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## Free Guided Walks

Join Lee County Parks & Recreation on a number of free, naturalist-led outings at local wilderness landmarks during the month of March.

Morning Meander Atop The Marsh, a guided nature walk along a quarter-mile live oak loop, will be held on Saturday, March 10 at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve in North Fort Myers.



Staggerbush flower

Traverse wetland, oak hammock and pine flatwoods on ADA-compliant boardwalk and trail while learning more about the birds, butterflies and plants that call this home. Visit one small section of a 1,290-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, scenic observation areas and picnic pavilions.

The tour will run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Use the east entrance of Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve, at 10130 Bayshore Road, and meet in the parking lot.

For more information, call 533-7455.

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## Southwest Florida Reading Festival

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival will have George Guidall as a featured presenter as well as fifth generation Fort Myers resident Woody Hanson.

Guidall has recorded over 900 unabridged novels including works by Vince Flynn, Randy Wayne White and Robin Cook. He is the recipient of two Audie Awards for excellence in audiobook narration and his 40-year acting career includes starring roles on Broadway, an Obie Award for best performance Off-Broadway, and frequent television appearances. Guidall will take his audience behind the scenes of audio production.

Hanson is recognized as a descendent of the first settlers of Lee County, the first surgeon in Fort Myers, a doctor called the White Medicine Man by the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians and numerous movers and shakers of the Fort Myers area. The Hanson family archives contain over 5,000 photos, some of which will be part of his Pioneers of Lee County presentation which is part of Lee County's year-long 125th celebration.

"We are really excited about these two presentations," said Margie Byers, reading festival coordinator. "Both of these men are exceptional speakers with fascinating information."

Both men will speak at the festival on March 17 at the Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. The reading festival will also bring in dozens of nationally known authors from all over the country to stimulate the community with a culture of reading and literacy. The festival is a day-long event filled with fascinating author presentations, lively programs and activities for kids, the latest library technology, contests, booksellers, book signings and good food. The festival draws an average of 18,000 people annually.

Some of the award-winning authors scheduled to speak include Erik Larson, Zane, Iris and Roy Johansen, Michael Palmer, Anna Godbersen and Michael Buckley. The festival is free to the public and caters to all ages. In addition to the author presentations there will be activities and entertainment, e-library demonstrations, kids' and teens' programs, a book for every child and a marketplace full of vendors.

The reading festival is 100 percent community supported through donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit [www.readfest.org](http://www.readfest.org) to make a secure online donation. Complete author information, schedules of festival activities, dates of partner events and directions are available 24 hours a day at [www.readfest.org](http://www.readfest.org) or by calling 337-READ (7323).\*



Pageant judging draws a big crowd every year

## Lions Shrimp Festival Gets Under Way

The 54th annual Fort Myers Beach Lions Shrimp Festival returns with a full schedule of shrimp-related activities and fun this Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11. As part of the festivities, the Matanzas Pass Bridge will be closed to traffic from 9 a.m. to noon.

To kick-off the weekend, the Shrimp Festival Parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The two-mile long parade runs down the main street of town (Estero Boulevard) from the beach school to the county park and festival grounds on the beach. Best parade viewing spots with fewer crowds are between the Lani Kai and the Fort Myers Beach Library on Estero Boulevard.

The 20th annual Shrimp Festival Food Fun & Crafts Expo, featuring more than 100 vendors, will take place on the beach from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Craft vendors will be located at the foot of the Matanzas Pass Bridge in Lynn Hall Beach Park.

World famous Lions shrimp dinners will be served on the beach and pavilion from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until they are sold out. Shrimp is being provided by local boaters.

The crowning of the 54th Shrimp Festival Queen will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday. This is an old fashioned family event with scholarships and trophies awarded to the winners on the beach at the pavilion inside the county park.

Admission to all Shrimp Festival activities is free. Funds raised will go to the Fort Myers Beach Lions Foundation Charities. Visit the Beach Lions Hospitality Area in



Devin McDaniel, 2011 Shrimp Festival Queen

the park to make a donation or for information on becoming a Lion.

The Fort Myers Beach Lions have been boiling and serving fresh gulf pink shrimp to festival attendees for more than 50 years. 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.

Fort Myers Beach Lions serve over 1,000 pounds of the local crustaceans every year, making the shrimp boil one of the main attractions of the festival.

Lions toil and boil for two days, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., to bring the goodness of the gulf to the folks in the shrimp line. Following the two-hour beach parade held on Saturday morning, the line forms for the best and freshest seafood that

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

# Toledo No Springs Scales At The Royal Palm Pharmacy

by Gerri Reaves



In 1920, the same year R.Q. Richards opened the Royal Palm Pharmacy on First Street in the Earnhardt Building, a clever salesman convinced him to buy some scales. When he was approached by the salesman from the Toledo Scales Company, Richards told him no. However, the salesman gave him a supposedly temporary offer he couldn't refuse. Would Richards keep the very heavy and cumbersome scales in his store for a week while he took care of some business at Lake Okeechobee?

In that short time, the scales proved their worth. Customers liked them so much that Richards relented and bought them when the salesman returned.

One can't help but think that the business at Lake Okeechobee was instead a tricky trial period for a reluctant customer.

Anyway, over the decades, those scales weighed baseball celebrities and average customers alike. Today, they reside in the Southwest Florida Museum of History.

Richards is perhaps best remembered in Fort Myers for bringing the Philadelphia Athletics to Terry Park for spring training from 1924 to 1936. In fact, the drugstore doubled as an office for the ball team and manager Connie Mack Sr.

In addition to founding one of Fort Myers most popular and long-lived drugstores, Richards was the president and organizer of the Fort Myers Kiwanis in 1922.



The drugstore was located on First Street from 1920 to 1972

photo by Gerri Reaves



The Toledo No Springs scales (right edge) went into in service at the Royal Palm Pharmacy in 1920, the year the business opened in the Earnhardt Building. Pictured are owner R.Q. Richards (center in white shirt), Philadelphia A's owner Connie Mack Sr. (to Richard's left), and Baseball Hall of Famer "Bucketfoot Al" Simmons (left at counter)

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Museum of History

The scales, visible on the photo's right edge, were conveniently located so customers could quickly weigh themselves upon entering the store. They also gave people a reason to come in the store and perhaps make an impulse purchase.

The Toledo No Springs scales weighed Thomas Edison, Hendry Ford, Harvey Firestone and famous baseball players, managers and owners, including Mickey Cochran, Jimmy Foxx, Lefty Grove, Jimmy Dykes, Bing Miller, Bob Feller, Lou Boudreau, Bob Friend, Vernon Law and Bill Virdon.

Local athletes from Fort Myers High School also tracked their weights free of charge.

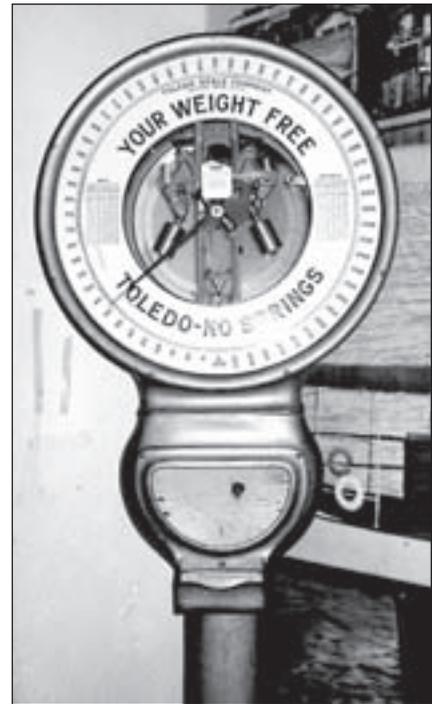
Those scales remained in the store until it closed in July 1972 and then went into service around the corner in the lobby of the Richards Building on Hendry Street.

In 1945, Richards had purchased the Pythian Building and changed its name to the Richards Professional Building. He ran Richards Prescriptions on the first floor.

On April 1, 1977, the scales found a home at the historical museum, which was in the organizing stages.

Walk down First Street to the Earnhardt

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Today the scales are displayed at the Southwest Florida Museum of History

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# A Sketch Of Edison And The Development Of The Motion Picture

by John Columbus, Director,  
Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival

That the legendary Thomas Edison played a key role in the development of the motion picture, a medium which revolutionized the way we perceive and represent the world around us, goes without saying. His vision helped liberate the creative spirit by crystallizing and applying a teamwork approach to research and development at his West Orange, New Jersey laboratory, a strategy which resulted in the medium as we know it today.

In October 1888 at his laboratory, Edison announced his plan to invent "an instrument which does for the eye what the phonograph does for the ear, which is the recording and reproduction of things in motion."

Edisons' first motion picture apparatus, developed with the assistance of his employee William K.L. Dickson, featured a series of small photographs mounted on a cylinder, not unlike that of his phonograph. The images were viewed through a microscope attached to the rotation cylinder. This original device evolved into an apparatus that employed celluloid strip film. The 35 mm film itself was obtained and co-developed through collaboration with George Eastman of the Eastman Kodak Company. After more work, patent applications were made in 1891 for a motion picture camera - called a Kinetograph - and Edison started making motion pictures which were exhibited in his "peep hole" or "Kinetoscope" parlors.

In the winter of 1892, Edison's team constructed the "Black Maria," in West Orange where today stands a full-scale replica of what was the world's first motion



Thomas Edison was a pioneer in the film industry

picture studio. The Black Maria gained its name from its resemblance to the police paddy wagons of the period. Among the subjects filmed in the studio where *The Sneeze*, the copyrighted motion picture, which was also noted for the first close up, and a boxing match between James Corbett and Peter Courtney. The beautiful, somewhat risqué *Serpentine Dance* starring Annabelle Whitford was produced in the Black Maria. Contrary to some impressions, Edison's team also went out into the field and made documentary chronicles of

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*The Sneeze*, the first copyrighted motion picture filmed at the Edison Black Maria Picture Studio

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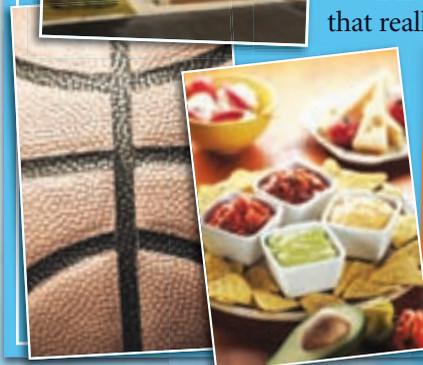
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## Sketch Of Edison

real life as it presented itself as in *New Brooklyn to New York via the Brooklyn Bridge* (1899).

The world's first commercial demonstration of Edison's kinoscope took place on April 14, 1894 at the Holland Bros. arcade on Broadway in New York City, not far from where Macy's stands today. By the fall of 1894, Kinoscope parlors, also known as "Nickelodeons," had opened in cities throughout the U.S. and Europe, including San Francisco, Atlantic City and London.

Meanwhile, Edison failed to patent his "peep hole" machine in Europe which allowed two Frenchmen, Lois and Auguste Lumiere to manufacture in 1895 a more portable camera and project – the Cinematographe – based on Edison's machine. The Lumieres' device projected films onto a screen, a development which expanded the audience for motion pictures. Among the Lumiere's more noted early films were *Workers Leaving A Factory* and *Arrival Of A Train*, which caused some audiences to fear being run over by the locomotive. In response to the Lumieres, the ever resourceful Edison obtained the rights to a projector invented by C. Francis Jenkins and Thomas Armat in 1896. And in November 1897, Edison introduced his own projector, the projectoscope, or projecting Kinescope, an innovation which helped revive the lagging kinoscope business.

By 1900, the Edison Manufacturing Co. became a major producer of motion

picture equipment and films. To supply the growing demand, the company sent projection crews around the world to capture unusual sights and events. These films were little more than travelogues of exotic locations, although company directors, particularly Edwin S. Porter, began to produce films with more complicated plots and narratives. In December 1903, the company released Porter's popular hit, *The Great Train Robbery*, which had location shots filmed near Edison's laboratory in New Jersey. Many subsequent films were produced at Edison's studios in Manhattan (1901 to 1907) and the Bronx (after 1907). Around the same time other movie studios emerged and began competing with Edison. Partly in order to escape Edison's grip, eventually these studios moved many of their operations to Los Angeles, e.g. Hollywood. Soon thereafter, they came to dominate the industry.

As time went on, Edison became less directly involved in the commercial side of the business, although his team continued to experiment on film technology under his tutelage. Edison led an unsuccessful effort to develop a color film process, and he conducted research on a working, if somewhat unwieldy, system to synchronize photograph recordings with motion pictures in order to produce sound films.

Edison also designed equipment which allowed consumers to exhibit films in their homes. In 1912, he introduced his "Home Producing Kinoscope." This device projected Edison Co. films and, as some would argue, freed the amateur film enthusiast who had no access to commercial theater exhibit. In a later revised

context, this strategy was revived by the independent film movement to which this day remains the inspiration for the Black Maria Film Festival.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates and Edison State College will host the 31st Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival, March 30 and 31 at 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call 334-7419. Visit [www.edisonfordwinterstates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterstates.org) for additional details.\*

## Kiwanis Club To Celebrate 90 Years Of Service

The Fort Myers Kiwanis Club will celebrate their 90th year of service to the community at their meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at noon. The club, chartered in 1922 with 51 members, is currently known for the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Kiwanis Park located in the Downtown Fort Myers River District and the World Atlas and Blessing in a Backpack projects at Edgewood Elementary.

As one of the oldest community service organizations in Southwest Florida, the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club has several historic past members including RQ Richards, who was instrumental in bringing the Philadelphia Athletics to Terry Park for spring training, thus launching the baseball tradition in Lee County.

The current slate of Fort Myers

Kiwanis officers include Nathan Fred Shaw, owner of [www.healthfortunehappiness.com](http://www.healthfortunehappiness.com), as club president; Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah as president-elect; Carolyn Engvalson, legal assistant at Roberts & Engvalson, P.A., as secretary; and Rob Underberg, optometrist, as treasurer.

Fort Myers Kiwanis is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in Fort Myer's historic Kiwanis Hall, 1634 Woodford Avenue.

For details on joining the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club, visit [www.fortmyerskiwanis.org](http://www.fortmyerskiwanis.org) or contact Nathan Fred Shaw at 297-1551 or [nathanfmkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:nathanfmkiwanis@gmail.com).\*

## AAUW Luncheon

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a luncheon on Saturday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. The speaker will be author Karna Bodman. Admission is \$18. The public is welcome.

RSVP to Sondra Marshall at 437-4570.\*

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## Lee County Team To Compete In BBQ Cook-off

Teams from the Boca Grande Fire Department, Lee County Emergency Medical Services, North Fort Myers Fire Department, and Tice Fire Department will compete against a team from DeSoto County Fire Rescue in a barbecue rib cook-off at the DeSoto County Historical Society's 8th annual Pioneer Day festival. The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 17 at DeSoto Park, on State Road 70 just west of Arcadia.

The festival is an official Florida Heritage Month event ([www.florida-heritagemonth.com](http://www.florida-heritagemonth.com)). The offices of Governor Rick Scott and Secretary of State Ken Detzner have designated March 15 through April 15 as a month-long celebration of the cultural heritage of Florida.

Bebe Jackson, chairman of the Pioneer Day committee, said, "Our Pioneer Day is a perfect fit for Florida Heritage Month. We are honored and proud that DeSoto County's history will be part of the state's celebration."

The festival will offer demonstrations of old-fashioned skills, such as woodwork, soapmaking, quilting, candle-dipping,

basket-making, blacksmithing, and churning butter – with cream donated by the Dakin Family Dairy in Myakka City – and biscuits to sample the butter.

Also featured will be whip crackers, musical entertainment, legendary characters and a skit, a frontier shootout, vintage cars, antique engines, a classic fire truck, Florida native plants, and animals, with pony rides for the children. Many volunteers will be dressed in period costume, helping to recreate Florida's frontier era.

The free Discover History children's area will have a pitcher pump for water, cane pole fishing, a scrub board and wash pot, orange juicing, handkerchief dolls, writing with a dip pen, and other hands-on experiences, plus old-fashioned toys and classic games.

Mosaic is hosting a fossil dig and offering tours of the educational displays in the Mosaic Express bus.

Jackson said, "We'll have lots of special and traditional Florida food, such as cane syrup, homemade jams and jellies, boiled peanuts, swamp cabbage and strawberry shortcake. But you really want to save room for the barbecued ribs. DeSoto County's finest will compete with teams from Lee County for first, second, and third place trophies by cooking the most mouth-watering, lip-smacking, finger-licking sweet and tangy ribs ever!"

For information, contact Bebe Jackson at 863-494-6607.✪

## Black Maria Film Festival Returns

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates and Edison State College will host the Annual Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival for a sixth season. The award winning festival will be held on March 30 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates and on March 31 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Edison State College's Lee campus.

The festival has been touring the nation for 31 years and is hosted by museums and colleges throughout the country and showcases independent and experimental film and video. The films include a variety of contemporary works drawn from the annual juried selection of award winning films and videos. The Black Maria is recognized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as an Academy Awards qualifying festival for short films.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Edison Ford ticket office. Ticket prices for March 30 are \$5 for Edison Ford members and Edison State students and \$8 for non-members. For March 31, Edison State students are free, with the general public admitted for \$8. Discounted ticket for both nights is \$15.

For more information and updates, visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org), [www.edison.edu](http://www.edison.edu) or [www.blackmariafilmfestival.org](http://www.blackmariafilmfestival.org). In the event of rain on March 30, the festival will be held inside the Edison Ford Invention Museum, with limited seating available. Purchasing tickets prior to event is recommended.✪



The Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival will be held on the Ford Estate on March 30 and Edison State College on March 31

## Luminaries Of The Year

Hodges University announced that it has selected longtime Fort Myers residents Wayne and Mavis Miller as its 2012 Luminaries of the Year award recipients. The annual award will be presented during a luncheon on Thursday, March 29 at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa.

The Luminary Award recognizes local citizens who personify society's most valued human characteristics and thus have moved society in a positive way, serving as distinguished examples of the virtues of perseverance, honesty, moral character and charity.

"It is an honor to recognize two people whose dedication to the Lee County area has had a profound effect upon the landscape of this community," said Philip M. Memoli, vice president of University Advancement for Hodges University. "Wayne and Mavis have generously given of their time and talents in order to help build a strong community, and have done so for over half a century. Their dedication to many important projects and worthy causes makes them true Luminaries, and we are pleased to recognize them for all that they have achieved."

Residents of Fort Myers since 1956, Wayne and Mavis Miller have worked tirelessly in making Lee County the vibrant community it is today. As a young engineer, T. Wayne Miller, Jr. was employed to direct a county-wide permanent mosquito control program funded by the Florida State Board of Health. After a consolidation of the local districts, Wayne was appointed director of the Lee County

Mosquito Control District (LCMCD), a position he held for 38 years. His vision and planning led to cutting edge control techniques, research, and education programs, making the LCMCD one of the leading mosquito control programs in the world.

Since moving to Lee County, Mavis Miller has been a dedicated worker and supporter of First Baptist Church of Fort Myers. She also studied to become a registered real estate broker and graduate from the Realtors Institute. She launched a successful business career in the late 1970s working as a real estate agent and investor.

Both Wayne and Mavis have a storied history of giving back to the community. As a proud and dedicated Rotarian, Wayne has been a member of perfect attendance in the Rotary Club of Fort Myers for 55 years, serving as president in 1976. He has coordinated activities for the Community Easter Sunrise Service in Fort Myers, the annual Community Prayer Breakfast, and has served in a wide variety of offices at First Baptist of Fort Myers.

Both Wayne and Mavis have served as president/CEO and trustee respectively of the John E. and Aliese Price Foundation, helping fund dozens of local charities. Mavis is a life member of the Edison State College Foundation, and is a member of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way of Lee County and the Tiffany Circle Society of Women leaders of the American Red Cross.

Wayne and Mavis join a growing list of those honored for their contributions to the community. Previous Luminary Award recipients include Francis and Sam Bailey (2011) and Dr. Veronica Shoemaker (2010).

For more information on ticket reserva-

tions or sponsorship opportunities, call Alyssa DeLora at 938-7826 or visit [www.hodges.edu](http://www.hodges.edu).✪

## Caton to Speak At Women's Lunch

Author Julie B. Caton will be speaking at a women's luncheon on Tuesday, March 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive in Naples. A resident of Oakfield, New York, Caton will be available to sign copies of her novel, *White Heart*.

The luncheon price for guests is \$7 per person, and the price of *White Heart* is \$14 (a special for the luncheon). Her lecture topic is "Her Story, My Story and Your Story."

Trapped in the extravagance and the artifice of the French court during the reign of the Sun King, Louis the XIV, Madeleine de Roybon D'Allone becomes desperate for an escape. When the king himself offers her the opportunity to flee to the New World, Madeleine eagerly accepts. Madeleine soon embarks on a new life in Ontario, but the trials of her past are not so easily left behind. Life on the frontier is fraught with its own opportunities and danger. Madeleine explores roles such as teacher to the Hurons, lady voyageur, and proprietor of a fur-trading post on Lake Ontario. Yet when the Iroquois attack her homestead and take her captive, her life and spiritual faith change forever. Based on the actual life of Madeleine de Roybon D'Allone, *White Heart* is a compelling story of faith, love, and recovery.

For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or [traci@tate-publishing.com](mailto:traci@tate-publishing.com).✪

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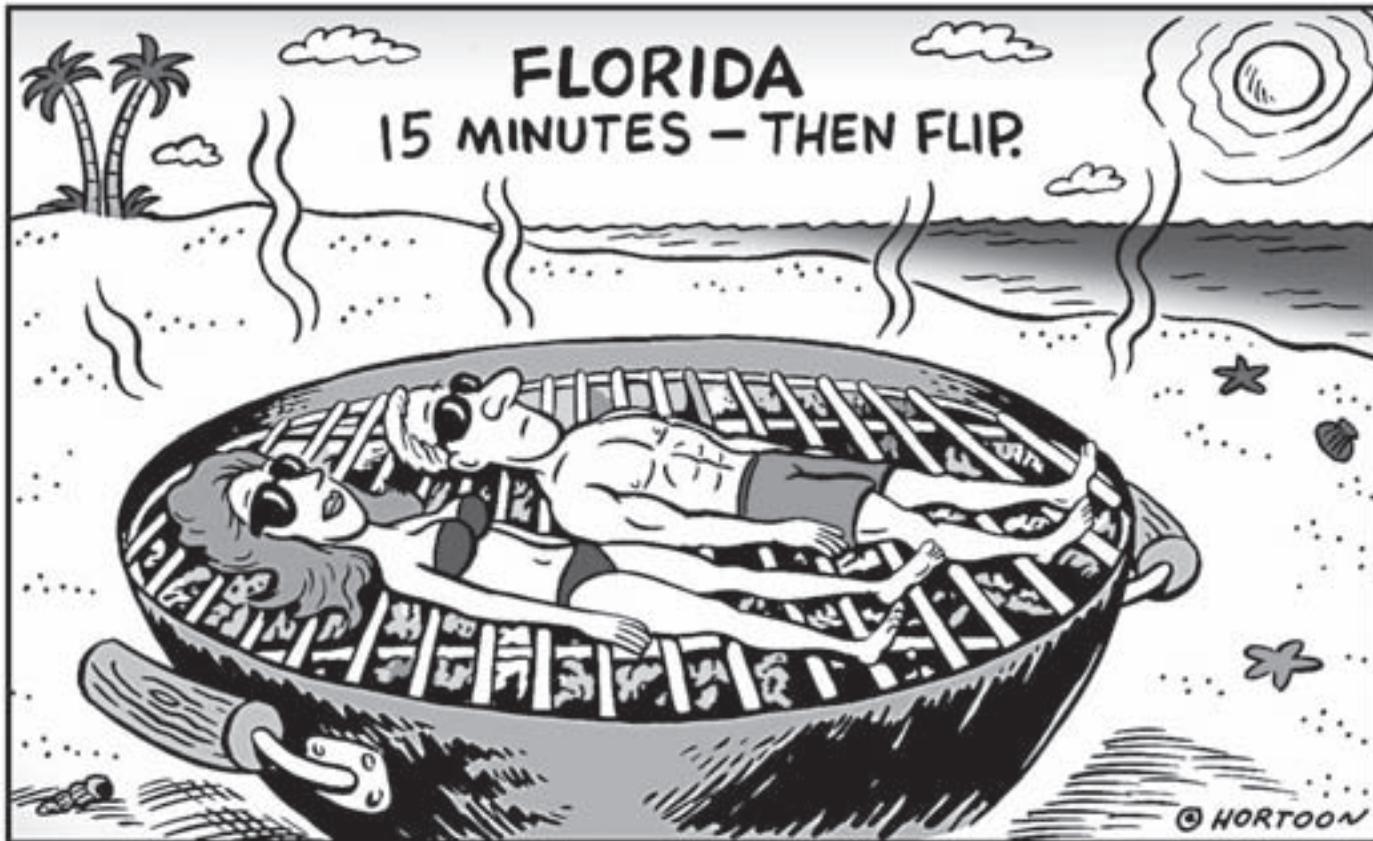
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## MOAA To Hold March Meeting

The Lee Coast chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will hold its March dinner meeting at the Crown Colony Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers on Monday, March 12 at 6 p.m. for cocktails and 6:45 p.m. for dinner.

The guest speaker will be Captain Todd Schapler, USN, Deputy Chief of Current Operations, U.S. Central Command in Tampa. His topic will be current CENTCOM priorities. CENTCOM is America's forward arm in the Middle East and Southwest Asia.

Members should make their reservations through the chapter website at [www.leecoastmoaa.org/](http://www.leecoastmoaa.org/).

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 395-0776 for membership information.\*

## Special Occasion Expo At CCYC

Come see the largest Special Occasion Expo in Cape Coral on Sunday, March 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. More than 30 vendors will be on hand to help meet all your special occasion needs.

Planning a wedding, quinceanera, anniversary party or other special event? Find all the professionals who can assist you together in one place, including caterers, florists, photographers and more. There will be door prizes awarded throughout the day.

Admission is \$2 per person.

Interested vendors should call 574-0806 to register for a table.

Cape Coral Yacht Club is located at 5819 Driftwood Parkway in Cape Coral. For more information, contact Coby Palmer at [cpalmer@capecoral.net](mailto:cpalmer@capecoral.net) or 574-0806.\*

## Letter Carrier Returns Large Sum Of Money

Postal worker Ray Maurillo spotted a wallet in the street last Wednesday afternoon while delivering mail off of Country Club Boulevard in Cape Coral. The 40-year veteran letter carrier collected the wallet to check inside for identification. The wallet contained a large amount of cash and a driver's license.

Maurillo immediately drove to the address on the driver's license and returned the wallet to the mother of the young man who had lost it.

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## Toledo Scales

Building to see the spot where countless people tracked their weight on the Royal Palm Pharmacy's Toledo scales.

Then stroll a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see the scales that played a part in downtown history.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [www.swflmuseumofhistory.com](http://www.swflmuseumofhistory.com). Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Be sure to put the Southwest Florida Historical Society on your research itinerary. Comb the archives for forgotten stories and for clues to historical mysteries.

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

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

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

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Katia Robinson-Lucero, Gloria Catano and Sebastian Catano check out their faux tattoos



Rachael Bender learns new crafts

Hope HealthCare Services provides person centered care through many coordinated care programs for people with serious illness and their families.\*

## Junior League's Family Fun Day

The Junior League of Fort Myers created a special day – called Family Fun Day – for the children in Hope HealthCare Services' Partners in Care program. The event featured cookie decorating, face painting, family photos and crafts. About 50 children and their families attended the third annual event for the Junior League and Hope.

Hope's Partners In Care: Together For Kids program provides pain and symptom management; in-home care; counseling; expressive therapies; and respite care.

The Junior League of Fort Myers, Inc., a member of the Association of Junior League international, Inc., is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

## Barbary Coast Dixieland Band

Come and enjoy the sounds of the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band on Sunday, March 11 at Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Blvd. (one mile east of the Tanger Outlet Mall). Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the performance will begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets are selling fast at \$15 each (cash or check only) and are available at the church on Sundays between services. Monday to Friday, tickets can be picked up at the church office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

If any tickets remain, they may be purchased at the door on March 11.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a fun and entertaining afternoon of Dixieland music. Call 437-2599 for more information.\*

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# Along The River



The MozART Group play classical music à la Victor Borge

On Saturday, March 10 from 12 to 10 p.m., Paul Jennings Ministries presents the second annual **Praise Fest** at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. Gates open at 11 a.m.

The event is \$10 for the entire day (children under 12 are free) and includes live performances from several of the area's top Christian musical artists, raffles and give-aways. Bring a chair or a blanket. No coolers, please.

Proceeds from Praise Fest help benefit The Salvation Army. Everyone is encouraged to bring a canned food item or clothing to help the Salvation Army.

For more information, contact [info@thepraisefest.com](mailto:info@thepraisefest.com).

On Saturday evening, the public is invited to **Shell Point** for a live show by The MozART Group in concert. The string quartet consists of well educated instrumentalists who graduated from prestigious academies of music in Warsaw and Lodz, but they



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A scene from the Bolshoi Ballet's *Le Corsaire*

decided to play classical music in a humorous way, à la Victor Borge. They created a worldwide unique musical cabaret, where the music - not the words - is the source of joy and laughter.

The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$36 per person.

Shell Point is located at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers. For tickets, call 454-2067.

**Bike Night** returns to downtown Fort Myer's historic River District on Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. The Saturday night event is held bi-monthly and features live music on multiple stages, vending by hand picked merchants, and a bike show on First Street. Downtown Fort Myers is a newly renovated, brick paved cityscape featuring world class bars, restaurants, art galleries, tattoo shops and more. All bikes are welcome.

For more information about Downtown Fort Myers Bike Night, call 855-RDA-EVENTS (732-3836) or go to [www.downtownfortmyersbikenight.com](http://www.downtownfortmyersbikenight.com).

On Sunday, March 11 at 11 a.m., **BIG ARTS** in Sanibel is screening live via satellite *Le Corsaire*, performed by the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow. Admission is \$20.

The ballet follows Medora, a young Greek girl, and Conrad, a dashing pirate, as they journey through a tapestry of dramatic events, culminating in a shipwreck considered to be one of ballet's most dazzling spectacles. A reviewer from *The New York Times* writes, "The final scene has one scenic masterstroke after another. Moonlight upon the Mediterranean, then the corsairs' ship...filling most of the stage with characters on board, trumped by thunder, lightning, storm, rising waves, and the boat splitting before our eyes: the kind of special effect that in recent decades has belonged to film alone."

The digital projection system BIG ARTS has installed for this program is the same as that used by Pixar, NFL and Disney Studios. All opera and ballet in cinema screenings are presented in surround sound and high-definition.

BIG ARTS is located at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel. Call 395-0900 or go to [www.BIGARTS.org](http://www.BIGARTS.org).

On Sunday at sunset (7:30 p.m.), the New Church of Southwest Florida is holding **Barefoot Church at Newton Park**, 4650 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach.

The New Church of Southwest Florida welcomes all to a worship experience rooted in spiritual ecology near the womb of creation. Bring a chair or blanket. Donations or food items for the church's Emergency Food Pantry are gratefully accepted.

The New Church of Southwest Florida is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, Fort Myers, behind Zoomers. The Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Call 481-5535 or go to [www.newchurchflorida.com](http://www.newchurchflorida.com).\*



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## Catholic Charities Emerald Ball Tickets On Sale

Tickets are now on sales for Catholic Charities of Collier County's 28th annual Emerald Ball, to be held on the religious feast day of St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17 at The Ritz Carlton – Tiburon in Naples. This signature annual event is the charity's largest fundraiser to support the mission of Catholic Charities benefiting individuals and families in need of social and human services in Collier County.

Dr. Francisco and Ruth Smith are the 2012 Emerald Ball Committee co-chairs. The George & Theresa Corbett Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mack are the lead sponsors for the event. Guests will enjoy dinner and dancing as well as live and silent auctions.

This year's auction offerings include Bishop Dewane as your guest of honor at a special occasion or dinner with your



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family and friends, a week in a five bedroom villa in Provence, France, seven days and six nights for two couples at



Emerald Ball auction items include a trip to Ireland, including a stay at the world famous, centuries-old, historically preserved Dromoland Castle

the Vineyard Hideaway on The Estate of Benovia Winery in the Russian River Valley, one week aboard *The World Ship*, a trip for two to Ireland and a three-year lease on a 2012 Smart Passion Coupe from Mercedes-Benz of

Naples.

Tickets are \$250 per person. For tickets for more information, call Michelle at 455-2655 or visit [www.catholiccharitiescc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescc.org).

## Republican Women

The Lee County Republican Women's Club (chartered) will conduct an evening dinner meeting at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn, located at 13052 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, March 13. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and program following at 6:30 p.m.

Featured speakers will include candidates for the office of Lee County Sheriff: Tim Fisher and incumbent Sheriff Mike Scott.

For more information and reservations, call 574-2571.

## Renner Foundation Annual Fundraiser

The Pete Renner Foundation will hold its 9th annual fundraiser on Sunday, March 11 at the Lani Kai Resort on Fort Myers Beach. It will be an all-day event with a hog roast and entertainment second to none.

Appearing at the event are the legend-

ary Cincinnati Firefighters with their first day of a two-week engagement at the Lani Kai, with daily shows at 1:30 p.m. You do not want to miss this show; catch as many as you can!

Also appearing will be A-200, DVS and The Bastard Suns, from Atlanta, Georgia, with all original music that will keep you hopping all night, ending with a fireworks show that will blow you away.

The Pete Renner Foundation is still looking for a child in the Lee and Collier county area, to benefit. If you know of a child with a life threatening illness, call Tim Renner at 994-0299.

## Fashion Show

Sing a Song is the annual fashion show fundraiser being held by the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club Federated on Tuesday, March 20, at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers.

Fashions by Dillard's will be featured, with club members serving as the models. The event replaces the regular monthly business meeting.

The public is invited to attend. The day's activities include a card party beginning at 10 a.m. Donations for door

prizes, raffle items, and the silent auction are being accepted. Information on these items may be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Nicholson, 489-3483.

A social hour and silent auction begin at 11 a.m. The fashion show and luncheon begin at noon. Tickets are \$30. Reservations are required by Thursday, March 15, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting president, Gaile Anthony, 292-5121.

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Adult workshops: 9:30 a.m. Faith Like a River: Themes from UU History.  
226-0900, Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.com, Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org

### ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### ANNUNCIATION GREEK

#### ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

### BETH SHILOH

#### MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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

### BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

#### CHURCH OF GOD

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

### CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers  
239-850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove  
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Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Reverend Ted Althouse, Pastor

revtedalthouse@aol.com

### CHURCH OF THE CROSS:

13500 Freshman Lane, 768-2188

Pastors: Jeff Moran and Michael Bulter;  
A nondenominational church emphasizing  
a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.  
Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Contemporary  
10:45 a.m. Traditional.

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### CYPRESS LAKE

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,

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

### CYPRESS LAKE UNITED

#### METHODIST CHURCH

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

### FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD

#### OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard

Fort Myers, 482-2030

Pastor: David Stauffer.

Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;

Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The  
church is ½ mile past the intersection of  
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the way to Sanibel.

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www.spirituality.com and www.christian-  
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13545 American Colony Boulevard  
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Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning

Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6

p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901

239-332-1152, www.fumcftmyers.org

Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

5 p.m. Youth Program

7 p.m. Spanish Worship

### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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#### MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330

Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church School: 9:15 a.m.

### FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,

482-3133. Philip White, pastor

Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

Church School: 10:15 a.m.

Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

### HOLY THEOTOKOS MONASTERY

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Weekly services:

Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing  
Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;  
9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing  
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Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist  
with Healing. Child care available at  
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### JESUS THE WORKER

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH:

881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143

Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.;

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### KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

1254 McGregor Boulevard,

Fort Myers, 218-8343

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### LAMB OF GOD

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Sunday worship services:

8 a.m. Early Grace Traditional

9 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary

10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional

8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God's

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### MESSIAH REFORMED CHURCH

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220-8519

website: messiahreformed.com

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

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Monthly Teen Events

see website for podcasts, special events,  
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### NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane,

North Fort Myers, 239-656-0416

Weekly Friday Meeting Meet & Greet: 6:30

p.m. Kingdom Teaching: 7 p.m. Fellowship

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istry@embarqmail.com, www.facebook.

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Ministers

### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

#### OF FORT MYERS

16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10

239-985-8503

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.

7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

### NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers

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9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com

e-mail: peace1265@aol.com

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Saturday, Worship 5 p.m.

Sunday, Worship- 8 and 9:30 a.m.

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Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with 9:15

a.m. adult and children's Bible Study, plus

marriage enrichment studies. Divorce Care

on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

During Lent: Wednesday worship

noon and 6:15 p.m.

### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Rd. 433-0018.

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

E-mail: rabbi.barras@templebethel.com

Cantorial soloist: Lawrence Dermer

Temple educator: Dale Cohen, MaEd, RJE

Shabbat Services, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

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## Churches/Temples

Affiliated: Union for Reform Judaism  
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 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers,  
 433-0201,  
 Rabbi: Rabbi Elyssa Auster  
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 Saturday morning at 9 a.m.  
 Religious School Sunday morning  
 Web site: [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org)  
 Preschool director: JoAnn Goldman  
 email [templejudeapreschool@gmail.com](mailto:templejudeapreschool@gmail.com)  
 433-0201, Web site: [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org)  
 Affiliated: United Synagogue of  
 Conservative Judaism

**THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH  
 OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX**  
 5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers  
 Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz  
 433-7708, E-mail: [rabbi@chabadswf.org](mailto:rabbi@chabadswf.org)  
 Web site: [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org)  
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## Organ Concert At Peace Lutheran

**P**eace Lutheran Church in Fort  
 Myers Beach will present an organ  
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Guests are invited to join Jaeggi, direc-  
 tor of music, organist and choir director,  
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 tics of this wonderful instrument while he  
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 of the church such as Bach's *Prelude,*  
*Fugue in B Minor,* Dupre's *Prelude*  
*Fugue in G Minor* and more.

A wine and cheese reception will fol-  
 low the organ concert. A free will offering  
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## Participate In Weekend Of One

**T**his year's Weekend of One will  
 raise awareness and mobilize action  
 against hunger. The Harry Chapin  
 Food Bank is organizing the March 23,  
 24 and 25 weekend with its faith part-  
 ners to help spread the word and raise  
 funding to support the purchase and  
 distribution of food throughout Southwest  
 Florida.

For every \$1 donated, the food bank  
 can distribute \$6 worth of food. Faith  
 partners will talk about hunger and  
 encourage each person to donate at least  
 \$1 during their weekend services.

This year's Weekend of One will be  
 held Friday through Sunday, March 23 to  
 25. Faith-based organizations throughout  
 Southwest Florida are asked to contact  
 Bedzaida Bryen at the Harry Chapin  
 Food Bank at 334-7007 ext. 141 for  
 additional information and a commitment  
 to participate.

Last year, 16 faith-based groups par-  
 ticipated by informing their congregations  
 about the food bank and asking their  
 congregations to donate \$1 each. Since  
 not all faiths meet on the same weekend  
 day, it is "Weekend of One." In 2011,  
 more than \$6,000 was collected, which  
 translated into \$36,000 worth of food  
 that could be purchased.

The following faith-based churches,  
 houses of worship, synagogues, temples  
 and organizations participated last year:  
 All Faiths Unitarians, Cape Coral First  
 United Methodist, Temple Shalom-  
 Naples, Temple Beth El, Word of Life,

First Baptist Church, Peace Lutheran  
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 of Charlotte County, Blanchard House  
 Museum, Temple Beth-El Punta Gorda  
 and St. Marks Missionary Baptist Church.

Today in the United States, over 50  
 million people are going hungry. Places  
 of worship and local charities are often  
 the first places families turn to when  
 they require food assistance. Around  
 Southwest Florida, faith partners work  
 in local communities to provide food to  
 neighbors in need. Together, the food  
 bank and the faith-based organizations  
 work to advocate for hungry families and  
 urge our nation's leaders to strengthen  
 anti-hunger programs.

To contribute financially to the Harry  
 Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or  
 visit [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org).\*

## Israel Fest Date, Venue Change

**T**he date for Israel Fest has been  
 moved to Sunday, April 22 and  
 the venue has been changed to  
 the Jewish Federation Building, at 9701  
 Commerce Center Court in Fort Myers,  
 located off Bass Road and Summerlin  
 Road near the Lexington Country Club.

Israel Fest will be held from 12:30 to  
 4 p.m. and the entrance fee will be \$2  
 for ages 13 and over.

For additional information, contact Ted  
 Epstein at 249-0699 or [LChayim18@comcast.net](mailto:LChayim18@comcast.net).\*

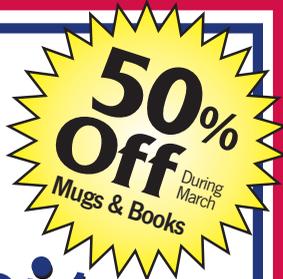
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## Golden Apple Educators Surprised

Six Lee County public school teachers were surprised in their classrooms by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Golden Apple Major Sponsors, their administrators and colleagues and were presented with the prestigious Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program Golden Apple Award. Each year, the Golden Apple Program recognizes teacher who represent outstanding performance in their profession.

The teachers who received the traditional surprise visits in their schools are:

- Billy Lansberry, 9-12th grade teacher at North Fort Myers High
- Heather Millican, 8th grade teacher at Cypress Lake Middle
- Charles O'Connor, 8th grade teacher at Lexington Middle
- Laura Reed, Pre-K teacher at Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary
- Eric Riemenschneider, 9-12th grade teacher at Fort Myers High
- Kim Smith, 4th grade teacher at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts

"It has been 25 years of celebrating outstanding teachers in Lee County District schools. Once again, we have six teachers who 'shine' and are representative of the qualities we want in those who have such a profound impact on our greatest asset, our children," said Marshall Bower, president and CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools.

This year's Golden Apple teachers were chosen after going through an extensive selection process which began in September with a community-wide invitation to nom-

inate teachers deserving of special recognition. The final six teachers were selected after completing a three-step process: completion of a comprehensive application; observation of their classroom teaching skills; and personal interview by the Golden Apple Selection Committee. Selection criteria covered both the art and science of teaching, focusing on effective communication of subject matter, deep concern for students' needs and the ability to inspire love of learning.

Each recipient receives a "gold apple," \$3,000 cash award, a professionally designed gold apple lapel pin and membership in the Academy of Teachers, the ongoing element of the Golden Apple program. The Academy, created to provide these teachers with continuing opportunities for developing and using their skills, will now have 140 members. The school of the Golden Apple teacher receives a check for \$500.

The six will be guests of honor at the 25th Annual Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Banquet on Friday, April 13 at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. This elegant, black-tie preferred affair is a celebration of teaching. At the Banquet, the community will recognize the Lee County Golden Apple teachers, the 27 finalists, 70 teachers of distinction and the 140 members of the Academy of Teachers. Rebroadcast of the Golden Apple Banquet will air Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 at noon on WINK-TV. Tickets for the Golden Apple Banquet are on sale to the public at a price of \$150.\*

## Host Of Nikon's Birding Adventure At Nature Festival



James Currie

A unique blend of information and adventure finds its way to Southwest Florida on Saturday, March 10 as James Currie, host of *Nikon's Birding Adventures*, shares his expertise and experience at East County Water Control District's inaugural Harns Marsh Wings Over Water Festival.

This free nature festival is designed to help the public discover the beauty



Harns-Marsh in the morning

of Southwest Florida's water, land and wildlife.

As host and producer of *Nikon's Birding Adventures*, Currie explores the best exotic birding destinations on the planet; the most unusual, rare and highly sought after bird species; amazing cultures and wildlife. The program is the first to focus on destination and adventure bird watching.

The fourth season of *Birding Adventures* airs on NBC Sports.

Currie, a life-long birder and rare bird expert, has many years experience in the birding and wildlife tourism arenas. He has contributed to several publications, including the acclaimed *Southern*

### *African Birdfinder*.

He has trawled the pine flat-woods of South Florida for the rare red-cockaded woodpecker and crept through the undergrowth of moist, primary rainforest in Madagascar in search of bizarre ground-rollers.

Currie will keynote the two-day festival at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at Harns Marsh.

Harns Marsh is located in the eastern portion of Lee County off Sunshine Boulevard in Lehigh Acres. In the early 1980s, the water control district transformed the 578-acre farmland into an active stormwater facility helping to filter water and reduce flooding to the Orange

River. The water control structures have helped create a lush habitat for snail kites, limpkin and more than 140 species of animals.

Community members and visitors are encouraged to participate in the festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10. Visit with environmental organizations from across southwest Florida. They can experience nature through guided walks and try their luck at spotting a snail kite at Lee County Bird Patrol's observation stations. They can learn about the wonders of the natural environment and get tips in bird identification from Vince McGrath; uncover the secrets of fossil digging with Bill Shaver and Clyde Dabbs, and learn about the wonders of birding with Currie.

For more information, visit [www.wingsoverwaterfestival.com](http://www.wingsoverwaterfestival.com).\*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

## Abducted Babies



by Patricia Molloy

The staff at CROW is currently feeding and caring for a number of baby squirrels (including the four pictured here), Eastern cottontail bunnies and two mourning dove fledgling; all of which arrived in perfect health.

On January 26, two “pinkies” arrived at the clinic from Cape Coral. The tiny squirrels

had no fur and their eyes were closed. They were immediately tube fed Fox Valley formula, a milk replacer specifically designed for baby squirrels, Eastern cottontails and opossums. Once old enough to suckle, the babies were placed on a feeding schedule of every three hours. As soon as the squirrels are weened and eating solid food, they will be transferred outside. CROW hopes to release them within three months.

Baby animals are frequently brought to CROW by well-meaning citizens after discovering what they believe to be an “abandoned” nest. While it is easy to understand the desire to help a seemingly defenseless little creature, resist the urge. Instead of scooping up a wild bird or mammal and rushing it to the clinic, stop and observe. As Dr. Heather noted, it is very likely that its mother is nearby and will return within 24 hours.

If you find a baby that is in imminent danger of a predator attack while waiting for its mom to return, it may be acceptable to intervene. CROW suggests placing the little one in a faux nest (cardboard box or pet carrier), making sure that it is well ventilated, and attaching it to a nearby tree. If you have questions, contact the clinic’s call center and speak with one of its knowledgeable staff members, such as Gareth Johnson, a first responder in patient admissions.

As skilled as the wildlife rehabilitators at CROW are, nothing can replace mom’s tender loving care. Use common sense before breaking up a happy, healthy home.

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



These little ones will miss out on learning how to hunt and forage from their mother



These squirrels are nearing the stage where they will move to one of CROW's outside enclosures which replicate a more natural environment

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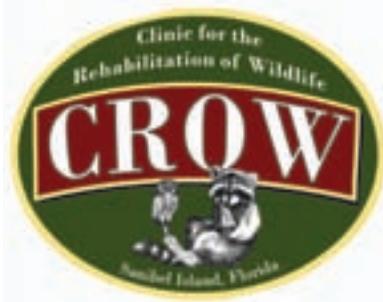
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# Get Ready For A Tarpon



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**D**espite a crazy windy weekend, conditions on the water this week were very spring-like. With our water temperature continuing to climb and now hitting

the mid-70s, fishing is roughly a month ahead of schedule. It's great to see things heating up so fast and fishing getting better and better every day. Even small, fast-moving cold fronts don't seem to slow things down.

During periods of south or southwest winds, mangrove fishing was really going off. Late day high tides got up extra high due to the wind direction and had the redfish and even a few snook chewing well. Most wind blown keys or mangrove points held a few keeper-size reds. The key was not staying in a non-productive spot very long. Often, just moving 50

yards down a shoreline would make all the difference in the world. Generally, when red-fishing I will only give a spot five to 10 minutes before moving on.

The redfish bait of choice continues to be shrimp, although I did catch a few on shiners this week. Mangrove shorelines around Foster's Point and just south of Cabbage Key gave up some of the bigger reds on my boat this week.

One sure sign that things are warmer than usual are all the small blacktip sharks that have showed up out on the flats. Several times while I was trout fishing this week, the hard fighting hungry sharks moved in and really wrecked some rigs. Once we switched over to a short piece of steel leader on the light trout tackle, we had a blast. The sharks certainly made a nice change from the usual trout action.

We also caught some of the first Spanish mackerel of the year, which I have seen out on the deeper grass flats in the five- to eight-foot range. Feeding birds out on the flats will show you the action areas. Red Light Shoal and Captiva Rocks were among the places it was happening. Throwing spoons and soft plastic jigs around these feeding birds will quickly let you know what is feeding.

Sea trout action also keeps getting better and better. Many trout over 20 inches



Capt. Matt Mitchell with an upper slot-sized redfish, a more common catch this week

were caught on my boat this week. Clean, clearwater flats from Redfish Pass to Boca Grande held lots of big healthy trout. Working Cajun Thunder popping corks with live shiners in the sandholes made for non-stop action. Grass edges of deeper sand channels were also places to be. At one point, I had a client catch six trout in six casts, all 20 inches or better. Some sandholes are loaded up and some are void of any trout. We certainly have some trout down in the southern end of the sound too but the bigger ones seem to be more plentiful up closer to the passes.

Sheepshead fishing around the passes seems to be slowing down some. Although the sheepshead are still there, the size and numbers are decreasing. Each little cold front seems to bring in a few more of these spawning fish. Warming water temperatures will wrap up this fishery sooner rather than later. Our near shore wrecks should continue to produce some of the bigger sheepshead for at least a few more weeks.

For almost two weeks now I have been waiting with my fingers crossed for the wind to either lie down or switch to the east so I can get out along the beaches and see what is happening. The word from some of my stone-crabbing buddies is that the schools of threadfins are really starting to show up out along

the beaches. Along with these threadfin schools come king mackerel and cobia. These huge bait schools will attract all kinds of predators along with my personal favorite, the tarpon.

Early this week I had several reports of rolling and free-jumping tarpon out from Knapps Point. Before I could get out there to check it out for myself, the wind started blowing from the southwest, making it too rough gulfside.

March is typically one of our windier months of the year so when we do have a break from the winds I will jump on it. Tarpon will first stage up out in the deeper gulf waters in roughly 30 to 40 feet, waiting for water temperatures to warm before moving in closer to shore. These deep water tarpon are best fished with cut bait on the bottom, and are often located on sonar as they stay down, very seldom rolling. Spotting one rolling or free-jumping fish can be the little tip you need to find the big school.

Have your tarpon gear ready. With water temperatures as high as 76 degrees, any day now you will get your first shot.

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

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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## 2012 Earth Day At The Refuge

Trash-talking, plarn and Bagzilla are just a few highlights of the adult and kid activities that will be available at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21.

Free activities will include giveaways to the first 200 arrivals, earth crafts in the Education Center Lab, a guided native plant walk on Indigo Trail, a "trashy" kids contest, free admission to Wildlife Drive for hikers and bikers, free bike rentals and more.

"We are gearing our activities for all ages," said Ranger Becky Wolff, refuge education specialist. "We'll bring back our disposable bag-costumed Bagzilla character, and teach people how to make yarn out of plastic bags to weave into bracelets and sturdy, reusable shopping bags."

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), and Tarpon Bay Explorers co-host Earth Day at the Refuge.

Read the *Island Sun* for more details, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or call 239-472-1100.\*



Bagzilla wears a year's worth of an average person's disposable bag consumption

## March In The Park Plant And Garden Art Sale

March In The Park, presented by The Garden Club of Cape Coral, will be held this Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jaycee Park in Cape Coral. The event will feature over 50 vendors including the garden club, with over 500 plants of their own. Some plants for sale will include palms, shrubs, fruit trees, natives, flowering butterfly plants, herbs, and dish gardens. Garden art will include hand made baskets, glass garden reflectors, hand painted pots, hanging tire baskets, bird houses, trellis and hypertufa pottery pots, to name a few.

In addition, master gardeners will be available throughout March In The Park to answer your questions, along with many qualified garden club members. Feel free to bring questions and samples of your garden problems.

Hourly speakers and subjects will include:

9 a.m. – Master Gardener Program & FYN classes by master gardeners

10 a.m. – Growing Veggies in Florida by Ann Sherwood Palmer

11 a.m. – Growing & Using Herbs by Angie Kruze

Noon – Flower Arranging Demo by Paula Novander

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## Spring Safari Camp Week

Spring Safari Camp, open to ages 7 to 10, will be held at Cape Coral Yacht Club from Monday through Friday, March 12 to 16. Camp will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

If your children are looking for an adventurous journey and fun over the break, then look no further. Spring Safari Camp will offer arts and crafts, fishing, swimming and four field trips. Campers will be going to the Naples Zoo, Sun Splash Family Water Park, Safari Mini Golf and Sarasota Jungle Gardens. Plus, a pizza and ice cream party will end the week of fun.

Cost is \$120 for residents and \$155 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call the Cape Coral Yacht Club at 574-0806.\*

## School Day Off Adventure Camp

Yacht Club School Day Off Adventure Camp, offered by the Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department, is open to kids ages 7 to 10 on Friday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This adventure camp will offer tennis, fishing, swimming, a movie and much more. Young adventurers will have a chance to try their hand at all the recreation sporting opportunities at Yacht Club Community Park. This camp fills quickly, so call early to ensure your space.

Cost is \$25 for residents and \$37 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, call the Cape Coral Yacht Club at 574-0806.\*

## BMSM To Host Evening At The Museum Event

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is hosting a special Evening At The Museum on Tuesday, March 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the museum after-hours and participate in an informal evening of shell education, door prizes, food and refreshments. Museum director Dr. José H. Leal will give a brief presentation.

Cost is \$10 for museum members; \$15 for non-members. If you join the museum as a new member that night, your event ticket is free. All proceeds raised will benefit the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum educational programs.

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The Devil's Elbow portion of the Caloosahatchee

## Caloosahatchee Oxbow & Riverlore Cruise

A new cruise date has been added for the popular SCCF Oxbow & Riverlore Cruise to experience the historical Caloosahatchee, available on Sunday, March 18. This guided monthly cruise explores the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. Guides will follow the river back to a time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of

the Caloosahatchee and settlers braved living amongst the wilderness.

The 2.5-hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, the tour enters the historic bends of the river and revisits the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river

## March Is Seagrass Awareness Month

by Katie Tripp, PhD, Director of Science & Conservation, Save The Manatee Club

March signals spring time in Florida – the longer days and warmer weather can create ideal conditions for fishing, kayaking, boating or stand-up paddle boarding in Florida's estuaries and other coastal waterways. It is fitting then that March is also Seagrass Awareness Month because seagrass beds are such an important component of our coastal waterways.

According to a recent report by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, 2.2 million acres of seagrasses have been documented in Florida waters, providing ecological services worth \$20 billion per year. Ecological services include habitat values that cannot be measured by a traditional economic scale – i.e. the value of providing habitat to juvenile sport fish or food for manatees and sea turtles. Seagrass beds also provide direct economic benefits to Florida through fishing charters and ecotourism businesses.

The condition of Florida's seagrasses varies in different regions. Seagrasses in the Keys are believed to be stable while those in certain areas of Southwest Florida and the Panhandle are declining. Seagrasses along Florida's east coast have been showing an increasing trend, and

South Florida contains nearly 60 percent of the state's seagrasses. However, great losses in seagrass abundance in Brevard County in 2011 caused by environmental factors are a reminder that these ecosystems are vulnerable.

Seagrasses are found in clear and relatively shallow waters because their growth is fueled by sunlight. Their occurrence in shallow water makes them susceptible to damage by boats that may try to motor through areas without proper clearance, creating "prop scars" in the grass beds. A churning propeller cuts not only the blades of the grasses, but uproots and destroys the rhizomes (roots) in the sand and it can take years for the sediment to support regrowth and allow the scars to heal. To prevent prop scarring, boats should stay in marked deep water channels while traveling. Flats boats fishing in the seagrass beds should use poles and trolling motors to move through the water, to avoid damaging seagrasses with their engines. If boaters become stuck in a shallow area with seagrasses or other submerged resources, they should never use the engine to try to blast free. Instead, they should turn off the engine, shift passenger weight distribution in the boat, and try to move the boat using a long pole or oar. If necessary, one or more passengers can exit the boat and push it to deeper water. Boaters should also use polarized sunglasses to reduce glare and help them see resources like seagrasses located beneath the water's surface.

Seagrasses are negatively affected

advocate, historian and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Natural Resource Policy Director. The tour vessel is the stable and spacious 47-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat that features daily manatee tours. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

Cruises depart 1 at p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga. Remaining cruise dates (all Sundays) include April 15 and Mother's Day, May 13.

Cruises depart at 1 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. The names of all passengers are also required at the time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329. Please note that reservations must be made by Friday, March 16 for the March 18 cruise. Space is limited.\*

## SCBS&PS Offers Boating Course

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](http://www.scbps.com) or call the office 466-4040.\*

by stormwater runoff and algae blooms that block the sun's rays since they need sunlight to grow. Stormwater runoff to coastal waters can be reduced by creating swales and retention ponds and using pervious pavement. Limiting use of fertilizers in landscapes adjacent to coastal waterways can reduce the nutrient loading that contributes to algae blooms.

All of us who live and recreate in coastal areas can take steps to make our waters cleaner and protect the seagrasses that are so vitally important to our aquatic ecosystem and economy.\*

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## FMB Yacht Club March Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island, 899 Buttonwood Drive in Fort Myers Beach.

Dinner will be catered and is available for \$14 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner to follow at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Pete Oiderma at 463-6240 for required reservations and additional information.

The Ft Myers Beach Yacht Club was formed in 1953 and incorporated as a not for profit organization for the purpose of promoting safe, enjoyable boating and good fellowship. This community oriented club, with over 130 members and 60 boats, maintains a very active schedule of year-round activities, both on and off the water, for members and guests. Evening meetings are held once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday, at American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining their own waterfront facility, dues are only \$100 per year per couple or \$60 per single.

Learn more about the club at [www.FMBYachtClub.org](http://www.FMBYachtClub.org).\*

## Plant Smart

## Ixora

by Gerri Reaves

Among the ixora species introduced to the state is red ixora, also known by the flamboyant name scarlet jungleflame or flame-of-the-woods (*Ixora coccinea*), the most common one in South Florida

This native of southeast Asia can reach up to 10 feet in height, but usually grows between three and six feet. The multi-branched foliage compact, the oblong leaves shiny and evergreen. The spherical berries turn from red to black.

But ixora's popularity is due to the densely packed flat clusters of tubular four-petaled flowers. Clusters are about four inches across and bloom year 'round.

Typically used as a hedge, it often suffers from repeated over-shearing, which only destroys the flower clusters that make the shrub desirable in the first place.

Other available ixoras include the smaller leaved ixora maui, which can have yellow-orange flowers, and the pink Nora Grant variety.

Some gardeners and plant specialists consider ixora to be not only over-used but of virtually no benefit to wildlife. It's a good choice purely as an ornamental, not as a bird or butterfly attractor.

Because ixora is susceptible to sooty mold, nematodes, aphids, and scale, it can be high-maintenance unless given suitable soil, moisture, light, and nutrients.

The shrub does best in full sun in moist but well-drained soil with organic content. This acid-loving plant will suffer leaf yellowing if planted in alkaline soil.

Sources: floridata.com; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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



Ixora is appreciated for its year-'round clusters of flowers

photo by Gerri Reaves

## Caring For Your Plants

## A Look At A New Generation Of Hybrid Palm Trees

by Justen Dobbs



Botanists have been working with hybrid corn plants, grasses and fruits for decades. When a pest or disease is discovered by farmers, they employ botanists to begin hybridization programs.

These programs cross two similar species of the same vegetable (corn, for instance) to produce a hybrid species or hybrid offspring. This hybrid offspring is labeled as a new species and often displays resistance against the pests or diseases that were previously plaguing the farmer. The technical term for this phenomenon is heterogeny.

Although the agriculture industry (plants that produce fruits and vegetables) has been utilizing hybrids for years, the horticulture industry (plants that are used for decoration only) has not followed suit... until now.

Dr. Merrill Wilcox of north Florida was one of the first ones to grow a Mule palm in the 1980s. A Mule palm (*xButiagrus*) is a hybrid between a Pindo palm (*Butia capitata*) and a Queen palm (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*). He found the Mule palm to be faster growing, more drought-tolerant, and more frost-tolerant than either of its parents (Pindo and Queen). How does this benefit the south Florida homeowner? Our sub-tropical climate in south Florida is suitable for both Queen palms



**Foxy Lady palms get their name from their elegantly drooping fronds. These hybrids grow five feet per year in the tropics**

and Pindo palms. But, central and northern Florida (as well as many other southern states) have climates that are simply too cold for either the Queen or Pindo palm to grow well. They might survive for several years, but only by enduring frost damage to their fronds year after year, giving them a perpetually sick appearance. Thus, if a Mule palm is planted as a substitute, the homeowner can sleep easy knowing that his or her annual frosts will have no affect on the hybrid palms in the landscape. Also, the hybrid can survive off lower rainfall amounts and often less fertilizer applications.

As palm tree collectors and avid gardeners become more interested in the plants at their disposal (mainly through the Interweb), they are producing a demand that is being filled by the growers and collectors. There are about two dozen hybrid palms available on the "rare



**The Mule palm has become the most popular hybrid in the U.S. This one was donated to the Huntington Botanical Garden in Los Angeles by Dr. Merrill Wilcox**

palm" market and just a handful of people producing them. As time goes on and methods are perfected, the price of these hybrids should fall.

To give you an idea of cost, a three foot tall Mule palm goes for around \$60 to \$100, Foxy Lady palms (*Wodveitchia*) go for \$150 to \$450 and Coco Queens (*Syagrus xMontgomeryana*) go for around \$60 to \$75 for a one to two foot plant. Yes, these are pricey plants, but don't forget they grow fast... and provide peace of mind!

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](mailto:seabreezenurseries@gmail.com).\*







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# A Hilarious Farce At Gulfshore Playhouse

by Di Saggau



**Y**ou've heard me say several times that farce is not my favorite genre, but "A Fox On The Fairway" at Gulfshore Playhouse found me eating those words. It was a

very funny, physical comedy, directed by Matt Lenz, with an outstanding cast.

Written by Ken Ludwig, the play takes the audience on a hilarious romp which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. The play takes place in the Tap Room of the Quail Valley Country Club (a terrific set in pastel shades). The time is now. It's filled with mistaken identities, slamming doors and over-the-top romantic shenanigans.

"The Fox On The Fairway" spins around a golf tournament between two rivals. James Judy, affably portrays Henry Bingham, the manager of the Quail Valley Country Club, which is locked in a heated rivalry with a country club headed by the irritating Dickie (Eric Hoffmann), who makes a huge personal bet with



Jenny Strassburg, Chris Dwan and James Jud

Bingham over the tournament that is about to tee off.

The somewhat venomous Dickie, who, when not cheating with women or golf, is constantly misusing popular expressions, e.g. "You can't make straw without bricks," "When the swans fly home from Cappuccino" and "A bird on the wing is worth two in the air." Throughout the play he sports the most outlandish golf-themed sweaters, gifts from a secret admirer. His lime green suit is equally outlandish.

The young man whom Bingham shadily brings into the tournament to save the day is Justin (Chris Dwan), a terrific golfer

who tends to fall apart whenever bad news strikes. All goes well until the 17th hole.

During a rain delay, Justin's flighty club bar maid fiancée, Louise (Jenny Strassburg) breaks their engagement, which wrecks his game.

The second act sees Bingham and Pamela (Carol Halstead), a loyal Quail Valley booster with a racy personal life, desperately trying to reunite the lovers. Pamela has been married several times and her favorite sport is drinking. In regard to that, she says "I could never hold my liquor, two or three bottles and I start to feel it."



Jenny Strassburg and Chris Dwan

Adding to the hilarity is Michele Tauber as Muriel Bingham, owner of an antique shop named "The Old Crock," that ends up as a hostage in the bet between the two men. Tauber moves about the stage like a Sherman tank on a rampage.

"A Fox On The Fairway" is a broad, clever farce, tightly directed, beautifully performed and loaded with laughs. It plays through March 22 at Gulfshore Playhouse in the Norris Center, 755 8th Avenue South in Naples. For tickets, call 1-866-811-4111.\*



Amy Bennett-Williams



Roger Williams



Osvaldo Padilla

## Symphony, Alliance Host An Evening Of Stories & Song

**B**e inspired by the beauty of stories punctuated by music when the Gulf Coast Symphony partners with the Alliance for the Arts to present An Evening Of Stories & Song on Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m.

An Evening of Stories & Song takes place in the Foulds Theater at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor

Boulevard in Fort Myers. Join local literary celebrities Amy Bennett-Williams and her husband Roger Williams, along with the evening's master of ceremonies, Osvaldo Padilla, managing editor of *Florida Weekly*, as they read stories they've written exclusively for this performance, enhanced by musical performances given by Gulf Coast Symphony ensembles. After the performance, join Amy, Roger, Osvaldo, Maestro Kurtz of the Gulf Coast Symphony and some of its musicians for desserts provided by The Butterfly Estates, along with cheese and wine in the Alliance for the Arts Gallery.

Tickets to this moving performance are \$50 per person plus handling fees, or VIP sponsor tickets cost \$100 per person and include an autographed copy of Amy Bennett-Williams' most recent book, *Images Of America: Along The Caloosahatchee*. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Gulf Coast Symphony office at 277-1700 or online at [www.gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://www.gulfcoastsymphony.org).\*

## Symphony Rehearsals Open To The Public

**J**oin the City of Fort Myers Recreation Division and the Southwest Florida Symphony for a series of open rehearsals at the Riverside Community Center on March 13, 21 and 22. Featured pieces include Tchaikovsky, Brahms, and Beethoven. The final rehearsal on March 22 will feature two lectures by Conductor Michael Hall beginning at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

An art exhibition featuring works by noted wildlife sculptor and painter Joel Loeper will also be on display.

The open rehearsals, conductor lecture, and art exhibition are free of charge.

A light lunch will be offered for a fee of \$5. Reservations are required for lunch.

For more information, hours for each rehearsal or to make reservations for lunch call 321-7524.\*

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## Acclaimed Pianist To Appear With Symphonic Chorale Of Southwest Florida

by Jim George

Critically acclaimed pianist John Robilette will appear with the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida in their concert on Sunday, March 25 at South Fort Myers High School. The artist will join the chorale in the stirring *Fantasia, Op. 80, (Choral Fantasy) for piano, orchestra and chorus*. The performance will also include Antonin Dvorak's *Mass in D Major* and Johannes Brahms' *Schicksalslied*, a short, powerful work for chorus and orchestra. The concert will benefit the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

The Choral Fantasy has often been cited as a sketch and precursor to the final "Ode To Joy" movement of Beethoven's powerful *Ninth Symphony*. Many listeners will readily detect the similarities between the principal themes of the two works. According to one reviewer, "Beethoven's Choral Fantasy is a beautifully organized, deeply felt, and very exciting creation. It projects an aura of spirituality and exaltation."

The pianist shines in this piece that demonstrates the amazing versatility required of the artist. The audience will be amply rewarded by the virtuosity of this world class pianist and the soaring passages of the choral portions of the piece.

Born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in the midwest, Robilette made his debut at the Kennedy Center in 1984.

He has appeared in solo recitals or as soloist with orchestra throughout twenty-two foreign countries in western and eastern Europe, South America and the Caribbean, including Russia, Holland, England, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Portugal (and the Azores), Turkey, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela and The Dominican Republic.

One critic said, "Robilette's playing is remarkable for its clarity and expression as well as the depth of feeling. An exceptional musician given to few dramatic gestures, he fascinates us repeatedly."

The performance will be on Sunday, March 25 at 4 p.m. in the Theater of the South Fort Myers High School, 14020 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Tickets ranging from \$18 to \$22 can be obtained by calling 1-877-283-8648.

The concert is also being presented in Naples on Saturday, March 24 starting at 4 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Both concerts will benefit the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.\*



John Robilette

## Local Student In Musical Production

Lauren Pratt from Fort Myers took part in the musical theater production of *Into the Woods*, which premiered on March 1 to 3 in the Belhaven Center for the Arts Concert Hall. Pratt is a senior pursuing a Bachelor of Art in Music from Belhaven University.

Founded in 1883, Belhaven University now serves over 3,000 students from campuses in Jackson, Memphis, Orlando, Houston, Chattanooga, Atlanta and online.\*

## Symphony Hosts Open Rehearsals

The Southwest Florida Symphony returns to Riverside Community Center on March 12, 21 and 22 for a series of open rehearsals. Featured pieces include Tchaikovsky, Brahms and Beethoven.

The final rehearsal, on Thursday, March 22, will feature a conductor lec-

ture by Michael Hall beginning at 9 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m., an art exhibition from noted wildlife sculptor and painter Joel Loeper will include a light lunch. The art exhibition, conductor talk and open rehearsals are free of charge.

There is a \$5 charge for lunch and reservations are required.

Riverside Community Center is located at 3061 East Riverside Drive in Fort Myers. For more information and to make reservations, call 321-7524.\*

## Oil Painting With Palette Knife Workshop

On Saturday, March 10, the Art League of Fort Myers will hold a Palette Knife workshop, "Oil From Landscape Photography," with instructor Jan Ellen Atkielski. The session will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an hour-long lunch break at noon.

A "contemporary realist" who works from photography or directly from nature, Jan Ellen emphasizes the effect of color and natural light in her work. Palette knife paintings are created "ala prima:" painting continuously without allowing the paint to dry between sessions. Layers are built up, working from back to front, using different knives and strokes to create desired effects.

A professional artist with a Bachelors degree in Art, Jan Ellen has exhibited for more than 35 years and has an extensive list of collectors, both private and commercial. She has judged national exhibits, is also a published author and lecturer, and has been featured in print and on television.

Jan's art may be seen at [www.janel-lenart.com](http://www.janel-lenart.com) or [www.jan-ellen.com](http://www.jan-ellen.com).

This information-packed workshop is designed to give a good foundation for bold, direct palette knife painting. The workshop will accommodate 6 to 12 painters. Participants can expect to produce at least one painting.



One of Jan Ellen Atkielski's paintings

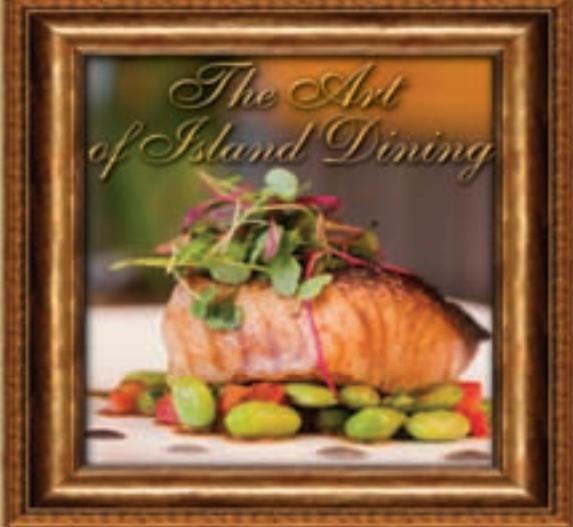
Class starts with a demonstration focusing on the most direct and effective methods for painting strong, vibrant oils using painting knives. Participants are encouraged to ask questions during the demonstration. Afterwards, participants will paint from their own photography or may choose to paint from one of the large photos provided for them by Jan Ellen.

A critique will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The workshop will be held at 1451 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. Cost is \$60 for ALFM members or \$75 for non-members (minimum of five participants).

Checks should be written to ALFM and mailed to P.O. Box 2255, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

To register for the workshop, call ALFM at 239-275-3970 or contact Tracy Owen-Cullimore at [artsytracy@hotmail.com](mailto:artsytracy@hotmail.com) or 239-822-8838.\*



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## Alliance For The Arts To Host Inaugural Artists' Studio Tour

Southwest Florida art enthusiasts will have a chance to get up close and personal with area artists on Saturday, April 28 during the Alliance for the Arts' first annual Artists' Studio Tour. The daylong, self-guided tour of more than nine locations – including studios and homes in the Fort Myers area – will be a fun, educational and inspirational way to help support cultural and educational programming at the Alliance, Lee County's designated arts agency.

The day will begin at the Alliance's 10-acre campus on the corner of McGregor and Colonial in Fort Myers, where ticket holders can enjoy a complimentary breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. and receive a map to the studios. The artists' studios will remain open until 4 p.m. Participants will decide the order and the amount of time they spend at each stop. See a spectrum of artistic mediums, from painting to pottery and metal work.



Leo and Krista Johnson in their studio

Participating artists include Chris Catti, Pat Dunn, Katie Gardenia, David Hammel, Marcus Jansen, Valerie Jewell, Leo and Krista Johnson, Steve Kalb, Myra Roberts, Byron M. Wood and Barbara Yeomans.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and a wine tasting with celebrated artist Marcus Jansen from 3 to 4 p.m. at his brand new downtown Unit A Contemporary Art Space, where participants can "WineD Down" and reflect on what they've experienced during the day's tour.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to watch local artists work in their own spaces, and talk with them about their creative processes – the how and why they do what they do.

Tickets are \$45 and are available now. Artists' Studio Tour sponsorship is provided by Finemark National Bank & Trust, Total Wine & More, Whitten Technical LTD and Leigh Frizzell Hayes.

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



Steve Kalb in his studio



Myra Roberts in her studio

## Shell Point Welcomes Guests To Spring Fashion Show, Luncheon

Shell Point invites guests to Brighten The Day & Light Up The Night at the community's annual Fashion Show and Luncheon hosted by Shell Point Retirement Community on Friday, March 16 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Tickets for this popular annual event are \$35 and guests will be treated to a delightful lunch while previewing the latest spring and summer fashions from several Bell Tower Shops including Saks Fifth Avenue, Talbots, Cache, Draper's and Damon's, Banana Republic, GAP, Patchington's, Trader Rick's and more.

"The Shell Point Spring Fashion Show has always been a popular event for our residents and the surrounding community," said Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of sales and marketing for Shell Point. "Of course, the fashions are always the main attraction and this year, more than 30 women of all ages will be modeling the current trends and fashions, which will include a variety of spring and summer wear, cruise and resort styles, casual day and evening wear, plus updated looks for the office.

"Guests will not only enjoy a delicious lunch while previewing the gorgeous fashions, but will have the opportunity to shop our Fashion Boutique," Schneider added. "Local vendors will have unique and exquisite items on display for purchase before and after the show including a variety of accessories, gift items, fashions, purses and jewelry that will be available for purchase."



Models from the 2011 Shell Point Fashion Show



Each guest will receive a special gift bag as well as the opportunity to win exciting door prizes.

"We are giving out some amazing door prizes this year and all of our guests will have multiple opportunities to win, but everyone who attends will walk away knowing that they helped to support a very worthy cause and that makes it even more enjoyable," said Schneider.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the Alzheimer's and Hope Hospice programs at Shell Point which are open to the public.

The fashion show will be held in the Shell Point Auditorium, located on The Island at Shell Point. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance by calling Mary Franklin at 454-2152.

To learn more about Shell Point, visit [www.shellpoint.org](http://www.shellpoint.org) or call 1-800-780-1131.\*

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Resurrection fern

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## Guided Walks

A second Morning Meander Atop The Marsh will be offered on Saturday, March 17 at Prairie Pines Preserve. Participants will meet in the parking lot at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers.

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.

For additional details about this tour, which will run from 9 to 10:30 a.m., call 533-7455.

On Saturday, March 24, a Guided Morning Walk Amongst The Pines will be offered at Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve.

Pine Island is the only place in Lee County where you will find naturalized longleaf pines. Walk a 1.12-mile trail that leads you through low-growing saw palmetto, abundant grasses and flowering plants, all characteristic of a healthy plant community shaped by fire. During this stroll, you will learn more about fire's role in a diverse ecosystem.

The degree of difficulty for this walk is moderate. Participants should wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring water, sunscreen, a hat (shade is scarce in some areas), binoculars and camera. No restrooms are onsite.



Ruby crowned kinglet feeding on wax myrtle berries

This tour will run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve. Meet in the parking lot at 6351 Stringfellow Road, St. James City. Call 707-8251 for more details.

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

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## March In The Park

1 p.m. – Bromeliads & Succulents for your Cape Coral Yard by Geri and David Prall

2 p.m. – Rain Barrels & Water Conservation by Sherie Sukovich

There will be food available for breakfast and lunch. Music will be playing, and raffle prizes will be drawn throughout the day. Raffle items include a hand-painted rain barrel, a wheelbarrow filled with plants and garden tools, two tickets to Royal Palm Dinner Theater, plants from vendors in our show, and much more. The Garden Club of Cape Coral is now selling raffle tickets for these prizes. Winners need not be present.

Parking and admission for March In The Park are free. For more information, visit [www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com](http://www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com) or contact Ginny Huffer at 540-7988 or [Huffmom5@aol.com](mailto:Huffmom5@aol.com). ✨



Historic levy construction

## Director's Tour To Clewiston Offered by Estates

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is offering a Director's Tour to Clewiston and Lake Okeechobee on Friday, March 16.

Experience the history, nature and agriculture surrounding Florida's most important water source, Lake Okeechobee with Edison & Ford Winter Estates president and CEO Chris Pendleton; Phil Flood of the South Florida Water Management District, Hunter Lathan of the Clewiston Chamber, Sugarland Tours and Butch Wilson, director of the Clewiston Museum.

About 100 years ago, the Edisons and Fords were exploring the lake area for connections to their rubber and plant research, fishing spots and recreation. The famous friends also met with sugar industry leaders to study agriculture and manufacturing and certainly learned about famous architect John Nolan's plan to create an urban model for Clewiston, then known as "the city on the lake."

Henry Ford purchased nearby Fort Thompson for his agriculture plans, and the friends explored the Caloosahatchee and neighboring waterways.

Plans for the day include a windshield tour of the sugar factory, then on to the historic Herbert Hoover Dike followed by a lecture, lunch with Clewiston Mayor Rich Miller and tour of the Clewiston Museum (from mammoths to prisoner of war camps, sugar cane agriculture and plans for the city). Wilson will take the group through areas not open to the public including USSC sugar factory and a large organic farm. The tour will finish up at STA #5 with the experts for birding and Florida hydrology. The annual Hendry Glades Audubon Festival is in March, so it should be wonderful for bird watching.

Cost for Edison Ford members is \$90, volunteers are \$85 and non-members are \$95. Call 334-7419 for reservations. Admission includes transportation, lunch, behind the scene tours and refreshments.

For additional information, visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org). ✨



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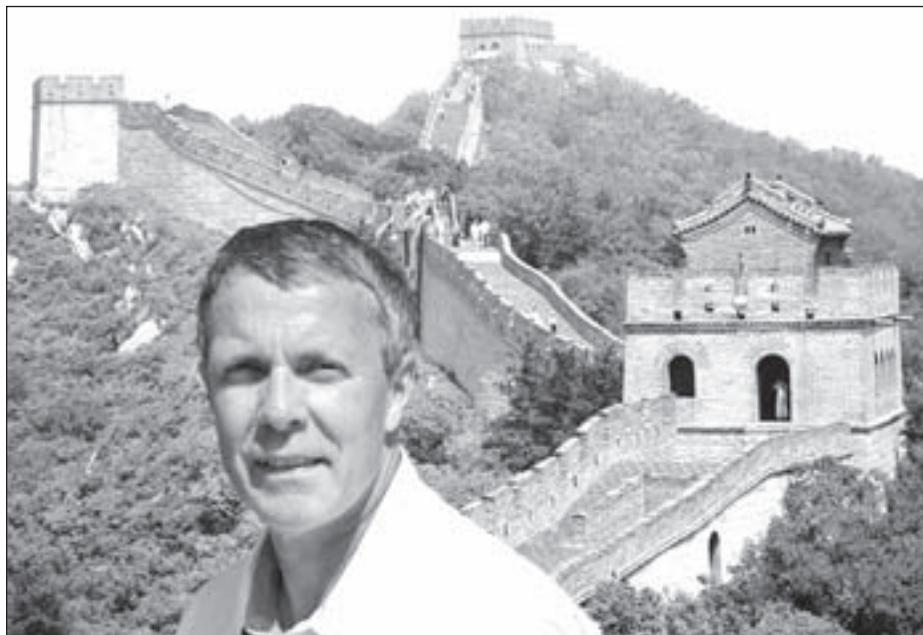
## Shell Point Offers Class On The History Of China

The Academy at Shell Point invites the public to attend an Academy class regarding The Story of China: From The Boxer Rebellion To Today on Monday, March 19 from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. in the Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point Retirement Community. Tickets are required to attend, and can be purchased for \$10 each by calling 454-2054.

Professor Adrian Kerr returns to Shell Point to examine the immense and varied country of China, and how it has been the most populous country on the planet since before the Roman times. The impact of China's history, religion and culture is widespread and is felt every day as its influence continues to grow.

Kerr will start out discussing the Boxer Rebellion in the 1890's and carry audience members through the history of China to the Mao control. All of these events played significant roles in the reform and westernization of China, making it a super power.

"Professor Kerr has been one of our most popular and regular presenters in the Academy at Shell Point, and he always brings intriguing and informative presentations to the Academy because of his immense knowledge of the history of various regions and his ability to share how that regions' history relates



Adrian Kerr visiting The Great Wall of China

to today," said Teri Kollath, manager of Academy and volunteer services. "We are pleased to welcome him back, and I know that guests will enjoy learning more about China today."

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point is a lifelong learning educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. The Academy provides anywhere from 70 to 90 classes each semester, that encompasses a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults. The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell

ticipating authors include:

### Adult

Diana Abu-Jaber – *Birds of Paradise* (latest release), *Origin: The Language of Baklava*

Lisa Black – *Defensive Wounds* (latest release), *Evidence of Murder*

Deborah Crombie – *No Mark Upon Her* (latest release), *Necessary As Blood*  
Jane Green – *Another Piece Of My Heart* (latest release), *Jemima J*

Iris Johansen – Eve Duncan series (most recent release, *Bonnie*), *Shadow Zone*

Roy Johansen – *Shadow Zone* (latest release), *Storm Cycle*

Alex Kava – Maggie O'Dell series (most recent release, *Hotwire*), *One False Move*

Erik Larson – *In the Garden of Beasts*, *Devil in the White City*

Michael Palmer – *Oath of Office*, *A Heartbeat Away*

Erica Spindler – *Watch Me Die*, *Breakneck*

Caroline Todd – *A Lonely Death: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery*

Thrity Umrigar – *The World We Found* (latest release), *The Space Between Us*, *Zane*, *Addicted*, *The Sex Chronicles: Shattering the Myth*

### Teen

Anna Godbersen – *Beautiful Days* (latest release), *The Luxe*

Nancy Holder – Crusade series (most recent release, *Crusade*), *Possessions* series

Lauren Oliver – *Before I Fall*, *Delirium*

Point was named as one of 2008's most innovative active aging programs by the International Council on Active Aging (ICAA), an association that supports professionals who develop wellness/fitness facilities and services for age 50-plus adults.

To learn more about Shell Point Retirement Community, visit [www.shell-point.org](http://www.shell-point.org) or call 1-800-780-1131.\*

Obert Skye – Leven Thumps series, *Wonkenstein* (latest title)

Debbie Viguie – Wicked series (most recent release, *Wicked: Witch and Curse*), *Wolf Springs Chronicles: Unleashed*

### Kids

Michael Buckley – *NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue and Defense Society*, The Sisters Grimm series

Christopher Paul Curtis – *The Mighty Miss Malone*, *Bud*, *Not Buddy*

Sara Pennypacker – *Clementine*, *Clementine, Friend of the Week*

Judith Schachner – *Skippyjon Jones*, *Class Action* (latest release), *Skippyjon Jones*

David Ezra Stein – *Interrupting Chicken*, *Love*, *Mouserella*

Tickets are priced at \$45 and reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 9 at 5 p.m. Go to [www.readfest.org](http://www.readfest.org) and select Evening With The Authors to make a reservation ([www.readfest.org/eveningwithauthors.aspx](http://www.readfest.org/eveningwithauthors.aspx).) \*

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## An Evening Of Art & Blues At ACT Auction

Last week, Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. announced that the Arts For ACT Fine Art Auction will be held on Saturday, August 11 at Harborside Event Center in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

This is the annual fundraising event of ACT, a non-profit agency serving victims of domestic violence and their children and survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

Arts For ACT is now soliciting for sponsorships of this event and artists to participate in both the live and silent auction.

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College will host a preview reception of all of the works that will be auctioned on July 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

An Evening of Art & Blues, presented by Arts For ACT Fine Art Auction, will prove to be unsurpassed in the quality of items in both the live and silent auctions. The auction pieces range from fun to formal, traditional paintings to the unique, painted furniture, and more! This year's auction will please and thrill all who attend. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour, silent auction and raffle. Dinner will be buffet style, and starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Jennifer Benton at 939-2553 or [jbenton@actabuse.com](mailto:jbenton@actabuse.com). Visit [www.artsforact-fineartauction.com](http://www.artsforact-fineartauction.com) for additional details.\*

## Evening With The Authors

Evening With The Authors, where people can enjoy meeting, talking one-on-one and dining with their favorite best-selling authors, will be held starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 16 at the Helm Club at the Landings in Fort Myers. The evening includes a cocktail reception and plated dinner with the 20-plus authors who will headline the Southwest Florida Reading Festival the next day.

"Seating is by choice. We do not assign seats and the authors mix and mingle during the reception," said Margie Byers, Southwest Florida Reading Festival coordinator. "It is a very relaxed and fun evening."

A dinner will honor author Michael Palmer with the Distinguished Author Award for his literary contributions and his community involvement. The evening is sponsored by Books-A-Million.

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

Evening With The Authors and Southwest Florida Reading Festival par-

## Martin To Sign Books In NFM

Author Dennis A. Martin will be available to sign copies of his book, *Celubrious: A Celebration of Life: A collection of readings to awaken your mind to positive thinking and an attitude of gratitude*, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in North Fort Myers. The book signing will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10.

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

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is located at 2951 Trail Dairy Circle in North Fort Myers.

For more information, contact Terry Cordingley at 888-361-9473 or [terry@tatepublishing.com](mailto:terry@tatepublishing.com).\*



### Pan Roasted Mackerel with Florida Vegetables and Fine Herbs

4 to 6 seven-ounce mackerel fillets  
2 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for drizzling

1 large yellow squash, diced  
½ large red bell pepper, diced  
1 medium onion, large diced  
1 large tomato, small diced  
3 cloves fresh garlic, minced  
1 lemon, sliced  
1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped  
1 teaspoon fresh oregano, chopped  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped  
Kosher salt, to taste

Fresh ground pepper, to taste  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Preheat a large oven proof sauté pan over medium high heat. Add 2 tablespoon of olive oil to the pan. Season mackerel fillets lightly with salt and pepper. Add seasoned fillets to heated pan and sear fillets on both sides. Add squash, bell pepper, onion, tomato, eggplant and garlic to pan with fish. Season vegetables with salt and pepper. Sprinkle rosemary and oregano over fish and vegetables. Place pan in oven



Pan Roasted Mackerel with Florida Vegetables and Fine Herbs

uncovered for around 10 to 12 minutes or until fish is cooked throughout and vegetables are crisp tender. Remove

from oven and garnish with chopped parsley and a drizzle of olive oil. Serve family style.

Yields four to six servings  
Look for "Fresh from Florida" ingredients at your grocery store.\*

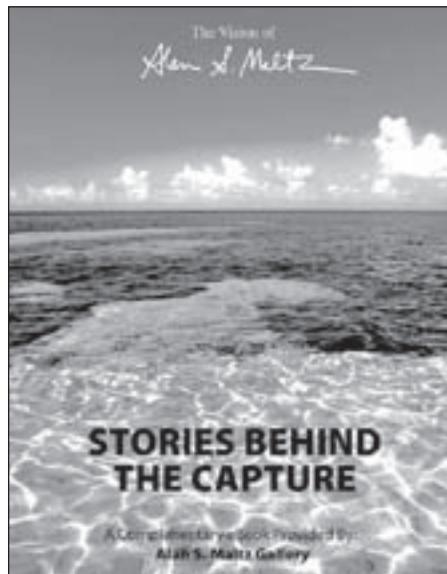
## Free eBook, *The Vision Of Alan S. Maltz*

Renowned fine art photographer Alan S. Maltz has released his first eBook, *The Vision of Alan S. Maltz - Stories Behind The Capture*. In the new eBook, the artist himself recalls the stories behind some of the most passionate and inspiring works of his career.

In his enchanting narratives, Maltz takes you back to the moments behind the images and recreates the beauty of "the capture." A tapestry of circumstances, inspirations and quests weave together the journey of Maltz's desire to "follow his inner voice" and embrace the romance of light and life.

"As an artist, I want to share a poetic interpretation of the beauty and mystique that surrounds us," Maltz explained. "That is why I published *The Vision of Alan S. Maltz - Stories Behind The Capture*. I want people to relive the moments; to demonstrate that the positive and uplifting tenor of my work comes from the ordinary magnificence that incorporates our lives."

With titles such as: *Dance Of The Dawn*, *Ghost Ship*, *Paradise Found* and *Meeting In Marseilles*, this eBook tantalizes the reader with anything but the ordinary. Yet Maltz's simple, organic voice of narration expresses how the common and spectacular are found together, in a blink of an eye, then captured. He writes: "I got out of my car, and through the thick mangrove brush I saw a unique and wondrous sight." With



#### Alan S. Maltz's new eBook

a click, the sunlit performance of *Dance Of The Dawn* was born.

"The splendor of nature is a wondrous and ever-surprising backdrop for my work," Maltz added. "As an artist, I am destined to portray each image in the most ethereal and romantic light possible. The observer is then invited to connect with the subject in a process intended to enlighten and inspire."

*The Vision of Alan S. Maltz - Stories Behind The Capture* is currently available free at [www.AlanMaltz.com/ebooks](http://www.AlanMaltz.com/ebooks) and offers readers an opportunity to go "in the field" and relive what Maltz experienced during the creation of some of his light-inspired works of art.

For additional information, visit [www.AlanMaltz.com](http://www.AlanMaltz.com) or call 305-294-0005.\*

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# Newest Sports Venue; The Florida Tarpons Of The Ultimate Indoor Football League



by Ed Frank

Although this is the busiest time of the year for professional sports as tens of thousands of fanatic baseball fans have flocked here to watch the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins in spring training, Andrew Haines and Michael Taylor ambitiously launch another effort this weekend for the sports dollar.

Haines and Taylor are owners of the new Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League that play their first game tonight, Friday, at Germain Arena against the Mississippi Hound Dogs. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Although two other indoor football teams have failed here in recent years, including the Florida Firecats that competed from 2001-2009 in the now defunct arenafootball2 league, Taylor said at a media briefing last week he is confident that the Tarpons will be successful.

He said more than 1,000 season tickets already had been sold.

The young Ultimate Indoor Football League expanded to 10 teams this year with each team playing 11 games stretching from March to June. Florida will compete in the league's southern division consisting of the Lakeland Raiders, the Rome (Georgia) Rampage, Eastern Kentucky Drillers and Mississippi.

The northern division includes the Cincinnati Commandos, Erie (Pennsylvania) Explosion, Johnstown Generals, Marion (Ohio) Blue Racers and the Western Pennsylvania Sting.

If the league's first game was any indication, you can expect wide-open explosive offenses as was the case in previous indoor football contests. The Erie Explosion defeated the Western Pennsylvania Sting 81-7 in that initial contest.

To attract fans to the cavernous 7,128-seat Germain Arena, Haines and head coach Taylor, a co-founder of the league, have priced tickets reasonably with single-game tickets as low as \$7 and season packages starting at \$42 for the seven-game home schedule.

The schedule is sprinkled with bye weeks as following tonight's home opener, the Tarpons do not play again until March 25 when the Lakeland Raiders come here.

Both Haines and Taylor have been owners and partners in numerous sports ventures over the years, some successful and some not, and you have to admire their courage to start another professional team here in the midst of spring training and while the Florida Everblades hockey season is still in progress.

The owners were finalizing the team roster this week - a roster that likely will include local talent, veterans of the old arenafootball2 and former college players.

Tickets are available at the Germain box office and by calling 225-6374.

## Everblades on Crucial Seven-Game Road Trip

The next two weeks are crucial to the post-season hopes of the Florida Everblades hockey team as they depart on a seven-game eastern swing facing Wheeling, Trenton, Reading and Elmira.

Winning two of three home games last week against North Division leader Kalamazoo, Florida improved their season record to 29-23-2 and moved within four points of third-place South Carolina in the ECHL South Division.

The Everblades do not return home to Germain Arena until March 21 when they host South Carolina for three games that week.\*

## Discount Tickets For Twins Vs. Pirates

The Minnesota Twins are offering discounted reserved seat tickets for their Saturday, March 31 home game at Hammond Stadium vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates. The special ticket price is \$19 per seat, a savings of \$5.

To purchase tickets, call 1-800-33-TWINS and mention promo code "Chamber" or bring the above coupon to the Hammond Stadium Box Office, at the Lee County Sports Complex on Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers, at least 24 hours before the game.\*

## Spring Training Home Baseball Schedules

### Minnesota Twins

Hammond Stadium - Lee County Sports Complex  
Thursday, March 8 - Tampa Rays; 1:05 p.m.

Friday, March 9 - St. Louis Cardinals; 1:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 11 - New York Yankees; 1:05 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13 - Toronto Blue Jays; 1:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 15 - Pittsburgh Pirates; 1:05 p.m.

Friday, March 16 - Baltimore Orioles; 1:05 p.m.

### Boston Red Sox

JetBlue Park at Fenway South

Friday, March 9 - Pittsburgh Pirates; 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 10 - Tampa Rays; 7:05 p.m.

Monday, March 12 - Miami Marlins; 1:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 15 - St. Louis Cardinals; 2:35 p.m.

Friday, March 16 - Minnesota Twins; 7:05 p.m.\*

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## Red Sox Outline Plans For Inaugural Games

The Boston Red Sox has outlined plans for this weekend's inaugural games at JetBlue Park at Fenway South, starting with Saturday's college exhibition games featuring Northeastern University and Boston College, followed by Sunday's Grapefruit League season opener between the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins.

Gates will open two hours before the start of all games at JetBlue Park throughout the entire Spring Training season. Fans with tickets to the Northeastern game starting at 2:35 p.m. will be able

to enter the ballpark for Saturday's college doubleheader starting at 12:35 p.m. Fans attending the 7:05 p.m. game with Boston College are asked to arrive at the ballpark starting at 5:05 p.m.

For Sunday's 1:35 p.m. game against the Twins, gates will open starting at 11:35 a.m. with the Red Sox scheduled to take batting practice at 11:00 a.m., followed by the Twins' batting practice.\*

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Lions have harnessed the skills for perfectly cooked pink shrimp

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## Shrimp Festival

Southwest Florida has to offer. One half-pound of steaming shrimp is served on every plate, accompanied by sauce and slaw.

Festival-goers can also browse and buy from the beach crafters and vendors who have made this event one of the best beach festivals in the south, drawing tens of thousands of visitors each year. Commemorative festival T-shirts, hats and tank tops will be for sale.

For additional information, visit [www.BeachShrimpFestival.com](http://www.BeachShrimpFestival.com)

### Shrimp Festival History

Today, the Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival raises tens of thousands of dollars for charities like the Florida Lions Eyebank, Baskin Palmer Eye Institute, Southeast Guide Dogs, largeprint books for the local library, Little League and Florida Lions Camp. But how did all of this beach tradition and fun actually begin?

The first Shrimp Festival was held in 1959. Prior to that, an event called Beach Day was held on the Sunday after the Edison Festival of Light Parade in Fort Myers in mid-February. St. Raphael's Episcopal Church sponsored the Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet, which was held on the beach pier, and shrimp rolls were sold in the county park on the beach.

The Beach Improvement Association held a beauty contest in the park. The idea of the Shrimp Festival was to provide Fort Myers Beach with its own celebration, and to build on Beach Day.

Initially it was to be held on the weekend nearest the full moon after the Edison Festival, but not closer than two weeks after. It was scheduled that way because the beach shrimping fleet was in port around the full moon as shrimping is poor during full moons.

The first year was a weekend-only event. The Fort Myers Beach Lions Club sponsored a parade from the beach school to the county park, the same parade route it takes to this day, and sold BBQ chicken dinners in the park.

"We cut lots of buttonwood logs on Friday, dug a pit and started the fire about five o'clock in the morning Saturday to boil the shrimp," said

longtime island resident and Lion Pete McCagg. "This was the primary fundraiser, though we also held a raffle. For the first few years, we raffled a television set and later a small boat, motor and trailer. One year we got very daring and raffled an automobile."

In the years of 1962 through 1970, Lions raised money by sponsoring a Gopher Turtle Derby. This had been a project of the Fort Myers Lions Club as part of the Edison Festival for several years. They paid the Seminole Indians 25 cents each for about 50 gopher tortoises,



Contestants from last year's Shrimp Festival Queen pageant

and Lions agreed to pay the Fort Myers Club 50 cents and save the gophers for the Shrimp Festival. Lions resold the turtles to beach businesses and/or individuals for \$5. They painted the shell with watercolor paints and strapped lightweight decorations on their backs as advertisement. Gophers – in heats of six to eight – were put in an inner circle, and the first to reach an outer circle won. When the festival was over, all gophers were released back into the wild.

The Lions decided that it had reached the point where it should be a chamber of commerce project. After one year, the chamber decided it was too much work, and the Lions Club agreed to take it back.

Fort Myers Beach Lions have sponsored the Shrimp Festival with pride every year since, knowing that people make their vacation plans around the fes-



Fun at the Fort Myers Beach Lions Shrimp Festival is for all ages

tival dates. The residents look forward to the festival as a celebration of their local heritage.\*

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## Post Offices Host National Passport Day

Planning a trip outside the country? Mission work? Or perhaps a cruise or holiday vacation? Postmasters in Alva and Fort Myers will be accepting passport applications on Saturday, March 10. Passport service will be provided to assist people whose hectic schedules make it difficult to complete this task during the week.

The Alva Post Office, located at 17301 Broadway Street in Alva, will host the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 728-3924.

The Page Field Post Office, located at 2655 N. Airport Road in Fort Myers, will host the event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 277-3336.

It is recommended that customers come in as early as possible to apply for their passports – at least eight weeks or earlier before their departure – to avoid any extra costs involved in expediting their application. The U.S. Department of State is currently reporting four to six

week processing times for routine passport applications.

It costs \$135 total for adults (16 years and older), with separate payment of \$25 to the U.S. Postal Service for its processing fee, and \$110 paid to the U.S. Department of State for the passport application fee. For persons under 16, the total cost is \$105, with separate payments of \$25 to the U.S. Postal Service for its processing fee, and \$80 to the U.S. Department of State.

For expedited passport service, add \$60 for each application, payable to the U.S. Department of State. In such cases, the applicant also incurs overnight (Express Mail) delivery costs, payable to USPS.

Passport photos will be available at each Post Office for \$15. Credit or debit cards, as well as cash or checks, may be used to cover the cost of photos and the acceptance fee.

To help the passport application process go smoothly and efficiently, the Postal Service recommends the following:

- Bring in proper proof of American citizenship. This must be either: a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state; a previous U.S. passport; a certificate of citizenship; or a naturaliza-

tion certificate. (Note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.)

- Bring in proof of identity. This must be either: a previous U.S. passport; a naturalization certificate; a certificate of citizenship; or a current valid driver's license, government ID or military photo ID. Also, bring a photocopy of the driver's license front and back.

- Passport photograph services will be provided on site for a fee of \$15.

- To save time, customers can download a passport application at [www.usps.com/passport](http://www.usps.com/passport) to complete their application beforehand. Do not sign the application ahead of time.

- All applicants must appear in person (including minors). Applicants under age 16 must appear with both parents. If one parent is not available, a notarized authorization from the absent parent is required along with a copy of their driver's license front and back.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.\*

## Quality Life Center's Young Students Prepare Video For Fundraiser Gala



Alana Campbell, Georgia Dawkins and Amarijon Johnson

Quality Life Center is preparing to celebrate 21 years of service to the community with a luncheon gala on Tuesday, March 27 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cohen Center at Florida Gulf Coast University, located at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers.

Media Arts instructor Georgia Dawkins is working with the children in the Quality Life Center's afterschool program to develop a short video depicting the education and arts enrichment taking place at the center, teaching her pint-sized crew all about researching, interviewing, recording and editing film.

Quality Life Center will be recognizing three organizations that have been working to transform the community in positive ways: Florida Gulf Coast University, *The News-Press* and Lee Memorial Health Systems.

Tickets for the gala are \$75 and can be purchased at [www.QualityLifeCenter.org](http://www.QualityLifeCenter.org) or by calling 334-2797. The Title Sponsor is Studio + Architecture, a downtown Fort Myers architectural and design services company, whose president, Ted Sottong, is a

## International Women's Night

Last week, the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida and Hispanic American Business Alliance announced a new date for the First Annual International Women's Night, a gala to honor and celebrate economic, political and social achievements of women throughout Southwest Florida.

The event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 2 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of 10 and can be purchased online at [www.iwnswfl.com](http://www.iwnswfl.com). The original March 10 date was changed so that international delegates who wish to attend may do so.

The date to nominate the International Woman of the Year has been extended to April 15. Nomination forms for outstanding women from the area's five counties – Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades – can be found online at [www.iwnswfl.com/nominations](http://www.iwnswfl.com/nominations). A finalist will be honored the night of the event.

Special guests scheduled to attend the event will include congresswomen from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, along with prominent women business

and civic leaders from the Southwest Florida region. The evening will include dinner, cocktails and live entertainment.

The event is chaired by Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall and sponsored by the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida and the Hispanic American Business Alliance.

For more information, e-mail Leonardo Garcia at [L.GarciaHaba@gmail.com](mailto:L.GarciaHaba@gmail.com) or call Nathan Shaw at 297-1551.✪

## Two Book Signings With Nonemaker

Local author Laura Allen Nonemaker will attend a book signing on Monday, March 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Curves, 231 Del Prado Blvd. South in Cape Coral.

Nonemaker, a resident of Cape Coral, will be available to sign copies of her book, *Benny's Angel: A God's Secret Garden Adventure*.

In addition, Nonemaker will sign books on Thursday, March 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers.

Who stole the flowers in God's Secret Garden? Find out in *Benny's Angel*, a delightful tale, which uses animals, nature, and a visit from an angel to teach the

importance of prayer and the value of trusting God.

For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or [traci@tate-publishing.com](mailto:traci@tate-publishing.com).✪

## Canterbury School Cougar Golf Classic

The Inaugural Canterbury Athletic Club Golf Classic will take place on Sunday, May 6, at The Colony Golf & Bay Club in Bonita Springs. This private 18-hole course was designed by U.S. Open Champion Jerry Pate.

Presented by title sponsor Dr. Peter J. Curcione, the modified scramble with four-person teams begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Anyone making a hole in one at the designated hole will win a new Chevy Equinox. Participants receive: complementary beverages, continental breakfast and lunch. Prizes will be awarded on all par 3 and par 5 holes and for the putting contest. More than \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded. Entry fee is \$150 per person or a foursome for \$500. The school is seeking sponsorships ranging from \$100 to \$1,500.

The tourney includes an auction and raffle with many items including an annual golf membership to Quail West. Proceeds will benefit athletes at Canterbury School.

Register sat [www.canterburyfortmyers.org/golf](http://www.canterburyfortmyers.org/golf) or call Canterbury School at 481-4323.✪

## Deans Award From Colgate

Yevangelina Alexandra Rybak is a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the 2011 fall term at Colgate University, where Rybak is a member of the class of 2012.

To be eligible for the Dean's Award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while enrolled in four courses. Rybak, a graduate of Leon High School, is concentrating in biology at Colgate. Rybak lives in Fort Myers.

She is the daughter of Mr. Olexandr Rybak and Mrs. Larysa Rybak.

Colgate is a liberal arts college in central New York. ✪

## Schappell Named To Dean's List

Lindsay Schappell of Fort Myers was named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List at Taylor University.

Full-time students are named to the Dean's List when they have earned a GPA of 3.60 or higher for the term and at least 12 hours carry credit point values.

Founded in 1846, Taylor University is an interdenominational liberal arts university of evangelical faith located in Upland, Indiana. The 2012 *U.S. News and World Report* survey America's Best Colleges ranked Taylor the number one Baccalaureate college in the midwest.✪

## Blue Named To Dean's List

Drew University student Matthew E. Blue of Fort Myers has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or above, which is equivalent to a B+ or better.

Founded in 1867, Drew is a selective, independent, coeducational university with a total enrollment of more than 2,300 students in its College of Liberal Arts, Caspersen School of Graduate Studies and Theological School. Widely recognized for academic excellence, Drew is routinely listed among the nation's top colleges by *The Princeton Review*.✪

## Brown Named To OU's Dean's List

Fort Myers's Tirzah Brown was named to Oglethorpe University's Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester. Brown, a Biopsychology and Sociology major, was one of approximately 260 students to earn this distinction, which requires students to achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average while maintaining a full-time class schedule during the semester.

Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia was founded in 1835 and enrolls 1,100 students representing 34 states and 28 countries. For more information, visit [www.oglethorpe.edu](http://www.oglethorpe.edu).✪

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, I am considering enrolling my daughter in an all-girl's high school next year. I have read that kids who go to same sex school become

stronger students and do better than others who go to a mixed school. Is this correct?

Katie C., Estero

**Katie,**

There has been quite a bit published on the benefits of single-sex schools however this information has been re-examined recently and is currently being hotly debated. One reason single sex schools were founded was because it was said that the brains of boys and girls are so different that students needed separate classrooms to learn and achieve. Recent research is beginning to prove otherwise, even for male students of color who were often seen as the students most likely to be helped by enrolling in single-sex schools.

Rebecca Jordan-Young, a socio-medical scientist and professor at Barnard College, has "rejected the idea that that

the differing organization of female and male brains is the key to behavior." In her well-regarded book, *Brainstorm*, she concludes, "that although sex-linked traits play a role in human development, they do not determine most of our behavior."

Currently several other psychologists and scientists from the University of North Carolina and the University of Melbourne have also published information similar to Dr. Young's reporting that there is little evidence that there is male and female brains learning patterns differ significantly.

The recent research team headed by C. Kirabo Jackson, a labor economist at Northwestern University, who analyzed data on 219,849 students from 123 schools to find out whether single-sex schools improved student performance between sixth and 10th grades. The study found that students in all-girls schools were slightly less likely to take math or science courses. Given the fact that such courses often lead to lucrative careers in science, technology, engineering and math or STEM fields, this causes some concern. The data show that while sex-segregated classrooms may benefit a subset of girls, they don't automatically benefit all girls and boys. The girls who did well were those who wanted to have an all-girls class.

The United States has had both single-sex and mixed-sex schools since the 1700s, although many older institutions of higher education were reserved for the

male sex and since then have changed their policies to become coeducational in the 1970s. Many of our religiously affiliated high schools and colleges have long been single-sex institutions as well.

So if science is saying that the data on brain biology and hormones does not support improved achievement in single-sex schools why do students attend these schools? Learning encompasses much more than what goes on in the brain and it seems that many single-sex schools address some important learning considerations. They include gender-specific teaching strategies, less pressure toward gender stereotyping than in mixed schools that may allow for more educational opportunities for both girls and boys and of course family traditions. Many young people want to attend the high school that one's mother or father attended as a matter of family history and pride.

A close look at the reasons that you and your daughter want a single-sex school is in order so you can determine what will work best for your family.

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## Dean's List

James R. Dunlop, of Cape Coral, a senior, was named to the Dean's List of Mercer University's School of Engineering for the fall 2011 semester. Inclusion on this list requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards for the School of Engineering.

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 8,300 students in 11 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing and continuing and professional studies – on major campuses in Macon, Atlanta and Savannah and at four regional academic centers across the state. Mercer is affiliated with four teaching hospitals - Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, and The Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital in Columbus - and has educational partnerships with Warner Robins Air Logistics Center in Warner Robins and Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta.\*

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## Academy Offers Art History Lunch & Learn Program

The Academy at Shell Point invites the public to attend a two-session presentation, which includes a boxed lunch with Professor Roxanne Precopia. This event allows us to explore various periods of art, including numerous artists, while focusing on the themes The Crucifix in Art and Artistic Portrayals of Women in the Bible.

The sessions will take place from 10:15 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point Retirement Community. Space is limited, so tickets are required to attend, and can be purchased for \$25 a piece by calling 454-2054.

"We are so happy to offer another class by Professor Roxanne Precopia," said Teri Kollath, manager of Academy and volunteer services. "She has such a unique way of taking a subject through the many eras of art history while bringing a fresh approach to the lecture. This is such a unique topic, with so much background and detail in history, that I know all who attend will find it fascinating."

In the first session attendees will learn how the crucifix, a symbol of Christ's death on the cross, has been a central image in art. This image has varied, reflecting the prevailing climate of religious thought as well as the artist's personal expression of the narrative.



Professor Roxanne Precopia

During the second session after lunch, Precopia will discuss how women of the bible have often been a theme of artists over the centuries. Using these thematic portraits the lecture will discuss the narratives, technical and stylistic attributes of various artists' depictions. Featured works of art by Carravaggio, Tiepolo, Rembrandt, Jan Steen, Ricci, Benzoni, Chagall, Schwebel and others will be viewed and discussed.

The Academy of Life Long Learning at Shell Point is a lifelong learning educational initiative for the residents of the retirement community. To learn more, visit [www.shellpoint.org](http://www.shellpoint.org) or call 1-800-780-1131.\*

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## Financial Focus

## Become Familiar With These Five Key Categories



by Jennifer Basey

**A**s an investor, what are your goals? You can probably think of quite a few, but over the course of your lifetime, your objectives typically will fall into five key categories. And

once you're familiar with these areas, you can start thinking of what they'll mean to you in terms of your financial and investment strategies.

So, let's take a look at each of these areas and see what they might entail for you:

- **Preparing for retirement** – With advances in health care and a greater awareness of healthy living practices, many of us can expect to live two or three decades in an active retirement. To pay for all those years, you'll need to save and invest early and often. So, while you're working, take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, as well as contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. After understanding your desired retirement lifestyle, your

financial advisor can help you determine how, and how much, to save to provide for your income in retirement.

- **Planning for the unexpected** – You can't see into the future, so you'll need to prepare for anything that comes your way. By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can possibly avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for things such as a new furnace or a major car repair. And planning for the unexpected also means having sufficient life insurance to provide for your family in case anything happens to you.

- **Educating your children** – College is already expensive, and college expenses have been rising faster than the overall rate of inflation. If you want to help your children, or grandchildren, pay for school, you may want to invest in a college savings vehicle, such as the 529 plan. You can contribute large amounts to a 529 plan, and earnings have the opportunity to grow tax-free, provided withdrawals are used for higher education. (Withdrawals not used for education are subject to income taxes and a 10 percent penalty.)

- **Living in retirement** – Once you reach retirement, your investment emphasis will shift somewhat, from accumulating resources to making them last. By working with a financial advisor, you can develop a withdrawal strategy that can help make sure you don't outlive the income you receive from your 401(k), IRA and other sources. At the same time, given the possible length of your retire-

ment, you can't ignore the need to invest for growth, so you may need to consider some growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio to help your income keep pace with inflation.

- **Transferring your wealth** – When you've worked hard your whole life, you want to be able to leave a legacy, one that allows you to provide financial resources to the next generation and to those charitable organizations you may wish to support. So, when it's time to think about transferring your wealth, you'll want to consult with your financial

and legal advisors to create an estate plan that's appropriate for your needs. And because these plans can take significant time to create, you won't want to wait too long to start.

So, there you have them: five key financial areas on which to focus as you travel through life. By doing your homework, planning ahead and getting the help you need, you can make the journey a pleasant and productive one.

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## Best Tax Tips Roundtable

**T**he Southwest Florida Small Business Resource Network (SBRN) will host a networking roundtable panel discussion on tax tips for small businesses from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 15 at the Holiday Inn, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive Fort Myers. SBRN, a statewide organization, is sponsored locally by Florida Gulf Coast University's Small Business Development Center.

The discussion centers on tax topics including: how to avoid an audit; what and what not to include as income; and how to take advantage of all available deductions. The presenter for this event

is Fred Tenorio of public accounting firm Ball, Shanaham & Tenorio.

The evening begins with the Resource Network's monthly Network After Five event where members and guests network and exchange ideas for growing their business.

Cost for members is \$15 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Guests and unaffiliated small business owners pay \$20 person.

Space is limited and RSVP is required. To register, go online to [www.sbd-seminars.org](http://www.sbd-seminars.org). Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 14.

For further information or to get directions, contact Lorna Kibbey, coordinator at the Small Business Development Center, at 745-3700.✪

## Shoals Receives ZAGAT Award

**S**hoals Restaurant and Wine Bar, the restaurant attached to the Sandy Butler Market, received an "excellent" rating from ZAGAT, announced general manager Jason Nelson.

The restaurant was rated excellent and received a score of 25 for food, 20 for décor, 24 for service and an M rating for cost. The comments from the review included "browse the gourmet offerings at the store next door while waiting to be seated," "raise the bar on dining close to the beach" and "seafood-centric dishes at prices that can be a bargain."

Ratings from ZAGAT are on a 30-point scale, made up of ratings for defined areas including food, decor, service, and cost. In addition to numeric scores, the survey also includes a short descriptive paragraph that incorporates selected quotations (typically a few words) from several reviewers' comments about each restaurant or service, as well as typical pricing and other information.

Shoals Restaurant recently re-launched with a new menu that takes advantage of an abundance of fresh seafood and produce available in Southwest Florida to offer a creative and fun selection that features local specialties.

Other offerings include signature cocktails made with fresh muddled fruits, desserts featuring key limes and mangos, and a wine list that features more than

50 wines at or below retail prices. This means that Shoals is not marking up their wines to reflect restaurant pricing which can be up to three times higher than prices charged at a store.

They are able to do this because they are attached to the Sandy Butler Market, which is separated from the restaurant by a tall glass wall. This thin barrier offers diners and guests at the new wine bar a view of the market which is full of fresh and imported food items, dry goods, fresh cheese, a charcuterie (or meat market), 520 wines, freshly roasted coffee, freshly squeezed orange juice and a full selection of cook's gifts and sundries. The market also offers a selection of prepared foods for take-home dining.

Shoals Restaurant and Wine Bar is located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. It is open for lunch and dinner Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations can be made at [www.shoalswinebar.com](http://www.shoalswinebar.com) or by calling 482-6765.✪

## Support Group

**A** support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Blvd., Suite 101 in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions

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

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

For more information, call the Center at 437-3007.✪

## United Way Extends Fundraising Campaign

**U**nited Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades has extended its 2011-12 fundraising campaign, to allow time to raise the \$300,000 needed to reach the \$8,030,533 goal.

"The Board of Directors recognizes it is in the best interest of our community to extend the campaign," said Joe Catti, United Way board chair and president of FineMark National Bank and Trust. "It is critical to fully fund the programs of our 70 partner agencies that help more than 300,000 Lee, Hendry and Glades residents each year."

For the last 18 years, United Way has met or exceeded its annual campaign goal.

"Based on our community's incredible

track record of caring and giving, United Way firmly believes that everyone will step up to help us meet the goal," said Cliff Smith, United Way president.

Although short of the goal, the campaign has been successful: many employees have significantly increased their payroll-deduction pledges; several companies conducted first-time campaigns; and the number of donors making gifts of \$1,000 or more has increased.

The number of people in our community who need help also is increasing. United Way 211, the help line for referral to health and social services, receives 4,000 calls a month, more than double the number of calls received before the economic downturn. The 13 United Way Houses, which serve as satellite locations for human service agencies, are seeing double the number of clients.

United Way agencies provide food for hungry families through tens of thousands of meals at food pantries, meals delivered to the homebound and students' backpacks filled with nutritious weekend meals. They also provide shelter for the abused, respite for Alzheimer's caregivers, free or reduced-cost health care for children and adults, a healthy start for babies and toddlers, lessons for those who need to master English, and many other programs and services.

To learn more or to contribute to the 2011-12 campaign, call 433-2000 or visit [www.unitedwaylee.org](http://www.unitedwaylee.org).✪

## Children Discover Life In Full Color



Italian pianist Nadia Fanzaga and Jim Nathan

within themselves to find motivation to move forward when obstacles became too much. Much like the children fighting an illness must.

Emanuela Pierantozzi, an Italian Olympian in the sport of judo, and Nadia Fanzaga, renowned Italian concert pianist, visited with the children at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida on February 27. Pierantozzi shared Olympic stories and artistic passion with the children as they worked to transform clay into unique sculptures. Fanzaga visited with the children and also played a piece on the hospital's piano to help lift spirits.

AOTO and Lee Memorial Health



Olympian Emanuela Pierantozzi visits with Brie, a patient at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

System are striving to establish a creative environment that encourages constructive responses to illness. Olympians artists connect with children battling illness, their families and health care providers to bring the arts into the mainstream of restoring bodily, mental and spiritual health.

"It is a joy to be able to help our youth discover their voice," said Pierantozzi. "The key to unlocking that treasure is creating a positive, affirming environment that will enable the children's stories to unfold through the art they create." ❄️

### Italian pianist Nadia Fanzaga joins Art of the Olympians in Life in Full Color at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida

**A**rt of the Olympians (AOTO) and Lee Memorial Health System continue to celebrate Life in Full Color, a patient-based outreach program that provides a positive outlet for children battling illness to share their stories and their inspirations through art.

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## Vitamin D Helps From Head To Toe



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**D**ear Pharmacist: My friend's daughter has rickets. I didn't think that was possible in this day and age. How do I protect my kids?

AE, Boston, Massachusetts

Rickets is the result of vitamin D deficiency and it causes bowed legs and spinal deformity in children. Low D in adults contributes to osteoporosis. Vitamin D turns into a hormone in your body, and emerging studies suggest that statin cholesterol-lowering drugs are drug muggers of vitamin D (and CoQ10).

You can test your vitamin D levels; the blood test is inexpensive. Just as an aside, if you are low in D, you are probably low in A, too. Upping your vitamin D with supplementation can help offset drug mugging from statins, control autoimmune disorders, improve blood sugar levels, reduce cell damage that leads to cancer, and help with conjunctivitis. People with gluten intolerance (and Celiac disease) need to know vitamin D is essential to close "tight junctions" so unwanted proteins do not leak out into your bloodstream. Vitamin D keeps zonu-

lin in check, so simply put, a deficiency in vitamin D can worsen intestinal hyperpermeability and increase auto-antibodies.

Back to rickets, since that is my focus today.

Why is rickets making a comeback? I can answer that in a single word: sunscreen. Early last year, a smattering of stories alerted people in the United Kingdom that a 12 year-old girl complaining of aching legs had been found so deficient in vitamin D that she was in a pre-rickets condition. It turned out her mom had been slathering her with SPF 50 sunscreen every day before she went outdoors. A number of UK doctors then stepped forward to acknowledge that rickets was becoming more common.

Rickets can cause deformed legs and spines, and that simply should not be happening. If you want to protect your kids, let them get some of the sunshine vitamin. You can eat it, too. Vitamin D is found in cod liver oil, wild-caught cold-water seafood and egg yolks. Some people shy away from seafood (due to mercury concerns) and from eggs (because of cholesterol concerns, which I don't agree with). Milk and cereals fortified with Vitamin D may not be ideal either, due to dairy or grain sensitivities. So what are you going to do?

Even if you have a healthy diet of lean grass-fed meats, organic fruits and vegetables and nuts, I still think you should bare some skin in the sun. At this time of year, getting sunshine for 10 to 20 minutes several days a week is impossible if you live in the northern latitudes. Also, depending on upbringing, religious beliefs

and personal preferences, some parents teach modesty with their daughters. They insist on long sleeves, skirts, pants or head cover-ups. If this is the case, a D supplement is particularly essential in reducing risk for rickets and adult-onset auto-immune disorders.

*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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).* ✨

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie 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,

Our 85-year-old father was widowed two years ago and my sister and I would like him to move into a retirement complex.

He lives in the family home with a year-old dog. The dog is his faithful companion and gets better care than most children. Our father has isolated himself,

is lonely and has commented that he never thought widowhood would be so terrible and he now knows he didn't appreciate what he had. He is determined to stay because he likes his home. What do you suggest we do to try to convince him?

Mary Liz

### Dear Mary Liz,

Why try to convince him to do something you want him to do? He has lost his wife, your mother, now you want him to lose his home and sense of independence? Why not try to support him in his own home? If you think he is depressed, ask him to be evaluated by his physician. If you think he is lonely and isolated, ask him if that is how he feels (not how you think he feels). If he does feel lonely and isolated, open a discussion about how to reduce those feelings through community service and programming.

Pryce

### Dear Mary Liz,

If your father has decided to stay in his own home, that is his decision and his right and no amount of talking will change his mind. His memories are there and he feels comfortable there so that is where he should be. However, he may find it increasingly difficult and decide himself to make a change at a future date.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com). ✨

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## St. Charles YC Making Waves For Children's Hospital

**O**n Saturday, March 10, St. Charles Yacht Club will be Making Waves For The Children's Hospital with a day of on the water along with waterside activities for young patients of Lee Memorial Health System's Children's Hospital and their families, then holding a gala dinner-dance and auction to raise funds for the new Children's Hospital.

The St. Charles Yacht Club, 15900 St. Charles Harbour Boulevard in South Fort Myers will host the event for the Lee Memorial Hospital System (LMHS) capital campaign to build a new Children's Hospital at HealthPark in Fort Myers. The \$125 million project will result in a new facility which will increase the number of pediatric beds to 136 from the current 98. Additionally, it will result in another 50 new beds for adult care and provide dramatic improvements in the health care available to both children and adults in our community.

The event, called Making Waves For The Children's Hospital, will start with a day at the Yacht Club for children who are patients at the Children's Hospital at

HealthPark and their families. Beginning late morning, the children will enjoy a picnic lunch and boating-related activities and games before embarking on club members' boats for a ride on the Caloosahatchee and adjacent waters. Each patient will have sponsors who are members and friends of St. Charles and who have contributed \$100 donations to the hospital project fund.

Popular NBC2 weather forecaster Robert Van Winkle will be on hand to greet the children and their families.

That evening, the club will host a gala dinner dance and live/silent auction with proceeds being directed to the LMHS Foundation in support of the capital campaign. An impressive assortment of gifts donated by the Southwest Florida business community and other organizations including international providers has been assembled for the auction. They include a 47-foot power catamaran yacht charter in the British Virgin Islands, a week's stay in a private villa on north Captiva Island, and "staycation" packages at other area destinations including South Seas Island Resort on Captiva and Hotel Indigo in the Fort Myers River District.

Congress Jewelers, Lily & Co. Jewelry Gallery and William E. Wilson Fine Jewelry Design - all of Sanibel - have also donated very generous gift certificates. Offshore Sailing School of Fort

Myers is providing a three-day or five-day sailing course at one of their resort-based facilities

Boston Red Sox fans will be able to bid on a dinner for eight people at the Red Sox Diamond Dinner at JetBlue Park on March 27 to celebrate the start of the baseball season, while theater buffs will be interested in two season subscriptions to the highly-acclaimed Florida Repertory Theater and tickets for four on the Murder Mystery Dinner Train.

A number of notable area restaurants have also generously provided gift certificates.

These and many more auction items will be available for viewing during the day prior to the gala dinner dance at St. Charles.

Cocktails will start at 6 p.m., with dinner to follow at 7 p.m. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by The Jackpot Band.

Seating for the dinner and auction is limited with reservations required. Attire is yacht club casual, with jackets optional for men.

Cost for the evening is \$100 per person, a portion of which will be a tax-deductible donation to the Children's Hospital. Checks need to be made out to LMHS Foundation. Reservations for the evening can be made by contacting Liz Byck at 489-3008. ✨

## Dr. Dave Nibbles, Bleebettes Or Acrochordon



by Dr. Dave  
Hepburn

One of the things that irritate me, literally, are tags in the back collar of my shirts. (Please reread this last sentence in the grumpy whine of Andy Rooney,

eyelids of those who rub their eyes a lot. They can occur under your breasts, explaining the general migration of skin tags towards the knees with age. Small ones may be unnoticeable and often fall off on their own, which may explain that mysterious plop you heard in your soup last week. Speaking of soup, some are the size of lentils, others the size of wonton. One patient showed me one in his groin that was literally the size of a golf ball. Now as a doctor, anything to do with golf gets our attention, so I took a be-nine iron and whacked it off. (I'm fairly sure it was the skin tag I hit as I didn't notice any dramatic change in his vocal intonation.)

While skin tags are frequently and inadvertently shaved off with a razor or even by waxing, home removal is gener-

ally frowned upon, particularly if you're inclined to do so while the entree is being served. Skin tags can be frozen off with liquid nitrogen or snipped off with clip-pers, scissors or the cat's really sharp incisors. But do it the house at your peril. Like my mother always said, "David, I don't want useless pieces of skin hanging about the house. Now get to school before I take Rooney's weed whacker to you."

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then go clip your eyebrows with a weed whacker.)

I live in fear of cutting them off and having my shirt unravel or shrink two sizes in the wash, exposing my patients to that attractive yet intimidating navel lint. Every noise outside my home could be the tag police about to bust in and arrest me. Though you'd think they'd get used to it, my neighbors still get upset seeing me in handcuffs while the sirens send their dogs into whirling dervishes. Do these tags contain some formula for washing my clothes that will be forever lost should I cut them off? Wash them without the tag and they turn flaming magenta or lose an arm?

Once, while giving a talk, a tag was irritating my neck so badly that I kept reaching back to scratch it. Finally, I had to apologize to the audience and I removed my shirt. That was the last time I was invited to speak at the Chippendales convention... jealousy, I suspect.

Skin tags are just as annoying as shirt tags and are also often found on the neck. You know them, the wee skin danglers that flop about on a thin wobbly stalk like a Kansas sunflower or a portobello mushroom on a flimsy stem that blows about in a westerly wind produced by an El Nino and, on occasion, an El Nina in September through late November.

On the plus side, skin tags are loads of fun to play with, especially when they have a long stalk. You can flick them about at dinner, toss them over your groin or, if you're really talented, the groin of someone beside you. Spar with them like a punching bag for exercise.

And it's reassuring to know that skin tags is completely benign.

Benign is a pleasant word like peppermint, playoffs and Bingo (under the B... 9). Benign, as in be nine points ahead of your wife in Scrabble (but win and you better be nine miles out of town in a hurry).

A skin tag is called an acrochordon, which to be honest is a waste of an excellent, exotic medical name because we really don't give a rat's patoot about skin tags. They should be called nibbles or bleebettes or Kevin or something boring, which they are. They are completely safe, unless one swings up and hits you in the eye while you're passing a Lamborghini in a school zone.

Skin tags typically crop up in places where skin is rubbed under friction like the armpit, neck, groin and even on the

## Southwest Florida Heart Ball Returns

On Saturday, April 14, the American Heart Association's Southwest Florida Division invites you celebrate international achievements in cardiovascular research, science and medicine with the annual Southwest Florida Heart Ball. Co-chaired by David and Kerri Call, this year's event is themed Hearts Around The World and will give attendees a chance to take a trip around the globe as they enjoy gourmet dining, dancing, a silent auction, a live auction and entertainment by The Malones.

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## Red Sox Perform Six More Of Their 100 Acts Of Kindness

As part of a longstanding commitment to support organizations in their spring training home, the Boston Red Sox chose six Southwest Florida organizations as the latest beneficiaries of the 100 Acts Of Kindness, a program during Fenway Park's 100th anniversary season that recognizes and supports the work of charitable organizations.

The Red Sox organized a six-location, two-day volunteer effort last week. With the completion of the six Acts Of Kindness in Florida, the total this year will reach 17.

February 28 was designated a Day of Community Service. From 3 to 5 p.m., Red Sox uniformed personnel and front office staff visited the Amigos Center, Community Cooperative Ministries Inc.'s Meals On Wheels and Special Equestrians. Volunteers interacted with youth, helped stock shelves, assisted the homeless and hungry with emergency food selections, and assisted with therapeutic horseback riding classes for children and adults with disabilities.

The Amigos Center provides social and legal services for immigrants of Southwest Florida to help them lead a new and better life in the USA. Its goal is to help immigrants attain the education, skills, and resources necessary so they can succeed. The Amigos Center is located at 106 S. 2nd Street in Immokalee.

The Meals On Wheels program delivers one hot, nutritious, and well-balanced meal a day five days a week, including extras for the weekend. This program is intended for Lee County residents who are elderly, ill, or disabled and are unable to shop or prepare their own food. Meals On Wheels is located at 3429 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Fort Myers.

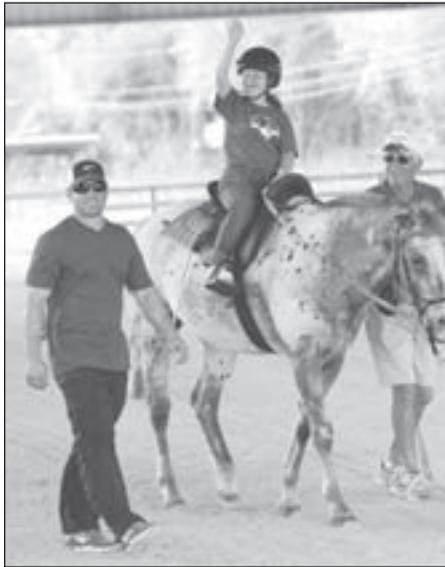
Special Equestrians, Inc. is a PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) Premier Accredited Center that offers therapeutic horseback riding classes to children and adults with disabilities in Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties of Southwest Florida. The horseback riding program supports 12 horses and services more than 75 disabled riders each week. The address for Special Equestrians is 5121 Staley Road in Fort Myers.

On February 29, another Day of Community Service was held from 3 to 5 p.m. Red Sox uniformed personnel and front office staff participated in the CCM-Backpack Program benefiting Treeline Elementary, and visited the VA Outpatient Clinic and the African Caribbean American Center (AFCAAM). Volunteers assembled backpacks with food for local students, interacted with local veterans, and performed mentoring and tutoring sessions to help students build self-esteem and self-reliance.

As many as 97 percent of some school children in Lee County are on free or reduced lunch and over 700 children are homeless. CCM provides weekend backpacks full of food to more than 2,500 children each school year.



Meals On Wheels workers prepping meals



Special Equestrians go for a ride

The backpacks will be assembled at Treeline Elementary, whose students will be the beneficiaries of the backpacks. The school is located at 10900 Treeline Avenue in Fort Myers.

The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System improves the health and well being of our men and women who have served our country. The VA program in Fort Myers is an outpatient clinic that provides a wide variety of medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care to veterans. The VA Outpatient Clinic is located at 3033 Winkler Avenue in Fort Myers.

The African Caribbean American Center (AFCAAM) After School Program focuses on providing exceptional reading and tutoring educational services to the children in Lee County and the Dunbar community. The program hosts over 100 kids, ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade. The address for AFCAAM is 3681 Michigan Avenue in Fort Myers.

As a way to highlight and support the important work done by the many charitable institutions throughout New England and beyond, the Red Sox are engaging in 100 Acts Of Kindness with various not-for-profit organizations during the 100th anniversary season of Fenway Park in 2012. These acts will take on a number of different forms, including donations, volunteer efforts, and hosting community events. Each act will be



Amigos Center staff, volunteers and clients meet the Red Sox



Meals On Wheels staff and volunteers



Kids at AFCAAM's Day of Service meet Wally, the Red Sox mascot

designed to highlight organizations and causes throughout New England. Red Sox ownership, players, alumni, and staff will participate. Additional acts will be

announced throughout 2012, culminating with 100 by the end of this 100th anniversary year.\*

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## Heart Ball

medical and community leaders are expected to attend the event, which will be held at 6 p.m. the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. The co-signature sponsors for this year's Heart Ball are Fifth Third Bank and NCH Healthcare System. The Poster Contest sponsor is Arthrex and the Dr. Pascotto Golden Heart Award Sponsor is Florida Gulf Coast University.

Additional top sponsors are Fowler White Boggs; Home Tech Inc., Regions Bank; Lee Memorial Health System; CenturyLink; and Dr. Chris Papadopoulos and Mary Bongiovanni. Media sponsors for this year's Heart Ball are Waterman Broadcasting, *Gulfshore Life* and Comcast.

Each year, the Heart Ball helps to raise money essential to research and education that aids in the fight against heart disease and stroke – the No. 1 and No. 3 killers of people in this country, respectively. Nationally, every 33 seconds someone dies from heart disease, and each year just under a million people die from cardiovascular diseases. Through the fundraising work of the American Heart Association and its generous donors, research has yielded such groundbreaking discoveries as cardiac catheterization, open-heart surgery, angioplasty, pacemakers and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

For more information on the 2012 Heart Ball, contact Regan Goldberg, vice-president of Southwest Florida Field Operations, at 498-4901 or e-mail [regan.goldberg@heart.org](mailto:regan.goldberg@heart.org).\*

## Pets Of The Week

**M**y name is Amelia and I am a spayed female 2-year-old brown lab/pit bull mix. I love people! In fact, I like to sit right next to my caretakers to make sure I get plenty of extra hugs and kisses.

I think I am a tiny lap dog even though I'm 50 pounds now (I only weighed 39 pounds when Animal Services rescued me). Other dogs and cats are not a problem because I love pets, too. My favorite things are going for walks and taking afternoon naps. Unfortunately, I lost my sight, but can get around like every other dog. I am in my foster home until I find my "forever" home.

Please consider me for your family. To arrange a meeting with me, contact [kennel@leegov.com](mailto:kennel@leegov.com). My adoption fee is \$45 during Animal Services' "Find Your Lucky Charm" adoption promotion (regularly \$75). If you volunteer for any organization, you can adopt me for only \$8.

(LCDAS says thank you to all volunteers for everything they do for the community!)

My name is Priscilla and I am a spayed female 2-year-old calico domestic short hair. The shelter staff and my foster family say I'm an exceptionally sweet kitty, but I've been through some rough times and need special care.

The veterinarian found a large polyp in my ear. The polyp was removed, but I still have some difficulty with my balance and sometimes I feel like everything is spinning. The vet says I may have some partial improvement, but it could be a permanent condition. I may also be deaf. My disability doesn't affect my outlook on life though. I still enjoy people and I'm a great companion.

Please consider opening your home and heart to me. I will give you lots of love in return. I'm currently in a foster home, so contact [kennel@leegov.com](mailto:kennel@leegov.com) to arrange a meeting with me. My adoption fee is \$25 during Animal Services' "Find Your Lucky Charm" adoption promotion (regularly \$50). If you volunteer for any organization, you can adopt me for only \$8.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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.



Amelia ID# 514257

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.

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## Wiener Dog Derby

The 3rd annual Florida Wiener Dog Derby will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers. Pre-race ceremonies begin at 10:45 a.m. and the races commence at 11 a.m. This will be a fun-filled family day with vendors, dog demonstrations, entertainment and activities. A new event, the Wiener Wannabe Race will be debuted. All leashed dogs are welcome. There is no fee for admission but there is a \$5 Lee County parking fee. Race registration is available online at [www.floridawienerdogderby.com](http://www.floridawienerdogderby.com). Prospective vendors and sponsors can visit the website or contact Donna Ellis at [donna@floridawienerdogderby.com](mailto:donna@floridawienerdogderby.com).

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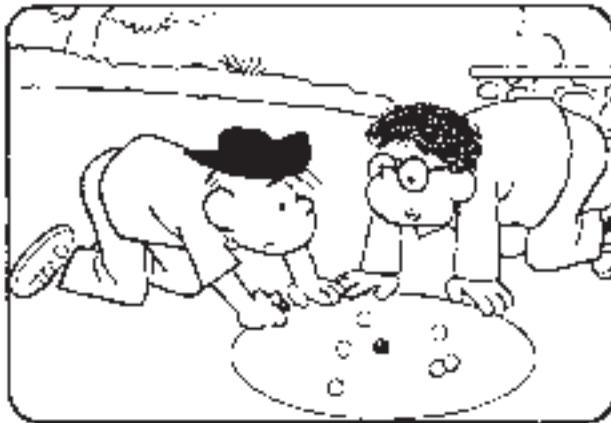
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6	7	4	1	5	2	8	3	9
2	1	9	4	8	3	5	6	7
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## SUDOKU

### To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 35

## Lee County Pet Adoption Special

Are you feeling lucky? You can find more than a pot of gold at Lee County Domestic Animal Services this March. In fact, you could find your next best friend, unconditional love, or a companion for life. All month long, adult dogs may be adopted for just \$45 and adult cats for \$25, plus all cats and kittens are two for one. Anyone who volunteers their time for an organization may adopt a puppy or kitten for \$25 or an adult pet for \$8.

The reduced adoption fee still includes the complete package of services consisting of sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heart-worm test for dogs, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Hill's Science Diet dog or cat food. The adoption package is valued at over \$500.

Finding the perfect companion sometimes takes a little luck. Finding someone who loves you unconditionally is priceless. To find your perfect companion, visit Animal Services' shelter at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Those who would like a peek at how lucky they could be may view the website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). Information is automatically updated hourly. Adoption applications may be submitted online.

For more information about pets for adoption or any LCDAS programs and services go to [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com) or call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). If you are inquiring about a pet you have seen online, please have the animal ID number ready for faster assistance.

Lee County invites the community to join in its year-long 125th anniversary celebration. The county - named in honor of Civil War Gen. Robert E. Lee - was carved from Monroe County and incorporated on May 13, 1887. Visit [www.lee-county.com/125th](http://www.lee-county.com/125th) for a schedule of events throughout 2012 as well as a recommended reading list, historical photo gallery, trivia questions and more.✪

## University Opens New Building

Hodges University has opened a second building on its Fort Myers campus. The 48,000-square-foot building contains 20 technology equipped classrooms, offices for 50 staff and faculty members, two conference rooms, and a Student Union that features a full service cafeteria and coffee bar.

This latest addition to the campus also provides space to accommodate the growing student population, especially the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, and academic and support services that will enhance the student's educational experience.

Hodges University is seeking Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for the new building from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions to minimize impacts on the environment and to ensure that a healthy and safe facility is provided for all students, staff and visitors.✪

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

### ARTS

Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery.....	332-5055
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy ®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees).....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118

### Kiwanis Clubs:

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

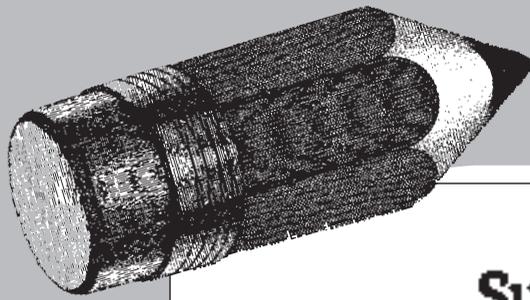
### Lions Clubs:

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

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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



# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 32

## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pay for it?
  - 7 Chore
  - 11 Shy like a turtle!
  - 15 Precious metal
  - 19 Model kind
  - 20 Press
  - 21 It's a long story
  - 22 Enter
  - 23 Start of a remark
  - 26 Full of the blue
  - 27 Mr. T's trademark
  - 28 Compose
  - 29 Major of Marine
  - 30 Layers
  - 32 Had knives?
  - 33 Fosters and portraits
  - 36 Main squeeze
  - 37 "— cup?"
  - 39 Heavily hunted
  - 40 "I bet!"
  - 41 Part 2 of remark
  - 48 Falls in
  - 49 Fireworks reaction
  - 50 "— Boulevard" (50 film)
  - 51 They may be related
  - 52 Brings on Master!
  - 53 Neighbor of Miss
  - 54 "Blade" (90 film)
  - 55 Loans
  - 57 It's taken by nurses
  - 58 Sharp taste
  - 60 Skater
  - 61 Wine class
  - 62 Narrow road
  - 63 Kites language
  - 65 Part 3 of remark
  - 68 Far to mention
  - 69 Tedious
  - 71 Sues or snags
  - 72 Boughouse
  - 74 Objectives
  - 77 Take on
  - 78 Pack of antidotes
  - 80 Live many lyrics
  - 82 Confidant
  - 83 Calcium oxide
  - 84 Kri-Atari
  - 85 Hoarse
  - 86 Criminal
  - 87 Subject
  - 88 Part 4 of remark
  - 89 Hazy quality
  - 93 Respond to an alarm?
  - 94 "Ask — G.T." (50 film)
  - 95 Pop's nickname
  - 98 Marsh bird
  - 99 Fast, lit short
  - 102 Georgia athletes
  - 103 Sitters
  - 104 Way to go!
  - 105 Drainage
  - 106 Serenade accompaniment
  - 109 End of remark
  - 115 Fragrance
  - 116 Peace of mind
  - 117 "My word"
  - 118 Swimmer
  - 119 "Guns" Boy group
  - 120 Prophet
  - 121 Lyrical style
  - 122 Irregular set
- DOWN**
- 1 Spoken
  - 2 — Romeo
  - 3 — star
  - 4 Medieval weapon
  - 5 Kitchen gadget
  - 6 Granola's rival
  - 7 Walnut weapon
  - 8 Mayers of Kale K. Alle
  - 9 NCO
  - 10 It may be a riot
  - 11 Fatigue
  - 12 — Bloomer
  - 13 "Viral"
  - 14 Milla and Ulu
  - 15 rap city
  - 16 star war
  - 17 Cool
  - 18 Base stuff?
  - 24 Dream of baseball
  - 25 Acrylics
  - 31 "— Age"
  - 32 "Pelaw"
  - 33 "Pier Gyn"
  - 34 Non-standard contraction
  - 35 "Maver" (97 film)
  - 40 Activity's by
  - 41 Beach umbrella
  - 42 Road curve
  - 43 Decree
  - 44 Step — (burial)
  - 45 Nick of "The Ooze"
  - 46 Party
  - 47 Guy Fr
  - 48 Queens stadium
  - 52 Hall of "The Addams Family"
  - 55 At present
  - 56 Rock's Butterfly
  - 57 Peida peach
  - 59 Enflache
  - 61 Journalist
  - 62 Mime
  - 63 Mural
  - 64 Memo
  - 65 Devastation
  - 67 Fashionable
  - 69 Like Max
  - 70 Garfield's cat
  - 73 Actor
  - 75 Taw the kids
  - 76 Fuchsia
  - 78 Telescope view
  - 79 Responsibility
  - 80 Wire
  - 81 — Plaines, IL
  - 84 Exporter of snows
  - 85 Out jackets
  - 88 Out
  - 89 "64 Chang
  - 90 "Cross Road"
  - 90 Psychic Center
  - 91 "Pain"
  - 95 Unkull
  - 96 Best — FL
  - 97 Word of
  - 98 Motley of "80 Minutes"
  - 99 Charged atom
  - 100 Puro
  - 101 Singer
  - 102 Ink stain
  - 103 Ink
  - 104 Carthagur queen
  - 105 Reason d —
  - 106 Secher
  - 107 Mississippi gull
  - 110 kwon
  - 111 "Jaw"
  - 112 Initial
  - 113 Use a
  - 114 4000-year old's head

## WHO NEEDS IT?

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Making part
- 4 Taster
- 7 1000-year predator
- 8 Move to one side
- 10 Adversary
- 11 The author's name
- 13 News item
- 14 Work with
- 17 Jack of apparel
- 18 —
- 19 "Shedding"
- 21 A long time
- 21 Cows
- 23 Charles's successor
- 24 Salary
- 26 Sel
- 27 Raw rock
- 28 In a garden's bed
- 29 Alternative
- 33 "3-Across" (1964 film)
- 34 "A Soldier"
- 35 Brackets
- 36 Short island
- 37 "The"
- 38 "The"
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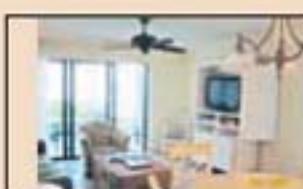
### Bayside Villa- South Seas Island Resort

Enjoy the view of the boats coming and going through the channel to the bay, of the world renowned South Seas Island Resort. A lovely 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo that accommodates 4 adults, this unit has been renovated by South Seas resort. You can enjoy sunrise from your screened porch or take a short stroll to the white sand beach of the Gulf of Mexico to view the gorgeous sunsets. The resort has many amenities, including golf, a full service marina, restaurants, and over 2 miles of gulf beaches. A terrific opportunity to own a great condo as a vacation destination and investment opportunity. Offered for \$325,000. Contact Mary O'Leary 239-691-2587.



### #5236

This condo gets rave reviews from guests lucky enough to vacation in this unit while staying at the renowned South Seas Island Resorts on beautiful Captiva Island. Light, bright and tastefully decorated the 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo which can accommodate 4 adults has lovely views of the bay with spectacular sunrises. The Gulf of Mexico and the famed Captiva beaches are a short stroll from the building. The 330 acre resort's amenities include sunsets along the 2+ mile stretch of white sand beach, shelling, golf, dining, boating and much more. A great investment and vacation destination. Offered for \$329,000. Contact Mary O'Leary 239-691-2587.



### #5344

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



### Gardens at Beachwalk

This turn-key, fully furnished and accessorized waterfront two bedroom condominium is set amidst a community of 320 condominium residences. The split floor plan offers en-suite bathrooms in both bedrooms which exemplifies amply privacy. With the fully equipped kitchen, dining and living it makes condominium ownership simple and hassle free! Take pleasure in the view off the open porch overlooking the water display in the lake and sandy lakefront beach just below the pool vicinity. The Gardens at Beachwalk is centrally located Ft Myers gated community which is Mediterranean inspired. Close proximity to hospitals, shopping, library and beaches of Ft Myers Beach and Sanibel. Offered for \$140,000.00 Contact LeAnne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



### 3/4 Acre on Clam Bayou

Outstanding Value, priced 30% less than the most recent Vacant Land Sale on the Bayou in Herons Landing. This is Not a Short Sale! Located on a cul-de-sac in this popular community, offering a community boat dock, pristine tennis courts, pool and pool area with outdoor kitchen and deeded beach access. Develop the perfect homestead and create your own Gulf of Mexico views from this Bayou location and enjoy the tranquility of the Sanibel Lifestyle. It's Just Beautiful! Offered for \$379,000 Contact Tracy Walters 239/994-7975



### Blind Pass Condo

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



### Build your Dream Home in Gulf Ridge

Beautifully vegetated lot very close to beach in prestigious Gulf Ridge. Last lot on right before Joewood, with adjacent community pool and tennis. Just steps from deeded beach access. Over one acre of land. Offered for \$495,000 Contact Loretta Gelger 239/580-2238.



### Beachwalk of Sanibel

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



### The Perfect Sanibel Getaway

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



### East End Island Living

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



### Punta Rassa #208

A valued location that enhances paradise. This end unit features an additional window in Master Bedroom. Brand new top of the line kitchen with granite. Hurricane impact windows, new bathrooms & dressing area. Social Membership to the Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club included in purchase. Offered for \$ 289,000. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.



### Loggerhead Cay #462

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

