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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Crowd at last year's shrimp festival

Shrimp Festival Returns Next Week

The Fort Myers Beach Lions have been boiling and serving local gulf pink shrimp to festival attendees for over 50 years. This year's festival starts Sunday, March 4 with a Shrimp Festival Queens Social and continues Saturday with the parade and shrimp boil and on Sunday with a second shrimp boil.

The secrets of perfectly cooked peel and eat shrimp have been passed from boil master to boil master through the years, as well as the secret recipe for Lions' cocktail sauce served as an accompaniment.

It all starts with the finest shrimp the gulf can offer. Delivered straight from the Fort Myers Beach shrimp boat fleet, the gulf pink shrimp is said to be unsurpassed in flavor and versatility.

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Chiseled: The Core Of Man Exhibit To Open At Art Of The Olympians

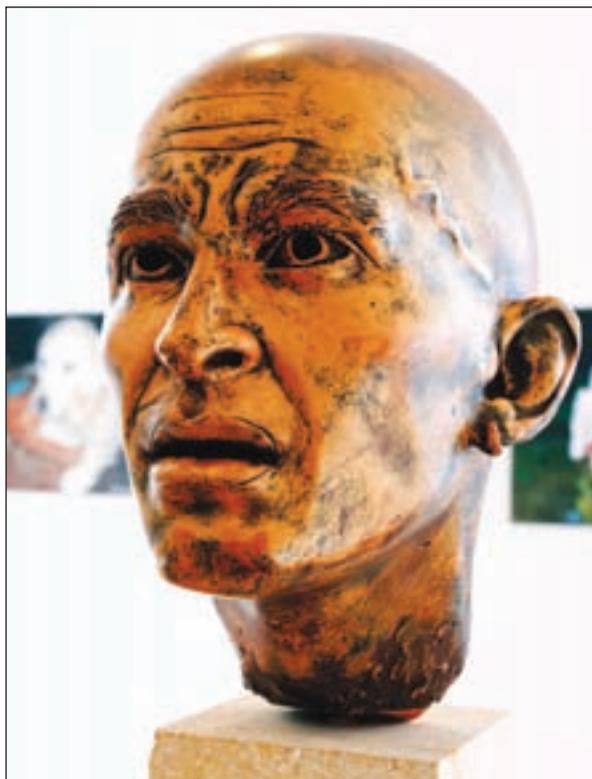
The evoking spirit, figure and form of man is captured in Art of the Olympians newest exhibit Chiseled: The Core Of Man. Fascinated by the human body and movement, Italian Olympian Emanuela Pierantozzi captures the beauty of the human spirit at its core through sculpture.

She started sculpting in 2001 and is now a professional sculptor as well as a judo instructor, and is on the faculty of the University of Bologna.

Pierantozzi is a two-time medalist in Olympic judo and has won numerous European and World Championship competitions. She is also a member of the Italian Olympic Committee.

Pierantozzi uses bronze, stone and other natural materials to capture the strength of the human form in her sculptural works in a new exhibit Chiseled: The Core Of Man.

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Emanuela Pierantozzi's sculpture, Man

Little Eddie & The Fat Fingers Outdoor Concert



Little Eddie & The Fat Fingers

People with blankets and coolers will be on the lawn at the Alliance for the Arts this Sunday, February 26 for the kickoff of the Bruce T. Gora Sunday Sunset Concert Series. Naples-based boogie-woogie and rocking blues band Little Eddie & the Fat Fingers will take the stage at 5 p.m. They're well known in Southwest Florida for their mix of Chicago and delta blues and '50s rock. The four-piece act features Ryan Bladen on vocals/guitar, Peter Orifice on piano, Eric Jeffcoat on bass and Andrew Galler on drums.

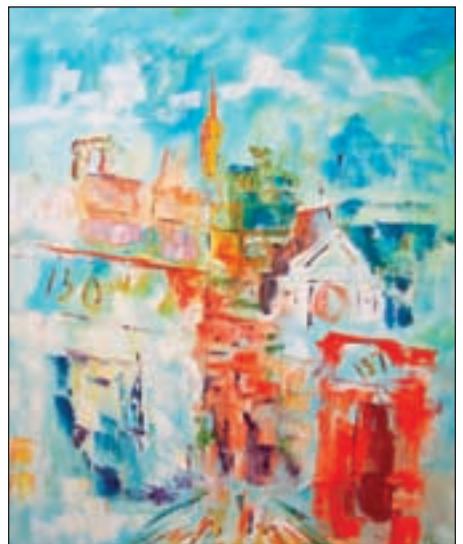
Tickets are available at the Alliance for the Arts, located on the corner of Colonial and McGregor in Fort Myers. General admission is \$20. Alliance members can purchase tickets to the entire three-concert series for \$45. Davina & The Vagabonds will return on March 18 and Rebekah Pulley & Band will take the stage on April 22. Call 939-2787 or buy online at www.ArtInLee.org.

Guests are encouraged to picnic. Concerts begin at 5 p.m. but gates open at 4 p.m. Proceeds from the concert series will benefit Alliance Education and Outreach Programming.*

Hooper, Rothacker And Freidus Featured At Arts For ACT Gallery

Arts For ACT Gallery, 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, will host an opening reception for the next monthly Art Walk on Friday, March 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. This month, ACT Gallery will feature artist/teacher Mary-Louise Biasotti Hooper from Venice, Florida, in the main gallery. Also exhibiting in the office gallery is hand-made paper and mixed media artist Michelle Rothacker. Lisa Freidus will exhibit her 3-D paper and wood collages in the middle gallery room.

Hooper calls herself a slightly expressionistic international artist, due to the influence of Pissarro and Cezanne. Her process of under-painting in opposite colors and using knife techniques for the final layer while scumbling is unique and offers the viewer true, clear colors, which add to the intrinsic value of each piece. Hooper, a prize-winning artist, paints seascapes, landscapes, cityscapes and still life. Her purpose is to bring viewers a moment of respite and beauty by taking them to the place she portrays. She paints calming nature scenes with an ability to convert deep feelings to her canvas. Born in Greenwich Village, New York City to an immigrant family, the art shows in Washington Square Park inspired her



City VII Sullivan Street by Hooper

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Baby Parade

by Gerri Reaves



The Baby Parade has been a part of the Edison Festival of Light from its start in 1938.

Over the years, the parade devoted to youngsters has also been called the Children's Parade and the Junior Parade, official names that somehow lack the adoring appeal of Baby Parade.

In the historic photos from the early to mid-1950s, Baby Parade spectators crowd the storefront of Wilbur K. Martindale's radio and television store and Belk-Lindsey's Department Store (right). Those stores were located on the north side of First, just east of the Bayview Court entrance.

All eyes are on the enchanting float entitled "Edison Captures The Moon's Light" on which two princesses reign, one enthroned on a crescent moon and the other in the center of a diaphanous incandescent light bulb.

Today, Martindale's one-story building houses offices for attorneys and court-reporters, and the former Belk-Lindsey's is the offices of Fowler, White and Boggs.

Another major change? The three-day festival born in 1938 has mushroomed into three weeks. It had a forerunner, the 1928 Sunshine Court, which celebrated 1000 consecutive days of sunshine.

That court was conceived by Jimmy Crafton, then secretary of the chamber of commerce. In 1937, Crafton, who had been Sunshine King that year, moved to St. Petersburg.

Ronald Halgrim inherited the title and transformed the event into the first Edison Pageant of Light. Festivities commemorated the birthday of Fort Myers's most famous resident, Thomas A. Edison, and were created in collaboration with the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club, which hosted the Coronation Ball, and the Jaycees.



Martindales' radio and television business has gone, but parade-goers still have room to gather
photo by Gerri Reaves



The Baby Parade proceeds down First Street in the early to mid-1950s. The crowded storefront (center) is Wilbur K. Martindale's radio and television store just east of Bayview Court
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

The Court of Edisionia replaced the Sunshine Court. The first Coronation Ball was held at the Town Club on East First Street (originally the Elks Lodge and later the American Legion Post 38).

The robes and jewels for the first coronation were shipped by air express from Philadelphia. Tampa's Homer Mercer Orchestra provided dance music.

James Hendry III and Virginia Sheppard Holloway ruled as the first king and queen of mythical Edisionia. Sidney Davis, as Royal Lord Chamberlain, crowned the royalty.

Other venues for the ball have included the Municipal (or Pleasure) Pier, the Arcade Theatre, the Civic Center auditorium (later renamed the Hall of Fifty States), the auditorium of Fort Myers High School, and even a circus tent rented from Ringling Bros. Circus.

The festival has been held every year since 1938, except for a five-year break during World War II.

When the festival resumed after the war in 1947, the ball took place for the only

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Baby Parade floats line up on Edwards Drive in this undated photo. The Hall of Fifty States is visible in the background above the "wedding couple"

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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Project Tolerance: Faces Of Anne Frank At Art Center

Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank will be on exhibit from March 2 to 28 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers. The opening night reception will be held on Friday, March 2 at 6 p.m.

Sanibel artist Myra Roberts' 30 original oil paintings of Anne Frank's life took nearly two years to painstakingly create. They depict the innocence and joy that was ultimately lost in Frank's young life during the Holocaust. Project Tolerance has been endorsed by Jane Goodall and featured on National Public Radio. Due to the popularity of the show, the exhibit at the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida was extended through February.

Frank is widely known for the diary she kept of her and her family's lives while hiding in an attic from the Nazis. Each finely detailed painting gives viewers a peek inside the life and soul of one of the world's most recognized Holocaust victims. An exhibit catalog will be available.

Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank is the focus for Roberts' artistic and social commentary on the intolerance and bigotry that still plagues the world today.

"Art that raises consciousness is vital," Roberts said. "My hope is that through this project, we can make the world a better place to live."



Fort Myers journalist Ella Naylor is collaborating with Roberts. Naylor's new book, *Faces of Tolerance: Everybody Counts*, details the lives of some Holocaust survivors living in Florida. The book also features interviews with people who have been marginalized or faced intolerance and prejudice. Included are the homeless and disabled, and victims of homophobia and racism.

"It is my dream that through our work, we will spark thought and enlightenment about intolerance and hatred," said Naylor. "If we start taking the time to see

each other as people all belonging to one human family, we can begin to live more peacefully as a planet."

Roberts and Naylor also give multimedia educational presentations on the project.

For more information, visit www.projecttolerance.com. Roberts can be reached at 395-5370 or myralynn51@msn.com. Naylor can be contacted at 281-7874 or scotchmgik@yahoo.com.

Edison & Ford Estates Annual Event, March Program And Class Calendar

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is open year-round, seven days a week, offering traditional tours and creative programs to expand the usage by visitors and community members. The interpretation of the site honors the legacy of the Thomas Edison and Henry Ford families through science, history, arts and education programs, lectures, special events and activities.

Edison and Ford changed the world with their inventions, pioneering the automobile industry, movies and film, lighting and electricity, sound and communications. They were lovers of the arts, devoted naturalists and futurists in their vision. Following the legacy of the two world renowned entrepreneurs, there are vast opportunities to explore their life interests and work.

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

March 2012

March 1 and 15: Emerging Inventors Early Learning Class

March 3: Floorcloth Painting Class with artist Marie Dyer

March 9 and 10: Botanical Illustration Class in the Gardens with Megan Kissinger

March 10: Edison Ford Garden Talk, Heritage Butterfly Plants

March 10: Girl Scout Badge Program
March 13: Volunteer Program Meeting and New Volunteer Orientation

March 14 and 16: Homeschool Class (first to sixth grade)

March 17: Director's Tour to Clewiston

March 30 and April 1: Black Maria Film Festival with Edison State College

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

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Matanzas Pass Preserve Mangrove Walk

This is an educational guided walk that shows diverse plant communities including a maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands, and a mangrove forest. Walks are held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so come early. Meet at the entrance of Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach.

Exploring Ethnobotany

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

Bunche Beach Low Tide Loafing at Sunset

Join a guide and leisurely explore the mud flats to see what mysteries low tide uncovers, and enjoy a beautiful Florida

sunset as well. Bring a camera, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, bug spray and drinking water. The next walk is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, from 5 to 6 p.m. Meet at the picnic tables on the beach. The walk is free. There is a \$1 per hour parking fee.

Bowditch Point Park Barrier Islands Guided Walk

At Bowditch Point Park, learn the importance of the barrier islands, their unique ecosystem, and how they protect the mainland. Walks are held every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and every Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Explore the beachfront tropical hardwoods, coastal scrub, and wetland plant communities. The walk is free. There is a \$1 per hour parking fee. Bowditch Point Park is located at 50 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach.✳

Republican Women

The next luncheon meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, March 12. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and the program to follow. The meeting will take place at Hilton Garden Inn-Fort Myers, located at 12601 University Drive.

The guest speaker will be Trey Radel, candidate for Florida's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Cost to attend the meeting is \$16 all inclusive. To make reservations, call 432-9389 or send an e-mail to cindy-lignelli222@gmail.com.✳

League Of Women Voters Monthly Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will conduct their next monthly meeting on Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers (corner of Summerlin and College Parkway). Sandra Pavelka, Ph.D, director of the Institute for Youth and Justice Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University, will speak on Women In Government: Yesterday's Challenges, Today's Opportunities, Tomorrow's Global Leaders.

Dr. Pavelka's presentation will include an historical perspective of women's participation in government and appreciation of how women have made a difference. Since March is National Women's History Month, this meeting is an opportunity to recognize, honor and celebrate the achievements of women in government.



Sandra Pavelka, Ph.D. Director, Institute for Youth and Justice Studies, FGCU

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Rock Legends, Vaca Jr. Joins All Star Jam



Victor-Hugo Vaca Jr., founder of Modern Art Music Movement



From Baker Act music video, *Flow*

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is hosting the exciting All Star Jam on Saturday, February 25. The concert will take place on the street outside the Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Artists scheduled to appear include Jeff "Skunk" Baxter, formerly of the Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan; Barry Goudreau and Fran Sheehan of Boston; Kenny Aronoff of the Smashing Pumpkins; James Montgomery; Rick Derringer of the McCoys (*Hang On Sloopy*), Johnny Winter; Mousey Thompson of the James Brown Experience; Leroy Romans from the Wailers; Steve Luongo and David Hull.

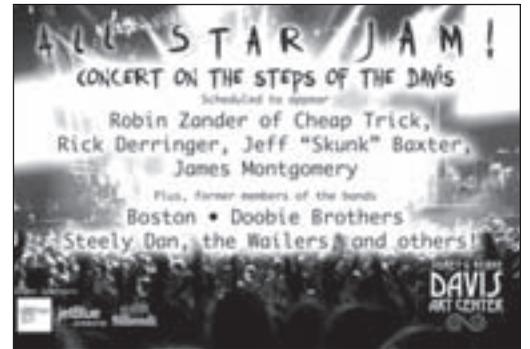
Recently added to the All Star lineup are Robin Zander, lead singer of Cheap Trick, and Doug Bell from the Bellview Cadillacs.

During the concert, maverick artist Victor-Hugo Vaca, Jr. will create a work of art that reflects the music, the audience, and the venue. Vaca has performed live with internationally recognized talent and big name acts. He painted live onstage for the Haiti Memorial Concert benefit for earthquake victims, with Tito Puente, Jr. and a host of Haitian and Caribbean names. He begins each of his shows with a blank canvas and imbues the work with the vibe of the audience and turns the musical notes into colors that take a unique form on his canvas. Viewers are captivated by the ever-changing picture which becomes his latest Contemporary Abstract Expressionist fine-art piece.

Vaca, dubbed "The Voice of the Lied-To Generation," is a Renaissance man who has appeared on every major network including ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, PBS, WB, Univision, Telemundo, MegaTV, GenTV and several radio outlets and talk shows. He is a dominant presence on the internet as a multi-media artist, producer, award-winning filmmaker, actor, author, screenwriter, music producer, stand-up comic and intellectual provocateur.

Pre-show begins at 4 p.m. and the main concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door; member prices are \$36 or \$45 at the door; standing tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. There will be food and drinks for sale during the event.

Purchase tickets online at www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933. VIP sponsorships are also available.✪



The Doobie Brothers in their heyday



Cooking up the pink treasure

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Shrimp Festival

Beach Lions serve over 1,000 pounds of the sweet pink crustaceans every year, making the Shrimp Boil one of the main attractions of this 54th annual festival.

Lions toil and boil for two days, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Following the two-hour beach parade Saturday morning, the line forms for plates holding a half pound of steaming shrimp with sauce and slaw.

Festival-goers also take the opportunity to browse and buy from the 100 beach crafters and vendors who set up for the day.

Tens of thousands of visitors attend the festival each year. Collectable official festival T-shirts, hats and tank tops will be sold and the crowning of the next Shrimp Festival Queen will take place.

Schedule of events:

On Sunday, March 4, the Queens Sunset Social at the Gulf Shore Grill will be attended by all the festival princesses

in the running for this year's queen. Admission is \$10 and there will be a cash bar.

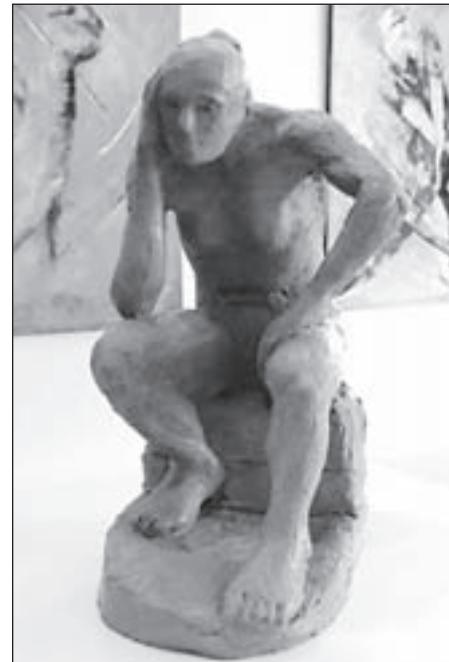
On Saturday, March 10, Matanzas Pass Bridge closes to traffic from 9 a.m. to noon for the Shrimp Festival Parade which starts at 10 a.m. This two-mile long parade runs down Estero Boulevard from the Beach School to the County Park and Festival Grounds.

Lions Shrimp Dinners will be available at the Beach Park Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until they sell out.

The 20th annual Shrimp Festival Food Fun & Crafts Expo also takes place Saturday, March 10 with more than 100 vendors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Crowning of the 54th Shrimp Festival Queen will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10. An old-fashioned family event, it will include the award of scholarships and trophies and will take place at the beach pavilion at the county park. Admission is free.

For more information go to www.BeachShrimpFestival.com.✪



Emanuela Pierantozzi's sculpture, *Thinker*

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Chiseled Exhibit

According to Pierantozzi, a strong balance of athletics and art complements one's spirit.

Chiseled: The Core Of Man will be on display through April at the Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery, 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. The exhibit will feature several new pieces by Pierantozzi.

A welcome reception for the artist will be held on Friday, March 2 from 6 to 10 p.m., where visitors will have an opportunity to meet Pierantozzi. Admission to the event is free.

Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. For more information, visit www.artoftheolympians.org or call 332-5055.✪

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Annual Flea Market In NFM

The North Fort Myers Community Center, located behind the North Fort Myers Library at 2021 North Tamiami Trail, will be hosting the Annual Flea Market held outdoors under two pavilions and on the football field. The flea market will take place on Saturday, March 3 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. The Pop Warner football concession stand will be open for food and drink purchases.

Clean out your closets and turn your junk into someone else's joy. Six foot tables available for \$10 each under pavilions only. Six foot spots available for \$5 each on football field only (you must provide your own tables). Take advantage of the crowds a community flea market can generate. Tables are going fast, so register early to guarantee your spot or table.

Table/spot rentals are non-refundable and non-transferable and there is no rain date for the flea market. Call 652-4512 to pay and reserve your tables/spots. Credit cards or debit cards are the only method of payment accepted.*

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Baby Parade

time in a Buckingham Air Force Field hangar with Mina and Charles Edison, the inventor's widow and son, in attendance.

And 74 years after the festival was born, the tradition continues, now encompassing events ranging from the 5K Run, Grand Parade, and Classic Car Show to Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing, the Strolling Flower Show, the Mutt Strutt and many more.

It might be too early to reserve your spot on the sidewalk for next year's parades, but not too early to stroll the parade route of old and appreciate the community spirit that has nurtured the town's signature festival for many decades.

Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the town that Thomas Edison chose for a winter home.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, one of the region's best research centers. Time travel by perusing historic photos of the Festival of Light or investigate your favorite historical mystery.

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

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

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

Greeters Club

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on Thursday, March 15 at Colonial County Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers.

Join the Greeters Club as they honor Jennifer Benton, executive director of ACT (Abuse, Counseling & Treatment, Inc.), a non-profit agency which serves to protect, support and educate victims of domestic violence.

Call today to join this dynamic group of women of Lee County. Luncheon cost is \$18 per person, with reservations required. Call Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Linda Fitzpatrick at 437-5653 or e-mail Greeters.Lunch@comcast.net.*

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Indian Creek Resort Choir Performing At Chapel By The Sea

The Indian Creek Resort Choir, composed of 70 voices, presents a program of pops, humorous songs, classics, anthems, gospel songs and patriotic music on Sunday, March 4 at 2 p.m. There will be a free will offering.

What makes the Indian Creek Resort Choir unique is that very few have much musical training and most participants are well beyond retirement age.

The pieces for this concert include religious pieces *All Hail! King Jesus!*, *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* and *I'll Walk With God*. The lighter side will include *Sixteen Tons*, *I Am Thankful To Be An American*, *They Call It Canada* and *Let There Be Peace On Earth*.

Director Neil Fichthorn has conducted choirs for more than 50 years. He has a Master's degree in Music Education from Columbia University and was a music teacher from kindergarten through college levels in his academic career. Familiar with leading large choirs with orchestra in the Academy of Music (Philadelphia) and Heinz Hall (Pittsburgh) in addition to many other venues in the Northeast, he has been a church choir director for more than 40 years.

Mary Esther Fichthorn is the accompanist and has accompanied many of Neil's concerts throughout the years. Priscilla Wonkka, a seasoned organist and choral director, will also participate in the con-



Indian Creek's chorus members

cert by accompanying the choir on the organ for several selections and directing one selection.

The Indian Creek Resort Choir sings at the morning worship service in Indian Creek Resort the fourth Sunday of the month, December through March, and does Christmas and Spring concerts. The Spring Concert this season is Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in Iroquois Hall.

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church is located on Chapel Street and Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-3173 for more information.✱

World War II Veterans Invited To View Exhibit

World War II veterans are invited to view the photography exhibition, *Memories Of World War II*, and to share their remembrances with one another at the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art on Wednesday, March 7 from 3 to 4 p.m. A coffee and juice reception will follow at 4 p.m. Admission is free for all World War II veterans.

Memories of World War II features Associated Press photographs from all theaters of the Second World War and the homefront, ranging from familiar scenes of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor to Joe Rosenthal's classic Iwo Jima flag-raising in 1945 to dozens of pictures not seen in decades. Many photos credit AP staff photographers by name; others came from anonymous Army or Navy photographers. Some of the photographers were killed in combat; others went on to post-war prominence.

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Meet Trouper, the blind raccoon, and his devoted caretaker Dot Lee at the Burrowing Owl Festival in Cape Coral

Along The River

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.

From the palaces of Europe to the governor's mansion of Florida, beautiful hand painted china has been treasured through the ages. The Edison Porcelain Artists have provided educational, exhibition, and sales opportunities for local porcelain artists for decades. Attendees will find dinnerware, teapots, vases, jewelry



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St. Hilary's Church is located at the corner of McGregor and Colonial Boulevards, Fort Myers.

Also on Saturday, celebrate Cape Coral's official city bird at the 10th annual **Burrowing Owl Festival**. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and provides a fun day full of educational programs, hands-on activities for children, guided nature walks, and bus tours to area owl burrows. Several food vendors will also be on site to serve great tasting food.

Kindness Animal Hospital's Kids Corner has lots of hands on activities for the kids. Cape Coral Police will give a K-9 demonstration and the Cape Coral Fire Department will have one of their fire trucks available for the kids to see.

Be sure to stop and meet special guest Trouper, the blind raccoon. He will be present with Miss Dot, his caretaker, signing the new book release by Kyle L. Miller, *Trouper – The True Adventures of a Blind Raccoon: The Beginning*. It is a great opportunity for children to learn about respect for all wildlife and to have their photo taken with an extraordinary raccoon.

A \$5 donation is suggested for adults, children under 12 are free. The event is sponsored by the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife and all proceeds go towards the preservation and protection of the city's wildlife resources.

The Burrowing Owl Festival is at

Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral. For more information, go to www.capecoralburrowingowls.com.

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The Florida Steam Pot with whole lobster, middleneck clams, mussels, corn and red potatoes

On Wednesday, February 29, Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar will unveil its private label wines and exciting new menu featuring fresh ingredients sourced from the Shoal farm and grove, other local and regional purveyors, and from the signature products found next door in The Sandy Butler Market. The three course tasting dinner by chef Michael Ragusa begins at 7 p.m. and is \$40 per person. Each course is paired with a Shoals wine, which includes a sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. All wines from the Shoals menu can be purchased next door at the gourmet market. The first course is crab fritters with a curry aioli; second course is cumin-spiced beef empanadas with a creamy pico de gallo; and third course is blackened red snapper with a tropical fruit salsa. Reservations for the Shoals wine and tasting dinner are requested by February 28. The Sandy Butler Market and Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar are located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Both are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 482-6765 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

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WWII Veterans

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The exhibition is being presented in the Philharmonic Galleries at the Naples Museum of Art.

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OBITUARY



DEANE "DEE" S. COLBY

Deane "Dee" S. Colby, 73, of Fort Myers, died on February 12, 2012 at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers. She was born on December 11, 1938 in Buffalo, New York, a daughter of George S. and Elizabeth (Glover) Shafer, and grew up on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Dee graduated from Thayer Academy in Massachusetts, then attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia and graduated from Florida State University in 1960 with a

B.A. degree in English. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Dee first worked as an English teacher for school districts in Florida; then she owned and operated several businesses in New Hampshire. In 1985, she moved to Fort Myers from New London, New Hampshire and enjoyed the next 23 years working in the hospitality industry at several hotels and resorts on Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel.

From 1989 to 2008, she was employed by the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Spa on Fort Myers Beach and made friends with many employees and guests while working there. Dee was an avid reader and loved watching sports, especially Seminole football.

A devoted wife and mother, she is survived by her husband of 52 years, Robert W. Colby, Sr., her sons, Robert W. Colby, Jr. of Manassas, Virginia and Richard S. (Wei) Colby of Yokohama, Japan, her granddaughter, Emi Li Colby, her brother, Scott D. (Joanne) Shafer of Zirconia, North Carolina, her brother-in-law, Donald C. (Judy) Colby of Grand Junction, Colorado, her sister-in-law, Judy Schou of Port St. Lucie, and her long-time friend, Harriette Hahn of Fort Myers.

Funeral services will be held privately by her family. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Friends may sign the guest book at www.horizonfunerals.com. ❄️

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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"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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Concert At Chapel By The Sea On Fort Myers Beach

Julian Toha, pianist, will be performing in a multi-media concert at Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church Concert Series on Fort Myers Beach on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. Known for his passionate performances, poetic imagination, and technical command, Toha has inspired audiences throughout the United States and abroad as both a soloist and chamber musician.

Within a few short years, Toha has been the recipient of competition honors, awards, and scholarships reflecting his piano mastery. He earned a bachelor's degree in piano performance from Florida State University and currently continues his studies at the Royal College of Music in London.

Toha is dedicated to re-engaging concert audiences and founded a performing arts company, Hidden Reflections, to focus his efforts. This company aims to revolutionize the performance tradition of classical music through artistic collaboration. Visit www.hidden-reflections.com.

Toha's Infinite Potential Tour includes 36 concerts scheduled for this spring. The program includes Villa-Lobos, Debussy, Scriabin, as well as some contemporary works (3D glasses will be used for part of the program).

Toha's concerts have received wide acclaim. When asked about his goal as an artist, he says, "I just want the audience to fall in love."

Learn more about Toha at juliantoha.com and vimeo.com.

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church is at the 2500 Block of Estero Boulevard. For more information call 463-3173. A free will offering will be accepted.*



Julian Toha

Bring Food, Get Free Admission To SWFL Fair

Are you planning to attend the Southwest Florida Fair? If you're planning to attend on Monday, February 27, do you know that you can get free admission? Designated as Harry Chapin Food Bank Night, patrons are asked to bring in a donation of two non-perishable food items per person to obtain free entrance to the fair.

Join your friends at the fair at the Lee County Civic Center for the best in live-stock, agriculture, carnival, good food and great times. Gates open at 5 p.m. and parking is free.

Entertainment that evening includes music by Music City Brass, The Great Shark Adventure, Youth Talent Show-Junior and Pee Wee divisions, Swine Showmanship and the Ravyn Clark Bank.

The food collected at the fair on February 27 will be donated to the Harry Chapin Food Bank for distribution at no cost to its local non-profit agencies. Last year, 3,796 pounds of food was collected, along with \$4,419, which provided an additional \$26,500 in food to the local community.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

Wednesday Morning Live! Lecture Series

An Author's Life, presented by Robert Macomber, is the subject of the next Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture Series at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 29.

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

Macomber is an award-winning and internationally acclaimed author, lecturer and TV commentator on U.S. Naval history.

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

Hymn Sing

St. Peter Lutheran Church in Fort Myers Beach will host an old-fashioned Hymn Sing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28.

Robert Beane, renowned tenor soloist, will serve as Master of Ceremonies, directing the audience through a wide range of *The Great Hymns of the Church*. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served following the Hymn Sing.

St. Peter Lutheran Church is located at 3751 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-4251 for more information.*



Mobile food pantry

Teaming Up For The Mobile Food Pantry

Ninety North Fort Myers residents in need received food assistance on February 17 at a mobile food pantry provided by the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. The mobile pantry, which was located at Goodwill's Hatton B. Rogers Retirement Center served approximately 3,000 pounds of food to residents of Goodwill's Park Villas and Hatton B. Rogers apartments, individuals served through the Senior Friendship Centers, Goodwill employees meeting income requirements, and other community members.

"This is an especially tough time for many of our neighbors in need," said Joyce Jacobs, Harry Chapin Food Bank's associate director. "The Mobile Pantry distribution in partnership with Goodwill and the Hatton B. Rogers Retirement Center made a real difference in the lives of so many of our neighbors in need."

The mobile food pantry partnership is part of Goodwill's efforts to expand its family strengthening offerings, said Kirsten O'Donnell, Goodwill's director of public relations.

"Our mission is to help people overcome their barriers to employment, but we also know that helping someone get a job is just the beginning," said O'Donnell. "It's not just individuals that need help; it's their families and their communities, too. Partnering with agencies like the Harry Chapin Food Bank is helping us to strengthen the community as a whole."

"Often, people with limited financial resources must make the difficult decision to pay for food or rent, utilities or life sustaining medications," said Fred Richards, Goodwill's vice president of career development services. "Unfortunately, in many circumstances, food is last on their priority list, and that negatively affects the health and wellness of our community's most vulnerable populations, seniors and children."*

Tickets Still Available For Holocaust Museum Anniversary Celebration

Tickets are still available for the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida's 10th anniversary celebration entitled Driven to Triumph. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at Naples Luxury Imports and will serve as a tribute to Southwest Florida's Holocaust survivors and WWII veterans. A Patrons' Reception will be held at 5 p.m. and the celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person.

The evening will include bite-sized food creations provided by a selection of local chefs; an intimate performance by Grammy and Emmy award-winning composer Charles Fox, best known for *Killing Me Softly with His Song*; a welcome by Honored Guest Myra Janco Daniels; and a silent auction.

Sponsors include Joel Banow/JNB Productions; Carole Greene; Rob Kircher; Sandi and Tom Moran; Naples Envelope & Printing Company; Naples Original Video; Louis Scandale; and Joanne Shamp.

For more information about the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida or its 10th anniversary celebration, visit www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org or call 239-263-9200.*

CROW Case Of The Week:

Snapping Turtle

by Patricia Molloy



Snapping turtles: the nightmare of every noodling redneck (if you do not know what noodling is, then you have nothing to fear). They are commonly found in large ponds, lakes,

swamps, canals and rivers. More aquatic than most turtles, they seldom sun on the warm Florida soil but can be seen swimming near the surface of quiet bodies of water.

Dr. Heather and the staff initially referred to their current snapping turtle patient as the “chunky monkey,” but only behind his back as these turtles are known to open their jaws, hiss and lunge when approached (or insulted). According to Dr. Heather, “He lost the appropriate amount of weight on what we call his ‘turtle treadmill’ and has become much more athletic as a result. We also warmed up his environment, which I think increased his metabolism, helping him to lose more weight and also speed up his wound healing.”

As a species, snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) are approximately 40 million years old and are estimated to be the ancestors of 80 percent of mod-



This snapping turtle, nicknamed the “chunky monkey,” has since lost weight on CROW’s custom exercise regimen

ern turtles. An adult weighs an average of 45 pounds, however, there are records of these turtles tipping the scales at 70 pounds.

Shortly before Christmas, one of CROW’s volunteers picked up an injured snapping turtle in North Fort Myers. It was evident by its injuries that it had been hit by a car.

A pain medication was immediately administered to make the patient more comfortable while topical antibiotics and bandages were applied to its wounds. This treatment was continued during his

stay at the clinic. Additionally, the staff ensured it made daily trips outside to a plastic kiddie pool, which enabled proper hydration and allowed it to bask in the warm Florida sunshine.

On February 9, Dr. Heather placed a fiberglass patch over its shell defect. It was released the following day in Fort Myers near deep water, which was a more suitable environment than the one from which he came.

If you do not have the time to spare to volunteer, consider sponsoring CROW’s patients, as they do not have health

insurance to cover their bills. You may specify that your donation to be used to help specific patients or species. Go to CROW’s website for more information.

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

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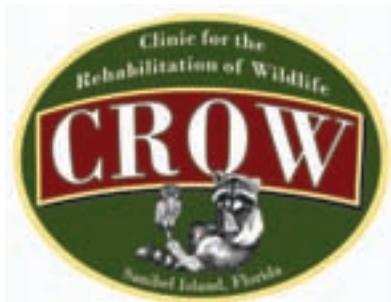
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Redfish Pass Sheepshead Still Biting Strong



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Temperatures quickly rebounded from last week's cold snap and as we approached the end of the week, tides finally started to improve and fishing really picked

up. Although I caught fish every day this week, it was far from easy getting a slot-sized redfish. Some days required lots of bouncing around place to place and catching many under the slot rat reds to get just one or two keeper size fish.

One good note though is that I caught more snook while mangrove fishing than I have for months. Most of the snook caught were under the slot, but it was still a blast to watch them come up and chase a live shiner around before popping it right off the surface of the water.

With a few more warm days and better tides coming up later in the week, the catch-and-release snook action will only get better.

Typical winter "rat reds" were found all over the sound in large numbers. They could be found both out in potholes and in deeper channels on the lower tides and then up under the trees on the higher tides. Along with one or two slot fish, most days we did manage a couple over the slot with a 29-inch redfish being the biggest one. The oversize reds were caught in the passes bouncing live shrimp with the tide across the bottom.

The best snook and redfish bite came for a few days before the last little cold front passed through. South winds blew the water up much higher than the tide charts estimated and had these gamefish eating much more freely than in days prior. Wind-blown shorelines and docks in the southern sound all held fish with the larger snook and trout coming on pinfish and shiners.

Fishing with clients from Philadelphia one day mid-week, we spent most of the morning catching rat redfish, grouper and trout. Slick calm conditions made for a tougher bite on larger fish. We worked our way back south towards the marina we made a few stops and caught lots of

12- to 18-inch trout and ladyfish at just about every grass flat. Just when it was looking like a unmemorable trip, at the last mangrove spot before wrapping it up, Ray McGreavy landed a 26-inch gator trout. This is the biggest trout caught on my boat in the last few months. Way to go at the last stop of the day, Ray!

The most consistent fishing action all week continued to be the sheepshead bite at Redfish Pass. No matter what the tide, the pass continues to be stacked up with huge numbers of the black and white striped fish. Sheepshead up to as big as five pounds ate live shrimp and shrimp chunks fished on or close to the bottom. These fish are hanging tight on the structure including rocks, pilings and downed trees. If you are looking for both non-stop action and an easy fresh fish dinner, this is the place to be.

The only hard part about fishing Redfish Pass this week was finding a spot to anchor up between the out-of-state boats. Talk about lots of boats. It's been like a parking lot. Everywhere you looked, though, people were pulling in sheepshead. Sure these are not the most glamorous of our local species to catch, but with light spinning tackle they can be a lot of fun to catch.

Tarpon fishermen, mark your calendar for the inaugural "Ding" Darling/Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament scheduled



Ray McGreavy from Philadelphia with a 26-inch trout caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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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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Florida Beachcombing Is Topic Of 'Ding' Shellabration Lecture

Blair and Dawn Witherington combed Florida's 1,200 miles of coastline to compile their comprehensive guide to all things alive at the beach. *Florida's Living Beaches: A Guide for the Curious Beachcomber* will be the touch point for their two special lectures starting at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, March 2 at the "Ding" Darling Education Center.

The lectures are scheduled in conjunction with Sanibel Island's weeklong Shellabration! 2012 festivities in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show.

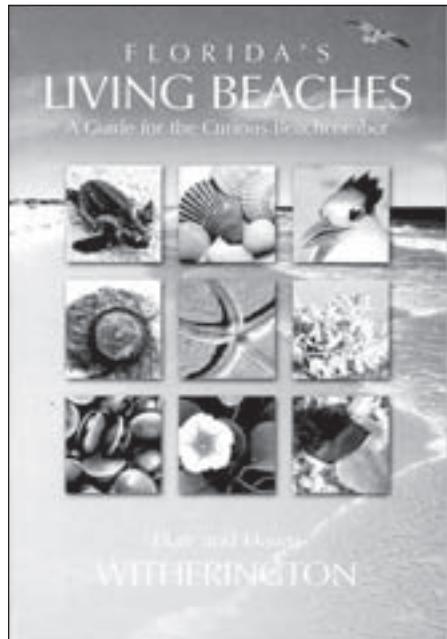
Professional naturalists, the Witheringtons overlapped their biological research and graphic-scientific design experience to create an illustrated compendium of shore life. They have also written *Florida's Seashells: A Beachcomber's Guide*.

A book-signing will follow the Witheringtons' lecture. Their book is available for purchase in the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which benefit refuge programs.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club of Sanibel Island and "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, as part of its 11-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series.

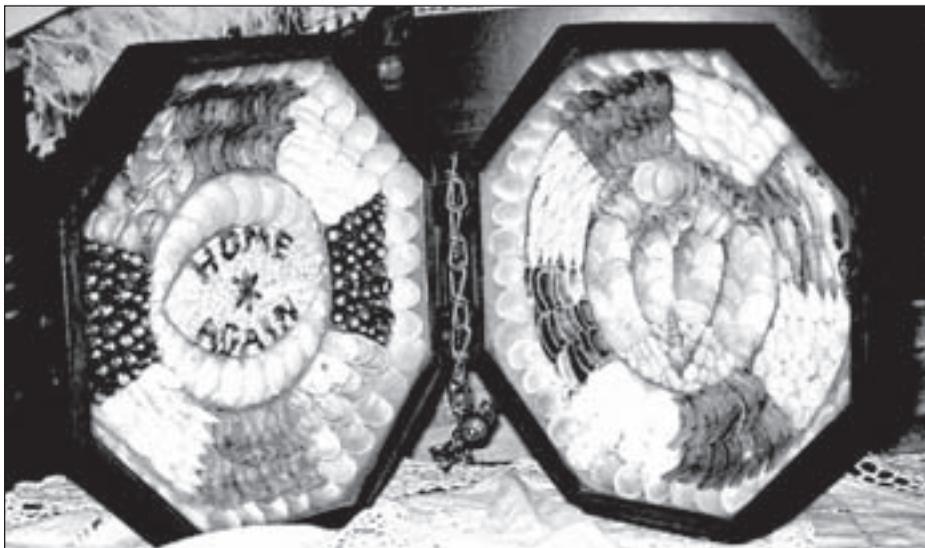
Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Future events are listed below.

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



The Witheringtons have written the definitive book on Florida seashore life

Sailor's Valentine Workshop



This Sailor's Valentine is on display at the Bailey-Matthew's Shell Museum

Many people who visit the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum marvel at the Sailor's Valentine exhibit. Now, the museum is providing the chance for crafters to learn how to create their own exquisite pieces of art.

Shell crafter Connie Miller will teach and supervise a Sailor's Valentine workshop – which includes making flowers, butterflies and shell patterns – during a three-day class at the museum on March 6, 8 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The class fee is \$300 (materials are not included) and additional items are available for purchase.

Full kits (box and shells) are \$134, and the box only is \$74. The shell kits must be requested in February to be ordered in time for the class.

To register for the class, visit the Events page at www.shellmuseum.org. For more information, contact Shell Museum public programs specialist Diane Thomas at dothomas@shellmuseum.org or 395-2233.*

For more information on the series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org.

Upcoming "Ding" Darling Lecture Series events:

(* Book-signings will follow all starred presentations)

• March 9 - Refuge Biologist Jeremy Conrad – Alligators

• March 16 – Dr. Dale Garolik – Wading Birds

• * March 23 – Roger L. Reep and Robert K. Bonde – The Florida Manatee

• March 30 – Dennis Giardina – The Importance of Native Snakes, featuring a live indigo snake

• April 6 – Just Ducky! – Unveiling of new Duck Touch Screen computer with guest speakers decoy carver Jim Sprankle and Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.*

Science Lecture At Shell Museum

Dr. Edward J. Petuch of Florida Atlantic University's Department of Geosciences will describe his research on Western Atlantic mollusks on Wednesday, March 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. as part of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum's Natural Science Lecture Series. The program is free with museum admission or membership.

Dr. Petuch has geology degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and he received his doctorate from the University of Miami. He has traveled the world doing research, written several books, and he has had more than 100 professional papers published.

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Calusa Heritage Day Schedule

Calusa Heritage Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Calusa Heritage Trail, located inside the Randell Research Center. The Pineland facility is dedicated to archaeology, history, ecology and preserving the Calusa legacy.

Calusa Heritage Day will feature:

11 a.m. – Shell Tools, presented by Dr. Bill Marquardt, executive director of the Randell Research Center and Curator for Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History at University of Florida, Gainesville.

Noon – Wetlands Preservation. How wetlands preserve ancient materials and what types of items have been preserved, presented by Dr. Robin Brown, author of several highly regarded books on Florida's past including *Florida's First People*.

1 p.m. – Future Directions In Southwest Florida Paleoclimatology, presented by Dr. Joanne Muller, Florida Gulf Coast University Paleoclimatologist

2 p.m. – How The Environment Shapes War: Environmental Impacts on Seminole Combat Behaviors, presented by Nathan Lawres, Archaeological Field Assistant for the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Tribal Archaeology Section and M.A. Candidate, University of Central Florida

3 p.m. – Keynote speech, Calusa & Climate, presented by Karen Walker, research and collections manager of archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History. For more details on Dr. Walker's work, go to www.flmnh.ufl.edu/sciencestories/2011/pineland_paleoclimate.htm.

"All of our speakers will weave in the theme of environmental change since the Randell Research Center site has been occupied for 2,000 years and much has happened including a major hurricane event in 300 A.D.," said event organizer Cindy Bear.

Arrive By Boat

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.

The boat will depart McCarthy Marina at 9 a.m. Passengers will get a narrated tour of the harbor and its fish shacks and then enjoy lunch at the Tarpon Lodge before attending the festival. The lodge is across the street from the festival site. The boat will return passengers to Captiva after a two-hour stay.

Fare for the boat ride, tour and festival, admission is \$45 for adults and

\$35 for children; lunch is not included. Reservations are required by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.

Archaeology Tour

Captiva Cruises and RRC will offer a narrated archaeological tour through Pine Island Sound from noon to 1:30 p.m. as part of CHD this year. Tickets can be purchased at the festival on March 10 or in advance. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Participants will board the 45-foot *Santiva* – one of Captiva Cruises' famous touring vessels – at the dock at Tarpon Lodge, across the street from the event after meeting your guide at the information tent at Calusa Heritage Day.

This event and partnership between Captiva Cruises and RRC lets Calusa Heritage Day attendees enjoy activities at the event and also lets them go out and get the feel of Pine Island Sound to learn even more about the Calusa.

Native Plant Sale, Art Show

Native plants will be available for sale during the March 10 Calusa Heritage Day on northwest Pine Island, and prospective buyers can learn about the plants' uses by native people.

Attendees just have to visit the Calusa Heritage Day's Paleoethnobotany Area. There, 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.

Artists at Calusa Heritage Day will share interpretations and their work with attendees. Ancient Hands makes pottery and other art, including reproductions of works by pre-Columbian artisans, and will be on hand to sell and explain their wares. Felix Rodriguez will display his wood carving and bone implements inspired by early people of the area. Peter Sottong, whose information can be found at www.KeyMarcoCat.com, creates museum-quality reproductions of Calusa masks including those unearthed by Smithsonian archaeologist Frank Hamilton Cushing in 1895 on Marco Island. Dick Workman will teach how make cordage from various plants.

Storytelling and hands-on fun

Storyteller and author Gerald Hausman will return to Calusa Heritage Day with two "performances" and there also will be on-going 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 the festival at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. During his 35 years as a storyteller he has entertained children of all ages at such places as The Kennedy Center, Harvard University and in schools across the United States.

"He awakens, not only the poet's skill and sensitivity, but also our own nature, power and inherent divinity," said Dr. Michael W. Fox, vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

Ongoing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be hands-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, the Florida Public Archaeology Network will host an atlatl throwing demonstration. 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). Kids and adults will get to try it for distance and accuracy.

Additional exhibits

Enjoy exhibits from the Florida Museum of Natural History at Calusa Heritage Day without leaving Lee County. The Gainesville-based museum has loaned exhibits to Randell Research Center, which hosts the annual event. In the classroom from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., exhibits on zooarchaeology, recent excavations that took place at the center, and Seminole collections will be featured with experts to explain. Some will include hands-on options.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Museum of the Islands, Mound House and other exhibitors will share information about local history and about their programs. J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge and Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission representatives will also be there. Consider the event one-stop shopping for learning about Lee County's local past.

Approved by U.S. Postal Service, a new postmark has been created for the annual Calusa Heritage Day.

The postmark features the Randell Research Center logo, which is based on a carving excavated at the site that dates to more than 1,000 years ago. Carved with a shark's tooth knife in deer bone, the tiny implement is less than an inch long and is on display at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

The postmark can be put on postcards of the Calusa Heritage Trail signage that will be for sale or on other mail.

Calusa Heritage Trail Tours

Walk the Calusa Heritage Trail with a trained docent to learn about the Calusa and their ancestors who occupied the site. Tours are hourly starting at 10:30 a.m. and running until 2:30 p.m.

At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., take part in an off-the-trail tour to learn more about Southwest Florida plants and ecosystems. The activity is family-friendly and walking is involved.

Randell Research Center is located at 13810 Waterfront Drive in Pineland. (Please note: GPS users should input Bokeelia instead of Pineland.) Admission is \$5 for adults and 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; online, visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu/rrc/.*

Morning Meander Atop The Marsh



Ruby Crowned Kinglet feeding on Wax Myrtle berries

Morning Meander Atop The Marsh, a free guided nature walk along a quarter-mile loop boardwalk, will take place at Prairie Pines Preserve on Saturday, March 3 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will meet in the Prairie Pines Preserve parking lot, located at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers at 8:45 a.m.

From an ADA-compliant boardwalk, this hour-long stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the birds, butterflies and plants that call it home. Visit one small section of a 2,654-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, wildlife observation areas and equestrian trails. Restrooms are available onsite.

For more information about the tour, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks & Recreation, call 533-7455 or visit www.conservation2020.org.*

Learn The Art Of Growing Organic

Why can't I grow a decent tomato? What can I plant when the weather's getting hot? Can I propagate my own basil? Are there organic ways to control caterpillars? These and many other questions will be answered by master gardener Millisa Bell as the Alliance for the Arts brings the GreenMarket into the classroom beginning on Monday, March 5.

Bell runs the Holton Eco Preserve and community garden, the Natives Nursery at the Happehatchee Center in Estero, and has operated her own organic nursery for many years.

This Spring & Summer Food Gardens class was developed in response to growing interest among GreenMarket patrons to begin growing their own produce, especially in small spaces. Southwest Florida's growing conditions are tricky in the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Why learn by trial-and-error when you can start off right from the beginning? Let your garden shine and produce its bounty by learning from a local expert!

Bell's class runs three Mondays, from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning on March 5. It's a combination of classroom teaching and practical, hands-on learning on site at the Alliance. Cost is \$50 for Alliance members and \$60 for non-members, and includes printed materials as well as some seeds and plants to get your garden started.



Millisa Bell will teach an organic gardening class at the Alliance for the Arts

The Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket works to create a more sustainable community by supporting local growers and artisans and by encouraging people to have their own gardens. More information is available online at www.ArtnLee.org or by calling 939-2787.*

Power Squadron Offers Boating Course

submitted by Cdr. Mary Smelter

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering America's Boating Course on Saturday, March 24 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 held on Saturday, March 31, also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of the course is \$40, with a \$20 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials.

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

Local Waters And Charts Class

submitted 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.*

Dinner Dance At Yacht Club

Cape Coral Parks & Recreation invite music lovers to join them on Saturday, March 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. for a full course dinner, dance and show featuring local favorite Deb and the Dynamics, who will bring an evening of vintage Motown, Memphis soul, classic R&B and jump blues traditions to the Cape Coral Yacht Club ballroom.

Listeners will be treated to several stirring sets, including classic hits, medleys and sing-a-longs from artists like James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Sam & Dave, Otis Redding, Wilson Pickett, B.B. King and many more.

Tickets to this event, open to the public, is \$25 per person. BYOB and advance reservations are required.

For more information or to reserve your tickets, call the Cape Coral Yacht Club at 574-0806.*

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Plant Smart

What's That Dust?

by Gerri Reaves

If you're new to Florida, you might wonder about the fine yellow dust that is coating car windows, patio floors and even puddles.

The source of that dust is the male cone of the native slash pine (*Pinus elliotii*).

The cylindrical purplish male cones, or strobili, begin development in summer, but go dormant until mid-winter. In January and February, they shed powdery yellow pollen.

The female cones – what most people think of when thinking of a pine cone – develop late in summer, followed by full maturation in September, 20 to 24 months after being pollinated.

A slash pine reaches 10 to 15 years old before it produces those seeded cones, and in South Florida, every fourth year results in a particularly good crop.

Up to 90 percent of the winged seeds contained in those cones are dispersed within 150 feet of the parent tree.

Another significant but invisible effect of the silky pollen is the allergic reaction it provokes in susceptible people.

But cleaning the car windshield or suffering through a few weeks of an allergy is more than compensated for by one of Florida's most important trees. Historically, this evergreen conifer has been extremely important to Florida's economy.

The tree is the basis for the turpentine industry, and its durable, heavy, strong wood is valued in the construction industry.



Male cones on the slash pine produce fine yellow pollen in winter

photo by Gerri Reaves

Key in ecosystems throughout the state, it provides shelter for many animals, including protected species such as the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and bald eagles.

Slash pine seeds are eaten by many birds and other wildlife. Who hasn't noticed the gnawed core of a pine cone

enjoyed by a hungry squirrel?

So consider that yellow winter pollen not an inconvenience but a part of the lifecycle that produces the state's vast pine forests.

Sources: www.usanpn.org, www.sms.si.edu and www.conifers.org.

Plant Smart explores sustainable

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

Tracking Program At Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

Bill Marple, head tracking instructor of Tom Brown's Tracking, Wilderness Survival and Awareness School, will be presenting three very unique classes at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. If you ever wanted to learn about animal tracking, this is a fabulous opportunity.

Marple will instruct participants on how to identify different species of animals in your area at a glance, gain the ability to think like the animal by studying its gait pattern, and unlock the secrets of the ancient Apache Indian "Pressure Release System" to determine the specific details of an animal's movement.

There will be plenty of hands-on learning and individual attention. Space is limited to 10 students. The classes are one day each and are entitled "Pressure Release 1, 2, 3," "Cluster Tracking" and "A Window to Awareness." Descriptions are available online at www.billmarple.com.

Classes are offered on March 23, 24 and 25. Cost is \$110 each and classes run from 8 am. to 5 p.m. Participants must bring their own lunch.

Call 533-7555 to sign up or for additional details. For other Slough program information, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7550.*

Caring For Your Plants

Groundcover - Which Is Best?

by Justen Dobbs



May I speak candidly for a moment? I really despise all of the bright red mulch that is so popular in SW Florida right now! So, I decided to write an article stating the facts about groundcover.

All mulch is beneficial in Florida because our soil is so void of nutrients, drains well, and dries out quickly. Mulch helps retain moisture, absorbs heat, and provides nutrients for your soil. Rock and gravel are options to, helping to prevent weed growth, prevent erosion, and radiate heat into the nighttime.

Cypress, eucalyptus, chocolate, melaleuca, and red mulch are the most common types of mulch. Cypress, eucalyptus, and melaleuca are the best in that they have neutral earth tones, are all-natural, and break down into beneficial ingredients for your soil and plants. Each one is easy for your landscaper or lawn



Chocolate mulch is the darkest, making colorful plants stand out nicely

maintenance company to find and fairly universal with regard to is horticultural applications. Chocolate mulch is believed to be made from ground up railroad ties or telephone poles. It contains an irritating chemical preservative that probably shouldn't be handled or breathed in large amounts. However, its dark complexion provides a nice contrast that brings out the green in your plants and color in your blooms. Red mulch should be avoided for several reasons: it is made out of recycled

lumber, it is sometimes dyed with harmful chemicals such as arsenic, and its bright color is unnatural- making the human eye focus on it, rather than your beautiful plants. You wouldn't frame Picasso's *Starry Night* with a bright orange frame would you? Instead, add more colorful plants and less colorful mulch. This is Florida! We can grow more plants with colorful foliage than any other state in the continental US. Some suggestions include palms, crotons, cordylines, hibiscus, etc.

Pine straw is advantageous in that it is inexpensive, provides more coverage per cubic foot, and adds acidity to our Florida soil which is usually basic (on the pH scale). Pine straw compliments native landscapes very nicely, especially on Sanibel and Captiva.

Rock, shell, and gravel is typically much more expensive to begin with, but saves money over time. As it mixes in with the soil beneath it over time, you will need to reapply more. It does not provide the same nutrients as mulch and pine straw, so you will need to fertilize more often too. I often recommend rock pathways and planters to clients who wish to get rid of some of their lawn and reduce their monthly maintenance bills.

The lesson here is: don't use the same groundcover as your neighbors' just to "fit in." Use whatever you think is best for your goals and your taste... as long as it's not red mulch.

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

Water & Wheels At Cape Harbour

Get ready for a weekend filled with fabulous yachts, boats and cool cars along with live music, food and fun as Cape Harbour presents its sixth annual Water & Wheels event on March 2, 3 and 4. Open to the public, admission is free.

There will be lots to do, including time to relax by the water or browse the many unique waterfront boutiques and shops along Cape Harbour's Promenade. Enjoy a sunset dolphin cruise, explore the art gallery or spoil yourself at our full service salon and spa.

Don't forget to take in the stars of the show. Tour an impressive array of luxury yachts, variety of high performance sport and leisure boats, lovingly restored classic cars and pampered specialty automobiles.

There will be live entertainment at Expo Island starting Friday, March 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. featuring Mike Pick. Live music continues on Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. with The George Lewis Project and on Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m., Chris Workman will be performing.

Cape Harbour's four restaurants are gearing up for the event. Rumrunners, The Joint and Run Agrounds will offer food and drink specials throughout the weekend. Café Pignoli has a new owner and a new name, Pignoli on the Harbour.

There will be no shortage of custom, antique and classic cars on Saturday, March 3 as the car show gets underway

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot across from Rumrunners. In addition, retro and antique cars will complete this "dream showcase" for car enthusiasts. It's a rare opportunity to get up close and admire some of the Cape's premiere classic and collectible vehicles. Mercedes Benz of Fort Myers will also be joining the car show this year.

Spectators are invited to gather waterside to watch the Charlotte Harbor Paddlers present their Draggin Dragons from noon until 3 p.m. on Saturday. The show includes a dragon boat demonstration.

All weekend long, the Marina at Cape Harbour will display the best the area has to offer in an on-water and land display of unique and custom boats, cruising yachts, performance boats, sailboats, sport fishing boats, fishing tackle and boating accessories. Yachts and boats will be open for tours all three days hosted by more than a dozen major dealers including Allied Marine, Banana Boat Tour Company, Bayside Yacht Sales, Boaters Landing, Cape Coral Boat Rentals, Cape Coral Rowing Club, Cape Yacht Management, Carefree Boat Club, Fabulous Services, LLC, Galati Yacht Sales, Global Yachts, Marine Max, Nautical Mile, Paradigm Yacht Sales, Saint Custom Built Boats, Tow Boat US and Venture Out Charters.

Also, the Lee County Sheriff's Office will be displaying their 36-foot *Ambar*. The United States Customs and Border Protection Office of Air & Marine will display their 39-foot *Midnight Express*

Interceptor. Marine Interdiction Agent Alan Brown will be on board. Both craft will be on display Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Marina next to the Pavilion.

Col. Hugh Saint, preeminent custom wooden boat builder, will be meeting and greeting spectators to talk about his craft. Saint is the proud builder of Will Stout's 38-foot Honduran mahogany runabout, *Rumrunner*. The vessel, along with other Hugh Saint custom-built wooden boats, will be on display at the dock.

There will also be displays by A Custom Carts, Bob & Annie's Boat Yard, CapeCoral.com, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Costco, Dermatology Solutions, Florida Lifestyle Homes, Kayak Connections, Lampe Chiropractic, Nautical Mile, PowerFX, Southwest Spine, Sun Sports, Tropical Marine Construction, Zumba with Rebecca and more.

To find out more about Water & Wheels, visit www.capeharbour.com or call 945-6116 or toll free (877) 945-6116.✪



Water & Wheels flyer

Stilwell Larkin's Dinner Fundraiser

One of Greenville, South Carolina's premier dining locations, Larkin's on the River, has been cordially invited as the only out-of-state restaurant to cater a five-course wine dinner at the Southwest Florida Wine Auction's Chef Vintner Dinners in Fort Myers.

The Chef Vintner Dinners, taking place during the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, will be served by world-renowned restaurants and wineries in private residences along the Gulf coast. Larkin's on the River will be among these chefs and vintners on February 24 and 25 as they raise money for local Fort Myers children and medical

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Special Engagement At The Shell Museum

Hannah Milman, executive director of crafts and holidays for *Martha Stewart Living* magazine will speak at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum February 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. The program is free with museum admission or membership.

Milman is a long-time friend of the shell museum, which has been the subject of several of her articles for Martha's Craft Blog. She is a friend of and past volunteer for the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, which she has also written about for Martha's Craft Blog.✪



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Brigadoon Emerges At Broadway Palm



Scene from *Brigadoon*

Brigadoon Palm Dinner Theatre presents the highland fantasy *Brigadoon*, playing February 23 through March 31. *Brigadoon* is Lerner and Loewe's mystical tale of love that transcends time.

The story of two American tourists, Tommy and Jeff, who get lost in the highlands of Scotland and stumble upon an enchanted, misty town called Brigadoon that is not found on any map. As the blessed town prepares to celebrate a wedding, Tommy falls in love with one of the village's inhabitants, Fiona. Only then do Tommy and Jeff discover the secret of Brigadoon: the mysterious little town reawakens for only one day, once every hundred years. The Lerner and Loewe score includes the song *Almost Like Being In Love*.

The blissful Scottish Village Brigadoon emerges at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$27 to \$51, with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office, located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

Ink Life Tattoo & Music Festival Coming To Fort Myers In March

Ink Life Tattoo & Music Festival's second 2012 stop takes over the entire Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers March 2 to 4. This all age, three-day mega-event features world-renowned and local tattoo artists doing what they do best all weekend long.

Get tattooed on the spot by over 150 of the worlds best tattoo artists, like LA Ink star Amy Nicoletto. Come see the tattoo industries best clothing and merchandise vendors, a band showcase with a \$2,000 cash prize, an incredible human suspension show by Atzlan Arts, a pole dancing competition, sideshows, live tattooing, tattoo contests and live music all weekend featuring Days Of The New, Barb Wire Dolls, Grind and the best local bands Southwest Florida has to offer.

Ink Life Tour is the only tattoo and music festival designed to attract today's mainstream audience of tattoo enthusiasts, unveiling the latest tattoo trends from local and nationally acclaimed talent. Spectators will have the opportunity to get tattooed by some of the best artists from all over the world under one roof.

"We have been doing these shows all over the country for the past two years and being a Lee County resident most of my life I felt we were ready for an event like this," said Ragen St. Peter, Ink Life Tour founder and Lee County resident for 24 years. "I am very excited to bring this amazing event along with a slew of national media coverage to my hometown."

At the Fort Myers event, participating tattoo artists will compete for bragging rights and trophies in over 20 categories. Several national publications will be covering this exciting event and featuring winning artists including, *Tattoo Magazine*, *Inked* and *Tattoo Society*.

Tickets for this event can be purchased in advance at www.inklifetour.com and will also be available at the gate.

For more information, call Ink Life Tour at 866-935-1822 or send an e-mail to vendors@inklifetour.com.✪

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Fire Dance sculpture by David Black

City Of Fort Myers Art Installation

The City of Fort Myers began the installation of *Fire Dance*, a large-scale sculpture in Centennial Park, on January 24. This installation is the first that the City of Fort Myers' Public Art Committee commissioned after an extensive process of reviewing 162 applicants. The funds for the purchase of the sculpture were obtained from private developers. David Black is the artist who created the piece.

The public artwork, a 25-foot tall by 22-foot wide all red aluminum modern sculpture, is situated along the south-bound span of the Caloosahatchee Bridge

on the eastern edge of Centennial Park. Black terms his large scale sculptures "proto-architecture" ...a combining of architectural forms: columns, arch-like units, canopies, benches ...with sculptural elements: imagery, a mix of stable forms with high energy, protecting movement.

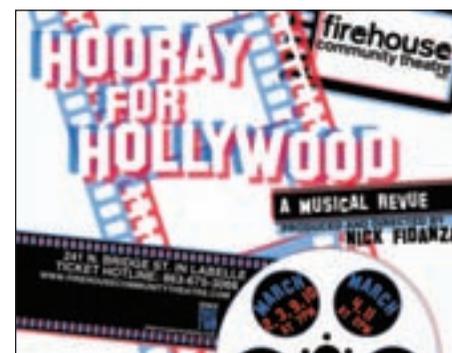
The artist is widely noted for his many large urban sculptures across the U.S. from Alaska to Tucson, San Francisco to Washington, as well as Japan. His sculptures are noted as "people places," a livable city's invitation to pause and reflect. *Fire Dance* represents Black's interpretation of the energy and vitality that animate the events that take place in Centennial Park.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication is scheduled for March 2 at 4 p.m. in Centennial Park. The public is invited.✪

Firehouse Theatre To Debut *Hooray For Hollywood*

Hooray For Hollywood – A Musical Revue will debut at the Firehouse Community Theatre on Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. under the direction of Nick Fidanza. This musical revue will feature some of Hollywood's best loved songs along with some fancy footwork performed by the Firehouse House Singers. Additional shows will be held on March 3, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and March 4 and 11 at 2 p.m.

Revue singers include Julia Beals, Barb Brandenburg-McDowell, Breanna Brown, Martha Pierce, Jesse Cuello, Ed Soulliere, Zena Gatch, Suzanne Hardee-Hubbart, Al Tagliente, Tina Kirby, Jean Wallace, Terri Lazar and Joe Wallace. Accompanying them on the piano is Linda Reecer. Choreography is provided by Jenny Randolph.



Tickets are \$12 in advance. The theatre cannot guarantee any at the door tickets, and several shows have already sold out. To purchase your seats, call the box office at 863-675-3066 or send an e-mail to info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 North Bridge Street in historic downtown LaBelle. Visit www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com for more information.✪

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Patrick And Jestrow Open Organica Exhibit At The Alliance For The Arts



VITA by Robert Patrick



Thread Lily Pads by Regina Jestrow

The new exhibition Organica, featuring work by Minnesota painter Robert Patrick and Miami mixed media and fabric artist Regina Jestrow, opens on Friday, March 2 at the Alliance for the Arts with an opening reception from 5 to 7:30 pm.

Patrick creates his large, abstract paintings in his White Bear, Minnesota studio. Painted on canvas tarps and pinned to the wall through metal grommets, he calls his current works Skins, or "hunting trophies from a subconscious planet, where the self melts away and the world is seen as it truly is." Patrick calls them "the trophy hides of fantasy creatures camouflaged to dwell in the miasma of day dream." Although he received degrees in painting from the University of Minnesota in 1979, and was awarded a \$25,000 McKnight Foundation Fellowship in 2003, he says he's mostly learned from "looking and doing." His work has been featured in numerous solo

and group shows, including gallery representation at Anderson & Anderson in Minneapolis, the Klein Gallery in Chicago, Dietrich Contemporary in New York and Au Temps Qui Passe Galerie in Genolier, Switzerland. His recent exhibitions include the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton, New York, the Housatonic Museum of Art in Bridgeport, Connecticut and the Bowery Gallery in New York.

Originally from Queens, New York, Jestrow graduated from the prestigious High School of Art & Design in Manhattan and attended the Fashion Institute of Technology. She started quilting in 2001, and began showing her work at galleries in 2007. Now working in Miami, Jestrow describes her often oversized 3-D works as pattern driven.

"To quilt is to stitch, sew, cover, and design with one's own two hands," said Jestrow. "My work translates the movement of color and design, combining the ideas, both from the traditional art of quilting and fine art."

She also says that she wants people to immerse themselves into her large installation pieces, and that her inspiration stems from "family values and heritage, geometric shapes, and structures that the world around me creates." Last year, Jestrow's work was featured in the Miami International Airport Gallery and she was a resident artist at The Bakehouse Art Complex from 2009-2011.

"Organica" will remain on display in the Alliance Main Gallery until March 28. Both artists will hold a Gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, March 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. No reservations are required. During the entire run of Organica, the Member Galleries will feature works by participating artists from this year's Art Poems, a collaboration between poets and visual artists that takes place on February 24 at BIG ARTS on Sanibel and March 1 at the Alliance. The Alliance GreenMarket, known for its local produce and products, will host the Organica opening reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 2.

For more information on this or any of the upcoming exhibitions coming in the 2012 season, go to www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.*



Untitled lily pad piece by Regina Jestrow

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 ½ cup vegetable oil for deep-frying

Beat eggs, salt and cayenne together in a shallow dish. Place flour mixture and cornmeal in separate shallow dishes. Dredge each fillet in flour mixture and dip in egg wash. Dredge again in cornmeal. In a deep fry pan, heat 1 inch of the oil to 375 degrees F on a deep-fat thermometer. Fry the fillets in batches for 2 to 4 minutes on each side, or until browned and fish flakes easily with a fork. Transfer fillets to paper towels to drain; serve immediately.

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Southern Fried Grouper

Playhouse Presents *The Fox On The Fairway*

Gulfshore Playhouse will present the farce *The Fox on the Fairway*, a farce by Ken Ludwig March 2 through 23, with a preview performance March 1.

The hilarious romp pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers' classics.

Ludwig is an internationally acclaimed playwright whose many hits on Broadway, in London's West End and throughout the world have made his name synonymous with modern comedy. He has had six shows on Broadway and six in the West End, and he has won the Laurence Olivier Award, England's highest theater honor, as well as three Tony Award nominations and two Helen Hayes Awards.

His work has been commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company and has been performed in 30 countries in over 20 languages. Ludwig is also the author of the popular *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Moon Over Buffalo*.

The Fox on the Fairway will be directed by Matt Lenz, whose previous credits include associate director on the Broadway productions of *Hairspray*,



Jenny Strassburg, Chris Dwan and James Judy in Gulfshore Playhouse's *The Fox on the Fairway*

Catch Me If You Can and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

Henry Bingham will be played by James Judy. His Broadway credits include narrator of *Mysterious Man in Into the Woods*, Dewhurst in the original company of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and Fred in *A Christmas Carol*.

Carol Halstead, playing Pamela in *The Fox on the Fairway*, appeared on Broadway in Gore Vidal's *The Best Man*.

Eric Hoffmann will play Dickie in *The Fox on the Fairway*. As an actor, director, and teacher, he recently completed a three-year run as Officer Krupke in the

50th anniversary world tour of *West Side Story*.

Michele Tauber, playing Muriel, most recently worked for the McCarter Theatre in *A Christmas Carol*.

Making his Gulfshore Playhouse debut is Chris Dwan, who plays Justin in *The Fox on the Fairway*. His credits include Off-Broadway as Peter in *Peter & I (ATA)*.

Playing Louise is Jenny Strassburg, who has worked extensively in regional theaters around the country and in New York City. She has appeared in numerous commercials, *All My Children* and



Jenny Strassburg and Chris Dwan in a scene from the play

Guiding Light.

The Gulfshore Playhouse is in downtown Naples. Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased by visiting www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org or by calling the box office at 1-866-811-4111.*

SWFL Symphony To Present Masterworks IV

Southwest Florida Symphony will present Masterworks IV, featuring conductor Michael Hall and cello soloist Ralph Kirshbaum, on Saturday, March 3 at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The performance, highlighted by works written by Dvorak and Tchaikovsky, will begin at 8 p.m.

The highly charged and lyric *Cello Concerto* by Antonin Dvorak has established itself as one of the composer's finest works and as one of the unchallenged masterpieces of the cello repertory.

Dvorak composed the *Cello Concerto* while living in New York, between November 1894 and February 1895. It is scored on a large-scale for a Romantic-sized orchestra. It is said that Dvorak was inspired to write a large-scale concerto for the cello after hearing Victor Herbert's *Cello Concerto No. 2* at a New York Philharmonic concert. The work was dedicated to Hanus Wihan, a cellist friend of the composer who was also asked to edit the solo part. However, when Wihan suggested a number of compositional changes and also wrote his own cadenza for the last movement, Dvorak instructed his publisher to print the work as he originally composed it – with no cadenza or changes.

"I have put my entire soul into this work... I love it as I have never before loved any of my musical offering." This is what Tchaikovsky said of his sixth and last

symphony.

Tchaikovsky began developing ideas for the symphony in December 1892, when he left home for a month of touring. He wrote, "Just as I was starting my trip, the idea came to me for a new symphony, this time with a program, but a program that must remain secret." He began to put the notes on paper in February 1893 and completed the work by September 1. On October 28, the composer conducted the first public performance in St. Petersburg. The work was received politely but unenthusiastically by the musicians and audience. Nine days after the premiere, Tchaikovsky was dead, apparently of cholera.

The secret program may have been revealed by a scrap of paper that was found after the composer's death: "The ultimate essence of the symphony is LIFE. The first movement is all forceful passion, confidence and thirst for action. The finale is DEATH, the result of destruction; second movement, love; third, disappointment. The fourth ends dying away."

The work is treasured by audiences for its rich orchestration and emotionally moving content.

The distinguished career of Texas-born cellist Ralph Kirshbaum - which encompasses the worlds of solo performance, chamber music, recording, and pedagogy - clearly places him in "...the highest echelon of today's cellists" (*Los Angeles Times*). He enjoys the affection and respect not only of audiences worldwide, but also of his many eminent colleagues and students.

In the span of an eventful career,

Kirshbaum has appeared with many of the world's leading orchestras in North America, Europe, Australia, South Africa and the Far East. He has been a frequent guest of the Boston and Chicago Symphonies, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Houston and Dallas Symphonies in the United States. In Europe, he has appeared with the BBC and London Symphony Orchestras, as well as the London, Stockholm and Helsinki Philharmonics, Zurich Tonhalle, Orchestre de Paris and the Israel Philharmonic.

In honor of the legendary cellist Gregor Piatigorsky, Kirshbaum will lead the inaugural Piatigorsky International Cello Festival in Los Angeles in March of 2012 – an event presented by the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music and the Los Angeles Philharmonic in partnership with the Colburn School and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

The Southwest Florida Symphony's Masterworks Series is sponsored by Uhler & Vertich Financial Planners.

Tickets are priced at \$20 to \$82; \$5 student tickets are available through Campus Chord Club and Student Rush.

Call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or visit www.swflso.org for additional details.✪

English Country Dancing Class

Learn the social dances of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries at Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center in Fort Myers. Classes are held year-round on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy live music and a family friendly atmosphere as you learn English country dance steps. Dress is casual, wear flat shoes with non-slip soles. Partners are not necessary and beginners are welcome.

Lessons are free after a one-time payment of \$10, which covers lifetime membership to the Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center.

For more information, contact Gillian Carney at 603-9828, send an e-mail to fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com or visit <http://dancefl.us/ecd/FtMyersECD.shtml>.

Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center is located at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Call 432-2154 for driving directions.✪

Book Signing

Author Joyce Holton Crawford will sign her juvenile non-fiction book *Don't Call me Michael* from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 at Courtyard Cafe, 13499 S. Cleveland Avenue # 137, Fort Myers.

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Lemony Snicket Kicks Off Outdoor Family Movie Nights At The Alliance

Outdoor family movie nights return to the Alliance for the Arts this Friday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. with *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* starring Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep and Jude Law. Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks and enjoy family-friendly movies under the stars on a portable screen.

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 mysterious fire. They're sent from relative to relative before winding up with their uncle Count Olaf, who knows the children are to receive a huge inheritance and wants their money for himself. The highly intelligent children know what he's up to and work to foil him in this comedic adventure.

The series continues on Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. with *Bee Movie* starring Jerry Seinfeld and Renee Zellweger, and wraps up on Friday, April 27 with *Dolphin Tale*. 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.

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New Era In Spring Training Begins With Opening Of JetBlue Park



by Ed Frank

Whether you're a baseball fan or not, you owe it to yourself to visit the spanking new JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, the spring training home of the Boston Red Sox

and unquestionably the finest facility of its type in the nation.

Not only is it unmatched in beauty and fan-friendly accommodations, it is like walking into a Red Sox museum where historic memorabilia is on display throughout the sprawling complex. Daily tours for the public are available.

From its undulating roof canopy that provides shade for most of the seats, to its replica of the famous Green Monster wall that has made Boston's Fenway Park so famous, JetBlue Park is certain to draw record crowds for the 2012 spring training season.

It can accommodate 11,000 fans and don't be surprised if every game is a sell-out.

The media was given a preview look of the 106-acre, \$79 million complex last week just prior to Red Sox pitchers and catchers reporting.

It was built to duplicate in so many ways Fenway Park, Major League's oldest stadium. In fact, the exact title is JetBlue Park at Fenway South. The outfield dimensions are the same as is the Green Monster except here there are seats both inside and atop the wall. And, of course, the signature green color is the same.

The Green Monster also features a restored manual scoreboard that served Fenway Park for three decades.

Here are a few facts about the park on East Daniels Parkway:



The rolling roof canopy atop JetBlue Park provides shade for most of the seats in the new ballpark

There are 9,900 fixed seats and additional seats on the outfield grass. There are eight magnificent private suites, a 50,000-square-foot clubhouse, an elaborate press box, a huge team store and a big outfield HD video board.

In addition, there are six full practice fields, an agility field, 10 covered and four outdoor batting cages and a state-of-the-art rehab and training complex. Acres of grass parking also double as soccer fields.

At the media briefing, county officials stressed that the project will be utilized far beyond just spring training. It will host year-around activities such as youth sports, community festivals and entertainment.

The Red Sox also will use the rehab and training facility at JetBlue Park on a year-round basis.

Amazingly, the complex was completed in just 11 months by nearly 900 construction workers. An estimated 396 full-time jobs will result from the project.

One major advantage for the Red Sox is the fact that for the first time the facility will allow both major and minor leaguers in their organization to train at the same location.

Fifteen Major League teams train in

Florida generating hundreds of millions of dollars in tourist revenue. With both the Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins calling Fort Myers their spring training home, it is estimated the economic impact is nearly \$50 million locally.

These revenues could climb substantially if Lee County officials are successful in bringing a third Major League team—possibly the Washington Nationals—to the area. Reportedly, efforts are underway to interest the Nationals in the downtown City of Palms Park, the former home of the Red Sox.✪



The famous Ted Williams statue with a little boy has been relocated to the new JetBlue Park from its former location at the City of Palms Park where it will again greet baseball fans

Snowbird Baseball Classic Returns To Southwest Florida

The Fourth Annual Snowbird Baseball Classic, a family-friendly and affordable tournament featuring 13 Division I schools and 19 Division III schools playing at Charlotte County ballparks, is returning to Southwest Florida.

Division III swings into action on Sunday, February 26 and Division I begins on Friday, March 2, with play continuing through March 17. Division I doubleheaders are scheduled for Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 10 at the Charlotte Sports Park.

Admission prices are \$7 per day or \$35 for a weekly pass (valid at all three ball fields). Admission into the March 2 and 10 games at the Charlotte Sports Park is by donation.

Other games will be played at Charlotte High School (1250 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda), North Charlotte Regional Park (1185 O'Donnell Blvd, Port Charlotte) and South County Regional Park (670 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda).

On March 2, first pitch for the Western Michigan University vs. Northwestern University game is scheduled for 3 p.m., followed by the Ohio State University vs. University of Michigan game.

On March 10, University of Akron and University of Pittsburgh take to the field at 3 p.m., followed by Seton Hall University and Michigan State University.

The tournament will utilize the new \$1.2 million ball field at North Charlotte Regional. Seating at both North Charlotte Regional and South County Regional Parks is limited; personal lawn chairs will be permitted.

The complete tournament schedule can be viewed at www.snowbirdbaseball.com.✪



A signature element of JetBlue Park is a replica of the famous left field Green Monster in Boston's historic Fenway Park. It also features the restored manual scoreboard that was used at Fenway for three decades.

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Colbert's Pending Retirement Will Leave A Big Void In Professional Golf

by Ed Frank



An icon of professional golf appears headed for retirement as 70-year-old Jim Colbert revealed last weekend at the Ace Group Classic that his competitive days are nearing the end.

Colbert, who will turn 71 in two weeks, has played in more than 500 Champions Tour events over the past two decades, including 18 of the 25 Ace Group Classics, more than any other golfer who competed here last weekend. Adding to the 18 are three years he served as an ESPN analyst for the tournament.

"I'll play in three or more tournaments this year and that will probably be it," Colbert said in an interview with the *Island Sun* and *The River Weekly News*.

One of the more recognizable golfers on the senior circuit with his distinctive walk and floppy sun hat, Colbert will leave behind an impressive legacy of professional golf spanning 47 years.

He turned professional in 1965 upon graduation from Kansas State University and has recorded 33 tournament victories, eight on the regular PGA Tour, 20 on the Champions Tour and five other senior victories. His earnings total more than \$13 million, \$11 million of which came from the senior circuit golf.

But when you've battled back problems, prostate cancer and knee injuries (he had knee replacement surgery this past year), and when it has become more and more difficult to compete, Colbert has decided that 2012 will be his tournament "swan song."

This past weekend, he recorded scores of 75, 74 and 78 for a total of 227, 31 strokes higher than Kenny Perry's winning score. And he earned just \$992 for the weekend, hardly enough to pay his caddy and his plane ticket from Palm Desert California where he lives. The \$992 is a far cry from Perry's \$240,000 winning share.

Colbert is one of only nine golfers who has played in more than 500 Champions Tour tournaments and he figures that all told he has competed in more than 1,000 over his nearly five decades of competitive golf. He believes that Miller Barber holds the Champions record of more than 600 tournaments, pointing out that in the early days of the tour as many as 39 tournaments were held annually.

The fact is that there are few if any pros over 70 still regulars on the Champions Tour. Gary Player and Lee Trevino play on occasion, but few others. Player has competed 23 times in the Naples event, but did not play this past weekend.

Asked what has driven him to play so long, Colbert was quick to say the "love of the game."

"I enjoy the time alone on the practice tee fiddling with my game," he said.

Training and exercise are other factors that have enabled him to compete for decades.

Veterans Park Recreation Center Events

Veterans Park Recreation Center, located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres, will host a number of upcoming community events.

On Saturday, April 7, the Veterans Park Annual Colored Coconut Hunt will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

If a rabbit can lay eggs, then we most certainly can lay coconuts. Colored coconuts and eggs will be hidden in designated areas of the recreation center park grounds. Bring your Easter basket and join the hunt. There will be games, face painting and activities for the participants. There will also be a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny. The hunt will be broken in to four different age groups with colored coconuts and eggs in each patch. Bring

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Jim Colbert

Colbert has long been an advocate of using magnets to alleviate pain. Serious lower back pain was alleviated through the use of magnets and he still uses magnets on both wrists.

It's somewhat ironic that Colbert chose the Ace Group Classic, a tournament of which he has been so closely identified, to disclose his pending retirement. The local tournament has the second longest span in one metropolitan area of those on the 2012 schedule.

Only the AT&T Tournament in San Antonio has been played longer in the same city.

Like any professional sport, age becomes a factor in the competitiveness of any athlete.

But the name Jim Colbert has been so closely identified with the game of golf both on the PGA Tour and the Champions Tour for so long, his departure will leave a void difficult to replace.*

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Students Receive Early Decision On Colleges

Seven seniors from The Canterbury School already know which colleges they will attend next year through the early decision program.

"Early decision is a legally binding contract between the college and the student," explained Canterbury School Director of College Guidance Melissa Wilson. "Once accepted to a school under early decision, the student must attend. Early decision allows a student to declare that a particular school is his or her first choice, and that if accepted, he or she will attend. Early decision pools of applicants are typically more competitive than those in the regular round of admissions, thus an early decision acceptance is highlighted as an even greater achievement on the part of the student."

John Badir will attend Northwestern University in Chicago.

"I am very excited," Badir said as he smiled broadly. "Learning I received early decision was one of the best moments of high school! I was born in Chicago and I love the city. I visited the Northwestern campus and it seemed like a great community of students. Everyone was proud to be attending. Northwestern offers everything I wanted in a college."

Badir hopes to major in economics and he may minor in biology. The son of Nabil Badir and Iman Fares of Fort Myers, John is a high honor roll student who is active in athletics and academics at Canterbury School. He was a key



Badir



Hernandez

player on this year's state champion six-man football team and he is a member of the varsity tennis and basketball teams. John is a peer mentor and active with the math and Model UN teams. He has been inducted into the: Science National Honor Society, Mu alpha Theta, National Spanish Honor Society, National English Honor Society and the National Honor Society.

Mariela Hernandez announced her decision to attend Wellesley College.

"Being the first in my family to go to college, I am thrilled to attend Wellesley to continue my passion for learning," Hernandez said. When she received the e-mail from Wellesley in December, she waited until her entire family was home to open it. The acceptance to Wellesley was a joyous occasion for the Hernandez family.

The daughter of Ana and Rafael Hernandez of Fort Myers, Mariela is a peer mentor and a long-standing member of the band. A high honor roll student, she is co-president of the award-winning French Academic Team, and is a member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and the French National Honor Society. Last year, she



Moorey

received the highly prized Harvard Book Award and the Erskine College Fellows Award.

Talia Moorey, daughter of Linda Moorey of Fort Myers and Thomas Moorey of Fort Myers, will attend Marist College in the fall.

"When I toured the school last year," Moorey explained, "I knew it was where I should be. The strong academics and class sizes are similar to Canterbury. It is an environment in which I will excel."

Moorey was also attracted to the Marist pre-dental program as she hopes to become an orthodontist. A member of the International Thespian Society, she is active in performing arts. This high honor roll student is also a member of the girls' varsity soccer team.

Vaibhav Penukonda will attend Duke University.

"I was absolutely thrilled when I received the acceptance from Duke," said Penukonda. "I am happy that all my hard work paid off."

Penukonda is now "antsy to get up to college," but wants to make sure he treasures his last semester at Canterbury School. He will major in neuroscience with a certificate in Latin American studies.



Penukonda



Robbins

The son of Arun and Sarada Penukonda of Fort Myers, Vaib is a high honor roll student, a student ambassador for the school's admission office and, for the second year in a row, he was selected to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. He is a member of Rho Kappa, the National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society. Vaib has been a leader holding various elected offices during his upper school years. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a Commended Student in the National Merit Program.

This summer, Samantha Robbins will report to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis for I (Induction) Day and Plebe Summer. Sam set her sights on Annapolis three years ago and pushed herself physically and mentally to prepare for the rigors of the application process.

"I'm excited to see what opportunities are going to be presented to me and the people I'm going to meet during this once-in-a-lifetime experience," she said.

The daughter of Rocky and Michele Robbins of Lehigh Acres, Samantha is an AP Scholar who loves working with and teaching younger students. She teaches a Model United Nations course to eighth grade students (she created the curriculum), and now her first graduates of the course are on the MUN team.

Robbins is an integral part of the school's award-winning MUN team. She is on the high honor roll and is a member of Rho Kappa, the National Honor Society and the International Thespian Society. Serving in many leadership roles at Canterbury, Samantha managed many sports teams plus played on the varsity soccer team. Last year, she received the Columbia Book Award and the school's Citizenship Award.

Neil Singh was ecstatic when he received his admittance letter from Brown University in Rhode Island.

"My dad was a legacy at Brown, and this is a dream come true for me," Singh explained. "I am not yet sure what I want to study, but Brown offers such a high level of academics that I'll be able to explore the curriculum."

Singh, a talented musician as well as a gifted student, is the son of Namita Singh of Fort Myers and the late Rampaul Singh. For the past two years, Neil was selected to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. He is an integral member of the award-winning Model United Nations Team (ranked 13th in the North America by the Best Delegate blog), and a leader serving as student council president. This high honor roll student is a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the National Spanish Honor Society.✪



Singh

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I keep reading about something called the Common Core Standards in the newspaper and that students in public school will have

tests in this. What does this really mean? Should my kids be learning something new? Why are they adding more tests? We have enough tests now.

Daniel C., Fort Myers

Daniel,

Reading about the Common Core Standards can be confusing and overwhelming. It is new information for many parents. This is a rather large topic so let me provide some background and information about it for you and additional links for more detailed study.

To be clear, educational standards are written statements, typically developed by each state, to make explicit what teachers must be teaching about a particular academic subject. Each state has its own process for developing, adopting, and implementing standards. So what has resulted from the individual state's efforts

is that the skills students are expected to learn can vary widely from state to state and many states have not included the most crucial elements for student learning and achievement for success. Currently, student learning goals vary from state to state.

The Common Core Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is quite different. This initiative is a multi-state led effort to establish a shared set of clear educational standards for English/language arts and mathematics that states can voluntarily adopt. It was coordinated by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers and officially introduced in spring 2009. It is not part of the federal government. These standards are intended to provide states a new framework for the knowledge and skills students need to develop in grades K-12 to be prepared for success in college and the workplace.

The standards are research based and the highest state standards across the country and world. They were designed by a diverse group of teachers, experts, parents, and school administrators to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to go to college or enter the workforce and that parents, teachers, and students have a clear understanding of what is expected of them.

So where are we with this? In just a short time an amazing amount of work has been achieved. Right now 46 states

have voluntarily joined this initiative, including Florida. The process of transitioning to the new standards is significant and includes many components. The most important of these transition components are teacher professional development, curriculum guides or instructional materials, and teacher-evaluation systems according to Education First and the EPE Research Center. Most states right now are in flux and will need more time to fully implement the transition. The goal is ambitious and is to have the transition and implementation completed with students taking the new common core related assessments in the 2014-15 school year. In most cases, these assessments would replace the current assessments.

This is just a brief snapshot of an enormous initiative that our educational systems are currently addressing. For detailed information on CCSSI, visit www.commoncorestandards.org.

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

Future Leaders From Canterbury

The Canterbury School inducted 18 middle school students into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). In addition to maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.7 for three consecutive semesters, students must be actively involved in community service to be admitted into the honor society.

"Knowing these students on a day-to-day basis in the classroom, it is clear by their attitude, achievement and demeanor, that they are deserving of this honor," said NJHS advisor Dan Van Campen. "These students are polite, friendly and fun. Whether doing academic activities with them or cheering them on in sports, or watching them perform in drama, it is a privilege to work with such accomplished young adults."

Those inducted were Sophta Ahad (Port Charlotte), Jack Amheiter (Sanibel), Eve Bailey (Fort Myers), Matthew DiBiase (Sanibel), Hannah Fay (Fort Myers), Isabella Ganthier (Fort Myers), Courtney Halle (Fort Myers), Olivia Harris (Sanibel), Caroline Henning (Fort Myers), Natalie Henning (Fort Myers), Manuel Hernandez (Fort Myers), Gavin Meade (Fort Myers), Madison Noall (Fort Myers), Evelyn Pizzolato-Murray (Fort Myers), Alexis Sewell (Cape Coral), Allie Stefanick (Fort Myers), Justin Wetner (Fort Myers) and Joseph Young-Perez (Fort Myers). ☺



Pictured front from left, Caroline Henning, Isabella Ganthier, Courtney Halle, Madison Noall, Natalie Henning, Evelyn Pizzolato-Murray and Hannah Fay; center, Olivia Harris, Alexis Sewell, Eve Bailey, Justin Weiner, Matthew DiBiase and Allie Stefanick; back, Jack Amheiter, Manuel Hernandez, Sophia Ahad, Joseph Young-Perez and Gavin Meade

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Free Real Estate Seminars Offered By Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community will team up with an experienced realtor to offer a seminar entitled "How To Sell Your Home In A Challenging Market." Interested guests have the opportunity to choose the date and location that works best for them: on Wednesday, February 29 at Crown Plaza in the Bell Tower Shops; or Tuesday, March 6 at Palmetto Pines Country Club



Mary Moore

in Cape Coral. Both presentations will begin at 2 p.m.

Local realtor Paula Hellenbrand of Encore Realty Services will join Mary Moore, moving resources manager at Shell Point, as they offer a presentation that focuses on tips for selling your home in today's market. Guests will hear about the best ways to price and stage their homes, as well as receive professional advice on how to make the best of your moving experience.

Ted Benjamin, sales director for Shell Point, will also be present to offer information about current specials and discounts at Shell Point, in addition to a brief outline on the services offered in the



Ted Benjamin

retirement community.

"We want to give sellers the information that they need to make sure that their homes receive the most value in today's market," said Moore. "The last few years have been very trying for home owners who wish to sell their home, and we have found that this presentation has been very helpful for those who are looking for an edge in the market."

Admission to this seminar is free. Seating is limited, so reservations are required and may be made by calling Maureen at 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.

To learn more about Shell Point, visit www.shellpoint.org.

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Veterans Park

your camera for that once-in-a-lifetime photo. Prizes will be given for different colored coconuts.

This event is open to ages infant up to 13 years old. Cost is \$5 per child. You must pre-register as the event is limited to 100 participants. The hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. sharp, no exceptions. If you have any questions, call the center at 369-1521.

If painting and crafting is your preschooler's passion, join this class and let your child create. We'll worry about the mess. Pee Wee Picasso meets once a week for a monthly session, Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Open to ages 3 to 5 years. Cost is \$20 per month.

Pee Wee Gym class will help your toddlers learn basic coordination skills and some tumbling exercises. It will also give them the opportunity to socialize and let out some energy. Join and be prepared to have some fun.

Pee Wee Gym meets once a week for a monthly session, Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Open to ages 3 to 5 years. Cost is \$15 per month.

Veterans Park Recreation Center will also host Clay Handbuilding classes. Learn basic techniques for building and designing ceramic sculptures. Apply visual design elements to the ceramic form. Develop original, personal ideas in clay design.

Class will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Open to ages 6 to 15 years. Cost is \$30 for four classes per month. Supplies are an additional \$10, paid to the instructor. For more information, contact Graciela Price at 369-8392.

Financial Focus

Put Power Of Tax Deferral To Work

by Jennifer Basey



As an investor, you may sometimes feel frustrated. After all, your portfolio seems to be at the mercy of the financial markets, whose volatility is beyond anyone's control. Yet you

can control the quality of the investments you own and the diversification of those investments to improve your chances of attaining your long-term financial goals.

One way in which to do so is to put as much as you can afford, year after year, into tax-deferred investments. When you contribute to a tax-deferred account, your money has the potential to grow faster than it would if you placed it in a fully taxable investment – that is, an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Over time, this accelerated growth can add up to a big difference in your accumulated savings.

For example, if you put \$200 each month into a taxable investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent a year, you'd end up with about \$325,000 after 40 years, assuming you were in the 25 percent federal tax bracket. If you put

that same \$200 per month into a tax-deferred investment that earned the same hypothetical 7 percent a year, you'd accumulate about \$515,000 – or nearly \$200,000 more than you'd have with the taxable investment.*

Of course, you will eventually have to pay taxes on the tax-deferred investment, but by the time you're retired, you might be in a lower tax bracket. Furthermore, depending on how much you choose to withdraw each year from your tax-deferred account, you can have some control over the amount of taxes you'll pay.

Clearly, tax deferral can be a smart choice, but what sort of tax-deferred vehicles are available?

One of your most attractive choices will be your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and since you typically fund your plan with pre-tax dollars, the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. If you're lucky, your employer will even match some of your contributions.

Consequently, it's almost always a good idea to put in as much as you can afford into your 401(k), up to the contribution limits, and to boost your contributions every time your salary increases. In 2012, you can contribute up to \$17,000 to your 401(k), plus an additional \$5,500 if you're 50 or older.

Even if you participate in a 401(k) plan, you can probably also contribute

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Foundation For Lee County Public Schools Ranks 16th In The Nation

A recent national study cited the top 20 education foundations in the country. The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools was rated 16th among those receiving the highest honors. The top 20 was the collective scoring of eight performance categories. The foundations that appeared in the top 20 in the most categories were ranked highest, emphasizing the importance of being well-rounded.

"We are honored to be ranked 16th in the nation among education foundations," said Robbie Roepstorff, board chair of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. "This well-deserved honor rightly goes to the Foundation's President and CEO, Marshall Bower, the Foundation staff, and our business and community partners working together to make a positive impact in the lives of our Lee County students and teachers."

The study compared the following performance variables to determine the ranking:

- Long-term financial sustainability (total assets, assets per student, investment income)

- Fundraising/revenues (total revenues and revenues per student)
- Program expenditures (total program expenses and program expenses per student – both less salaries and benefits)
- Volunteers (total volunteers)

"There are a lot of ways to measure success of an education foundation, but we chose these performance categories because it is objective data reported to the federal government in the foundations' IRS Form 990 filings," said Dewey Caruthers, president of Dewey & Associates, the Tampa-based management consulting firm that conducted the analysis.

The firm studied the education funds/foundations in the 50 largest school districts in the nation, including Lee County, Florida, as based on the number of public school students.

For a copy of the study or additional information about the foundation, call Janelle Beaber at 337-0433 or e-mail Janelle@leeschoolfoundation.org.

An Evening Dedicated To The Men In Our Lives

Attorney Heather Fitzenhagen, marketing director of Condo & HOA Law Group, PLLC, presents Man About Town, an evening dedicated to the men in our lives. The fundraiser will feature a GQ style men's fashion show with celebrity models that include Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott, Fort Myers Police Chief Doug Baker, Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Chef Brian Roland, and NBC-2 Reporter Chad Oliver. The event will be held on March 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue in the Bell Tower Shops on the corner of Daniels Parkway and U.S. 41.

There will be specialty beer and fine wine tastings, Norman Love Confections, a selection of appetizers prepared by top chefs at CRU, Blu Pointe Oyster Bar & Seafood Grill, Bistro 41 and TGI Friday's, and raffle items from Eyetopia, Key West Boutique, Grimaldi's Pizzeria, Trini in Private, and Thistle Lodge. All proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross Southern Gulf Coast Chapter serving Lee and Collier counties. Saks will also donate 10 percent of all sales during the event. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.ManAboutTown.eventbrite.com or at the door.

Fitzenhagen is one of the celebrity dancers for StarStruck 2012, the annual fundraising gala for the Red Cross, which will be held March 24 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort. She is hosting Man About Town to raise money and build awareness for the American Red Cross. Representatives of the American Red Cross will be in attendance to share information about the many services the agency provides to Southwest Florida residents.✪

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Larkin's Dinner

charities. Restaurateur and Wine & Food Fest trustee Sandy Stilwell will be hosting Larkin's on the River's dinner inside her residence for the festival's honorable guests.

"Larkin's on the River is honored to be recognized for the quality of our work and what we do for the community by being chosen to participate in the Southwest Florida Wine Festival," said owner Larkin Hammond. "To be given the opportunity to showcase the caliber of restaurants Greenville, South Carolina hosts, and to participate in a great fund raising effort for a special cause is a great privilege!"

Executive team members from Larkin's restaurants in both North and South Carolina will be in Florida to put on the signature vintner dinner and participate in the wine auction.

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest will be benefiting The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, along with the pediatric and nursing programs of Edison State College and Florida Gulf Coast University. Almost \$3 million have been raised for these organizations over the past three years during the Wine & Food Fest.

For more information, visit www.swfl-winefest.org.✪

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Financial Focus

to a traditional IRA. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred and your contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your income level. In 2012, you can put in up to \$5,000 to a traditional IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. (If you meet certain income guidelines, you might be eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free earnings, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2 and you've had your account at least five years.)

Finally, if you've "maxed out" on both your 401(k) and your IRA, you may want to consider a fixed annuity. Your earnings grow tax-deferred, contribution limits are high, and you can structure your annuity to provide you with an income stream you can't outlive.

The more years in which you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, the better. So start putting the power of tax deferral to work soon.

* This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent a specific investment or investment strategy.

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

ICAN Now Providing Free Rapid HIV Testing

The Island Coast AIDS Network (ICAN) has been permitted by the Lee County Health Department to offer free HIV Rapid Testing at their Fort Myers office using the Clearview Rapid Test kits that use a small sampling of blood from a finger prick to test for the presence of HIV/AIDS. The new test kits were provided to ICAN by its partner agency the AIDS Healthcare Foundation based in Fort Lauderdale.

"HIV needs to be a routine test," said Dan Mitton, ICAN's Director of Education and Prevention. "People always think, 'Oh, it's just gay men who have HIV.' Not true."

Florida Department of Health statistics show more than 40 percent of HIV cases come from heterosexual sex.

Testing for the HIV virus is offered by ICAN Monday through Friday at 2231 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers on a walk-in basis.

For more information or to schedule a specific appointment time, call 337-2391 ext. 220 or send an e-mail to dmitton@icanswfl.org.✪

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dearPharmacist

What If No One Can See Your Pain?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: Have you noticed the trend of celebrities dying from medications? I can think of Michael Jackson, Amy Winehouse and, most recently, Whitney Houston?

Do you think they should restrict the use of painkillers to prevent this?

TW, Birmingham, Alabama

No, people in pain should not have to suffer because others abuse their medicine. At the time of my writing, Whitney's death has not been officially ruled as drug-related, although her history would make it seem obvious. Regardless of the coroner's ruling, I think it's important we not lay 100 percent of the blame on medicine for celebrity deaths. The intention of these medications is not to cause death, it's to offer temporary relief to millions of users who take as directed.

Tranquilizers can ease grief and anxiety. Analgesics relieve pain and offer quality of life. It is the misuse and abuse of analgesics and tranquilizers often combined with alcohol that have a

deadly impact, not the medicine itself. If someone cuts their wrists, do you blame the knife?

Many people are outraged at the medication, or their makers, but you can't possibly understand the other side of this story unless you've been there yourself. Imagine this.

You have a medical condition that affects your nervous system like multiple sclerosis, or perhaps you have low back pain from a car accident. In other words, it's a pain that is hard to see unlike a broken leg in a cast. You can tolerate the pain if you take hydrocodone every day. You've lost your job because of your disabilities, so you're not dressed as sophisticated as the other customers. Pharmacist Jones is skeptical of you, she thinks you might be an addict, and he doesn't like you showing up in her pharmacy every 30 days like clockwork for your 60 pills. She fears you will bring your friends, and word will get out that she dispenses narcotics to pretty much anyone.

You forgive her judgement, you just need your medicine so you can get out of bed every morning and get through your day. One day you are turned away because your doctor prescribed 180 tablets instead of 60. The physician only wrote for that large amount because he knows that you can no longer afford to see him monthly, so he prescribed enough to hold you over for three months (this practice is not uncommon). Maybe you live out of town, so he prescribes a lot. Regardless, the pharmacist

perceives 180 tablets as "excessive" and tells you she's out of stock. In pain, and shame, you or your wife (or caretaker) must drive to several other pharmacies until a compassionate pharmacist fills your prescription. Fair?

Pharmacists are naturally cautious about what they dispense, but when celebrities die from drugs, it occurs because of a series of very bad decisions, not the medicine itself. Restricting medi-

cine at the pharmacy level will never stop the problem and besides, chronic pain patients should never have to pay the price for substances abusers.

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.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Kicks Off Great Strides Walks In Fort Myers

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announced the launch of Great Strides, a national walk that generates critical funds to support lifesaving cystic fibrosis research, education and care. The 2012 goal of Great Strides, the largest CF fundraiser, is to raise nearly \$40 million.

In Fort Myers, the walk is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 31 at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by the walk at 9 a.m.

Funds raised through Great Strides have helped spur dramatic progress in the lives of those who have cystic fibrosis. Fifty years ago, most children with CF did not live long enough to attend elementary school. Today, people with CF are living into their 30s, 40s and beyond.

"We still lose precious young lives to this disease every day. It's more important than ever that we raise every dollar we can to fight CF," said Katherina Jackson, volunteer chair for the CF Foundation's Fort Myers Walk. "We're grateful for every volunteer, donor and corporate sponsor who supports Great Strides."

Cystic fibrosis is a fatal genetic disease that afflicts 30,000 adults and children in the United States and 70,000 people worldwide. It causes debilitating lung infections that lead to premature death. More than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the CF gene.

To help fight CF, get involved in Great Strides by calling the Southwest Florida Chapter at 813-374-9041 or by visiting <http://greatstrides.cff.org>.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I have been a widow for over 40 years, a widow longer than I was married. My friends are always asking me when am I going to give up my apartment and go to a retirement living complex. I am happy living alone - I drive my own car, walk a mile each day and play bridge at least three times a week.

I am not ready to go and live around all those old people. I know I am 92 years old because my one knee tells me so. But I am going to have that replaced

in three weeks and when it heals, I will be able to walk two miles each day.

Why do others go into all of these places?

Agnes

Dear Agnes,

I wish I could meet you! You are an inspiration and younger people should listen to your philosophy of life.

Some people find aging to be a very difficult adventure and depend on others to meet their needs. I wish there were more people like you!

Lizzie

Dear Agnes,

Hats off to you! Living as you want without caving in to the pressures of society that if you are of a certain age you should do or not do certain things or live in a certain place... blah, blah, blah. Life is meant to be lived... continue living and setting a wonderful example for younger generations.

Pryce

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

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

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

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

Evening classes run from February 27 to March 21 (eight classes) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Local resident Lindy Smith, trained walking instructor for 10 years, will teach you everything you need to know to become and "upright citizen." With a pair of walking poles in your hands, a basic stroll becomes a surprisingly easy, full body workout. Wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes and bring a water bottle. Walking poles are provided for each class.

To register for a pole walking class, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7440.



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1. ANCIENT WORLD: Where was the first Roman aqueduct, the Aqua Appia, built?
2. MYTHOLOGY: What kind of creature was the Scylla?
3. THEATER: Thornton Wilder's play, "The Matchmaker," was later made into what famous musical?
4. LANGUAGE: The present, past and past participle of draw, drew and drawn are examples of what kind of verb?
5. MUSIC: Which musical artist had a single hit with "Rebel Rebel"?
6. HISTORY: Where was American outlaw Billy the Kid born?
7. MOVIES: What movie featured the fictional land of Florin?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Comoros Islands?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What kind of animal was said to have raised the infants Romulus and Remus, twin founders of Rome?
10. RELIGION: How are members of The Religious Society of Friends more popularly known?

ANSWERS

1. Rome
2. A six-headed sea monster
3. Hello, Dolly!
4. Irregular
5. David Bowie
6. New York City
7. The Princess Bride
8. Off the east coast of Mozambique, Africa
9. A female wolf
10. Quakers

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Hall of Fame pitcher Steve Carlton recorded at least 10 wins, 190 innings and 161 strikeouts a year for how many consecutive seasons?
2. How many times did Harmon Killebrew belt 40 or more home runs in a season?
3. In 2010, Navy's Ricky Dobbs threw the longest TD pass in the history of the Army-Navy football game. How long was it?
4. How many times have the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers met in the NBA Finals?
5. In 2011, Ken Hitchcock recorded the best five-game NHL start for a coach in St. Louis Blues history (4-0-1). Name either of the two coaches who started 4-1.
6. How many times has Ron Hornaday won a NASCAR Truck Series season title?
7. The U.S. has won the most men's tennis Davis Cups, with 32. Which country is second?

ANSWERS

1. Eighteen
2. Eight, including a high of 49 twice
3. It was 77 yards
4. Twelve times, with the Celtics winning nine of the series
5. Leo Boivin (1976) and Jacques Demers (1984)
6. Four times
7. The last in 2009, 7. Australia, with 28

My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. A new admirer has important news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But you not only need to stay with your decision, but also reassure others it was the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the facts behind the fluff. Devote the weekend to loved ones.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation creates some chaos for single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of his or her achievements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New ventures continue to be favored. And with your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February

18) This is a good time for the usually "serious-minded" Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. But don't let yourself be talked into changing your decisions.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for bringing people together. You would make a fine judge or counselor.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 27, 1860, Abraham Lincoln poses for the first of several portraits by noted Civil War-era photographer Mathew Brady. A relatively new art form, the photograph (or daguerreotype) showed a beardless Lincoln just moments before the future president's historic speech at Cooper Union in New York City.

- On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at age 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.

- On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of children's books, is born in Springfield, Mass. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street" (1937), was rejected by dozens of publishers.

- On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in Hopewell, N.J. Days later, the baby's body was discovered near the Lindbergh home.

- On Feb. 28, 1940, Mario Andretti, whose name will become synonymous with American auto racing, is born in Montona, Italy. He officially retired from racing in 1994 as the only driver to ever win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and a Formula One championship.

- On March 4, 1966, a John Lennon quotation that was ignored in England set off a media frenzy in America: "We're more popular than Jesus now." Bible Belt disc jockeys declared Lennon's remarks blasphemous and vowed an eternal ban on all Beatles music.

- On Feb. 29, 1980, the iconic glasses worn by rock 'n' roll pioneer Buddy Holly,

lost since his death in a plane crash in 1959, are found in Mason City, Iowa. The plane wreckage was strewn across snow-covered cornfields, and the glasses weren't found until the snow melted in the spring. They were given to the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's office, where they sat filed away for the next 21 years in a sealed envelope.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted American wit and columnist Franklin P. Adams who made the following sage observation: "Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody." It's certainly something to keep in mind during this strife-ridden election season.

- Americans make more collect phone calls on Father's Day than on any other day of the year.

- It was a German company, Interstuhl Manufactur, that made the world's most expensive office chair. With a price tag of \$65,500, you shouldn't be surprised that the chair is plated in gold and comes with a matching ottoman.

- Have you ever wondered where we got the phrase "the dog days of summer"? According to tradition, the dog days start in July -- and not just because it's usually pretty hot then. At one time, that was when Sirius, also known as the dog star, rose at sunrise. The Romans associated Sirius (called the dog star because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, or "large dog") with hot weather, and at the beginning of the dog days they would sacrifice a dog in the hope of ameliorating the sultry weather.

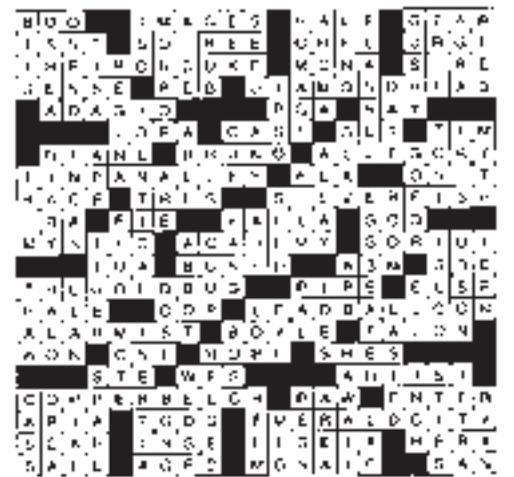
- If you were to take the entire world's water supply and compress it into one single gallon, freshwater would make up just 4 ounces, and freshwater that is easily accessible would be just two drops.

- Considering the fact that it's home to much of the American film industry, it's probably not surprising that the sprawling city of Los Angeles has the world's third-largest GMP, or gross metropolitan product.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows." -- Dwight D. Eisenhower

PUZZLE ANSWERS



STATES WITH THE FARGHEST WATER AREA



Condo and HOA

Roberts Rules of Order and Association Meetings – Part 3



by Richard D. DeBoest II, Attorney at Law

In the last two columns 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 #7

All motions must be seconded.

Most motions do need a second in order to be considered by the Board. However, some motions do not need a second. Types of motions that do not require a second include: questions of privilege (i.e.: complain about the heat, noise, etc.), points of order (point out a rule violation to the chair), a call for division (requesting a voice vote be verified by having members raise their hands), points of information (requesting more information about a topic under debate), and objections to consideration of a particular matter.

Common Misconception #8

All meetings must be run according to Robert's Rules of Order.

First and foremost, there is no law that requires community associations to operate their meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order. Often times, however, the community association Declaration, Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation will require that meetings utilize Robert's Rules of Order. However, this still does not mean that every single technical rule must be followed to the letter. In fact, Robert's Rules of Order provides that smaller assemblies may operate with less formality. This would certainly apply to community association boards, which generally have from three to seven directors. Regardless of what degree of formality the board utilizes, it is important to be consistent in the use and application of the rules.

Common Misconception #9

Without a quorum, nothing can be done.

In the absence of a quorum, the board or the members may not transact business but they may take measures to establish a quorum, fix the time to adjourn, adjourn, or take a recess. Additionally, it should be noted that there is no quorum requirement for the election of directors of a condominium association if at least 20 percent of the eligible voters of the association have cast a ballot in order to have a valid election.

*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.**

Symphony Youth Orchestra's Third Music Marathon

The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra will hold a Music Marathon, a fundraising event held on Saturday February 25 from noon to 5 p.m. at Gulfcoast Town Center on the stage in Market Plaza.

The Music Marathon is a five-hour performance of continuous music performed by members of the Symphony's Youth Orchestra, Sinfonietta and musicians from their professional Symphony Orchestra.

Music education is at the heart of the Southwest Florida Symphony's mission and our plans for the future. One of the ways that we excite young people about music is through our educational programs such as the Youth Orchestra Program. The Youth Orchestra features over 90 of the finest young musicians in a three county area. It is an auditioned orchestra coached by professional musicians, led by the Symphony's music director Michael Hall. They rehearse weekly and perform in their own series.

The Youth Orchestra will perform in their own concert series on April 1 at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs and on May 13 at Cypress Lake High School.

Businesses and individuals are urged to consider making a contribution of a product or service for their prize drawings or silent auction at the Music Marathon. Your company name will be announced from the stage as a supporter of our

event and printed in our concert programs. Donations will be accepted at the event or can be sent to Southwest Florida Symphony, 12651 McGregor Blvd., Suite 4-403, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

For additional information on the Music Marathon or the Youth Orchestra program, contact the Symphony office at 418-0996 or visit www.swflso.org.*

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Book Signing

Christopher's life was great – until the day Mike Carter moved to Harmony and began attending James Elementary. Mike quickly becomes the meanest kid in school, and his favorite target is Christopher. Mike calls Christopher mean names, plays embarrassing pranks on him, punches him, and even gets him in trouble at school and at home. On the worst day of bullying Christopher has experienced, Mike orders Christopher to meet him at the cemetery for a big project he needs help with. But when the project doesn't go as planned, Christopher is forced to find the boy behind the bully who yells, "Don't call me Michael."

For more information, contact Travis King at 888-361-9473 or tking@tatepublishing.com.*

Tennis Tournament And Walk-a-Thon Raises Funds For At-Risk Children



Tennis tournament participants with Bobby Nichols (front row, second from right)

The annual Nichols Cup Tennis Tournament and Kids 4 Kids Walk-a-Thon was held Saturday, February 11 at Fiddlesticks Country Club. Proceeds benefit at-risk children in the community. This year's events raised over \$66,000 for Abuse Counseling and Treatment, The Children's Advocacy Center and Blessings in a Backpack.*



Event co-chair Suzanne Moss, Fiddlesticks Tennis Pro Jeff Diggs and event co-chair Andi Horowitz.



Bobby Nichols (center) with Walk-A-Thon participants



Olivia, Eva, and Annie at the craft table

Pets Of The Week



Lola ID# 302970

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My name is Lola and I am a 7-year-old spayed female tan Rhodesian ridgeback mix. The folks at Animal Services sent me to a foster home where I have received training, love, and heartworm treatment. I know how to walk on a leash and get along great with other dogs. I even get along with the chickens that live on the property at my foster home. I'm very well behaved, not a barker, and I don't jump up on people. Treats, comfy chairs, and long walks are a few of my favorite things. If you'd like to make a date to meet me, call 247-2080. You are going to love me!

My adoption fee is free (pets 6 years and older are regularly \$25) during February's "My Furry Valentine" adoption promotion.

My name is Trillain and I am a 3-year-old male domestic short hair black tabby with white markings. Romance is in the air, and I'm available to shower you with love and affection. My favorite hobbies are cuddling and playing soccer with kitty toys. If you are attracted to the handsome, athletic type, I'm your guy!

My adoption fee is \$25 (regularly \$50) during February's "My Furry Valentine" adoption promotion. And don't forget: cats and kittens are 2-for-1.



Trillain ID# 527199

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in 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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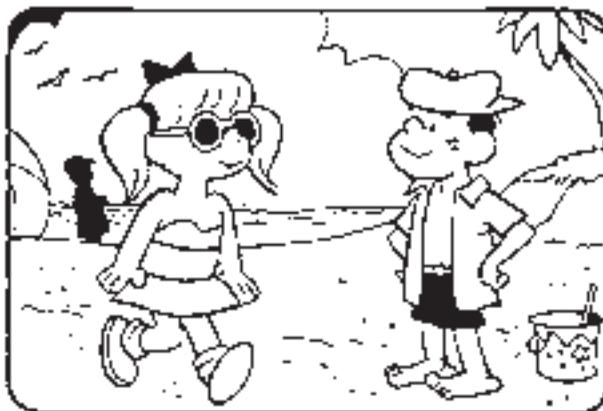
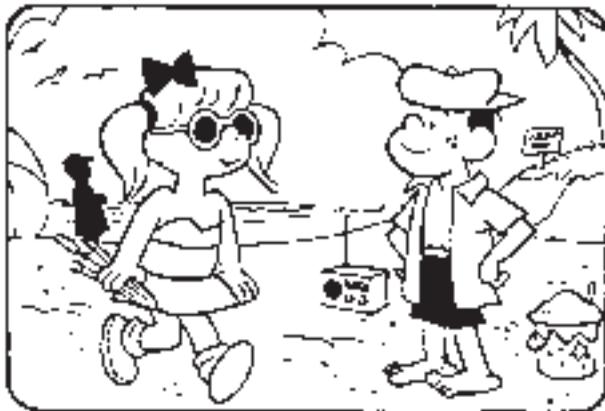
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HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least two differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Boy is holding a bucket in top panel, but not in bottom panel. 2. Girl is holding a beach ball in top panel, but not in bottom panel.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

7	5	3	2	1	9	4	6	8
4	2	9	8	5	6	1	7	3
6	8	1	4	3	7	9	5	2
2	9	4	7	8	3	5	1	6
1	7	5	6	2	4	8	3	9
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5	4	2	3	7	8	6	9	1
9	3	6	1	4	2	7	8	5
8	1	7	9	6	5	3	2	4

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Argue; 2. Govern;
- 3. Polite; 4. Feign

Today's Word:

AFTERNOON

SCRAMBLERS

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

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EAGUR

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Civil
TIPOLE

Pretend
FINGE

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35



"First time all I've seen who was carrying the ball."

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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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Arts For ACT Gallery

desire to paint. Since art was not encouraged as a way to make a living, Hooper earned three degrees in the field of Education. Art was a self-taught hobby until she earned two art degrees. Today, she produces markets and sells art, as well as teaches, giving demonstrations and delivers art presentations and speeches.

Rothaker was fortunate to have the opportunity to make a living as a ceramic's artist, after graduating with a BFA from Middle Tennessee State University. Her journey then led her to graphic design and papermaking. Along the way, she took a yearlong trip on a sailboat and landed in Fort Myers in 2002. Her ideas for her art come from watching her surroundings. Living in Nashville, Tennessee influenced floral and plant designs. Bright, bold colors began to appear after sailing to Mexico, Belize, Guatemala and Jamaica. Rothaker is currently fascinated with the many birds and animals living in Florida. Her artwork is created using a multi-step process. First, she makes the paper that is the background, with paper fibers, tea, feathers and coffee to allow for a variety of textures. Her hand-painted images, cut paper and natural elements are carefully composed to complete the artwork piece. The hand-made materials are carefully coordinated in a way that brings all the design elements into harmony. Once this process is finished, each completed design is mounted on a background specifically chosen to compliment the arrangement in color, texture and mood of the piece.

Freidus, is the creator of Whimsical Mixed Media Collages, Monotypes and Impressionistic Watercolor and Acrylics from Cape Coral. Her art reminds people of the inner joy and hope to achieve this through her love of color, choice of subject matter, and the light in her paintings. Freidus creates landscapes, seascapes and architectural edifices from her own photographs and whimsical places from her imagination. She sets out to create a painting long before paint and brush touch canvas. Ideas come from many places and at all hours of the night. Her greatest satisfaction comes when one of her pieces reaches out to another in a positive way. Their reaction stimulates her creativity. Freidus' houses, sailboats, trees and beach umbrellas are slightly off-balance and often extend beyond the confines of the canvas creating the whimsy in her pieces. Her work is unique in an edgy, creative sort of way. Lisa is a "multi-mediaist" whose collages are comprised of wood, canvas, paper and acrylic. Her husband cuts the wood with a router or skill saw after Lisa draws the pattern, and the paper sometimes comes from Thailand or Japan, sometimes is papyrus, and occasionally is just plain old wallpaper in the manner of Matisse.

These exhibits continue at Arts For ACT Gallery through Monday, April 2.✧



Summer Vacation 2 by Lisa Freidus



Soaring Eagle by Michelle Rothaker



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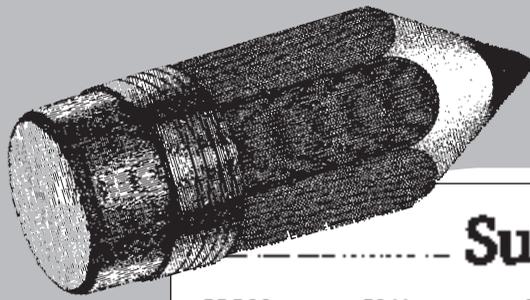
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MAGIC MAZE

STATES WITH THE LARGEST WATER AREA

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The 27 letters with a dot represent the 50 largest U.S. states by water area.

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South Seas Bayside Villas

#5136

Renovated and updated, this 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo capitalizes on waterfront views across lush green foliage with eastern exposure. The great room combines the living, dining and kitchen maximizing for a feeling

of spaciousness and great light. The kitchen includes granite countertops and white cabinetry. The master suite is updated with West Indies flair. This bay front condominium located in South Seas Island Resort. With the investors or vacation home in mind, this condominium offers a strong monthly income. The water's edge Bayside Villa community has under building parking, pool, spa, bbq's along with separate storage lockers. Welcome to the Islands! Offered for \$280,000. Contact LeAnne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



#4321-22

SHORT SALE

Spacious villa located at the south end of South Seas Island Resort. A short walking distance to the beach, restaurants, shops and markets. Easily accessible to village of Captiva. From the screened balcony, enjoy ocean breezes and the serene stillness of Pine Island Sound. Villa

offers full kitchen, private screened balcony, washer, dryer, fully furnished 2 story with master suite on second level. Renovated and refurbished with impeccable detail; spectacular view of Pine Island Sound. South Seas Island Resort... offers a quiet refuge with secluded luxury, exclusive amenities, and abundant nature. Offered for \$524,000. Contact LeAnne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



#5344

Private, distinguished, and elegant modern Bermuda style 2 story condo. Melodramatic waterfront views across Pine Island Sound leading to the Gulf of Mexico. Picturesque sunrise while listening to the sound, blending with the beauty of nature. Flawlessly appointed features;

main floor offering bedroom with en-suite bath, state-of-the-art appointments in kitchen dining and living area perfectly balanced with a gracious second floor master bedroom. Comfortable casual living is found in this three bedroom corner residence. Indigenous plants border the property beyond the large inviting community pool and hot tub. Many additional amenities offered with Resort Membership. Offered for \$699,000. Contact LeAnne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



Sanibel Arms West

This 1st floor unit offers 2 bedroom, 2 bath and 2 lanai. Located just steps from the beach and overlooks the pool. Unit has been completely remodeled and cheerfully decorated. Comes fully furnished. Complex offers; on-site rentals, roof top sundeck, caged pool, BBQ grills, laundry room, tennis courts also bike and movie rentals. Offered for \$459,000. Contact Cathy or Ralph Galletti at 239/826-5897 or Nancy Finch at 239/822-7825.



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Jonathan Harbour Bayfront Lot #3

Gorgeous oversized waterfront lot with spectacular panoramic views of Connie Mack Bay. Build your dream home. Private gated yachting community near Sanibel and convenient to Ft. Myers. Offered for \$800,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galletti at 239/826-5897 or Nancy Finch at 239/822-7828.



Crown Colony

This 2 level Kingfisher Model has been modified from 4 bedrooms to 2 master suites and a guest room. Upstairs master can be reconfigured to 2 bedroom layout. Pool and spa overlook lake with Southern exposure. This home is totally complete. Beautifully finished. Offered for \$449,000. Contact Larry Hahn at 239/898-8789



17045 Marina Cove Lane

Beautiful remodeled contemporary home with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Exceptional water views from every room. Includes private dock. Offered for \$1,695,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galletti 239.826-5897 or Nancy Finch 239/822-7825.



Coco Bay

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



YOU MUST SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

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



Loggerhead Cay #583

A cleverly blend of style, modern elements of a picturesque property privately nestled amidst stunning estabAmazing GULF VIEWS from this 3rd floor condo at Loggerhead Cay. This unit is FULLY FURNISHED and just steps away from the sandy white beaches. Loggerhead Cay is one of the Islands most popular condominium complexes as it has AMENITIES GALORE! Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540.

