will be housed under a large tent. The Port Authority will provide a table and two chairs for each participant under the tent and will work with individual vendors based on requirements and space.

For more information or to make your reservation as an exhibitor, call Angie Strait at 590-4504. Space is limited.*

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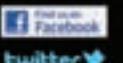
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Along The River



The Sandy Butler is the way to a fresh, gourmet experience

Every Friday in downtown Fort Myers' River District, there's live music in the historic Patio de Leon. **Friday Night Live** is held weekly from 6 to 9 p.m. On September 30, rockabilly trio Memphis 56 performs early Johnny Cash and Elvis.

The Patio de Leon is located at 2213 Main Street, Fort Myers. It is in the center of the block formed by First, Hendry, Main and Broadway with entrances on First, Main and Hendry. For more information about Friday Night Live, call 334-4638.

While downtown, walk over to **Ichiban** for fresh sushi and sake. In a casual atmosphere that appeals to all ages, sit at the sushi/sake bar and watch the chefs create their culinary artwork. If you prefer, select a table inside the restaurant or outside in the roofed-in gallery. Ichiban offers a full menu of Japanese and Chinese cuisine.

For quick late-night sustenance on the weekend, try the BBQ ribs appetizer and



Arrive at Nervous Nellie's by car or boat. Be sure to bring your friends!

wash it down with a cold Kirin Ichiban beer or sake.

Ichiban is located at 1520 Broadway, downtown Fort Myers, in the historic Post Office Arcade. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. For more information, call 334-6991.

On Wednesday, October 5 from 6 to 10 p.m., the **Pink Heals Tour** is in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. The block party is organized by the Cares Enough to Wear Pink: Guardians of the Ribbon, an organization that drives pink fire trucks across the United States to support women in their fight against cancer and inspire men to get involved.

The group encourages people wear pink and join them downtown to celebrate, sign the pink fire truck and purchase T-shirts. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society and help local individuals/families fight cancer.

For more information, go to pinkfiretrucks.org or contact the Fort Myers Fire Department at 321-7311 or the Cape Coral Professional Fire Fighters Local 2424 at 458-2424 ext. 3.

The Sandy Butler is Southwest Florida's way to gourmet, offering specialty foods and superior service in a luxurious atmosphere. The owners have taken that same attitude towards making quality and service a reality with a fabulous catering menu which will ensure that your next event is spectacular. The Sandy Butler has an extensive selection of products in its store that allows it to meet whatever your catering needs may require.

Whether you are in the market for an elaborate corporate party or a small intimate gathering, the chefs will make sure that you and your guests' tastes are delighted. If you don't find something on this menu that suits your needs, speak with one of the experienced consultants.

In addition to the market, The Sandy Butler includes an adjacent restaurant that offers superior service with seating available indoors or on the veranda. Inside the restaurant is The Sand Bar, featuring a sophisticated, spacious bar for having cocktails and appetizers.

The Sandy Butler Restaurant and Gourmet Market is located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. The market is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The restaurant is open seven days per week from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 482-6765 or go to sandybutler.com.

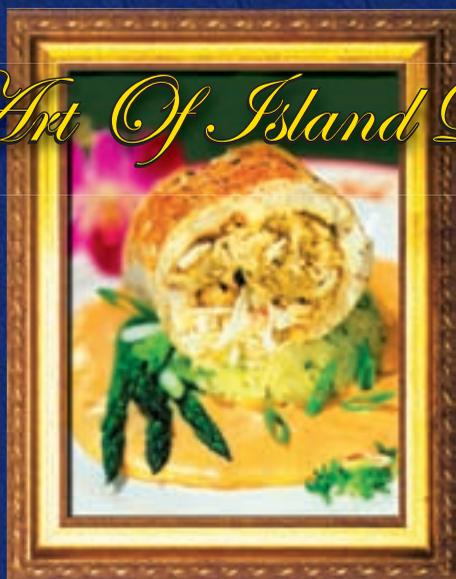
Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery has reopened for the season and the crew is well-rested after their September vacation.

The Fort Myers Beach hotspot offers something for everyone. Nellie's serves lunch, dinner and snacks in between from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Eat inside in air-conditioned comfort or outside on the expansive patio overlooking the water. Listen to live music and get happy hour prices all day every day, upstairs at **Ugly's Waterside Bar**.

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Becoming Cosmopolitan: A Women-Only Event To Help Feed The Hungry



Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI) has announced the sponsors announced for its 6th annual Becoming Cosmopolitan, a women's event benefiting the hungry.

It will take place Thursday, October 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Individual and corporate sponsors include Chico's, BB&T Insurance Services – Oswald Trippe and Company, AFCO Insurance Premium Finance, Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, The Diamond District, Deanna and Wesley Hansen, Premier Insurance Corporation Inc., Vein Specialists at Royal Palm Square, Fort Myers River District, Harborside Event Center, Private Client Insurance Services, Specialty Risk Management Services, Havertys, Jack's River Bar, Florida Marine Clubs, Hanshaw Sales, Irresistible Confections, Scott T. Moorey Criminal Defense, the Veranda and Morgan House restaurants. Media sponsors include The News-Press Media Group, *Fort Myers Florida Weekly*, *The River Weekly*, *Gulfshore Life* and 95.3 The River.

According to Sarah Owen, CEO of CCMI, a number of lounges will be the backdrop for this year's event.

"Picture a night out on the town in a city like Los Angeles, New York or Miami,"

Owen said. "Attendees will be able to hop from lounge to lounge all within one venue. Harborside allows us to totally reinvent ourselves each year, and we are taking that inspiration to a whole new level."

This evening features glamorous shopping with local vendors, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, chocolate and desserts, a silent auction, raffles, a DJ and an after-party celebration of the cosmopolitan lifestyle in Southwest Florida.

More than 200 local women attended last fall's Becoming Cosmopolitan event.

"This year's event will be bigger and better than ever," said Deanna Hansen, chairwoman. "The monies raised will go a remarkably long way in helping CCMI assist the growing number of our local neighbors who need assistance feeding themselves and their families."

According to CCMI, the amount of the event ticket provides one month of Community Montessori Preschool education to a child of a working poor family, three months of emergency food to a struggling family of four, a Parent Training scholarship to a single mother who wants to learn how to read to her child, one month of hot meals to a family living in their car, or sponsors a weekend backpack for a child for an entire school year.

Individual tickets begin at \$100 and group packages are also available. Tickets can be purchased at www.ccmileecounty.com.

FGCU Alumni Form San Carlos Art Collective

A group of Florida Gulf Coast University alumni have banded together as the San Carlos Collective to bring their art to exhibit at the Art Now Fair in Miami Beach, December 1 to 4.

The collective is a diverse group of eight emerging artists from Fort Myers, connected by friendship, place and ambition and all technically trained at Florida Gulf Coast University.

"Participating in the Art Now Fair is a significant undertaking for the emerging

artists, and it is a testament to their talent to be accepted to show during a time when the center of the art world focuses itself in Miami," said Anica Sturdivant, interim director of the Art Galleries at FGCU.

To raise funds required for participation, the artists have organized sales of their work during downtown Fort Myers Art Walk night, and also a preview exhibition and sale at the Sydney Byrne Davis Art Center Friday, October 7 during Art Walk. On Saturday, October 22 they will show a preview of Art Now submissions. They need \$8,000 to participate in the Art Now Fair.

Member artists are Lauren Baker, Chris Carver, Carrell Courtright, Matthew Engel, Joseph Frantz, Philip Heubek, Jessica Osceola and Tarra Wood.

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Community leaders including John

Sheppard, Fred Morgan, Colleen DePasquale, Cliff Smith, Judge Hugh Starnes and David Plazas provided table-side service to the homeless and hungry in the community. The ribbon cutting with CCMI staff, cafe donors and local officials followed the lunch hour.

At the Everyday Cafe, meals are prepared by chefs and served by volunteers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 332-7687 or visit www.ccmileecounty.com.✱



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'Red October' Is Just Around The Corner



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Near perfect morning high tides last week had the redfish chewing. With the start of "Red October" just around the corner, redfish fishing will just keep getting

better and better until it peaks, usually around the middle of November. Coming across a school of big mature redfish can happen just about anywhere as they make their annual run out of the back country in large schools and out through the passes to spawn. Consistently catching lots of big redfish will be common for this next six weeks or so.



Donny Frye, left, and Rod Mitchell with two 26-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell last week

right in the sandy spots. Sitting way off and making long casts with the chunks to what seems to like the middle of nowhere caught lots of reds. When the sun is out, spotting how these sand holes and mottled bottom areas are laid out is easy. When you get to sight-fish a moving school of redfish, the bait simply does not matter. Just pitch out in front of them and hold on. With so many hungry fish it's all about competition as they charge the bait.

Redfish and Captiva passes both will hold huge amounts of redfish as they make their annual run from the back country to the gulf. The Sanibel Pier will also light up with a big redfish run. The majority of these fish around the passes will be well over the slot of 27 inches and should be handled carefully as they are the breeding stock and the future of our great redfish stocks.

Last week I had some family trips where it was all about fast action. We fished feeding fish under birds both bay-side and gulfside. Blitzes in the bay were composed of lots of ladyfish along with trout, bluefish, jacks and Spanish mackerel. These schools in the bay also held a few scattered rolling tarpon. Areas north of Chino Island were a great place to keep a rod bent.

Gulfside or roughly a mile of so out of Redfish Pass, Captiva Pass or Boca Grande Pass, the birds, baitfish and feeding fish were very active. Larger Spanish mackerel along with bonita, and even a few king mackerel, were easy to locate and catch. With a boatload of clients, this makes for easy fishing, either running and gunning the breaking schools of fish and casting into them with small silver spoons or trolling small lipped plugs through the schools made for multiple hook-ups.

With autumn here and the water temperature starting to cool off, fishing is really picking up. The annual bait migration is kicking off slowly, making its way south along the beaches and through the bay with all the predators that follow. These last few weeks, after a long hot summer, the water has really come alive.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.*

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the River Weekly, 1609 Hendry Street, Suite 15, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, or email to press@riverweekly.com.

Some of the better redfish action was close to home for me last week. Mangrove shorelines and keys from Cork Key south to the mouth of the river were all good places to get hooked up. When fishing under the bushes, a cut pinfish for bait was hard to beat. Not all the redfish for the next six weeks or so are going to be found right up against the red mangrove roots.

A few other places I always do well on redfish this time of year are more about the salt and pepper bottom and sand holes than the usual mangrove shoreline fishing.

Grass flats around Fisherman's Key and Merwin Key in the mouth of the river will be holding some bigger schools. Shallow sandbars are also good places to try. The sandbar that runs around the outside of Wulfert Keys, along with the Jug Creek shoal, always get some bigger schools of redfish on them. Scouting these areas and working out how the fish use them on different stages of the tide can pay off big.

Unlike mangrove fishing out on the open grass flats is all about laying your chunk of cut ladyfish or mullet chunk



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CROW Case Of The Week:

Cooper's Hawk

by Emilie Alfino



People go to hospitals to get well, but birds of prey are more likely to get hurt there than helped. On August 5, a Cooper's hawk was found in the parking lot of Cape Coral Hospital. He came to CROW with absolutely no history, as is often the case.

"Cooper's hawks are very high-stress patients; you have to be very cautious handling them because they can injure themselves or even die from the stress," said Dr. Jess Brugler. "We have special hoods we can put over them so they can't see, and it helps them calm down."

The hawk was slightly thin but otherwise in pretty good shape except for his left wing where the equivalent of a person's forearm is located. "I noticed some swelling," Dr. Jess said. "He just wasn't using the wing quite right."

An X-ray was taken and showed he had a fracture of his radius. "The best news is that it

was a very short fracture and the bone was still in very good alignment, with his bones right next to each other," Dr. Jess explained. "That's probably why the swelling wasn't worse than it was." It also was a closed fracture, meaning the skin wasn't broken.

In fractures like this, even in humans, the other "forearm" bone, the ulna, serves as a kind of internal splint, Dr. Jess explained. "With most fractures like this, we would put



Before: It was lucky the bones stayed in good alignment when fractured



After: On August 28, the fracture was healing well

a bandage on his wing to keep him from flapping that wing, but we decided not to do that with him," the doctor said. "He was put in a quiet cage and left alone. We kept the ICU lights out to keep it dark in there. You could say we put him on 'cage rest.'"

Three days later, staff rechecked him to see how the swelling was and gave him an injection of calcium. A lot of calcium is used to heal bones and Dr. Jess didn't want the hawk's other bones to get brittle as a result.

On August 22, his cage had to be cleaned, so he was taken out. He had been eating really well and was fairly quiet. It gave Dr. Jess a chance to palpate the fracture area, and she could feel that his bone was starting to heal but remained a little bit unstable. "I wanted to leave him alone for a few more days," Dr. Jess said.

A week later, another calcium injection was administered, just to be safe. More X-rays were taken and the bone appeared to be worse – but looks can be deceiving. "It's actually just new bone being formed around the fracture and that can make it appear to be swollen or misaligned. It was healing really well and it was very stable," said Dr. Jess.

That course of treatment continued for about another week and then the hawk was moved outside to a small flight cage so he could practice flying. He was only there for a few days when he started getting showing stress, as he was bumping into walls because he wanted to keep flying. "We wanted to get him back home to Cape Coral as soon as possible, but not to the hospital parking lot," said Dr. Jess.

The Cooper's hawk was released on September 2 in a wooded area in Cape Coral as close to his home territory as possible.

"This case is a really good example of how we can keep these birds calm and quiet and they can heal amazingly well on their own," Dr. Jess concluded. "These guys are just fantastic in their ability to heal."

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a nonprofit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org.



A Cooper's hawk in flight

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The Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival Fishing Tournament.

Saturday, November 5. Fishing on all Lee County waterways with tourney awards at Matlacha Park, 4577 Pine Island Road NW, Matlacha 33993. The tournament is part of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival. Register and get details online at www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com.

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Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to six months free membership in a United States power squadron.

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

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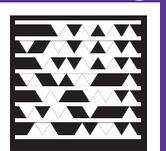
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World-Renowned Underwater Explorer To Speak

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that it will host world renowned underwater explorer and diver Barry Clifford. Clifford is the only person ever to have found a full pirate shipwreck. Clifford's findings have been detailed in prestigious media including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, The History Channel and National Geographic Channel.

Clifford made world headlines in 1984 with his discovery of the pirate shipwreck *Whydah* wrecked in a storm off Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1717. Over 200,000 artifacts and treasures from the wreck were in tact and, as of 2011, were still being recovered and brought to the surface. Clifford's findings have been remarkably educational for historians and have changed the way we view pirates, their habits and lifestyle.

On Thursday, October 13 at the prestigious Club at Renaissance, Clifford will share his amazing story in support of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign. The Club at Renaissance is located at 12901 Renaissance Way in Fort Myers.

Clifford will share his tales of discovery in a speech entitled *Whydah Expedition - The Legacy Left Behind*. The evening will include a plated dinner featuring island cuisine, cocktails and silent and live auctions full of trips and treasures.

Live auction selections include luxury trips to see Clifford's National Geographic traveling exhibit in Phoenix, Arizona; a trip to Cape Cod, Massachusetts to visit the Expedition *Whydah* Sea Lab & Learning Center; an escape to Grand Cayman Island and a trip for four to St. Thomas to stay at the Buccaneer Hotel and take a VIP private tour of the Cruzan Rum factory. Silent auction selections include luxury trips to Key West and St. Augustine, fine jewelry, artwork, spa treatments incorporating elements of the sea, and fashion handbags.

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation Senior Director of Marketing Jeannie Cummings said, "We are incredibly honored to have Mr. Clifford headline this evening on behalf of our Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign. His appearances are very rare and we are delighted that the Southwest Florida community will have the opportunity to hear his educational and truly remarkable story of Cape Cod childhood lore that came true. Florida has a wonderful and extensive pirate history, so we expect a quickly sold out evening."

The event is sponsored in part by Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, The Club at Renaissance, Range Rover/Land Rover of Fort Myers, Britannia Electric and Ruby & Pearls. Norman Love Confections will provide ultra-premium chocolates and confections for each live auction winning bidder.

Admission is \$150 per person and corporate sponsorships are currently available.

Call 343-6950 for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear how pirates really lived.

Clifford is one of the world's best-known undersea explorers and has been involved in underwater archaeological

exploration for virtually his entire adult life.

Between 1974 and 1984, Clifford organized, directed and conducted dive-related work such as underwater construction, oil-spill control, contract sea-rescue and salvage operations, including the *MV Islander* ferry in 1980. He also used historical research, remote-sensing techniques, and underwater surveys to locate numerous shipwrecks off Cape Cod, as well as at "Hellgate" in New York's East River, the Indian Ocean, and a number of locations in the Caribbean.

After several years of exhaustive research and exploration, Clifford made world headlines in 1984 with his discovery of the pirate shipwreck *Whydah* wrecked in a storm off Cape Cod in 1717. The *Whydah* is the only solidly-identified pirate shipwreck ever discovered, and, as of 2011, artifacts from the wreck site are still being archaeologically excavated during Cape Cod's brief dive seasons. With over 200,000 artifacts recovered, the project has completely revised the world's understanding of pirates, "...shedding new light on a lost age" (*The New York Times* March 11, 1997).

The Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources, and other state and federal agencies, have lauded the *Whydah* Project as "a model for private archaeology," and the project has been covered in *National Geographic Magazine* and National Geographic Television as part of a National Geographic Special Event. Recovery operations are conducted with his 75' vessel *Vast Explorer*.

With his background as a teacher, Clifford has always emphasized the educational aspects of his work. In 1990, he established a five-year visiting exhibi-

tion of *Whydah* artifacts at The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. In 1996, he established Exhibition *Whydah* Sea-Lab & Learning Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts. This museum has proved to be a unique showcase for what underwater exploration can accomplish through careful historical and scientific research. It was the only maritime museum featured by *The New York Times* in its 2002 special Museums of America section.

Artifacts from The *Whydah* Collection have also been featured as traveling exhibits at such venues as The City Arts Center in Edinburgh Scotland (1995-1996), Explorers Hall of The National Geographic Society in Washington DC (1999-2000), The Ubersee Museum in Bremen, Germany (1999-2000), and The Statehouse Museum in Boston, Massachusetts (2000-2001).

In 2007, a selection of artifacts from the *Whydah* collection began a major nation-wide traveling exhibition, entitled *Real Pirates* under the auspices of The National Geographic Society, Arts & Exhibitions International and Historic Shipwrecks, Inc. This exhibit has received rave reviews, and has proven extraordinarily popular at venues including The Museum Center in Cincinnati, The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, The Field Museum in Chicago, Nauticus at Norfolk, Virginia, St. Louis, Houston, and Denver.*

Live Animal Show

The Cape Coral Yacht Club will host a live animal show presented by the Critterman on Friday, October 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. This show will feature some amazing and unique animals such as a small alligator, large albino Burmese python, emperor scorpion, and a dancing umbrella cockatoo.

There will be free arts and crafts and giveaways. Hot dogs, popcorn and treats will be available for purchase. A family four-pack of tickets to the Naples Zoo will be given away.

The cost is \$5 per person, ages two and under are admitted free.

The Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5819 Driftwood Parkway.*

Sunset Celebration

The sunset celebration at Cape Coral Yacht Club will be going pink in support of *Breast Cancer Awareness*. There will be live music with Michael Hirst and a classic car cruise-in with over 25 cars from the '30s to the '80s. The celebration runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 5.

Food and drink specials will be available at KC's Riverstop. Over 35 vendors will be selling their arts and crafts, jewelry, and gift items. This is a fantastic evening for friends and family. Sunset Celebration is free to the public. Space is still available for vendors.

Call 574-0806 for more information. The Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5813 Driftwood Parkway.*

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The workshop takes place Saturday, October 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Rutenberg Eco Living Center, 6940 South Pointe Boulevard in Fort Myers. The cost per rain barrel is \$45. Advance registration is required both to attend the class and to reserve a rain barrel.

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Plant Smart

Air Potato

by Gerri Reaves

Air potato's (*Dioscorea bulbifera*) name doesn't begin to capture its threatening nature.

If you ever see a vine with light brown smooth potatoes hanging from it, you've seen one of the most invasive and ecologically damaging plants in South Florida.

Also called air yam, this plant's record reads like an FBI rap sheet.

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) recommends that air potato "be removed from public and private properties to help protect the state's natural areas."

Furthermore, the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council lists the plant as one of Florida's most invasive plant species, earning it category-1 status.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services added it to the Florida Noxious Weed List in 1999.

Take note, homeowners: plants on the Florida Noxious Weed List may not be introduced, possessed, moved, or released without a permit.

In the opinion of scientists and laypeople alike, this climber is as harmful as the infamous kudzu.

Native to tropical Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, this vine develops stems of 70 feet or more. It invades a wide variety of habitats, including pinelands and hammocks, where it excels at climbing trees



Don't even think about making French fries with these air potatoes, which are dangerous to ingest

and smothering and killing them.

Eye-catching spherical tubers, or potatoes, form in the leaf axils.

The long broad heart-shaped leaves look pleated, so it is easy to understand why it was once valued as a fast-growing ornamental.

The pale green flowers appear in panicles or spikes about four inches long that seem to dangle from the vine.

The seeds are partially winged.



Often overlooked by landscapers, the thriving air potato threatens native plants by eventually smothering them

Air potato has a long history in this hemisphere, for it was introduced from Africa to the Americas during the years of slave trading. It is documented to have arrived in Florida in 1905.

Fortunately, the stems will die back during the colder months. However, the aerial tubers store the seeds to wreak later havoc. And, to make dispersal even more difficult to prevent, the underground tubers can float.



This native pine tree is being engulfed by the highly invasive air potato vine

photos by Gerri Reaves

Eliminating this scourge is a daunting ongoing process. Home- and business-owners can help by eradicating it from their properties.

Sources: fleppc.org and edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Firehouse Community Theater Auditions

The Firehouse Community Theatre in Labelle will be casting for its *Christmas Toyshop* on Tuesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. at the theater.

Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 29. This production, under the direction of Mike Shough, has roles for people of all ages and genders. Key roles are a kindly ole toymaker named Nick, and a town official who would like to own his own business.

If you would like to sing in the Christmas musical, Nick Fianza will be holding musical auditions on Saturday, October 1 at 9 a.m. at the theater, followed by a short rehearsal for the Firehouse Singers. If you are already with the singers, plan to be there for this first rehearsal.

Auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace* will be Saturday, November 12 at 3 p.m. and Monday, November 14 at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, call the box office at 863-675-3066 or email info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com. The Firehouse Community Theatre is at 241 North Bridge Street in Labelle.*

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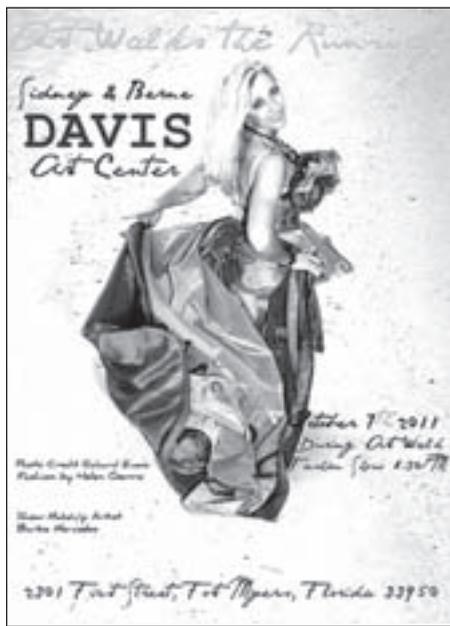
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The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents wearable art and art couture at October's Art Walk. Artist/fashion designers from Southwest Florida will be showing some of their spectacular canvas and runway designs. The fashion show takes place on October 7 at the Art Center, 2301 First Street, in the River District, downtown Fort Myers.

Helen Gerro's statement-making, bold range of designer women's wear and hand-painted dresses are a unique example of art couture. Gerro will feature designs from three of her collections. Guests will see her casual collection of Gerro painted jeans and short party dresses at 6:30 p.m. She will showcase her artsy evening collection of dark, goth fashions with headpieces galore at 8 p.m. The 9 p.m. finale will be her must-see, haute art couture day glow collection.

Coming from a large family in rural Minnesota, Gerro taught herself the rudiments of sewing and design at an early age. She has been sewing and creating clothing since age nine.



"I moved to New York at the age of 21, and now that's where I really learned about the fashion industry and the garment district. That's where I was really inspired and learned how to develop my own line and take it to the market, from sketch, design, line, collection, sales and manufacturing to delivery."

After three years, Gerro found herself back in Minneapolis, where she sold her own line, called Gerro, to major fine department stores such as Dayton Hudson, Marshall Fields and Nordstrom's, as well as better boutiques throughout the U.S. In 2003, she and her husband moved to the Gulf Coast of Florida, where she set up a small specialty shop selling her dresses and art. You can find her Gallery/Studio at 207 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda.

Maria Pia of Dore Designs will be showing some pieces from her collection at 7:30 p.m. Maria Pia Malerba was born in the Puglia region in southern Italy. She studied art in high school and then went on to study at Accademia di Belle Arti, a fine art institute. She went to Lake Como where she became a textile designer, creating textile designs for Dolce & Gabana, Versace and Cavalli.



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Dore Designs is a nationally recognized name in ballroom fashion. Its gowns have been worn on *So You Think You Can Dance*.

At 7 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m., Edison College will present *Chronicles Simpkins Will Cut Your Ass*, by Rolin Jones. It premiered at the Humana Festival of New American Plays (Actor's Theatre of Louisville) in 2008 as part of a longer work called *Game On*.

Volunteers are needed for the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to assist in the office and with regularly scheduled seasonal events. Contact Sally Joslyn at 333-1933 or sally.sbdac@gmail.com for more information.*

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drawing, sculpting and mixed media.

Fall for the Arts is a free family festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 22 on the Alliance's 10-acre campus on McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Participating cultural organizations include: Art Poems, ArtFest Fort Myers, Artful Missions, Arts For Act, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Calusa Carvers, Cape Coral Art Studio, Florida Repertory Theatre, Gulf Coast Writers Association, Imaginarium Science Center, Laurel Fine Arts Foundation, Music Together, Pan American Alliance, Pushing Daisies, Southwest Florida Symphony, Southwest

Florida Craft Guild, Southwest Florida Historical Society, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, Weavers of Char-Lee and WGPU Public Media. Visit www.artinlee.org to see a complete list of performers, artists, authors and other participants.

Artists and cultural organizations have until Friday, September 30 to register to participate. Registration is \$35 for Alliance members and \$50 for non-members. More information is available at www.ArtnLee.org or you can call 939-2787.*

Fort Myers Art League Winners

The winners of a recent contest at the Art League of Fort Myers, judged by Scott Guecher, are as follows:

Color and form

1st Place: **Memphis Mercury**, photography by Steve Conley.

Judge's comment: "I felt this photograph best exhibited both color and form. It also has a nice blend of abstraction with some realism".

2nd Place: **Cheers All**, mixed media, by Susan Mill.

Judge's comment: "Beautiful use of color with very nice broad brush strokes which show plenty of emotion".

3rd Place: **Fall Profusion**, oil, by Cynthia Egan.

Judge's comment: "The bright colors and organic forms draw you in like a multicolored river."

Merit Award: **Passiflora Incarnata**, digital photography, by Daniel P. West.

Merit Award: **Tangled**, mixed media, by Pat Hart

Merit Award: **Bamboo Mix**, photography, by Allen Tiller.

Honorable Mention: **Pow Wow Fancy Dancie**, digital photography, by William Hofer.

Honorable Mention: **Dog 1**, acrylic, by Zaki.

Honorable Mention: **Sanibel Moon**, digital collage, by James Leese.

General comments by Guelcher: "As an artist who deals with color, it was difficult to judge so many wonderful pieces of art. The show exemplified color and form in every aspect. I was very impressed by the diversity of media and subjects. I am honored to have been involved in this process."**



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October At Lakes Regional Library

Next month's roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

• Book Discussion: Laura Hillenbrand's *Unbroken*, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 18

Hillenbrand's book is the story of Louie Zamperini, a juvenile delinquent turned Olympic runner turned Army hero. It is a tale of daring, defiance, persistence, ingenuity, and the ferocious will of a man who refused to be broken. Registration is required.

Family

• Baby-Parent Rhyme Time
10 a.m. Monday, October 24
Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby! These rhymes and songs are for infants up to 24 months accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

Toddler Storytime

10 a.m. Wednesday, October 26
Children two years old and their caregivers participate in song, fingerplays and short stories. The success of this age group depends on adult participation and encouragement. Toddler storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Family Storytime

11 a.m. Wednesday, October 26
This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes.

Children

• Animal Antics
10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 6
Enjoy heartwarming stories about brave animals. Discover special heroes. A craft will follow. For ages two through five. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Art Adventure

4 p.m. Tuesday, October 18
Discover the artist within. Learn new

ways to express yourself through arts and crafts. All materials will be provided. For grades kindergarten through five. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines

4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, October 20
Do you have library fines? Take care of them by reading. Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger.

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. Monday, October 24
Preschoolers (ages three to five) attend this storytime independently while parents or caregivers wait nearby in the library building. This storytime includes activities that require more participation and a longer attention span. Each preschool storytime lasts about 30 minutes.

Monster Mash

10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 27
Monsters don't have to be scary! Enjoy stories and songs about ogres, giants, and other creatures that are more friendly than fearsome. For craft time, children design their own monsters. For ages two through five. Registration is required.

Teens

• Kids Read Down Fines
4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, October 20
Do you have library fines? Take care of them by reading. Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger.

The Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4000. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days' notice. Assistive listening system available; request at desk.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at <http://library.lee.gov>. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.✪

Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Library

Next month's roster of activities at Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

• *Wii Your Way to Fitness*
11 a.m. Saturdays, October 8 and 22
Laugh while you melt away the pounds and connect with others while you stretch it out. All are welcome; bring a friend.

Family

• *Toddler Storytime*
10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 26
Children two years old and their caregivers participate in song, fingerplays and short stories. The success of this age group depends on adult participation and encouragement. Toddler storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Teens

• *Gaming at Your Library*
4 p.m. Thursday, October 13
So you think you can play? Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library is up for the challenge in this day filled with

fun and games. Beat your best score. Challenge your friends and have a great time. There will be a prize for the highest score. Refreshments will be served.

Pizza and Pages

4 p.m. Tuesday, October 18
It's a pizza party and you're invited! What's better than dinner and a movie? Answer: dinner and a book! Teens, pick up the required reading at your local library and join Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public library to discuss it. Was the plot obvious? Did the storyline keep you at the edge of your seat? Bring your thoughts, questions and opinions; we'll bring the pizza! Ask at the desk for this month's book title.

The Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library is located at 3095 Blount Street in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4150. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days' notice to library staff. Assistive listening system available; request at desk.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at <http://library.lee.gov>. com or pick up an events calendar to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at (239) 479-INFO (4636), for more information.✪

Book Review

The Tourist

by Max Friedersdorf

Milo Weaver's job is that of a "tourist" for the CIA – an undercover agent with no home, no identity and the authority to kill if necessary – as he goes about his black ops assignments around the globe.

In his late 30s, Milo is no longer the buff killer he once was after recruitment from a small college campus, but has grown a bit thick around the waist with a layer of flab over his big shoulders.

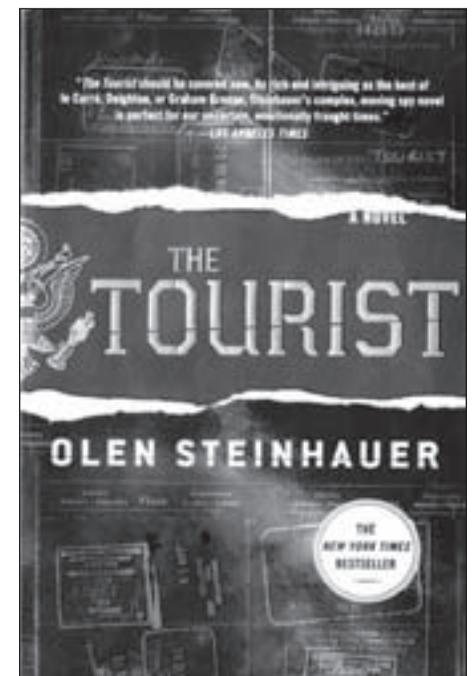
Milo also has an attractive wife and an adopted daughter at home in Brooklyn, where the ex-husband tends to show up regularly when Milo's away doing dirty jobs for the CIA.

Trying to leave his old life of lies and secrets behind, Milo has settled into a desk job in New York, but the capture of a long-sought assassin and accusations against an old colleague require Milo to once again assume the guise of a "tourist" for the "Company" to find out the truth.

Milo has many aliases and a pocketful of false passports, as the trail leads to Venice, Geneva, Paris, Berlin, Alabama, New Mexico, Washington, DC, and Disney World.

The Tourist, a novel by Olen Steinhauer, has drawn rave reviews in the *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Entertainment Weekly* and *Time*.

"*The Tourist* should be savored now. As rich and intriguing as the best of le



Carre, Deighton, or Graham Greene. Steinhauer's complex, moving spy novel is perfect for our uncertain, emotionally fraught times." –*Los Angeles Times*.

Film rights to *The Tourist* have been optioned by Warner Brothers for George Clooney. Written in short chapters with non-stop action, the book is impossible to put down.

The Tourist, By Olen Steinhauer. Minotaur Books, St. Martin's Publishing Group, New York. Paperback, 425 pages, \$14.99.✪

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Big Fan Base And Winning Ways Have Brought Success To Everblades



by Ed Frank

If we turn the calendar back to 1999, there were oh so many doubters that professional hockey would succeed here in Southwest Florida. How wrong they were.

This week begins the 14th season for the Florida Everblades when they host the Chicago Express, an ECHL expansion team, in a pair of pre-season tune-ups tonight, Friday, and tomorrow night at Germain Arena. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m.

The 13-year history of the Everblades is indeed amazing as every season has been a winning season, although Florida has yet to capture the Kelly Cup league championship. They begin the 2011-12 season with an overall record of 539-295-94.

Twice, 1999-2000, and 2008-09, they recorded the league-best regular season records, 53-15-2, and 49-17-8 respectively, yet that elusive Kelly Cup title didn't come their way as the result of playoff losses.

The Everblades have been successful all these years not only by playing winning hockey but also attracting a large fan base. Last season, for example, the Everblades drew 187,526 fans in 36 home games, fourth highest among the 20 teams in the ECHL.

Returning for his second year as the Everblades head coach is Greg Poss, who guided the local team to their 13th consecutive playoff with a 37-30-5 record. The 46-year-old Wisconsin native has an extensive coaching resume, coming here after eight years as head coach in the German Elite League.

The ECHL (it stands for East Coast Hockey League but no longer uses that full title) is somewhat a misnomer as the league stretches from Florida to New York to California to Alaska and Canada.

Florida will again skate in the league's American Conference South Division composed of Greenville, Gwinnett and the South Carolina Stingrays.

Following this weekend's preseason games, the Everblades open the regular season next weekend with two home games – Friday and Saturday nights – against Gwinnett. They are on the road for the remainder of October with stops at Elmira, Trenton and Greenville.

Florida has a working relationship with four higher level hockey teams, Charlotte and Norfolk of the American Hockey Conference and Carolina and Tampa of the National Hockey League. As in the past, there will be a shuffling of players throughout the season due to injuries and call-ups.

Arena Football Returns

Arena Football will return here next March in the form of the new Florida Tarpons that will compete in the two-year-old Ultimate Indoor Football League. The Tarpons have signed a three-year lease to play in the Germain Arena.

In its inaugural 2011 season, the league consisted of only six teams, but for next season an additional 11 teams are slated to join, Florida being one of them. The local team is owned by businessman Andrew Haines. Scott Chadwick will serve as general manager.

The Florida Firecats played here for eight seasons, 2001-08, as members of the now-defunct arenafootball2 league. Financial problems resulted in the shutdown of the team about year before the entire league went out of business.

Prior to its failure, the Firecats enjoyed mild success both on the field and in attendance so there should be a solid fan base for arena football when it resumes here next year.

The fledgling team recently held open tryouts and more than 50 football hopefuls came out to compete for the 23 roster slots.

We will have further information on this new team as the 2012 season approaches.*



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Workforce Development Board Receives Champion Award



Darrell Harris, chair, Hendry Board of County Commissioners; Dan Regelski, SBDC director; and Ken O' Leary, president, SWFL Workforce Development Board

Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board presented Florida Gulf Coast University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) with the Champion Award at its annual banquet on September 9 at the Hyatt Coconut Point. Gov. Rick Scott was present and acknowledged the award recipients for their dedication and commitment to Florida's job growth.

Beckwith To Speak At National PACE Conference

Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services and founding president of the Florida PACE Association, has been selected as a featured presenter at the National PACE Association Conference scheduled for October 9 in New Orleans.

Beckwith, celebrating 20 years at the helm of Hope HealthCare Services, will present Creating Viable Community Partnerships with PACE. The session outlines how to identify and establish productive, collaborative relationships with appropriate community service agencies.

PACE, the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, is a comprehensive, coordinated care program that helps the frail elderly remain independent. Under Beckwith's leadership, Hope PACE became only the second PACE provider in Florida and now offers PACE Centers in Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres and Port Charlotte, with a fourth opening in Naples later this year.

PACE provides medical care and support for people 55 and older who qualify for nursing home care but who prefer to remain in their homes. The program combines healthcare services, social programs, dental care, therapies, meals and transportation.

Beckwith, who was recently named to The Ohio State University Alumni Association's Board of Directors, has received the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Stevie Awards for Women in Business.

Her previous honors include the APEX Award from the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, *Gulfshore Life* magazine's Woman of the Year and the Junior Achievement of Lee County's Business Leadership Hall of Fame.*



Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services, serves as president of the new Florida PACE Association

Each year, the board bestows the Champion Award to recognize the accomplishments of individuals, events or organizations that clearly demonstrate success in achieving a quality workforce for Southwest Florida.

The SBDC was recognized for its outstanding work with small businesses in the five-county areas that it serves. The SBDC has been an engine for economic development in Southwest Florida for over 15 years. The organization has continuously assisted numerous businesses to either start-up, grow, or both, which translates to more jobs in Southwest Florida.

SBDC director Dan Regelski's team includes certified business analysts, support staff and volunteers who contribute their time to help small businesses succeed. "I am humbled by this award and appreciate the confidence in the folks that nominated us for such a prestigious honor."

The SBDC is located at Florida Gulf Coast University Lutgert College of Business. It provides free and confidential business counseling as well as workshops and seminars to help small business owners with assistance on business plans, financial advice, marketing ideas and much more.*

Financial Focus

Don't Let 'Double Dip' Fears Sink Investment Plans

by Jennifer Basey



Fears of a "double-dip" recession are in the air. Obviously, this isn't particularly good news; we'd all like to feel that the economy is growing robustly. At the same time, however, you'll want to avoid making hasty,

ill-advised investment decisions based on the mere threat of a slide into another recession. Instead, you'll want to keep your long-term investment plan intact – in all economic environments.

The possibility of a double-dip recession makes great headlines. But such events have been rare. In fact, we've seen only one double-dip recession in the past 77 years. However, this history hasn't stopped gloomy forecasters from predicting a double-dip in 1991 (it didn't happen) and in 2003 (when it didn't happen again).

Will we again avoid the double-dip recession this time? It's dangerous to make predictions, but it seems more likely that what we're really experiencing is a "soft patch" in the economic recovery as retail sales remain weak, consumer confidence is low and unemployment remains high. But on the positive side, manufacturing activity has been strong, corporate earnings have rebounded to pre-recession levels and profit margins are near all-time highs.

And yet, many investors are focusing strictly on the negative reports – and they're acting on their fears by moving money from stocks to fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds. During the period from July 2008 through June 2010, investors pulled more than \$200 billion out of stock-based mutual funds and put more than \$475 billion into bond funds, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Bonds can provide a source of regular income and will return your principal when they mature, providing the issuers don't default. They're an important part of most investors' portfolios. But if you're

joining the crowd and over-concentrating on bonds, you risk losing the following:

- Growth opportunities – According to Ibbotson, a leading investment research organization, stocks have done particularly well following 10-year periods in which the stock market hasn't performed strongly and the past 10 years were one of the worst periods we've ever seen for stocks. And right now, many quality stocks are trading at some of the most attractive values in 15 years, as measured by price-to-earnings ratio, or P/E.

- Portfolio balance – Ideally, you want your portfolio to contain a mix of investments – stocks, bonds, international and cash – designed to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. You'll need to adjust your investment mix over time to reflect changes in your life, and regular portfolio reviews will prompt you to rebalance back to your target mix and determine whether any other changes are needed. But if you're constantly disrupting your portfolio's balance by reacting to short-term events, you'll have a much harder time achieving your objectives. In virtually all areas of life, balance is essential – and that's certainly true in regard to your investments.

A double-dip recession might sound scary, but it may well never come to pass, so don't let the mere prospect throw you off your investment strategy. Good investment opportunities are out there, so dip into them.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Before investing in stocks, you should understand the risks. Stocks are subject to market risks, including loss of principal invested.

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Café Giving \$10 Coupons To Blood Donors

Lee Memorial Blood Centers and Haney's Café are teaming up for a blood drive on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in two Haney's locations. All donors will receive a \$10 Haney's Café coupon.

The Haney's Café locations are 18070 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, and 1320 Business Way, Lehigh Acres.

All blood collected remains in the Lee Memorial Health System to serve the community. Lee Memorial Health System uses 800+ units of blood each week. With both The Children's Hospital and the only trauma center within a five county area, the need for blood locally remains constant, and needs to be replenished daily. All blood types are needed.

The requirements to give blood are:

Age: At least 17 years (16 with written parental consent) and in good general health. There is no upper age limit.

Weight: Minimum of 115 pounds.

Identification: Must provide photo I.D. with date of birth.

Food: Eat a good meal before giving blood and drink plenty of fluids.

Medications: Many medications such as insulin, blood pressure, thyroid, cholesterol, aspirin, antidepressants, and

hormone replacement do not necessarily prevent someone from giving blood.

For more information about donating blood, call 343-2333.*

Discover The Benefits Of Pole Walking

Walk without pain, improve your posture, burn calories, build bone density and increase your cardio stamina. These are the many benefits of walking with specialized poles. Lee County Parks & Recreation is offering Pole Walking at the North Fort Myers Community Park located at 2021 North Tamiami Trail, behind the North Fort Myers library. Morning and evening Pole Walking classes are available. Each session offers eight classes for only \$30.

Local resident Lindy Smith is a trained walking instructor. She will teach you everything you need to know to become an "upright citizen." With a pair of walking poles in your hands, a basic stroll becomes a surprisingly easy full body workout. Wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes, and bring a water bottle. Walking poles will be provided for the class. For more information contact Libby Olive at 652-4512 or email Lolive@leegov.com.*

18; Florida, 19; national, 20.

Math: Canterbury, 28; Lee County, 19; Florida, 20; national, 21.

Reading: Canterbury, 27; Lee County, 20; Florida, 20; national, 21.

Science: Canterbury, 27; Lee County, 19; Florida, 19; national, 20.*

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Pirate Fest

Friday, October 7 from 7 to 11 p.m. is the Pirates Ball. The street festival will take place Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Monday, October 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a grand pirates feast for all.

The Pirate Fest is sponsored by the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and many other local organizations. Proceeds will benefit the Fort Myers Beach Little League.

For more information, contact Suzanne King at fmbpiratefest@gmail.com or call 727-322-5217.*

Canterbury SAT And ACT Scores

Canterbury Class of 2011 test scores were significantly higher than local, state and national averages, said the school's Director of College Guidance Melissa Wilson.

"SAT and ACT scores are highly scrutinized in the admissions process. While most colleges report a range of scores for admitted students, suffice it to say that with higher scores come more acceptances to highly competitive universities." In addition, when a secondary school reports strong SAT and ACT averages, colleges can easily gauge the strength of the education any applying student has received.

In the highly competitive climate of college admissions that students face today, SAT and ACT scores have become increasingly important in the admissions game.

Critical Reading: Canterbury, 632; Lee County, NA; Florida, 487; national, 497.

Math: Canterbury, 637; Lee County, NA; Florida, 489; national, 514.

Writing: Canterbury, 615; Lee County, NA; Florida, 471; national, 489.

Total: Canterbury, 1874; Lee County, 1447; Florida, 1447; national, 1500.

ACT Average or composite scores (from the ACT Profile Report for 2011 Graduating Class in comparison to national averages):

Composite: Canterbury, 28; Lee County, 19; Florida, 20; national, 21.

English: Canterbury, 29; Lee County,

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Readers,

I want to tell you about a wonderful event that will take place Saturday, October 15. It's the third annual Lee Bennett Hopkins Writers' Institute at Edison State College, Writing for Children: Inspiration to Publication.

If you are interested in any aspect of children's literature this is the seminar to attend. There will be two outstanding keynote speakers at the seminar, Lee Bennett Hopkins and Emma D. Dryden.

Hopkins is a prolific writer of books for adults and children as well as a leading writer and anthologist of poetry. He has won numerous awards and honors for his writing including the 2009 National Council of Teachers of English Excellence in Poetry for Children, the 1995 Christopher Award, and the 1996 Golden Kite Honor Book Award for his autobiographical poetry collection *Been to Yesterdays*.

Dryden, a major voice in the field of children's literature for over 25 years,

has edited over 500 books in every genre and is currently an independent publishing agent. She served as vice president of Atheneum and Margaret K. McElderry Books, imprints of Simon & Schuster, Inc., for many years before forming her own company.

These two very talented people will present the audience with individual reflections about writing for children and also engage in a discussion entitled *An Editor and Anthologist: A Dialogue*. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentations, books will be available for purchase, and Hopkins will be available for book signings after the seminar.

For more information on this seminar or to register for it visit <http://www.edison.edu/writersinstitute>.

Make sure to read next week's column as I will be presenting an interview with Lee Bennett Hopkins about poetry and its impact on children.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.*

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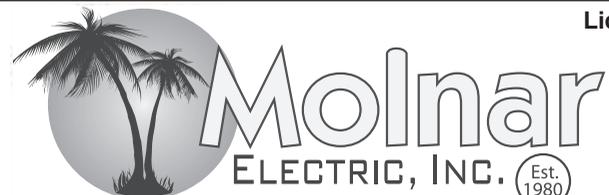


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Dr. Dave

Are We There Yet?



by Dr. Dave
Hepburn

Are we there yet?

Nope.
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Nope.
...There?
Nope.

Dad, why do they call the place we're going to the Petrified Forest?

Well you remember that dark shadow that snaked across your bedroom wall and then slunk under your bed. You could hear it as it sharpened its knife and teeth...

I'm not going!

Fine. You can stay here in the car tonight... by yourself.

I hate you.

Ya... well.

And so another harmonious Hepburn family vacation found us in northern California slinkerfying into the Petrified Forest. Got me to thinking, that as doctors, our job truly is to petrify you, not by wearing my new argyle socks with sandals and Bermuda shorts, which "apparently" isn't all that attractive, but to petrify you into petrifying yourself.

Nineteenth century Luther Burbank was in California checking out surfer chicks and Johnny Carson when he

made a side trip to the Petrified Forest. He figured out that a volcano exploded so violently a kazillion years ago, that it hurled down giant redwoods like matchsticks and worse yet, broke several beer bottles. The ash then covered the trees. As the tree fibres decomposed, water, laden with silicates in that ash, seeped down into the gaps, replacing the wood cell by cell with crystalized silica until the entire tree became stone. If only we could do that with our bones. Your bones need to be rock hard and if we have to petrify you into doing this, so be it. Here, let me petrify you with these osteoporotic facts:

- 23 percent of patients who fracture a hip are dead in less than a year.
- 30,000 Canadian hips fracture every year, a hip snaps every 17 minutes
- 1 in 4 women and at least 1 in 8 men over 50 have osteoporosis.
- Hip fractures related to osteoporosis end up in death in up to 30 percent of cases! (Actually 100 percent of those with hip fractures will eventually die.)
- Osteoporotic hip fractures consume more hospital bed days than stroke, diabetes, or heart attack.
- Only 44 percent of people discharged from the hospital for a hip fracture return home.
- A 50-year-old woman has a 40% chance of developing hip, vertebral or wrist fractures during her lifetime.
- My son's hockey bag has been labelled a biohazard.
- The lifetime risk of hip fracture is greater (1 in 6) than the 1 in 9 lifetime risk of developing breast cancer.
- 1 in 4 women who have a new ver-

tebral fracture will fracture again within one year.

Osteoporosis, a pediatric disease with geriatric consequences, the infamous "silent thief," is a disease so debilitating and common that pharmaceutical companies focus a forest load of research into fixing it. The latest weapon in the battle of the bones is the discovery of something called a RANK ligand (discovered in my son's hockey bag) which turns an immature osteoclast into a mature osteoclast. We're not crazy about mature osteoclasts as they are the little devils that dissolve bone.

A new medication, Prolia, reduces RANK ligands and hence osteoclasts remain immature, much like my mother's only son.

I don't have to remind anyone who has watched family members shrink, hunch over, break their backs, snap their hips and live in pain, that anything that helps in the battle against a horrific and dangerous disease like osteoporosis is a Godsend. So, here's hoping you all get stoned and are petrified.

Are we there yet?

Nope.

Are we there yet?

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Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.✳

dearRPharmacist

Potassium Perfects Blood Pressure



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I have high blood pressure but I'm not willing to start medication yet. It's only borderline high and I don't have insurance. If you had to pick only one vitamin, what

would you suggest?

MG, Ocala, Florida

If I'm pinned to just one vitamin, I pick potassium. It's inexpensive, sold over-the-counter at pharmacies nationwide, and well-documented to help regulate blood pressure. There are medications like Micro-K and Klor-Con available by prescription.

Potassium lives in all of our cells, and you need it to move your muscles and make your heart beat in perfect rhythm. Without enough potassium on board, your muscles will cramp (and remember, your heart is a muscle). Potassium seems to protect the brain from ischemic injury (like a stroke). The scary part to me is that there are dozens of drug muggers of potassium, including

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I have been living in an assisted living complex for four years. The financial planner said that with my income I would be fine - well I'm not!

The value of my estate has taken a nosedive and I cannot afford to stay here.

The nice financial planner has long gone and the facility hasn't helped me and they only say that I will have to leave in two months.

I do not know what to do now. Do you have any suggestions?

Hazel

Dear Hazel,

I am very sorry that the community will not work with you. The communities I work with try various solutions ranging from reducing the size of the apartment, offering some rent reduction, to arranging companion rooms. These communities also assist with placement if a reasonable arrangement cannot be worked out.

I suggest you contact your local ombudsman to discuss your situation and possible solutions. The ombudsman is a third-party advocate and would be able to provide support and direction for you.

Pryce

Dear Hazel,

I am sorry to hear that you are in financial crisis. Pryce has given you some very valuable up-to-date information, as she is working on a daily basis with people experiencing similar situations.

I would suggest that you seek the advice of an older, very experienced financial planner who may have seen a similar situation with other people not unlike the circumstances you are in.

Retirement complexes are also feeling the effects of this downturn and they don't want their residents to leave.

Lizzie

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TRIVIA TEST

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What U.S. state lies directly south of South Dakota?
2. **HISTORY:** Which World War II battle was fought entirely by air?
3. **FAMOUS PEOPLE:** Martha Jane Burke was better known by what name?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who was known as the Maid of Orleans?
5. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*?
6. **LANGUAGE:** What is something that is mordant?
7. **RELIGION:** Who was the first canonized saint of the New World?
8. **TELEVISION:** Who is the voice of Moe in the animated comedy *The Simpsons*?
9. **GEOLOGY:** What is coal made of originally?
10. **POETRY:** Who wrote the line, But only God can make a tree.

ANSWERS

1. Nebraska 2. Battle of Britain 3. Calamity Jane 4. Joan of Arc 5. L. Frank Baum 6. Causitic 7. Rose of Lima 8. Hank Azaria 9. Coal is formed from the remains of trees and plants 10. Joyce Kilmer.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. When was the last time before 2010 that no Los Angeles baseball team was in the major-league playoffs?
2. Three Seattle Mariners stole at least 25 bases each during the 2010 season. When was the last time the Mariners accomplished such a feat?
3. Name the last NFL expansion franchise before the Houston Texas in 2002 to win its inaugural regular-season game.
4. How many times has a University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball player been the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft?
5. In the 2010-11 season, Teemu Selanne tallied 80 points, the third-highest total for a player 40 or older in NHL history. Who had the top two totals?
6. Who was the first NASCAR driver other than Richard Petty to win the Daytona 500 more than once?
7. Name the last left-handed tennis player before Petra Kvitova in 2011 to win the Wimbledon women's singles title.

ANSWERS

1. It was 2003. 2. It was 2001 (Ichiro Suzuki, 56; Mark McLemore, 39; Mike Cameron, 34) 3. The Minnesota Vikings, in 1961. 4. Once -- John Wall in 2010. 5. Gordie Howe (103 points in 1968-69) and Johnny Bucyk (83 points in 1975-76). 6. Cale Yarborough won it in 1968 and 1977. 7. Martina Navratilova, in 1990.

My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2011

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cosmic changes create a potential for disruptions in your travel plans. In the meantime, you might want to consider shifting your focus to another area of your life that needs attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for beauty-loving Bovines to enjoy something special for the senses. It will restore your spirit and return you to the workday world ready for the next challenge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With your planetary ruler, Mercury, going retrograde, you might want to slow down the pace in pursuing some of your projects. Rushing things could be counterproductive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Tensions begin to ease in those once-testy relationships. This helps create a more positive aspect all around. Expect to hear news that could lead you to rethink a recent decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The pace of activity that had slowed last week now begins to pick up. This is good news for Leos and Leonas who have career-building plans that need to be put into operation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Venus offers encouragement to romance-seeking Virgos who are ready to get up, get out and meet more people, one of whom could be that long-sought soul mate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An ongoing problem with a co-worker might need to be sent to arbitration. Get all your facts together so that you have a solid base from which to make your argument.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are usually decisive about most matters. But you might want to defer your decision-making this week until you get more facts. Someone is holding out on you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That quiet period is ending, and a new burst of activity creates some problems at the workplace. But things are soon resolved, and everything goes back to normal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Relationships could be either helpful or hurtful as you pursue your career goals. You might have to make some difficult choices depending on what your priorities are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might still have some doubts about a career move that could involve a lot of trav-

el. If so, continue to check things out until you feel secure about making a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love rules, as Venus continues to exercise her cosmic influence on both single and attached Pisces. New developments might cause you to change your travel plans.

BORN THIS WEEK: You often think of others before you consider your own needs. You enjoy helping people and would make a fine teacher or caregiver.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Oct. 9, 1635, religious dissident Roger Williams is banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony by the General Court after speaking out against the right of civil authorities to punish religious dissension. Williams established a settlement called "Providence" in Rhode Island, open to those seeking freedom of conscience.

- On Oct. 6, 1866, in Indiana, the Reno Gang carries out the first robbery of a moving train, making off with \$10,000. This new method of sticking up moving trains in remote locations low on law enforcement soon became popular in the American West.

- On Oct. 3, 1917, the U.S. Congress passes the War Revenue Act, increasing income taxes to raise money for the war effort. A graduated tax system was introduced, with rates starting at 1 percent and rising to 7 percent for taxpayers with income above \$500,000.

- On Oct. 4, 1927, sculpting begins on the granite images of presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. Jefferson's image was originally fashioned to the right of Washington. Within two years, the face was badly cracked and workers blasted the sculpture off the mountain. Sculpting began again with Jefferson on the left side of Washington.

- On Oct. 5, 1947, President Harry Truman makes the first televised presidential address, asking Americans to cut back on food to help starving Europeans. He requested that the public voluntarily forgo meat on Tuesdays, eggs and poultry on Thursdays and to save a slice of bread each day.

- On Oct. 7, 1960, the first episode of the one-hour television drama "Route 66" airs. The show followed two young men, Buz Murdock and Tod Stiles, as they drove across the country in a Corvette convertible, doing odd jobs and looking for adventure.

- On Oct. 8, 1970, the best-known living Russian writer, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, wins the Nobel Prize for literature. The Soviet government demonstrated its displeasure by preventing him from personally accepting the award. Solzhenitsyn's works had to be secreted out of Russia in order to be published.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted American wit Groucho Marx who made the following sage observation: "There's one way to find out if a man is honest -- ask him. If he says 'Yes,' you know he is a crook."

- When the city of Los Angeles was founded, it was given the name "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora de los Angeles de Porciuncula," which translates to "The Town of Our Lady of the Angels of Porciuncula." Back then, in 1781, there were just 52 settlers to start what is now the second most populous city in the country.

- When speaking of dead languages, Latin is the one that probably comes to mind most often. It's not quite dead, though; it's the official language of Vatican City.

- Those who keep track of such things say that a professional ballet dancer goes through about 130 pairs of toe shoes in a single year.

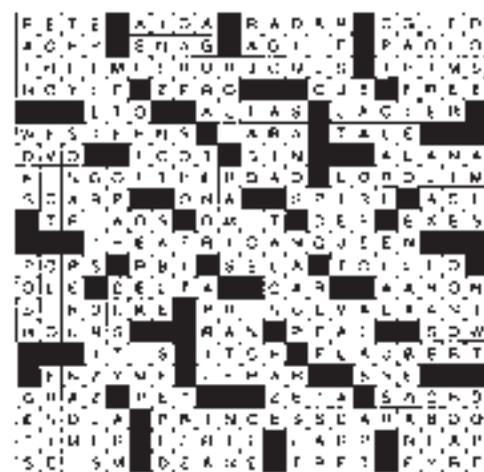
- The yo-yo became popular in the United States after it was marketed by Donald F. Duncan Sr., a businessman from Chicago, but he didn't invent the toy. In 1928, Duncan was on a business trip to San Francisco when he saw Philippine immigrant Pedro Flores, who had gotten financing to manufacture the yo-yos and had trademarked the name, demonstrating how to use the toy. Duncan realized that the toy had the potential to be a huge success, so he paid Flores \$5,000 for all the rights. Incidentally, the name "yo-yo" means "come-come" in the native language of the Philippines.

- If you're like the average American, showers account for nearly one-third of your home water use.

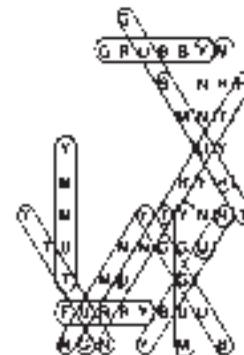
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armor and attacked a hot fudge sundae." -- Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



TYPED ONLY WITH THE INDEX FINGERS



From page 22

Blood Pressure

certain types of diuretics, heartburn medications, laxatives, insulin therapy and corticosteroid drugs. More classes of medications are listed in my *Drug Muggers* book. I cannot overestimate the importance of restoring nutrients that get depleted by medications, for this is your side effect solution! Most physicians are aware of the need to reestablish potassium levels after ordering a diuretic drug so patients are commonly told to replace potassium with a banana. FYI, one cup of papaya or french green beans has much higher amounts of natural potassium compared to one banana, a fruit that is high in sugar and prone to fungal disease at the plantation.

Potassium can be depleted from the body by intense workouts (think hot yoga), any kind of dehydration, vomiting, chronic or severe diarrhea and alcoholism. If you want to know your blood levels, physicians offer a blood test to evaluate this and other electrolytes.

Potassium works with its brother "sodium" and the two together help control your body's water balance, which in turn regulates blood pressure. Potassium has a cumulative effect and this makes it better to take a regular dose for two or three months, rather than to take large doses for short peri-

ods of time. Never take more than your doctor recommends and be careful because potassium interacts with certain diuretics and blood pressure drugs that are "potassium-sparing."

Studies consistently support potassium in the regulation of blood pressure. Research has shown that adults (and animals) with high blood pressure, who are given supplemental potassium often show a drop in systolic and/or diastolic pressure by up to 12 mm Hg (sometimes more depending on the study). Animals prone to stroke also showed benefit from potassium in at least one study. Only two percent of the rats who were potassium-supplemented suffered a stroke, compared to 83 percent of the untreated group. When supplementing with potassium tablets, drink plenty of water and eat a snack because this helps ease the mineral into your body gently, while minimizing GI discomfort.

DID YOU KNOW:

People with fibromyalgia often have low cortisol, and yoga helps normalize cortisol levels, while reducing pain.

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.✱

SWFAS Introduces New Smart Recovery Self-Help Program

A new self-help recovery program that is the first of its kind in Southwest Florida is being introduced by Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) for individuals with addictive disorders of all types.

Smart Recovery is the name of the program, which is an acronym for Self-Management and Recovery Training. Participants meet each Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the SWFAS Outpatient Treatment and Detoxification Center, 3763 Evans Avenue, Fort Myers. There is no charge to participate, although donations will be accepted.

The mutual self-help group helps people recover from all sorts of addiction and addictive behaviors and is not limited to substances such as alcohol and drugs. Those with addictions to gambling, food, the Internet, sexual behaviors and work also are welcome.

Program Facilitator Webster Lyons said Smart Recovery groups exist in England, China and Poland, but this is the first group to be started in Southwest Florida. Lyons underwent five weeks of training to be recognized as a facilitator.

"Smart Recovery is the leading self-empowering addiction recovery support group. Out participants learn tools for recovery based on the latest scientific research and participate in a world-wide community which includes free, self-empowering, science-based mutual help groups," he said.

The Smart Recovery four-point program offers tools and techniques for each point:

- 1) Enhancing and Maintaining Motivation;
- 2) Coping With Urges;
- 3) Managing Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviors; and
- 4) Living a Balanced Life.

Lyons said the program is unlike traditional approaches to addiction recovery. "It's all about focusing on the addictive behavior itself. Once you discover the underlying issues in your life that are leading to the addictive behavior, then there is no reason to turn to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling or any other activity," he said.

Smart Recovery is a recognized resource for addiction recovery by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Center for Health Care Evaluation, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

Registration is not required. Those interested in participating can simply attend the meetings on Fridays. For more information about SMART Recovery, visit www.smart-recovery.org.

SWFAS services are not free. Payment plans are available and, in many cases, private insurance may cover some of the cost of treatment. SWFAS also offers assistance for income-eligible residents. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

For more information, call 332-6937 or visit www.swfas.org.✱

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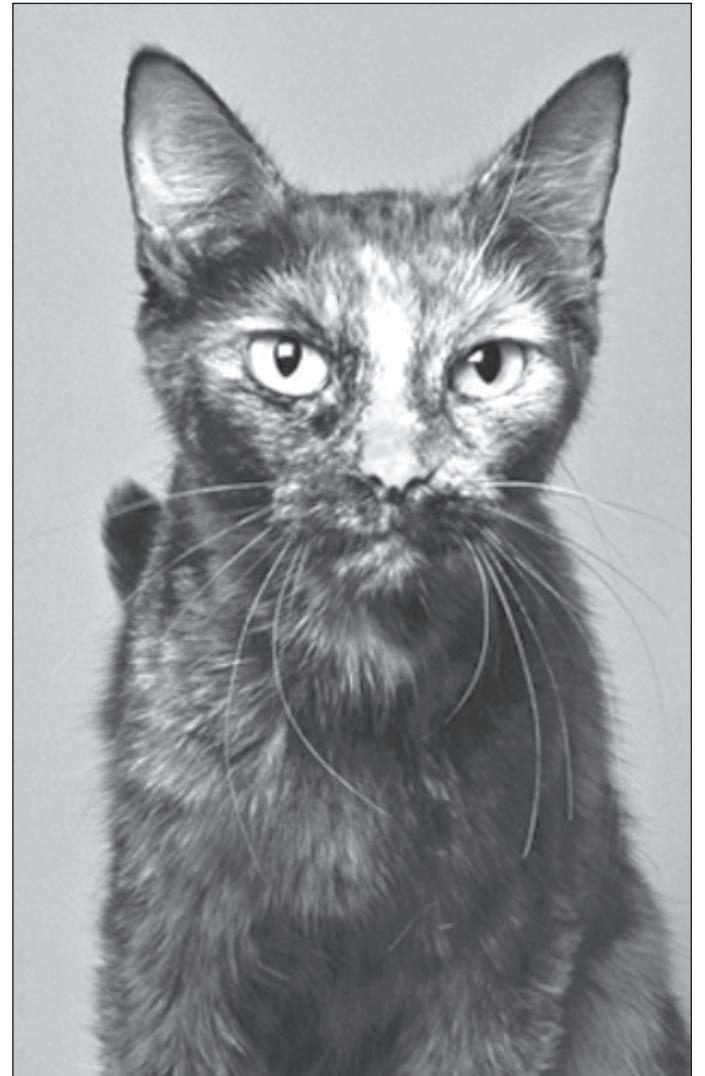
I'm Lola. Autumn is the perfect time to bring home a kitty like me because I'm displaying all the fall colors. My tortoise shell coat is speckled with orange and black and my eyes are a beautiful gold. The main reason to take me home, though, is because I'm affectionate and loving and I'll make a great addition to your family. My adoption fee is only \$30 during September's Labor of Love adoption promotion.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

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The event is free to enter and participate in the activities. It will feature rum tastings and food and drink specials throughout the evening. Live entertainment will be provided by reggae band Scholars Word and children's activities will include a sandcastle building competition.

A chance drawing will feature prizes such as Florida Everblades tickets, movie passes, culinary experiences and retail gift cards. Autographed celebrity books up for sale will benefit The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign.

The event is sponsored by Panama Red Rums and will be hosted by Jensen Beach's very own Papa Matt Gineo - winner of the national 2011 Hemingway Look-Alike contest held annually in Key West.

Said Hemingway's Island Grill General Manager Justin Fleming, "We hope people will come out to enjoy a great night of music and experience the fun island lifestyle and cuisine we offer. We think it is very important to give back to the community and are pleased to partner with The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to ensure excellence in children's health care close to home."

To enter the look-alike contest or for more information about the event, call Fleming at 287-8756.

Long Term Care Support Group

A support group for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on October 18 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 101, Fort Myers.

The focus is issues, concerns, and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

Call 437-3007 for more information.

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for children 18 months to five years of age.

The next screening will be held October 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McDonald's, 12990 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 150 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis and intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Neurosciences Center at The Children's Hospital, under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon, MD, MPH. The screenings are administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.

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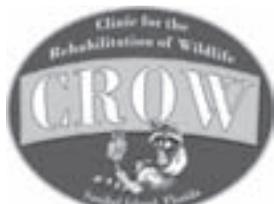
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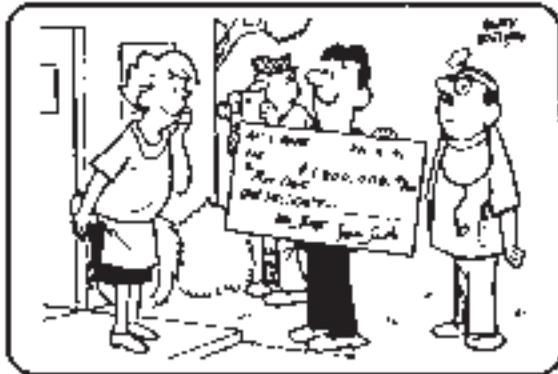
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. The woman is wearing a necklace. 2. She is carrying flowers. 3. A dog is depicted. 4. Data on the sign is different. 5. There is a light on the wall. 6. There is a shadow on the wall.



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Stiff DUELED

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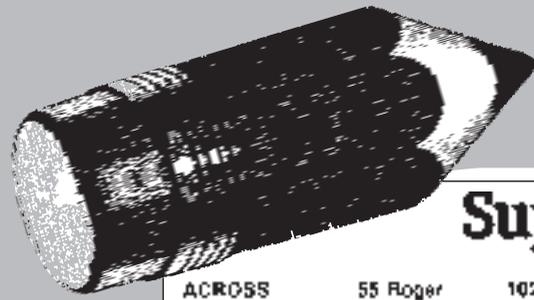
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Super Crossword TITLED TITLES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor
 - 5 Antonia's daughter
 - 8 Tracking tool
 - 14 Looked at Lohan's?
 - 19 Song
 - 20 Horse problem
 - 21 Luscious
 - 22 Uccello or Venetian
 - 23 Eugene O'Neill drama
 - 26 Hairs like
 - 27 British astronomer
 - 28 Cipher
 - 29 Baby shark
 - 31 Marumil
 - 32 Texas domain
 - 34 Normie come?
 - 38 Mara delicate
 - 40 "Flawless" and "Gunslinger"
 - 45 "Hymn" Boyle
 - 46 Hoffmann creation
 - 47 "Up —" (from the start)
 - 48 Cock spot
 - 50 Bar supply
 - 51 George Hamilton's ex.
 - 55 Roger W. Fortune
 - 59 Joseph Conrad novel
 - 61 Steve Slope
 - 62 Win 25 Down
 - 63 Steeple
 - 65 "Smoke —" (B&W film)
 - 66 Muscat chriss
 - 69 Skip
 - 72 Rock's — Lepard
 - 73 Spoons no more
 - 74 C.S. Forester book
 - 78 Certain orchestra
 - 81 Baseball star
 - 82 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 83 Rang
 - 86 Castleberry
 - 87 Actress Burke
 - 89 Item in a box
 - 91 Exodus figure
 - 93 Steve Wonder song
 - 95 Hal Foster comic strip
 - 100 Patch Ellis "Dance of the —"
 - 101 Highlighted
 - 102 Rally sound
 - 103 Hog's hole
 - 104 "How sweet —!"
 - 107 React to an allergen
 - 109 "Madame Bovary" author
 - 112 Repose or lapse
 - 114 Opera conductor
 - 116 Yare or
 - 117 Schwarzenegger's girlfriend
 - 118 Line to the Finlstones
 - 120 Catherine Jones
 - 123 Dances' dang or
 - 127 "— Gay"
 - 129 Prosaic
 - 134 Microwave feature
 - 135 Ching
 - 136 Tombstone lawman
 - 137 Harriet
 - 138 Earthquake
 - 139 Patrick Swayze
 - 140 Tom's relative
 - 141 Rochester's miss s
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Walkey
 - 2 Russell
 - 3 He and she
 - 4 A hole near the sofa
 - 5 Be part in "Cleopatra"?
 - 6 Singer Four
 - 7 Mollie
 - 8 Whole
 - 9 Scott's "The Duenna"
 - 10 Paul
 - 11 Evelyn
 - 12 Evelyn's brother
 - 13 Jipset
 - 14 "Select" with
 - 15 20th President
 - 16 Chateau valley
 - 17 G. & G. G. G. G.
 - 18 Heads measure?
 - 24 Dole (2011)
 - 25 See
 - 26 Across
 - 30 Ram's remark
 - 33 "Carmina Burana" composer
 - 35 Shave-spread
 - 36 Schops solo
 - 37 Tameful
 - 39 Irish county
 - 40 Yan's pants
 - 41 Dredge
 - 42 Superman's under
 - 43 — again!
 - 44 Marhatter
 - 49 High toned guy?
 - 52 Sophoclean tragedy
 - 53 Pleasant
 - 54 Mingus
 - 56 Southern state
 - 57 Colorful list
 - 58 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
 - 59 Capt's subordinate
 - 60 Guck's "ed Caruso"
 - 64 Bogus Bach
 - 67 Jacob of "Cladius"
 - 68 Back
 - 70 Cola cooler
 - 71 Ruptor feature
 - 73 Chou —
 - 75 "A good shape"
 - 76 Civil Rights org
 - 77 Green name
 - 78 Filzy
 - 79 Ketchup
 - 80 "mas land"
 - 84 Work on a crossword?
 - 85 Palan
 - 87 Fresh from the ice
 - 88 Taving time?
 - 90 Scuba site
 - 92 Package abbr.
 - 94 Pours gently
 - 96 Figure of interest?
 - 97 Move like moasses
 - 98 Kimer of Bisagio
 - 99 Word of wood
 - 105 Miscel-mixer
 - 106 Tricked
 - 108 Mist
 - 110 "Back in the —" (1968 song)
 - 111 "Watch out!"
 - 112 Cartoonist
 - 113 Campbell or John
 - 115 Alarm butter
 - 117 Understands
 - 119 "Lemon (1965 hit)"
 - 121 Christine Lile
 - 122 Lot size
 - 124 Carry out orders
 - 125 Circus sound
 - 126 Water-pooling material
 - 128 Shrug part
 - 130 Private pension
 - 131 Palindromic (land)
 - 132 Artichoke herb?
 - 133 Intelligent

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Letter
- 3 Block of time
- 6 Book
- 7 Construction
- 9 What?
- 10 18th century
- 11 19th century
- 12 Island of
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TYPED ONLY MAGIC MAZE WITH THE INDEX FINGERS

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October ArtWalk

Then on Saturday, October 8, the organizers will bring back the seasonal Saturday Art Fair. A new twist this year is the art fair is now a juried event and will showcase individual artists at tables along the sidewalks of First Street. The fair will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

Art Walk runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. The October event will include more than a dozen art galleries and art stops and will feature new art shows, live music and the traditional after party.

On Thursday, October 6, the Art League of Fort Myers will host a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. at Harborside Event Center to showcase the annual Cele-BRA-tion exhibit.

Some highlights of the October Art Walk:

- Art of the Olympians: An Exhibition of 21 International Olympic artists in the Olympian Art Gallery and in the Olympic Sport Museum the Table Tennis Showcase is still showing with the opportunity to play against the robot.
- Art League of Fort Myers: Opening reception for Color and Form exhibit.
- Arts for ACT Gallery: Opening reception for new show featuring artists Cathy Logan, Chris Catti, and Kim Kraft-Becker.
- daas Gallery: Opening reception for Chroma-Tone: The Art of Veron Ennis
- Gallery showcase and information

center at IberiaBank (Bayview Court at First Street). Art Walk T-shirts are available at this location as well as buttons, maps, and brochures.

- The Franklin Shops: Artwork featuring Audubon 2nd Edition Prints, Blind Dog Photography, Bryson Lunger Art, Dan-Signs, Joe Rossi Art Studio, Leoma Lovegrove Gallery, Lourdes Mora-Shay Art, The Mad Hatter Gallery, Natasha Cuevas Photography, Ocasio Casa, and Vincent Valle Photography.

- HOWL Gallery: Opening reception for Bride of the Sugar Ninjas exhibit, an all female comic book artist collective.

- In One Instant: Opening of Perspectives: Through the Lenses of Florida Photographic Collaborative, a collection of works by 10 photographers of Florida Photographic Collaborative.

- Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center: Art Walks the Runway: Art Couture Fashion Show by Helen Gerro and Maria Pia Malerba; One-act play by Edison College: Chronicles Simplings Will Cut Your Ass by Rolin Jones.

- Sawy on First (formerly Green-n-Groovy): Artist Penne Atkinson casting original designs in resin jewelry using found objects, dried flowers and more.

- Space 39 Gallery: Group art show.
- Syzygy Gallery: Opening for exhibit featuring artist Pat Cleveland.

The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. The October after party will be held at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

Another highlight is the weekly Friday Night Live free concert series,

which takes place in the Patio de Leon. Screamin' & Cryin' will perform from 6 to 9 p.m.

Always a collector's item, new Art Walk buttons will be available at galleries that night. Art Walk has its own T-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 the Patio de Leon entrance at First Street.✪

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Italian Fest

The 15-year-old art students are members of the National Art Honor Society. Founded in 1978, the society's purpose is the assist student members to attain their highest potential in all forms of art, and to raise awareness of art education throughout the school and community.

"This was an amazing opportunity for our students to learn from one of Southwest Florida's top artists," said Ava Roeder, visual arts teacher at Cypress Lake High School. "The experience has really made them grow as artists."

Atielski has been working as a professional artist since she graduated with a bachelor's degree in art from University of Wisconsin's Steven's Point in 1972. Her noteworthy corporate commissions include Ameritech, NFL Alumni, Northwestern Mutual Insurance and Sears.

The mural will be on display at the Italian Fest at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 2.✪



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