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Davis Art Center Hosts Exhibit Featuring Matsumotos And Sherry Rohl

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will present the work of well-known artists Ikki and Polly Matsumoto, along with the equestrian art of Sherry Rohl. The show opens for Art Walk on Friday, February 3 at 6 p.m. and continues through February 25. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.



11th Hour by Sherry Rohl

Ikki Matsumoto was born in 1935 in Tokyo, Japan to a well-known cartoonist and children's book illustrator. In 1955, he came to the United States to study at the John Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, Indiana, where his older brother was studying sculpture. Two years later he transferred to the Art Academy of Cincinnati, Ohio to study under the renowned humorous wildlife artist Charles Harper. After graduating from art school he married fellow student and fiber artist Polly Adamson.

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Nature Walk With Bird Patrol Guide

Join the Lee County Bird Patrol, in cooperation with Lee County Parks & Recreation, for a Morning Meander at Lakes Park on Saturday, February 4 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Participants should meet at Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers, at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus, turn right, drive to end of road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the train station.



Great egret

This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks & Recreation. Admission is free with paid parking (\$1 per hour or \$5 for all day). For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576 or visit www.birdpatrol.org.

Kiwanis Taste Of Pine Island Returns



Kiwanis Taste of Pine Island crowds form to judge in the Southwest Florida Chowder Cook-off Contest

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island will hold the annual Taste of Pine Island on Saturday, January 28 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, January 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will take place at Phillips Park, 5675 Sesame Drive, on Pine Island Road, behind the Pine Island Fire Station. Tickets are \$5 and children 10 and under are free. Two-day passes are available for \$8. Event planners expect more than 3,000 to attend.

The Taste of Pine Island will feature over 11 local restaurants including Waterfront Restaurant of St. James City, Mulletville Restaurant, Jack's Famous Wood Fired Pizza, Joe Almallah (Little Joe's), Little Lilly's Island Deli and Jonesez Bar-B-Q. The Taste of Pine Island will also feature more than 70 arts and crafts vendors. Live entertainment throughout the two-day event will include the Gatormoon, Torched, Low Rent, The Whole Tones, Strange Arrangement, Pine Island Dance, Hot Flash Dancers and Love Notes Youth Strings Ensemble. A complete schedule of weekend activities can be found at www.TasteofPineIsland.com.

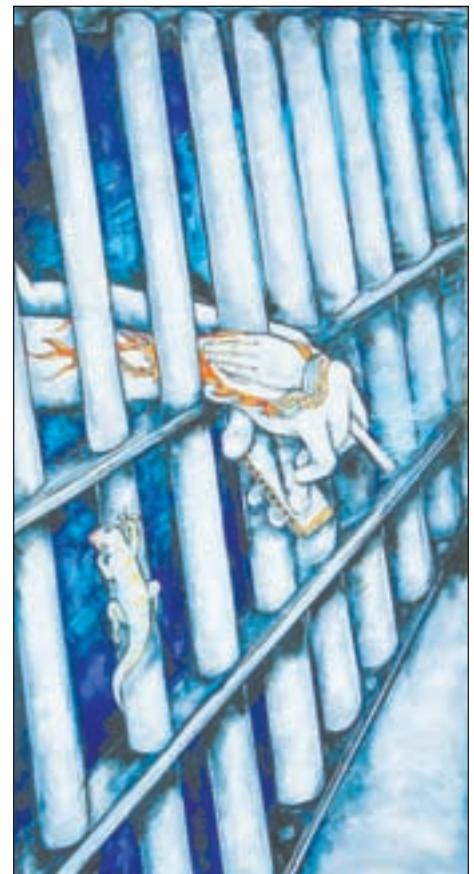
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Arts For ACT Opening For Mojo Hands

Join Arts For ACT Gallery, 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, on Friday, February 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and art walk for February 2012. This month, ACT Gallery will feature Mojo Hands in the main gallery. It will be a visionary celebration of America's musical heritage featuring a special collaboration of new photographs by pioneering blues historian George Mitchell and the folk art blues paintings of Florida Everglades artist Lennie Jones. These two artists became friends when Mitchell returned to Fort Myers, and Mitchell purchased one of Jones' pieces of art. This exhibit will pair Jones' outsider blues painting with the blues' photography of Mitchell. Jones has painted his rendition of Mitchell's photographs on several pieces.

Also exhibiting this month in the office gallery is artist, author, mythologist and art historian Dr. Kyra Belán. She will be showing selected works from her Art, Myers and Rituals series. Kids With

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House of Blues by Lennie Jones

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Armeda House At Five Points

by Gerri Reaves



It's difficult to believe that less than a century ago, this intersection and overpass once known as Five Points was a residential area. Shown in the historic photo is the Nick and Josephine Armeda house on McGregor Boulevard at Cleveland Avenue.

June Santini Johnson remembers the house well. Born in April 1914, she went to live there with her grandparents when she was only about five months old and lived there until she got married.

The five-bedroom two-bath house, modern for its day, faced the river and was a dream house for a child.

It had a cistern off the kitchen, where a porch led to a big backyard, complete with a stable for her Uncle Buck's horse.

At the Tootie McGregor memorial fountain in the middle of Five Points (left in photo), horses drank and children played hide-and-go-seek. Johnson went to "many a dance" at the nearby Pleasure Pier at the foot of Heitman Street in the city park.

Johnson's grandfather, Capt. Nick Armeda, figures significantly in early Fort Myers history. He was a 16-year-old cabin boy on the yacht *Jeannette* in 1885. Thomas A. Edison had chartered the vessel in Cedar Key for a sail down Florida's west coast.

Even at that early age, Armeda was extremely knowledgeable about local waters. He told Edison about George Shultz, the manager of the telegraph station at Punta Rassa. As a former telegraph operator, the inventor was especially interested, and the yacht reached the cable office and no-frills hotel on March 4.

Edison was intrigued by Shultz's description of the settlement established up river on the site of the abandoned U.S. Army Fort Myers, so he ordered the *Jeannette* up the Caloosahatchee. Edison stayed at the Keystone Hotel, toured the town, met residents, inquired about land sales, and gained a favorable impression.

Before he left, he had put in motion the purchase of the old Summerlin place that became his winter home and laboratory.

As for Armeda, his mentioning Punta Rassa to the inventor was providential and helped to determine his own future as a Fort Myers pioneer.

In 1894, he married Josephine Yent. They settled in Fort Myers when the town's population consisted of only a handful of families. They were married for over 60 years.

Over the years, Armeda worked for Edison in several capacities, including bringing royal palms from the Caribbean.

He evolved into a captain whose knowledge of the region's waters was legendary. Among his sailing ventures was delivering cattle from Punta Rassa to Cuba during the heyday of the cattle industry.

During World War II, he applied his expertise at age 72 as commander of a naval mine sweeper.

The Armedas built a house south of downtown on McGregor in the 1920s, but after Capt. Nick

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Five Points has undergone radical changes since it was a family neighborhood
photo by Gerri Reaves



The Nick and Josephine Armeda house stood on McGregor Boulevard just east of Cleveland Avenue. The Tootie McGregor memorial fountain (left) marked the center of Five Points

photo courtesy of Tena Jones



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Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sings



Mrs. Mina Edison at the piano



Mina Edison

planned at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Admission is free, but because of the increased need for food for the hungry, organizers are requesting that those who attend bring cans of non-perishable food and a voluntary cash donation, if possible, to benefit the Everyday Marketplace & Café (also known as The Soup Kitchen) of CCMI (Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc.)

"Ladies and gentlemen, we desperately need your help. The need for food is absolutely critical this year and seems to be ongoing for the near future. Love your fellow neighbor. Attempt to do what God



First Presbyterian Church stained glass

would do and want you to do. Show me a man or woman who has not needed a helping hand in his or her life!" said organizer Sam Galloway, Jr.

"Rising unemployment and the downturn in our local economy have caused many of our neighbors to ask for food to feed their families for the first time in their lives," said Reverend Paul deJong

of First Presbyterian Church. "We can't allow our neighbors and friends to be hungry. Please - we need our community to get together and help with all the canned goods they can."

Galloway, who originated the hymn sing in 1989, said he wanted to do something to honor Mrs. Mina Edison during the Edison Festival celebration.

"We hear a great deal about the wonderful work of Thomas Alva Edison, but we don't do a lot to honor his wife who also volunteered a great deal of her time and talent to making Fort Myers what it is today," said Galloway. "This hymn sing is a way to honor her good work, too."

This year's event will feature the First Presbyterian Sanctuary Choir and many other singers, including members of the Mastersingers, guest soloists, along with a piano-organ combination.

Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing is the first of three hymn sings sponsored annually by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. The other two are A Midsummer Night's Sing in July and the very popular Holiday Carol Sing in December. All three events benefit CCMI, which was started by First Presbyterian Church in 1984 to help alleviate hunger and suffering in Lee County.

More than 3,500 pounds of canned goods were donated at last year's Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing to benefit CCMI. The food was immediately distributed to those in need.

For more information or directions to the church, call 334-2261 or visit www.fpcfortmyers.org.

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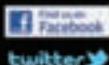
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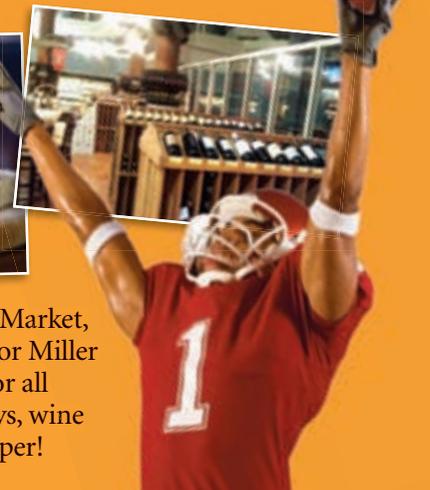
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Edison & Ford Annual February Program And Class Calendar

The Edison and Ford Winter Estates is open year-round, seven days a week, offering traditional tours and creative programs to expand the usage by visitors and community members. The interpretation of the site honors the legacy of the Thomas Edison and Henry Ford families through science, history, arts and education programs, lectures, special events and activities. Edison and Ford changed the world with their inventions, pioneering the automobile industry, movies and film, lighting and electricity, sound and communications. They were lovers of the arts, devoted naturalists and futurists in their vision. Following the legacy of the two world renowned entrepreneurs, there are vast opportunities to explore their life interests and work.

The following calendar of activities is also updated regularly on the website:

February 2012

February 1: Thomas Edison Favorite Photo Exhibit and contest

February 2 and 16: Emerging Inventors Early Learning class

February 2 and 3: Strolling Flower Show at Bell Tower Shops, Edison and Ford Winter Estates/Periwinkle Garden Club

February 4: Annual Edison Ford Antique Car Show

February 4: Etiquette at the Edison Ford class

February 10 and 11: Botanical Illustrations in the Gardens with Megan Kissinger

February 11: Edison's Birthday Celebration and Downtown Tour

February 11: Floorcloth Painting Class with artist Marie Dyer

February 11: Edison Ford Garden Talk on "Rainbarrels"

February 11: Etiquette at the Edison Ford class

February 12: Edison Festival of Light Junior Parade

February 13: Edison Mucker Lab Show

February 14: Volunteer program meeting and new volunteer orientation

February 14: Edison Ford Sweetheart's Valentine Celebration

February 15: Opening ceremony for completion of Edison Botanic Laboratory

February 15 and 17: Homeschool class, grades 1 to 6

February 18: Director's Tour to St. Petersburg's Dali Museum, Fine Arts and Chihuly Museum

February 18: Edison Festival of Light Grand Parade: Edison Ford/High Tech Central Float

February 19: Edison High School Band and Show Choir from Milan, Ohio performances

February 26: Art in Bloom: Edison Ford and Fort Myers/Lee County Garden Council

Contact the Edison and Ford Winter Estates at 334-7419 to confirm schedules or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org for the latest news and information. All dates and times are subject to change.*

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Five Points

died in 1955, Josephine moved back to the Five Points house. She died there in 1958.

Like many other historic houses in the neighborhood, the Armeda house was destroyed by the Caloosahatchee Bridge project in the early 1960s.

Johnson says the demise of the house "hurt because I had so my memories of it. It hurt."

Walk (carefully!) to Five Points, where dogs and horses used to leisurely drink from a memorial fountain and children played.

Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the transformation of a neighborhood into a bridge overpass.

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

Then follow-up with a trip to one of the area's best research center, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can learn about the residents of Five Points way back when.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the society at 939-4044, or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

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

Visions Of The Past Guided Walk

Visions of the Past, a guided walk through time, is a free family-oriented event for all ages held on Saturday, February 4 in Fort Myers Beach.

Enjoy the facts and folklore of years past as you stroll through Matanzas Pass Preserve while visiting the Calusa Indians, Spaniards, Koreshans, pirates, early settlers and pioneers of Estero Island. Visit traditional craft vendors and a demonstration area while enjoying some of the best jerk chicken and other food items the island has to offer.

This event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to all ages. It's a great hands-on learning experience for the whole family. Reservations are encouraged but not required. To reserve a timeslot, send an e-mail to vlittle@leegov.com.

This free event is sponsored by the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, Red Coconut RV Resort, Estero Island Historic Society, Calusa Ghost Tours/Paddlesports, Tranquility Cove Massage and Lee County Parks & Recreation.

Matanzas Pass Preserve is located at 199 Bay Road in Fort Myers Beach. Visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7444 for more information.*

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Soup Kitchen Benefit Menu Donors Announced, Tickets Still Available



Larry Lucchino, Len Jennings and Sam Galloway, Jr.

Menu donors for this year's annual Soup Kitchen Benefit have been announced.

Sam Galloway Jr. & Friends Ninth Annual Soup Kitchen Benefit will be held on Tuesday, January 31 at the Sam Galloway Ford dealership, located off Boy Scout Drive in Fort Myers. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Maestro Andrew Kurtz will be conducting the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra with pop inspired music ranging from The Beatles to Broadway.

This year's menu, which is donated by local restaurants and individuals, includes appetizers from South Seas Island Resort and Will and Andrea Prather of the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre; barbeque chicken, cole slaw and sauce from Bill and Sally Davis of Hickory Bar-B-Que; fried shrimp and cheese grits from John and Paul Browning of Three Fisherman Seafood Restaurant; barbeque pork and swamp cabbage from Wesley and Deanna Hansen; gourmet meatloaf and mashed potatoes from Jordan Webster of JG Webster's Catering; fried chicken from Steve and Jeanne Sexton of the Alva Diner; Sunshine Gumbo from Sandy Stilwell of Sunshine Grille; peas and rice, corn bread and hot pepper sauce from Bill and Janice Barnwell of Farmer's Market Restaurant; collard greens from CCMi's Everyday Café; macaroni and cheese and green beans from Kim and Jack Avery of The Main Event Catering; penne pasta with chicken and marinara sauce from Jerry and Barbara Snyderman of Sasse's; homemade cookies from Uncle Charlie's Cookie Ministry; decadent chocolate courtesy of Norman and Mary Love of Norman Love Confections; and water from the Mast Family and Culligan Water.

Last year's event sold out, with more than 600 guests attending to help raise over \$700,000 for Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., the umbrella agency for the Everyday Café and Marketplace, Home Delivered Meals, Community Montessori Preschool and Social and Homeless Services.

The goal of this annual event is to raise as much money as possible for local residents in need.

"Our area was recently named one of the worst performing labor markets in the country, and we continue to see double-digit unemployment numbers," said Sam Galloway Jr. "As we continue this trend for the foreseeable future, more of our neighbors and their children are going to need our help, and I plan to help them."

Galloway wants to ensure that CCMi can continue helping Southwest Florida's growing population of hungry find a nutritious meal. Nine years ago, he gathered friends in the local restaurant community and beyond to donate their time and services toward a community fundraiser for local homeless and hungry. The event has grown each year with guests who come together for one evening in the service department of



Sam Galloway, Jr.

Galloway Ford. All the monies raised are used to help those in Southwest Florida.

"With the money we raised last year, we were not only able to continue helping our community but also develop new and innovative ways to fight hunger and homelessness," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMi.

According to Galloway, those things included opening Southwest Florida's second customer centered Choice Marketplace, establishing Baby U classes for expectant families, serving more schools last summer with CCMi's Mobile Food Pantry, converting the former Soup Kitchen into the Everyday Café and Marketplace and adding more schools and students to its weekend backpack program.

"The latest astonishing statistics we are seeing is that over 700 Lee County school children are considered homeless," Galloway said. "And if they are homeless, I guarantee they are also hungry."

CCMI has been refocusing its hunger-fighting efforts toward implementing sustainable customer-choice centered models for long-term hunger elimination. This re-examination of the traditional soup kitchen setting changes both the mindset of those who serve and those being served, as well as the physical spaces and delivery model created for the distribution of food.

CCMI's Everyday Café and Marketplace concept makes food more easily available to everyone in the community who is hungry. The market model also decreases the stigma associated with standing in line for a hot meal or groceries and reduces significant waste in the preselected grocery bag model.

"We can and did make a difference," said Galloway. "When hunger affects our community, it impacts everyone of us in some way, and if everyone of us does a small part to impact change, change will happen."

"Two dollars can feed a family for a day," Galloway concluded. "We are all feeling the effects of this economy, but not doing anything for our local neighbors in need is not an option for me, and I can guarantee anyone who donates to this event is truly making a difference."

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available from \$2,000 and tickets are \$150 each. For more information or tickets, visit www.ccmileecounty.com or call CCMi at 332-7687 ext. 100.*

Rotino Center Garage Sale

The Rotino Center is hosting an indoor garage sale on Sunday, January 29, selling household

items, jewelry, arts and crafts and fruits and vegetables. Entry is free and the sale starts at 11 a.m. The Rotino Center is located at 5817 Driftwood Pkwy Cape Coral, FL 33904.

Call the Rotino Center at 574-0807 for further information or vendor registration.*

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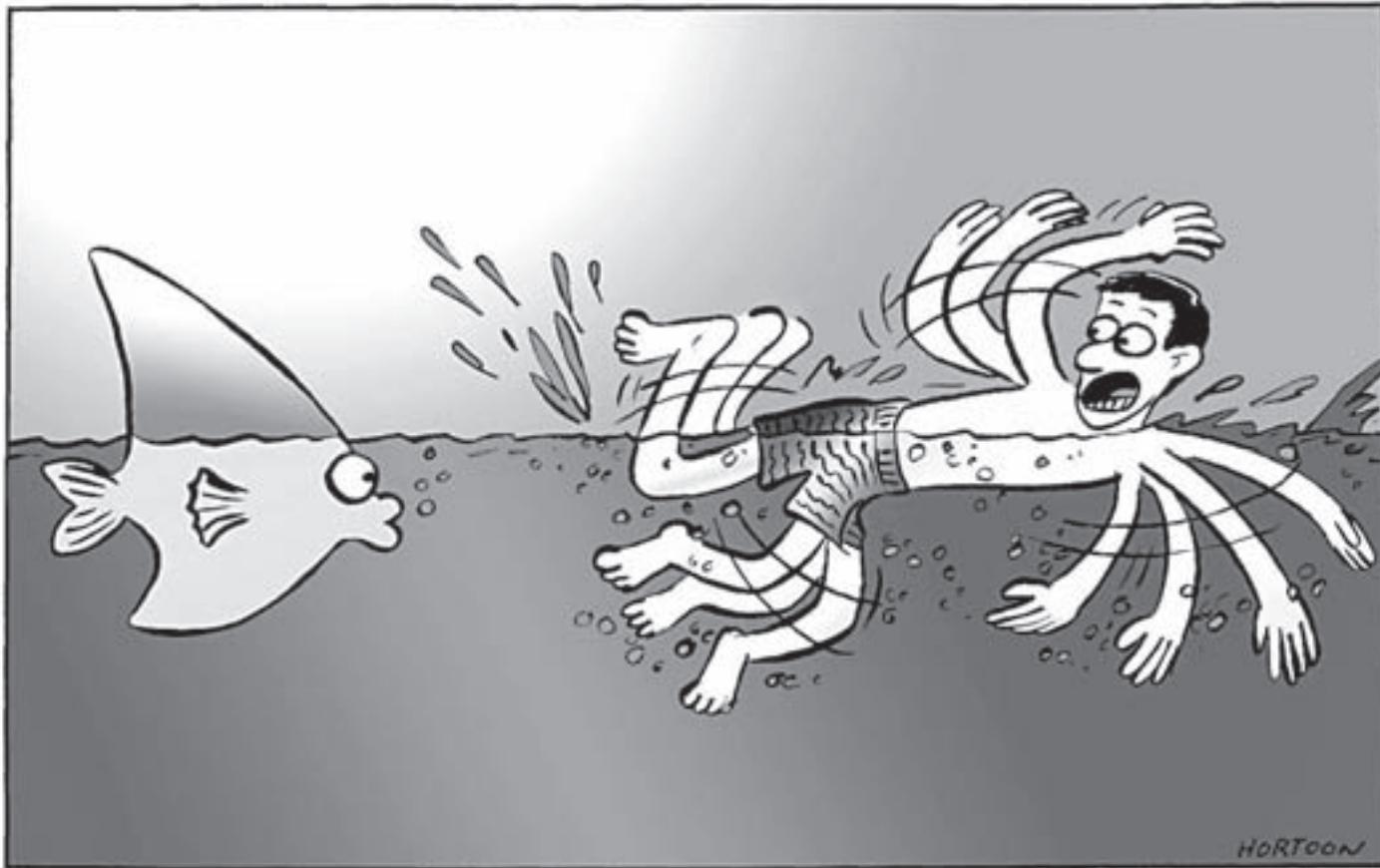
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Republican Women February Dinner Meeting

A dinner meeting of Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday February 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn of Fort Myers, 12601 University Drive (corner of Summerlin Road and College Parkway). Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow.

The guest speaker will be Paige Kreegel, current State House of Representatives District 72 and candidate for Florida's 16th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cost to attend the dinner meeting is \$20 all inclusive (cash bar also available). For reservations, call 432-9389 or e-mail cindylignelli222@gmail.com.✪

Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival

Fort Myers Recreation Division and Celtic Heritage Productions invite you to "don your tartan" and bring your family and friends to enjoy the Ninth Annual Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival, scheduled to take place on Saturday January 28.

Beginning on Friday evening, January 27 at the Clarion Fort Myers Tiki Bar, enjoy performances by West of Galway, Marcille Wallis & Friends, Rathkeltair and Albannach.

Celebrate Celtic culture along the banks of the Caloosahatchee River with music, food, beverage and craft vendors on Saturday, January 28. The gates at Centennial Park will open at 10:30 a.m. with seven hours of non-stop Celtic music. Featured musicians include Albannach, a high energy Celtic percussion band from Scotland; Rathkeltair, one of North America's premier Celtic rock bands, Southwest Florida's own West of Galway, Kellyn Celtic Arts Dancers and Marcille Wallis & Friends.

The British Car Club of Southwest Florida will display members' cars, and offer the public a chance to vote for Best of Show. To satisfy the appetite, there will be Celtic fare such as fish and chips and meat pies, along with traditional American festival food. Domestic beers and imports will be served.

Guest are invited to bring their blankets and/or lawn chairs and plan to join a great Fort Myers tradition. Admission is just \$5 and children under 12 are free.

Continue the party at Ballyorney Irish Restaurant in South Fort Myers with encore performances by Rathkeltair and Albannach at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 28.✪



The Kiwanis Taste of Pine Island event goes enjoy live music and good food
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Taste Of Pine Island

In conjunction with the Kiwanis Taste of Pine Island, the ninth annual Southwest Florida Chowder Cook-off Contest and the second annual Chili Cook-off Contest will also be held, which the public can judge. The Fish Drop Drawing will also take place at the event with a \$1,000 grand prize, \$500 second place prize and \$250 third place prize. Fish Drop raffle tickets and Taste of Pine Island Tickets may be purchased at the event or in advance at Century 21 Realty in St. James City, Capital Bank, Stonegate Bank, Suntrust Bank and Ad&PrintCraft Marketing. Only 2,500 Fish Drop raffle tickets are to be sold.

The event is family-friendly event with children's activities including train rides, rock climbing and bounce houses.

The Taste of Pine Island is the primary fundraiser for the Kiwanis Pine Island Youth Scholarship Fund. This year, the club hopes to raise over \$20,000 at the event to assist Pine Island students with their higher education costs. Since 1985, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island has provided over \$200,000 in scholarships and has helped other island organizations.

The Taste of Pine Island is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island. Event co-sponsors include SunTrust Bank, Pine Island Realty, Inc., Honc Industries, Pine Island Realty, Budweiser, LCEC, Stonegate Bank, Capital Bank,



A crane drops brightly-colored fish from the sky for the Fish Drop Drawing at the 2011 Taste of Pine Island

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The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island is a community service organization that meets every Friday at Bert's of Matlacha. For more information on the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island and the Taste of Pine Island, e-mail chairman Pat Burman at info@PineIslandKiwanis.com, call 283-0777 or visit www.TasteofPineIsland.com.✪

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Welborn at the Junior League of Fort Myers office at 277-1197.✪

Alva Annual Craft Show

On Saturday, February 4, the Alva Annual Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alva Community Park, located at 21471 North River Road in Alva. The show is free and open to the public.

For further information on this event or to become a vendor, contact Sandra Bates at 728-2882 or BatesSW@leegov.com.✪

Gamma Rho Adds New Member



Jo Schweinfurth and Jan Waggoner

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Whether you watch the Super Bowl out of love for the game or simply as an excuse to have fun with family and friends, Super Bowl Sunday is unquestionably one of America's favorite holidays. On February 5, the New England Patriots face the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLVI at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and will be broadcast nationally on NBC. Here are some options to ensure that you have a fabulous time on game day:

The Sandy Butler Gourmet Market is your headquarters for game day food preparations. The culinary specialists will accommodate all of your party needs including wine, cheese or veggie platters and fresh gourmet meats. Receive a free six-pack of Miller Lite or Coors Lite when you spend \$40.

For a more sophisticated Super Bowl experience, go next door to **Shoal's Restaurant & Wine Bar** and watch the big game on the restaurant's new 70-inch TV. With access to fine foods from the region and from around the world – along with the Scholl family's own farm and grove – chef Michael Ragusa creates unique, delicious dishes inspired by the tropical Gulf region. Drink specials are also available.

The Sandy Butler Market and Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar are located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. For more information, call 482-6765 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

With large screen TVs above the bar and in nearly every corner of the restaurant, Fort Myers' **Lazy Flamingo** is a great place to celebrate with other hungry, thirsty football fans. The nautical-themed restaurant serves everything from hot wings, giant burgers and grouper sandwiches to raw oysters on the half-shell, conch chowder and mussels marinara. Happy hour is served daily from 3 to 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

The Lazy Flamingo is located at 12951 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 476-9000 or go to www.lazyflamingo.com.

At **The Edison Restaurant & Bar**, Super Bowl Sunday means food, fun and football. The Chandelier Bar is a sport fan's dream with numerous large plasma TVs. Kick back inside the cool comfort of the bar or step outside and watch the game on the Edison's patio overlooking the Fort Myers golf course. Food and beer bucket spe-



The Edison is a sport's fan's dream, with plasma TVs inside and outside



Service with a smile at the Lazy Flamingo in Fort Myers. Pictured are Karin Emerick, Crissi Berti and Kari Taylor

cial will be featured for the big day.

The Edison Restaurant & Bar is located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 936-9348 or go to www.edisonfl.com

If you prefer to catch some rays while waiting for kickoff, go to **Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** in Fort Myers Beach. The casual, family-fun restaurant boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, sandwiches and entrées. While relaxing on the outdoor patio, swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music. Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, which has multiple TVs for your viewing pleasure. Enjoy happy hour all day, every day at Ugly's.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. Parking for your car or boat (at Nellie's Snug Harbor Marina) is free for patrons. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnellies.net.

If you are hosting your own Super Bowl party, pick up the drinks and mixers on your list at **First Street Liquors**, downtown's only full-service package store. During Super Bowl weekend, receive 10 percent off on any wines and spirits with a purchase of over \$50.

Plan on serving plenty of beverages... and don't forget the beer. With so many beer commercials bombarding your guests, they will undoubtedly develop a strong thirst for the suds.

First Street Liquors is located at 2023 Altamont Avenue in the First Street Village shops, Fort Myers. It is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 332-3945.*



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Mastersingers' St. Peter Concert To Span Five Centuries Of Choral Music



Mastersingers Chamber Chorus

Some of the most celebrated choral music of the past five centuries will be presented at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fort Myers Beach on Tuesday, January 31. The Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers' Chamber Chorus will sing it starting at 7 p.m.

Masterworks by Mozart, Handel and Rutter will headline the program which will also include well-known American spirituals and other folk songs. The concert will be a mixture of a capella and accompanied music.

In describing the program, Mastersingers art director Jeff Faux explained, "Great choral music tells a dramatic story and we will illustrate this as we introduce each work."

For instance, the program includes selections from Handel's *Coronation #4*, one of four anthems by Handel that have been performed at every British coronation since 1727.

Barrage To Play At Fort Myers HS

Barrage, a high-energy fiddle fest, weaving together extraordinary musicianship and dance with traces of everything from country to heavy metal music, will bring its show to Fort Myers High School on Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m.

Five violinists are backed up with wild and interesting percussions, strong vocals, guitar, bagpipes and expertly executed choreography. The result is a show that blows the doors off *Stomp!* and *Riverdance* alike.

Created in Calgary, Canada in 1997, this world-beat ensemble tours more than 40 weeks a year and has released seven albums, four DVDs and five television specials to date. Barrage recently celebrated its milestone 2,500th international performance. Over the past 15 years, the group has entertained millions of concert-goers and performed to sold out houses in more than 27 countries.

"Barrage ... defies efforts to neatly categorize its style," said *Planet Rockwall*. "The band seems to leave no musical stone unturned."

In 2012, Barrage will debut its new album and touring spectacle called "Soundtrack of the World." Fresh material highlights the group's virtuosic cast of young musicians performing a jaw-dropping mix of world music and dance with non-stop intensity. The show's play

list ranges from Coldplay to killer reels – a musical theatrical extravaganza filled with dazzling choreography and blurring, fast fretwork.

The current incarnation of the group consists of Kristina Bauch (violin and tin whistle), Taylor Morris (violin), Kiana Weber (violin), Daniel Pentecost (violin and bagpipes), Lindy Donia (violin), Tim Harley (bass guitar), Charles Bullough (drums) and Phil Smyth (guitar). Dean Marshall is the artistic director.

"Many bands in the past half century have chosen strange names that don't seem to mean anything," wrote *The St. Petersburg Times*. "The name chosen for the musical group Barrage, on the other hand, is perfectly obvious: Eight high-powered musicians present a barrage of sound and sights when they take the stage."

Tickets for the show at Fort Myers High School are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased by contacting Mark Dahlberg at Markld@leeschools.net or by sending payment to Mark Dahlberg c/o FMHS, 2635 Cortez Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901 (include a self-addressed envelope and Mr. Dahlberg will mail you your tickets). Make checks payable to FMHS Band Boosters, Inc.

The concert is sponsored by the Fort Myers High School Band Boosters. For more information, call 334-2167 or visit www.fmhsgreenwave.org.

Featured soloists are Robert Beane, tenor, singing "If With All Your Hearts" from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Beth Winger, soprano, singing "Times Like This" from *Lucky Stiff* and "Moonfall" from *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. The Chamber Chorus is a representative portion of the 70-member Mastersingers. The smaller ensemble performs in venues that are unable to accommodate the full membership.

There is no admission charge for this concert. A free will offering will be requested. St. Peter Lutheran Church is located at 3751 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach.✪

CCYC To Host Dinner For Dreams

Come to the Cape Coral Yacht Club on Friday, February 10 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. for a dinner and dancing fundraiser event, with 100 percent of the net proceeds benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida.

The Dinner For Dreams fundraiser will include a full course dinner, live deejay, a Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle and much more. Donations are still being accepted for the Chinese auction.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Whether a child chooses to go somewhere exotic, meet an adored celebrity, have a treasured gift or be a dream occupation for

the day, each wish experience is tailor-made to exceed all expectations. The Southern Florida chapter grants a wish every 16 hours and has granted more than 8,000 wishes since its inception 28 years ago.

With the average cost of a wish being \$5,000, the Foundation relies on fundraisers, corporate support and donations from the public to bring sunshine into the lives of families when they need it most.

To help share the power of a wish, call the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 954-967-WISH or visit www.sfla.wish.org. Tickets are just \$20 per person and are available for purchase by cash or check made out to "Dinner For Dreams" by calling 574-0806 or 898-7483. Cost is \$20 per person.

Cape Coral Yacht Club is located at 5819 Driftwood Parkway in Cape Coral.✪

SFCA Teacher Receives Scholarship

Dr. Douglas J. Roth from Southeastern University visited the Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA) campus to award Stephanie Laymon, a sixth grade teacher, a \$10,000 scholarship towards a Master's degree program.

The scholarship was presented by Dr. Roth personally at SFCA's chapel last week. From hundreds of applicants, Laymon was one of three recipients for a scholarship in this amount.✪



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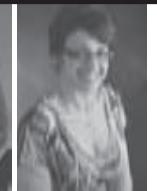
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Char and Woody Stemple with Doug Quelch, president of the Lee Coast MOAA Chapter

American Missionaries Recount Memories Of Vietnam To MOAA

On Monday, January 16, some 70 members of MOAA, their spouses and guests sat in rapt attention as they listened to speakers Woody Stemple and his wife, Char, recount their experiences of Vietnam. Both had a unique view of the hostilities there from 1964 to 1973, when they served as missionaries. They ran their mission in an area with Viet-Cong activity but were left alone because of their charitable work. They conducted bible classes for American troops and ran a wheelchair repair facility for local villagers with the help of servicemen. They came under fire when there was fighting, but they endured and often return to Vietnam to see the changes.

Char is an author and has recently published book, *My Vietnam*.*

Quality Life Center Provides Free Quest For Success Teen Program



Quality Life Center After School program kids work on a digital project

Thanks to a five-year 21st Century Community Learning Center grant from the Florida Department of Education, Quality Life Center's teen program, Quest For Success, will be free to middle and high school students in Lee County. The program provides a daily snack and will take place Monday through Saturday at multiple sites, including Omega Foundation on Blake Street, the Quality Life Center, Dunbar High School and Lee Charter School.

Quest For Success has four components: academics, personal enrichment, athletics and recreation, and performing arts. Academics involve interactive projects to boost student interest and performance by allowing students to explore, learn and create in a non-traditional, textbook-style environment. This includes Odyssey of the Mind problems and a competitive robotics option. All lessons are tied to Florida's State Standards, and are taught by certified teachers. Personal enrichment activities include mentoring, tutoring, computer technology, media arts instruction and character devel-

opment. Character development activities utilize the research-based Positive Action curriculum to promote character development, empower youth, reduce disruptive and problem behavior and strengthen leadership skills. Performing arts activities include music and dance.

The program targets teens attending Title I schools. The award for the first year is \$481,965 from the Department of Education, and continues for the next four years.

For information or to sign up for Quest For Success, contact Dr. Charles Cunningham at 334-2797, visit the center at 3210 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Fort Myers or visit www.qualitylifecenter.org.*

Wednesday Morning Live! Lecture Series

“It's That Time Again,” the next Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture at Covenant Presbyterian Church, will be presented

by Sharon Harrington, Supervisor of Elections for Lee County. Get the latest status of redistricting for Lee County.

The one-hour lecture begins at 10 a.m., with coffee and snacks served at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free.

Covenant Presbyterian Church is located at 2439 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. Call 334-8937 or visit www.info-covpcfm.com.*

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Another Great Week To Be Out On The Water



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

With the forecast of light winds and highs in the low 80s, it's going to be another great week to be out on the water. Our big low tides will be early morning and will

offer some great fishing opportunities. Big high tides are coming around midnight so it's another week of fishing low incoming water. Above average temperatures by mid-week will warm the water up enough that the bite should really go off.

One thing that is constant about our winter fishing is the wide variety of species you can catch. Some days you never know what the next cast will bring. One big surprise this week was a 26-inch gag

grouper caught by a client while mangrove fishing for redfish in less than three feet of water. This gag grouper was quite the epic battle on the light spinning gear. At one point the fish even got hung up in some bottom structure. After giving it slack line for about 30 seconds, the fish relaxed and the angler reeled tight and pulled it free of the snag.

Although we currently have big numbers of gag grouper in the bay and passes, season remains closed on them until March 31. These grouper are a great light tackle, shallow water gamefish and can be caught on a wide variety of baits and even plugs. I have lots of anglers tell me they look a lot like fresh water bass. They may look like a bass but they fight like a bass on steroids and are about the hardest hitting fish that swims in our waters.

With daily warming conditions, lots of trout have moved out from the deeper creeks and channels and back onto the grass flats. Mixed in with the trout have also been a few pompano. Though most of the trout remain on the small size it seems to be a numbers game. Every dozen or so hook-ups bouncing a shrimp-tipped jig or soft plastic jig along the bottom you will get a slot-sized trout. If you're willing to work at it for an hour or so, a

limit of trout comes pretty easily. If you just want to target the bigger trout, a small pinfish fished under a popping cork does not draw many strikes but when it does go down it's usually an 18-inch-plus trout.

The same numbers game continues with our redfish action too. The biggest redfish of the week was caught by Donna Black and measured 25 inches. The fish came after we caught several other reds in the 16- to 20-inch range. Once located, hooking 20-plus redfish on one little piece of deeper mangrove shoreline or out in a sand pothole was normal. Live shrimp remains the bait of choice for redfish as it will all winter long.

Our deeper residential canals continue to hold good numbers of snook. One canal I often fish during cold water periods has a nine-foot channel then a little bay with shallow dark bottom that the snook just love to lay up on and sun themselves during the warmest part of the day. The bigger fish in here have been all but impossible to get to eat a bait while the smaller models seem to eat more freely.

One morning this week we caught a dozen or more of these snook without one being over 20 inches. While riding in my tower it was awesome to see so many big snook laid up in one little bay. As conditions warm, these bigger fish will slowly



Longtime clients Donna and Paul Black from Sea Isle, New Jersey, with two keeper redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

start to feed. It's just a matter of being there when they do.

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.

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Local Waters/Local Charts Class

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class. The class will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. Optional On-The-Water training is also offered at a later date. Please check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$40.

The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron's classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd. (at the corner of Kelly Road, across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.*



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CROW Case Of The Week:

Red Tide Crisis



by Patricia Molloy

Red tide is back. "We're swamped," said Dr. Heather Barron, clinic director. She reports that an average of six patients suffering from toxicosis are being admitted daily

to CROW. Dr. Heather further noted that while volunteers are quick to assist CROW after hurricanes, people do realize how busy the clinic becomes during outbreaks of red tide.

The clinic is so overwhelmed with toxicosis patients that the medical staff has implemented an "assembly line treatment" technique to cope with the case load. The majority of patients requiring immediate medical attention are birds; CROW is currently treating a large number of brown pelicans, double crested cormorants and herring gulls.

Red tide is an ancient, natural phenomenon caused by tiny, single celled algae called *Gymnodinium breve*. There is an ongoing, heated debate among scientists about how much of an effect man-made pollution has had on the severity and frequency of these algal outbreaks.

While red tide causes little more than respiratory and eye discomfort for most



Just a handful of CROW's patients from the last red tide outbreak in December

humans, it has a more serious effect on marine wildlife. Exposure to the algal bloom can be dangerous, even fatal, to fish, sea turtles and birds.

Caring for sick and injured wild birds is particularly challenging due to the high-stress nature of avians. CROW is in the precarious position of treating infirm wildlife while limiting human contact as much as possible. This is to ensure that the patients do not become accustomed to

people so that they can successfully survive upon return to their natural habitats.

During the early stages of care, toxicosis patients require daily tube feeding of Piscivore Care, a formula designed to meet the metabolic needs of critically ill fish-eating seabirds. They also require fluid injections under the skin to prevent dehydration and the administration of a liver detox with milk thistle to stimulate the liver into filtering out the toxins.

Artificial tears and an antibiotic ointment are often applied to treat eye irritation, as some birds are so weak that they are unable to blink their eyes. Additionally, all sea-living patients require daily "tub time" to promote with hydration and physical exercise.

Once patients are well enough to eat fish on their own and have regained most of their strength, they are moved outside to special enclosures that mimic their natural environments. Still, all patients must be fed and progress must be documented on a consistent schedule.

The doctors and medical interns at CROW often work more than 12 hours per day caring for over 4,000 sick, injured and orphaned wildlife patients each year. With such a drastic surge of patient admissions, the staff is in desperate need of additional assistance during this red tide crisis. While a medical background is helpful, it is certainly not required.

If you are a bird and/or animal lover, show how much you care by giving a little of your time to CROW. Sanibel's native birds, tortoises and mammals need your help now more than ever.

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

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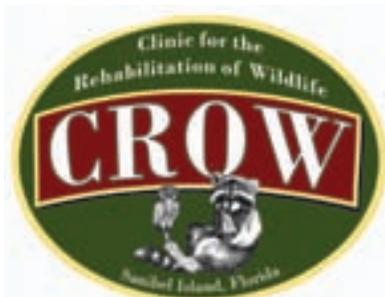
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Plant Smart

Orchid Tree

by Gerri Reaves

The orchid tree (*Bauhinia purpurea*) is a semi-deciduous native of eastern Asia. Because it is a beautiful fast-growing shade tree with a long and profuse flowering season, it's easy to understand its popularity.

The showy fragrant flowers appear in autumn. Five-petaled and up to five inches across, they appear in clusters near the stem tips, with colors ranging from magenta to pale pink.

They give off a delicate fragrance that can cause you to turn around and search for the source.

Bipartite leaves have two rounded lobes with a deep cleft at the apex, a shape that inspires the common name butterfly tree. Yet



The orchid tree is a native of eastern Asia

photos by Gerri Reaves



The leaf shape gives this tree another common name, butterfly tree

another name is poor-man's orchid.

A member of the bean family, this tree produces large flat seed pods of up to a foot long.

The tree can be up to 40 feet tall and can be messy due to the many falling seed pods and brittle branches. Some experts consider the tree noxious or weedy.

A similar tree, Hong Kong orchid, probably a hybrid of *B. variegata* and *B. purpurea*, is sterile, and therefore doesn't produce pods.

Be careful not to confuse this species with the very similar *Bauhinia variegata*, which is listed as a category 1 invasive plant by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. Its flowers have overlapping petals and bloom after the leaves fall.

Sources: fleppc.org, floridata.com, and plants.usda.gov.

*Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create an environmentally responsible, low-maintenance South Florida landscape.**

Caring For Your Plants

No-Maintenance Plants: Truth Or Fiction?



by Justen Dobbs

Technology in horticulture is improving by leaps and bounds in the 21st century, providing newly discovered species, hybrids, and other plants and trees that can be utilized in almost any

Florida landscape. Many of these new species are being grown for their visual appeal and low maintenance attributes. Some examples are hybrid plants and trees, succulents, tropical air plants, and uncommon natives.

In our current economic climate, most homeowners are looking to cut monthly living expenses wherever possible.

So, do no maintenance plants actually exist? The answer is yes. Technically, bromeliads (air-plants from South America) and succulents require no irrigation, trimming, fertilizer, or pest control and provide year-round color. And we can't forget Florida native plants and trees which can live off our rain and don't require any maintenance (in most cases).

But, Florida native plants limit you to green and silver foliage.



Bromeliads, cycads, and flax lilies can be a bit more expensive initially, but save thousands on landscape maintenance in the long run

Most people believe that you have to plant flowering bushes and annuals in order to get a splash of color when they bloom. These typically require a lot of maintenance and only bloom part of the year. If you enjoy planting these types of bushes and live here year-round, that's fine. But if you are interested in lower maintenance alternatives, there are many available if you know what to ask for.

For the tropical look, I suggest drought-tolerant exotic palms, bromeliads, cordylines, and crotons. All have colorful foliage year-round so you don't have to

wait for them to bloom. If planted in fall or winter, they will need to be watered often for the first 45 to 60 days, then they're ready to live off rain alone. If planted in May or June, these plants will not need any water and will depend on our rainy season to establish. Once established, they require almost zero maintenance:

- If the palms are self-cleaning, you only need to pick up a few dead fronds per year.
- The bromeliads require zero maintenance.



This colorful landscape on Fort Myers Beach has no irrigation and requires no maintenance except for lawn mowing

• The cordylines and crotons will shed a handful of leaves per year on their own. These fallen leaves can be left alone to turn into mulch, or you can go through once a month and collect them by hand, no equipment needed.

In addition, these plants require no fertilizer and only the crotons may require some occasional pest control for scale or sooty mold. You may want to ask your landscaping company about some of these. If they can't provide them, a simple Google search such as "buy bromeli-

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White peacock butterfly

Guided Nature Walks At North Fort Myers Parks

On Saturday, February 4, take a guided nature walk along a the boardwalk at Prairie Pines Preserve in North Fort Myers from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Admission is free.

From an ADA-compliant boardwalk, this hour-long stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the birds, butterflies, and plants that call it home. Visit one small section of a 2,654-

acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, wildlife observation areas, and equestrian trails. Restrooms are available.

Prairie Pines Preserve is located at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail. Participants will meet in the parking lot.

More information is available by calling 533-7455.

Also, take a morning stroll in the woods at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve in North Fort Myers on Saturday, February 11 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Admission is free.

Traverse wetland, oak hammock and pine flatwoods on ADA-compliant board-

Florida Panther NWR Biologist Coming To 'Ding'



Larry Richardson will address new science in tracking Florida's panther population

Larry Richardson, biologist and photographer at Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge near Naples, will make a special guest appearance to speak about "Where Photography Meets Science: Using Remote Cameras to Capture the Florida Panther."

His presentation takes place on Friday,

February 3 in the Education Center at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Richardson and his staff track and treat Florida panthers within the 26,400-acre Everglades-area refuge in an effort to help the endangered species survive. He assists with cat examinations and radio-collar tagging, and will explain how new technology is helping in the refuge's mission.

This year for the first time, due to their popularity, the free lectures will be held twice each Friday, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Education Center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the Refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

The remaining 2012 "Ding" Darling Friday Afternoon Lecture Series includes:

- February 10 – Charles LeBuff – *Images of America: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge**
- February 17 – Nationally famous birders, authors Don & Lillian Stokes – *Bird Identification**
- February 24 – No lecture (Volunteer Award Luncheon)
- March 2 – Author Blair Witherington – *Florida's Living Beaches** (part of the 75th Shell Fair & Show Shellabration! 2012)
- March 9 – Refuge Biologist Jeremy



Downy woodpecker

walk and trail while learning more about the birds, butterflies and plants that call this home. Visit one small section of a 1,290-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, scenic observation areas and picnic pavilions. Restroom are available.

Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve is located at 10130 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. Participants will meet in the parking lot

For more information, call 533-7455.

These tours are provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks & Recreation.*

Conrad – Alligators

- March 16 – Dr. Dale Gawlik – Wading Birds
- March 23 – Roger L. Reep and Robert K. Bonde – *The Florida Manatee**
- March 30 – Live indigo snake presentation by Dennis Giardina, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist
- April 6 – Just Ducky – Unveiling of new Duck Touch Screen computer with guest speakers decoy carver Jim Sprankle and supervisory refuge ranger Toni Westland

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarling-society.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566, 472-1100 ext. 4 or dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com.*

Parks & Rec Presents Being An Eco-Traveler

Join Lee County Parks & Recreation for a free public program series that will provide you with the inside tips and tricks of being a true eco-traveler here in Southwest Florida.

Speakers and presentations are set for 7 p.m. on January 26, February 23 and March 29 at the Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Blvd. (between College Parkway and Cypress Lake Drive) in South Fort Myers.

The programs include:

- "Paddling The Blueway" on Thursday, January 26 – Betsy Clayton, Lee County Parks & Recreation waterways coordinator for the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, and Terri Krass, local paddling club member and volunteer guide, will share kayaking information and basic paddling gear and novice routes through Lee County waterways.

- "The Nature of Southwest Florida" on Thursday, February 23 – Charles Sobczak, author of *The Living Gulf Coast: A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida*, will share a photo presentation of his new book, which includes the regional wildlife and 162 eco-destinations within the six counties of Southwest Florida. Autograph copies of his books will be available.

- "A Time Gone By" on Thursday, March 29 – Terry Cain, Lee County Parks & Recreation land stewardship coordinator, and John Kiseda, Lee County Parks & Recreation environmental education coordinator, will share little-known facts and folklore about the Lee County coastline.

"As a premier destination for ecotourism, Southwest Florida provides many opportunities for residents and visitors to experiences unique ecosystems and cultural awareness," said Kiseda, who planned the "Being An Eco-Traveler" series.

Although the programs are free, space is limited. An RSVP is suggested by calling 432-2163. For more information, e-mail kisedajb@leegov.com. To learn about and visit Lee County Parks & Recreation's preserves, parks and paddling trail, visit www.leeparks.org.*



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Locals To Attempt Largest Sanibel Stoop For Book Of World Records

Shellabration! 2012 not only “shellbrates” the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, but will also feature an attempt at breaking a world record. Festivities kick off with a mass Sanibel Stoop event on Bowman’s Beach on Friday, February 17 at 10 a.m. Designed to break a Guinness Book World Record in the largest treasure hunt category of 250 people, it urges islanders and visitors to show up and sign their names to be sent to the *Guinness Book of World Records* to prove the island has broken the record.

Registration for this special event is \$5, which includes a special T-shirt sponsored by Congress Jewelers. The Sanibel Bicycle Club will lead a ride to Bowman’s Beach for those interested in participating in the Sanibel Stoop world record attempt. Departure will be from Sanibel Community Park, next to The Community House. Trolley service will also be available.

“Because it’s the 75th anniversary, we wanted to do something special,” said Marge Meek, Sanibel Community Association president, which hosts the event. “It shows everyone this is a shell island.”

For more details, visit www.Shellabration2012.com, call 472-2155 or visit The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.✪

America’s Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering an America’s Boating Course on Saturday, February 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

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

The course consists of two sessions

on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, February 25, also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd. (at the corner of Kelly Road, across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers. Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call the office at 466-4040.✪

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Plant Care

-ads” or “low-maintenance plants” should point you in the right direction.

Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He has served on the board of the Palm Society of Southern California and is a member the International Palm Society and the Florida Farm Bureau. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.✪

Local Artists Team Up To Help CROW

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, invites everyone to attend its Smooth Jazz Cruise fundraising event to be held at Traders Café and Store, 1551 Periwinkle Way on Sunday, February 12, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Local artists have contributed over 30 original pieces that will be available for both silent and live auction bidding. Among the contributing artists are Myra Roberts, Ikki Matsumoto, Dick Fortune, Sarah Lopez, Adam Serra, Joan Roberts and Marcus Thomas. There will also be a special Painting Out Loud performance by Leoma Lovegrove.

Traders will be transformed into the

USS Rehabilitator, where guests will set sail into an evening of fun including games and jazz performance.

All proceeds from the auctions will benefit CROW and support its efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care, and education.

A tasting of select wines will be held separately and those sampled wines will be available for purchase by the case.

Tickets are \$75 each. Guests may also reserve seating for two at specially designated captain’s tables for \$500, which also includes reserved parking.

Sponsors include The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, 50% Off Framing and John Grey Painting.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 472-3644 ext. 227 or e-mail ava@crowclinic.org ✪

Cape Sunset Celebration

There will be live music with Kraig Kenning on the Cape Coral Yacht Club pier on Wednesday, February 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. The Cape Chorale will also be performing.

Food and drink specials will be available at KC’s Riverstop. Over 55 vendors will be selling their arts and crafts, jewelry and gift items. There will also be a Classic Car Cruise-In with over 25 cars from the 30s to 80s.

The celebration is free to the public.

A free shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes from Club Square to the Yacht Club from 3:45 to 7:15 p.m. Call 574-0806 for more information.✪

CROW Offers Series Of Public Presentations

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will host presentations throughout January as part of its “Wonders of Wildlife” lecture series to educate the public on our native and migratory wildlife species, what makes them unique and how they wind up at CROW.

Presentations are held at 11 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday, at CROW’s Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. Each day will feature a different presentation given by CROW’s volunteers, staff or our wildlife partners.

Please join us for these upcoming presentations:

Thursday, January 19: “Clinic Rounds” – Every week, meet our veterinarian, rehabbers or students, who will

give you insight about the inner-workings of CROW’s hospital that sees more than 4,000 patients a year.

Friday, January 20: “Why Animals Come To CROW” – Do you ever wonder why animals wind up at CROW? Or what kinds of critters we receive in our clinic? Find out the answers to these questions more from one of our seasoned volunteers.

Saturday, January 21: “Getting To Know CROW” – Learn more about CROW from one of our longtime volunteers. Find out who we are, what we do and what you can do to help protect and save wildlife.

Tuesday, January 24: “Fresh Water & Sea Turtles” – Our sea turtle patients come from the coastal waters between Sarasota and Miami, and a variety of fresh water turtles are found throughout Southwest Florida. Learn the reasons these wild animals are admitted to CROW.

For more information, call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org.✪

Family Caregivers

Are you caring for a loved one? If you are, it is essential to care for yourself. It is not uncommon for caregivers to experience feelings of anxiety, guilt and exhaustion. The good news is you are not alone.

The CARE Program (Caregiver Assistance and Regional Education) is offering a monthly health and wellness group, where the focus is on you.

Come join our group – take a break, relax, learn, laugh... and enjoy a much deserved break.

The Family Caregivers program is presented by Monica Dunkley, RN, BC, clinical educator for the Lee Memorial Health System. It is held on the second Tuesday of each month at Sterling House of Cape Coral, 1416 Country Club Blvd., from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

To reserve your space, call Gerry Salvia at 573-7777

Family Caregivers is funded by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Senior Choices of Southwest Florida in collaboration with Lee Memorial Health System – Older Adult Services.✪



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English Pony by Sherry Rohl
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Davis Art Exhibit

Over the next 15 years, Ikki worked in the advertising field and also finished several important commissions, including publications for Rand McNally and illustrations for *The Joy of Cooking*. He and Polly moved to a 50 acre farm in Loveland, Ohio, where at one time the household consisted of "two sons, one daughter, five horses, one donkey, three dogs, a lot of cats, four goats, a dozen or so chickens, a few ducks, one monkey and a skunk." He has never been at a loss for subjects. In the mid-1970s,

his love of wildlife illustrations led him to Sanibel Island, where he established a career as a painter and printmaker, and he and Polly opened a gallery. On Sanibel, the native birds became his subjects.

Ikki Matsumoto was one of 50 artists chosen by first lady Nancy Reagan to paint an Easter egg. It is now in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Museum. The C&S National Bank on Sanibel commissioned 30 original paintings which were put on public display throughout their building. It is the largest corporate collection of his work.

Polly Matsumoto has been weaving since

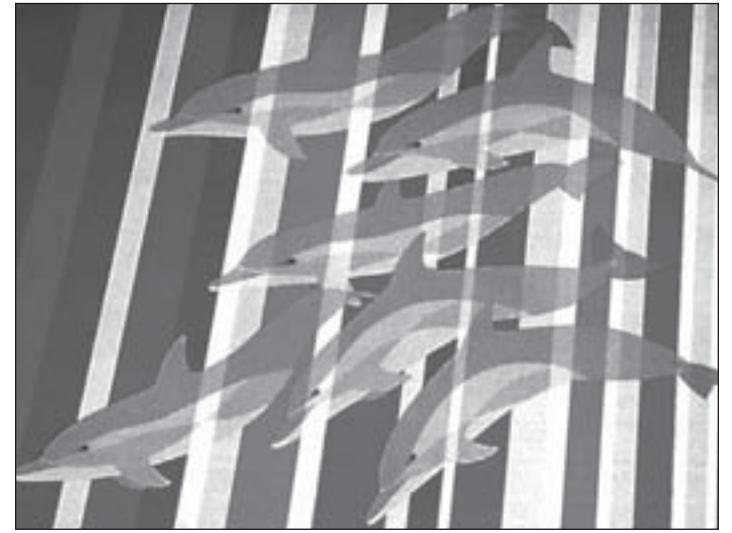
the 1960s, but she has been working with fiber as long as she can remember. She recalls designing and sewing her own clothes as a young teen and making paper dolls before that. She learned to weave when her sister-in-law went to Japan for a few years and asked her to store her loom for her. Polly started working with it and loved it. Now she spins and dyes as well.

Polly's works are mixed media pieces which incorporate weavings, paintings, and found objects. They are filled with earthy colors and rich textures.

After a brief move back to Ohio in 2006, the Matsumotos have returned to Southwest Florida and are working hard to complete enough pieces for the large space at the Davis Art Center.

Sherry Rohl likes to draw and paint and says that it has been a compulsion since she was four-ish. She also likes horses. She owned a pony and a horse when she was a teenager, and her first drawings were of horses.

"Art school, children and life led me to explore other visual modalities," Rohl explains, "but now art school is a dim



Dolphins by Ikki Matsumoto

memory, the kids are grown, and life has led me back to drawing and painting... and the compelling horse."

Sherry studied at the College of Design, Art and Architecture at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. She has shown her work in galleries throughout Florida, including the Von Liebig Art Center in Naples, the Florida Center for Contemporary Art in Tampa, the Boca Raton Museum of Art, and the Society of Four Arts in Palm Beach.

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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Mojo Hands

Cancer will exhibit in the middle gallery room as a fundraiser for The Young Artists Awards.

Lennie Jones, an outsider artist, primitive self-taught painter of the holistic blues experience, grew up in south Louisiana. His father instilled in him a deep love of blues music, drawing pictures and endless swampy wilderness. His mother also gave Lennie talented artistic influence. These positive connections luckily cradled him through a very troubled youth and have remained the most powerful motivations in his adulthood. Lennie's father left early in his life, so the bulk of his youthful years were heavily influenced by a vibrant, one-eyed, Southern African-American woman named "Tex." She raised Lennie, whose mother was constantly away pursuing other ventures. Tex had a boisterous and soulful love of the blues, God, booze and fishing, all of which became very important to Lennie as well.

Upon finishing high school, Jones became a traveling blues musician, gigging in New York City in March 1968, where he met and heard the incredible Albert King. King's unique combination of incomparable power, heartfelt pain, passionate subtlety and compelling musicianship moved his soul like no music ever had before. Soon, Jones was opening for the original Canned Heat, shaking hands with Muddy Waters, Bill Monroe, Bill Graham, seeing the immortal Jimmy Reed and Zappa. This solidified his love



Lonzie by George Mitchell

of playing, hearing and living the blues. Unfortunately, years of continued professional playing resulted mostly in a habitual wrestling match with his alcohol demons and repeated brushes with the law. As often lamented by bluesmen, "When you let the Devil ride, he wanna drive," states Jones.

This struggle culminated with his final arrest following a late night gig in a rural southern enclave in March 1980. Police roughed him up and threw him into a tiny, dark jail, and chained to another unfortunate convict who had murdered his wife that very night with a knife. Early the following morning, the two of them



Belan's Spirit Shield

were paraded barefoot through several blocks of a small town and presented to a hard time judge. This was Jones' crossroads, and he never drank alcohol again. Only a few years later, miraculously overlooking his "shady" past and welcoming his unique wilderness skills, Jones was hired by the federal government as a ranger in the remote Florida Everglades, where he wandered for over 20 years, working alone and chasing poachers, renegade "gators," smugglers and other wonderful characters in his very own American paradise. For many years, he had thrived in the mysterious and primitive wilderness, very happy, healthy and



Blues Blind by Lennie Jones

blessed with a timeless source of spiritual inspiration to his art, heart and soul.

Upon retirement, Jones picked up a paintbrush, started painting his first love, his rendition of the blues experience, the Louisiana Bayou and whatever else that moves him.

For more information on Lennie, send an e-mail to bluescop49@embarqmail.com.*

Calendar Girls To Honor Veterans



Front row is Frances Kirkbride and Linda Floyd. Second row is Barbie Graff, Deb Watch, Lyn Carlson, Fran Thomas, Cara O'Keefe and Jaye Dobson. Third row is Luda Goldenberg, JJ Jones, Joanne Young, Katherine Shortlidge, Debbie Frazier, Tina Pegler and Rita Doyle. Fourth row is Lynne Hudson, Pat Benner, Kathy Della Bella, Rita Farley, Joy Baker, Aileen Smith, Marianne McSweeney, Pat Webber and Barb Peck

The Calendar Girls Florida dance team is honored to perform on Friday, January 27 during an event to honor veterans at the Lee County Sports Complex, located at 14100 Six Mile Cypress in Fort Myers.

American Veteran's Traveling Tribute (AVTT) will be bringing their Cost of Freedom Tribute to the area. The AVTT exhibit includes a September 11 tribute, a Cost of Freedom display of gold dog tags (identifying each service member killed since Vietnam) and the emotional centerpiece of the exhibit: an exact replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall (80 percent scale) displaying all 58,253 names of the men and women killed in the Vietnam War

The Calendar Girls support Paws For Patriots to provide guide and service dogs to veterans and dance at many such events throughout the year.

For more information about the Calendar Girls, call 850-6010.*

Mixed Media Artist Opens Exhibition At Alliance



Evidence 1 by Michelle Sales

Illinois-based mixed media artist Michelle Sales opens her next solo exhibition, *Observations*, in the main gallery at the Alliance for the Arts on Friday, February 10 with a reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra violinist Rachel Cox will perform during the opening reception.

While she began her artistic career as a painter, the Illinois-based artist shifted her focus to mixed media sculpture.

She says her work is about the accumulation and preservation of memories. "These memories, represented by constructed and found materials, are stitched together to create two- and three-dimensional artwork. Each piece is built up with various layers denoting passage of time and erosion."

Sales has won awards and recognition in national and international exhibitions, including being featured at the 2004 Busan International Art Exhibition in South Korea. Her exhibition runs through February 25. The public can meet her and get insight into her work and process during a gallery walk and talk on Saturday, February 11 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Fort Myers painter Annie St. Martin is the featured artist in the Alliance Member Gallery in February. A collection of work by Charles Vavrina will be on display in the Theater Lobby.

Contact Exhibition Coordinator Krista Johnson, at 939-2787 or exhibitions@artintlee.org for more information.

The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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Craft Guild Exhibit Opens

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild presents "Color My World,"

an all-member juried fine craft show featuring work by Guild artisans in clay, glass, mixed media, jewelry, wood, stone and fiber. The exhibition will run from February 3 to 24 at Cape Coral Arts Studio, located at 4533 Coronado Parkway in Cape Coral.

The opening reception will be held on Friday, February 10 from 5 to 7 p.m., with awards presented at 6 p.m.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information and show hours, call the Cape Coral Arts Studio at 574-0802.*



Old Weavers Never Die by Rose Young

Pauline Healey Wins First Place In Beach Art Show

Pauline Healey won first place in the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Winter Juried Show. Judge Rose Edin expressed great admiration for the high quality of the artwork displayed to her for judging last Sunday.

The artwork hanging is all original work created by local artists not only from the beach art association, but also members from surrounding art groups who are members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida. Each member group of the council hosts an art show open to the other member groups once a year. This show will hang until February 9.

The sponsor is the Red Coconut RV Resort.

On February 9 at 5:30 the association will host its annual potluck at the gallery during which there will be an election of new officers for 2012/13. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the art organization is welcome to attend as a guest and learn more. There will be a small fee for dinner with appetizers, salad and desserts provided by members. Call the gallery for more information at 463-3909.



Pauline Healey, left, with her winning painting titled *Jill*

photo by Bruno Notari

Winners

1st place: Pauline Healey
2nd place: Dannica J. Walker
3rd place: Sherry Collier
Merit: Gretchen Johnson
Merit: Craig Peterson
Merit: Sue Pink
Honorable: Maggie Rapp
Honorable: Terry Shattuck
Honorable: Barb Valentine

Jill, watercolor
Reflections, watercolor
River Fol Estuary, oil
Sunset With Pines, acrylic
When Coffee was Cheap, watercolor
No. 8", Watermedia
Silver and Citrus, watercolor
Evening- Dixie Fish House, watercolor
Emulsions, acrylic

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Upcoming events include:
On January 25, 26, 31 and February 1, Patty O'Kane will teach Drawing and Dry Media 6 to 9 p.m. in the gallery.

On February 2 and 3, Sue Pink will teach a collage class.

On February 12, the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Spring Show opens with demonstration by Carol Frye from 4 to 6 p.m. There is a \$10. admission fee for the demonstration. Show runs until March 15.

On February 12, the association's Art on the Boulevard, sponsored by Century 21 Tri-Power, is at 2001 Estero Boulevard (across from Diamond Head). Meet 12 local artists; all original art work.

February 13 to 17, Carol Frye NWS ISEA teaches her workshop, Precious Stones, for the week. Her work is multimedia and inspirational.

On February 19, Fort Myers Beach Art Association Gallery talk for the Spring Juried Show is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with a reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome.

February 23 to 25, Neil Walling will teach Plein Air Painting each morning at various sites.

For more information about any of these classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or go to www.fortmyersbeachart.com.✪

Symphony Competition For Young Artists

The 46th annual Competition For Young Artists, The Jillian Prescott Music Awards and The Joseph and Marilyn Van Sickle Vocal Competition, sponsored by The Southwest Florida Symphony and Society Scholarship, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5 at FGCU's Bower School of Music, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South in Fort Myers. Hours on Saturday are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Disciplines include keyboard, strings, woodwinds/brass, percussion and voice.

Van Sickle - For senior high school and college students and legal residents of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades or Hendry counties in Florida. A \$2,000 per year college scholarship will be rewarded.

Jillian Prescott - Winners will receive prize money. The competition is two-tiered:

- Youth: high school and younger (age 12 to 17)
- Young Adult (age 17 to 22)

Prize money of \$200 (Youth) and \$400 (Young Adult) will be awarded for future musical study. An overall winner in each age category will win \$500. One of the first place winners, will be awarded \$1,000 and perform with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra during the 2012-13 season, with music to be mutually agreed by the conductor and winner. Additional awards will be given to "up and coming" young stars

For more information, contact Pamela Simon in the Southwest Florida Symphony office at 418-0996.✪

Local Student Takes Part In Children's Opera

Lauren Pratt from Fort Myers participated in Belhaven's Little Operas for Children: Little Red Riding Hood and The Toy Shop. Pratt is a senior pursuing a bachelor of arts in music from Belhaven University.

The Belhaven University Music Department and the Mississippi Opera present the children's operas at the Belhaven Center for the Arts. These fun-filled operas by composer Seymour Barab were staged day and night, January 20 and 21.

Barab received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Opera Association.

Barab's *Little Red Riding Hood* was the first American opera ever performed in China and *The Toy Shop*, commissioned by the New York City Opera, was performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

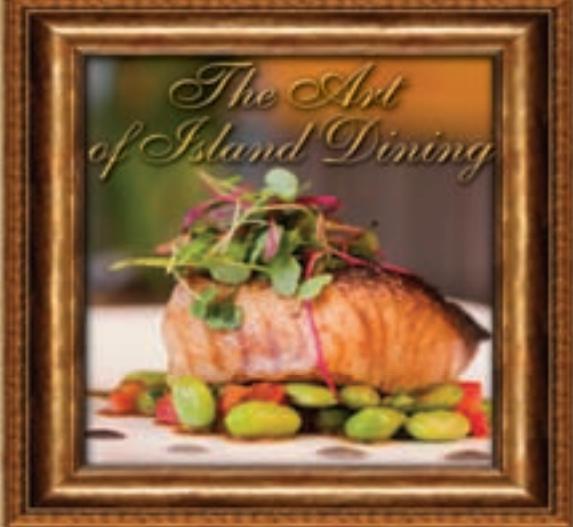
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Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center February Events

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center announces the following schedule of events during the month of February:

Friday, February 3 – Art Walk with The Art of Ikki & Polly Matsumoto and Sherry Rohl. Events is from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

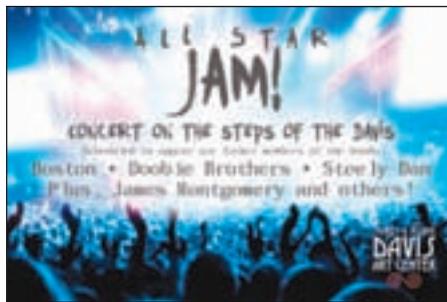
Monday, February 6 – Fort Myers Film Festival Mixer, Intellectualization: Come watch and discuss short films that are in consideration for the Fort Myers Film Festival. From 6 to 7 p.m., enjoy a Happy Hour Mixer with 2-for-1 drinks at the bar. Films start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$2 for Founding Fans and fans on Facebook.

Friday, February 10 – M-pact: Experience The Voice. The smooth soul of Stevie Wonder, the percussive power of *Stomp!*, the funk and drive of Earth, Wind & Fire, the hip licks of Take 6 and the brass bite of the Harry Connick Jr. Big Band... all created by the human voice alone. Hailed “one of the best pop-jazz vocal groups in the world” by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, M-pact singer Jarrett Johnson won a Grammy for his contributions to Michael Buble’s album *Crazy Love*. Concert is from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$33 each or \$15 for students.

Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12 – Moving Ethos Dance Company. Show is from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are



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\$33 each or \$15 for students.

Sunday, February 12 – Famous Author Lecture with Brad Meltzer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Tenth Justice*, *Dead Even* and many other works. Event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets (Individual author, lecture only) \$75 members/\$125 non-members; (lecture and lunch) \$100 members/\$150 non-members; (Gold Circle with VIP reception) \$125 members/\$175 non-members. (Series of three authors, lecture only) \$200 members/\$350 non-members; (lectures and lunches) \$275 members/\$425 non-members; (Gold Circle with VIP receptions) \$350 members/\$500 non-members.

Monday, February 13 – Fort Myers Film Festival Mixer Intellectualization. Come watch and discuss short films that are in consideration for the Fort Myers Film Festival. From 6 to 7 p.m., enjoy a Happy Hour Mixer with 2-for-1 drinks at the bar. Films start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$2 for Founding Fans and fans on Facebook.

Tuesday, February 14 – An Evening in Japan: Dinner with Berne Series. Event is from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$175 each.

Friday, February 17 – “SMOKIN’ BRASS” Naples Philharmonic Chamber Concert, held from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$33 each or \$15 for students.

Saturday, February 18 – Edison Festival Parade Tailight Party with The Derek Trenholm Band. Event is from 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is free.

Sunday, February 19 – Cotillion Valentines Dance, held from 2 to 8 p.m.



M-pact

Monday, February 20 – Fort Myers Film Festival Mixer Intellectualization. Come watch and discuss short films that are in consideration for the Fort Myers Film Festival. From 6 to 7 p.m., enjoy a Happy Hour Mixer with 2-for-1 drinks at the bar. Films start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$2 for Founding Fans and fans on Facebook.

Tuesday, February 21 – Famous Author Lecture with James Rollins, bestselling author of the *Sigma Force* series, the blockbuster movie novelization of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* and many other works. Event is from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets (Individual author, lecture only) \$75 members/\$125 non-members; (lecture and lunch) \$100 members/\$150 non-members; (Gold Circle with VIP reception) \$125 members/\$175 non-members. (Series of three authors, lecture only) \$200 members/\$350 non-members; (lectures and lunches) \$275 members/\$425 non-members; (Gold Circle with VIP receptions) \$350 members/\$500 non-members.

Saturday, February 25 – Art Center All-Star Jam. Artists scheduled to appear include Jeff “Skunk” Baxter, formerly of The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan; Barry Goudreau and Fran Sheehan of Boston; Kenny Aronoff of the Smashing Pumpkins; James Montgomery, Rick Derringer and Mousey Thompson of the James Brown Experience; Leroy Romans from the Wailers; Steve Luongo and



James Rollins

David Hull. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door.

Monday, February 27 – Fort Myers Film Festival Mixer Intellectualization. Come watch and discuss short films that are in consideration for the Fort Myers Film Festival. From 6 to 7 p.m., enjoy a Happy Hour Mixer with 2-for-1 drinks at the bar. Films start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$2 for Founding Fans and fans on Facebook.

Mondays and Wednesdays (ongoing) – Yoga & Tai Chi at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per class for members, \$15 per class for non-members; \$100 for 10 classes (members) or \$120 for 10 classes (non-members).

Tuesdays and Wednesdays (ongoing) – The Conservatory Art Class with Janie Hemenway from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Open Classes
• 3 to 4:30 p.m. – After School Youth Arts
• 5 to 7 p.m. – Art Together (for families or individuals)

Five Tuesday/Wednesday Sessions for \$90; 10 Tuesday/Wednesday Sessions for \$150. Hourly rates available, \$15 material cost.

For more information, contact Janie Hemenway at 464-1408 or jljourney@juno.com.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. Call 333-1933 or visit www.sbdac.com for more details.✪

Memoir Comes To Life At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau

The *Year of Magical Thinking* is playing in Florida Rep’s intimate 90-seat Studio Theatre, located just down the hall from the main stage. It is a powerful portrait of Joan Didion’s real-life struggle with loss.

Sara Morsey excels in her role, delivering non-stop dialogue for 95 minutes. The set is interesting, cozy and yet there is an intentional incompleteness in some of the appointments. Frames have no pictures, a window dressing is fractured, and even the wall has a large black sprawling space. I felt it represented loss, which is so heart-felt in this play.

Didion’s memoir was published in 2005, and *The Year of Magical Thinking* was adapted for the stage in 2007 starring Vanessa Redgrave.

It’s 2007, in New York City as the play begins. The first words uttered are “December 30, 2003,” as Morsey tells

the audience, “That may seem a while ago, but it won’t when it happens to you. And it will happen to you.” She talks about how life changes in an instant. It’s the day her husband, writer John Gregory Dunne, died suddenly. She reflects back on his death and their daughter Quintana, with a whirlwind of emotions that no wife or mother ever wants to experience.

She talks about the “sub-teen,” who is her husband’s doctor, and about the many antibiotics used to treat her daughter in the ICU. Only days before her husband’s death, Quintana was hospitalized with septic shock and needed ongoing care. As she describes in detail the events that define her life, a bond is made with the audience. Morsey delivers the monologue matter-of-factly, as if offering the audience a crash course for the inevitable time when we might need it (if we haven’t already).

The play is about Didion’s struggle and her redemptive journey. She reflects back on the day she painstakingly made two dozen chocolate souffles for her daughter’s birthday party and then watched two dozen 6-year-olds mash them into

chocolate pudding. With commonplace human details, the play finds poignancy in Didion’s memory of the pleasure she received brushing her daughter’s hair and the lively arguments where her husband repeatedly said, “Must you always have the last word?”

A recurring line is what she has told her daughter from infancy, “You’re safe, I’m here.” There is a guilt she feels for not being able to keep her safe, but who can guarantee another’s safety? The script also incorporates pleasant memories of world travels, including a humorous emergency plane refueling that took place in the corn fields of Kansas.

She remembers the time her husband warned that working for *Life* magazine would be like being nibbled to death by ducks. This line and a few others add a bit of humor but overall the play packs a punch. It forces one to consider the fragility of human existence and our smallness in the universe.

The Year of Magical Thinking, directed by Maureen Heffernan and starring Sara Morsey, combines artists of the highest caliber who treat delicate subject



Sara Morsey

matter with the utmost care and respect. The show plays in Florida Rep’s Studio Theatre through February 4. Tickets are available online at www.floridarep.org and by calling 332-4488.✪

Squabbling In-Laws At Off Broadway Palm



The cast of *Squabbles*



by Di Saggau

Squabbles is a hilarious comedy about two senior in-laws, who absolutely hate each other, that end up moving in with their children and becoming more than just enemies. It's showing at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre and it makes for a lighthearted comedy that everyone can relate to. The night I attended, 85 members of a local church were there, and I'm sure they'll back me up on my comments.

Having children move back in with their parents is one thing, it's totally another when parents move back in with their children, especially when the parents can't stand one another. From the get-go we learn that Abe (Robert Summers) is a caustic

tongued retired taxi driver, especially when speaking about his daughter's mother-in-law.

When Mildred Sloan's (Kay Francis) house burns down, she decides to move in with her son and daughter-in-law, and that includes her arch enemy Abe. Throwing these two under the same roof results in plenty of squabbles. I especially enjoyed the confrontations between Summers and Francis; their facial expressions are priceless. They truly know how to work off one another.

Jerry Sloan (Craig Smith) is a jingle-writer and as the play opens he is working on a new jingle for Plotkins Tuna. Smith can play the piano and also take on the accent of several famous actors of the golden years of Hollywood. He gives a strong performance. So does Amy Marie McCleary, as Alice Sloan, Abe's daughter. She's an attorney who soon finds out she is pregnant with their first child. At this point, the newlyweds try to work out a compromise for Abe and Mildred. Lot's of luck on that one.

Then there is Hector Lopez (Jayar Garcia) as the Puerto Rican gardener who is constantly taking advantage of bathroom privileges. Garcia is one of my favorite actors and he gives a wonderful performance. When the reason for his many visits to the loo are revealed, it's one of the funniest lines in the show.

Last but not least, in a small but memorable role is Mrs. Fisher, the severe, German-accented seemingly personality-free hired nanny. This role is shared by two actors, Kathryn Cintron and Nancy Antonio. Cintron played the role the night I was there, and she was great. I'm sure the same is true of Antonio.

Squabbles is directed by Paul Bernier, and the cast is a veritable who's who of local talents who deliver consistently strong performances. If laughter is indeed the best medicine, Off Broadway Palm audiences will be in tip-top health throughout the run of this very funny play.

Squabbles runs through March 3 at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. It's the little black box theatre inside Broadway Palm. For tickets, go to www.BroadwayPalm.com or call 278-4422.*

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Part II

A War Odyssey

Greatest Generation



submitted by
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We didn't know until later that a pivotal naval battle of the war was developing fifty miles out in the gulf as a Japanese armada was attempting to decimate the toehold

achieved in the recent Leyte landing. Our first clue was seeing light and heavy cruisers steaming into the harbor with their decks piled high with empty shell casings.

Sometime earlier our ship had been outfitted with an emergency operating room and sick bay, staffed by one doctor. As smaller ships straggled in from the battle we took aboard many naval pilots who suffered various injuries as a result of ditching their planes in the sea. Their flight squadron was attached to the mini-carrier, Princeton and returning from their mission, they found that their ship had been sunk.

Leyte and the adjacent island, Samar, quickly evolved into a staging area for further campaigns in the Philippines. Before the fighting began, however, the Japanese tried a second time to dislodge our growing position on Leyte. This time they came down the Surabei Straits, which effectively divide the Philippines midway, east to west. The U.S. naval forces blocked the eastern end and as the heavy Japanese ships came down the strait, each in turn was exposed broadsides as it turned to reverse course. That battle ended the Japanese naval threat for remainder of the war.

We then became part of an assault force to invade Mindoro Island on the western side of the archipelago which would effectively cut the Philippines in half. Our convoy sailed down the same Surabei Strait which had now been renamed 'the iron-bottomed sea' because of all the sunken Japanese ships.

The landing at Mindoro immediately turned into a nightmare. The Japanese sent waves of fighters and bombers down from Luzon (Clark Field complex) to intercept the landing attempt. We were preparing to beach when the planes came in. At least our flotilla of LSTs presented a scattered target rather than being all in a row on the beach. One zero (fighter plane) went after each ship. Two LSTs several hundred yards on our port and starboard sides seemed to be hit almost simultaneously. Both ships immediately became flaming infernos from bow to stern as shells stacked near all the deck guns began to ignite. Exploding shells were flying in all directions.

I watched from the wheelhouse as our zero banked and turned to make its strafing run on us. In addition to wing cannon, each zero plane also carried one 500 pound bomb. As our anti-



Leyte Gulf Landing, Philippines, October 20, 1944, D-Day +3

aircraft guns were firing away the rest of us at our battle stations watched the bomb being released as the plane began to come in over the bow. However, the bomb only partially released and remained dangling under the fuselage as the plane flew overhead. I never noticed what happened to the plane.

The sea around us was filled with bodies and others still alive who had either jumped or were blown off the two ships. Since we were equipped with the emergency operating room small boats began picking up survivors and bringing them to our gangway. Our surgeon, responding to the emergency, began recruiting people to assist in getting the wounded to his sick bay. He gave me a pad of forms and a pencil and told me to stand at the top of the gangway to get identifying information from each patient as he was brought aboard. In a moment he took back the pad and pencil and gave them to someone standing near me. I can only guess that he looked at the expression on my face and decided I wasn't a good candidate. I will always remember the voice of the skipper of one of the two fiercely burning ships close by us, when he asked over the voice radio for permission to abandon ship. He calmly recited his ship's condition; dead in the water, ammunition magazines exploding on the deck; all personnel either dead or overboard. It almost sounded like he was asking his teacher permission to leave the room.

On our way back to our home port of Leyte the doctor lost several of his patients and we had burial-at-sea ceremonies, with the sealed and weighted body bags slipping over the side from beneath the Union Jack. All available crew were lined at attention as taps were played.

The next mission was to secure the island of Palawan which was also located on the western side of the archipelago in the South China Sea.

In fact, we passed Palawan on the previous invasion flotilla to Mindoro Island.

Palawan was a sort of backwater island which intelligence told us was sparsely defended and occupied. It turned out to have been the sight of a large prisoner of war camp where hundreds of Corregidor survivors were interned. We came upon a grisly scene. When the Japanese saw our invasion armada approaching they assumed we were heading for Palawan to free the prisoners. They made a hasty attempt at destroying the evidence (mal-treated and emaciated US. personnel) by herding them into small ravines, shooting them, setting the site ablaze and then bulldozing over the entire area. We could see parts of limbs protruding from the earth. The area around the destroyed prison barracks was strewn with bits of personal effects, keepsakes, letters, etc. Everything about the place suggested a hasty retreat. A small landing strip still had zeros lined up on the runway. Several of us climbed over the planes and into the cockpits. A foolhardy move, in retrospect.

The final major assault landing of the Philippines campaign was at Linguian Gulf on the island of Luzon, the most important island in the chain, with the capital city of Manila, Clark Field, Subic Bay Naval Station, etc. Linguian Gulf was on the west coast above Subic Bay which had been and would once again become (until recently) the Navy's Pacific headquarters.

The landing involved a gigantic force including carriers, battleships, cruisers and the entire landing flotilla. Since enemy ships and aircraft were now a minimal threat, the entire force sailed into the gulf during the night for a landing at daybreak. We were anchored about four or five miles offshore and "slept" at our battle stations on deck for the rest of the night. Before dawn the battleships and cruisers began shelling and this continued for about an hour. Our ship beached in about the third or fourth wave so that the beach area and well inland was relatively secure when we arrived. Several of the major ships sustained direct hits from the

few remaining kamikaze pilots. At one point a communication post was apparently overtaken somewhere along the beach and Japanese voices came booming over the ship-to-shore radio for about fifteen minutes.

For the next several months we engaged in supply runs throughout the island chain touching at most of the major ports including, Cebu City and Zamboanga, the capital of Mindinao, the southernmost and largest of the islands.

We didn't stay long enough to determine if it was true that "the monkeys have no tails in Zamboanga." The alternative to this kind of activity would probably have been participation in the amphibious landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. I think we got the better deal.

We were anchored in Manila Bay when news came of the war's end. There was a stupendous fireworks display when thousands of multi-colored flares were sent skyward. Several weeks later we sailed into Tokyo Bay very cautiously as floating mines (tethered and free) were everywhere. After one or two liberty days in Yokohama we sailed back to Manila encountering a fierce typhoon en route. An LST was not designed to endure heavy seas being flat-bottomed and snub nosed. The greatest stress point always appeared to be somewhere amidships. I remember sitting topside the evening of the storm and watching the steam fitters on the adjacent ship in the convoy trying to weld some steel plates together. Apparently they were successful. After a little R.&R. in Manila we sailed for San Francisco by way of the Hawaiian Islands. At a speed of nine knots it took us about thirty five days. We crossed the international date line early on December 25th so we actually celebrated two Christmases. While anchored in San Francisco Bay we all sat around counting up our eligibility points and I soon realized I had enough points to fly home. Many stayed aboard for the trip through the Panama Canal and up the East coast.

I landed at La Guardia Field at 8 A.M. on February 11th, 1946. The temperature seemed to be in the teens as I stepped onto the concrete runway. After two days of mustering out activities at the old Lido Beach Hotel in Long Beach, I was enroute to Mineola.— Charles Kelleher LST 746 RM 2/C.

*Charles Kelleher, 87, a retired banker, has lived on Sanibel with his wife Phyllis since 1988. He hopes others of what Tom Brokaw calls "the greatest generation" will also relate their stories of combat.**

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Florida Snapper And Shrimp

Scampi

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 3 shallots, minced
 1 tablespoon capers
 1 tablespoon pimento, diced
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 1/2 cup bottled clam juice
 1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
 4 6-ounce snapper fillets
 1/2 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
 1/2 cup fresh parsley, minced
 Sea salt to taste
 12 ounces vermicelli or angel hair pasta, cooked

Heat the oil and butter in a large sauté pan. Add garlic and shallots and sauté for two minutes over low heat, stirring often. Raise heat to medium, add capers, pimento, wine, clam juice and pepper; simmer for two minutes. Add filets and simmer over medium-low heat for about five minutes. Add shrimp, spreading them evenly over the skillet; simmer for three minutes until filets and shrimp are cooked through. Stir in parsley; add salt to taste. Place fillets and shrimp on pasta on indi-



Florida Snapper And Shrimp Scampi

vidual plates. Spoon scampi sauce over all and serve.

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SWFL Craft Guild Bash

The Southwest Florida Craft Bash and Cape Coral Arts Studio will offer fine craft workshops on Sunday, February 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cape Coral Arts Studio, located at 4533 Coronado Parkway in Cape Coral.

Craft Bash is a day of fine craft workshops given by the artisans of the Southwest Florida Craft Guild. Workshops are offered in jewelry making, mosaics, wire wrapping, raku clay, chain maille jewelry, polymer clay, fused glass, weaving and precious metal clay. Workshops are \$35 each, or two for \$60. Materials are additional. A free demonstration of pine needle basket making will be given by award-winning fiber artist Kathy Erickson, during the lunch hour. Lunch will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund of the Southwest Florida Craft Guild. This yearly event is also a fundraiser for the Cape Coral Arts Studio, home to the Guild.

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Despite The Recent Exodus Of Teams To Arizona, Spring Training Baseball Remains Vital To Florida's Economy



by Ed Frank

With the start of spring training just days away, the question arises just what does "the rites of spring" mean locally and to the State of Florida in the way of economics?

Obviously, it means a great deal to this area as, despite a difficult economic environment, the county is spending \$78 million on construction of Jet Blue Stadium, the new spring training home of the Boston Red Sox. And investors in Naples were ready to invest millions to lure the Chicago Cubs from Arizona to Southwest Florida.

In an announcement last week by Governor Rick Scott, he pointed to a 2009 survey of spring training baseball that showed a \$753 million annual impact to the Sunshine State. In 10 of the last 12 seasons, spring training has brought 1.5 million fans to the 14 Florida communities where teams train, he said.

The same study estimated that each team generated approximately \$47 million or nearly \$100 million in Lee County where two teams are headquartered.

Spring training has been a tradition in Florida for more than 100 years, with the Philadelphia Phillies and the Detroit Tigers holding the longest tenures. The Tigers have trained in Lakeland for 76 years and the Phillies in Clearwater for 65 years.

Locally, the Minnesota Twins will begin their 22nd year at the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers and the Red Sox their 20th year, having played at the City of Palms Park 19 years before moving to their new home this spring.

But to many the economics are not as bright as often touted. In the last decade, five teams – Cleveland, Kansas City, Texas, Cincinnati and the Los Angeles Dodgers – have defected from Florida to Arizona. The 30 Major League teams are now equally divided between the two states.

And for the first time last year, spring training attendance in Arizona (1,613,853) topped Florida.

Another advantage enjoyed in the west is the fact that all 15 teams are based in the Phoenix metropolitan area, all within an hour's reach. This eases travel for

teams and fans alike. Here in Florida, the 15 teams are scattered coast-to-coast and do not all play each other.

The argument over baseball's economic impact reverberates every time a new stadium is built – and 28 major league baseball stadiums have been built in the last 30 years. Only Boston's historic Fenway Park and the Chicago Cub's Wrigley Field remain as original parks.

Let the arguments go on. But it's a certainty that spring training baseball will remain an important economic impact in Southwest Florida for many future years.

Everblades Begin Six-Game Homestand

With only five points separating the first and last place teams in the ECHL South Division, the Florida Everblades began a six-game homestand this week, starting with three games against the Greenville Road Warriors.

The finale of the series with Greenville begins at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, at Germain Arena.

As the week began, Florida, with a 21-17-3 season record, stood last in the division, but only five points behind first-place South Carolina. They dropped from second to the bottom in the tight division standings last week after losing three straight on the road, two against South Carolina and one against Gwinnett.

The homestand continues next week when the Reading Royals provide the opposition, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights at Germain Arena. Tickets are available for all three games.✪

Registration Open For Race For The Cure Participants

The 2012 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will take place on Saturday, March 10 at Coconut Point Mall in Estero and event registration is now open. Participants may register online at www.KomenSWFL.org or call 498-0016 for a printed registration form.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is the largest fundraising event in Southwest Florida supporting the fight against breast cancer. Komen is also the world's largest non-governmental source for breast cancer research and community outreach in the world.

Participants who register and raise \$100 by January 31 will be entered into a chance drawing for an American Airlines round-trip ticket anywhere in the continental U.S. As an additional incentive, those who register by February 24 will have their race day packets mailed to them.

More than 12,000 participants, volunteers and sponsors attended the 2011 Southwest Florida Race for the Cure.

The race is a sanctioned 5K event that also includes a non-competitive 5K run/walk and a one-mile fun run/walk. This allowed the Southwest Florida affiliate to make grants totaling more than \$1,015,235 to 13 local non-profit agencies that provide breast cancer education, screening, treatment and support in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

Seventy five percent of all net proceeds from the Southwest Florida Race for the Cure stay in Southwest Florida and 25 percent of proceeds are given to national research programs. Since 2002, the Southwest Florida affiliate has given more than \$4.7 million to local non-profit organizations.

Top sponsors include Mariann, Bob & Megan McDonald, Ford, Coconut Point, Comcast, The News-Press, NBC-2, e-Bella Magazine, Gator Country 101.9, Bob FM, Seminole Casino, Mix 104.7, NCH Healthcare System, 21st Century Oncology, Regional Cancer Center, FPL, Vein Specialists, Sweetbay and Winn-Dixie.

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Registration Open For Conference On Young Children

Early childhood educators and others who want to learn more about early childhood education have until February 17 to pre-register at reduced prices for the 17th Annual Circles of Care Early Childhood Conference set for Saturday, February 25 at the Fort Myers campus of Edison State College.

Circles of Care will last from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offers up to five hours of annual in-service credit for attendees. Sponsors for the event are Edison State College, The New-Press, Florida Gulf Coast University, ABS Distributors and the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

Nationally certified school psychologist Ron Davis will explain the difference between teaching discipline and managing it in his keynote address.

Davis is an associate lecturer at the University of Toledo teaching early childhood and special education courses. He will show attendees a fun way to look at behavior and what teachers can do to help children learn more appropriate behaviors through positive techniques.

Professional Development Trainer Ron Mohl will be a special guest during the day and will focus on healthy habits



Ron Davis

to help prevent obesity in children. His hands-on activities are infused with music to help promote healthy nutrition and physical activity.

Hands-on workshops are planned throughout the day to interest teachers working with all ages, from infants through school-age children.

The 17th Annual Circles of Care Conference is presented by Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc. in partnership with Edison State College.

Pre-registration is \$37 and increases to \$45 at the door. Participants may



Ron Mohl

register in person or by mail by sending payment and a completed registration form to Child Care of Southwest Florida, 6831 Palisades Park Court, Suite 6, Fort Myers, FL 33912. Online registration is available at www.ccswfl.org for an additional \$3 service fee.

More than 600 people are expected to attend the popular conference for early childhood educators, administrators, family child care providers and parents.

For more information, visit www.ccswfl.org.✪

Social Media Presentation

Despite the rapid growth of social media, misperceptions about these tools are common, especially when it comes to leveraging them for professional purposes. On Wednesday, February 15, a free presentation at Edison State College offers a crash course in using social media to advance your career.

This seminar, held from 10 a.m. to noon, provides an introduction to LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter; outlines the professional uses of these technologies and provides information on how to use them successfully. The presentation also includes some common social media pitfalls, which could undermine your professional efforts.

Presenters include Rhiannon Silvashy and Stephanie Peters, who specialize in placing administrative professionals in Southwest Florida.

Silvashy is a staffing manager with Office Team. Raised in Fort Myers, she prides herself in working hard and maintaining a positive and motivated lifestyle in her professional and personal life. Silvashy currently holds the Sponsorship Chair for Human Resource Management Association of Southwest Florida and is a member of the International Association of Administrative Personnel.

Peters is the branch manager of Robert Half International and also works as the division director of Office Team. Peters earned her MBA at Florida Gulf Coast University and has staffed more administrative professionals than anyone else in the area.

This social media presentation will take place at Edison State College's Taeni Hall (S117), 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. RSVP to kkennedy@edison.edu or call 489-9394. Seating is limited.✪

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Hello Readers,

I want to alert you to a wonderful online opportunity for your children ages 13 to 18 that might be interested in participating in a Science

Fair. As some of you may have experienced, Science Fairs are being eliminated more frequently as schools have re-allocated instructional time to increased academic instruction directed to the various tests that students are now required to take. So here is a great opportunity to participate in this well-established, educational activity outside of a student's school.

Last week, Google announced its 2012 Global Science Fair, a follow-up to last year's inaugural event. The Science Fair is open to any student (age 13 to 18) from anywhere who has access to the Internet and to a web browser. Submissions will be accepted through April 1.

Similar to last year's fair, Google has put together a celebrated judging panel that includes Google Internet Evangelist Vint Cerf and particle physicist and Nobel Prize winner. The prizes for the winners are quite impressive: the grand prize is a \$50,000 scholarship, a trip to

the Galapagos Islands led by a National Geographic Explorer, a hands-on internship at Google, CERN or LEGO, access to the Scientific American archives for their school and a personalized LEGO trophy. Two other finalists will each receive \$25,000 scholarships, access to the Scientific American archives, and a LEGO trophy.

Maggie Johnson, Google director of education and a Google Science Fair judge, addressed the company's motivation behind the fair by pointing out that "scientific experimentation is a crucial part of Google's corporate DNA." Google wants to help encourage this same sort of curiosity in the next generation. She says that scientific exploration and experimentation remain important to the company's existence to this day as it was when the company was founded in 1996, by two young computer science students.

One hypothesis suggested by the Google online Science Fair is that there's an element about the accessibility of the Web that makes it easier for students to present their work. They believe that to present in an online forum may actually encourage those who might otherwise find the process intimidating to participate in science fairs. Many students are intimidated with the idea of standing next to their project all day in the school auditorium. Submitting it online may reduce that intimidation factor. There is also the suggestion that this type of submission may be more appealing to girls who traditionally do not compete as much as boys do in these events. Last year, the top

prizes at the Google Science Fair were awarded to girls.

Google doesn't ask for gender as part of the submission process. It's not looking to highlight girls' scientific achievements but Google has added a new prize this year – a "Science in Action" award sponsored by *Scientific American*, that will go to a project that addresses "a social, environmental or health issue to make a practical difference in the lives of a group or community," with the thinking that a practical, community-oriented focus may attract girls to STEM projects.

If you are interested in this opportunity, I encourage you and your student to look at www.google.com/events/science-fair to get more information on how to participate.

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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Book Signing With Dennis A. Martin

A book signing with author Dennis A. Martin will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Raintree Mobile Home Park Craft Fair, 19250 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers.

Martin, a resident of Canfield, Ohio, will be available to sign copies of his self-help book, *Celubrious: A Celebration of Life*.

Are you one of the untold millions of people searching for a little happiness in each day despite its ups and downs? Celebrate another day of living with Martin's *Celubrious* messages. These messages will provide that daily motivation and inspiration that will help you to learn from past and present experiences and recognize that every day can be the best day of your life. These simple yet powerful two-minute doses of inspiration convey the power of living, loving and positive thinking.

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Financial Focus

Delay In Investing Could Prove Costly

by Jennifer Basey



You've no doubt heard that "time is money." While this expression may be applicable in many areas of life, it's especially relevant for investors – because the more time you spend not investing, the less money you are

likely to have when you really need it, such as during your retirement. That's why it's essential that you don't wait to start saving for your days as a retiree.

Many people think it won't make much difference if they delay investing for a few years. As you know, time flies, and before you know it, "a few years" turns into a decade – and a decade's postponement in saving for retirement can make an enormous difference in your life.

How big a difference? Suppose you plan to retire at age 65. If at age 25, you began putting \$200 a month into a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and your investments inside that IRA hypothetically earned on average 7 percent a year, you would accumulate about

\$512,000 after 40 years. However, if you had waited until you were age 30 to start saving for retirement, with all else being equal, you'd end up with only about \$355,000 when you reached 65 – \$157,000 less – due to that five-year delay. And if you waited 10 years, until you were 35, you'd end up with about \$243,000 – far less than half of what you would have accumulated had you started saving at 25.

(Keep in mind that you will eventually have to pay taxes on these accumulations, and the actual figures don't reflect fees, commissions or expenses.)

Clearly, the cost of delay can be considerable – which is why you should consider taking these steps:

- Develop a strategy with your financial advisor. It's easier to stick to a strategy if you know where you're going. Your financial advisor can help you determine how much you need to save to reach the type of retirement you've envisioned.
- If you haven't started saving, begin now. If you wait until you feel more financially comfortable before you invest for retirement, you may never begin. Even if you can put away only a small amount, such as \$50 per month, you'll have made a start.
- To make it easier on yourself, set up your accounts to automatically move a set amount each month into your IRA. As the above examples show, the best way to build substantial savings is to start early, but even if you're in your 30s or 40s, you can catch up – although you'll need to save more to potentially get to

the same level.

- Increase your investments when your income rises. Every time you get a salary increase, boost your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- Don't take a "timeout" from investing. Keep on investing, whether the "news of the day" is positive or negative.

Non-profit Workshop Space Available

Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA, Certified Public Accountants & Business Consultants, will hold a non-profit workshop on Tuesday, January 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Since 2001, Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA has sponsored seminars focused on the needs of non-profits in the areas of human resources, fundraising, accounting practices and finance. Emily Furlong of Rollins College Philanthropy & Nonprofit Leadership Center will facilitate this seminar, "How Risk Management, Strategic Planning and Fundraising Can Build a Strong Non-profit."

"We are very excited to once again bring a Florida-based resource to our program," said Lori Wilson, shareholder with Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA. "Rollins College has a diverse program for non-profits in their Philanthropy &

The best investors are those who follow a consistent strategy and continue investing, year in and year out.

In short, save early, save often – and keep investing.

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

Non-profit Leadership Center, and Emily is always a popular presenter."

"United Way is pleased to once again partner with Myers, Brettholtz and the Southwest Florida Community Foundation," added Cliff Smith, president of United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades. "Non-profits can benefit greatly from a facilitated workshop where they can evaluate their effectiveness and plan for the future. This is an easy, affordable way to create change that results in real progress."

The seminar will be held at United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades headquarters, at 7273 Concourse Drive in Fort Myers, and is coordinated with the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

Space is limited. Registration is \$25 per person and can be made by contacting Shamera Rye at 939-5775, e-mailing shamera.rye@mbcopa.com or visiting www.mbcopa.com.✱

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Making A Difference In Many Lives



A volunteer preparing a tax return at the Estero-San Carlos United Way House

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) services are now available for filing taxes for the 2011 tax year. VITA is a free tax filing service available to individuals and families making \$50,000 or less. A partnership among CredAbility, the IRS, and United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades makes the free service available at United Way Neighborhood Houses and other locations in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

Volunteers at United Way Houses have prepared thousands of tax returns for area residents in the last three years. Volunteer tax preparers come from many walks of life and include college students, retired accountants and others who all receive training and certification from the IRS.

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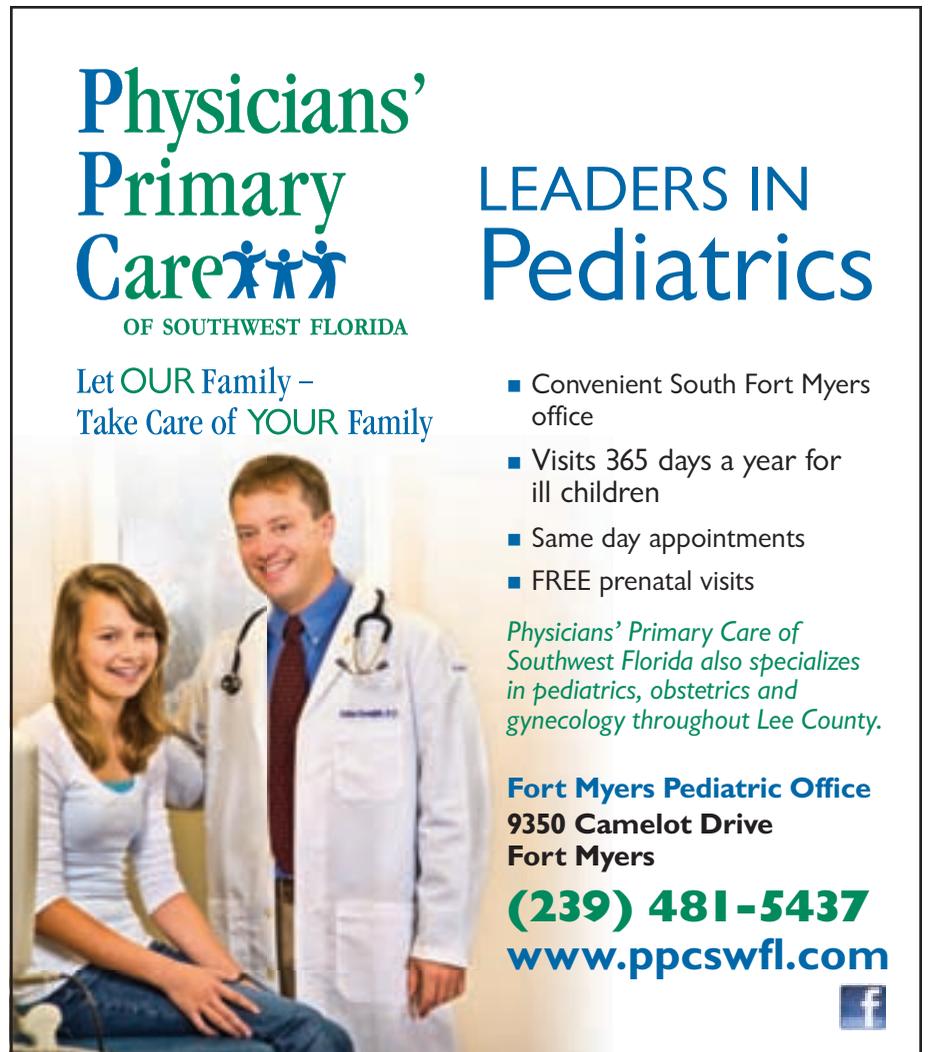
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Dr. Dave

Terminal Illnesses



by Dr. Dave
Hepburn

My office staff, having never served in government, seldom misses work due to illness. But every April 1st, the most wonderful time of the year in the hap-

happiest place on earth, they seem to collectively get ill: "Sorry, but I have pints of purulent pus pouring out of my pancreas. I have to go see a real doctor." or "Can't come in today, my dog's fleas are expecting anytime now."

Initially I suspected they were simply at home celebrating this joyous of all days, but then it dawned on me that perhaps sliding off toilet seats, igniting electronic whoopee cushions and other sophisticated pranks customary to my office were finally getting to them. So last year, I snuck in early, went to their computer terminals, popped a few tabs off their keyboards and exchanged them with each other. The M and the N changed positions, the P and the L and even the ! and the \$. Little did I realize the havoc that this would wreak; Elana couldn't access her password, Michelle was billing \$17,000 for Bill Bloggins' pregnancy test and a flustered Betty was unable to move the Jack of Hearts. They became

frantic and unsure of what evil was causing this terminal illness. I was in April fool heaven.

In addition to a malfunctioning computer driving its victims to extremes of mental anguish, there are other terminal illnesses generated by the keyboard, the monitor, the mouse or even by a laptop.

1. Eye troubles. A recent study has related heavy computer use with visual field abnormalities, refractive errors and glaucoma. Visual field defects means having blind spots in the normal visual field. Think NBA refs. A refractive error is an inability to see clearly without corrective lenses while glaucoma refers to a nasty pressure buildup in the eyeball itself.

2. Infertility in men. The reason that the male testicles are not normally tucked up say into the Adam's apple (polar bear swims excluded) is that sperm production requires a temperature lower than that of the body's core. From the "Excuse-me-but-you're-going-to-stick-that-temperature-gauge-where?" file comes a study that indicates that 60 minutes of a laptop sitting on the lap top raises scrotal temperature almost three degrees. Even if the laptop was not turned on (perhaps I should rephrase that), there was a two degree rise. "Don't worry about the birth control pill dear, I've taken my laptop today."

3. Tennis elbow belongs to a group of injuries known as cumulative trauma disorders (CTD). Also called repetitive strain injury, CTD result from repetitive exertion of a tendon, muscle, joint or even bone. Excessive typewriting can ruin the tendons that are responsible for moving the wrist/hand/fingers up and

down. When the discomfort is felt up in the elbow or upper forearm, it is time to be seen by a doctor before the strain, sprain or pain becomes debilitating. CTD (Can't Type Dammit) can become so severe over time that even holding a glass becomes a chore. This condition is one of the fastest growing injuries seen in the workplace. Even with proper ergonomics of the keyboard, monitor, mouse, chair and desk, too much time spent on a keyboard may mean too much time spent in physiotherapy.

4. Way back when I went to college the most common illnesses were smallpox, bubonic plague and consumption. Now depression and non-activity exhaustion, which go hand-in-hand with heavy computer use, are the most prevalent illnesses on most college campuses. Students are still working on consumption.

5. Muscle contraction headaches, so-called tension headaches, result from the neck and back stiffening up while perched at a computer all day. In addition, migraines and even seizures can be triggered by the flickering of a computer screen. "Monitor eye" is a type of eye-strain that causes fuzzy vision and headaches. But the wurst type of headache is caused by tryink to figure out who monceyed around with your compuder on Aqrl \$st. I wist you the pest of thus joyouz zeazon;.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book The Doctor Is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Books & Gifts. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.✱

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Food Labels Can Deceive You



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I'm determined to stick with my new year's resolution to lose weight by cutting calories. Any tips to help me?

FP, Tulsa,
Oklahoma

Medical studies have shown that caloric restriction is an effective way to lose weight. Caloric restriction increases the activity of PGC-1 alpha, a lovely gene in your body that improves fat burning ability, energy and thyroid function. One supplement that activates this gene is resveratrol and there are others which I discuss in my *Diabetes Without Drugs* book.

I prefer when people "edit" what they eat, rather than "diet" and by that I mean edit the oils you cook with, the spices you sprinkle, the snacks you munch on and so forth. But caloric restriction is equally important. Make sure they come primarily from fresh fruits and vegetables, grass-fed, hormone-free meats, and whole grains if you can handle the grains. Grains are a big topic because many grains have gluten, or they've been contaminated with fungus. Paleo diet lovers never eat grains. Regardless of your pref-

erence, my point is that excess calories come from processed and heavily refined foods so those are the ones to avoid.

Manufacturers play tricks with food labels to conceal calories. They know you're not going to closely study food labels, especially because the print is so small to begin with. A quick scan of the calorie count could leave you consuming hundreds of extra calories without realizing it. My next examples are just the tip of a gigantic "fooled you" iceberg.

Look at soda. Admittedly, I don't recommend drinking it if you are on a diet (even "diet" soda), but the label is a great example to enlighten you. Pick up a 16.9 ounce-bottle of Canada Dry ginger ale. It looks like one serving. (Gone are the days of the tiny soda bottles I remember when I was a kid.) Flip it over, and the calorie number on the label says 90. Not bad, right? Look again. It's 90 calories PER serving and there are "About two." What's with the "about?" In actuality, it's more like 210 calories in that bottle. Fooled you! I must applaud Coca Cola because at least they print "200 calories" in large letters on the front of the bottle offering clarity.

How about a chicken pot pie? Flip a 16.5 ounce Marie Callender's frozen pot pie over, and you'll see 570 calories on the label. When the cute little bubbling pie comes out of the oven, you'll dig right in. But wait! You'll have to cut that pie in half if you only want 570 calories, because that's the amount per serving. Hmm, fooled you again!

To take advantage of caloric restriction benefits, stay away from refined foods

and shop along the perimeter of the grocery store. Never venture into the interior aisles unless you want honey, maple syrup, coffee/tea or nuts.

DID YOU KNOW?

Eating gold kiwifruit increases vitamin C, and reduces severity of the common cold.

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

Bay Oaks To Host Free Health Fair

The Bay Oaks Annual Health Fair will be held on Sunday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bay Oaks Recreation Center's gym, at 2731 Oak Street in Fort Myers Beach. There will be professionals from many different health related fields.

The health and safety fair will allow people to learn about many different health topics including an opportunity to give blood, and a few fitness instructors will be on hand to explain each of their classes taught at the Rec Center. The event is free and open to anyone interested in attending.

If you work in the health and safety field and would like to participate, they are still accepting vendors. If you would like more information or are interested in being a part of the fair, call 765-4222.✱

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My mother and father continued to live in our family home after their family left. My father developed diabetes and my mother lovingly cared for him and made his health her major interest.

After a number of years he died and she wanted to continue to live in her home. We help her and she also has paid help to come in to assist her with major care. She is now isolated, very lonely and has lost her enthusiasm and interest. She no longer has friends who drop in or phone because they are also having health or adjustment problems or both.

We are at a loss to know what to do because she certainly continues to go downhill. Could you please help us?

Lesley

Dear Lesley,

Please take your mother to her physician and have her evaluated to rule out any medical problems.

Discuss with your mother what you see and think about her situation. She may feel isolated and want a change as well. If she does not want to move into an independent living or assisted living community, there are senior centers and other community programs providing companionship and activities. If your mother's private duty staff cannot take her, other transportation services should be available in your area.

Many folks I know choose to stay in their homes and socialize in senior centers.

Pryce

Dear Lesley,

Your mother may be still grieving for her husband and her lost lifestyle.

Loneliness is a dreadful condition that unfortunately can be life-threatening if not treated. We all need to be in contact with others, some more than others, to meet our social needs.

Pryce has given you some great suggestions, and a place to start.

Lizzie

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



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Income Tax Assistance

Why would a family not file their income taxes for three years? Not having money to pay taxes, being unemployed, a person feeling unable to file on his own, not having money to pay for a tax filing service are some of the basic reasons.

One family that included three children came to a United Way House last year for VITA services. They had not filed their income taxes for three years. They couldn't afford a tax service and were afraid that they owed money to the IRS. The mother was self-employed, and the father had been unemployed for a period of time.

"The mother really wanted to get their tax situation straightened out," said Nancy Martin, United Way House coordinator. "I sent her home to get her mileage and other records from her self-employment. When I figured their taxes, they were owed \$3,775 for 2008, \$7,327 for 2009 and \$4,513 for 2010. That's a total of \$15,615 that the IRS refunded to them. That refund made a huge difference to this family."

"We are beginning our fourth year of VITA service through the CredAbility and United Way partnership. Taxes are e-filed and returns arrive quickly," added Roger Mercado, director of allocations and community planning for the United Way. "Last year, the average refund to VITA participants was over \$2,000 which may have prevented the foreclosure of someone's home, or purchased groceries for a family for several months. The total VITA returns for our area for the 2009 tax-year

was over \$1.8 million."

Dawn Russell, the CredAbility staff person responsible for VITA, said, "A prime goal of the free service is to help tax payers who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other similar credits to receive them. A large number of taxpayers who could qualify for the EITC do not claim the credit because they don't know about it."

For more information about VITA such as times and locations, call United Way 211 by dialing 2-1-1 or 433-3900 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.✱

LMHS Names New Director

Last week, Lee Memorial Health System announced the advancement of Kristi McMillan to the position of system director of resource management. McMillan has been with Lee Memorial Health System since 2005 as an operations improvement coach.

The system director of resource management is responsible for supporting the patient care services division's productivity and overall financial management. The system director also works with the staffing resource center's department, working to ensure that the division has adequate resources in place to support the patient's experience.

"Kristi's dedication and strong leadership skills will bring many great things for Lee Memorial Health System," said Donna Giannuzzi, chief patient care

officer for Lee Memorial Health System. "We are confident in her continuing success as she moves into her new role."

McMillan holds a master's degree in business administration from Florida Gulf Coast University and a bachelor's degree in general business administration from Michigan State University. She holds six Sigma Black Belt certifications and a strong skill set in lean process improvement.

"I am excited for the opportunities that stepping into this position brings," McMillan said. "I am looking forward to broadening my experience at Lee Memorial Health System and also be able to continue to have a positive impact on the organization in a different capacity."

Visit www.leememorial.org 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 toddlers 18 months to five years of age.

The next screening will be held Friday, January 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at McDonald's located at 12990 South 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 can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early 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. 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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LMHS Board Of Directors Elects 2012 Officers, Adds New Board Member

Lee Memorial Health System announced the 2012 officers of its board of directors elected in this year's annual organizational business meeting.

Richard Akin, District 2, will continue as board chairman. Akin has over 35 years of health care management experience and has served for the past 26 years as the president and CEO of Collier Health Services, Inc., a not-for-profit primary health care provider in Collier County.

Steve Brown, M.D., District 1, will serve as the vice chairman. Dr. Brown has over 50 years of experience in medicine. He also serves as quality and education board chairman. Dr. Brown served as chief of staff and chief of radiology while sitting on the board of trustees at Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis, Maryland. Dr. Brown is a former Sanibel City Council member, mayor of Sanibel, and board member of the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company. He previously sat as a board member of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and currently serves as the liaison for the Children's Hospital.

Marilyn Stout, District 1, remains as this year's treasurer. Stout is a former Lee County Republican state committeewoman, former Cape Coral City Council member, and has served as Chamber of Commerce director, chair of membership development and government affairs. She has served as chairman of the Cape Coral Charter School governing board, liaison to the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Tourist Development Council, and as chair of the Lee County Transportation Disadvantaged Commission. Stout served as LMHS board treasurer last year.

Nancy McGovern, RN, MSN, District 2, will once again serve as board secretary in 2012. McGovern has been a registered nurse for over 30 years and has worked in a hospital and home health agency as a clinical researcher and has been involved in many area charity fundraisers including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Also at the annual organizational meeting, Mitchell L. Cordova, Ph.D. was appointed as community member to the board of directors for quality and education. Dr. Cordova is the dean and professor of the College of Health Professions at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Jim Nathan, LMHS president, noted that LMHS is the largest community-owned health system in Southwest Florida and is the sixth largest public health system in the United States.

"The responsibility these board officers bear is testament to their commitment to the well-being of our community," said Nathan. "Each director is dedicated to the provision of safe and efficient delivery of care to the people of Southwest Florida and keeps the patient as the center of our efforts to improve quality and operations. We cherish and appreciate the involvement of each one."

The citizens of Lee County own and operate LMHS through a publicly elected board of directors. The board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings to hear goals, objectives and recommendations from the system's administrative and medical staffs. The public is encouraged to attend.✱

Gulf Coast Humane Society Has Record Year

Continuing a two-year trend, the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) enjoyed another record year of adoptions and revenue in 2011. A total of 1,051 GCHS shelter pets found a forever home in 2011, a 16 percent increase over 2010 and a 31 percent increase over 2009. Total revenue – including donations, fundraising events and clinic proceeds – neared the \$2 million mark (\$1.97 million) in 2011, a 37 percent increase over 2010 and a 79 percent increase compared to two years ago.

"The community support we have received over the past two years has been both humbling and gratifying," said GCHS executive director David Stroud. "Our goal at the Gulf Coast Humane Society is to rescue, provide safe sanctuary, and find forever homes for every animal entrusted to our care at our no-kill shelter. Because of the generous compassion of our adopters, donors and sponsors in 2011, we saved more animals and found more forever homes than ever before."

The Gulf Coast Humane Society main adoption center is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers. GCHS also has four off-site adoption locations at Pet Supermarkets in Cape Coral, North Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples. For more information, call 332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.✱

Gala Celebration At Shell Point



Shell Point president Peter Dys



The Lennon Sisters perform at Shell Point's 2012 Gala



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The Lennon Sisters



Shell Point residents Robert and Barbara Phillips

Recently, Shell Point Retirement Community hosted their 2012 Gala Celebration, which featured entertainment by The Lennon Sisters and desserts by FineMark National Bank

& Trust. This annual event celebrates the generous spirit of Shell Point residents, and the theme this year was "Tapestry," to focus on the celebration of life at Shell Point. The Lennon

Sisters were considered the "girls next door," and for years they charmed the nation with their sweet-voiced harmonies on *The Lawrence Welk Show*. ✨



Timothy Stephenson, executive director of The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point



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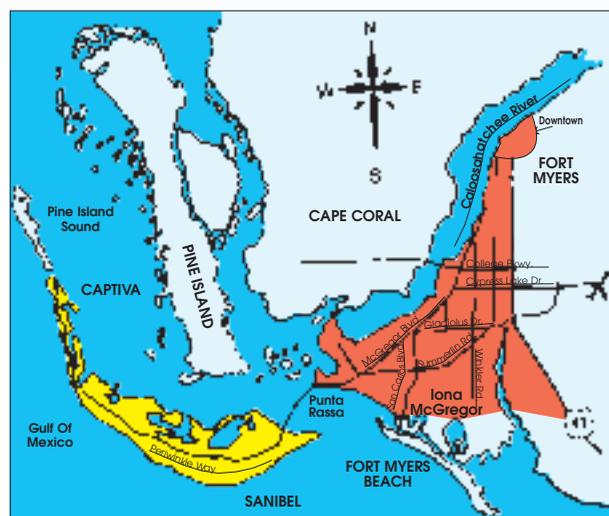
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Adoption fee: \$19.99 during Animal Services' Blue Light Special adoption promotion. Cats are two for one so take home a second cat free.

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,



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The Gallery is located in the Cape Coral Arts Studio on 4533 Coronado Parkway in Cape Coral. For more information, contact the Studio at 574-0802.*



Short, Long Legged Bird by Stan Dzedzy

The Southwest Florida Craft Guild will be bringing its juried, all member exhibit "Color My World" to the Cape Coral Arts Studio Gallery beginning February 3 and continuing through February 24. Guild

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A Camo Fishing/Tackle Bag with fishing
lures, line, tackle, etc. in it.
It was lost the evening of January 21 at
Calm Bayou Pass. Please if you have seen
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You would make a boy's day if you found it.
Thanks so much.

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\$54,000

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TIMESHARE FOR SALE

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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 35

ROCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Phone is different. 2. Mouse is missing. 3. Vase is black. 4. Papers are missing from desk. 5. Book is different. 6. File cabinet is gone.

SCRAMBLERS

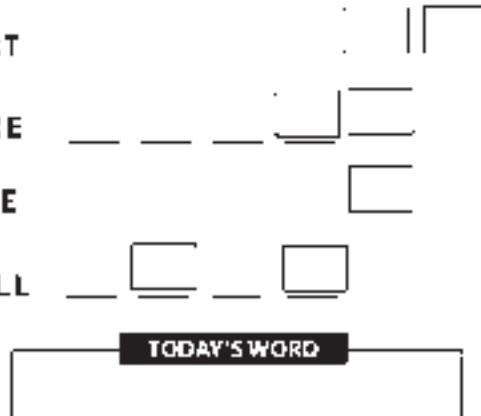
Unscramble the letters within each vertical column to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Allow
IMPERT

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ASPIRE

Entirely
BINGE

Place
TINSALL



answer on page 35



"I know I said I got two dollars an hour for babysitting—but this job doesn't look like I'd get to do much."



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
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Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
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American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614 (United Daughters of the Confederacy ®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employ- ees).....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118

Kiwanis Clubs:

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

Lions Clubs:

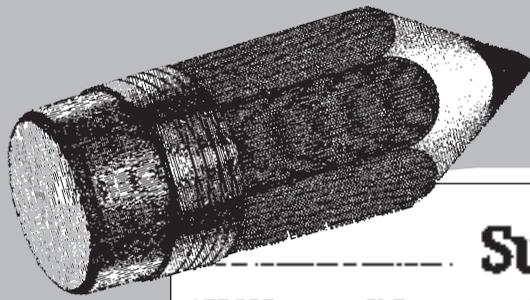
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
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Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
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True Tours.....	945-0405

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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 32

Super Crossword CLONES

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 News bit | 52 Term's legend | 92 L'Orman or Galt | 3 In sour | 36 New York university | 80 Picnic pest |
| 5 B's board | 53 King's creator | 94 Fick's foot | 4 Wine variety | 37 — Dawn Chang | 82 "We!" |
| 8 Request an encore | 54 Crafter's need | 95 Chum | 5 Street the general | 38 Marie Mucky | 83 — Canals |
| 13 Flying Fan? | 56 Anderson's "Tan and" | 96 Harrier of "Tomb" | 6 Ra now goddess | 39 Faulstich | 84 Kuz's try |
| 16 Phrase disparately | 58 Snacks | 98 Adoquate | 7 Wh speed-cream | 41 Response | 85 Mardi — |
| 19 Singer Gloria | 59 "Beagle" passenger | 99 Under standing | 8 Henry or Gave | 42 Clothing category | 86 FART — feature |
| 20 Top-notch | 60 | 100 Part 4 of remark | 9 Waked thing? | 43 Jacksonian lit | 88 Rouse |
| 21 Fil | 61 Court | 104 Log | 10 At large | 46 Kid's quiny | 89 Finished first |
| 22 "It Up" (30 lit) | 62 "State Fair" state | 108 Address | 11 — May Wong | 47 Hoopes of baseball | 90 Act like the Earth (30 lit) |
| 23 A leading success | 64 File of the comics | 109 "Y's Have — Will Travel" | 12 July member | 48 Lase's locale | 94 " — Wave" (30 lit) |
| 24 Mary a son | 65 Commer — | 110 End of remark | 13 Knitting stitches | 51 Antipole on globe | 97 Comed Kays |
| 25 Address | 68 Part 3 of remark | 111 Infantry action | 14 Less demanding | 52 Storm | 101 Author Christie |
| 26 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter | 72 Actio — | 112 Cheese-board choice | 15 Part of M'prose | 53 Winter wear | 102 Word with fruit or Stanley |
| 30 Unfashionable | 73 Learning method | 118 Landed | 16 Colleague of 131 | 55 John Van — | 103 Crown covering |
| 31 Civilian cry | 75 Giant of Flaws | 120 Bearing | 17 Reg type | 57 Lava particles | 104 Florida city |
| 32 " — ast" shant" | 76 Youngster | 122 Live Carr Det. sol | 21 Like a Vermont w/ eye | 58 "Is —" | 105 Local |
| 33 Part 2 of remark | 77 Fabled Pinocchio | 123 Congenial | 27 "What" | 59 "3 Hbn John H" | 106 Knight time |
| 37 "Golden Girl" McClanahan | 81 Mile of "Ulysses" | 124 — Ist | 28 "I may be common" | 61 Ancient epic | 109 Musical's nation |
| 38 Head quoddy | 83 Ma amules and "skies" | 125 Beige "The Threepenny Opera" star | 29 Rub out | 63 Prosperous peak | 110 He inclined |
| 40 Spal sound | 87 Pea crow | 126 "The —" | 33 Paces groceries | 65 Genesis | 111 Magnus or McDoug |
| 44 Generation | 88 Mosa wish | 127 Art of anima | 34 "The — (30 lit)" | 66 Contribu | 112 "Laugh-in" name |
| 45 McGregor of "Tom" spabng | 89 Coat material | 128 Out of s- world org | 35 Swam (wat) | 67 Ranges | 113 "Laugh-in" name |
| 47 Company | 90 Singer Ames | 129 Meal out | | 68 Beatbox symphony | 114 Literary pseudonym |
| 48 Not off the press | 91 Re shed the rigatari | | | 70 Air safety org | 115 Final |
| 50 Mail | | | | 71 Knight or Knight | 116 Puerto |
| | | | | 74 Poetic preposition | 117 "Silent" presiden |
| | | | | 76 Banned postcard | 121 \$ ste- |

King Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Friday	1 Fruit of a nut	9 Getting of material	35 Beer vessel
4 Venice	2 Mother-in-law	1 Factor member	38 Historic period
7 Additional	3 Harbor structure	10 Suspension	40 Miel's
11 Destruction	4 Symbol of a group	12 "Frog" in French	42 Rank of a job
13 Greek lit	5 City	14 And so on (abbr.)	43 Angeles instrument
14 "I May"	6 Workshop	15 Duly	47 Local food
15 Sun with codfish	7 Mosquito	16 Wheel	48 "On the 21" Down
16 Dickens pseudonym	8 Code Page-music	18 Wooding "Shawl"	49 Verse
17 With 52		21 Coaster	50 24 hours
18 Drawn out		24 Broadway cartoon	51 First July
19 Verse		25 Spanish style	52 Sun 17
20 Weather		28 Princess	53 Across
22 Untrace		30 Prosperance	54 Pod
24 Country		31 British rule in India	55 Occant
26 Custom			
27 Mummy			
29 "Once — a time"			
34 Unhappy situation			
36 Minus			
37 Se			
39 Three and eight			
41 Ark — it			
43 Shakespeare			
44 Hippocratic sig			
46 Aristocrat			
50 Starbuck			
53 Columbus the first			
54 Hatter			
56 Revivalist			

WORDS WITH MAGIC MAZE A WICK

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

- Find the hidden words in the maze and circle all the letters in the word backward to find the word.
- | | | | |
|------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Atwick | Chadwick | Pickwick | Wicket |
| Bawwick | Eastwick | Sedgwick | Wickham |
| Ballenwick | Hardwick | Warwick | Wickow |
| Candlewick | Kennwick | Wicker | |



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New Listing: Tidewater Island

Beautiful old Florida style home in the private, secluded, gated, community of Tidewater Island. Etched glass front door, crown molding in kitchen and great room, thirteen foot ceilings, Chippendale style woodwork on lanai and front entry, rosette and fluted trim in great room around triple sliding glass doors to lanai. Seeing is believing, be sure to see this home. Furnishings negotiable. **Offered for \$408,000 Contact Bob Berning 239/699-9597 or Ken Colter 239/851-1357**



Punta Rassa #404

WOW! End Unit with balcony off the dining area. Pure silk breezes capturing the aura of not only the sunsets but also the panoramic views of Sanibel Harbour Resort. Recently remodeled kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel sink tiled floor. Other features include, tray ceilings, tiled lanai, sun shutters, and oversized affinity washer and dryer. Social Membership to Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club. This sun splashed home is worth visiting to absorb the portrait of "Paradise by the Sea". **Offered for \$339,900. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.**



Exceptional Home on Almost 1 Acre!

This 4 BR (could be 5 or 6), 4 1/2 bath home has too many new upgrades to mention all. 1st floor master has new Master Bath '10. Custom Vanities, Kohler Jacuzzi, walk-in Rain Shower, closet built-ins. 3 new A/C's '10. New Roof '04. Many new Hurr. rated windows. Custom wood and marble floors, Spanish tile. The yard is big (almost an acre) and beautiful! The back is completely fenced, and the property extends approx 20-30' beyond the back fence and was left natural for a very private setting. Garage has extra storage rm/workshop. Pinehurst is a great community, all larger homesites, tucked off of the popular Daniels Rd. corridor - convenient to shops, restaurants, hospital/medical, SWFL Reg Airport, Twins training stadium. **Offered for \$699,000. Contact Nancy Finch at 239/822-7825.**



Lowest Priced Home In Crown Colony

This very rare 4 bedroom, 2 bath model has lake exposure from the private heated pool and spa with Aqualink Control. Membership in the Golf and country Club is optional, but available. **Offered for \$379,000. Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789**



Punta Rassa #302

This elegantly appointed home has been completely renovated. Top of the line granite in kitchen and baths. Unique master bath & dressing area, design award, wood floors, dry bar, stainless steel appliances. Sun drenched with magnificent sunsets and views of Sanibel Island enhanced by hurricane glass enclosed lanai, hurricane glass on all windows. Social membership to Sanibel Harbour included. Turnkey and ready! **Offered for \$399,990. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/56-6420.**



Coco Bay

3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2,153 sq. ft. home in Coco Bay. Huge outdoor lanai and pool area allows you to make the most of the Southwest Florida lifestyle. Open floor plan featuring tropical design. Great private community close to Sanibel & Fort Myers Beach. Kitchen features granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, wood cabinets and a wine cooler. Off-Season reciprocal with Kelly Greens grants owner use of golf course and dining facilities. **Offered for \$389,000. Contact Bob Berning 239-699-9597 or Ken Colter 239/851-1357.**



YOU MUST SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

This elegantly appointed 3/4 pool home in Sanibel Estates was extensively remodeled in 2002 by Benchmark and no detail was spared! Home features Brazilian cherry wood floors, top floor master suite, 2 complete guest suites, rooftop sundeck with Bay views, coffer and tray ceilings, granite stone and marble surfaces, 3 floor elevator, media room, library, chef's kitchen with Crystal cabinetry and MUCH more. The elevated pool is light w fiber optics and overlooks the gardens and canal. Accommodate your boat at this 65' dock with 2-50 amp shore power available. Home has been meticulously landscaped and features brick paver walkways. This home is truly one of a kind! **Contact Tracy Walters 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters 239/841-4540**



Bank Approved Short Sale

Bank Approved price of \$160,000. Enjoy beautiful lake views from this 3 bedroom 2 bath coach home. 3rd bedroom has an open loft feel with pocket sliders and closet, ideal room for a den as well. This bright and open space with vaulted ceilings is the perfect full time residence or winter retreat. Spacious lanai with built in cabinets and outdoor grill. Separated laundry room and a large 2 car garage attached to your unit. Many amenities to include a beautiful clubhouse, pool and tennis courts. This is a short sale subject to existing lender's approval which could result in delays. **Contact the Walters Team: Tracy "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540**



2 Great Units at Loggerhead Cay

Amenities Galore!!! Loggerhead Cay is one of the most popular condominium complexes on the highly desirable East End. Tennis courts, shuffleboard, sparkling pool, deeded beach access, on site management, bbq grills -- these are just a few of the many amenities available at Loggerhead Cay. This 2/2 ground level unit was recently remodeled and offers tile floors throughout and gorgeous gulf views. This unit is perfect for an investor or someone looking for a vacation home as it boasts an impressive rental history.



Look no further for the perfect vacation home or investment property! This ground level condo is located in the popular Loggerhead Cay complex and is only ONE UNIT back from the beach! Enjoy amazing sunsets and breathtaking views of the ocean. This 2/2 is tiled throughout and features updated bathrooms. Easy access to the pool and beach through the screened in lanai helps keep the sand and mess to a minimum! **Offered for \$519,000 and \$615,000. Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540**

17170 Harbour Pointe Dr #1232 - Sanibel Harbour Towers South

This Penthouse must be seen to be appreciated. Sweeping 180 degree views of the bay, the gulf, the river, small islands in the bay and Sanibel Island offer serene surroundings from the interior or your own private sun deck. The interior was totally re-done by an interior designer in 2005, with nothing but the best in appliances, cabinets and amenities. This stunning penthouse is a one of a kind that should satisfy the most discriminating buyer. Beach access, pool, fishing pier, restaurant, bike path. **Offered for \$2,800,000 Contact Sharon Wise 239/849-9121 or Ray Ochester 239/410-9725**



Jonathan Harbour

This 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit town home is in excellent condition, 10,000 boat lift, plenty of storage, open floor plan with high ceilings, new kitchen with granite pretty view over looking Mac Bay. 2 car garage can tandem 4 cars or store your flats boat! Community pool, tennis and clubhouse all on a private island. Direct access to the Gulf (approx. 10 min). Beautiful landscaping add to this property's appeal. **Contact Ralph or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5897.**



LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION

Well maintained home in a great location. 3 blocks from San Carlos Elementary, 5 minutes to Three Oaks Middle, 10 minutes to airport, 10 minutes to FGCU, 5 minutes to Gulf Coast Shopping Center. Oversized corner lot in quiet neighborhood. Attached garage has been converted to a family room. **Offered for \$114,900 Contact Bob Berning 239/699-9597 or Ken Colter - 239-851-1357.**



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