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Students Shine In Lab Theater's Romeo & Juliet



Romeo (Kyle Tague) and Friar Laurence (Dale Hoover)

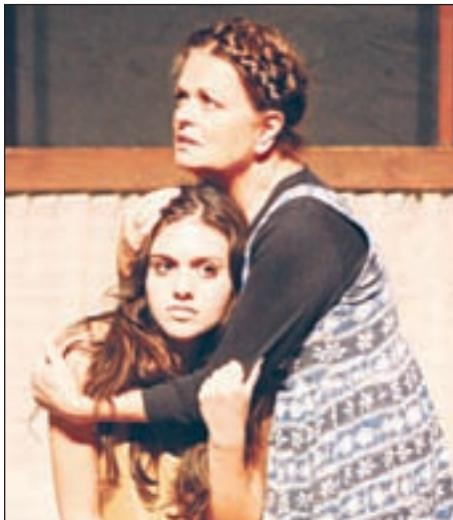
by Di Saggau

Romeo & Juliet is one of Shakespeare's best-loved plays, a timeless story of tragic love and it's playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida.

What is amazing about the show is that 12 of the 22 players are under the age of 18. It's inspiring to see these young people hone their craft.

You know the story. Two families in Verona, the Montagues and Capulets, have been feuding for years. When young Romeo looks into the eyes of Juliet, it's love at first sight for both. However, after Romeo kills Tybalt, one of Juliet's kinsmen, he must flee for his life, while Juliet is promised in marriage to another.

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Juliet (Gabriela Picket) and her nurse (Denyea Clarkson)



Shopping the Alliance for the Arts' GreenMarket on a Saturday morning

Sample Locally Grown Food At The Alliance

This Saturday, February 18, visitors to the Alliance for the Arts' GreenMarket will be treated to a free sampling of locally grown, caught, and cultivated foods and goods. Visitors can try fresh produce grown in Alva and Buckingham, seafood and organic microgreens from Pine Island, as well as locally

baked breads, pastries and cookies.

"We love to see the growing interest in local food," said Anita Escalon, who grows organic herbs and microgreens and is a regular GreenMarket vendor. "There will be a great selection of local staples for folks to try, from the very simple to the more unusual." Depending on availability, visitors can expect to get a taste of things like starfruit, avocado, smoked fish, shrimp, honey, preserves, more than a dozen different organic sprouts from broccoli to basil, as well as a full range of vegetables.

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Porcelain Artists Show And Sale

On Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Edison Porcelain Artists celebrate their 40th annual show and sale at St. Hilary's Church in Fort Myers. Admission is free.

40 Years of Fine Art

From the palaces of Europe to the governor's mansion of Florida, beautiful hand-painted china has been treasured through the ages. The tradition of this timeless art continues here in Fort Myers through the efforts of the Edison Porcelain Artists. For over 40 years, the group has provided educational, exhibition and sales opportunities for local porcelain artists.

Working in techniques employed by artisans of fine china such as Dresden and Limoges, the artists decorate each piece of glazed porcelain by hand, applying layer upon layer of specially prepared paint. The porcelain is then fired in electric kilns to create permanent images of incredible depth and beauty. Accents of gold and platinum are added with subsequent firings.

The Early Days

The group was begun by Alma Willis, an award-winning Fort Myers businesswoman and entrepreneur, who in addition to managing and expanding her family's



Hand-painted china is an age old tradition

businesses, wanted to learn to paint on china. She located a teacher, Ethel Garrett

in Zolfo Springs, and together with her friend Martha Barnes, traveled there twice a week to spend the day, china paint and, according Alma, have a wonderful time. To quote her, "It was just like a holiday!"

In 1970, with 20 other potential porcelain artists recruited by Willis, the Fort Myers China Painters was officially organized. Over the years, the mission of the Fort Myers China Painters evolved and so too the name of the group; adopting their current name, The Edison Porcelain Artists, in 1980, when they affiliated with the Florida State Association of Porcelain Artists.

In 1972, they held their first show at Recreation South. In 1974, the event was moved to the Fort Myers Exhibition Hall Annex, and the following year into the Main Hall, where it continued until 1985.

40th Show and Sale

In present times, the annual show is held at St. Hilary's Church, located at the corner of McGregor and Colonial Boulevards in Fort Myers. Visitors to the show will find dinnerware, teapots, vases, jewelry boxes, tiles and other home accessories. Designs range from romantic florals and dreamy landscapes, to whimsical animals. There will be door prizes, raffle pieces and refreshments. Admission is free.**

Shellabration! 2012 Is Here

The official celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show begins with the Sanibel Stoop on Friday, February 17. Meet at Bowman's Beach at 10 a.m. and be part of an attempt to beat the record for the Largest Treasure Hunt in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

Put on your dancing shoes for the Shellabration! Gala on Sunday, February 19 at 5:30 p.m. at The Sanctuary Golf Club and experience the sounds of Tom Tiratto and his orchestra as they transport you back to the Sinatra years. The gala will be a memorable evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing.

The Shell Couture Fashion Show will feature original fashion designs inspired by gifts from the sea. The luncheon and show begin at 11 a.m. on February 27 at The Sanctuary Golf Club.

The Community House will host Rusty Brown's performance of *In Celebration of Anne Morrow Lindbergh* on March 4 at 1:30 p.m., followed by an old fashioned ice cream social.

For reservations or more information call The Community House at 472-2155 or visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or www.shellabration2012.com.**

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

William Towles House Crosses The Boulevard

by Gerri Reaves



On Valentine's Day 2004, the historic William Towles house left the spot where it had stood for 119 years and moved across the street. It was thought to be the oldest building in Fort Myers.

Towles built the home soon after coming to Fort Myers, but didn't live in the home for long. The cattle baron, politician, businessman, and larger-than-life character subsequently built at least two other homes for himself and one for his daughter Corinne.

In its early years, various citizens lived in the house, but in the 1930s it became the Engelhardt Funeral Home, and in the late 1980s, a bank.

In the boom of the last decade, Fifth Third Bank planned to demolish the house, just west of the Caloosahatchee Bridge on McGregor Boulevard, and build a new bank and rental offices. Architectural plans for the new complex were intended to reflect the Mediterranean Revivalist style of other nearby buildings such as the historic Miles Building a little farther west on McGregor.

The community outcry against the destruction of the home resulted in a compromise. The house was still sound – not surprising, since Towles had a reputation for doing things well and thoroughly.

The bank offered to give the house to anyone who would move it. Attorney Mike Fink bought the house for \$1 from the bank, with plans to relocate it to his lot across McGregor Boulevard.

Weeks before moving day, preparations began. Excavations around and under the house made room for equipment and a small building was demolished to make room on the house's proposed site.



The 1885 William Towles house at its original location on McGregor Boulevard eight years ago in a view from Henley Place

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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The former site of the historic home still awaits Fifth Third Bank's new building
photo by Gerri Reaves



Onlookers watch as the historic Towles house inches its way to a new site. On the right horizon is the Sun Trust tower and obscured by the house is the Caloosahatchee Bridge overpass

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Today the house is the offices of Boyle, Gentile, Leonard & Crockett, P.A. at Law. It remains a part of the downtown landscape, although the view from the porch has changed drastically.

Walk down McGregor Boulevard to gaze at the site where a fine house sat for 119 years before moving across the street.

Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about Towles' fiery career in Fort Myers.

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

Don't forget to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, one of the region's best research centers. Time travel by perusing historic photos or investigate your favorite historical mystery.

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Tybalt (Vladimy Bellefleur) and Mr. Capulet (Jack Weld)

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Romeo & Juliet

A plot is hatched by a sympathetic Friar to reunite the lovers, but the scheme goes terribly wrong, leading to unspeakable tragedy.

Artistic Director Annette Trossbach said, "What you see is a fast-paced, roller-coaster ride of a tragic love story." Truer words were never spoken.

Romeo & Juliet, edited for a modern audience, takes viewers through 24 different mini-acts that move like wild fire from the streets of Verona, to the Capulet's costume ball, to the tender scenes between the star-crossed young lovers. Kyle Tague and Gabriela Picket capture the innocence of youth as they try to escape from their feuding parents.

The stage combat between the dueling Montagues and Capulets is excellent.

When Tybalt (Vladimy Bellefleur) knives it out with Mercutio (Christian Cooper) the action is so realistic you expect someone to intervene. I was amazed at the acting abilities of these two young men.

The production doesn't shy away from Shakespeare's bawdy puns, particularly the overtly sexual Mercutio, who tackles a plethora of double entendres, often going to extremes that are hilarious but not appropriate to print.

Denyea Clarkson is Juliet's nurse, and she is a strong character who not only shows motherly affection but also adds many humorous moments.

Beth L. Yazvac and Jack Weld play Juliet's selfish parents and Dale Hoover is the friendly Friar.

The costuming is modern and it works well. Romeo wears a black leather jacket, and most of his friends have jeans with gigantic holes in the knees. Some characters wear hoodies and others can be seen in four-inch heels. For the ball, Mrs. Capulet dresses in a French maid's costume.

Romeo & Juliet is a fast-paced, emotionally-rich production that will have you falling in love with Shakespeare. It plays through Saturday, February 25 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located in downtown Fort Myers at 1634 Woodford Avenue. For tickets, visit www.laboratory-theaterflorida.com or call 218-0481. ☀

Edison Festival Tail-Light Party

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host the Edison Festival Parade Tail-Light Party on Saturday, February 18 from 9 to 11 p.m. The Davis is located at 2301 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

The Derek Trenholm Band will begin playing at the end of the parade, about 9 p.m. There will be drinks and dancing as the band plays from its broad repertoire. Whether it's Herbie Hancock, Johnny Cash, Bruno Mars or even Kings of Leon, there's always a curveball in each set keeping the energy level of the band at a constant high.

Trenholm, 29, is a Berklee College of Music graduate with a degree in Music Business and Management. He has been playing guitar for over 20 years and has been a performer on the music scene in southwest Florida for the last six years.

The event is free to attend, but donations are appreciated. ☀

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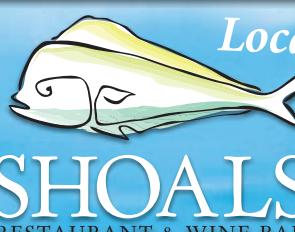
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United Way Push Toward \$8 Million Goal

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades is approaching the conclusion of the 2011-12 United Way Campaign, with only four weeks left. As of January 30, the United Way Campaign had raised just over \$7.1 million, which is 89 percent of the goal of \$8,030,533.

"The United Way of Lee, Hendry & Glades will wrap up our annual campaign February 29, and, although we're 89 percent of the way to our goal of \$8,030,533, we need everyone's help

to get this done," said Tom Uhler, United Way Campaign chair. "We must make this year's goal so that we can fully fund the United Way network of agencies. I am passionate about what United Way and its 70 partner agencies do for our community. I hope you will share my passion and help make a difference in someone's life."

Uhler continued, "You have the power to make a difference in the lives of your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and even your own family members who may need the services of a United Way Partner Agency. A single contribution to United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades helps create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community.

"Your United Way gift means food for hungry families, shelter for the abused,

respite for Alzheimer's caregivers, and a healthy start for babies and toddlers," Uhler added. "Your gift does these things and more and your gift stays here in our own community."

The support of the community will allow the network of 70 United Way Partner Agencies and more than 140 programs and initiatives to receive their full United Way funding. This means that essential human services will be available in our community at time when there are record needs.

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, over \$100 million have been raised in our community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. United Way Partner Agencies and initiatives such as the Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, The Salvation Army, and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community.

"A heartfelt 'thank you' to those who have already given so generously. But to those who have not yet given to United Way, it is not too late. Your gift is important to our community and the need is very real. The need for services has continued increasing as the local economy drags on," explained Uhler. "Please donate by calling 433-2000 or visiting the United Way website at www.united-waylee.org/donate."

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community,



United Way's thermometer

the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives. The United Way advances the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for everyone in our community.*

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Artwork Celebrates International Women In Commissioner's Office



Alejandra Marie Espinola



Gabriella Linne

Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall is supporting local artists by giving them an opportunity to display their artwork in her Fort Myers office. This month, two local artists are featured in celebration of International Women's Day next month. Alejandra Maria Espinola is displaying pieces that reflect her Mexican-American heritage. The display includes colorful oils and acrylics that focus on the journey of human spirit.

The second artist is Gabriella Linne. Her artwork is reflective of nature and universe. Linne is originally from Europe and markets her pieces locally as well as in Germany, Italy and Switzerland. The work will be on display until March 30. International Women's Day will be observed March 8.



Fifth graders Mary Ellen Gutwein of Sanibel Island, Jaslyn Cintron of Fort Myers and Abigail McKay of Fort Myers

Summit Run For Fun

Summit Christian School students enjoyed their annual Run For Fun event and fundraiser on Friday, February 10. Students from the Sanibel campus preschool joined the Pre-K through eighth graders at the Fort Myers campus for a day full of fun, games and, of course, running.**

Craft And White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft and White Elephant Sale on February 18 (Saturday) from 8 a.m. to noon. The RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Coffee and donuts will be available.

The public is invited to attend. Additional information can be obtained by calling Marge Gregg at 466-5331.**

Laughter Yoga

Lee County Parks & Recreation invites visitors and residents to this fun-filled free event at the beach: Laughter Yoga at Lynn Hall Park

Laughter Yoga is mind-body approach to exercise. It's good for the mind, body and soul. Anyone can participate in this free fun group. Program meets every Friday from 8 to 9 am. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a towel and bottled water. No yoga experience needed. Lynn Hall Park is located at 950 Estero Blvd on Fort Myers Beach. This program is free, but there is a parking fee of \$2 per hour. Visit www.laughteryogawithmegscott.com for more details.**

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The public is welcome to stop by and view the work and learn more about the artists. Call 533-2226 to confirm office hours.

"The arts are an important part of the cultural and development of our community" said Hall. "I believe that government can play an important role in public awareness, developing the use of public spaces for display and interaction of art, and for the encouragement and commitment of continued financial support both public and private of all the arts."

Other local artists will be featured every six weeks. Commissioner Hall's office is on the first floor of the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.**

Citizen Of The Year Finalists

The Lee County Board of Commissioners has announced the finalists for the 2011 Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award. They are:

Dr. Margaret Banyan (Fort Myers) – Community Sustainability Committee, Multi Modal Transportation advocate, instrumental in Lee County's award-winning Complete Streets Resolution, Founding Member of BikeWalkLee, involved in the development of several community plans, helped foster public participation in some of Lee County's most active communities and created a planning certificate at FGCU to promote development of local planners.

Kevin Berry (Cape Coral) – Chair of Lee County ADA, helps persons with disabilities overcome the challenges of accessibility, instrumental in the awareness of additional revenue to fund accessibility programs and active in the Local Center for Independent Living by following up with complaints of inaccessibility

Michel Doherty (Cape Coral) – Cape Coral Civic Association, Fort Myers Women's Community Club, Veteran's Clinic of Cape Coral, founding member of Tiger Bay Club of Southwest Florida, Four Mile Ecological Park, chaired the American Red Cross Simply Red Gala, Voices for Kids, Lee County Homeless Coalition, Giving Heart for Cancer, Abuse Center for Women, Pace Center for Girls, Downtown River District Art Walks,

Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Florida, Hope Hospice Planning Committee, along with various other organizations and most recently was named Grande Dame Honoree 2012.

Nola Theiss (Sanibel) – Sanibel City Council member and mayor, Zonta International Organization, instrumental in the formation of Lee County Human Trafficking Task Force and served as Chair, Co-Chair, Coordinator & Outreach Coordinator, Liaison between Task Force and Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition, founded Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships and a part of Lee Memorial Caring People, Caring For People campaign

The award will be presented to the winner at the Lee County Commissioner's Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. in the commission chambers.**

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William Towles House

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 Fort Myers News-Press*, and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.**

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Fiddlesticks Community Campaign Committee members. From the left are: Gerry Wolken, Jack Rogers, Nancy Clair, Marc Lobdell, and Paul Pearson

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Fiddlesticks Residents For United Way

Although the Fiddlesticks United Way poster and thermometer said "\$202,210 raised," the residents who attended the leadership thank you event for the end of the campaign decided to raise the thermometer higher. The campaign had raised as much as the previous year, but had not reached its 2011-2012 goal of \$210,000.

Fiddlesticks Campaign Chair Jack Roger's wrote in an email about the event, "The Lord works in mysterious

Fundraising Gala Tickets On Sale

The Junior League of Fort Myers (will host its annual Spring Fundraising Gala at The Atrium Building located on the corner of College Parkway and Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers on Saturday, March 3, from 7 to 10 p.m.

This year's event is themed Passport to Europe and will transport guests to six European destinations including France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Greece and Italy without packing a single suitcase.

Tickets to this food, wine and beer tasting are on sale for \$50 per person and can be purchased online at www.jlfm.org, or by calling Ashley Hull at 225-3661. The ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and live entertainment.

All proceeds from the JLFM Spring Gala will go toward funding community service projects that benefit many local organizations including The Children's Hospital, The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, Dress for Success, and The Heights Foundation among many others.

Attendees will receive a passport listing all the activities and destinations to visit while on their journey with the Junior League. A silent auction featuring eclectic lots will be one stop along the road. Performances from ballerinas in "France," flamenco dancers in "Spain" or a game of darts in "Ireland" can all be

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ways. After the presentation tonight, Carl Berry launched his own post campaign drive." Berry made a successful plea for additional pledges to take the Fiddlesticks Campaign to \$210,000. He wanted the residents to do it for United Way and all of the good its 70 partner agencies do for thousands of local residents every year. But he also wanted them to do it for Jack Rogers who has chaired the Fiddlesticks United Way Campaign for years and is passionate about the good United Way does.

Before the evening was over, Carl Berry had commitments for over \$13,000 additional dollars to take the campaign's grand total raised to \$215,510.

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The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South new members and their sponsors with Kiwanis 19 Lt. Governor Bruce Boyd. Left to right: Matthew Toomey, Ken Nakamura, Lt. Governor Bruce Boyd, Krista Ruska and Todd Adams

Fort Myers South Kiwanis Inducts New Members

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South welcomed two new members at a recent meeting, Krista Ruska and Ken Nakamura.

Ruska is a Fort Myers resident and teacher at Cypress Lake Middle School. She serves as an advisor to the Cypress Lake Middle School Builders Club, which is a sponsored leadership program of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South. The students in Cypress Lake Builders

Club are a part of more than the 42,000 Builder's Club members in 18 nations that participate in the Kiwanis family program, which promotes community services, leadership and fellowship. Ruska was sponsored as a new member by Todd Adams, president of Mills-Price & Associates.

Nakamura is a Cape Coral resident and Edison State College business major. Nakamura was sponsored as a new member by Matthew Toomey, physical therapist at Orthopedic Specialists of Southwest Florida.

The club is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volun-



Todd Adams and new member Krista Ruska teering. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at Edison State College.

For details on joining the Fort Myers South Kiwanis club, call Rachel Toomey at



Matthew Toomey and new member Ken Nakamura

940-3893, email Rachel.Toomey33@gmail.com or go to www.fmskiwanis.com.**

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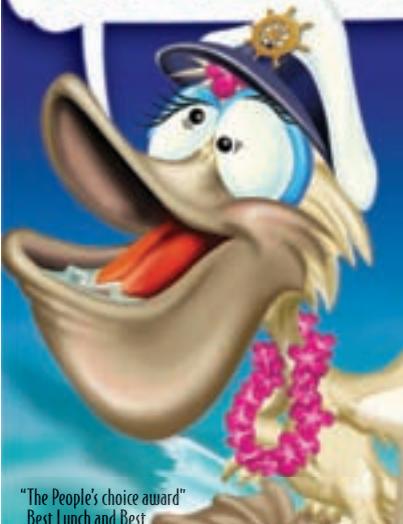
The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting, and program follow. The luncheon cost is \$16. Reservations are required by Thursday, February 16, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Gaile Anthony, 292-5212.**

Fort Myers Republican Women's Club

Mike McAlister, a Republican candidate for Florida's U.S. Senate seat, will be a speaker at the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 21. The program will be rounded out by Betty Parker, known for her Parker on Politics column in *The News-Press*. She will discuss current Lee County Republican politics, the upcoming primary election, and how the media cov-

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Along The River



Take a wine and cheese class at The Sandy Butler

Looking for a great lunch and dinner spot in downtown Fort Myers? Stop at local favorite **Ichiban**, in the historic Post Office Arcade. The family owned and operated restaurant features an extensive sushi menu, Japanese Bento boxes and daily Chinese lunch and dinner specials.

Choose from Chinese dishes such as shrimp with lobster sauce, General Tso's chicken and Kung Po pork served with fried or white rice and egg roll. Lunch specials start at \$5.95 and dinner specials start at \$8.95. Vegetarian selections are also available.

Sit at Ichiban's sushi bar and watch the chefs prepare sushi and sashimi along with Japanese favorites like the California roll, spicy tuna roll and green dragon roll. Cool off with an ice cold Kirin Ichiban beer or enjoy cold or hot sake.

Ichiban is located at 1520 Broadway, Fort Myers. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Free delivery is available within the River District. For more information, call 334-6991.

Have you ever wanted to learn about cheese? Delicious, stinky cheese? **The Sandy Butler** offers cheese classes at its wine and cheese bar every Friday and Saturday night at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Each class is 30 minutes and costs only \$10. Participants receive a \$10 voucher to spend in the market at the end of class.

The market's cheese and wine department has been meticulously stocked to offer the best of international foods. Whether its homemade mozzarella, Italian Parmigiano-Reggiano, Spanish Manchego or French Brie de Meaux, the experienced staff discerns the right amount of salt, sweetness, tanginess or dryness, affording you and your guests the best possible culinary experience.

Beginning this month, Carmine and Sally will also show you how to pair wine and cheese with delicious chocolate. Classes continue through April. Seating is limited, so call ahead for reservations.

The Sandy Butler Market is located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. It is open seven days per week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 482-6765 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

Nervous Nellie's in Fort Myers Beach serves great food, good drinks and island jams every day at its waterfront eatery. Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Enjoy happy hour all day, every day at Ugly's.

On Friday, February 17, Harrold Antoine plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by the TroubleMakerz from 6 to 10 p.m. while Just Us Two plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, it's Deb and the Dynamics downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by the Facahatchee Blues Band from 6 to 10 p.m. while Smokin Bill plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, No Way José downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. and Island Time upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Monday, Mary Winner downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Left of Center 6 to 10 p.m. while Vytas Vibe plays upstairs from



Jam to rock and reggae beats with No Way José on Nervous Nellie's waterfront patio

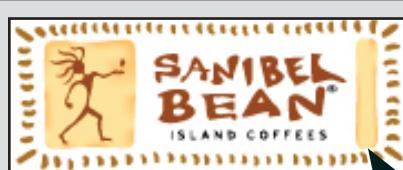
6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday, Smokin Bill plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Harrold Antoine from 6 to 10 p.m. while Mike Glean plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Wednesday, Just Us Two downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by High Tide from 6 to 10 p.m.; and Thursday, Laurie Star Duo downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by The Island Doctor from 7 to 10 p.m. and The Oyster Band upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. Parking for your car or boat is free for patrons. The GPS coordinates for Nellie's Snub Harbour Marina are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnelliess.net.

On Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church is holding its first-to-be-annual art show. Admission is free.

Members and friends of the church will display their artwork throughout the building: paintings, needle work, wood working, quilting and more.

Peace Lutheran Church is located at 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 437-2599 or go to www.peaceftmyers.com.*



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FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

Wine Tasting And Tapas At The Morgan House



The Morgan House is located in the historic Patio de Leon

On Tuesday, February 21 from 6 to 8 p.m., The Morgan House is featuring a wine tasting and tapas pairing by chef Corry Blanton. Reservations are recommended.

First course is a scallop with tangello butter chive and candied tangerine paired with the Estrada Creek Savignon Blanc; crisp and floral with lemon and tangerine notes.

Second course is ravioli with fig reduction and mascarpone paired with the Corte Del Rose Pinot Grigio; floral with hints of pears, apricots and banana.

Third course is a coffee rubbed pork loin with blackberry compote and asparagus paired with the Wall Cellars Cabernet; bold, full-bodied cab, rich blackberry fruit and sweet.

Fourth course is black garlic strip steak with Malbec potato puree paired with the Maipe Malbec; complex plum, fig and strawberry flavors. Rounded by velvety tannins.

The final course is a cheese plate with Sangria honey and grapple toast points paired with the Morada Sangria; sweet fruits enhance this sangria which is very soft on the palate.

The Morgan House is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The restaurant and bar features 14 beers on tap, full liquor bar and daily happy hour. Casual dining is available either inside with music and big screen TV, outside on the terrace, upstairs at Top of the Town or in the posh Miami-style Red Corner.

The Morgan House is located at 33 Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. Call 337-3377 or go to www.morganhouserestaurant.com.



Chef Corry Blanton



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226-0900, Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.com, Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

10291 Bayshore Rd., N. Fort Myers Divine Liturgy is on Sun. at 10:30 a.m.; Rosary begins at 10 a.m. Lenten services (Presanctified Liturgy) will be on Wed. evenings at 6 p.m. starting on Feb. 22. Administrator is Very Rev. Peter Lickman, ph. 305-651-0991. We are a Church of the Eastern Catholic or Byzantine Rite, 1.5 mi. east of Int. 75.

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8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers Reverend Fr. Athanasios Michalos Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m. Fellowship Programs, Greek School, Sunday School, Community Night 239-481-2099

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15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171 Rabbi: Judah Hungerman Friday Service, 8 p.m., Saturday Service, 11 a.m. Shabbat School Saturday Morning, Adult Hebrew Classes. Call for information on full program.

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CHURCH OF GOD
16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166 Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall Pastor: Barry Lentz, 281-3063 Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers 239-850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove Retirement Center on HealthPark Campus An ecumenical non-denominational community of believers.

Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Reverend Ted Althouse, Pastor revedalthouse@aol.com

CHURCH OF THE CROSS:

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188 Pastors: Jeff Moran and Michael Butler; A nondenominational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Contemporary 10:45 a.m. Traditional.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937 Rev. Dr. Kathleen Weller, Temporary Supply Pastor. Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus. Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m. Nursery available

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend. Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

CYPRESS LAKE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,

481-3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor Sunday services: 8 and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary; 9:45 a.m. Children's Church K4J Kids for Jesus

CYPRESS LAKE UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH
8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 482-1250
8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Service
Sunday School all times

FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD

OUTREACH MINISTRIES
6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; *Voice of Faith*, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m. Nursery care for pre-school children and Children's Church for ages 5-12 available at each service.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, 482-2030
Pastor: David Stauffer.
Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;
Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.
Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is ½ mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

2390 West First Street, next door to Edison Estates.
Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Child care provided at all services.

Visit our Reading Room for quiet study at: 2281 W. First Street, River District www.spirituality.com and www.christianscience.com

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13545 American Colony Boulevard off Daniels Parkway in the Colony, Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in the Downtown Fort Myers River District 2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 239-332-1152, www.fumcfmyers.org
Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
5 p.m. Youth Program
7 p.m. Spanish Worship

FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION
5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330 Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers, 482-3133. Philip White, pastor
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10:15 a.m.
Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

HOLY THEOTOKOS MONASTERY

111 Evergreen Road, North Fort Myers, 997-2846 Eastern Orthodox men's monastery. Liturgical services conducted in the English, Greek and Church Slavonic languages, following the Julian (Old) Calendar. Liturgical Services: Sundays and Holy Days: The Third and Sixth Hours at 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778
The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler, pastor.

Weekly services:

Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One; 9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing and Church School
Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist with Healing. Child care available at Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. services.

JESUS THE WORKER

CATHOLIC CHURCH:

881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143 Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard,
Fort Myers, 218-8343
Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD

LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner Cypress View Drive and Koreshan Boulevard, Three Oaks area, Fort Myers, 267-3525

Walter Fohs, pastor; Becky Robbins-Penniman, associate pastor
Sunday worship services:

8 a.m. Early Grace Traditional
9 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional
8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God's Group

MESSIAH REFORMED CHURCH

Worship Gathering - Sunday 10 a.m.

Pastor Alan Bondar
Fort Myers Villas Civic Association Bldg.
2306 Sunrise Blvd. Fort Myers
220-8519

website: messiahreformed.com
6:30 p.m Wednesday Bible Study
noon Sunday Fellowship Lunch
Monthly Teen Events

see website for podcasts, special events, ministries, calendar, blogs, etc.

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, North Fort Myers, 239-656-0416
Weekly Friday Meeting Meet & Greet: 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Teaching: 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments after service. nbcministry@embarqmail.com, www.facebook.com/nbcministry. Alex & Patricia Wiggins, Ministers

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

OF FORT MYERS

16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10
239-985-8503

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.

7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers
Pastors: Bill Stephens, Stu Austin and Howard Biddulph, Associate Pastor

8 & 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship

8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday School

Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services.

Nursery care provided at all services

For more information visit:

www.newhopefortmyers.org

PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets at Ft. Myers Beach Masonic Lodge
17625 Pine Ridge Road,

Fort Myers Beach 267-7400.

Pastors Bruce Merton, Gail & RC Fleeman

9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Phone 267-7400 Fax 267-7407

Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com

e-mail: peace1265@aol.com

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers
Walter Still, Senior Pastor,
8 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
¾ mile south from the intersection of McGregor, San Carlos and Gladiolus. A congregation of the ELCA.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143
8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services
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RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Fort Myers, 454-3336
Robert G. Kasten, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Nursery available
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Junior Church grades one to five
Wee Church Pre-K to K
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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489-3973 Father Joseph Clifford.
Weekly masses:
Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.
Weekend masses: Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.; Sunday: 7, 9,11, and 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation is available at the church on Saturdays at noon and by appointment

SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
3049 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,
344-0012 Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi
An Affirming & Inclusive Congregation
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

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3595 Broadway, Fort Myers
239-939-4711, www.smilcs.org
Wednesday Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner \$5, 6:15 p.m. bible studies
Worship: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.,
Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with 9:15 a.m. adult and children's Bible Study, plus marriage enrichment studies. Divorce Care on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
During Lent: Wednesday worship noon and 6:15 p.m.

TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Rd. 433-0018.
Rabbi Jeremy Barras
E-mail: rabbibarras@templebethel.com
Cantorial soloist: Lawrence Dermer
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Shabbat Services, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.
Religious Education; Sunday School and Midweek classes,
Preschool Classes, Monday through Friday
Web site: www.templebethel.com
Affiliated: Union for Reform Judaism

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Churches/Temples

TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers,

433-0201,

Rabbi: Rabbi Elyssa Auster

President: Keith Grossman

Minyan: Monday & Thursday at 9 a.m.

Services: Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and

Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Religious School Sunday morning

Web site: www.tjswfl.org

Preschool director: JoAnn Goldman

email: templejudeapreschool@gmail.com433-0201, Web site: www.tjswfl.org

Affiliated: United Synagogue of

Conservative Judaism

THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH

OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers

Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz

433-7708, E-mail: rabbi@chabadswf.orgWeb site: www.chabadswf.org

Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday

Kabbalah class 9 a.m.;

Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon

Minyan: Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL is located at

10811 Sunset Plaza Circle, by Summerlin

and Pine Ridge Roads, behind Zoomers

and the ponds.

Reverend Nadine

Spiritual Recovery, Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Healing Service, Wednesdays 11 a.m. and

Fridays 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Services, 11 a.m.

Call for information 481-5535.

THOMAS A. EDISON

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers

Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978

Senior Minister: Douglas Kelchner

Traditional Worship Sunday's 10:15 a.m.

Website: www.edisonchurch.org

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway
one mile west of I-75)Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum
Sunday services and religious education at
10:30 a.m.For information on all church events call
561-2700 or visit www.uucfm.org.

UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

Family Service 10 to 11 a.m.

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Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic
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CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across
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Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson

Sunday Service:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Blended Worship

www.westminsterfortmyers.org

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881;
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers,
481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert

Pastor Peter Weeks

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional;
10 a.m. Blended Traditional and

Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Contemporary.

Children's Sunday School, Adult /Teen

Bible Classes, 10 a.m.*

Talk By German Genealogical Researcher

Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society will present Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research with Leslie Albrecht Huber on Saturday, March 10 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Huber, an award-winning freelance writer and speaker, has written nearly a hundred articles that have appeared in over 20 different publications. Her articles and essays have won first place in both of the only two national family history writing contests.

Her first book, *The Journey Takers*, has been her project-in-the-making for nearly 10 years. The narrative nonfiction book represents thousands of hours of research in libraries and archives across the country and the world. Huber visited her ancestors' hometowns in Germany, Sweden and England and followed in their footsteps across the Oregon Trail to Utah.

She has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's of public affairs. She has worked as a professional genealogist tracing German families both for a large company and through her own business.



Leslie Albrecht Huber

Her topics will include 300 Years of German Immigration; Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research; Getting the Most Out of FamilySearch.org; and Eight Ways to Cross the Ocean.

Pre-registration by March 5 is required and includes a buffet luncheon.. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. and the seminar starts at 9:15 a.m.

Cost is \$30 for Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy members and \$35 for non-members.

Faith Lutheran Church is at 4005 Palm Drive, Punta Gorda. .

For more information? Visit www.SWFLGG.org.**

Peace Lutheran Church presents...

"Singing the Windows"

A Spring Choral Presentation

Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 3pm

Come celebrate the beauty of our Sanctuary windows.

The Peace Festival Choir, under the direction of

Richard D Jaeggi, will sing the choral music of Rutter, Bliss, Drennan, Rambo, and Delmonte celebrating the story as depicted by the individual window. Joining in song will be soloists, Michelle A Giesel and Bob Hesch.



Pastor Walter Still will guide us through each window as it comes to life through scripture and song. Special guest Ronald Estep of the White Stained Glass Studio of Sarasota, FL will be discussing the creation of the windows.

Audience will be encouraged to join in singing the hymns of the windows.

Free will offering.

Reception to follow.



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Peace Lutheran Church

Invites you to:

First To-Be-Annual Art Show

Saturday, February 25, 2012

10am—2pm

Join with Peace as the artwork of
members and friends is showcased
throughout the building.

The displays will include woodworking,
paintings, needle work, quilting, and
more! Don't miss this opportunity to
share our friends' gifts!

Admission is free.

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Land Sea Air Event To Benefit CCMI

The 2nd annual Land Sea Air event will be held Saturday, March 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva.

Arriving in style or in a unique way is the idea for this fundraiser where guests choose their method of transportation by land, sea or air. Cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres are served, there's entertainment, and a live and a silent auction.

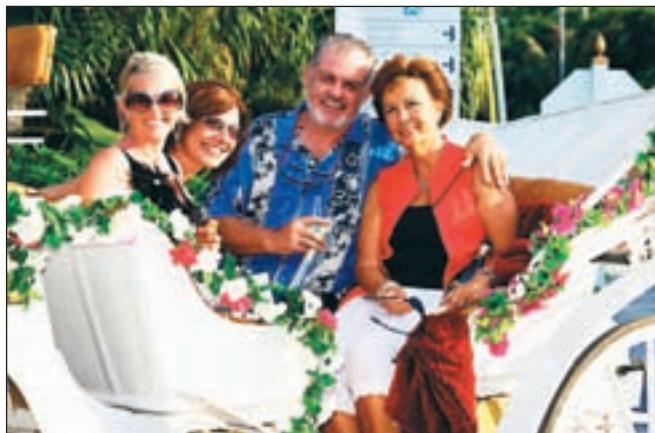
The event raises funds for Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., the umbrella agency for the Everyday Café and Marketplace, Home Delivered Meals, Community Montessori Preschool and Social and Homeless Services.

"Guests really went all out last year in being unique and fun in their arrivals from driving an antique 1906 Ford Model N to a cow themed convertible, antique Rolls Royce and even decked out golf carts," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "It was exciting to see the helicopter and sea plane circle above before landing nearby and we can't wait to see how creative our friends and neighbors are in their choices of arrival this year."

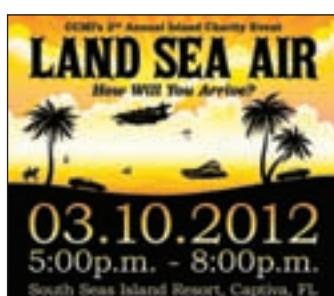
Ticket prices begin at \$250 and depend upon the type of arrival method chosen by guests, including a sea plane, helicopter, yacht, fire truck, chartered boats, personal watercraft, limousine, parasail, kayak, golf cart, or celebrity chauffeur. According to organizers, attendance will be capped at 100 couples.

Last year the event raised \$75,000.

"With the money we raised last year, we were not only able to continue helping our



Tricia Dorn, Karen Ryan, Michael and Canella Mullins



Sam Galloway, Jr. and Kathy Galloway

community but also develop new and innovative ways to fight hunger and homelessness," said Galloway.

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

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Evette Zurbriggen



Linda Flewelling and Dan Hickey



Boca Grande sea plane



*Edison Porcelain Artist
40th Annual
Show & Sale*

*Saturday,
February 25, 2012
10 am - 3 pm*

*Browning Hall
at St. Hilary's Church
Corner of McGregor &
Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers*

*Drawings, Door Prizes,
Raffle Pieces & Refreshments*

Black History Celebration, Banquet To Benefit Local Youth Foundation



The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is attending the local gala celebrating Black History Month

On Saturday, February 25, the James "Boosie" Brunson Youth Development Educational Foundation (JBF) is hosting an awards recognition banquet at the Crowne Plaza Fort Myers. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. A social hour is being held from 6 to 7 p.m. and the banquet begins at 7 p.m.

Special guest and former presidential candidate Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is attending the event to celebrate Black History Month and raise funds for the local foundation.

The JBF's mission is to create "universal understanding through educational scholarships to recipients who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families." With an education, local youth can achieve their goals and the foundation continues to assist students in making their dreams come true.

The Crowne Plaza Fort Myers is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. Tickets are a \$100 per person donation that benefit the educational foundation.

For ticket information, call Chanetta Campbell-Brunson at 297-9650 or 334-6922.**

Blessings In A Backpack



food for 192 children in Lee County for an entire year.

"We are so thankful and excited by the outcome of the event," commented Peri Bluemer, event chair. "Feeding the less fortunate children of our community is important to their future and ours. We're honored to be able to play a role and appreciate everyone's support."

Blessings in a Backpack is a non-profit organization designed to feed elementary school children who qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program and may not have any or enough food on the weekends. Eighty dollars feeds a child for an entire school year. One hundred per-

The 3rd Annual Girls Night Out committee has announced they collected more than \$15,000 for Blessings in a Backpack via their recent event held at Fort Myers Harley-Davidson last Friday, with an estimated 220 people attending.

Looking to raise at least \$12,000, the amount collected last year, the group exceeded its fundraising goal. The group collected a total of \$15,408, securing



cent of the proceeds will directly benefit the local effort currently focused at four elementary schools in Lee County. For more information visit www.blessingsinleeco.org or contact the local effort via mail at 12271 Towne Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913.**

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Students from Southwest Florida Christian Academy participated in the Florida Bandmaster's District Music Performance Assessment Saturday, February 4, at Lehigh High School. The students pictured received superior ratings.**



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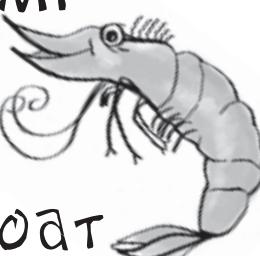
Last weekend brought a quick cold snap with a 20-degree drop in temperature and 25-knot plus north winds. This cold blast was a reminder that our winter is not quite done. With temperatures rebounding back into the 80s by midweek, it should be like it never happened and we will quickly get back to the spring-like conditions we were experiencing on the water in weeks prior.

I often have clients book charters months out as they are only in town for a few days or only have one day to get together with family and friends to go fishing. This week was no different with a charter booked two months prior for Saturday, the day the strong cold front blew through. The night before, I had offered them another date later in the week when conditions would improve,

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Pre-registration required. Contact the Cape Coral Yacht Club, 574-0806.**



Windy day rewards: a 26-inch redfish and an 18-inch sheepshead caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

Crazy windy days like this are the days you work the hardest as a guide. The harder the wind blows and the lower the tide is, the fewer options you have.

Tough days like this, I often return to what I refer to as my neighborhood and work every nook and cranny. After a slow bumpy ride back across the sound, I tucked in around St. James City working some deeper docks while the tide slowly began to come up. The docks were slow action, too, only holding a few ladyfish.

Making another run, I headed up the south end of Matlacha Pass ducking into St. James Creek. Finally I had found somewhere out of the wind with good tide movement and at my first stop, the action was instant. While fishing a tide-ripped deeper mangrove shoreline, we caught snook, sheepshead and trout – and even added a few more fish to the box.

As we moved further north up the mile-long creek, I stopped and fished every little deep hole and shoreline that was hidden from the wind. Although it was not on fire, just about every stop produced a few fish including a few rat reds. With the sun now shining and the tide getting high enough to give us more options, things were starting to look up.

For our last stop of the day, I made my way into some favorite mangrove

keys in the mouth of the river. Although the water was really stirred up, I had caught fish around these same keys most of the week. Sand holes around these keys held a few really nice trout. It did not take long to get our biggest one of the day: a fat 23-incher that ate a live pinfish. Casting small weighted pinfish up tight under the trees also resulted in one 26-inch redfish.

Although this was far from the best trip I have ever had with these clients, with a lot of work we managed to catch a few quality fish. On days like this when the conditions are all against you and you still come home with a nice cooler of fish, you really feel you accomplished something.

We are not always going to have perfect days with perfect tides and despite the fact I was looking for a way to reschedule this trip, I'm glad we got out.

On crazy weather days like this, it's all about beating the odds and getting it done.

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, e-mail captmattmitchell@aol.com.

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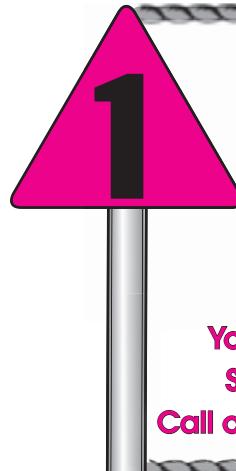
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Calusa Heritage Day Offers New Boat Tour Across Pine Island Sound

Come by water to the annual Calusa Heritage Day, the largest annual event at Pineland on northwest Pine Island. New this year, Captiva Cruises is offering a ride from Captiva Island's McCarthy Marina across Pine Island Sound to the docks at Tarpon Lodge.

"This boat ride creates an easy way for visitors and others on Sanibel and Captiva – and even south Fort Myers near the Sanibel Causeway – to enjoy a day on Pine Island Sound and also attend Calusa Heritage Day without the hassle of driving," said Cindy Bear, coordinator of Randell Research Center, which hosts the event.

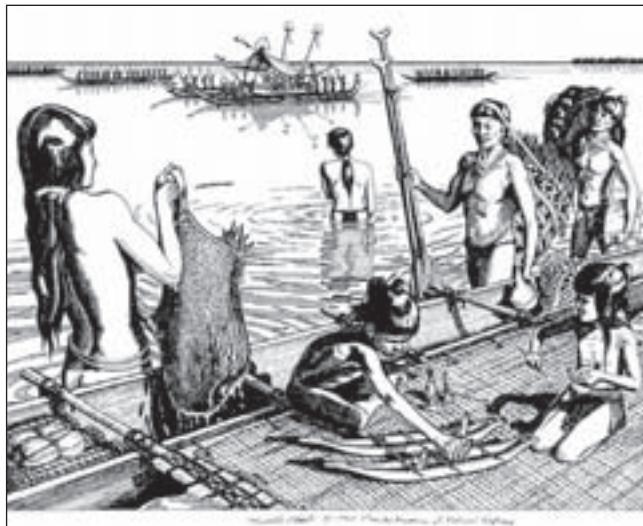
The boat will depart McCarthy Marina at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 10. Passengers will get a narrated tour of the harbor and its fish shacks and then have lunch at the Tarpon Lodge on Pineland before attending the festival. The lodge is across the street from the Calusa site. The boat will return passengers to Captiva after a three-hour stay on Pine Island.

Fare for the boat ride and tour is \$45; lunch is not included, but admission to Calusa Heritage Day is included for passengers. Reservations required by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300. Calusa Heritage Day is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the Calusa Heritage Trail, Randell Research Center, 13810 Waterfront Drive, Pineland. (Please note: GPS users should input Bokeelia instead of Pineland.) Admission is \$5 for adults, free to children; Randell Center members also are free. Park at adjacent Pineland Marina; handicapped parking is available on site. Free water is available throughout the day; participants are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle. Food is for sale by Pine Island-based Little Lillie's Island Deli and Mel Meo's fish wagon. For more information, call 283-2062 or 283-2157 or visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu/rcc/. Randell Research Center is dedicated to archaeology, history, ecology and preserving the Calusa legacy.

Attention native plant lovers: Purchase plants while learning about their uses for native people. Native plants will be for sale during the March 10 Calusa Heritage Day. Attendees can visit the Paleoethnobotany Area, where they'll find All Natives Nursery of Fort Myers selling a variety of native plants with information about how the vegetation was used by people of past. Fermented leaves of wax myrtle, for example, were used medicinally for headaches, fevers and worms.

Storyteller and author Gerald Hausman will return to Calusa Heritage Day with two performances and ongoing hands-on activities throughout the day. Hausman is the author of more than 70 books, which have been translated into a dozen foreign languages. He will be sharing folktales at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. During his 35 years as a storyteller he has entertained children of all ages.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be hands-



Calusa Heritage Day is Saturday, March 10



Learning about native plants and how the Calusa used them

on Calusa-inspired arts and crafts and face painting plus an opportunity to meet live reptiles, courtesy of Lee County Parks & Recreation. Attendees also can participate in narrated tours of the Calusa Heritage Trail.

Also Florida Public Archaeology Network will host atlatl throwing throughout the day. An atlatl is an accurate throwing stick that was developed long before bow and arrow and used by the Calusa. It was likely the type of weapon used to wound Ponce de Leon (he died from the wound). Children and adults will get to try it for distance and accuracy.

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Fun and skill with an atlatl at last year's Calusa Heritage Day



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GreenMarket

The GreenMarket at the Alliance for the Arts strives to create a space where local growers, bakers, and artisans can interact with the community and offer their wares. GreenMarket is held every Saturday morning on the Alliance's 10-acre campus on the corner of McGregor and Colonial boulevards in Fort Myers. Visitors can enjoy live music, often catch a free gardening class or "cooking local" demonstration, surf the web on the free Wi-Fi, or just stroll in the shade of the mango trees and along the pond with their children and pets. Inside the Alliance's main building, which is also open on Saturday mornings, learn more about a full range of classes and cultural activities for people of all ages, check out three art galleries open to the public, and shop in a gift shop packed with hand-made, locally created items.

Alliance for the Arts' Executive Director, Lydia Black, explained, "We as an institution have been striving to become more sustainable, raising awareness of environmental issues in addition to our mission as a forum and incubator of the Arts. The GreenMarket, along with activities such as recycling drives and other energy-saving measures, is a big part of that commitment to do our part for a healthier world, and a healthier Southwest Florida."

Black said regular GreenMarket



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attendees recently started an impromptu organic food garden on Alliance grounds. "In fact, we are in the process of re-imagining our landscaping, incorporating concepts such as the use of native plants

and ground covers, xeriscaping, and a light environmental footprint in general. At the same time, and following our mission, local artists are getting involved in these projects, providing an interactive

America's Boating Course

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

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

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

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

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

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

experience that incorporates nature and art in equal parts," Black added.

GreenMarket is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information is available at www.ArtnLee.org or 939-2787.**

Local Waters And Charts Class

by Cdr. Mary Smelter

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class on Saturday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The 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 will be offered at a later date. 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 Classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.**

Lee County Purchases 219 Acres Of Environmental Lands On Pine Island

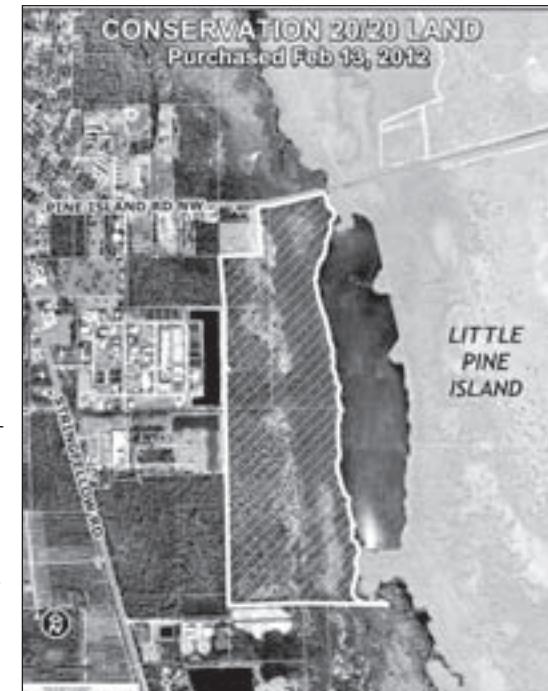
Lee County on Monday purchased a 219-acre conservation preserve on Pine Island Mat a cost of \$772,000. The acquisition was funded by the Conservation 20/20 Program with a \$20,000 contribution from the Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island.

The parcel is located south of Pine Island Road along the shoreline of Pine Island Creek. It is directly across the creek from the Little Pine Island Mitigation Bank preserve.

The parcel has 82 acres of mangrove wetlands along Pine Island Creek, 45 acres of submerged (creek bottom) land in Pine Island Creek and 92 acres of uplands. Mangroves are important as a nursery for juvenile fish and to filter water pollutants before they reach Pine Island Creek. The uplands are currently vegetated primarily with the invasive exotic tree species melaleuca (or paper tree). They will be restored to native pine flatwoods.

Once restored, the pine flatwoods could be home to eagles, osprey, gopher tortoise, beautiful pawpaw and other listed species.

The Conservation 20/20 program buys environmentally important lands for preservation. It's funded by a property tax, which was approved by referendum in 1996. It is 50 cents for every \$1,000 of taxable property value. Since the first purchase in 1997, the County's Conservation 20/20 program has made 109 land purchases and the land inventory now stands at 24,448 acres.**



Map shows boundaries of the land

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Gopher Tortoise



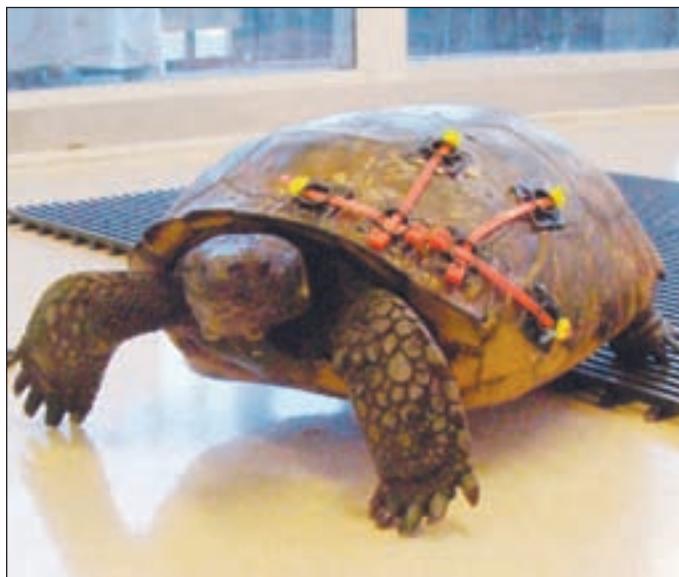
by Patricia Molloy

It is a common sight for drivers in Southwest Florida to see a gopher tortoise slowly, but determinedly, crossing a road. Be patient. These gentle terrestrial beings have survived on this planet for 60 million years; a few minutes of your time pales in comparison.

If you feel compelled to accelerate its journey and protect it from less attentive drivers, please relocate it in the direction it is traveling. If you return a tortoise to its point of entry, it will simply try to cross again once you have driven on your merry way.

Originating in North America, the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) has shovel-like front feet and elephantine hind feet which play a major role in its unique ability to dig very large burrows. As one of the few tortoises to build elaborate shelters, they are able to protect themselves from extreme temperatures, fires and predators.

Gopher tortoises are exceptionally tolerant of their neighbors (a trait from which we humans could learn a thing or two) and are known to share their burrows with other species, including lizards,



Ordinary zip ties were glued to her fractured shell and are tightened regularly to correct the divisions caused by the auto accident

opossums, frogs, snakes, rabbits and burrowing owls. Some of these "roommates" are so dependent on the burrows that they will disappear if a gopher tortoise abandons its home. Thus, these special turtles have earned the nickname "keystone species."

CROW is currently treating two gopher tortoises, one male and one female, each having suffered spinal trauma after a run-in with a careless driver.

After a spinal injury, a tortoise can often move its hind quarters but will simply drag its back legs, leading to muscle atrophy. The clinic's staff has developed

a unique way to treat some of these patients: golf ball therapy.

A golf ball is affixed to the bottom of its shell with an adhesive. It elevates the back of the shell allowing the patient to use its hind legs. The slick floor of the clinic's turtle room provides the perfect surface by which a grazer's progress can be evaluated by the staff.

It takes approximately four months for a shell fracture to heal and an additional six to 12 months for full recovery and removal of the zip ties. If you would like to sponsor either of these two gopher tortoises on their long road to recovery,



Note the artificial burrow in the background. Gopher tortoises need a place to feel safe and secure while sleeping

go to CROW's website and refer to patient #4110 (female) or #4212 (male).

Next week, learn about the snapping turtle that Dr. Heather has dubbed the "chunky monkey."

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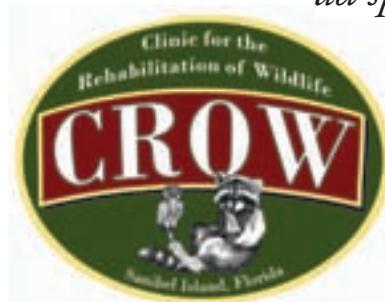
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Melaleuca, Scourge Of Florida

by Gerri Reaves

The best use of melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquefolia*) in the landscape is as mulch.

Since being introduced to Florida, this native of Australia, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands has wreaked incalculable destruction on the natural environment. It has earned the distinction of being one of the most unwanted plants ever in Florida, and millions have been spent on eradicating it.

The first record of melaleuca importation was in 1887, when the Reasoner brothers in Manatee County imported seedlings for the Royal Palm Nurseries for use as ornamentals.

A more famous instance of introduction is the scattering of seeds from airplanes in the 1930s in the Everglades. The goal in the Everglades was to dry up the state's wetlands and make the land useful for agriculture and development.

But this tree needs no help in spreading, it turned out, for Florida's seasonal fires –and other stressors -- release the seeds from the wood capsules.

Unfortunately, seeds can remain viable for up to 10 years, and one tree alone can hold up 100 million seeds.

Today, efforts and dollars go toward trying to undo a portion of the resulting damage, and there has been some success with insect biological control.

Melaleuca is listed as a category 1 invasive exotic by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. The species listed on that most damning category are documented as having caused ecological damage by "altering native plant communities..., displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives."

A propensity to displace native cypress and sawgrass makes it a particular threat.

Almost everyone visiting South Florida has noticed this tree, usually because of



Melaleuca shown in a residential landscape

the unusual bark. The off-white multilayers of peeling spongy bark give it the common name paper-bark tree. Other names include cajeput, punk tree, and white bottlebrush tree.

This member of the myrtle family can also be identified by stiff lance-like grayish green leaves of about five inches that smell of camphor when crushed.

Creamy spikes of flowers can bloom several times a year and emit the odor of boiled potatoes.

This tree easily takes over a landscape, growing up to 100 feet tall. The crown can grow up to six feet per year. Oils in the crown support extremely hot crown fires, making melaleuca stands a serious threat not only to the environment but to residential and commercial development.

Those volatile oils, when released during flowering, for example, can cause respiratory irritation, asthma attacks, headaches, or rashes in susceptible people.

So unwanted is the tree that it is illegal to possess, sell, cultivate, or transport it in Florida without a special permit.

But ground into mulch, the invader serves the noble purposes of helping more desirable plants survive and conserving moisture in the soil. Melaleuca mulch is also termite resistant.

Sources: fleppc.org, ifas.ufl.edu, and ddr.nal.usda.gov.

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



The distinctive peeling bark makes invasive melaleuca easy to identify
photos by Gerri Reaves

Caring For Your Plants

Florida Native Palms

by Justen Dobbs

Florida has the largest variety of native palm trees in the continental United States and the most palm genera out of all 50 states. Some, such as the cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*) are very common and number in the millions. Others, such as the Miami palmetto (*Sabal miamiensis*) are extinct in habitat and found only in a couple private gardens.

In an effort to preserve the native flora in Florida, some places – such as Sanibel Island in Southwest Florida – have adopted landscape laws that require all yards to have at least 75 percent native palms and plants. While I believe this to generally be a good practice, one downside is that abundant species such as cabbage palms end up being used and rare or endangered Florida natives are almost never utilized.

The main reason that rare palms – such as the needle palm (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*) and key thatch (*Leucothrinax morrisii*) – are not planted more in Southwest Florida is that it does not



Cherry palms look like dwarf royals. Their name is derived from their bright red, cherry-sized fruits

make sense financially for nurserymen to grow these due to the difficulty of obtaining seeds and slow rate of growth. Thus, you will have to visit a private collector or botanical garden to see them.

Additionally, I find that many of our city officials are not privy to these rare species. Maybe Fort Myers and Sanibel should adopt an endangered native palm propagation program? We put millions of dollars into the mangrove trees and native wildlife preservation. Why not palm trees?

Utilizing native palms in a Florida landscape is beneficial in that they can



The saw palmetto comes in a silver variety (pictured) and green variety. It matures at around six to eight feet

survive on nature's sun and rainwater once established. Thus, there is no need to run irrigation or heavy fertilizer. Silver saw palmettos can be used as a low hedge, while royal palms can be used in imposing rows to line an avenue, such as the ones along McGregor Boulevard. For those with smaller gardens, the cherry palm is a smaller, slower growing version of the royal palm.

Following is my list of Florida native palms. Other lists may differ slightly, but that is likely because they are out-of-date or have neglected the more uncommon species:

1. Cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*)
2. Dwarf cabbage palm (*Sabal minor*)
3. Miami palmetto palm (*Sabal miamiensis*)
4. Scrub palmetto (*Sabal etonia*)
5. Saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*)
6. Needle palm (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*)
7. Royal palm (*Roystonea regia*)
8. Thatch palm (*Thrinax radiata*)
9. Key thatch palm (*Leucothrinax morrisii*)
10. Silver thatch palm (*Coccothrinax argentea*)

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Singing The Windows

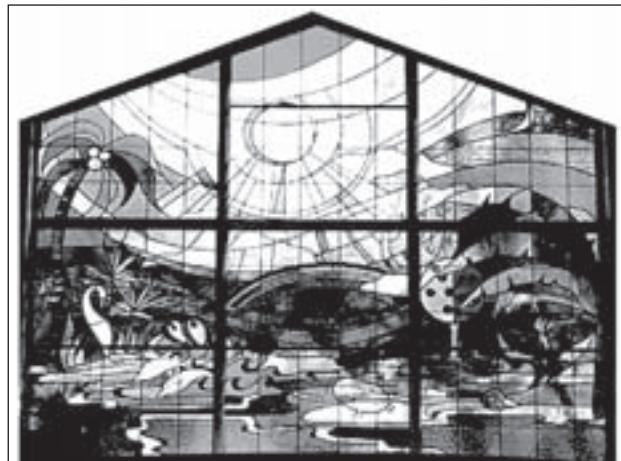
Peace Lutheran Church presents Singing the Windows, A Spring Choral Presentation February 26 at 3 p.m.

The Peace Festival Choir, under the direction of Richard D Jaeggi, will sing the choral music of Rutter, Bliss, Drennan, Rambo, and Delmonte celebrating the story as depicted by the individual window. Joining in song will be soloists, Michelle A Giesel and Bob Hesch.

Pastor Walter Still will guide attendees through each window as it comes to life through scripture and song. Special guest Ronald Estep of the White Stained Glass Studio of Sarasota will be discussing the creation of the windows.

The audience will be encouraged to join in singing the hymns of the windows.

Free will offering. Reception to follow. The church is located at 15840 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, 437-2599, www.peaceftmyers.com.*



Window at Peace Lutheran Church

Lee County Band Concert

The Lee County Community Band will present a lively mix of traditional Irish music, Dixieland, light classical, old favorites and spirited marches at 3 p.m. on March 11 at Mariner High School. The concert is free of charge (donations accepted) and open to the public. Mariner High School is at 701 Chiquita Boulevard North, Cape Coral.

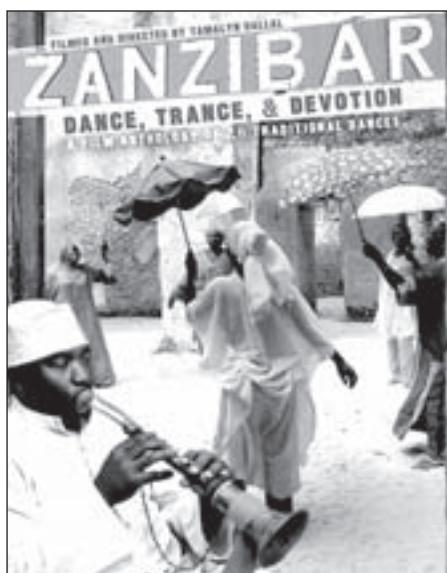
The program includes *Imperial March*, Leroy Anderson's *Sandpaper Ballet*, a medley of Best Loved Irish Melodies, *Danny Boy*, *Latin Reeds*, and *Original Dixie Concerto*.

The last concert this season is set for April 1 and will also take place at Mariner High School. The band's February, March and April concerts were moved to Mariner due to construction under way at Cape Coral High.

The band is comprised of 52 professional and amateur musicians from Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. Director is Richard Bradstreet; emcee and vocalist is Norman Jones.

For more information, visit [www.leecountyband.org](http://leecountyband.org) or phone Norman Jones at 995-2097.*

Movie Night



Zanzibar DVD cover

Zanzibar: *Dance, Trance & Devotion* will be shown at Movie Night at All Faiths Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 20.

This is Tamalyn Dallal's second documentary film, an anthology of 26 traditional dances.

It is of interest to those who want to experience vibrant dances and music from one of the most exotic places on earth. The East African islands of Zanzibar are a melting pot of cultures (African, Persian, Ottoman, Arabic, Indian). Each village has a diverse display of movement, rhythm, spirituality. [

The film is 80 mins. long and there will be an intermission after 45 minutes. RSVP by calling 226-0900.

A \$2 donation is requested for refreshments and to support All Faiths UUC.*

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Enjoy Poetic Presentation Of Visual Art

ArtPoems, the collaborative transmedia poet and artist project of Southwest Florida, will celebrate its sixth year at BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall Friday, February 24. There will be a reception beginning at 7 p.m., with the presentation to follow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission.

Ranging from the Peace River to Sanibel, from Cape Coral to Fort Myers and Naples, the group of 12 artists and 12 poets collaborated to produce poems inspired by artworks and artworks inspired by poems. Poets will perform their poems, villanelles, ballads, Fibonacci poems and free verse while the paired paintings, sculptures, photography and mixed media artwork are exhibited during the reception and digitally on stage during the performance.

This year Dance Alliance, a dance troupe collaborative, will join the writers in this performance with African drummers, two guitarists, a flutist, and a multi-instrumentalist.

Collaborating visual artists are Peg Cullen, Pascale Doxy, Cheryl Fausel, Stephen Hayford, Philip Heubeck, Shelia Hoen, Hollis Jeffcoat, Dennis Joyce, David King, Doug MacGregor, Andi McCarter and JR Roberts.

Jim Brock, Dorothy Brooks, Carol



Mosaic by Andi McCarter was inspired by a poem by Don Brock

Drummond, Katelyn Gravel, Sandy Greco, Bob Maxeiner, Jesse Millner, Joseph Pacheco, Marsha Perlman, Sid Simon, Larry Stiles and Lorraine Vail are the poets.

BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel.

ArtPoems will be presented at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1. Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers.*

A Jaw-Dropping Play At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau



Imagine everything you did between the years of 1976 and 1992. Now, remove all of it."

Words from Sunny Jacobs, a hopeful hippie, convicted and

sentenced to death for a crime she did not commit. Sunny is just one of six people represented in the play, "The Exonerated," who were sent to death row for crimes they did not commit. This is an intense and deeply affecting play, written by Jessica Blank and Eric Jensen, after conducting interviews with 40 former death row prisoners who spent from 2 to 22 years in prison before being released.

During this 90-minute, intermissionless play, we also meet Gary, a midwestern organic farmer condemned for the murder of his parents and later exonerated when two motorcycle gang members confess to the crime.

We are introduced to Robert, an African-American horse groomer who spent seven years on Florida's death row for a murder he did not commit. We

meet Delbert, a poet who serves as a type of narrator, providing not only his own story, but often an amusing commentary between the many scenes. He was convicted of a rape/murder in the Deep South during the 1970s and later freed when evidence showed he was not even in the state when the crime occurred.

The play moves between first-person monologues and flashbacks to events and courtroom testimonies. "The Exonerated" tells their side of the story, which was what the police and the legal system initially failed to recognize. It also tells what it's like returning to the real world, and how some are treated because of their mistaken criminal past.

The minimal set, lighting and sound effects greatly enhance the performance. The main roles are played by Ken Johnson, Cory Campbell, Michael Graves, Denise Scott and Curtis Jones, who stepped in at the last minute for Don Manley who was ill. Jamie Huttman, Tiffany Campbell, Mike Breen and Jamie Carmichael play multiple roles. All do an exceptional job of making the audience sit up and listen and think about injustice, prejudice and the death penalty itself.

"The Exonerated" is directed by J. Mitchell Haley. It's an extraordinary play that will have you thinking about it long after you leave the theater. It plays through Sunday, February 19 at Theatre Conspiracy in the Foulds Theatre, Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call the box office at 936-3239.*

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, 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.**

ArtPoems Returns To Alliance

ArtPoems returns to the Alliance for the Arts for the third straight year on Thursday, March 1. This unique, collaborative event pairs poets with visual artists. A pre-show reception begins at 6:45 p.m., with the stage presentations beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Twelve poets will present new poems inspired by artwork created by 12 visual artists, and 12 visual artists will present new artwork inspired by the 12 poets. The poets will perform their work on the Foulds Theatre stage while the painting, sculpture, photograph or mixed media work is displayed next to them. All of the original pieces will be exhibited during the opening reception.

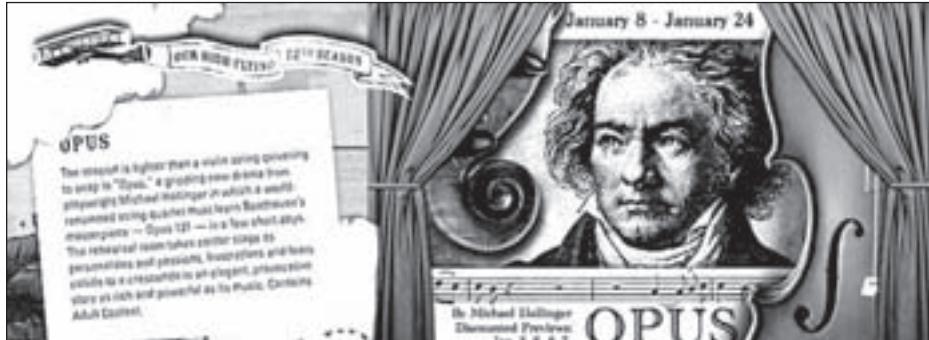
A dance element has been added to this year's collaborations. Dance Alliance, together with a class of African drummers, two guitarists, a flutist and a

multi-instrumentalist, will provide accompaniment to the ArtPoem performances. Collaborating visual artists include Peg Cullen, Pascale Doxy, Cheryl Fausel, Stephen Hayford, Philip Heubeck, Shelia Hoen, Hollis Jefcoat, Dennis Joyce, David King, Doug MacGregor, Andi McCarter and J.R. Roberts. The poets are Jim Brock, Dorothy Brooks, Carol Drummond, Katelyn Gravel, Sandy Greco, Bob Maxeiner, Jesse Millner, Joseph Pacheco, Marsha Perlman, Sid Simon, Larry Stiles and Lorraine Vail.

The artwork from this event will remain on display in the Alliance Theater Gallery until March 28. For more information go to www.artinlee.org or www.artpoems.org.

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

Sex, Drugs & Chamber Music



Opus was written by violist-turned playwright Michael Hollinger

Participate in a lively and thought-provoking discussion group, Sex, Drugs & Chamber Music, moderated by Gulf Coast Symphony trumpet player John Winters. Through analysis of the stage play *Opus*, written in 2007 by violist-turned-playwright Michael Hollinger, see the side of classical music performance that few people are privy to. Discussion participants will rotate reading lines from *Opus*, breaking frequently to discuss the human dynamics of a string quartet and the emotions that can be conjured through playing music together; especially classical music.

Winters holds degrees from the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago and Cornell University. After completing his studies, he taught political science for three years before teaching one year at a law school. He left teaching to be a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice.

After four years of trying cases for the federal government, Winters returned to his home state of Minnesota to practice law. While practicing law, he was elected County Attorney, a part-time position he held for six years. In 2003, he retired and moved to Florida. In retirement, he has been pursuing his lifetime hobby of playing the trumpet, currently playing with the Gulf Coast Symphony.

The group is limited to 20 participants and takes place at the Atrium Executive Center, located at 8695 College Parkway, Suite 1181 in Fort Myers on consecutive Mondays, February 20 and 27 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for Renaissance Academy members and \$45 for non-members. (Renaissance Academy annual individual memberships costs \$50 or \$80 per couple.) Pre-registration for this group is required. To register, call 425-3272 or visit <http://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>.**

Tobin Workshop And Lecture

Sarasota painter, sculptor, writer and filmmaker K.D. Tobin will present the workshop Gel Skins & Image Transfers For Painting & Collage at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, March 3 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Explore a variety of ways to make transferable gel skins and other methods of transferring images directly into paintings and collages. Admission to the workshop is \$90 or \$75 for Alliance members.

Tobin is a GOLDEN Certified Working Artist, which means he's undergone extensive, in-depth study of the technical aspects of acrylic painting practices and teaching tools for artists of all experience levels.

Earlier in the day, Tobin will present a GOLDEN A To Z Of Acrylics lecture and demonstration from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn about the basics of acrylics, mineral and modern pigments and the creation of new colors. Explore a variety of gels and mediums and how they can change texture, saturation and intensity of color. All attendees will receive a valuable information packet and free samples of GOLDEN products. Admission to the lecture/demo is just \$10, or free for Alliance members. Call 939-2727 or go to www.artinlee.org to learn more about these, or any of the more than 75 classes and workshops offered at the Alliance.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.**

Free Wood Carving Exhibit

Wood carvers, both experienced and novices, will be exhibiting their carvings and demonstrating their various carving techniques at the annual Woodcarving Exhibit on Saturday, February 25 at the Estero Community & Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. The exhibit will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit, presented by the Bonita Wood Carvers. There is no charge for admission or parking. Attendees will be able to view carvings from recent competitions as well as completed projects and carvings in progress. Wood carving supplies and equipment will be available for purchase.

Bonita Wood Carvers meet weekly throughout the year on Wednesday afternoons at the Estero Community & Recreation Center. Instruction is available for beginners and advanced carvers enhance their skills during the regular club sessions.

Additional information about the exhibit or Bonita Wood Carvers may be obtained by calling Lynn Sheeley at 482-6822.**

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Florida Rep & Alliance Spring Fever Arts Camp

Spring break is just around the corner, and what better way for children to spend their days than engaging in the arts at Spring Fever Arts Camp, presented by Florida Rep at the Alliance for the Arts.

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade will get to act, sing, dance and create during this five-day, award winning camp that runs March 12 to 16. Professional performing and visual artists Rachael Endrizzi, Claire Guy from Florida Rep and professional visual artist Ray Hernandez will instruct participants in adapting classic stories and fairytales, with a grand finale performance and exhibition for family and friends on Friday in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance.

Classes throughout the day will include visual art, acting, storytelling and improvisation. Campers will have tons of fun while being exposed to the world of professional theater and art.

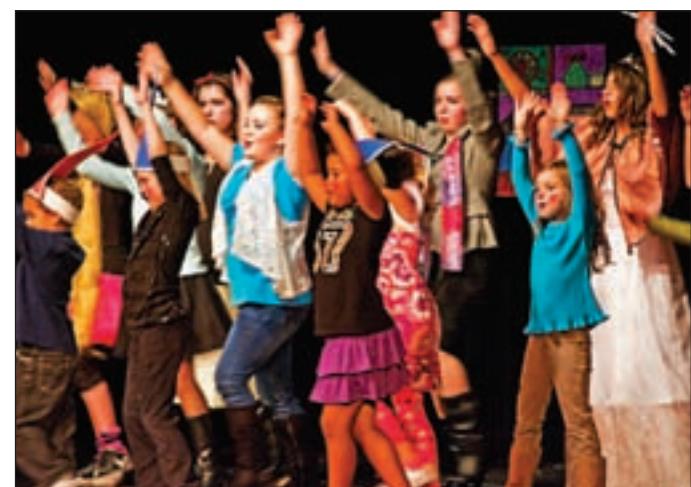
Spring Fever Arts Camp is \$175 for kids grades kindergarten through sixth. Seventh through 12th graders may register to be Stars-In-Training for \$150. Space is limited.

Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, with the final performance at 3 p.m. on March 16. Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up is between 4 and 4:15 p.m. Post-camp care is available until 5 p.m. for an additional \$25 for the entire week. Contact Rachael Endrizzi at Florida Rep by calling 332-4665 or go to www.floridarepeducation.org.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.**



Pictures from previous camps at the Alliance for the Arts



White House Black Market Sponsors This Year's Grande Dames Tea

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County has announced that women's specialty retailer White House Black Market has signed on as the title sponsor of the Grande Dames Tea for 2012, which will honor three more of our community's most revered women.

"White House Black Market is delighted to support the PACE Center for Girls and the Grande Dames Tea," said Donna Noce, White House Black Market brand president. "We can think of no better way to help our community than by supporting PACE and the young women it serves."

The honorees for 2012 are Michel Doherty of Cape Coral, Mavis Stinson Miller of Fort Myers and Anna "Boots" Tolles of Cape Coral.

The Grande Dames Tea will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mei-Mei Chan, News-Press Media Group president and publisher, will once again serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-February and tickets may be purchased at that time either online at www.pacecenter.org/lee or by phoning 425-2366 ext. 25.

The Grande Dames Tea was originated by PACE Center for Girls of Lee County to honor women who have played major roles in Southwest Florida history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others. The theme is The Wisdom of Age – Honoring the Female Spirit.

Other major sponsors include the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre and Edison National Bank.

The first Grande Dames to be honored in 2009 were philanthropists Berne Davis, Eleanore Kleist and Barbara B. Mann. The 2010 honorees were Jeanne Bochette, Helen Hendry and Veronica Shoemaker. Last year's Grande Dames were Myra Daniels, Kathleen Nealon and Mimi Straub.

PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a non-residential delinquency prevention program targeting the unique needs of girls, ages 12 to 18, facing challenges such as physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, foster care, neglect, death of a parent, family history of incarceration and declining grades.

For more information about this event, contact PACE Director of Development Melissa Simontis at 425-2366 ext. 25 or Grande Dames Tea chair Dena Geraghty at 851-1028 or visit www.pacecenter.org/lee.**

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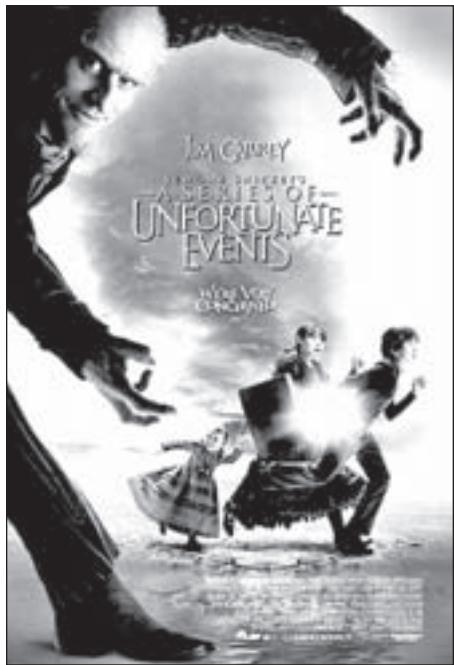
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Outdoor Family Movie Nights At The Alliance



Outdoor family movie nights are back beginning on Friday, February 24 at the Alliance for the Arts. Bring your chairs, blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy family-friendly movies under the stars, projected onto a portable movie screen.

Spring Juried Show Opens At Beach Art Gallery

Fort Myers Beach Art Association's Spring Show, sponsored by Santini Marina Plaza and FishTale Marina, opened on Sunday with a demonstration by Carol Frye, NWS ISEA, who is teaching a full workshop this week. This show is a beautiful example of the wide range of talents and abilities of the local artists who are members of the art association.

In Studio II, Pauline Healey has a display of her fine watercolors and mixed media artwork until March 2. This Sunday, February 19 at 1 p.m., Bea Pappas will do a gallery talk and discussion about the artwork displayed, followed by an awards reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome to visit the gallery for these events as well as during open hours.

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound in Fort Myers Beach, is open during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



The series kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on February 24 with *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* starring Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep and Jude Law. Based on the popular children's books, this PG-rated film tells the story of the Baudelaire children, who lose both of their parents in a fire. The children are sent from relative to relative before winding up the dastardly Count Olaf, who knows the children are to receive a huge inheritance when the oldest girl is of age and wants their money for himself. The highly intelligent children figure out his

Monday to Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on shows or classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

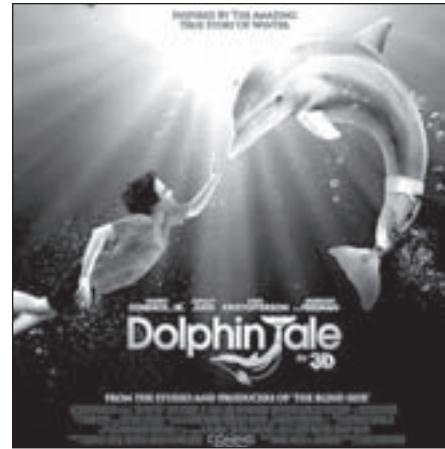
Upcoming FMBAA events

February 23 to 25 – Fort Myers Beach Art Association artist Neil Walling will teach plein air painting during the morning at various sites.

March 4 – The Fort Myers Beach Art Association's annual Art Bazaar will be held 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.

March 17 to April (TBD) – Members show Anything Goes artwork is on display in Studio I. Studio II will have a two week show of Patty Kane's watercolor class starting March 2, followed by the experimental group show until the student show is hung.

For additional information, call 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.^{**}



intentions in this devilishly fun comedic adventure.

Bee Movie is next in the series on Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. It's the story of Barry B. Benson, a bee played by Jerry Seinfeld who just graduated from college. He's disillusioned with his only job prospect of making honey and when he ventures outside of the hive he breaks the cardinal bee rule by talking to a florist named Vanessa. Barry is shocked to learn

that humans have been stealing bees' honey for centuries and decides to sue them in this hilarious animated comedy, rated PG.

Wrapping up the series on Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m. is *Dolphin Tale*, rated PG. This live action film stars Morgan Freeman, Kris Kristofferson, Harry Connick, Jr. and Ashley Judd. Based on true events, *Dolphin Tale* tells the story of a young dolphin named Winter who lost her tail in a crab trap, and Sawyer, the introverted 11-year-old boy who befriends her. Sawyer meets the rescued dolphin at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and rallies her friends and family to save Winter by convincing a pioneering doctor to create a unique prosthetic tail to restore the dolphin's ability to swim.

Join in on the fun of free family movie nights at the Alliance for the Arts, located on the corner of Colonial and McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. A suggested \$5 donation will help ensure free family programming at the Alliance. Support is provided by Briers CPA, Riverside Realty, Staging Matters and Winged Foot Title.^{**}

Two Dozen Nationally Acclaimed Authors Coming To Fort Myers

Two dozen nationally acclaimed authors will descend on Fort Myers eager to meet their fans and talk about their books and writing at the 13th Annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival on March 17 at the Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers.

"Authors in general lead solitary lives when writing and working on their next potential best seller. They are always eager to meet their audience and see what they have to say," said Southwest Florida Festival Coordinator Margie Byers. "Folks who attend the Southwest Florida Reading Festival always tell us how much they enjoyed all the activities and authors!" The Reading Festival is free and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

The Reading Festival brings in nationally known authors from all over the country to stimulate the community with a culture of reading and literacy. The festival is a day-long event filled with fascinating and dynamic author presentations, lively programs and activities for children, the latest library technology, contests, booksellers, book signings and good food! The festival draws an average of 18,000 people annually.

Some of the award-winning authors scheduled to speak at the festival include Erik Larson, Zane, Iris and Roy Johansen, Michael Palmer, Anna Godbersen and Michael Buckley. The Reading Festival is free to the public and caters to all ages.

"This is an outstanding event for families and people of all ages. There is an author for all tastes, whether it is non-fiction, romance, thrillers, emotionally po-

ignant, cooking, teen or young humor," said Byers. In addition to the author presentations there will be activities and entertainment, e-library demonstrations, kids' and teens' programs, a book for every child and a festival marketplace full of vendors.

The Reading Festival is 100 percent community supported through donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation. Complete author information, schedules of festival activities, dates of partner events, directions to the event and more, are available at www.readfest.org or call 337-READ (7323).

Southwest Florida Reading Festival Authors:

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Lisa Black
Jane Green
Iris Johansen
Roy Johansen
Alex Kava
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Daisy Martinez
Michael Palmer
Caroline Todd

Teen

Anna Godbersen
Nancy Holder
Lauren Oliver
Ober Skye
Debbie Viguie

Children

Michael Buckley
Christopher Paul Curtis
Sara Pennypacker
Judith Schachner
David Ezra Stein^{**}



Rock Shrimp Cheese Strada

1 pound rock shrimp, peeled
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3 tablespoons butter, softened
1½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
6 eggs, beaten
2 cups half and half
1 teaspoon salt
Add shrimp to boiling water and cook for two minutes; drain well and set aside. Spread butter on both sides of bread slices and then cut off the crusts. Place buttered bread in a greased 13x9-inch baking dish. On top of bread, layer in this order: rock shrimp, cheese and tomatoes. Combine eggs, half and half, and salt. Mix well and pour over tomatoes. Cover casserole and chill overnight. Remove from refrigerator 15 minutes before baking. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes or until set. Remove from oven and let cool for five minutes before serving.

Yields eight servings

Nutritional Value Per Serving
Calories 328, Calories From Fat 158, Total Fat 18g, Saturated Fat 9g, Trans Fatty Acid 0g, Cholesterol 285mg, Total Carbohydrates 17g, Protein 26g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 0g

Speaker Series On Civil War

FGCU will host a speaker series on the Civil War in Southwest Florida to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month in March.

The Southwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), hosted at Florida Gulf Coast University, presents, "More than a Trifling Affair: A Tour of Southwest Florida in the Civil War."

Lectures are free and open to the public.

March 1, 7 p.m. – FGCU Professor Irvin Winsboro presents Race and Civil War in Southwest Florida followed by a book signing session at the Southwest



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Florida Museum of History in Fort Myers.

March 8, 7 p.m. – Tara Giuliano, a University of West Florida graduate student presents Legend of the Field Stones in Old Bethel Cemetery: Using Archaeology to Explore Social Memory at Pieter Westergaard House in Moore Haven.

March 15, 7 p.m. – Jacqueline Brown from Charlotte County Historical Center presents Charlotte County in the Civil War at the Historical Center in Port Charlotte.

March 22, 7:30 p.m. – Bill Mack, FGCU adjunct professor presents Between Two Fires: The Civil War in Southwest Florida at the Clewiston Museum.

March 29, 7 p.m. – Duane and Holly

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Aerial of the Shell Point property

Shell Point Home & Garden Show

Shell Point Retirement Community will open its doors for a Home & Garden Open House on Thursday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. This event is free and open to the public.

The theme of this open house, Home & Garden, focuses on the unique lifestyle and natural setting that Shell Point can offer residents, along with the security of lifecare. A few of the attractions on property for the day include a synchronized swimming show, floral demonstrations, craft bazaar, farmer's market, model train room display and more. There will be refreshments, door prizes, a health fair and boat ride tours around The Island at Shell Point. Guests will also have the opportunity to take self-guided tours of the community and visit several decorated models.

"Shell Point is such a unique place to



Synchronized swimmers at Shell Point



Sales counselors will be offering detailed presentations

live, with so many services and amenities, and the open house is a perfect way for senior adults to visit the community and see the lifestyle it offers while also visiting with residents of the community," said Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of marketing and communications.

The Home & Garden Open House will encompass all three Shell Point neighborhoods – The Island, The Woodlands and Eagles Preserve. Trams, buses and golf carts will provide transportation to all events and locations throughout the community.

The Open House will also include tours of five decorated models, ranging from a one-bedroom deluxe, two-bedroom deluxe, two-bedroom traditional, three-bedroom executive, and a one-bedroom den. Staff members will be on hand to answer specific questions, while others will present seminars explaining Shell Point's lifestyle with lifecare model for retirement. There will be question-and-answer sessions following each presentation.



Orchids in bloom



Knowledgeable sales counselors will be on hand in model units

"Visitors will receive a printed map and schedule of events when they arrive so they can determine which activities, tours, and presentations best suit their personal interests," said Schneider. "We always look forward to welcoming guests to this annual event that showcases everything Shell Point has to offer for gracious retirement living."

For more information about the Home & Garden Open House, call 466-1131 or visit www.shellpoint.org.**

Author Rollins To Speak At SBDAC

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents the Famous Author Luncheon Series, lectures sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust, in partnership with the Nick Linn Lecture Series and the Friends of the Library of Collier County. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street, in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

The author James Rollins will speak on Tuesday, February 21, followed by Andrew Gross on Monday, March 12. Brad Meltzer opened the series on Sunday, February 12. All three are national bestselling authors.

Each of the lectures/luncheons will begin at 11 a.m. with a VIP reception. A salad luncheon by Frisco's Catering will be served at noon in the Grand Atrium of the historic Davis Art Center.

Rollins is the bestselling author of seven thrillers in the Sigma Force series (*Sandstorm*, *Map of Bones*, *Black Order*, *The Judas Strain*, *The Last Oracle*, *The Doomsday Key* and, most recently, *The Devil Colony*), the blockbuster movie novelization of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* and six stand-alone adventure thrillers. He is author of the Jake Ransom Series for kids and adults (Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow and Jake Ransom and the Howling Sphinx). A multiple New York Times bestsell-

ing author, Rollins is a co-founder of International Thriller Writers, Inc. and, in 2009, served as that organization's co-President alongside author Steve Berry.

Special lower ticket prices to the Famous Author Luncheon Series are \$35 per individual author (lecture only) for members or \$60 for non-members. Lecture and lunch for the remaining authors are \$50 for members or \$75 for non-members; Gold Circle tickets, with a VIP reception, is \$60 for members or \$85 for non-members. *

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Native Palms

11. Cherry palm; Buccaneer palm (*Pseudophoenix sargentii*)
12. Coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*)*
13. Everglades palm; Pourtis palm (*Acoelorrhaphis wrightii*)

* The coconut palm has been included, although it likely originated in the South Pacific and made its way over here as flotsam.

Dobbs is the first person in the Western Hemisphere to create Teddy-Triangle hybrid palms through manual cross-pollination. He 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. Brent can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.*



Image of Shell Point's model unit

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My daughter is developmentally disabled. She enjoys it when I read to her and I was wondering if there are any good children's books

that feature disabled children. I think she would like to hear a story about a child that faces some of the same challenges that she does.

Megan N., Fort Myers, Florida

Megan,
There is some bad news and good news on this topic. Your desire to help your daughter learn more about herself through books is a wonderful idea. Children can learn a lot from models that are like them. Kids really enjoy finding characters in books with which they can identify.

According to a recent report in *Journal of Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities*, children with disabilities are very under-represented in the more acclaimed children's literature like the Newbery and Caldecott Award-winning books. In an analysis of 131 winners of the Newbery Medal and Honor researchers found that just 31 included a main or supporting

character with a disability between 1975 and 2009.

Tina Dyches, a special education professor at Brigham Young University and a co-author of the study reported, "We'd like to see children with disabilities more accurately depicted and representative for what is found in schools." She further stated, "We've got so many wonderful authors in the world and we would love to see more inclusive characterizations in high-quality books, where kids with disabilities are being recognized for who they are and not just for the limitations of their disabilities."

Now for the good news! The Council for Exceptional Children's Division recognized four children's books in January for authentically portraying characters with developmental disabilities on autism and developmental disabilities. The books, two chapter books and two picture books, were the winners of the Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award. This honor is given every other year (since 2000) and goes to books that include main or supporting characters with developmental disabilities.

The winners included the chapter books *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine and *Waiting for No One* by Beverley Brenna, both of which center on characters with Asperger's syndrome.

The picture book *My Brother Charlie* written by actress Holly Robinson Peete and her daughter Ryan Elizabeth Peete won for portraying life with a sibling who has autism. And, Rebecca Elliott's picture book *Just Because* is being honored for

including a girl with multiple disabilities.

"Engaging books that feature people with disabilities as individuals with personalities, strengths and talents as part of the storyline, have the exponential power to change attitudes and promote inclusion in education, jobs and community life," said Fran Prezant, one of the Dolly Gray Award panelists. "These are important, not only for young readers with and without disabilities, but for parents and teachers who read books to them and model societal attitudes through words and actions."

Here are two links that provide some additional titles featuring disabled children and teens, <http://www.scope.org.uk/campaigns/scope-campaigns/children-picture/books-list> and <http://writerinawheelchair.blogspot.com/2011/06/books-with-disabled-characters-part-3.html>.

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Dean's List
Samantha Jill Chestney of Fort Myers has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the fall 2011 semester.

Chestney is majoring in health science (health services administration).

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.**

Lauren Pellecchia has been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester. Pellecchia, of Fort Myers, is a member of the Class of 2013 and is majoring in Psychology Special Education.**

Berklee College of Music announces that Stefano Di Blasio of Cape Coral has earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2011 academic year. To be eligible for this honor, a full-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or above; a part-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or above.**

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Gala Tickets

caught along the way. Live music by The Derek Trenholm Band will top off the evening.

Those who join the fun will have the opportunity to win prizes which include everything from a pair of designer sunglasses to a private shopping experience at the Chico's Sample Sale during a silent auction that will take place throughout the gala. Raffle tickets will also be sold for a price of \$25 per ticket. All the details for the raffle have yet to be announced but we have been told that this year's winning ticket holder will need to get those suitcases out after all and the winner will not need to be present to win.

The Junior League of Fort Myers is still accepting silent auction items and event sponsorships for Passport to Europe. For more information on this jaunt with the Junior League, contact event organizers Andrea McKiddie or Amanda Gavini at 277-1197. For more information about Junior League, visit www.jlfm.org.**

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It's An All-New Look For The 2012 Boston Red Sox

by Ed Frank

(The following is the preseason outlook for the Boston Red Sox, one of two Major League baseball teams that train in Fort Myers)

The 2012 baseball season dawns anew with an all new setting for the Boston Red Sox – a new manager, a new general manager and sparkling new JetBlue Park, a \$79 million spring training facility.

And perhaps this is just what the Red Sox need after last year's late season's collapse, the worst in Major League history.

Ben Cherington takes over the GM role after his boss, Theo Epstein, departed for the Windy City where he hopes to end the 104-year World Series famine of the Chicago Cubs.

In turn, Cherington brought in much-traveled Bobby Valentine as manager following the ouster of Terry Francona who took the brunt of the Red Sox September disaster.

While much of the Red Sox roster remains intact from a year ago, there also are several new additions to hopefully bolster the gaps brought on by trades and departures.

New to Red Sox uniforms are Andrew Bailey, Nick Punto, Ryan Sweeney, Mark Melancon, Cody Ross and Kelly Shoppach.

Bailey, a right-handed reliever, is expected to replace the departed closer Jonathan Papelbon, the best in Red Sox history.

Punto, fresh from last year's World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals, will compete with Mike Aviles for shortstop, the result of Red Sox trading away Marco Scutaro and Jed Lowrie.

Ross, a tough right-handed hitter who is effective against left-handed pitching, should be a strong addition to the outfield.

Sweeney is the projected starting right fielder who has a good range, something so important in the spacious confines of Fenway's right field.

Veteran Mark Melancon was acquired as the Red Sox set-up man after serving as closer last season for the Houston Astros.

And finally, Kelly Shoppach, a former Red Sox minor leaguer, returns where he started his professional career to serve as the back-up catcher to Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

Of course, there are many additional unanswered issues such as the hopeful rebound of left-fielder Carl Crawford who, in his first year of a huge multi-year contract a year ago, was a disaster. A measly

.255 batting average and only 11 home runs and 56 RBIs are not what the Red Sox expected when they signed him to a seven-year \$142 million deal.

One major problem that was resolved just hours before the Red Sox and David Ortiz were to enter arbitration hearings on Monday was an agreement with the big slugger on a one-year contract that reportedly will pay Big Papi \$14.575 million.

Cape Coral Cup Mini Golf Tournament



Four-year-old Landon Enderby, center, with his trophy for best score in his age category. Also pictured is Sarah and Michael Enderby, with their trophy for best family team score

Trophies donated by A-1 Trophy



Three-year-old Gabriela Tejero, right, with her trophy for the best score in her age category. Also pictured is Lyndsey Grayson, 9, with her trophy for best score in her age category, along with Christy Grayson, Stephanie Grayson and Paul Sickmond, with their trophy for best family team score

Recognized as the best designated hitter in baseball, Ortiz, a seven-time All-Star, will be starting his 10th season with the Red Sox.

Will all the changes for the Red Sox in 2012 erase the memories of last season's collapse? Time will tell.

Everblades Home this Week for three against South Carolina

The week started with the Florida Everblades six points behind the South Carolina Stingrays in the ECHL South Division.

But the local hockey team has the opportunity to catch the Stingrays in the next few days with three home games at Germain Arena – Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Florida split a pair of road contests last week, losing to the first-place Gwinnett and defeating South Carolina.**

Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announces the 14th annual Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic is set for Thursday, February 23 on the championship-level Wee Friendly and Long Mean courses at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers. Sponsorships and golf slots are available.

Past participants include 2009 American League MVP Joe Mauer, Hall of Famers Bert Blyleven, Rod Carew and Paul Molitor; Brian Duensing, Matt Capps, Danny Valencia, Tony Oliva, Kent Hrbek, 2010 American League Manager of the Year Ron Gardenhire and many other Twins celebrities and players.

The Classic supports programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center.

The tournament includes luncheon, golf, on-course beverages, dinner and a chance to bid on one-of-a-kind hand-signed memorabilia from the worlds of sports and entertainment, luxurious spa and jewelry items, a trip to Napa Valley with a private vintner tour and a trip to the 2012 Masters at Augusta.

Lee Memorial Health System Chief Foundation Officer Sharon A. MacDonald said, "We are delighted to again partner with The Minnesota Twins and Fiddlesticks Country Club to deliver a first class day on the courses in support of those battling cancer. We are grateful for our outstanding partnership with the Minnesota Twins organization in our mission to save lives."

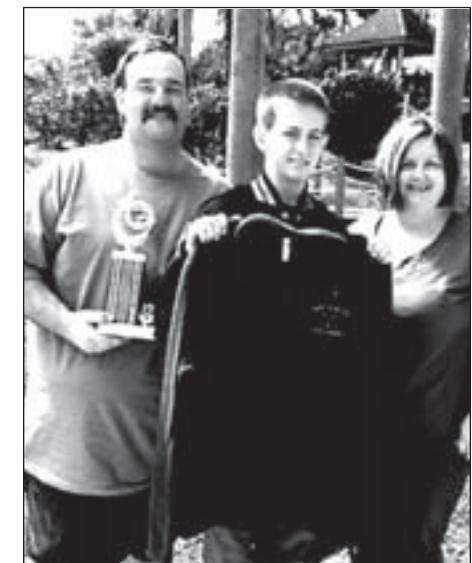
Individual golf slots are \$300. Non-golfers and Twins fans may also participate by purchasing a \$50 ticket to the dinner auction.

To register, purchase sponsorship or secure tickets to the dinner auction, call 343-6950 or email TwinsGolf@LeeMemorial.org.**

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Six-year-old Kaden Totten, front, with his trophy for best score in his age category and The Green Putter Award. Also pictured is Lyndsey Grayson, 9, with her trophy for best score in her age category, along with Christy Grayson, Stephanie Grayson and Paul Sickmond, with their trophy for best family team score



Austin Vecciarelli, 15, with The Green Jacket Award, pictured with Rose and Ernie Bartlett, who won a trophy for the best adult team score. Not pictured are adult team winners Julie Barkley's Team and Cliff Smith's Team as well as family team winners the Galabinski/Connolly Team

Financial Focus

Explore The World Of International Investments



by Jennifer Basey

You're probably accustomed to measuring the progress of your investments – and the overall condition of the investment world – by checking on indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500. And since these types of benchmarks focus almost exclusively on American companies, you might get the idea that the best investments are located right here in the United States. But that impression would be false – because there are, literally, a world of investment opportunities beyond the U.S. borders.

In fact, as of the end of 2010, U.S. stock markets constituted less than a third of the total global stock market value, according to the World Bank. And you can probably just look around at the products you use in your daily life to identify many successful foreign companies.

Why invest a portion of your portfolio internationally? Here are a couple of reasons to consider:

- Growth potential – The United

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Fiddlesticks

"The tremendous enthusiasm and hard work of the Fiddlesticks campaign committee really made a difference. The residents were able to raise \$12,500 more than the previous year. Incredible!" said Cliff Smith, president of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades. "Fiddlesticks residents have truly shown that they want to make our community a better place for all of us by helping people when they need it the most."

For information about United Way, or to make a contribution call United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades at 433-2000 or visit www.unitedwaylee.org.**

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States is a mature, highly developed economy. That doesn't mean, of course, that we have no "upside" here. However, you can also find considerable growth potential in emerging markets – countries such as China, India, Brazil and Mexico that are characterized by younger, less mature economies.

• Diversification – The world's financial markets are somewhat dependent on one another, but that doesn't mean they constantly move in unison. In any given year, the U.S. markets may be down, but international markets might be doing better. Consequently, if during that year, you had invested only in U.S. companies, your portfolio may have taken a hit. It's important to diversify your portfolio by investing in many different vehicles, but you can also boost your diversification through geography. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

While international investing can be beneficial, it does not come without risks. For one thing, when you invest overseas, you may encounter political instability, which could threaten the financial markets of a country or region. Conversely, financial problems – such as the European debt crisis – can result in loss of confidence in individual governments. Also, you might experience currency risk, which means that changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could harm the value of your investments. And in any given year, any market, foreign or domestic, may be down.

Ultimately, you should probably limit your exposure to international invest-

ments to no more than 20 percent to 25 percent of your overall portfolio, with the exact amount, if any, depending on your situation – your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors. You may also want add an international flavor to your portfolio by investing in quality U.S. companies that do a considerable amount of business abroad. In any case, given the more complex nature

of international investing, you'll want to consult with a financial professional before writing a check.

Still, consider the international investment world. With a little exploring, you may discover some good possibilities out there.

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

administration and teacher qualifications, curriculum, communication and community involvement. To maintain their certification, accredited centers must continually exceed high national child care standards

Brightest Horizons provides early education to all children; while focusing on raising financial support for children of low income working families. This program gives children the chance to read, learn and play in a safe environment while their families may struggle to make ends meet and put food on the table.

In addition, the program helps children to develop their emotional, developmental and social skills with trained professionals. Brightest Horizons is a safe haven where children get to experience being a child without the economic struggles and worries to take away from the fun.

For more information about Brightest Horizons Child Development Center, visit <http://brightesthorizons.org> or contact Connie Martin at 481-2100.**

Brightest Horizons Earns APPLE Accreditation

Last week, Brightest Horizons Child Development Center announced their re-accreditation as a Gold Seal, APPLE Accredited Center. This is the fourth year of APPLE accreditation for the Center, which recognizes them as an outstanding academic institution. This fully accredited status demonstrates that Brightest Horizons is committed to quality education and developmental programs, professionalism and confirms their well-deserved reputation.

APPLE (Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment) is a national early learning program accreditation. Programs that are accredited have demonstrated their commitment to go beyond the state's minimum licensing requirements. When a center is awarded accreditation they are meeting very rigorous national standards in health, safety,



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Roberts Rules Of Order And Association Meetings – Part 2



By Richard D. DeBoest II,
Attorney at Law

In the last column I discussed Roberts Rules of Order and some common misconceptions about how they relate to community association meetings. Here are a few more misconceptions:

Common Misconception #4

An abstention counts as a "yes" vote.

An abstention does not count as a "yes" vote and in fact it is not counted at all. Florida law provides that a person who has abstained because of an asserted conflict of interest is deemed to have taken no position for or against the action. If the board is deadlocked because of an abstention, there is no majority and the motion fails.

Common Misconception #5

Members have the right to speak at meetings of the Board of Directors on any topic they choose by stating Point of

Order or Point of Information.

Under Robert's Rules of Order, members of an assembly have the right to speak without being recognized by the chair and ask any question by stating Point of Order or Point of Information. However, this is not the case at community association board meetings. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, members have the right to attend meetings of the board and to speak about all items on the agenda. The board may, however, adopt reasonable rules governing the frequency, duration and manner of unit owner statements. So, if the item is not on the agenda the member does not have the right speak on the topic unless the chair allows it.

Common Misconception #6

All motions are debatable.

Robert's Rules of Order does not require that all motion be debated. Types of motions that are not debatable include: motion to adjourn, question of privilege, motion to table consideration of an issue, motion to end debate on a main motion, point of order, a call or division and a request for information from the chair.

This information is general and is not intended as specific legal advice applicable to your association. DeBoest recently co-authored a chapter in Florida Condominium and Community Association Law published by The Florida Bar and he regularly speaks and writes on community association law topics. He can be contacted at inquiry@condoandhoalawgroup.com.



The Southwest Florida Christian Academy girls varsity team

SFCA Scores For Breast Cancer Awareness

Southwest Florida Christian Academy's girls varsity basketball team honored those fighting breast cancer by hosting a Think Pink game against Evangelical Christian School.

Susan G. Komen representatives gave out vital information on fighting this disease, while the money from the gate and concessions went to the foundation to help find a cure. All families that have been touched by breast cancer were honored and prayed for that evening.

Shelly Baker, an academy parent and breast cancer survivor, said, "It's nice to be able to give back to an organization that has done so much for breast cancer awareness. What I went through wasn't in vain. It has given me the opportunity to educate others on this subject."

A large audience showed up to support this cause and to watch a close game as the academy girls pulled off a win over the Evangelical team by two points!*

Florida Estate Planning Workshops

Attorneys Craig R. Hersch and Michael B. Hill of Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, PA will present two informative Florida estate planning workshops on February 28 at 9 a.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m. The February 28 workshop will be held at Temple Beth El, 16225 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. The same workshop will be held on March 8 at The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. All attendees will receive a complimentary *Florida Estate Guide* and DVD.

New and partial-year residents will learn how Florida laws differ from other states and the advantages of declaring residency and updating their wills and trusts to Florida law. Attendees will also learn why all Florida residents need to have their estate planning documents reviewed following recent law changes that impact their estate plans. Those who bring a copy of their current estate planning documents and arrive a half hour early will receive a confidential, complimentary review and written analysis following the presentation.

Hersch and Hill are both Florida Bar Board Certified attorneys in wills, trusts and estate planning, specializing in estate planning, probate and trust administration, and asset protection strategies. Hersch writes *Will Power*, a weekly estate planning column in the *Island Sun*. He has also been nationally published in professional estate and tax journals, such as *The Florida Bar Journal*, *The Practical Tax Lawyer*, and *Trusts & Estates* magazines. Reservations required by calling 425-9379 or online at <http://www.sbslaw.com/seminars.shtml>.



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PACE Elects New Board Members

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County announced newly elected members of its board of directors. They are: Mark Blust, Prawnbroker Restaurant Group; Heather Fitzenhagen, Condo & HOA Law Group; Cheryl Komnick, Caloosa Tent & Rental; Kathy Toll, Lee Memorial Health System; and Diana Willis, Jason's Deli of Southwest Florida.

Continuing their service on the board is Gail Markham, chair; Dena Geraghty, vice chair; Christin Collins, vice chair; Donna Caruso, treasurer; Amy Sanford, secretary; Douglas E. Baker; Patricia Bell; Marshall T. Bower; David Collins; Margaret Depew; Karen Johnson Crowther; Cora Molloy; Sandra Pavelka; Sonya Sawyer; and Sandra Stilwell.

Chaired by Bower, PACE's Advisory Board consists of Mary Fischer, Josephine Gagliardi, Tammy Hall, Stephanie Miller, Steve Russell, Mike Scott, Jim Seals and Kathleen Smith.

PACE Center for Girls is dedicated to providing girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. 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, grants and corporate and private donations. For more information about PACE, visit www.pacecenter.org/lee.



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Anonymous Couple Bequeaths \$728K To Edison State College Foundation

An anonymous Fort Myers couple carried a deep respect for nurses. The late wife had always wanted to be a nurse, but never had the chance.

On Monday, the Edison State College Foundation announced the couple's estate gift of \$728,000 to the School of Nursing on Lee Campus. Now, the late wife's generous gift will give others the opportunity for a strong nursing education and increase the number of qualified nurses in Southwest Florida.

"We're grateful that this gift allows us to sustain our superior record of training and educating nurses for the future," said Mary Myers, Interim Dean of Professional and Technical Studies. "It is comforting to know that when you need care Edison State College nurses are well prepared to respond. The generous support of this couple enhances our mission to deliver quality care."

More than 200 students are enrolled in The Nursing Program at Edison State College. The National Council Licensure Examination passage rates for the Associate of Science Nursing Degree was more than 90 percent for the last testing period.

"This large gift shows that there is tremendous trust in Edison State College and our Nursing Program," said J. Dudley Goodlette, Interim District President. "This gift will make a significant impact on nursing care in our community and in our ability to continue providing excellent educational opportunities."

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

Dean's List

Emily Franz, a senior Communication Studies major at Grove City College, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the Fall 2011 semester. Franz is a 2007 homeschooled graduate and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Franz from Fort Myers.

Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Founded in 1876, Grove City College is located 60 miles north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It has an enrollment of 2,500 students and teaches the liberal arts, sciences and engineering.*

Canterbury Adds New Director Of Middle School

Canterbury Head of School Tony Paulus announced that, following an extensive national/international search, Ken Hansberry has been appointed as the school's new Middle School director. He will begin his new position on July 1.

Hansberry received his B.A. from Dartmouth College and his M.A. from Stanford University, where he attended the Stanford Teacher Education Program (STEP). He has taught and coached (soccer, basketball and tennis) and has served as an administrator both in the United States and abroad. Immediately after graduating from Stanford, he taught at Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut, where he was a college counselor and history department chair.

Hansberry has extensive experience at four international schools including Zurich International School, Switzerland; Graded School, Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Taipei American School, Taiwan.

During the summers of 2007-10, Hansberry was the curriculum director, assistant head, and interim head of the Exploration Senior Program at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where he managed a six-week residential school with 675 students and 110 faculty and staff.

Currently teaching and serving as an administrator at International School of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Hansberry has taught history and social studies in grades six to 12, including Advanced Placement (AP) and International

Baccalaureate (IB) courses.

Hansberry is married to Becky Hansberry, an AP and IB Biology and Chemistry teacher. They have two children, ages 7 and 5.*

Edison's Programs Earn State Approval

The Florida Department of Education has approved five bachelor degree programs offered at Edison State College's School of Education. The bachelor level programs receiving this approval are:

- Mathematics (grades 6-12)
- Middle Grades Mathematics (grades 5-9)
- Middle Grades English (grades 5-9)/ESOL Endorsement/Reading Endorsement
- Biology (grades 6-12)
- Middle Grades General Science (grades 5-9)

In 2009, the Elementary Education program gained state approval. Since that time, more than 90 percent of the program graduates have joined the workforce as educators.

"The state's approval of our teacher programs is further endorsement of the rigor and quality of the bachelor's degrees that our students earn at Edison. This approval is above and beyond what is required by SACS, our accrediting agency," said Dr. Erin Harrel, interim vice president of academic affairs and dean of the school of education. "Our students graduate with an exceptional level of expertise that makes them effective educators and leaders."*

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New Crib Safety Standards Put Into Practice Thanks To Early Learning Coalition And Local United Way

New regulations for crib safety are being put into practice locally, thanks to funds made available by United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades. Beginning last year, any crib used by child-care facilities or in family child-care homes must meet new and improved federal safety standards. For many local facilities, the change was crippling, meaning large investments in new cribs that just wasn't feasible. That's where the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida stepped in.

The Early Learning Coalition used funds made available through a United Way grant to purchase 173 cribs at \$175 each and donate them to local childcare providers. It was a priority, successfully addressed and sure to save lives. All childcare facilities, family child care homes and places of public accommodation must prepare to replace their current cribs with new, compliant cribs before December 28.

The new standards address deadly hazards previously seen with traditional drop-side rails. Now requiring more durable hardware and mandating more rigorous crib testing, the new standards apply to all full-size and non full-size cribs including wood, metal and stackable cribs.**



Judy Shaw with Lee Memorial Health System Child Development Centers standing among a few of the donated cribs

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dearPharmacist

Even Baby Aspirin Has Risks

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers,

A few weeks ago newspaper headlines called aspirin therapy into question. Currently, almost one third of older Americans take a baby aspirin every day to help prevent heart attacks.

And a new study, the headlines shouted, shows that while aspirin therapy does indeed help prevent heart attacks, it also creates other problems. For every heart attack that aspirin therapy prevents, the London study says, it causes two "bleeding events."

This study is not the first to show potential dangers with long-term use of aspirin. We've known for decades that aspirin can harm the delicate lining of the digestive tract. And if you read my *Drug Mugger* book, you'd know aspirin is a drug mugger of vitamin C which you need to keep your arteries elastic, and potassium which is needed for healthy blood pressure.

The 64 thousand dollar question here is: What exactly do the researchers mean by "bleeding events?" By definition, these events could include hemorrhagic stroke, bleeding from ulcers, and bleeding from

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband retired at 55 and he was in very good health. Since he had worked his 30 years and he was eligible for retirement, he decided to take it – but I thought it was entirely too early.

He has puttered around the house but hasn't really done much, and I think I deserve a halo for keeping my sanity.

He is now 85 years old and his health is beginning to fail. What lies ahead for us is not good.

Please tell others that retirement takes

the lower gastrointestinal tract. These are pretty serious conditions; impending signs of a "bleeding event" may include abdominal pain or heartburn. The supplement called Glutamine (about 1,500 mg per day) offers protection against aspirin-induced stomach ulcers. And FYI, ginger is an effective blood thinner which soothes your GI tract, rather than stripping it.

The most effective thing you can do to reduce heart attack risk is move! Even walking briskly for 20 minutes a day offers aerobic benefits. Eat plenty of colorful fruits and vegetables and avoid anything fried or greasy. Do not eat processed foods. No more carbs or grains, they raise cholesterol. Consider nutrients like vitamin C and D, magnesium, taurine, aged garlic and the herb called Hawthorne. Last week I wrote about CoQ10 and fish oils for cardiovascular benefit. To receive this article via email, sign up for your "free health tips newsletter" at my website.

Drink more water, go to sleep earlier, meditate and reduce micro-stressors in your life. Constantly replaying bad situations in your mind doesn't help you and stress is a killer. It contributes to stroke, heart attack, obesity, diabetes and cancer so don't sweat the small stuff.

Our culture trains us to pop a pill for all our ills. As a pharmacist, I assure you that many drugs just blow the smoke out of the house while the fire rages. You must uncover the underlying imbalances and deficiencies and genetic SNPs (snips)

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planning and adjustment. It isn't much fun unless you are self motivated. I think it is better to work until you drop. What do you think?

Tessy

Dear Tessy,

A few years ago, many people like your husband were eager to retire. They may have been bored with their job, tired and a little depressed, so they thought all of their problems would be over if they just left. Many found that after just three months, they were still bored, tired and a little depressed.

Retirement takes exactly what you have said, and only now many want to stay working for as long as possible. The shuffleboard mentality seems to be over. Personally, as long as my health is good, I will stay working – and I do think you do deserve a halo.

Lizzie

Dear Tessy,

Individuals can live approximately a quarter of their lives in retirement. It is critically important to begin planning for retirement when one starts working – save, develop interest, create a social network and take care of your health. Individuals I have had the pleasure of meeting who have planned all aspects of their retirement report retirement as joyous and engaging.

Pryce

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



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- MYTHOLOGY: In Norse mythology, who were the Norns?
- MOVIES: Actress Shirley MacLaine played a nun in which movie?
- CARTOONS: What were the names of Daisy Duck's nieces?
- MEDICINE: Who discovered that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes?
- LITERATURE: What was the first novel written by Raymond Chandler?
- AD SLOGANS: What company advised motorists to "trust your car to the star"?
- ANATOMY: What is a human being's normal body temperature in Celsius?
- GEOGRAPHY: The tiny principality of Andorra borders which two European countries?

ANSWERS

1. "I Love Is All Around" 2. The Who 3. Norse goddesses of fate 4. "Two Mules for Sister Sara" 5. Eddie Maeve's, with 299. 6. Walter Reed 7. "The Big Sleep" 8. Texaco 9. 37 10. Spain and France. April, May and June 6. DC. Walter Reed 7. Jim Simons (71) and Nick Taylor (2009) all did it at the U.S. Open. Gebrüder had 36 finishes touching down in 1928. 3. Eddie Maeve's, with 299. 2. Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth did it in 1928. 4. "The Green Bay

SPORTS QUIZ

- The top two home-run hitters for the decade of the 1950s were both Dodgers (Duke Snider, 326 homers; Gil Hodges, 310). Who was No. 3 in the decade?
- In 2010, Texas' Nelson Cruz and Ian Kinsler became the second set of teammates to each hit three home runs in a playoff series of five or fewer games. Who was the first?
- Which team holds the NFL record for most rushing TDs in a season?
- In 2011, Illinois' Demetri McCamey became the second player in Big Ten men's basketball history to have at least 1,600 points and 700 assists for a career. Who was the first?
- Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr won the NHL scoring title four consecutive years (1998-2001). How many different players have won it since?
- Kenya's Patrick Makau set the world record in the marathon in 2011 with a time of 2:03:38 in Berlin. From what country was the previous record holder?
- In 2011, Tom Lewis tied an amateur record by shooting a 65 in a men's golf major (British Open). At which major have three amateur golfers shot a 65?

ANSWERS

1. Eddie Maeve's, with 299. 2. Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth did it in 1928. 3. Eddie Maeve's, with 299. 4. Michigan's Gary Grant (1984-88), 5. Nine. 6. Eddie Maeve's, with 299. 7. James McHale (1947), Jim Simons (71) and Nick Taylor (2009) all did it at the U.S. Open.

My Stars ★★☆

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Hanau, Germany. The brothers' collection of oral folktales include "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Rapunzel."

- On Feb. 25, 1890, Vlacheslav Skryabin, foreign minister for the Soviet Union who took the revolutionary name Molotov, is born in Kurkaka, Russia. Molotov advocated the use of throwing bottles filled with flammable liquid and stuffed with a lit rag at the enemy, and the famous "Molotov cocktail" was born.

- On Feb. 26, 1903, Alexander Winton, driving his Winton Bullet, sets the first speed record ever achieved at Daytona Beach, Fla. Built in 1902, the "Bullet Number 1" drove a measured mile at more than 65 mph.

- On Feb. 23, 1945, during the battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines raise the American flag atop Mt. Suribachi, an event captured on film by AP photographer Joe Rosenthal. Although the photograph has long led people to believe that the flag raising was a turning point in the battle, fighting continued for 31 more days.

- On Feb. 22, 1950, Walt Disney's animated feature "Cinderella" opens. Based on a fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm, "Cinderella" featured songs like "A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes" and became one of Disney's most beloved films.

- On Feb. 20, 1986, France and Britain announce that a tunnel under the English Channel linking the two countries would soon become a reality. Trains, cars and buses would be able to speed through the tunnel in less than half an hour. Construction began in December 1987, and the "chunnel" was finally completed in 1994.

- On Feb. 21, 1994, CIA operative Aldrich Ames is arrested for selling secrets to the Soviet Union. At least 10 men were killed after Ames revealed their identities, and more were sent to Russian gulags. Both Ames and his wife were later convicted. Ames was sentenced to life in prison while his wife, as part of a plea-bargain agreement, was given a five-year sentence.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American author James Thurber who made the following sage observation: "Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility."

- If you're a fan of the original "Wizard of Oz" movie, you might be surprised to learn that the actress who played Glinda the Good Witch, Billie Burke, was 54 years old when the film was shot.

- The award for the most needless war in history could very well go to Paraguay, whose president, Francisco Solano Lopez, believed himself to be an excellent tactician. He was a great admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte and wished to emulate the French emperor, but he had no wars to fight. To remedy the situation, in 1864 Lopez declared war on all three of his neighboring countries, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil. His tactical abilities seem to have been of little use, however; it is estimated that 90 percent of Paraguay's male population was killed during the course of the war.

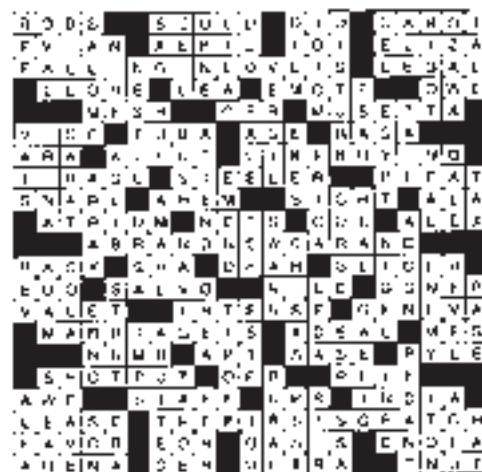
- During this time of election madness, "misology" could be a useful word to know. It means "hatred of reason."

- French novelist Marcel Proust's magnum opus, "Remembrance of Things Past," has been hailed as a literary masterpiece, but not everyone was a fan at first read. As Proust was trying, unsuccessfully, to find a publisher for his seven-volume work, one publisher said, "I may be dense, but I fail to see why a chap needs 30 pages to describe how he tosses and turns in bed before falling asleep." The author finally published the first volume with his own money; after the book was hailed as a masterpiece by critics, the same publishers who had rejected Proust competed for the opportunity to print the other six volumes of his work.

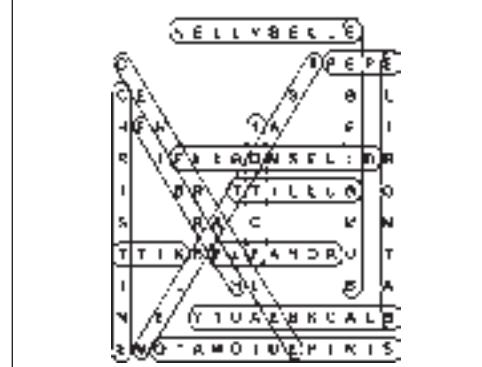
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories." -- John Wilmet

PUZZLE ANSWERS



CARS WITHIN ANTS



Walk For Wishes 5K Walk/Run

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida will be holding its Walk For Wishes 5K Walk/Run on March 24 at Florida Gulf Coast University Recreation Field at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers.

All ages are encouraged to participate to help make wishes come true for local children with life-threatening medical conditions. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the 5K walk/run beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The race will be a timed 5K run. Participants are also invited to walk. It's all about participation, having fun and raising funds to grant local wishes. At the end of the race, there will be a Family Fun Day complete with a bounce house, face painter, food and activities. Family Fun Day begins at 9 a.m. and continues

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Speaker Series

Shaffer present The Battle of Fort Myers and the Cow Cavalry at the Collier County Museum in Naples.

FPAN is a new direction to protect and preserve cultural resources and to involve the public in the study of the past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearing-houses for information; places for learning, training and study; and headquarters for public participation in archaeology and historic preservation.**

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Baby Aspirin

that increase heart attack risk.

Take control of your lifestyle and diet, it's never too late. I'm recommending two books to help inform you and minimize your risk for cardiovascular disease. These are both by Stephen Sinatra, MD; *Reverse Heart Disease Now* and *The Cardiac Solution: Metabolic Cardiology*. In an upcoming article, I am going to devote a column to the importance of nitric oxide in the heart, and will share some truly pioneering cardiovascular research by Dr. Nathan Bryan. Stay tuned for that.

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

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

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

The next screening will be held on Friday, February 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellness Center of Cape Coral, 609 SE 13th Court in Cape Coral.

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

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

until 11 a.m.

Pre-registration fees for the Walk For Wishes are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for children 12 years of age and younger. Event-day registration is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students and \$15 for children 12 and under.

Registration is available at www.walkforwishes.net to sign up as an individual and to register a team. Any team that raises \$2,500 or more will be named a partner in sponsoring a child's wish, and any team that raises \$5,000 or more will be named a sponsor for a child's wish.

Sponsorships are still needed, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. The goal is to raise enough money to grant five local wishes. Organizers ask that the community help make local wishes come true – walk, run, create a team – participate. Contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org to reserve a sponsorship.**



Robert Macomber

Modern Piracy Class At Shell Point

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point invites the public to attend an academy class regarding Modern Piracy, Somali Pirates and The International Efforts Against Them on Thursday, March 1 in the Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point Retirement Community. Tickets are required to attend, and can be purchased for \$10 each by calling 454-2054.

Award winning maritime author and lecturer Robert Macomber returns to

Shell Point to offer an overview of the piracy situation in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. Guests will learn about the pirates, the merchant ships they prey upon, and the efforts of the international community to lessen the threat. Macomber will include in the presentation unclassified portions of his project for the Center for Army Analysis at Ft. Belvoir (Metro Washington, D.C.) and personal anecdotes from his own confrontation with pirates in Columbia.

"Robert Macomber has offered intriguing and informative presentations as part of our academy in the past, and we are so pleased to welcome him back," said Teri Kollath, manager of academy and volunteer services. "The topic of piracy has been in the news quite often in recent years, and this presentation will offer insight into this terrifying situation and the efforts that are taking place to help keep waters safe."

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point is a lifelong learning educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. The academy provides anywhere from 70 to 90 classes each semester, that encompasses a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults. The academy was named as one of 2008's most innovative active aging programs by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), an association that supports professionals who develop wellness/fitness facilities and services for age 50-plus adults.

Shell Point Retirement Community is just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.**

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The ASD screening is conducted by the Neurosciences Center at The Children's Hospital, under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon, MD, MPH. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders. A physician referral is not required.

To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.**

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Land Sea Air

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

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

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

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

Tax-deductible sponsorship opportunities are available from \$1,000 to \$20,000. For more information or tickets call 274-0001. South Seas Island Resort is offering a special rate of \$249 (plus resort fee and taxes) for event guests and sponsors on Saturday, March 10 by calling 472-7565.**

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Adoption fee: free for pets six years and older during February's My Furry Valentine promotion.

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Adoption fee: \$25 (regularly \$50) during this month's promotion. Cats and kittens can be adopted at a two-for-one price.



Princess ID #525743

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

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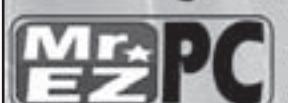
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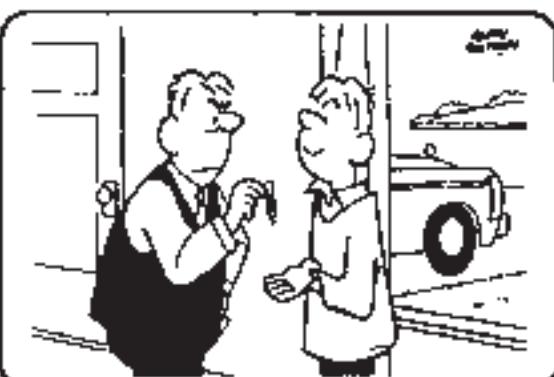
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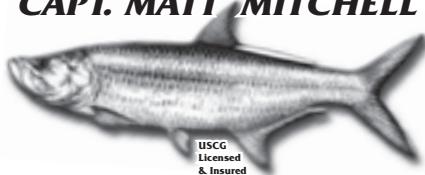
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sold or listed yours? Owners of Luxury
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Broker Associate,
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Just steps to the Bay and seconds to the
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Open house every Tuesday 10-noon.

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2 cherry wood laminate office desks,
chairs including file cabinet & work station
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OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

700 square feet.
Good Periwinkle location.
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516-972-2883.

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Island resident looking for 3br or
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Jacuzzi tub in MBR. Office or possible
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services. Main house built it early 1700s.
Only minutes to the beach! \$560,000.
Call Ron, 207-286-6128.

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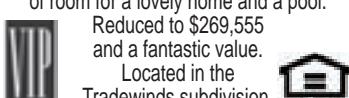


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neighborhoods, condos,
regulations, zoning, costs,
rentals, contingencies,
inspections, disclosures,
contracts, clauses, etc.**

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Close to beaches, marina, lighthouse,
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1 br duplex
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Walk to shops, bank, restaurants.
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MASTIQUE HIGH RISE

Located two miles from the causeway. Three b/r, two bath over 2,000 sq. ft. plus large lanai. This 10th floor unit overlooks a 25 acre natural lake and has expansive views of the Gulf and Sanibel. The gated community offers a large clubhouse with state of the art fitness room, pool/card room, media room and kitchen, walk-in heated pool, large spa, tennis courts and lakeside walking path. There is a fishing dock and boats for the use of residents. Assigned parking for two cars and a large storage room. Annual rental of \$1,800 includes cable and internet. Unfurnished. Contact owner at 267-1148 or 516-967-3789.
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DAVIS COURT

2 bed/2 bath top floor condo for rent.
Minutes to Sanibel,
\$795/month plus utilities. Available April 1.
First and security required.
Call Chris at 851-3506.
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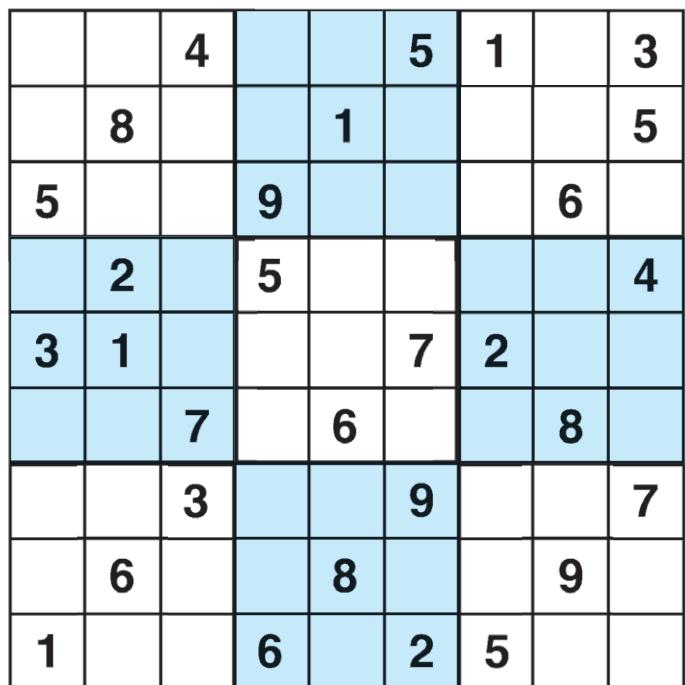
EAST END

2 BR-2 BA.
Heated Pool-Canal Dock.
One Story-Unfurnished.
395-1786
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LOST AND FOUND**LOST FISHING/TACKLE BAG**

A Camo Fishing/Tackle Bag with fishing lures, line, tackle, etc. in it.
It was lost the evening of January 21 at Calm Bayou Pass. Please if you have seen it or picked it up call me at 239-267-6130 or 239-229-6659.
You would make a boy's day if you found it.
Thanks so much.
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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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GARAGE • MOVING • YARD SALES

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
February 17, 18 & 19.
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

923 Deep Lagoon Lane,
Town & River, Fort Myers.

Retail gift shop merchandise, holiday and party ware, cards, Christmas ornaments, office supplies (ink cartridges and toner), tools, fishing poles, furniture, household, adult and children's clothing, queen size mattress with box spring and headboard books, toys. Tons of miscellaneous.

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SETTLING ESTATE SALE

All manner of antiques, household linens, china, etc. Excellent opportunity for dealers, collectors, and individuals. Priced to sell. FRIDAY, 24 FEB and SAT, 25 FEB 9AM - 4PM only.

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GARAGE SALE

Saturday Feb 25,
9 a.m. to 1 pm,
1170 Sand Castle Rd, Sanibel

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GARAGE SALE

Sat. 18th, 9am to 1pm,
Good household items, bike, wagon, large
oak sideboard, boys toys, video games.
756 Donax St., Sanibel

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE

February 18th 8:00 - 2:00
1813 Long Point Ln, Sanibel.
Furniture, microwave, books, CDs,
DVDs, household items, much more.

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GARAGE SALE

Saturday 2/18 from 8-1
5280 Umbrella Pool Rd.
(Sanibel Bayous off SanCap Rd.)
GREAT STUFF - NO JUNK!
Furniture, large rugs, women's clothing -
size small, books, Music CDs,
Movie DVDs, tap shoes,
jingly hip scarves, and more.

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MOVING SALE

Sat 2/18 only 7a-4p. 1019 Lindgren Blvd.,
Sanibel. Books, CDs, Lawn Mower, Chain
Saw, Trimmer, Blower, Kayak, Tools, Fishing &
hunting equipment, cast nets, some furniture,
household items, small Refrig. small freezer.

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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, February 25th
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Vendor spots only \$5 - FREE admission
Estero Recreation Center, 9200 Corkscrew
Palms Blvd, Estero. 239-498-0415

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NEIGHBORHOOD SALE

Coconut Creek Annual Neighborhood Sale
2/18/12 from 8 am to 4 pm.
Coconut Creek is off McGregor
just west of Kelly Road, Fort Myers.

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THE RIVER WEEKLY NEWS

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

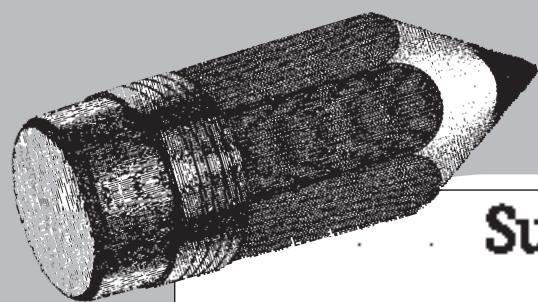
AREA ATTRACTIONS

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
Imaginariun 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

If you would like your club/organization listed in
The River Calling Card, phone 415-7732

BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

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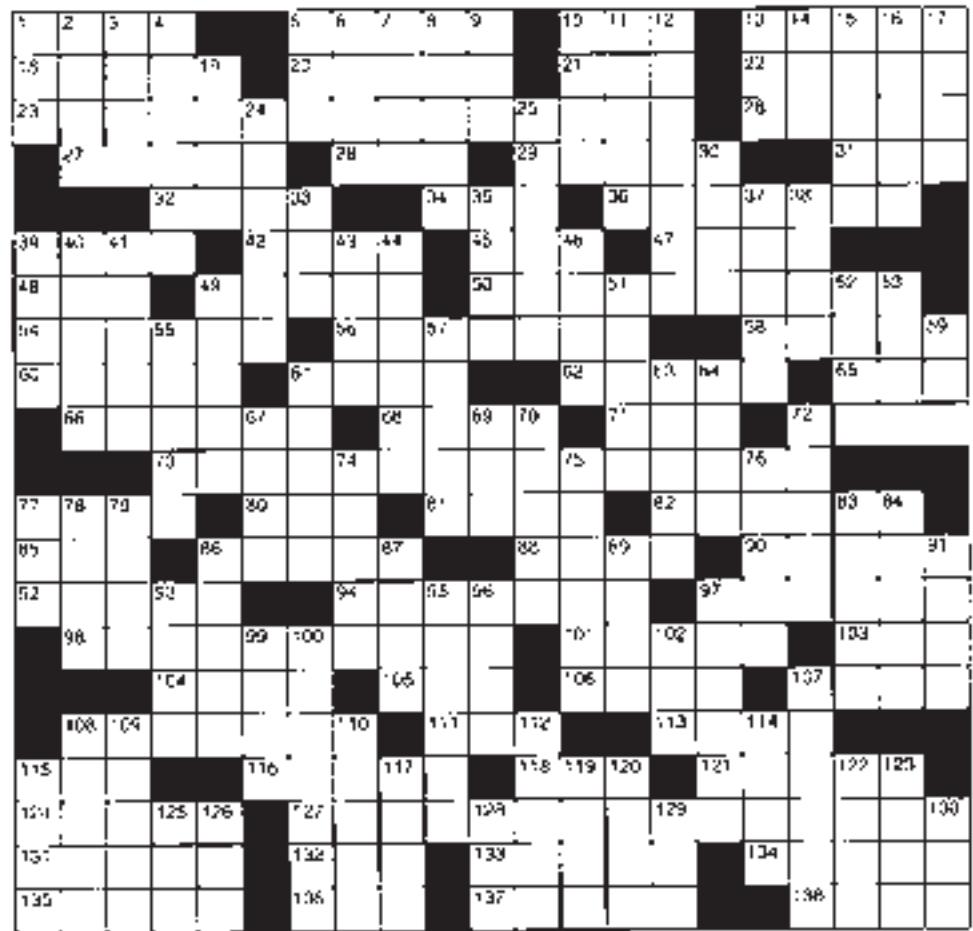
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- 5 Dress down
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- 13 English
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- 21 A man
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- 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perrol
- 25 On the up and up
- 27 Director Sergio
- 28 Gazing round
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- 31 Have a mortgage
- 32 Become enraged?
- 34 Elk's ski
- 36 "I'm
- Believe"
- 38 Get
- 39 Genuinely
- 42 Heavy metal
- 43 Volume
- 45 Mellow
- 47 Peasants
- 48 China
- 49 Kayak commandos
- 50 Part 2 of remark
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- 53 Verbal
- 56 Explosion
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- 77 Suggestive
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- 81 Beloved
- 82 Type of quilt
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- 86 Wannari
- 88 Furniture
- 89 Jeeves or Passe-partout
- 90 Focused
- 97 Watchful city?
- 98 Part 4 of remark

101 Perfect

- 100 One of the Marches
- 104 Acetylene
- 105 Flying
- 106 Manuscript
- 107 Goofy Game
- 108 Field event
- 111 — the lights out
- 113 Bat at movement
- 115 Overwhelm
- 116 Recruit
- 118 Cool-Jones
- 121 San Jose
- 124 Party
- 127 End of remark
- 131 Party present
- 132 Olympics of sports
- 133 "Midnight in the
- 134 — Gay author
- 135 Fight site
- 136 Room for 18th hole
- 137 Marine leader
- 138 Hardware item
- 139 DOWN
- 1 Sports official
- 2 Face shape

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- 4 She knew how to get a hand
- 5 Drop
- 6 Do overhead plastering
- 7 Sarah — jeweler
- 8 Pale purple
- 9 — volcano
- 10 "Dance" —
- 11 Turn of phrase
- 12 Bolts
- 13 "Fantasy" name
- 14 Fish and chips
- 15 Accompaniment
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- 18 Conductress
- 19 Music court
- 20 Snuggle up
- 21 — The Aerod
- 22 — Gays
- 23 — Fight site
- 24 — Room for 18th hole
- 25 — Rider
- 26 — Marine leader
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King Crossword

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CARS WITH NAMES

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Find a letter word in the grid. This means it can be read forward, backward, and diagonally.

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Black Beauty	Christine	Heath	Pepe
Bluesmobile	Ecto-1	Kitt	Striped Tomato
Bug	Eleanor	Melba Toast	



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South Seas Tennis Villas

Comfort, convenience, and a serene sense of inspired living in a resort community. Outside in the tennis villa community is an abundance of well maintained, matured, and manicured grounds offering a private community pool, sun-deck, bbq area and more.

#3110

Quaint corner 1 bedroom/1 bath unit overlooking lush gardens and courtyard. West Indies-style décor, fully furnished turn-key villa located within the Southern Enclave of South Seas Island Resort. Extra side windows in dining area for additional light. Walking distance to beaches, Village of Captiva, restaurants and much more. South Seas Island Resort amenities offered with a club membership. Offered for \$350,000.



#3139

Every aspect of the interior is designed to enhance the island experience. The entry level offers a private guest bedroom and bath, a great room that encompasses an open floor plan with sliding glass doors in living and side window in dining area in this end villa. The privacy of the master bedroom with en-suite bath is located on the upper level overlooking an enclave of sunlight through the picture window. Offered for \$425,000.

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110 feet on San Carlos Bay!!

Views from almost every room. This remodeled home offers a pool with hot tub, two guest suites on 3rd level with a morning kitchen, entertainment area, large walk in closets, stunning balcony views of the bay. Master suite on main level and an office/4th bedroom. Stone, tile, crown molding, impact glass on all windows and doors, over sized 2+ car garage. The wild life, dolphins, manatees and more can be enjoyed in this quiet & gorgeous home. This is a must see. Offered for \$2,495,000. Contact Tracy "Mr. Lstr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms. Lstr" 239/841-4540.



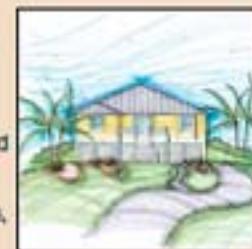
17061 Captiva Drive

With this home you live right on the bay and beach access directly across the street. View encompasses a broad sweep of uninhabited, northern Sanibel Island and the broad channel leading out to Pine Island Sound. Landscaped grounds, gently curving driveway long enough for seduction to a circular drive. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath, newly renovated living & dining rooms; screen enclosed round tower looks out to the large private pool & beyond a private sunning patio & boat dock. Offered for \$1,799,999. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



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House lot pkg. in the tropical setting of the beachside community of Gulf Shores. Excellent bayou and river views. 3 bedroom/2 bath island style house with metal roof, Hardi siding and trim, Impact windows, granite counter tops, raised woodpanel cabinets. Plenty of room for a pool. Our in house designer can customize this floor plan for a small fee. Call soon to insure your ability to make changes and color selections. Offered for \$775,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239-699-9697



Jonathan Harbour Bay Front Building Site

17059 Marina Cove Lane. This lot has a great dock system with a lift and deep water, electric and water on dock, 140 feet of water frontage and only 10 minutes by water to the Gulf. Private gated community with pool, tennis, and clubhouse. Custom blueprints available for a home if purchaser is interested. Offered for \$625,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galletti 239/826-5897 or 239/829-5807.



Kelly Green Condo

Location is always important, even in Kelly Greens. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with den has a commanding view of 2 lakes and 2 golf holes. Fully furnished in a British West Indies style, it is in impeccable condition and fully turnkey. Two screened lanais, vaulted ceilings and private garage, just steps away from this condo make this home easy to enjoy. Golf Club membership makes for an easy way to get acquainted with your neighbors. Offered for \$255,000. Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789



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A most distinguished casual & elegant newly furnished 4 bedroom home. Superb front row location ideally placed with undeniable panorama across the Gulf of Mexico & taking advantage of private beach frontage with a backyard oasis. Completely renovated with the finest materials; perfectly appointed features offering an impressive open floor plan. Almost disappearing pocket sliding glass doors opening to the waterfront & new abaco wood decking. Master overlooks the gulf with private open balcony. Offered for \$1,995,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



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Upper Captiva

This tropical gem features two lots. The Bay front lot features a brand new boat dock extending into the bay with deep water dockage (6-10') Great for the boating and fishing. The Gulf front lot offers incredible views of the Gulf on pristine white beaches. The exterior of the home is complete, the interior is not. A perfect opportunity to finish the home to your own tastes and specifications. Only 1/2 mile from South Seas plantation. The perfect retreat for anglers and beach enthusiasts. Offered for \$895,000. Contact Tracy "Mr. Lstr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms. Lstr" 239/841-4540.



Sanibel Arms

Great location. First floor one bedroom 1 bath, updated kitchen, bath and floor in a very well managed complex with an on-site rental program. This East end complex offers both beach front and canal access, the best of both worlds! Offered for \$229,500. Contact Bob Berning 239/699-9697 or Ken Colter 239/851-1357

