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m-pact

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Presents M-Pact In Concert

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents the thrilling sounds of the vocal group m-pact. Experience the voice on Friday, February 10 at 8 p.m. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers.

Imagine 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 is respected worldwide as a cutting edge trailblazer in the realm of vocal music. Emerging from an age of auto-tune and overproduction, this Los Angeles-based sextet has cultivated a new generation of ears hungry for the fresh, raw power of nature's "first instrument" – the human voice.

From the beginning, the "pact" of these well-studied masters has been to stay true to music, regardless of style or genre. Their sophisticated sound and accessible appeal

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Commercial Fishing Fleet Tour

On Wednesdays, the Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center offers tours of San Carlos Island's commercial fishing fleet. The three-hour guided tour starts at 9 a.m.

It includes a one-and-a-half hour guided visit at the museum, which contains a touch tank, a hands-on beach area and several aquariums and exhibits. The tour continues with a visit to the commercial fishing industry, including Erickson & Jensen Supply House, Trico Shrimp loading dock and Beach Seafood. Participants see how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other important factors used in this unique million dollar industry.

Cost for the tour is \$15 per adult and
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Shrimp boats at Fort Myers Beach

Fort Myers Art Walk Features New Exhibits

The next monthly Fort Myers Art Walk will take place this Friday, February 3 with local art galleries and art stops featuring new exhibits and shows. This regular cultural event draws between 1,500 and 2,500 people each month to the downtown Fort Myers River District.

Then on Saturday, February 4, the organizers of Art Walk present the seasonal Saturday Art Fair. This juried art event showcases individual local artists at tables along the sidewalks of First Street. The Saturday Art Fair runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to attend. Forty artists and art vendors are scheduled to be at February's Saturday Art Fair.

The monthly Art Walk runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first Fridays of every month. The February Art Walk will include numerous art galleries and art stops and will feature new art shows, live music and the traditional after party.

Some art highlights of the Friday, Feb. 3 Art Walk:

- Art of the Olympians: Opening new exhibit Klouchi: A Spirit Unleashed features artwork by French Olympian artist Kader Klouchi

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Kanzius Research Group Makes Key Breakthrough

by Jim George

In a paper published in *Biomaterials Journal* this month, Dr. Steven Curley of the MD Anderson Cancer Research Center in Houston and lead researcher for the John Kanzius radio frequency cancer treatment, proved that carbon nanoparticles can be delivered into the nucleus of cancer cells.

Researchers were able to move nanoparticles into the fluid environment around the nucleus (cytoplasm) in prior studies, but never before could they reach the actual nucleus where the DNA of cells is located.

"The carbon nanoparticles are fascinating because they are the smallest particles we have used. It is also possible to attach chemotherapy drugs or other agents to the carbon nanoparticles and have the nanoparticles carry these into the nucleus with them," Curley said.

He also stated that he believes "this will further enhance treatment in the Kanzius radiofrequency field to produce heating of the cancer cell and ultimately, cancer cell death."

The Kanzius technology works by
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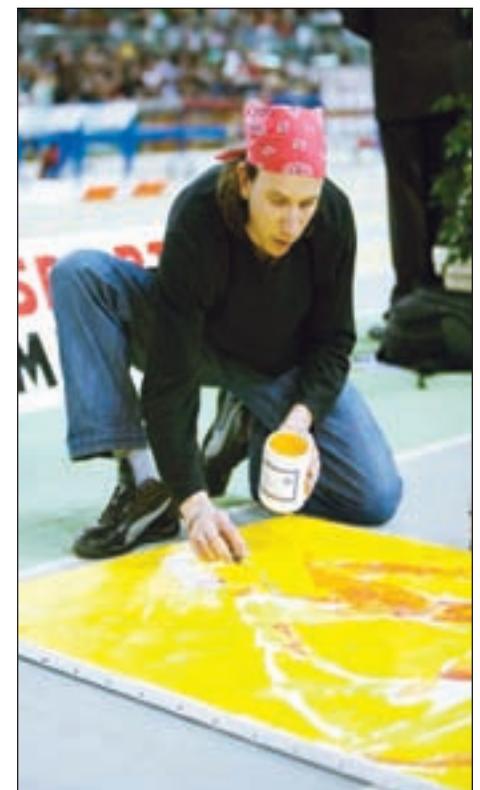
French Olympian Helps Museum Share Art Mission

French Olympian Kader Klouchi will join Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery (AOTO) in honoring the spirit of the Olympics and celebrating the 2012 Olympic Games. During his two-week visit to Southwest Florida, Klouchi will visit with students in Lee County schools and will participate in both art and cultural programs through the museum and community events like Art Fest Fort Myers.

At its core, AOTO is a global learning center founded and supported by Olympians dedicated to promoting Olympic ideals and a spirit of corporation to inspire individuals to achieve personal excellence.

From an early age, Klouchi had a passion for sport. Virtually self-taught in the field of athletics, Klouchi found himself gravitating to the sport of long jump. In 1992, he participated in the Olympic Games for Algeria in long jump. Klouchi is a two-time French national record holder and a three-time world champion.

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Olympian Kader Klouchi unleashes a passion for sport and art as he begins a new piece

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Lost Half Of An Arcade

by Gerri Reaves



In 1994, photographer William C. Minarich stood on Citrus Street and snapped a photo of the south side of First Street. He stood on a street that no longer exists and captured a scene that no longer exists – the First Street entrance to the Post Office Arcade.

The intersection of First and Citrus Street was destined for big changes in the mid- to late-1990s as preparations began for the construction of the Federal Courthouse at First and Monroe. In fact, the Snack House – whose sign still hung at the arcade entrance – had already permanently closed the previous year after 46 years in business.

In a couple of years, historic Citrus Street would be obliterated and the City of Palms parking garage would rise. Inherent in the street's name was the legacy of one of downtown's most prominent and long-lived enterprises: the packing and shipping of citrus via boat and railway. In the first decades of the 20th century, a large citrus exchange was located near the waterfront at Monroe.

The construction of the large-scale federal courthouse involved the demolition of half of the L-shaped historic Post Office Arcade.

Constructed by George R Sims for \$125,000 and opened in 1925, the mixed-use arcade was pedestrian friendly and open-air. Sims leased a large space to the government as a post office, complete with lock boxes and equipment, for only \$1 per year.

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Today, part of the Federal Courthouse and a courtyard are located where one wing of the arcade once stood

photo by Gerri Reaves



Snack House signs mark the First Street entrance to the Post Office Arcade in 1994. The view is from Citrus Street, which no longer exists, and the three-story Kress building is visible to the left

courtesy of the Library of Congress



In 1994, the Snack House had already closed, but its signs at the arcade entrances still beckoned from Broadway (left) and from First Street (right)

courtesy of the Library of Congress



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Scenic Trips With Captiva Cruises



Paul McCarthy, owner of Captiva Cruises, shares the history of Pine Island Sound aboard the *Santiva*. The restored vessel was the original mail boat from Fort Myers to Captiva.

Every Wednesday through the winter season, Captiva Cruises offers boat cruises and tours from Captiva Island to the historic Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers. The boat departs at 10 a.m. and cruise time aboard *Santiva* is approximately one hour and 40 minutes.

During the excursion along the shorelines of Captiva and Sanibel and up the Caloosahatchee, guests will learn about the area's vital ecosystem. Upon arrival in Fort Myers, they will have lunch at the private Royal Palm Yacht Club followed by a guided tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Participants will return to Captiva aboard the *Santiva*.

While relaxing on the boat, they will hear about Captiva's rich history, including the famous fishing camps popular in the early 1900s. The roster of fascinating characters that frequenting the camps included JN "Ding" Darling, President Theodore Roosevelt



Thomas and Mina Edison characters aboard the *Santiva*



See dolphins use their powerful tail flukes to play in the wake of the boat

and John Roach, the man who purchased Useppa Island for the Izaak Walton Club for tarpon fishing. Other notable locations include Punta Rassa, an important cattle town from which Florida bovines were shipped and traded with Cuba in the 1800s.

Captiva Cruises also offers dolphin watch and wildlife cruises that make for memorable family adventures. The tour company reports seeing dolphins on approximately 95 percent of its cruises. It's difficult to imagine anything more spectacular than watching dolphins playfully jumping in the wake of the boat while pelicans gracefully skim the water for fish. The trip runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and is narrated by volunteers from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Call Captiva Cruises and ask about their sailing adventure cruises, sunset cruises and trips to Cayo Costa Beach, Cabbage Key and Boca Grande. Prices vary and reservations are required for all scenic trips.

Captiva Cruises is located at McCarthy's Marine, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. For reservations, call 472-5300 or go to www.captivacruises.com.*

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Taste Of The Arts Benefits Arts Programming At Heights Foundation



Jason Bogden, Florida Rep; Tina Parker, TOTA event chair; Julie Workman, director of programs and community relations at the Heights Foundation; Katherine Kelly, Heights Foundation executive director; Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director; and Lydia Black, Alliance for the Arts executive director

The second annual Taste of the Arts, sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust, was held in November 2011 at the Alliance for the Arts. Guests were treated to a sampling of upcoming offerings in music, dance, theater and visual arts, as well as food and beverage samplings from area restaurants. More than 25 local artists and organizations participated and wowed an audience of more than 600 guests on three stages.

This year, a portion of ticket sales were directed to support community arts programming at the Heights Foundation. The Heights Foundation is a 501(c)3 grassroots organization that provides educational and life-changing opportunities for families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

On January 23, members of the Taste of the Arts steering committee, representing ArtFest Fort Myers, Florida Rep and the Alliance for the Arts, presented a \$3,500-plus contribution to Heights Foundation executive director Kathryn Kelly.

"The Heights Foundation is delighted to receive this generous donation," said Kelly. "It's always a pleasure to collaborate with organizations that care about our arts community. Thank you to all the organizations that made Taste of the Arts possible."

The annual Taste of the Arts event showcases local non-profit arts organizations and area restaurants. Visit www.tasteofthearts.com for more details. ✨

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Arcade

The other desirable high-traffic storefronts were rented a premium prices. The surviving wing of the arcade today contains businesses and functions as Hotel Indigo's entrance as well.

In 1926, an addition was built due to the expanded free mail delivery during the boom years. After the post office at First and Jackson was completed in 1933, businesses and offices occupied the arcade storefronts. (The arcade is also known as the Collier Arcade because Barron G. Collier bought it in 1934 and renamed it.)

The other 1994 photo, on the southwest corner of First and Broadway, effectively illustrates how the arcade's symmetry connected the streets. The Broadway entrance (left) is still there, minus the Snack House sign. The First Street entrance (right) is not.

Framed by the arcade on that corner is the 1927 Kress Building, whose first floor housed a travel agency in 1994. Today, Starbuck's occupies that prime location.

Part of the First Street arcade survives. The entrance columns were moved back into the courtyard and now frame the arcade entrance just east of

the courthouse.

Walk down to First and what used to be Citrus Street to contrast today's view with that of 1994. Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History, 2031 Jackson Street, to learn more about the changes brought by the big-box courthouse.

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 many businesses that have called the Post Office Arcade home.

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. ✨

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CCMI's Volunteer Breakfast Honors Over 1,200 Who Feed The Hungry



Target employees at CCMI

Each year, Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. honors its more than 1,200 volunteers to say thanks for feeding the hungry in Southwest Florida.

This year's CCMI Volunteer Breakfast will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. on Friday, February 10 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. is the umbrella agency for the Everyday Café and Marketplace, Home Delivered Meals, Community Montessori Preschool and Social and Homeless Services.

"We could not undertake all that we accomplish in feeding the hungry and homeless in Southwest Florida without these amazing volunteers," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "From preparing meals and washing dishes to stocking shelves and mentoring our Montessori preschoolers, these volunteers get their hands dirty and do whatever needs to be done to help those in need."

The event is open to anyone who has volunteered in some capacity for CCMI in 2011. Reservations are required by calling 332-7687 ext. 117 or e-mailing rsvp@ccmileecounty.com by Friday, Feb. 3.

CCMI is an innovative non-profit 501(c)(3) organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The



Rick Hayduk helping a CCMI client

Pole Walking Class In North Fort Myers

Pole walking is the new corrective exercise. Improve your posture, burn calories, build bone density and increase your cardio stamina. These are the many benefits of walking with specialized poles.

Lee County Parks & Recreation is offering pole walking at the North Fort Myers Community Park, located at 2021 North Tamiami Trail, behind the North Fort Myers library. Morning and evening classes begin in February. Each session offers eight classes for only \$30. All fitness levels are welcome to sign up.

Local resident Lindy Smith, trained walking instructor for 10 years, will teach you everything you need to know to

become and "upright citizen." With a pair of walking poles in your hands, a basic stroll becomes a surprisingly easy full body workout. Wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes, and bring a water bottle. Walking poles are provided each class.

Morning classes will be held February 21 to March 15 (eight classes) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Evening classes will be held February 27 to March 21 (eight classes) on Mondays and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

For questions regarding the pole walking classes, contact Libby Olive at 652-4512 or e-mail lolive@leegov.com. To register for classes, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7440.*



Tom Marquardt, Megan Marquardt, DJ Ruscik, Margaret Carter, Bob Sizemore, Lee Cankar and Bruce Cankar

agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through its Everyday Café and Marketplace and Home Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in its Community Montessori, offers homeless and comprehensive case-management services through its United Way Resource House, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 1,500 children each school year.

CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. CCMI works in partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, Harry Chapin Food Bank and various community foundations as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups including The School District of Lee County and numerous churches, businesses and community support organizations.

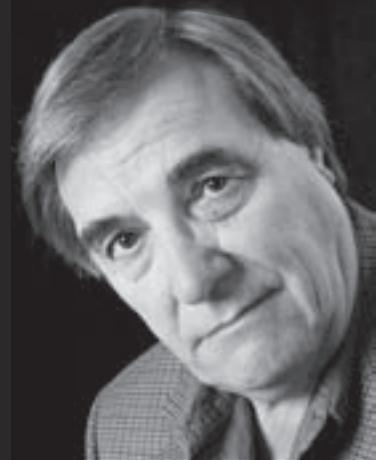
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MOAA Meeting

The Lee Coast chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will hold its next dinner meeting at the Crown Colony Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers on Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m. for cocktails and 6:45 p.m. for dinner. Their guest speaker will be Imam Mohamed Al-Darsani, who will speak on Muslims in America and Interfaith Relationships.

Al-Darsani is the Imam and president of The Islamic Center for Peace in Fort Myers. He led the establishment of the first mosque in Southwest Florida and has been active in reaching out to the local community and has a reputation for hitting the tough questions head on. This event is not to be missed

Members should make their reservations through the chapter website at www.leecoastmoaa.org/. Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 395-0776 for membership information.*

Antiques, Treasures And Bake Sale

Indian Creek RV Resort will be holding the Third Annual Antiques, Treasures & Bake Sale on Thursday, February 9 in Iroquois Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will be held at 17340 San Carlos Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.*

Cape Coral Cup Miniature Golf To Benefit United Way

The Second Annual Cape Coral Cup Miniature Golf Tournament to benefit the United Way through the Combined Federal Campaign will take place on Sunday, February 12 at Mike Greenwell's Bat-A-Ball Family Fun Park, 35 NE Pine Island Road in Cape Coral. Rounds of miniature golf will be played every two hours starting at 10 a.m.

Who will win the prestigious green jacket and green putter this year?

Trophies will be awarded in two categories: Family or Adult Team. The top adult golfer will be awarded the green jacket and top child golfer will be awarded the green putter.

Chinese raffle items will include a trip for two on the Key West Express, a free round of golf for two at Coral Oaks and more.

The \$10 adult registration fee includes a round of golf and trophies. There is a \$5 registration for ages 5 to 10, while children under 5 are free. Registration fees will be collected at the event. Registration is tax deductible and receipts will be provided.

Sign up via e-mail or regular mail. There is a maximum of five golfers per team, families will be allowed up to six participants. Single golfers are welcome; teams will be formed.



Youngster lining up a putt

For more information about the Cape Coral Cup Miniature Golf Tournament, e-mail debra.j.mitchell@usps.com or write to Debra Mitchell, 79 Mid Cape Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33991. Include the names of all golfers and contact information, either e-mail address or phone number, and indicate time preference (10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.).*



The Screaming Orphans with Fort Myers Rotary Club Event Chairman Don Molloy

Rotary Club And The Screaming Orphans Raise Funds For Children

On January 28, the Irish pop-rock band The Screaming Orphans put on another energetic show at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Comprised of four musically-obsessed sisters from County Donegal, Ireland, the band has recorded with international stars such as Peter Gabriel, Babba Maal and Joni Mitchell.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers hosted the concert to benefit The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Building Fund and Rotary's Polio Plus eradication effort.✧

PACE Celebrates Five Years In Lee

The Board of Directors and staff of PACE Center for Girls of Lee County invite the public to its Fifth Anniversary Celebration & Open House on Wednesday, February 8 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The celebration will take place at the PACE Center, located at 3760 Schoolhouse Road West in Fort Myers.

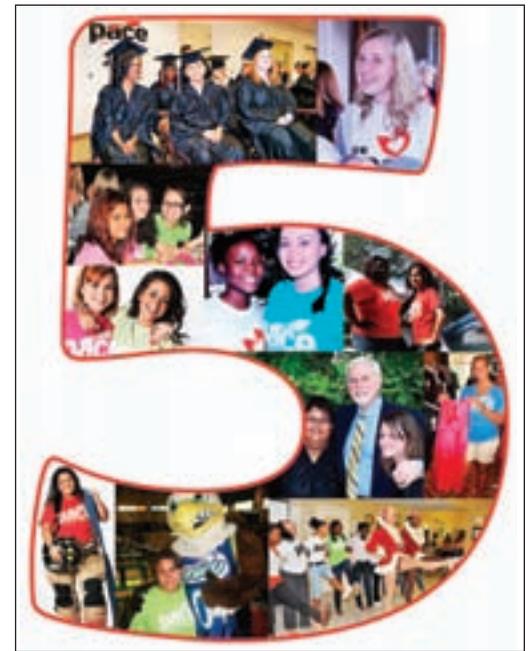
At the event, sponsored by CenturyLink and with refreshments provided by The Timbers Restaurant & Fish Market of Sanibel, new and long-time friends of PACE will unite in commemorating the significant impact PACE has made in the lives of more than 350 girls since opening in February 2007.

PACE Lee's most recent Outcome Measures Report reveals that 94 percent of girls served improved their academic performance and have had no involvement with the criminal justice system a year after transitioning from the day program. As a result, PACE reduces the significant long term costs associated with teen pregnancy, substance abuse, unemployment and long term economic dependency.

At the celebration, PACE graduates and currently enrolled students will share their stories of courage and success and give tours of their classrooms. Guests will also learn of the next phase of growth for the local Center and how to get involved as a volunteer, sponsor or mission advocate.

PACE Lee is funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice, The School District of Lee County, Lee County Human Services, United Way of Lee County, Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Cape Coral Community Foundation, grants and corporate and private donations.

To RSVP for the Fifth Anniversary Celebration, contact Melissa Simontis at 425-2366 ext. 25 or melissa.simontis@pacecenter.org.✧



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Along The River



Wear your favorite hat to Ostego Bay's annual Tea by the Sea luncheon

On Saturday, February 4, spring fashion will take center stage at **Ostego Bay Foundation's** Tea By The Sea. The annual fundraiser is one of the organization's most popular events. The elegant tea service is held bayside at 700 Fisherman's Wharf on San Carlos Island, Fort Myers Beach. Proceeds benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.

Wear your favorite tea party hat and have a delicious luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 per person or \$75 for a table of four and include tea, lunch and door prizes.

For reservations, call Ostego Bay at 765-8101.

Also on February 4, the Edison Ford Antique Car and Boat Show is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates**. Over 100 antique car collectors will display their automobiles. Other activities include live music, food available for purchase, characters of Mr. and Mrs. Ford leading informal tours of the estate, boat building demonstrations and a display of antique boats through the Royal Palm Yacht Club.



Leena Plavumkal, DVM of Vets on Wheels, with a satisfied customer

Admission is free to Edison Ford members and \$5 for non-members.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates are located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 334-7419 or go to www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

On Saturday, February 11, **Love Fest 4 Pets** takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sun Splash Waterpark, Cape Coral. All proceeds benefit the Animal Refuge Center. ARC is a no-kill shelter that cares for hundreds of homeless, injured and abandoned animals. All cats and dogs at the facility are available for adoption.

The family-fun event includes animal adoptions, food, beer garden, music, animal rescue groups, police K9 demonstrations, dock dog diving and weiner dog races. A donation of \$2 per person will be taken at the gate and \$5 donation for families.

Love Fest 4 Pets is at Sun Splash Waterpark, 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard South, Cape Coral. ARC is located at 18011 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers. Call 731-3535 or go to www.animalrefugecenter.com.

Vets on Wheels is a full service veterinary clinic providing mobile house call veterinarian services for cats and dogs to Sanibel, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, Estero and Lehigh Acres.

Services provided by Vets on Wheels include: vaccinations and examinations; surgical services; spay and neuter; dentistry; radiography; bloodwork; and at-home euthanasia. Vets on Wheels has the ability to offer the same types of quality services, vaccinations, pharmacy, laboratory, surgery, and radiographs as traditional animal hospitals.

House call and mobile veterinary services offer many conveniences to pet owners, as compared to traditional animal hospitals. There are lower risks of your best friend being exposed to diseases, which is especially important for very young or very old animals. By providing veterinary care in a comfortable and familiar environment, Dr. Leena Plavumkal believes she can also better evaluate behavior and areas of concern.

Having a vet service come to your home is also extremely convenient for multiple pet households, elderly pet owners and elderly or large patients that cannot be easily transported.

Call Vets on Wheels at 223-1289 or go to www.floridavetonwheels.com.

Super Bowl Sunday:

The Sandy Butler Gourmet Market has wine, cheese and veggie platters and fresh gourmet meats. Receive a free six-pack of Miller Lite or Coors Lite when you spend \$40. Located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 482-6765 ext. 2 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

Shoal's Restaurant & Wine Bar has a new 70-inch TV. Delicious dishes inspired by the tropical Gulf region. Drink specials are available. Located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 482-6765 ext. 1 or go to www.shoalswinebar.com.

The Edison Restaurant & Bar has numerous large plasma TVs in the Chandelier Bar and on the patio overlooking the Fort Myers Golf Course. Food and beer bucket specials will be featured. Located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 936-9348 or go to www.edisonfl.com.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery No Way José plays live from 1 to 5 p.m. on the waterfront patio. Super Bowl party upstairs at **Ugly's Waterfront Bar** from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. Located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnellies.net.



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Fifth Annual Empty Bowls Deemed A Huge Success

Saturday proved a highly successful for the Fifth Annual Naples Empty Bowls event, held in Cambier Park. The event, a major fundraiser for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, raised \$42,610, which will translate into nearly \$260,000 worth of food that the food bank can distribute through its non-profit agencies.

The \$42,610 includes sponsorships, silent auction proceeds, additional sales of bowls and water. This year's income exceeds the \$40,000 goal; last year's income was \$34,000.

The annual Naples Empty Bowls event is so popular that John and Janet Smiedendorf, Bonita Springs residents, arrived at 7:15 a.m. with their chairs and waited until the event started at 11 a.m. They wanted to be first in line to make a selection from the handmade ceramic bowls available.

Students in Collier County created nearly 2,000 bowls for the event. Local artists provided the gorgeous silent auction items. Forty Naples restaurants donated the 38 varieties of soups that were consumed. The event was made possible by the numerous art teachers, students, adults and restaurants who volunteered their talents and time.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin



Celeste Buck, a Collier County student, is shown with the ceramic bowl she made that brought in \$400 from donations during the Naples Empty Bowls event on January 28

Food Bank, call 334-7007 or visit www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

BUMC To Present Lift Every Voice & Sing Concert

As part of the ongoing Hibiscus Series presented by Beach United Methodist Church, Lift Every Voice & Sing will be presented on Thursday, February 16. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public, with a free will offering collected to offset expenses.

The evening will feature the BUMC Chancel Choir, members of the Voices of Naples and members of the SWFL Symphony. Directed by Dr. Douglas Renfroe, the evening will also feature tenor soloist Robert Beane. Music selections will include works written by Vivaldi, Handel, Smisek and Gershwin. The string ensemble will also play Barber's *Adagio for Strings* and Faure's *Pavanne*.

The concert is the result of the continued growth of the Music and Fine Arts Department at BUMC. This is the third full season of this concert series, and was developed as an outreach program to the community by the church. This featured concert will have music that will appeal to all ages.

BUMC is located at 155 Bay Road (behind the Fort Myers Beach Library) and will be held in the Sanctuary. Call the office at 463-9656 for additional information.✪



Dr. Douglas Renfroe

Scamming Elders Lecture

Scamming our Elders will be presented by Beth Schell, crime prevention practitioner with the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

The one-hour lecture at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers begins at 10 a.m. Coffee and snacks will be served at 9:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m. Contemporary.
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Congregation To Help Kids Identify Intangible Gifts

Fostering spiritual growth, nurturing a transforming faith, and learning how to recognize abstract gifts, will be part of the religious education experience for kids – kindergarten through sixth grade – at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, beginning this Sunday, February 5.

Lessons and materials to be taught will be provided by the Universalist Unitarian Association's Tapestry of Faith series. Children will be encouraged to identify intangible gifts central to Unitarian Universalism such as friendship, hospitality, justice and fairness, and to share these gifts with others. Each session will feature Taking It Home and Look Further sections for families to explore at home. Parents can go online to preview and review the curriculum their children will experience each week.

Children will sit with their families during the first part of the 11 a.m. service. After the opening words and lighting of the chalice, they will go with the teachers to meet on the back deck under a canopy. At the end of the service, families will join their children on the deck.

Instructing the RE classes will be Mary Corrigan, a reading teacher and media specialist at Mariner Middle School in Cape Coral. Holding a Master's degree in education and literacy from Dominican University, she is certified to teach K-12 Reading; 6-12 English; and 5-9 Social Studies, Science and Math.

A recipient of ESOL Endorsement (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Corrigan has been an adjunct instructor at several local colleges, teaching college preparatory reading, college reading and developmental education. She has also taught a Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) mystery course at Edison Summer College For Kids, and summer school drama, K-5.

Corrigan, who will have a volunteer assistant, is one of 33 finalists from Lee County schools for the prestigious Golden Apple award for excellence in teaching.

All Faiths' member Chris Fisher recalls growing up in a Unitarian congregation as one of the greatest gifts her mother ever gave her.

"My memories of religious education are surprisingly vivid," she said. "I still remember the names of all my Sunday school teachers, as well as the curriculum we followed."

Adding that she regrets having forgotten most of the information that she absorbed during those eye-opening years, Fisher said she still carries with her the essence of what she learned and "the commonalities in many of the world's faiths."

All Faiths is located at 2756 McGregor Blvd., about two miles north of Colonial Boulevard at Poinciana in Fort Myers, and is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The Rev. Wayne Robinson is the minister.

To read more about All Faiths' beliefs, the times of its Sunday services as well as other events, visit www.allfaiths-uc.org. For more information on its religious education program, call the office at 226-0900, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*



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*** Intermezzo ***

Lemon Sorbet

*** Main Course ***

Lamb in Puff Pastry stuffed with Spinach and Prosciutto

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Wine Pairing: Hatzidakis Santorini

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February Marks Beginning Of Big Transition



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

February is always a good month to fish but can be an outstanding month if we manage to slide through it without having any more strong winter cold fronts roll down

through the Florida peninsula. Usually, by the end of this month, winter is all but behind us and we can really start thinking about spring along with the many angling opportunities that will come along with it.

This month also marks the beginning of the big transition or change-over for anglers here in Southwest Florida. Although fishing action can go either way in February depending on what Mother Nature sends us weather-wise, things are looking good with another week of high temperatures in the low 80s forecast. If

we do get any more major cold fronts we will be back to the live shrimp fishing of winter. If warm temperatures continue we will soon be fishing with a live well full of shiners.

After our mildest winter in at least the last three years, it's not going to take very much for our fishing to make this switch and really go off. I think another week of warm weather will bring on the big switch. Gamefish will make the change over to feeding on bait fish rather than the shrimp pattern that they have been on all winter long.

With water temperatures slowly creeping back towards the mid 70s, more and more bait fish are already starting to show up on the flats. This week marked my return back to throwing the cast net and catching bait fish for the first time since late November. Sure, I'm still taking live shrimp on every trip. The majority of the fish I'm catching are still feeding on shrimp but it's great to give them an option.

Most of the bait I'm catching is small pinfish right now but every day it seems there is a little more and more whitebait in the mix. Although I haven't caught a lot of fish on these bait fish, the ones that are eating it are quality fish. The biggest trout caught on my boat all winter



John McKnight with a 31-inch snook caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

was caught on a live pinfish this week. The big gator trout measured 26 inches. If you are not a live bait fisherman, this switch-over for you means it's time to start making that same change from your shrimp-pattern lures to a baitfish pattern.

Other signs this week that winter is just about done was catching blacktip sharks while trout fishing. These are the first sharks I have caught out on the flats since fall. These sharks are a blast to catch on light spinning tackle as they make fast runs and often jump.

On deeper flats in the six- to eight-foot range, Spanish mackerel and ladyfish are beginning to show up again after several months' absence.

Although gag grouper season remains closed until April 1, catch-and-release fishing for these hard-hitting gag grouper has really been active throughout the sound and in the passes. Live pinfish fished on the bottom caught gags up to a whopping 32 inches this week. At one point, while drifting the pass, six drops to the bottom in a row caught gags over 20 inches. As fast as you could re-bait and drop the pinfish back down, it would get slammed. This non-stop action was a blast and even on heavy spinning gear spooled with 50# braid, there were some grouper big enough that just could not be turned and pulled away from the structure before parting ways.

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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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:

Virginia Opossum

by Patricia Molloy



The Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) is a nocturnal omnivore that is the only marsupial native to North America. The trademark marsupium, or pouch, develops on

the abdomen of the female and is where litters of baby opossums will spend the first two months of their lives nursing and growing.

One of the oldest mammals on Earth, the opossum has survived for at least 70 million years. Despite popular belief, opossums do not hang from their tails while sleeping; their tails are not strong enough to support them for extended periods of time.

On the other hand, "playing 'possum" is not a myth. When threatened, an opossum will roll over and pretend to be dead in order to trick a predator. The comatose is an involuntary defense mechanism that can last for up to four hours. While brilliantly effective in most cases, it can inadvertently make the marsupial more vulnerable to more skeptical predators.

On December 28, a severely injured female Virginia opossum was discovered in Lehigh Acres. No other history was



This Virginia opossum is still heavily sedated after undergoing surgery by Dr. Heather

provided.

When she arrived at CROW, her wounds were so deep that muscle was exposed. Dr. Heather determined that it was likely the result of a predator attack. She was immediately given Butorphanol tartrate (a synthetically derived opioid) to make her more comfortable and relaxed

while preparations for surgery were being made.

When CROW receives a patient with an open wound, the standard procedure is to close it with sutures. The ones most commonly used at CROW are dissolvable sutures, also called absorbable sutures. Healing time is usually minimal and there

is no need to further stress the animal by removing the stitches. The ideal patient can be released back into the wild within a few short days.

Due to the depth of the tissue division of this opossum, Dr. Heather realized that the standard operating procedure would be inadequate. In such severe cases, she stated, "We often use Velcro® on each side of the wound and move it daily, slowly, until the elasticity of the skin allows the wound to heal." With this method, a patient can be back in the wild in 10 to 14 days.

Dr. Heather said the Virginia opossum has responded well to treatment and has given her an excellent prognosis for a full recovery.

Successfully care-and-release cases are always satisfying for the team at CROW, but opossum releases can also provide a little comic relief. Upon return to its release site, an opossum will often leave its travel carrier and immediately play dead.

As Senior Rehabilitator Robin Bast noted, "Sometimes we have to wait a while at a safe distance to make sure that they are really okay."

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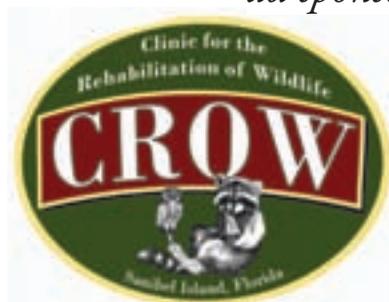
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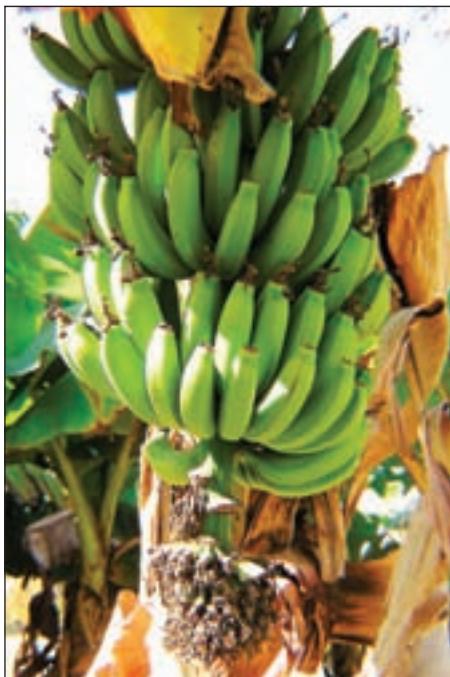
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Plant Smart

Banana



The spent flower and ripening fruit

by Gerri Reaves

The banana, or plantain (*Musa spp.*), is one of the most popular fruits in the world. There are many edible and inedible species of this giant herb, although most Americans are familiar with only the Cavendish banana commonly sold in supermarkets.



The visually striking flower bud and young finger-like fruit of the banana plant

While Florida has no native species – bananas originate in Southeast Asia – many types are grown in the state both as food sources and as ornamentals.

Generally speaking, the fruit of the banana plant are clustered in groups called hands. The fruit itself is finger-like and curved, usually with smooth yellowish skin and creamy pulp. The pulp of edible bananas does not contain seeds.

The enormous leaves, reason enough to want this plant in the landscape, are up to two feet wide, with long sturdy stalks. The leaf edges are often split or a bit ragged and the midrib very pronounced.

The reddish-purple flower buds are enormous, tapered and decorative – real show-stoppers. The purple bracts fall off as the fruit develops down the stalk.

The succulent banana stalks emerge from underground rhizomes, root-like structures, grow very fast and require plenty of water, sun and soil rich in organic content.

Trunks can reach up to 25 feet high. Once they flower and fruit, they die back, replaced by new sprouts from rhizomes. Dwarf varieties also exist.

In South Florida, bananas need 10 to 15 months of frost-free weather to produce a stalk. It will be another four to eight months before fruit ripens. In the meantime, should an unseasonable frost descend, the foliage will die.



The thick stalks grow in a spiral

photos by Gerri Reaves

Banana can be propagated with sections of rhizomes or from suckers. Use old stalks as compost or mulch.

Traditionally, almost every part of the plant except the leaves has been used in some way as a food source. And even the leaves have their uses as rain capes.

Sources: *Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, www.ifas.ufl.edu and www.floridata.com.

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

Caring For Your Plants

The Correct Way To Water Indoor Plants

by Justen Dobbs



Most people water their indoor plants incorrectly and this probably includes you. Do your indoor palms or plants get brown tips? Or spots on the leaves? Have you ever kept one

alive for more than a year?

The way you water your indoor plants is the most important factor in keeping them healthy for years and years. Most people simply pour a cup of tap water into the soil every week or so. Don't do this! This is the biggest mistake you can make when growing indoor plants. There are two reasons why this is bad:

1. The plant's roots absorb all of the H₂O (pure water) and leave all of the salts and minerals behind. These salts and minerals are like waste deposits – once they build up enough in the soil the plant will begin to suffer. The first sign of this damage is browning of the leaf tips. This browning will eventually spread until the entire leaf is dead and the entire plant will soon follow.

2. Frequently adding a cup of water



This Christmas palm has been living indoors in low light for three years mainly due to proper watering

keeps the soil far too moist. When coupled with little air flow and low light, constantly moist soil encourages fungal and bacterial growth. Instead, the soil and root ball of indoor palms and plants should be heavily soaked just once every three to four weeks. This allows the soil to dry out almost completely in between waterings. This dry-out effect kills off most bacteria and fungus while usually not affecting the plant (which is a much larger and more drought-tolerant organism).

So, what is the correct way to water?



This cast iron plant is suffering from an unhealthy salt or mineral buildup in its soil

If the plant is in a container that will fit easily in your kitchen sink, that is the best place to water it. Place the container (it should have holes in the bottom) in the sink and run luke warm tap water through the soil, being sure to spin the container while the water is running. Allow the water to run through the soil for about a minute. If the soil drains quickly, run the water at a faster rate. Allow one to three hours for all excess water to drain from the soil and you're finished. It's ok to place a saucer under

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Edison Botanic Research Laboratory To Reopen Following Restoration



Various consultants throughout the restoration of the Edison Botanic Research Lab

On Wednesday, February 15 at 11 a.m., the Edison & Ford Winter Estates will be celebrating the completion of the Edison Botanic Research Laboratory restoration project with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony will include a behind the scenes lab tour with the Edison Ford trustees, staff, project consultants, officials and funding agencies. The event is free and open to the public.

The project to restore the 1928 Lab has been led by Edison Ford staff and consultants from throughout the country who restored this important historic building, recreated the historic



Edison at work in the Edison Botanic Research Laboratory in Fort Myers scientific work that was accomplished by Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, and are giving "hands-on-science" a new meaning with a growing array of programs such as the "Wild Wizard" and Edison Mucker's shows.

The three year restoration with overall funding of more than \$900,000 provided building stabilization, restoration of exterior siding, windows and roof, state-of-the-art fire suppression and alarm systems, new building access, as well as interpretation of the chemical lab and processing area, machine shop, plant

processing, grinding room, darkroom and staff offices.

Funding and grants have been provided by the Edison & Ford Winter Estates Inc., Edison Ford Winter Estates Foundation, State of Florida, The 1772 Foundation, US HUD EDI Grants, and City of Fort Myers. The lab restoration project is the culmination of more than \$13 million in restoration and improvements which have been completed in the past decade with support from the State of Florida, City of Fort Myers, Lee County, National Trust for Historic Preservation and various local and national grants.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

Ladies' Bible Study

On Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Lau Fellowship Hall, St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3751 Estero Blvd., Ft. Myers Beach.

No need to "dress up" or to be a "student" of the Bible!

All ladies are welcome to just come, join us for a cup of coffee or tea, and enjoy the fellowship and an interesting study of the bible led by Pastor Lorrie Davison. We hope to see you each month! Bring a friend - no reservation required! Call the church office for more information at 463-4251.*

Tours Of The Botanic Garden

On the second Saturday of each month, join the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation for a strolling tour of what's in bloom at the Botanic Garden at Lakes Park. Tours will be lead by a master gardener or a botanist/horticulturist. Visit the Rose Garden, Aquatic Garden, Succulent Garden, Fragrance Garden and Community Garden. Learn about the plans to expand the gardens into the 18-acre site.

Participants will meet at the Community Garden at the end of parking lot #3 at 9 a.m. The tour lasts approximately one hour; all ages are welcome. The Lee County Parks & Recreation parking fee is \$1 per hour or \$5 per day.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. For more information on the Botanic Garden at Lakes Park, visit www.lakespark.org or call 533-7575.*

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Fishing Fleet Tours

\$10 for children seven years of age and older. Reservations are required.

Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center located at 718 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org.

Kayak Fishing Class Offered

A class on kayak fishing, presented by Dominick Greco, is being offered by the Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department. Kayak fishing is becoming one of the fastest growing water activities in Florida. In this class, you will learn the safety of kayaking, the different parts of the kayak, rigging, proper strokes and fishing procedures from the kayak.

The next class, for participants age 16 and older, will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for teens.

Instruction will take place at Cape Coral Yacht Club, located at 5819 Driftwood Pkwy. in Cape Coral.

For more information, contact Coby Palmer at 574-0806 or cpalmer@capecoral.net.

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Water Indoor Plants

the container when you place it back out to protect your flooring from moisture.

If the plant is in a larger container that won't fit in a sink, you will need to take it outside and water it with your hose using the same method outlined above. This process does not work on orchids because they grow in soil-less medium but it should keep all of your other plants healthy for much longer, saving you money on replacements.

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. Dobbs can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.



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Final Touches Being Put On *America's Darling* Documentary



Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky, seated right, prepares to interview Kip Koss for the documentary, *America's Darling*. Also pictured is videographer Jay McCain.

by Jeff Lysick

One of the founding members of America's conservation movement and long-time island resident, Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, is about to have his life's story preserved forever on film.

After extensive travel and research over the several years, conducting interviews and scouring through archived treasures and special collections, Marvo Entertainment Group LLC is preparing to release a 60-minute documentary – entitled *America's Darling* – this fall, just in time for the "Ding" Darling Days celebration at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

Samuel Koltinsky, executive producer of *America's Darling*, reported last week that he is fully immersed in the project, which he conceived more than five years ago. "We have made headway with underwriting, the bulk of the background research is completed... and do we have some discoveries!"

"The film is still in production, which means interviews are being scheduled around the country, graphics are being developed, original scores are being composed and editing will be completed when we enter the post-production stage in several months," said Koltinsky.

America's Darling will share the incredible history of "Ding" Darling (1876-1962), the *Des Moines Register* editorial cartoonist who influenced readers through his syndicated cartoons, creating awareness of urgent environmental issues and the need to preserve America's natural landscapes. Last October, Koltinsky debuted a five-minute sneak preview clip of the film at "Ding" Darling Days, which featured an interview with Darling's grandson, Christopher "Kip" Koss, as well as never-before-seen archival footage of Darling himself.

"I had been contacted by several producers over the years who wanted to tell my grandfather's story, but all of them were really just looking for financing for their films from the Darling Foundation," said Koss. "Sam (Koltinsky) called me, but he wasn't looking for money. He was looking for access to my grandfather's documents. I said I'd be happy to help. Working on the film has been quite labor intensive, but I've been very impressed with how professional (Koltinsky) has been every step of the way."

During the production of the film, Koltinsky and some of his team members have travelled across the country – from Florida to West Virginia to Washington, DC to Iowa – gathering valuable biographical information and poring through documents, cartoons and other archived Darling relics.

"We have discovered so many treasures, it is difficult to say which are most interesting," explained Koltinsky. "In addition to finding never-before-seen film footage of Darling, we have discovered a number of original sketches and even some travel sketchbooks. These items put a new light on Darling's development as an artist, and we are developing an exhibit based on these artifacts to accompany the film."

When Koltinsky shared a sneak preview of *America's Darling* at "Ding" Darling Days, he brought with him several artifacts uncovered during research for the film, including some of Darling's original paint brushes and woodcarvings. The documentary itself, he promises, will share even more remarkable finds.

Paul Tritaik, refuge manager at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, is eager to see the completed movie this fall.

"*America's Darling* is appropriately named because it celebrates a man who brought people of different interests together for a common purpose – saving America's wildlife," said Tritaik. "Ding" Darling was not only a man ahead of his time. He was a man for all times. In this sense, he truly was America's Darling."

Koss, too, hopes the documentary will enlighten even more people about the



Jay Darling with his grandson, Christopher "Kip" Koss, photographed in 1939



A young Jay Darling, working for the *Sioux City Journal* in 1904



Tony Lapi, president and CEO of Tween Waters Inn, and LuAnne Cervelli of Marvo Entertainment admire Darling's work, *The Big Parade*, hanging at the inn's dining room

remarkable environmental effort that his grandfather started many years ago.

"Any time a conservationist opens his or her mouth, people call them 'tree-huggers.' My grandfather wasn't a tree-hugger. He supported America using its natural resources... but to use them wisely," said Koss. "He pointed out that, historically, all of the world's greatest civilizations fell apart when they used up all of their natural resources and wound up fighting over them."

According to Koltinsky, much of the credit in assembling materials – both visual and audible – for *America's Darling* has to be shared with his Marvo Entertainment team for this production which includes Oscar-nominated and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Tom Neff, accomplished titles and branding artists Allen Hemberger and Sarah Wilson, musicians Jamie Wigginton and Seth Johnson, research and development supervisor LuAnne Cervelli along with Koltinsky's long time assistant, Patricia Fralick.

With 2012 marking the 50th anniversary of the passing of the conservation icon and former Captiva resident, *America's Darling* may be just what America needs now: an opportunity to reflect on Darling's past in order that we may move forward. After all, Darling was a man very much ahead of his time.

"We believe island residents and visitors will feel a real sense of pride in *America's Darling*," added Koltinsky. "We hope that viewers, especially children and young people, will be personally inspired by Darling's amazing accomplishments and want to connect with nature and participate in stewardship of the planet."

For more information, visit www.marvoentertainmentgroup.com or e-mail sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com.*



Marvo Entertainment Research and Development Supervisor LuAnne Cervelli scans one of the archival treasures uncovered during the making of the documentary



Clyde Butcher during a previous presentation

Author's Evening With Clyde Butcher

The Southwest Florida Museum of History announces its annual Author's Evening with Clyde Butcher on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Commemorating the museum's upcoming 30th anniversary, Butcher has created a unique exhibition that details his pursuit of the photograph taking guests on a step-by-step journey through his process from idea to execution culminat-

ing in his magnificent black and white portraits.

The museum hosts this exclusive exhibition from February 2 to May 26.

Visitors will hear Butcher's story of the pursuit of the photograph in a multimedia presentation, then meet this master photographer and artist while viewing his magnificent exhibition in the museum gallery. Cost is \$15 per person.

Additional information on the March 6 Butcher Venice Gallery Day Trip is available at www.swflmuseumofhistory.com. Seats are limited, so reservations are required by calling 321-7430.✧

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery



Baby screech owl

photos courtesy of CROW

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why critters come to CROW, and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,239 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, 36 percent mammals, and six percent were reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors will



Baby burrowing owl

see numerous photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday February 3 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road (across from The Sanibel School). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens and free for members and children 12 and under.

The fee includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644 ext. 231. To learn more about CROW, visit www.crowclinic.org. ✧

Guided Walks On Fort Myers Beach

Lee County Parks & Recreation invites visitors and residents to explore the ecosystem and wildlife at the beach parks, preserves and shorelines at the following events:

Barrier Islands Guided Walk

Bowditch Point Park, 50 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach – Join a Florida Master Naturalist as they lead you through Bowditch Point Park. Learn the importance of the barrier islands, their unique ecosystem and how they protect the mainland. Explore the beach front tropical hardwoods, coastal scrub and wetland plant communities. Walks are held every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and every Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Parking is \$1 per hour or free with a valid Lee County Parks & Recreation parking sticker. Meet on the upper patio for this free walk. Bowditch Point Park is at the north tip of Estero Island.

Low Tide Loafing at Sunset

Bunche Beach, 18201 John Morris Road in Fort Myers Beach – Join a naturalist and leisurely explore the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers, and enjoy a beautiful Florida sunset as well. Bring a camera, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, bug spray and drinking water. The next walks is scheduled for February 7 from 5 to 6 p.m. Parking is \$1 per hour or free with a valid Lee County Parks & Recreation

parking sticker. Meet at the picnic tables on the beach for this free guided walk.

Mangrove Walk

Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road in Fort Myers Beach – Take an educational and inspirational walk through Matanzas Pass Preserve out to the Estero Bay. Learn about the diverse plant community including a maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands and a mangrove forest. Walks are held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so come early. Meet at the entrance of Matanzas Pass Preserve, behind the Fort Myers Beach library and school.

Exploring Ethnobotany

Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road in Fort Myers Beach – Learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing. Find out about the historical importance of some of Florida's plants to humans. This program is offered the fourth Wednesday of every month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The next program is scheduled for February 22. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so come early. Meet at the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve, located behind the Fort Myers Beach library and school.

For more information about these programs, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7444.✧

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Local Artists Featured At Art Center



The Celtic Pony, charcoal on paper, 50"x70" by Sherry Rohl

Three well established artists will be featured at the Berne Davis Art Center beginning in February.

Local icons Sherry Rohl, Ikki Matsumoto and Polly Matsumoto are teaming up for this diverse exhibition. It features Rohl's enigmatic paintings of horses and people, Ikki Matsumoto's whimsical nature portrayals and Polly Matsumoto's masterful fiber creations.

The show opens this Friday, February 3 in conjunction with Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers and runs through February 24.✪



Destin Dunes by Lisa Grintner

Annual Art On The Boulevard Sale

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association announced that Century 21 TriPower is hosting the annual sale of beach themed original artwork at their offices on 2001 Estero Boulevard (across from DiamondHead Resort). On February 12, from noon to 4 p.m., 12 local artists will be there to talk about their work. Refreshments will be served. All original art work will be available for sale. Artists are: Susan Brown, Michele Buelow, Fred Bushnell, Randon Eddy, Pauline Healey, Gretchen Johnson, Sylvia Kasparie, Nancy Morgan, Joan Reynolds, Avis Schmitz, Terry Shattuck, and Kathy Taylor. Framed paintings will be on display inside the office and outside bins will hold matted paintings and cards.

On February 9, at 5:30 p.m., the Fort Myers Beach Art Association will host the annual potluck and election of new officers for 2012-2013. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the art organization is welcome to come as a guest. 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.

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association Spring Show opens February 12 with a demonstration by Carol Frye from 4 to 6 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for the demonstration. A reception and gallery talk will be held February 19. The talk is from 1 to 2:30 p.m., the reception is from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome. The show runs until March 15.

Carol Frye will be teaching her workshop Precious Stones February 13 to 17. Her work is multimedia and inspirational.

Neil Walling will teach Plein Air Painting during the morning at various sites February 23, 24 and 25.

March 4-The Fort Myers Beach Art Association annual "Art Bazaar" will be held March 4 on the sidewalks at Santini Marina Plaza from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All original artwork will be for sale and proceeds benefit the student scholarships given to local art students continuing on to graduate level programs in April.

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. (turn at the blinking light at Estero and Donora). For more information on shows or classes call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.✪

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Wood Carving Exhibit At Indian Creek Next Week

Wood carvers from around the United States will be exhibiting their wood carvings and demonstrating their various techniques at the annual Woodcarving Exhibit on Saturday, February 11, at Indian Creek Mobile Home Park, two blocks south of Summerlin in South Fort Myers. The exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no charge for admission or parking. The public is invited to attend

the exhibit, presented by the Indian Creek Carvers. Attendees will be able to view prize-winning carvings from recent competitions as well as completed projects and carvings in progress.

Wood carvings, supplies, and equipment will be available for purchase.

Indian Creek Carvers meet weekly throughout the year on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and on Fridays between January and April. Instruction is available for beginners and advanced carvers enhance their skills during the regular club sessions.

Additional information about the exhibit or Indian Creek Carvers may be obtained by contacting Lynn Sheeley, 482-6822.✪

GC Symphony To Perform Brahms' Violin Concerto

The Gulf Coast Symphony, Southwest Florida's premier community orchestra presents the next of this season's Classical Access Concerts on Sunday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. This program features performances of Brahms' *Violin Concerto*, with guest violin soloist Timothy Schwarz and Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances.

This concert takes place at Anderson Theater on the campus of Bishop Verot High School. Ample free parking is available.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and children under 13 are admitted free. Tickets are available online at www.accessconcerts.org, by calling 277-1700 or at the Anderson Theater Box Office one hour prior to the performance.

This concert is sponsored in part by Drs. Peter and Eleanor Blitzer and the Gulf Coast Symphony's Musical Legacy Society.✱



Timothy Schwarz

Dancing Classrooms Fifth Year In Lee County Schools

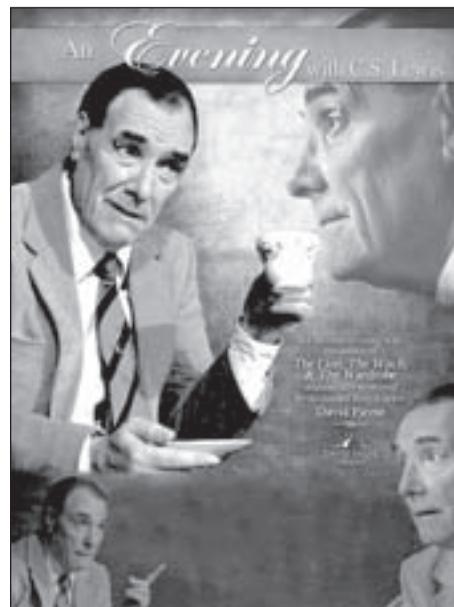
Fifth grade students begin dancing this week as the Dancing Classrooms program gears up for its fifth year in Lee County. Students from seven Title I schools in Lee County participate in the Dancing Classrooms program, a program that utilizes ballroom dancing as a vehicle to build social awareness, confidence and self-esteem through the practice of social dance.

Students in the program participate in 10 weeks/20 lessons of training from certified dance instructors, and show their skills through exhibitions at Miromar Outlets. The final showcase is held at Miromar Design Center, where students from Bonita Springs Elementary, Colonial Elementary, Edgewood Academy, J. Colin English Elementary, Orange River Elementary, Spring Creek Elementary and Tice Elementary compete for trophies in front of family members, business leaders and the community.

"When we started the program in 2008, I truly never imagined the impact it would have on the boys and girls in Lee County," said Margaret Antonier, president and CEO of Miromar Development Corp. "It is incredible to see the transformation. It has been most gratifying for me to see first-hand the difference this program has made in the lives of more than 1,500 boys and girls thus far. The goal now is to continue to expand Dancing Classrooms to include every fifth grader in every public school in Lee County, so that all of the children have this wonderful opportunity."

Dancing Classrooms was brought to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools in 2008 by Antonier. Since inception, the program has grown from five schools reaching 325 students, to seven schools reaching more than 500 students. Miromar Outlets continues to be the major sponsor of this program.✱

An Evening With C.S. Lewis Coming To Shell Point



On Sunday, February 19, British actor David Payne will offer *An Evening With C.S. Lewis* as part of the 2011-12 Season of Praise Concert Series at Shell Point. This performance will take place at 6:15 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point.

"Our residents enjoy all the fine and performing arts, and we are very excited to bring Mr. Payne here for this dramatic theatrical performance," said Pastor Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "This is sure to be a unique presentation as we hear from one of the great thinkers and writers of the 20th century."

Payne will perform *An Evening With C.S. Lewis*, a dramatic staged production set in the year 1963, when famed British author C. S. Lewis was in the twilight of his life. Following a request from

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Firehouse Community Theatre Auditions

The Firehouse Community Theatre will hold their first round of auditions at 9 a.m. this Saturday, February 4 for the final show of their season, *The Bottom Line*, by Bob

Cramer and directed by Dave Johnson. Final auditions will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7.

The Bottom Line chronicles the laughable conflict that occurs when a one day sit down strike is staged by a handful of employees to protest of sale of their hometown business to an international company. The show calls for two men and five women ages 20 and up and will run from April 13 to 23. Rehearsals will start in February.

Eligible actors must be available for a minimum of three rehearsals per week.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle. For information, e-mail info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com or call 863-675-3066 and leave a message.✱



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Shell Point Welcomes Back The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band



Barbary Coast Dixieland Band

Shell Point Retirement Community will welcome the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band, who will perform on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are required and the concert will take place in the church auditorium on The Island at Shell Point.

"The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band is such a popular group, and when we have had them perform on property in years past, they have received excellent reviews and attendance," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life for Shell Point Retirement Community. "They always manage to get audience members toe-tapping to every song they play and offer a vibrant energy that visitors can feel from the stage, so we are very happy to have them offer another wonderful performance."

The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band has been performing for 40 years, was elected into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, and rated among the finest dixieland bands in the country. The band plays everywhere from paddleboats in Mississippi to Nagasaki,

Shell Point Welcomes Picciotto, Part Of 2012's In The Face Of Courage Series

The second speaker in Shell Point's 2012 Speaker Series will be Richard Picciotto, who survived the World Trade Center Collapse on September 11, 2001. This presentation will take place on Friday, February 3 at 7 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point. The theme for this year's series is In The Face Of Courage, and all presenters have overcome a range of adversities. All residents of Southwest Florida are invited to attend, but tickets are required.

"We are so happy to welcome all the speakers in the 2012 Speaker Series, and feel that all who attend the presentations will be inspired and moved by the emotion of each story," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life for Shell Point. "The speakers lined up in this particular series have faced many different challenges and they have all been able to look at the positives of those experiences."

Firefighter and inspirational speaker Richard Picciotto was a FDNY Battalion Commander in Manhattan on September 11, 2001. Following the terrorist attack, Richard rushed inside the World Trade Center to rescue those inside, but soon found himself trapped in the smoldering rubble of the north tower after its collapse.

Picciotto's gripping first-person account provides a firefighter's view of the 9/11 World Trade Center catastrophe and emergency response. Richard played a vital role in the massive operation, testified in front of the 9/11 Commission and has appeared on many major networks, including CNN, the History Channel and National Geographic. His book, *Last Man Down*, chronicles his harrowing experience on 9/11 and has become a *New York Times* best-seller.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each by visiting www.shellpoint.org/concerts. If you have any questions, call 454-2067.✪



Richard Picciotto

Japan. The group is comprised of six talented musicians who play 18 instruments, and who are such versatile musicians that they occasionally swap instruments on stage without missing a note.

Tickets for this concert are \$15 each. To purchase tickets or receive additional information about this concert or other concert series, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.✪

Lee County Band To Salute USO

The 52-member Lee County Community Band will salute the U.S.O. on Sunday, February 12 at 3 p.m. with a free concert featuring patriotic anthems, lively marches and Big Band swing tunes from the 1940s. Due to renovations now underway at the band's usual venue, Cape Coral High School, this concert will take place at Mariner High School, 701 Chiquita Boulevard North, Cape Coral.

The band's remaining concerts this season, March 11 and April 1, also will be held at Mariner High School.

The February 12 program will include *Armed Forces Salute*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Over There*, *American Patrol*, *Stars And Stripes Forever*, *God Bless America*, *Sentimental Journey* and two medleys of Big Band songs, including *String of Pearls*, *Satin Doll*, *In the Mood* and *Jumpin' At The Woodside*.

The band is directed by Richard Bradstreet. The emcee and vocalist is Norman Jones.

The U.S.O. (United Services Organizations, Inc.) has provided support for the U.S. Armed Forces since 1941. During World War II, the U.S.O. became the G.I.'s "home away from home" and began a tradition of entertaining troops



Richard Bradstreet, director of the Lee County Community Band

– often with shows starring Hollywood celebrities – that continues today. Involvement in the U.S.O. was one of the ways the country came together to support the war effort, with nearly 1.5 million Americans volunteering their services in some way. Today, the U.S.O. has over 160 locations around the world in 14 countries, including the United States.

For more information, call Norman Jones at 995-2097 or visit www.leecountyband.org.✪

Lovegrove Paints Collectible Hearts During Art Walk

Leoma Lovegrove will paint hearts live for the eighth year on Friday, February 3 during Art Walk at the Franklin Shops, 2200 First Street in Fort Myers, and give them away. She is aiming for a grand total of 500 hearts.

Customers who don't mind carrying an original piece of art still wet from Lovegrove's paint brush will get an early Valentine's Day gift. Each heart signed by Lovegrove will be sold for only \$25. A portion of the proceeds will go toward a scholarship that she has established for a promising art student who resides in Matlacha, her international headquarters.

For more information, contact the Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens at 283-6453.✪

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For The Boater In All Of Us!

This amazing property is located in the Iona area subdivision of Catalpa Cove; just at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River. This 5 bed, 4 bath home sits surrounded by water on 2 sides. One of a kind location & dockage space for 3 boats behind the home. The waterside pool & expansive family, living & game rooms allow for easy carefree entertaining. Offered for \$1,050,000. Contact Tracy Walters 239-994-7975



The Perfect Sanibel Getaway

Quiet central location, this ground level home has been impeccably maintained. Range, refrigerator, water heater, washer, roof and garbage disposal all new in the last five years. New AC in 2010, new plumbing in 2004. Mature foliage, well maintained yard with fenced back yard and storage shed. Offered for \$329,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597.



New Listing: Captiva - South Seas Bayside Villa

Private, distinguished, and elegant modern Bermuda-style two story condo. Melodramatic waterfront views across Pine Island Sound leading to the Gulf of Mexico. Picturesque sunrise while listening to the sound, blending with the beauty of nature. Flawlessly appointed features; main floor offering bedroom with en-suite bath, state-of-the-art appointments in kitchen, dining and living area perfectly balanced with a gracious second floor master bedroom. Comfortable casual living is found in this three bedroom corner residence. Indigenous plants border the property beyond the large inviting community pool and hot tub. Many additional amenities offered with Resort Membership. Offered for \$699,000 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



Beachwalk of Sanibel

Preconstruction opportunity in Beachwalk an exciting new subdivision on east end just steps from the beach access. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath floor plan with metal roof, concrete board siding and impact windows, granite countertops, raised wood panel cabinets on the near beach lot. Our in house designer can customize the floorplan for a small fee. Act soon and pick your own interior and exterior appointments! Priced right at \$679,900. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597



Punta Rassa #208

A valued location that enhances paradise. This end unit features an additional window in Master Bedroom. Brand new top of the line kitchen with granite. Hurricane impact windows, new bathrooms & dressing area. Social Membership to the Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club included in purchase. Offered for \$299,900. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.



Build your Dream Home in Gulf Ridge

Beautifully vegetated lot very close to beach in prestigious Gulf Ridge. Last lot on right before Joewood, with adjacent community pool and tennis. Just steps from deeded beach access. Over one acre of land. Offered for \$495,000 Contact Loretta Geiger 239/980-2298.



Punta Rassa #106

Lowest Price in Development! Priced for quick sale! This very attractive unit features all the beauty of this paradise surrounded by San Carlos Bay and direct access to Gulf of Mexico. All hurricane windows, easy access to renovated pool and spa area. Complex has been totally resurfaced with new asphalt. Includes social membership to Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club, new gas BBQs, tennis courts, and shuffle board. Excellent Management! Available for rent \$1,000.00/month. Offered for \$169,900 Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420



Loggerhead Cay #462

Updated, furnished condo with beautiful courtyard views with an East end location. On-site management with amenities including a community pool, tennis courts and shuffleboard. Easy access to the Sanibel Causeway. Offered for \$499,000. Contact Sharon Wise 239-849-9121.



Blind Pass Condo

This well established, desirable, well maintained Blind Pass condo is a must see! This unit is steps away from one of the best shelling locations and secluded beaches on the Islands. This unit has great rental income and has remodeled kitchens and bathrooms. Don't miss your opportunity with this one! Offered for \$499,000. Contact the Walters Team, Tracy "Mr. Listr" 239/ 994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540.



East End Island Living

This 3/2 pool home is located on a direct access canal and is truly a must see! This island home features high ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, oversized kitchen with stainless appliances, upgraded fixtures, granite surfaces, pantry and center island with plenty of cupboard space. Home also has a wood burning fireplace for the cool island nights, 2 stage A/C systems (5 and 3 ton) for the hot island days, fire pit area, 10 thousand pound boat lift, sparkling pool, deeded beach access and lush landscaping all situated on a private road. Take a leisurely stroll to the Sanibel marina and enjoy the fresh seafood at Grandma Dots restaurant. Offered for \$959,000. Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540.





Rock Shrimp Creole With Fried Eggplant

Canola oil for frying
 1 large eggplant, peeled,
 sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
 Salt and pepper to taste
 2 eggs
 1/2 cup milk
 1 cup flour
 1 cup bread crumbs
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1/2 cup red pepper, chopped
 1 large tomato, chopped
 1/2 cup dry white wine
 1 tablespoon capers
 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 1 1/2 pounds rock shrimp, peeled
 2 tablespoons butter
 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat canola oil in deep skillet on medium high heat to 350 degrees F. Season eggplant slices with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, whisk together eggs and milk to make egg wash. Dust eggplant rounds in flour, dip into egg wash and then roll in breadcrumbs. Fry eggplant about 2 minutes per side until golden brown. Drain and keep warm. In a large sauté pan, heat 3 tablespoons olive oil over



Rock Shrimp Creole with fried eggplant

medium heat. Add onion, chopped red pepper and garlic; sauté 1 minute. Add tomatoes and cook until softened. Stir in wine, capers, and red pepper flakes; bring sauce to a simmer. Add shrimp and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Add butter and simmer

until sauce thickens. Stir in cilantro. To serve, arrange fried eggplant slices on serving plate and top with shrimp and Creole sauce.

Yields four servings
 Nutritional Value Per Serving
 Calories 681, Calories From Fat 239,

Total Fat 27g, Saturated Fat 8g, Trans Fatty Acid 0g, Cholesterol 384mg, Total Carbohydrates 58g, Protein 47g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 0.1g

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

Lakes Regional Library Events

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

Adults

Fitness On The Go: Library E-Books & More

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 1

Fitness On The Go is a multigenerational initiative to help you get healthy and discover our library resources. Libraries are all about technology these days. Get the latest how-to info at this special event. We'll demonstrate some great resources available at the library, including e-books, downloadable music, and more. For all ages, from kids to seniors. Registration is required.

Fitness On The Go: Rock Around The Clock

10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 2

Fitness On The Go is a multigenerational initiative to help you get healthy and discover our library resources. Put on your dancing shoes and boogie down at the library. No experience necessary – we'll dance up a storm to great music from the '50s to today. Everyone's invited, from toddlers to seniors. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

English Café

6 p.m. Mondays, February 6, 13, 20 and 27

Practice your English with English

Café, a free conversation session for adult ESOL and ESL students. Each 90-minute session provides adult learners an opportunity to practice speaking English with native speakers. Participants may start at any time. Advanced registration is not necessary.

Fitness On The Go: Latin Groove
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 8

Fitness On The Go is a multigenerational initiative to help you get healthy and discover our library resources. Bring the whole family to learn some salsa and merengue moves. Beginners and singles are welcome, too. For all ages. Registration is required.

Master Gardener Series: Florida Gardening

2 p.m. Thursday, February 16

Join Master Gardener John Sibley for a presentation on growing native plants for Southwest Florida gardens. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: Candice Millard's *Destiny of the Republic*

2 p.m. Tuesday, February 21

Read and discuss Candice Millard's book detailing the assassination of President Garfield. A reformer, who promotes equality and seeks to move the South towards his vision of racial harmony by education, Garfield is described as the right man at the right time when he is elected in 1880. Millard provides the reader a thorough look at both an age of rapid technological advancement and the sad state of 1880's American medicine. Registration is required.

Bubbles: A Visit With Beverly Sills

2 p.m. Thursday, February 23

Damaris Peters Pike covers the childhood and early career of the effervescent red-haired opera star who was the first woman director of a major opera company, chaired the board of the Lincoln Center, and remained a popular television commentator until her death in July 2007. Songs and arias which were part of her rise to stardom are included. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Family

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Toddler Storytime

10 a.m. Wednesdays, February 1, 8 and 15

Children 2 years old and their caregivers participate in song, fingerplays and short stories. The success of this age group depends on adult participation and encouragement. Toddler storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Family Storytime

11 a.m. Wednesdays, February 1, 8 and 15

This program is for the whole family

and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

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Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10 a.m. Mondays, February 6 and 13

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

Fitness On The Go: Latin Groove

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Children

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. Mondays, February 6 and 13
 Preschoolers (ages 3 to 5) attend this storytime independently while parents

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Fort Myers-Lee County Library February Events

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

Adults

Fitness On The Go
February 1 to 11

Available during normal library operating hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fitness On The Go is a multigenerational initiative to help you get healthy and discover our library resources. Did you make a New Year's resolution to get fit? The library is here to help. Find out what Fitness On The Go is all about and kick start your goals. For all ages, from toddlers to seniors. Come to the Fort Myers Library to pick up your forms at the Youth Services Desk.

Valentines!

10 a.m. Friday, February 3

Learn new techniques and express yourself while making these lovely, unique valentines. All materials supplied. Registration is requested.

February Beginners Genealogy Series
Presented by Gina Hamister of the Western Reserve Historical Society Library in Cleveland, Ohio

9:30 to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays

February 4: Using Home Sources and

Organizing Your Research

February 11: Finding Your Family in the United States Census

February 18: Using Court House Resources and Vital Records

February 25: Alternative or Hidden Resources for Locating Ancestors
Registration required.

Book Discussion: Daniel Silva's *The Kill Artist*

Noon Wednesday, February 15

We all have favorite authors but finding new authors to love can be a fun part of the book discussion experience. This year we will read the first novel of an author's series.

Family

Family Storytime

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, February 1, 8 and 15

This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, February 16 and 23

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Valentine Gifts

4:45 p.m. Thursday, February 9

Come decorate purple hearts for someone special. We will also make Valentine cards. Supplies are provided. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines

6 to 7 p.m. Monday, February 27

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

Teens

Fitness On The Go

February 1 to 11

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or caregivers wait nearby in the library building. This storytime includes activities that require more participation and a longer attention span. Each preschool storytime lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Fitness On The Go: Parachute Playtime

10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7

Fitness On The Go is a multigenerational initiative to help you get healthy and discover our library resources. The parachute is one of our favorite activities in storytime. We'll explore movement and motion in this special fitness program for little ones ages 2 and up and their loved ones. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines

4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, February 16

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

Music Together

10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 23

Do you want your kids to love music the way that you do? Our friends from Family Music Time will create a relaxed, playful environment where you and your kids can share songs, play instruments, and learn rhythm patterns. For kids from birth to 5-years. Registration is required.

Teens

Fitness On The Go: Library E-Books & More

10 a.m. Wednesday, February 1

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Kids Read Down Fines

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

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

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Pre-Season Outlook For The Minnesota Twins Centers On The Health Of Former All-Stars



by Ed Frank

(In little more than two weeks, baseball's Spring Training camps open. The following is the outlook for the 2012 Minnesota Twins, one of the Major League teams that train here.)

Two names hold the key to the future of the Minnesota Twins – Mauer and Morneau.

The health of these former MVPs, Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau, and whether they can return to the all-star caliber they once performed, are big, big questions.

Adding to these predominate question marks is the fact that Mauer's \$23-million-a-year contract and Morneau's \$14 million

deal represent 35 percent of the team's 25-man roster payroll.

And it's tough to field a division-challenging team when two players consume more than one third of its payroll.

Unquestionably, it's a year of rebuilding for the Twins that had won the American League Central Division Championship six times in nine years (2003-2010) before last season's disastrous collapse when the team fell from 94 wins in 2010 to a shocking 99 losses in 2011.

To keep Mauer off the free-agent market, the Twins made him the highest paid catcher in baseball history when he signed an eight-year \$184 million contract in 2010. He had been the American League MVP the year before.

However, a multitude of injuries limited him to only a substandard 82 games last year (a .287 batting average and only 30 RBIs) and Morneau played only 69 games because of an ongoing battle with concussion problems.

The 2011 season disaster marked only the second losing season in the 10-year managing tenure of Ron Gardenhire and ultimately resulted in the dumping of Twins' general manager Bill Smith. To the rescue came former GM Terry Ryan who resigned from burnout in 2007.

The high salaries of Mauer and Morneau undoubtedly contributed to the departure via free agency of Twins' stalwarts Jason Kubel, Michael Cuddyer and Joe Nathan.

Ryan, who earned the reputation as one of the shrewdest evaluators of talent in baseball as well as a master wheeler and dealer, has been forced to patch together a roster with some low-level signings such as pitchers Jason Marquis and Joel Zumaya.

The injured Mauer was often switched to first base last year, and as a result, catching was a major problem with two fill-ins batting below .200.

Ryan did move to correct the situation this year by signing free-agent backstop Ryan Doumit.

Morneau's lingering concussion problems will result in his likely shift to designated hitter with Mauer assuming added first base duties to save wear and tear on his knees.

However, the Twins report that the M&M boys have returned to good health.

Hopefully this is true. For without strong production from Mauer and Morneau, it could be another long season for the Twins' faithful.

Twins' Former Manager Tom Kelly's Number 10 to be retired

Twins' former manager Tom Kelly, who managed the club from 1986 to 2001, winning the World Series in 1987 and 1991, will be honored later this year with a special celebration to retire his No. 10.

Kelly is the club's all-time leader with 1,140 managerial wins and a postseason record of 16-8.

Hall of Famers to Compete in 2012 Ace Group Classic

The field for the February 17 to 19 Ace Group Classic will include five Hall of Famers along with defending champion Bernard Langer and local area residents Peter Jacobsen and Fuzzy Zoeller.

They will join Hall of Famers Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Nick Price, Curtis Strange and Larry Nelson for the 25th anniversary of the prestigious tournament at the Twin Eagles Club in Naples.

In addition, the tournament received a commitment from Dan Forsman who won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship.✪

Kiwanis Sponsors Annual Calusa 5K Bug Chase

Approximately 200 racers hit the trails at last weeks Fourth Annual Calusa 5K Bug Chase. Runners from age 5 to 75 enjoyed the natural setting of the Calusa Nature Center's trail. Participants received a commemorative long sleeve T-shirt and goody bag, along with the opportunity to experience what their community has to offer on site at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium. The center is a not for profit, environmental education organization situated on 105 acres. It features a museum, a planetarium, butterfly and bird aviaries, gift shop, picnic areas and three nature trails.

Runners and their families were invited to visit all the exhibits and view the animals residing at the center, which include a bobcat, prairie dogs, white tail deer and raccoons.

All proceeds benefit the Fort Myers-Metro Kiwanis BUG (Bring Up Grades) program, which recently recognized three local elementary schools and over 325 students who raised their grades to an acceptable range and maintained or continued to raise them from one grad-



The Mitchell Family, owners of Pool Pros Inc. not only participated in the race but were also the title sponsors

ing period to the next. This program continues in the tradition that Kiwanis is as global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

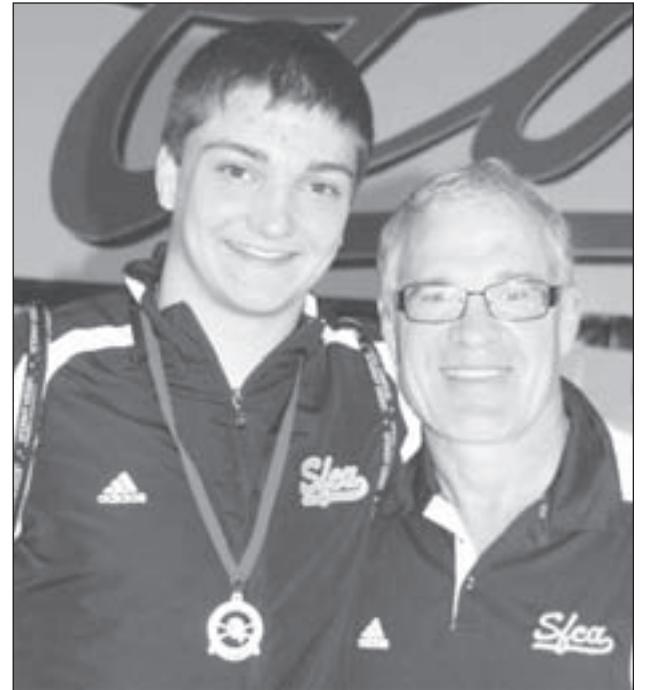
For more information about the Fort Myers-Metro Club, visit www.metro-mcgregor.com.✪

Student Wrestlers Take The Gold

The Southwest Florida Christian Academy Kings Wrestling Team has won its first gold medal. Sophomore Noah Huxley won the gold in the 220-pound division competing at the Don Sanford, Jr. Invitational Tournament in Port Charlotte last Saturday. He beat all three opponents by pins in the first minute of each match.

Eighth grader Jon Angoluan earned 4th place competing in the 120-pound division, while ophomore Andrew Kreps qualified for the 145-pound medal rounds.

Coach Jim Martin, who won the gold in the 1983 Pan Am Games, has led the Kings to victory in the three years since its origination.✪



Sophomore Noah Huxley with Coach Jim Martin

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Investors Can Learn Much From Super Bowl Teams



by Jennifer Basey

It's Super Bowl time again. And whether you're a sports fan or not, you can probably learn something from the Super Bowl teams that you can apply to other endeavors – such as investing.

What might these lessons be? Take a look:

- Pick players carefully. Super Bowl teams don't usually get there out of luck; they've made it in part because they have carefully chosen their players. And to potentially achieve success as an investor, you, too, need carefully chosen "players" – investments that are chosen for your individual situation.

- Choose a diversified mix of players. Not only do Super Bowl teams have good players, but they have good ones at many different positions – and these players tend to play well together. As an investor, you should own a variety of investments with different capabilities – such as stocks for growth and bonds for income – and your various investments should complement, rather than duplicate, one another. Strive to build a diversified portfolio containing investments appropriate for your situation, such as stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other vehicles. Diversifying your holdings may help reduce the effects of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

- Follow a "game plan." Super Bowl teams are skilled at creating game plans designed to maximize their own strengths and exploit their opponents' weaknesses. When you invest, you also can benefit from a game plan – a strategy to help

you work toward your goals. This strategy may incorporate several elements, such as taking full advantage of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, pursuing new investment opportunities as they arise and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate for your needs.

- Stay dedicated to your goals. Virtually all Super Bowl teams have had to overcome obstacles, such as injuries, bad weather and a tough schedule. But through persistence and a constant devotion to their ultimate goal, they persevere. As an investor, you'll face some challenges, too, such as political and economic turmoil that can upset the financial markets. But if you own a diversified mix of quality investments and follow a long-term strategy that's tailored to your objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance, you can keep moving forward, despite the "bumps in the road" that all investors face.

- Get good coaching. Super Bowl teams typically are well-coached, with disciplined head coaches and innovative offensive and defensive coordinators. When you're trying to achieve many financial goals – such as a comfortable retirement, control over your investment taxes and a legacy to leave to your family – you, too, can benefit from strong "coaching." As your "head coach," you might choose a financial professional – someone who can help you identify your goals and recommend an appropriate investment strategy to help you work toward them. And your financial professional can coordinate activities with your other "coaches," such as your tax and legal advisors.

Unless you're a professional football player, you won't ever experience what it's like to play in the Super Bowl. However, achieving your financial goals can be a fairly big event in your life – and to help work toward that point, you can take a few tips from the teams that have made it to the "Big Game."

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French Olympian

Like many Olympian athletes, Klouchi transitioned his love of sport into a passion for the arts, particularly focused on the artistic beauty of action. With each stroke of acrylic on canvas, Klouchi captures his personal passion for sport and draws on his appreciation of the body's movement as a work of art in all of its grace and beauty.

Klouchi's artwork will be on display through March. The exhibit features several new pieces and originals are available for sale. The public is invited to attend a special reception on Friday, February 3 beginning at 6 p.m. to view *A Spirit Unleashed* in the Olympian Art Gallery at the Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery at the Al Oerter Center for Excellence, 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Guests will have an opportunity to hear from the artist himself at 7 p.m. Admission to the reception is free.

The bold colors and long strokes pro-

vide a kinetic quality to Klouchi's work is evidenced by the way the movement of each figure is captured to reveal the spirit of athleticism and a moment in which the authentic beauty of the effort and strength are reunited.

Museum-goers who are interested in learning more about Klouchi's Olympic journey will have an opportunity to hear his views on the Olympics, community and culture during the launch of AOTO's Cultural Connections seminar series on Thursday, February 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Seating is limited. For more information, call 332-5055.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Gallery is closed to on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

For general museum information, visit www.artoftheolympians.com. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/artofolympians, fan us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/artoftheolympians or call 332-5055.✪

GC Symphony Presents AMERICA!

The Gulf Coast Symphony, Southwest Florida's premier community orchestra, will present the moving patriotic concert *AMERICA!* on Sunday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. The performance takes place at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. This concert features the Southeastern U.S. premiere of a symphonic tribute saluting one of America's most cherished artists, Ansel Adams.

Ansel Adams: America, composed by Chris and Dave Brubeck, is a 22-minute, one-movement piece that fully integrates sweeping melodies with 102 striking images of or by Adams. Few people realize that Adams trained to be a classical musician, which greatly influenced his work. The piece bearing his name has consistently played to full houses, and has succeeded in its mission to bring new and larger audiences to orchestra concerts.

This concert also features Copland's *A Lincoln Portrait* and other patriotic pieces to celebrate *AMERICA!* and narration by special guest star, multi Tony Award nominee Marc Kudisch.

Single tickets to *AMERICA!* range from \$37 to \$57 and can be purchased at www.gulfcoastsymphony.org, by calling 481-4849 or at the box office one hour prior to the concert. For more information, e-mail info@gulfcoastsymphony.org.

The Gulf Coast Symphony's 17th season features its highly popular Symphonic Sensations Concert Series, which includes *Richard Rodgers' Songbook* on March 18 and *Cirque de la Symphonie* on April 21.✪



Marc Kudisch

FGCU Small Business Development Center To Host Writing For The Web

The Florida Gulf Coast University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in partnership with AdSource, a full service marketing firm, hosts a two-hour seminar and interactive Q&A on writing for the web. The seminar will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 9 in the FGCU Cohen Center (Student Union), Room 247. Cost is \$10 per person, and is free for FGCU students and faculty.

Kitt Walsh, CEO of www.Behind Blogs.com and regular contributor to CNN Money and *The Wall Street Journal*, will discuss the myths about keywords, how to use bullets and subheads, why the "I" is all-important, and the importance of intellectual property. Walsh will also cover what is the right length for a blog, the importance or not of LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, and when to consider hiring an ad agency.

Attendees who would like constructive criticism on their existing business blog or website, can send a link or any content they plan to publish to behindblogs@gmail.com. During the seminar, Walsh will discuss with the group how the content may be made more effective for the web.

To register, go to www.sbdseminars.org or call 745-3700 for more information.✪



Ansel Adams environmental portrait by Cedric Wright



Teacher Georgia Dawkins and her after school class

Center Delivers High Quality After School Program

Quality Life Center's after school program includes arts, academics and recreation, and its students consistently make academic gains. And now it is tuition-free to Lee County students who qualify. The program takes place at the center at 3210 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Fort Myers, which is a bus stop for most nearby schools. The program takes place Monday through Friday after school until 6 p.m.

The curriculum consists of academic and personal enrichment, dance, music, media arts, technology, language and athletics classes. A snack and a hot meal is provided to all students.

In addition, the "Q" has implemented "Times-table Tuesdays" and "Thoughtful Thursdays" – days dedicated to improving children's math and English FCAT scores.

Chief operating officer Dr. Charles Cunningham has set the standard high to provide excellence and outstanding services.

"We are excited to offer this program to members of the community who have been hit by economic downfall who cannot afford high quality programs in these tough times," Dr. Cunningham stated.

The "Q" strives to provide global thinkers committed to this community. There are limited spots for the scholarship rate. For enrollment information, contact parent coordinator Angela Pena at 334-2797 or apena@qlcswfl.org. Funding for this program is provided by Lee County and the City of Fort Myers.✧

Early Childhood Educational Conference Coming To ESC

More than 600 early childhood educators and others are expected to attend the 17th Annual Circles of Care Early Childhood Conference, held on the Fort Myers campus of Edison State College.

Those who want to learn more about early childhood education have until February 17 to pre-register at reduced prices for the popular conference set for Saturday, February 25.

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

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 entertaining ways to look at behavior and show teachers what they 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 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.

Pre-registration is \$37 and increases to \$45 at the door. Participants may register in person or by mail by sending payment and a completed registration to Child Care of Southwest Florida at 6831 Palisades Park Court, Suite 6, Fort Myers, FL 33912. Online registration is available at www.ccsfwf.org for an additional \$3 service fee.

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 News-Press*, Florida Gulf Coast University, ABS Distributors and the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

For more information, visit www.edison.edu.✧

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Dear Shelley, I want to enroll my daughter in a school that promotes and uses technology to it's fullest. What kinds of things should I be looking for in a school that uses lots of technology?

Matt W., Naples

Matt,

You have asked a great question. There are important philosophical, physical and instructional characteristics to examine when one is choosing a new school.

You want to make sure that any school you select is accredited. You can ask to see a copy of the school's accreditation. Make sure that the accreditation is from a reputable agency. Of course you will want to look at the curriculum to make sure that it covers all core academic areas and also provides for the arts, physical education and other opportunities.

Another thing to look at as you evaluate various schools is their mission statement. Does the mission statement support your beliefs and ideas? Is it something that you and your family will support? Take a close look at what is being said and then ask for examples on how it is realized at school.

For an efficient "smart" classroom,

there are features that need to address the basic shell of the room, the teacher's space and the student's independent and collaborative learning spaces. There are six crucial elements that make for a successful "smart" classroom according to Isaac Herskowitz, director of New York-based Touro College's instructional technology program. These elements include desks and furniture that must support collaboration, classrooms that must have ample electrical outlets, teachers who must have a "smart" teacher lectern, lighting that needs to be easy to control, physical space that goes beyond a single classroom, and the school needs fewer expansive gathering areas and more smaller common areas to increase student collaboration.

Amber Raskin, a director of the Santa Clarita Valley International School, a K-12 Tuition-Free Public Charter School where their mission statement is "Inspiring Lifelong Learners With the Skills to Thrive in the 21st Century." She says "that the modern-day classroom's design should revolve around the idea that students should no longer be sitting alone at desks "spitting out answers" to a teacher who stands behind a podium. Today, we must create spaces where students can collaborate and participate, in real-life environments where they can learn how to work on teams; that's what they'll be doing in the work world."

The increased use of "smart" technology has created a new set of needs, concepts and principles in providing a high-quality classroom experience and it will

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Dr. Dave

Rings Of Fire



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

While living on the remote and primitive island of Tanna in Vanuatu in 1995, my four fearless/feisty/foolish kids and I ventured up the side of a large, nasty volcano named Mt. Yasr. This volcano is so dangerous that were it located in any place in the world other than Tanna, we'd not be allowed within two time zones of it. But here, nobody cares how stupid you are, and being second to no one in that category, I edged up the peak to peek over the edge and into the earth's fiery furnace.

While we stood/cowered/bargained with the Lord there, the earth beneath our feet suddenly gave a mighty groan. Yasr first rumbled, then belched and then – to the great alarm of our souls/minds/bladders – it suddenly exploded with a terrifying bellow! We fell to the ground, certain that we were about to be shot heavenward/dumped into the river Styx. Massive lava boulders the size of Cadillacs/Rhode Island/Rosie flew straight up over our heads. They seemed to hover in mid-air for a moment and then, throttled by gravity, came crashing back, falling either into the boiling

cauldron or onto the ground where we lay quivering like frightened felines. No sooner did we retrieve our mercury/amalgam/dentures then it exploded again! We flew/scurried/cart-wheeled down the mountainside as fast as 40 pounds of goosebumps clinging to our carcasses would allow. While stumbling down the slope, dodging the meteor shower, we vowed to never return.

Mt. Yasr claimed three lives during the time I lived at its base, and at its mercy. While I had the sobering opportunity to live in the South Pacific's infamous "ring of fire" you may have the sobering realization that a ring of fire lives in many of you. A string of volcanoes, many ready to erupt, rumble within our arterial system, with a particularly dense collection lining our coronary and cerebral arteries. Known as atheroma, these volcanoes are the number one cause of death in the civilized world.

"Atheroma" comes from the Greek for "porridge." I can still hear my sweet wee Scottish gran "Eat yer bloody atheroma 'ere yer kilt'll fall down about yer lily-white ankles, exposin' yer lily-white... umm... knickers." which of course is something no self-respecting son of Scotland could bear. The core of the atheroma is a porridge-like soft, lipid-rich material that is built up by too much LDL cholesterol. The volcano is covered by a fibrous cap that keeps it from erupting. This sclerotic (hard) fibrous cap is what causes "hardening of the arteries," a condition also known as atherosclerosis. This cap, however, is eroded by inflammation from

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

We were thrilled when our daughter-in-law told us she was pregnant with her second child. The medical procedure she had to help her become pregnant worked.

However, three months later we were told the heart-breaking news that all the tests showed their child would be severely handicapped.

The doctors told her an abortion would be available to her if she decided to go that route.

It is against our religious beliefs to even consider an abortion, so now it is

being left to God to give us the strength we need.

My daughter-in-law, our son, her parents and my husband and I are all going through a terrible, worrisome time.

Do you have any suggestions to help us cope?

Sylvia

Dear Sylvia,

I am sorry to hear about your family situation. Just as our ethics, morals and beliefs guide our behavior and actions, the same ethics, morals and beliefs provide comfort and support during difficult times. I cannot even begin to understand the journey ahead for your family. My thoughts are with you all.

Pryce

Dear Sylvia,

I am so sorry about this developing problem. It is only in recent years that families know in advance about the condition of a developing child.

Handicapped children are accepted in many families with open arms and love; in others, it is extremely difficult. It is difficult for mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents. Many marriages cannot survive and the financial costs can be enormous.

It is time for you to come to terms with your own feelings and ask yourselves if you can accept the burden and the responsibility.

Professional counseling by a licensed mental health professional may help you consider all of the available options.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✱

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Control Your Stress Naturally



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

You've said that stress causes higher levels of the hormone cortisol and that causes weight gain and disease. I have lost my home and dealing with the emotional fallout and the anguish of scaling down and moving. How can I control cortisol as I deal with this grief? My good health is all I have left.

ML, Palm Beach, Florida

Sorry about your loss. Cortisol is produced by your adrenal glands and helps regulate the speed at which you turn food into fuel, and hence your blood sugar levels; it supports immune function and bone health. It's not a bad guy unless it gets too high, or flat-lines after prolonged periods of stress.

Stress is by far the number one reason that cortisol levels become elevated. Excessive amounts cause you to hold weight in your mid-section (think belly fat). High cortisol means more infections and higher incidence of hypertension, osteoporosis (brittle bones), reflux, diabetes, cancer, heart disease and

stroke. Stress can make you terribly sick by upping your cortisol hormone. Conventional medicine's answer is usually a benzodiazepine-type of tranquilizer such as Xanax, Valium or Ativan which provides a quick fix.

Supplements help you with the stress response better because they don't cause addiction, and they can lower cortisol unlike drugs. Reducing cortisol is good for your waist line. Even if you can't eliminate stress, and have to go through it, you can still improve your body's response to the stress. This is important. Make the word "adaptogen" your best friend because adaptogenic herbs are your best solution to stress. Four of my favorite are ashwagandha, ginseng, rhodiola and gotu kola.

Well-designed scientific studies have revealed undeniable stress-relieving qualities. You should not need all four, just pick one to try based on it's other properties and potential side effects. Ask your doctor if it's right for you before buying them at the health food store. Google these herbs to learn about them. It's okay to switch them out every few months. Adaptogens often take a few weeks to begin working.

Ashwagandha improves endurance, provides instant calm, fights fatigue, reduces inflammation and enhances sex drive. Panax ginseng also enhances sex drive, while improving energy levels, mental focus and well-being. Rhodiola, which thrives in freezing cold Siberia, improves stamina, cognitive function, melancholy and ability to cope. Gotu

kola herb offers a mild, relaxing sense of virtual euphoria. Take gotu kola when you need it to kick back and relax, the way you might enjoy a glass of wine. Speaking of alcohol, this may be an effective stress-reducer but it's going to make a mess of your cortisol over time. I'd prefer you drink green tea; in most people that provides instant calm.

Treat yourself to massage. In 2005, University of Miami researchers reviewed some scientific studies and found that a single massage can reduce cortisol levels by an amazing 31 percent. Yoga is another way to find peace and calm. More meditation means less medication.

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JASF To Induct Fischer, Watt Into Hall Of Fame

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida (JASF) will induct Scott Fischer of Scott Fischer Enterprises and Barbara Watt of Century 21 Sunbelt Realty into the 2012 Business of Hall of Fame, Lee County, at a dinner and awards ceremony on April 25 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Estero. The prestigious award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

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

Fischer is the owner and chief executive officer of Scott Fischer Enterprises, which operates four Harley-Davidson dealerships: two in Southwest Florida, one in Alabama and one in New Mexico.

Watt is the founder and owner of Century 21 Sunbelt Realty, which she established in Fort Myers in 1984. Starting with one office, Century 21 Sunbelt Realty now has five offices in Southwest Florida and earned the position of the number one Century 21 Office in the World in 2005.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the 2012 Business Hall of Fame, Lee County are now available. Proceeds benefit Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida programs. For event tickets and sponsorship information, call the Junior Achievement office at 225-2590.*

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Scott Fischer



Barbara Watt

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School Smart

take a while for all schools to catch up with these new concepts and principles. The key here is to make sure that if a school says that it wants to use technology to the utmost as the core instructional methodology, the school must be moving to a collaborative model of teaching and learning for its students.

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World-Class Rum Dinner To Benefit Children's Hospital Of SW Florida

Classically-trained chef Justin Fleming of Hemingway's Island Grill in Estero will pull out all the stops to create an unforgettable evening in support of local children's health care. Fleming is a partner in Panamonte Luxury Brands (based in Panama) and will use the spectacular evening as the United States launch of their newest offering: Panamonte XXV Reserva Preciosa, an ultra-premium sipping rum over 25 years in the making.

The event, set for Thursday, February 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the prestigious Club at Renaissance in Fort Myers, will include cocktails, four-course gourmet dinner with rum pairings and musical guests Jeff White & Friends, who will be traveling in to support the special evening.

Organizers are hoping guests will bid high at the luxury silent and live auctions. Auction selections include a private wine dinner for 10 at Shula's of Naples, Latin-themed cooking classes from Fleming, show stopping jewelry from The Diamond District, an autographed Aerosmith guitar, an autographed Tom Brady jersey, premium tickets to see illusionist David Blaine and luxury trips to Mexico, Phoenix and Chicago, including premium seating for a Chicago Bulls vs. Miami Heat game. An additional auction standout is the opportunity to attend the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta.

Prominent Naples resident and businessman Todd Gates of GATES, Inc. who does extensive work in Panama has stepped forward in support of the cause with a not-to-be missed "Insiders View of Panama" luxury trip for four. This truly special trip will include some of the finest hotels and cuisine of Panama as well as a VIP tour of the

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Dr Dave

smoking's free radicals, LDL cholesterol itself, infections (like gingivitis) and even high blood pressure, which can sheer the cap right off. The rupture of Mt. Atheroma into the blood stream is stemmed by platelets and sticky buns, which clot over the volcano, seemingly a good thing. But in a classic case of the fix being worse than the problem it is this clot that kills! The rupture/clot is so large that it shuts off all blood flow in the artery giving its owner a heart attack or stroke. Soon, Mr. LDL Bloggins is getting his photo in the local paper followed by several kind phrases he never heard in life that include the words "beloved"/"suddenly"/"probate."

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

LMHS Raises Over \$287,000 During Helping Kids With Cancer Radiothon

Last week, the Lee Memorial Health System announced that more than \$287,000 was raised at its 10th Annual Helping Kids With Cancer Radiothon, held on January 20 at Miromar Outlets in Estero.

Proceeds from the 12-hour radiothon – that allowed patients and their families to share their stories over the airwaves – will support Barbara's Friends-The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. The Children's Hospital Cancer Program is supported by the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation through Barbara's Friends. Barbara's Friends is an endowed children's cancer fund that supports the pediatric oncology and hematology programs and family-centered services not reimbursed by public or private health insurance.

"We are incredibly grateful for the community's support of our pediatric patients. The success of this year's Radiothon allows the doctors and nurses at The Children's Hospital to continue providing the best in medical care to children battling cancer or a blood disorder right here in Southwest Florida," said Lee Memorial Health System Chief Foundation Officer Sharon MacDonald.

The event totals include proceeds from Rumrunners Celebrity Chef Night, held each August as a kick-off to the Cat Country 107.1 Helping Kids With Cancer Radiothon.

For more information on how you or your company can support Lee Memorial Health System programs, treatments and facilities, call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 343-6950 or visit www.LeeMemorial.org/Foundation.*

Panama Canal and will certainly draw a high bid.

"I have a young son who inspires me to support pediatric causes and to use my skills in a way that will make this community stronger for all who live here," said Fleming of his efforts on behalf of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. "I hope the community will support the evening and I promise to make it a truly special experience."

Proceeds from the luxury evening will support the building of a new Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The new facility will provide much-needed additional hospital space and specialized pediatric services for children in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties.

Seating at the dinner is \$500 per person and includes a collector's bottle of Panamonte XXV Reserva Preciosa, which retails for \$400. The dinner pairings and menu includes prosecco, caviar pizza (paddlefish, salmon and Tobiko caviar with saffron crème fraiche on hand-rolled flatbread), Panama Red Sky, Kabuki Escolar and blackened yellowfin tuna with tropical fruit salsa with chipotle rum glaze, Rum Tomato Martini, bone-in beef tenderloin with foie gras butter and bacon foam accompanied by roasted fingerling potatoes, bread pudding, sea salt caramel and baby rum cake.

"Chef Justin Fleming has been an incredible partner in our fundraising efforts," added Jeannie Cummings, senior director of marketing for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation. "We have raised thousands of dollars through his auction gifts of wine and rum dinners, cooking classes and special events at Hemingway's Island Grill. We depend on outstanding community partner support and I hope that anyone looking for an amazing evening will join us as it promises to be an outstanding event in support of pediatric health care."

For reservations and more information on the event, contact chef Justin Fleming at 287-8756.*

New Exhibit Opens At Estates

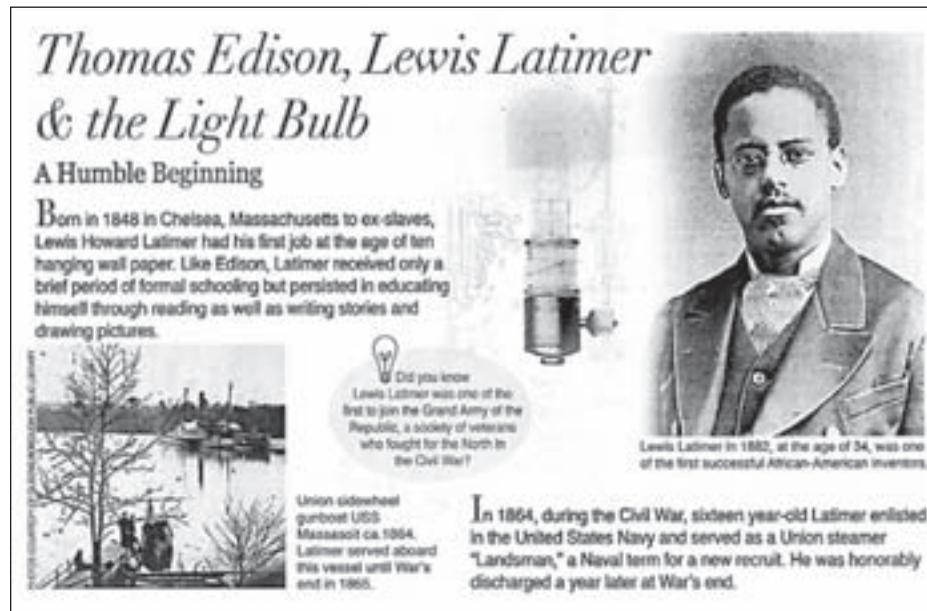


Exhibit panel of Thomas Edison, Lewis Latimer & the Light Bulb

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates has prepared a new exhibit, Thomas Edison, Lewis Latimer & the Light Bulb, for the Black History Museum and the Lee County Black History Society. The exhibit will open in time for Black History Month at the Black History Museum. There is also a similar exhibit at the Edison Ford Invention Museum at the Edison Ford Winter Estates.

Latimer worked for, and with, Edison for many years and also held many important patents himself. Latimer was the son of former slaves and grew up in the era of invention of the light bulb and early communications.

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

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Arts And Crafts Show Vendors Needed

Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center is looking for craft vendors for their upcoming Arts & Crafts Show that will take place on Saturday, March 3.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wa-Ke Hatchee Park, 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Spaces are available for a nominal fee of \$25. Tables, tents, etc. are not provided. Electric spaces are available.

Activities are to include a Car Show from 2 to 5 p.m., live band, food vendors, demonstrations, a Movie in the Park in the evening and much more family fun. Admission will be free.

For further information on this event or to become a vendor, contact Kristie Valone at 432-2154 or valonekn@leegov.com. For information about Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center & Park, visit www.leeparks.org.

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Art Walk

• Art League of Fort Myers: Opening reception for Feb Fest exhibit.

• Arts for ACT Gallery: Opening reception for Mojo Hands exhibit featuring artists Lennie Jones and George Mitchell. Also exhibiting is Dr. Kyra Belan and a special exhibit by kids with cancer by the Young Artists Awards program. Young Artists Awards vocalists Callie Atkinson and Sam Bostic will be performing.

• Coloring the World: The gallery featuring the art of Stephen Gray Blancett celebrates its second year in business

• daas Gallery: Opening reception for Epiphany show by sculptor Kenneth D. Rowe.

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

• HOWL Gallery: Opening of Deep Within group show featuring Cesar Aguilera, Nancy Iannitelli and Heather Nigro.

• In One Instant: Opening for An Alternative View: Rebecca Sexton Larson & Matt Larson.

Chinese Art & History Lecture Series Begins

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University announces its 2012 Chinese Art & History Lecture Series, held at the Academy's Naples location at 1010 5th Avenue South. This lecture series features nationally recognized speakers on Chinese art and history and includes six lectures and a film presentation, taking place on Tuesdays through February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Online registration and additional information is available at <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>.

Among the Renaissance Academy's offerings are affordable, non-credit single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment classes, writing workshops, travel abroad programs and other special events. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers.

Course fees are typically \$25 per lecture, and provide access to Academy programs located at 12 locations throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

For more information or a free catalog of offerings, contact The Renaissance Academy at 425-3272.

• Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center: New exhibits featuring the work of popular artists Ikki and Polly Matsumoto, along with the equestrian art of Sherry Rohl.

• Space 39 Gallery: Bi-God! exhibit featuring photographers Valerie Roche and Stephanie Davis. Held the first Friday of every month, Art Walk features local and national artwork in the downtown art galleries and several art stops in the Fort Myers River District. The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. The after party will be held at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

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

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

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

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Kanzius Breakthrough

emitting radio waves that heat and kill cancer cells targeted with nanoparticles, microscopic pieces of metal that are injected into the bloodstream. The device has been proven to kill pancreatic cancer cells in live mice without harming healthy tissue. The goal is to produce an effective, noninvasive cancer treatment in humans that doesn't have the harsh side-effects associated with current treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation.

Curley's research is funded by the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation. For more information go to www.kanziuscancerresearch.org.

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TRIVIA TEST

1. TELEVISION: Who played Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show"?
2. HISTORY: The Battle of Hastings was fought to control which country?
3. CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: What award-winning Christmas book did Chris Van Allsburg write?
4. MUSIC: By which nickname did The Doors' Jim Morrison refer to himself?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What Balkan leader's real name was Josip Broz?
6. MOVIES: What shape did Hermione Granger's patronus take in the "Harry Potter" series?
7. ENTERTAINMENT: What kind of entertainer would use the "DeManche change"?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the Hawaiian word for "quick"?
9. POETRY: Who wrote "Sonnets from the Portuguese"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest tidal estuary in the United States?

ANSWERS

1. Don Knotts 2. England 3. "The Polar Express" 4. The Lizard King 5. Tito 6. A silver oyster 7. A magician 8. Wiki 9. Elizabeth Barrett Browning 10. Chesapeake Bay

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2010, Texas' Josh Hamilton became the third Ranger to lead the A.L. in batting average for a season. Name either of the other two.
2. Who is the all-time leader in stolen bases for the Toronto Blue Jays?
3. Name the first team to win 15 games in a regular season once the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978.
4. Which was the lowest-seeded men's basketball team to win a game in the 2011 NCAA Tournament (not counting the First Four games)?
5. When was the last time Canadian-based NHL teams won at least five consecutive Stanley Cups?
6. In 2011, Tony Stewart became the second driver to win the first two races in NASCAR's Chase playoff format. Who was the first?
7. Roger Federer holds the record for most singles titles won at the ATP World Tour Finals. How many has he captured?

ANSWERS

1. Julio Franco hit .341 in 1991, and Michael Young hit .331 in 2005. 2. Lloyd Moseby, with 255. 3. San Francisco went 15-1 in 1984. 4. No. 13 Morehead State beat No. 4 Louisville. 5. Canadian-based teams won seven Cups in a row between 1984 and 1990. 6. Greg Biffle, in 2008. 7. Six, including in 2011.

My Stars ★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of mixed signals can create an unreliable situation in which to make decisions. Best advice: Hold off on making any commitments until you're sure you know what's going on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An apparently friendly offer comes with some strings attached. Be careful not to get tied into something you don't really want. Thoroughly examine all your options before making a choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you're not careful, distractions can interrupt your best efforts. Continue to focus on what you need to do. You'll soon have lots of time to enjoy the rewards of your dedication.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Knowledge replaces suspicion as you begin to learn more about that "act of betrayal." On a lighter note, someone close to you might be planning a pleasant surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Control your sometimes-overactive jealousy gene before you find yourself saying or doing something that you could later regret. Best advice: Stop obsessing and move on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to loosen up and do something wonderful and exciting before your more reserved nature resurfaces. A message brings news of imminent change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Cheer up. Things begin to improve significantly by mid-February. However, you might still need help to get through the rest of this sometimes-difficult period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Something you learned last week takes on new meaning as you begin to relate it to another situation in your life. It's best to keep this matter to yourself for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energy level is climbing, and so is your self-confidence. Good for you, because you'll need a good dollop of both to tackle an exciting challenge on the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family issue might interrupt a career-linked project. Try to give the matter the attention it needs, but be careful not to jeopardize your workplace situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some self-doubt shows up this week, causing

you to question your ability to handle a new challenge. But you know you can do it, and this is your chance to prove it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal matter requires you to be as clear and forthcoming as possible in order to avoid misunderstandings. A career move is eased with the emergence of new facts.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of reaching people that makes them feel good about themselves. You would be an excellent motivational speaker.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 7, 1812, the most violent of a series of earthquakes near Missouri causes a so-called fluvial tsunami in the Mississippi River, making the river run backward for several hours. The strongest of the aftershocks, an 8.8-magnitude, caused church bells to ring in Boston, more than a thousand miles away.

- On Feb. 8, 1924, the first execution by lethal gas in American history is carried out in Carson City, Nev. The executed man was Tong Lee, a member of a Chinese gang who was convicted of murdering a rival gang member.

- On Feb. 11, 1937, after a six-week sit-down strike by General Motors autoworkers in Flint, Mich., GM president Alfred P. Sloan signs the first union contract in the history of the American auto industry. Today, the UAW has more than 390,000 active members and more than a 600,000 retired members.

- On Feb. 6, 1952, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.

- On Feb. 10, 1962, Francis Gary Powers, an American who was shot down over the Soviet Union while flying a CIA spy plane in 1960, is released by the Soviets in exchange for the U.S. release of a Russian spy. On May 1, 1960, Powers' U-2 had been shot down by a Soviet missile. Although Powers was supposed to engage the plane's self-destruct system (and commit suicide with poison furnished by the CIA), he and much of the plane were captured.

- On Feb. 9, 1971, pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was inducted in August of that year.

Joe DiMaggio once called Paige "the best and fastest pitcher I've ever faced."

- On Feb. 12, 1988, two Soviet warships bump two U.S. navy vessels in waters claimed by the Soviet Union. The incident between the ships took place in the Black Sea within the 12-mile territorial limit claimed by the Soviet Union.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was 20th-century American critic John Leonard who made the following sage observation: "To be capable of embarrassment is the beginning of moral consciousness. Honor grows from qualms."

- You've probably never heard of the Spanish village of Lijar, located in the south of that country. This village, though, was involved in a nearly 100-year war that lasted well into the 20th century. It seems that in 1883, Alfonso XII, the king of Spain, made a state visit to Paris and received a less-than-royal welcome. Led by mayor Don Miguel Garcia Saez, the citizens of Lijar, after hearing that their monarch had been insulted and possible accosted by mobs, declared war on France. Though there were no casualties -- not even any gunfire -- the war lasted until 1981. That was when the town council ruled that it would end hostilities with France thanks to the warm welcome King Juan Carlos of Spain received in France in 1976.

- The town of Adamant, Vermont, was once named Sodom. The townspeople voted to change the name in 1905.

- The first portable computer was made available to the public in 1975. In this instance, however, "portable" was used as a relative term; the IBM 5100 weighed 55 pounds.

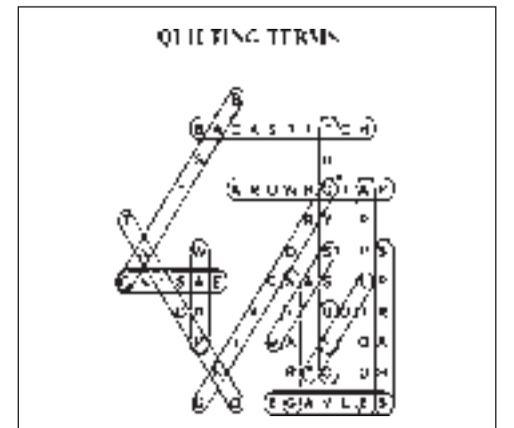
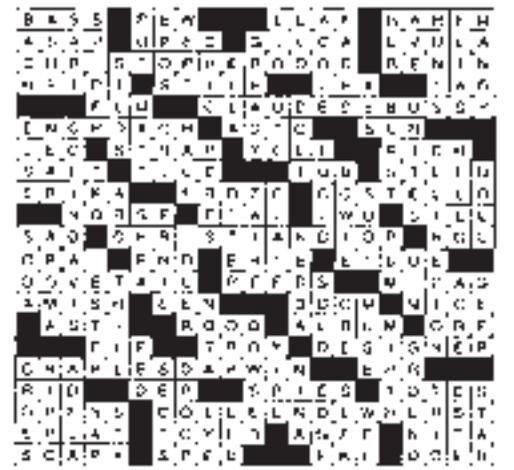
- Only 5 percent of American men report that they feel satisfied with their looks. With women, it's only 1 percent.

- In 2008, a study was conducted in the United Kingdom to determine what, if any, effect the consumption of tomatoes had on the human body's reaction to sun exposure. The university students enrolled in the study who consumed the equivalent of about five tomatoes per day were 33 percent less likely to get sunburned than those who ate no tomatoes.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Several excuses are always less convincing than one." -- Aldous Huxley

PUZZLE ANSWERS



Winter Wine Festival Tops \$106 Million In 12 Years

Surpassing the \$100 million mark in charitable giving was cause for celebration at the 12th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival charity auction, which raised \$12.2 million during the live auction and reached a grand total of \$106.7 million raised since 2001. One hundred percent of auction proceeds benefit Collier County's underprivileged and at-risk children through Naples Children & Education Foundation, the festival's founding organization. *Wine Spectator* has ranked the festival the most successful charity wine auction in the nation since 2004.

Gathered at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, in the Grand Lawn Pavilion, winning bidders were among 580 guests. Lot totals ranged from \$35,000 to \$1.2 million for 67 auction lots. The top money-raising lot captured multiple bids in a modified Dutch auction that totaled \$1.2 million for a private concert by Grammy-award winner LeAnn Rimes. The concert and reception will be held at a Naples beachfront estate, with cuisine prepared by Tom Colicchio of TV's *Top Chef*.

The top wine lot fetched a total of \$1.1 million. The original lot featured eight rare bottles of Château Haut-Brion from 1935, 1945, 1959, 1961, 1975, 1989, 1990 and 2009, and six bottles each from the 2010 vintage of Haut-Brion Blanc and Rouge nestled inside a hand-carved red wine console. Following spirited bidding, a second identical lot was donated. Each captured a bid of \$550,000.

This year's highest non-wine bid raised



HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg and the winning bidder celebrate the record-setting bid on his donated wine lot at the 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival, the world's most successful charity wine auction

Photo by Tom Harper

\$600,000 for a lot featuring a Baltic Sea cruise for six couples aboard a private, 201-foot Feadship yacht.

"The festival's theme of Believe In The Magic came true thanks to the generosity of patrons, sponsors, donors and other supporters who conjured up life-enhancing bids for thousands of children in need," said NCEF trustee Bob Clifford, festival chair with his wife, Joan. "We are thrilled and profoundly grateful to our supporters, and we look forward to presenting grant checks to more than 20 charities this spring."

"Every bid changes a child's world," said Joan Clifford. "When a paddle is raised at the \$50,000 level, 100 children are assured a safe, nurturing after-school program and not left wandering the streets. A \$150,000 bid means 200 fos-

ter children receive year-round academic tutoring, and a \$300,000 bid guarantees that thousands of children suspected of abuse and neglect receive therapeutic counseling."

Other top wine lots were \$320,000 for a 35-bottle vertical spanning 84 years of Haut-Brion; \$240,000 for a wine vertical that included a bottle from each vintage released from Rutherford's Dana Estates and an estate visit; and a rare collection of Shafer's Hillside Select and a stay in Napa Valley that auctioned for \$220,000. An instant cellar of 556 bottles of U.S. West Coast wines – the most bottles ever in a single festival lot – captured a winning bid of \$150,000.

Other high bids extended to a custom-crafted 2012 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Roadster fetching \$450,000. Lifestyle

lots that enticed high bids included an 11-night Italian extravaganza for four couples, with four nights in Milan at Bvlgari Hotel, Serpenti watches, tailored suits from Saint Andrews, that went for \$400,000. Access to Elton John's White Tie & Tiara Ball at his Windsor, England, estate for two couples, with Wimbledon Centre Court tickets and Chopard keepsakes, captured \$320,000.

On-the-spot donations raised \$280,000 for a fund-a-need lot to bring improved vision to children in low-income schools and targeted early childhood centers, where 90 percent of students who need eyeglasses do not have them.

Festival events spanned three days, including a tour of children's charities; intimate vintner dinners at NCEF trustees' homes where celebrity chefs including Tony Mantuano and Wolfgang Puck prepared the cuisine, with wines personally poured by winery proprietor HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg and other internationally acclaimed vintners; a wine-down party post-auction; and a celebratory Sunday brunch.

NCEF's mission is to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. The foundation currently supports more than 20 grantees and provides grants for long-term strategic initiatives focused on children's early learning, medical/oral health, out-of-school programs, behavioral health and childhood hunger. As a direct result of NCEF investments, more than 150,000 children have had their lives improved. NCEF has 69 trustees that govern the foundation and host the festival.

The 2013 festival will be held January 25 to 27. For more information, visit www.napleswinefestival.com.✪

JLFM Announces Community Advisory Board

The Junior League of Fort Myers announces its newly-appointed 2011-12 Community Advisory Board members. The Community Advisory Board communicates the Junior League's purpose and programs to the community, while keeping the Junior League informed of community trends, opinions and needs.

The Community Advisory Board is appointed annually by the president of the Junior League of Fort Myers to serve for two years.

"I am honored to serve alongside this dynamic group of leaders" said Kristen Perkins, of the 2011-12 Community Advisory Board. "Serving on the Community Advisory Board is my way of saying 'thank you' for the Calusa Nature Center, the toddler room at the Imaginarium, the renovations to the court house room where foster children meet with their attorneys and case workers, the backpack program giving local children nourishing food for the weekend, and all of the civic programs and gifts the Junior League of Fort Myers has devoted to our community."

The 2011-12 Community Advisors include Michael Briers, CPA, licensed Certified Public Accountant with Briers CPA; Lindsay Logue, NBC-2 Fort Myers anchor of the 4 and 11 p.m. newscasts; Kristen Perkins, Esq., attorney with The



Christopher Robinson



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Powell Law Firm's Fort Myers office; Lou Pontius, Junior League of Fort Myers Past President, 1995-96 and 1990-91; and Christopher Robinson, Food Resourcing Manager, Harry Chapin Food Bank.

For more information about the Junior League of Fort Myers, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org.✪



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Pets Of The Week

My name is Patches and I'm a one-year-old female, black Australian cattle dog mix.

Comments: Love is in the air during February so it's the perfect time to adopt me. I'm very affectionate and love to give kisses! I also like to keep busy because I'm an active, but not hyper, young dog. Want to play?

Adoption fee: \$50 (regularly \$75) during February's My Furry Valentine promotion!

My name is Darla and I'm a domestic short hair spayed female age about five years. I am brown tiger in color.

Comments: I'm a super cuddly lap cat. If that isn't enough to convince you to take me home, how about my perky personality? Do you have other pets or cats at home? I love other pets as much as I love people.

Adoption fee: \$25 (regularly \$50) during February's My Furry Valentine promotion.

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



Patches ID #513069

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Darla ID #523689

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

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food. The adoption package is valued at \$500.*

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Dinner For Dreams Benefit

A Dinner for Dreams fundraiser benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida will be held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club on Friday, February 10 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The net proceeds of this dinner dance will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It includes dinner, live DJ, a Chinese auction and 50/50 raffle.

Donations are still being accepted for the Chinese auction.

The foundation 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 a day, each wish experience is tailor-made.

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.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Call the Make-A-Wish

Foundation at 954-967-WISH or log on to www.sfla.wish.org.

Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral.✪

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Evening With C.S. Lewis

his great friend, J.R.R. Tolkien, Lewis agreed to give an informal talk to a group of American writers who were visiting England. They came to Lewis' home, just outside of Oxford, to hear the man who had become a legend in his own lifetime. Despite his failing health, Lewis was in great form. His audience was spellbound as, with a display of oratory and humor that made him one of England's most famous public speakers, he recounted the significant events and the people that shaped his life.

Tickets are available for purchase at \$10 each, and can be purchased online at www.shellpoint.org/village-church/events. To receive additional information about the concert series, call 454-2147.✪

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Satin Mahogany Finish. Factory Condition.
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\$54,000

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Small and quiet complex with low fees.
Owners asking \$245,000.
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Only minutes to the beach! \$560,000.
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\$1,050 & \$1,350/mo.
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dock and boats for the use of residents.
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SALES**

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Sat, Feb. 4 8-2, disk, computer dk;
BR chest; pictures; twin bed BR suit,
2 chairs; TV ent. Ctr, office cab. int'l bird
guides, Xmas dec, bks, tool stuff, etc.
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MOVING SALE

Includes large white slip covered couch
\$250, lg pots, lawn furn, cushions,
umbrella's, gas grill and much, much more.
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Friday & Sat. Feb. 3 & Feb. 4
Starts at 8:00 a.m.
East End, Sanibel
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7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Vendor spots only \$5 - FREE admission
Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew
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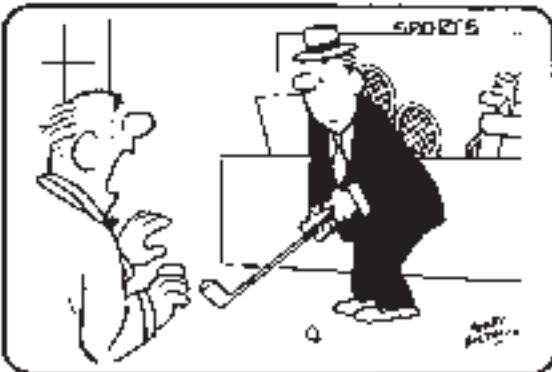
SUDOKU

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

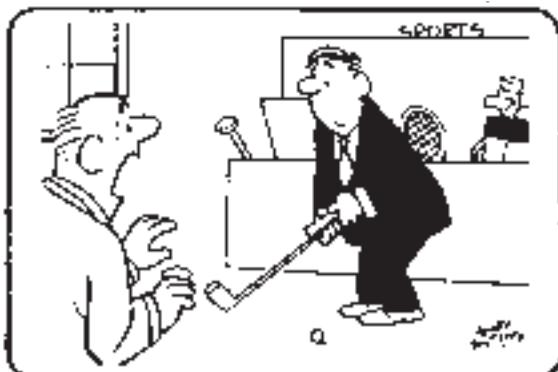
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HOCUS-FOCUS

By HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Tennis racket is missing. 2. Man has no hat. 3. Balls resting behind counter. 4. Tire is missing. 5. Golf bag is different. 6. Window has no frame.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Push
REFCO

Strull
BLAME

Cause
VETIOM

Fig
PAIRER

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500

ARTS

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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	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:

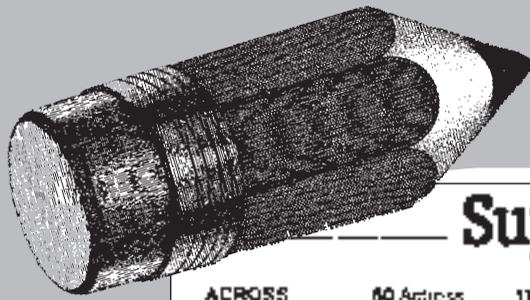
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	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
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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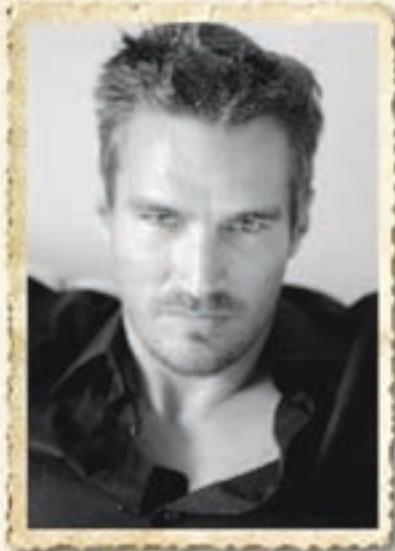
- ACROSS**
- 1 Prize or challenge
 - 5 Bird-like feature
 - 8 Page
 - 12 — parts
 - 17 Relative of DOO
 - 18 Cruise vessel
 - 20 Comic reader
 - 21 To down in the mouth
 - 22 Connecticut senator
 - 25 Colorado's county
 - 26 Swiss mess?
 - 27 Rustic light
 - 28 Volcanic Lyrus
 - 30 Bit
 - 31 "Nightmare" street
 - 33 "Peas and Melonade" competitor
 - 38 Intrude
 - 43 Apopt
 - 44 Sky light?
 - 45 August one
 - 46 Watchband
 - 48 Say "Hey"
 - 50 Drummer
 - 53 Gold-wearer
 - 55 Scrubby peep
 - 56 Ring seat?
 - 58 Hind's horse
 - 60 Actress
 - 62 Slooped in one's back
 - 68 Singer Elvis
 - 68 Soccer star
 - 71 Handy bit of latex
 - 72 Jim
 - 73 Window part
 - 74 "... Eyes" (79 let)
 - 76 "New Look" couturier
 - 80 Cam-bod's Lon —
 - 81 Antiquated
 - 83 Gnomon
 - 84 Aut-dico ruse
 - 85 Cinema
 - 87 Frantically
 - 88 P. m. —
 - 91 He had a cell complex
 - 94 Pennsylv. vasa sect
 - 95 Wain's fish
 - 97 Tragic fate
 - 100 They speak for them
 - 104 Wine center
 - 107 Chop's
 - 108 Photo book
 - 107 Trains
 - 108 Transpon. I
 - 108 Subordinate Claus?
 - 110 Football's A. man
 - 112 Arch. incl. for assistance
 - 114 "The Descent of Man" author
 - 120 Tumble
 - 121 L. imply (all)
 - 122 Wagner's —
 - 123 "Legende Hollande"
 - 126 Games
 - 130 Removes the cork
 - 133 1974 Tony-winning actress
 - 137 "Killer Tamaroes" source
 - 138 Fiddled (with)
 - 139 Screenwriter James
 - 140 Tallist or Nazi
 - 141 Like the kitchen sink
 - 142 Plakad a inket
 - 143 Scrape by with "out"
 - 144 Action figure
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Big name in Baroque
 - 2 '58 US
 - 3 Open wheel
 - 3 Amish's stove
 - 4 Miss Muffet's nemesis
 - 5 Ward with cheese or toast
 - 6 Homer's field
 - 7 Busted
 - 8 Cover
 - 9 "Eve Woman" owners
 - 10 Conlady
 - 11 Lost in state
 - 12 Wagon out
 - 13 He, "Horace"
 - 14 Pun-est cup
 - 15 "Woman" novel
 - 16 Actor
 - 17 "Palin"
 - 18 Shynst
 - 20 Bailed in
 - 21 Buffer
 - 23 Corn holders
 - 24 Actress Joyce
 - 29 Makes one's mark
 - 32 Swamish Bondi
 - 34 Multi-purpose verb
 - 35 Lamebrain
 - 36 Pop
 - 37 John's forces
 - 38 Different
 - 39 Around the corner
 - 40 Coward
 - 41 Garçon
 - 42 Grapfruit
 - 47 Strung up
 - 49 Clear
 - 51 "The Power of Love" singer
 - 52 Opening remark?
 - 54 Tyson star
 - 57 Crockett colleague
 - 59 TV's "My Living Living"
 - 61 Eyebrow shape
 - 63 Adaptic
 - 64 Former African nation
 - 65 Bing-biss
 - 67 Santa's problem
 - 69 Met's make
 - 70 Singer
 - 74 Fountain
 - 75 Lunch-on-a-lun family
 - 77 Centiman of measure?
 - 78 "Pag. apa" soprano
 - 79 Private's
 - 82 "H. J. Hatton"
 - 84 Indefect
 - 88 Terri Georgias
 - 90 Auctioneer's cry
 - 92 40-bod square feet
 - 93 Cassandra for one
 - 96 Part of HD
 - 98 UK singer
 - 99 Humane
 - 103 Legendary Brit
 - 104 Used a
 - 106 high spirit
 - 109 "You shed about"
 - 111 Surprised about
 - 113 Terri Irma
 - 114 Metastase
 - 115 Holly
 - 116 Winger
 - 117 Rogers & Johns
 - 117 Factions
 - 118 Sag
 - 119 1482 vessel
 - 124 Bunk
 - 125 Pursue
 - 127 The Chipmunks' eg order
 - 128 Foreign first family
 - 129 Gaby
 - 131 Short-shone
 - 132 Hug heaven?
 - 134 Causal substance
 - 135 Rock's —
 - 136 Time alive

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Lays
- 2. Mischievous
- 3. Another
- 4. Breaks up
- 5. Rites
- 6. Advantage
- 7. Spindle
- 8. Cardless
- 9. Long
- 10. Elongate
- 11. Working
- 12. Pours
- 13. Tapered
- 14. Made
- 15. Attached
- 16. Frantically
- 17. Denominations
- 18. Lays
- 19. Secretly
- 20. Past
- 21. Egg-shaped
- 22. Menial
- 23. Gayer
- 24. Geyser
- 25. Out of 12th
- 26. Oriental
- 27. Property
- 28. Kink
- 29. Tort
- 30. Hebrew
- 31. Gong
- 32. Varsity
- 33. Menial
- 34. Appetition
- 35. Pleased
- 36. Ringuish
- 37. Farther
- 38. P. m. —
- 39. Shortland
- 40. Toy block
- 41. Braid
- 42. Span in
- 43. Obtained
- 44. Earthy
- 45. Pigments
- 46. Macca
- 47. Xmas
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Featured speakers will be David Mulicka and Raymond Rodrigues, both of whom are candidates for the Florida State House seat in District 75.

For additional information and reservations, call 574-2571.*