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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Some of the volunteers from Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers

National Public Gardens Day At Lakes Regional Park

Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers will be hosting a variety of activities in the park's gardens in celebration of National Public Gardens Day on Friday, May 11 from 5:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lakes Park will be joining over 500 public gardens in the nationwide celebration. May 11 was officially designated National Public Gardens Day in Lakes Park by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners. The public was urged to come and see the beauty of the gardens there as well as participate in bird viewing opportunities.

"A variety of activities and programs will be held throughout the morning to showcase the park's many special features," said Susan Moore, active member of the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation. "Many people have a limited understanding of Lakes Park and may not realize the park's importance to our local natural environment or all the benefits the park has to offer."

"The purpose of this event is to give the public a view of the present gardens as well

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Shell Point Academy Offers Series On 17th Century Dutch Art Masters

The Academy at Shell Point invites the public to attend a series of classes on three of the great 17th century Dutch art masters. This series will take place on Tuesdays, May 8, 15 and 22, and the cost is \$10 per session. Each presentation will take place in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands in Shell Point Retirement Community.

The three-session series will highlight the following artists on the dates and times listed:

- Rembrandt – Tuesday, May 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Vermeer – Tuesday, May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Hals – Tuesday, May 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Lecturer Dorothy "Dottie" Magen, MA, is back in The Shell Point Academy of Lifelong Learning to bring the history of three of the great Dutch masters: Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals. Each session focuses on one artist; and portraits, landscapes and history paintings will be presented to look at the featured artist. The presenter will incorporate history and artwork of others from the same time period as well. Magen will use slides and videos to bring the artwork to life.

"Art appreciation truly is in the eye of the beholder," said Teri Kollath, manager of

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Dottie Magen

Sculpture Exhibit On Display At Alliance Gallery

For most, the word "sculpture" probably brings to mind things like statues carved from stone, or pots or figures made of clay, but the term represents a much broader diversity of mediums and techniques. Sculptural works of all shapes and sizes, in all sorts of mediums by more than 18 south Florida artists, will be on display in the main gallery at the Alliance for the Arts during the month of May. The Sculpture: An Invitational opening reception is Friday, May 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participating sculptors include Kyle Jackson, David Hatchett, Lily Hatchett, Jim Krieger, Tracy Hoogervorst, Lindsey Wollard, Gerry Stecca, Deborah Mitchell, Tim Smith, Steve Kalb, Steve Clegg, David Meo, Jerry Churchill, Glen Gunderson, Sara Thee Campagna and Anica Sturdivant.

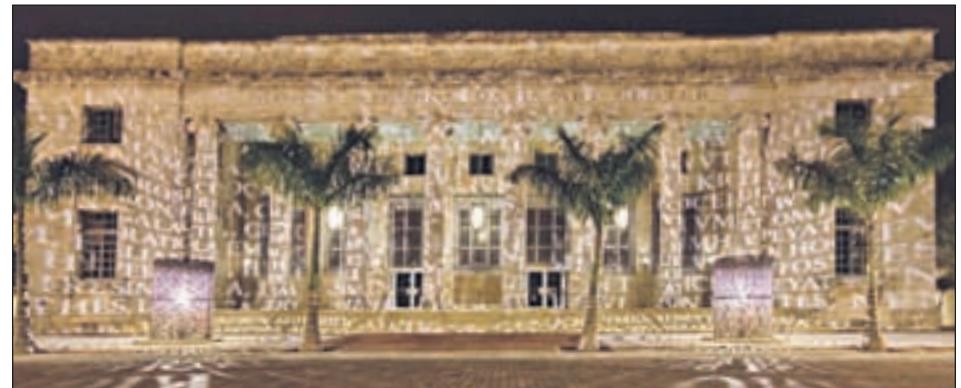
There are 3-D works made of wood, plastic, paper, clay, metal, recycled



Sculpture by Steve Kalb

objects, found objects, fabrics and even clothespins. Some are free standing, while others sit on pedestals or hang from the

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Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center building

Derby Gala To Benefit Davis Art Center Restoration

Grab your grand hats and head to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center for An Evening at the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 5 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. A Run for the Roses viewing party and fundraiser will be held as the final event of the Dinner With Berne series to benefit the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's multi-million dollar building restoration project.

Guests will view the Run for the Roses pre-show, followed by the "most exciting two minutes in sports" while enjoying traditional derby-style cuisine and sipping mint juleps. Admission is \$100 and includes a mint julep or glass of champagne, with southern fare. Tables are available for \$1,000, and include reserved seating for eight, a glass of champagne or Early Times mint julep, two bottles of wine and patron listing in the event program.

Presented by co-chairs Pamela Templeton and Janice Kemp, the evening features a live musical performance by world-renowned jazz musician Wycliffe Gordon and a jazz quartet.

Located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center sits on property once home to the original fort of Fort Myers. In 1933, the 23,000-square-foot building opened as a U.S. Post Office and was converted into a federal courthouse in the 1960s. Eventually, it was vacated in 1998 after a new courthouse was built nearby.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Time Capsule At Gwynne Institute

by Gerri Reaves



Twenty-four years ago, approximately 100 people and the media gathered at the southwest corner of Second and Jackson Streets to witness the unveiling of the Lee County Schools' time capsule.

They were honoring the centennial of Lee County's public schools on that day in late May.

The capsule site at the Gwynne Institute was chosen for two reasons. First of all, Gwynne was the town and county's first modern school. It opened for classes in October 1911, rising on the site where the first public school had been constructed in 1878.

In 1988, classes were no longer held at Gwynne, but school board offices occupied both floors.

Second, the location was the highest point of elevation in Fort Myers, according to capsule designer Don Gilmore. In an interview, he cited a National Science Foundation studies that said in 2087, sea level could be three feet higher. Core downtown might be inundated, he said, but not the Gwynne Institute.

The capsule was encased in a six-sided granite pylon that was anchored in concrete and filled with nitrogen for preservation of the future artifacts.

The text on the bronze plaque read, "Dedicated to the citizens in earnest hope of their continued pursuit of excellence in education."

The message to the future was "Open August 27, 2087."

Among the 125 items sealed in the capsule were ones related to education: a lesson plan, tests, report cards, a Riverdale High School yearbook, a hearing aid used by students, and dust from the Riverdale art classroom.

Other items, such as a Coca Cola can and a TV Guide do not seem particularly dated, even in 2012, but that's more than can be said about the sound and video cassette tapes.



The time capsule was relocated several years ago. Only the concrete base remains photo by Gerri Reaves

Let's hope future experts are able to retrieve the sights and sounds of a typical school day that were recorded at Riverdale and Fort Myers Middle Schools in those now almost-obsolete formats.

The enclosed samples of drinking water and Caloosahatchee River water will no doubt be of great interest to environmental scientists in 2087.

As a back-up plan against deterioration, the committee enclosed photographs of the paper items, such as letters to future citizens, on microfilm.

Another arrangement was meant to insure the opening of the capsule on time. Trust accounts at three local banks are to be opened in 2087, at which time a letter will give full instructions on how to open the capsule and hear from long-ago 1988.

On the day of the unveiling, Gilmore theorized that the items would be put in a museum.

The centennial of the public school system was a much celebrated occasion in other ways as well. Chair of the time-capsule committee, Donald O. Stone, had recently published, along with co-author Beth W. Carter, *The First 100 Years, Lee County Public Schools, 1887-1987*.

Stone was the school district's director of research, evaluation and program planning.

During the 45-minute ceremony, Stone referred to the "comprehensive picture... of Lee County society" that the chosen articles are intended to convey to people a century later.



Seven years ago, this granite pylon containing the time capsule was still at the Gwynne Institute photo by Gerri Reaves



On May 27, 1988, the time capsule at the Gwynne Institute was unveiled to mark the centennial of Lee County public education

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

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Ena McGrattan, left, is presented the third annual Berne Davis Honorary Service Award by Berne Davis, center, while Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council President Laura Jibben assists

Garden Council Presents Annual Honorary Service Awards

Two Lee County residents were presented with awards during the third annual awards luncheon of the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council on April 27. The gala event was held at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, Fort Myers. Receiving the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award was Ena McGrattan, current director and past president of the Garden Council. The award was established by the



John Losleben is presented the second place award for the Berne Davis Honorary Service Award by Ena McGrattan, left, and Berne Davis

Garden Council to honor extraordinary achievement in floral design, horticulture, community service, and educating others in related issues.

The second-place award was presented to John Losleben, a 30-year member of the Greater Fort Myers Rose Society. He is a past recipient of the honorary service award and past president of the Garden Council and a member of Fiddlesticks and Royal Palm garden clubs.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for our locale, and conservation methods. The Council assists in educating and beautifying the community, and improving the environment. A speakers bureau provides speakers for meetings and events.

For additional information about the council, contact Jibben at 463-3690, or go to fmlcgpres@embarqmail.com.

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Calendar Girls Perform On Earth Day

The Calendar Girls Florida dance team performed on April 21 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Center for the Arts in celebration of Earth Day. The team augmented its spring green basic costume with tutus and bustles cre-

ated from plastic bags and other recycled materials. Pillbox hats were made from the bottoms of soda bottles.✧

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Lee And Collier Assistance Needed For Successful Food Drive May 12

Everyone's help is needed in Lee and Collier counties to make the 20th annual national letter carrier food drive a success on Saturday, May 12. This is the day the nation's largest single-day food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, is held.

This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes. Food collected in Lee County goes to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other food banks; food collected in Collier County goes to Collier Harvest. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Individuals who won't be able to participate on, may drop off their food items at any Post Office for inclusion in the food drive. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob's storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 4400 Solomon Blvd. or 6600 Industrial Drive in Fort Myers; 1320 River Road in North Fort Myers; or 800 Abrams Blvd. in Lehigh Acres.

Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers who may not be able to leave food by their mailboxes on May 12. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, nonbreakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups on May 12. Contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638 or Jesse Costin in Collier County at 643-4716. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting on May 12. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at the Harry Chapin Food Bank by calling 334-7007, or Kim Berghs at the United Way of Lee, Glades and Hendry County at 433-2000 ext. 260.

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



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Love That Dress Opens Sponsor Opportunities To New Partners



Love That Dress fashionistas go bargain hunting in 2011

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County is now accepting new sponsors for its signature event – Love That Dress! – scheduled to take place on August 29 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Estero. Sponsorship opportunities are available for cash and in-kind contributors starting at \$500.

Also, a limited number of VIP Suites offering groups of eight guests early admission for shopping, private dressing rooms, express check-out, complimentary adult beverages, hors d'oeuvres and concierge services are available to cash sponsors giving \$2,500 or more. For inclusion on the first run of promotional materials, sponsors should confirm by May 4.

This year will be Lee County's fourth installment of Love That Dress!, the ultimate feel-good shopping spree offering new and gently worn dresses and accessories

Zonta Foundation Presents \$8,900 To SWFAS

The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida has awarded an \$8,900 grant to Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) to provide educational needs for women recovering from substance abuse at SWFAS' Transitional Living Center on Dixie Parkway in Fort Myers.

The money will be used to purchase computers, software and educational materials for about 25 women in recovery to enable them to complete coursework and file job applications.

The overall goal is to help women in recovery obtain the skills they need to earn a living wage and become self-sufficient in the workplace.

"We are so grateful to the women of Zonta who have so graciously supported our women for many years," said Transitional Living Center Director Rosemary Boisvert. "Our goal is to remove the barriers that prevent them from being successful. If they need financial assistance for tuition, we can help with that. If they need help with supplies or transportation to get to school or training, we can assist with that as well.

"We have been very fortunate to have this long lasting relationship with the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. The Zonta Club gives our women far more than dollars. They also give of themselves,"

Boisvert added.

Zonta has been a partner with the women in the SWFAS Transitional Living Center since 2000 and has provided grants totaling \$65,724 to support the needs of women recovering from substance abuse.

SWFAS opened the 16-bed women's halfway house at the SWFAS Transitional Living Center in 2009. The women's facility provides treatment for 40 to 50 women per year who have completed the residential treatment program and moved into the halfway house for extended treatment.

SWFAS is the most comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention program in Southwest Florida, serving 6,000 people per year from ages 9 to 90. SWFAS offers outpatient and residential programs for both adults and youngsters from five locations in Lee County and two in Hendry County.

In addition, SWFAS provides detoxification services for adults, prevention programming, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 50 Southwest Florida businesses.

For more information, contact Boisvert at 338-2977 or visit www.swfas.org.

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and silent auction items. Pre-events to collect dress donations will be announced on Facebook, and tickets to the main event will go on sale online on August 1.

Proceeds from Love That Dress! benefit PACE Center for Girls, a non-residential juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention program targeting the unique needs of girls, ages 12 to 18, facing challenges such as physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, foster care, neglect, death of a parent, family history of incarceration and declining grades. PACE Lee is funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice, The School District of Lee County, Lee County Human Services, United Way of Lee County, grants and corporate and private donations.

To sponsor the event or learn more, visit www.lovethatdress.org or call 425-2366 ext. 25.

Summer Camp Programs At Veterans Park

Looking for something fun and exciting for your child to do this summer? Veterans Park Recreation Center, located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres, has openings in their summer camp programs. Activities include indoor and outdoor games, crafts, guest speakers, field trips and much more.

Lunch and an afternoon snack are included for only \$75 per week per child. You will receive a 10 percent discount if you register online (\$67.50 per week per child). A \$10 facility membership fee is required to participate.

Both the Traditional Camp (ages 6 to 13) and Teen Camp (ages 12 to 16) run from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Camp starts on June 4 and runs through

July 27 (eight weeks available). You can purchase the entire summer or just the weeks you need.

Call 369-1521 to sign up or e-mail dchupashko@leegov.com with any questions.

Lee Republican Women's Club

The Lee Republican Women's Club (Chartered) will hold a luncheon meeting at the Crowne Plaza Inn, 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, May 8. Social hour/registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the lunch/program starting at noon.

Featured speakers will be Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto and Representative Trudi Williams, candidates for Florida Senate District 27.

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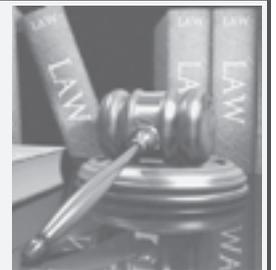
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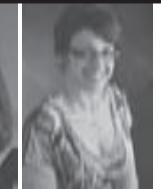
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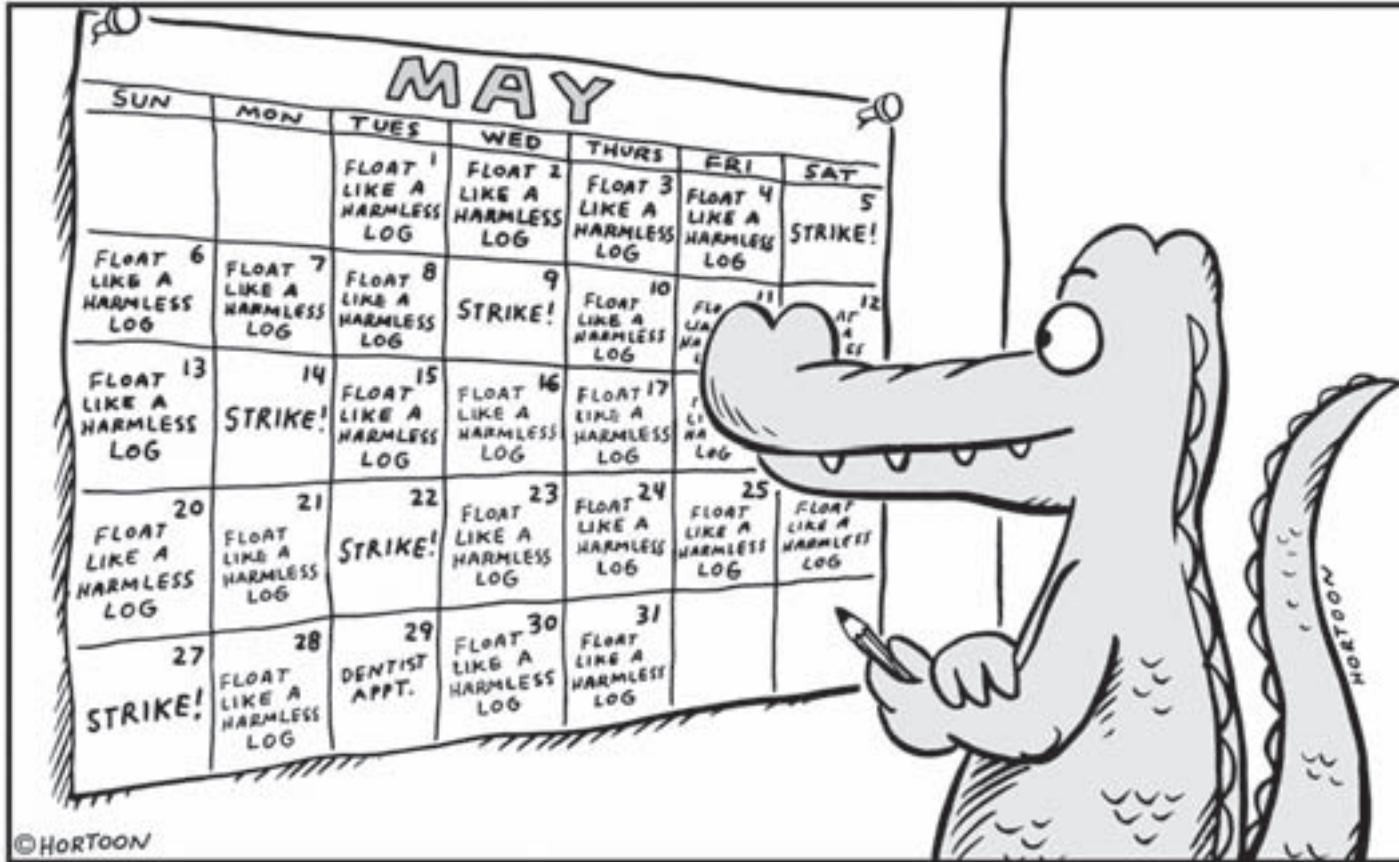
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Time Capsule

While the committee prepared for almost every eventuality in choosing the site, preserving the capsule contents, and insuring that it was opened in 100 years, they didn't anticipate that capsule not being there 20 or so years later.

Several years ago, it was moved to new school board offices on Colonial Boulevard. Only the concrete base remains at Second and Jackson.

Today, only the first floor of the 100-year-old school building is occupied – by the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools.

Walk down to Second and Jackson to see the spot where a message to the future was unveiled in 1988.

Then, stroll a few more blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see learn more about the role of the Gwynne Institute site in education history.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society to research local history. The all-volunteer non-profit organization – a fascinating time capsule unto itself – is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

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

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

Edison National Bank Seeks Donations Of Personal Items For At-Risk County Students

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Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands is pleased to announce it has launched collection sites for donated personal items and charitable donations to help Lee County's most at-risk students.

In addition to tax-deductible cash contributions, requested items include deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, cologne, perfume, feminine hygiene products, liquid and bar soaps, large band-aids and all sizes of socks, belts and polo shirts.

"It may surprise people to learn that some of our students do not have access to showers and the simple personal items that we take for granted," said Robbie B. Roepstorff, Edison National Bank president and The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools' board chair. "By donating new items like hairbrushes and toothpaste, or a tax-deductible gift so such items can be purchased, each and every one of us can discreetly make a difference in their school day experiences."

This Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands collection drive is being conducted in partnership with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. Through the Foundation's Teacher Resource Center and its Discretionary Funds Initiative, donations of personal grooming products and clothing items are available for teachers to pick up as needed. The teachers then allow the students to take showers at school and help provide them with whatever they require to be ready for their day in the classroom.

"We are so grateful that Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands has made their offices available for this collection effort," said The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools' president and CEO Marshall T. Bower. "Their customers have really embraced the Discretionary Funds Initiative, and we hope the rest of our community will join in this easy but important act of generosity."

Edison National Bank customers who have already generously contributed to the initiative include Dr. Matthew W. Allen DDS PA, Dr. William H. Johnson DDA, Dr. and Mrs. Tod R. Fawcett DDS PA, La-Te-Da Salon & Spa (Vinnie & Will Hutt), Bradley's Fine Jewelers (Brad and Colbi Congress), George John Salon (George Pellegrino), T. Drew Drake, Barbara and Jerry Snyderman, William and Esther Sinkhorn, Walter Thomas, and Herbert and Rosemary Cash.

The public is invited to contribute by visiting Edison National Bank's two Fort Myers offices at 13000 South Cleveland Avenue and 2105 First Street in the River District. The Bank of the Islands offices of Edison National Bank are also accepting contributions at the Sanibel office, 1699 Periwinkle Way, and at its newest office next to the Captiva Island Post Office, 14812 Captiva Drive.

For more information, call 466-1800 or visit www.edisonnationalbank.com.*



Edison National Bank V.P. John Ammons with La-Te-Da Salon & Spa owner Will Hutt, his children Haven and Liam, and Edison National Bank President Robbie Roepstorff



Greeters Fire Flies, from left, Sue Kindelan, Peg Lancioni, Marguerite Seferian, Jan Haley, Sharon Stein and Gale Whitner

Check Awarded From Greeters No-Show Ball

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers' chosen recipient of the No-Show Ball fundraiser was the local charitable organization Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc. (ACT), a circle of support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Attending the Greeters of Greater Fort Myers' April meeting to receive the contribution to Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc. were Jennifer Benton and Marcie Kaveney. Presenting the check for \$1,500 were co-presidents Janet Gambuzza and Linda Fitzpatrick. Additional donations came in for ACT with the final donation totaling \$1,735.00. During the year, Greeters also donated women's clothing and other items on the ACT wish list.

Also, the Greeters' Fire Flies are comprised of members who formed a small dance troupe to kick up their heels and entertain their members and guests with sing-a-longs. Members performing at the April meeting were Sue Kindelan, Peg Lancioni, Marguerite Seferian, Jan Haley, Sharon Stein and Gale Whitner.

Greeters was established in 1969 to provide women of Lee County in the Greater Fort Myers area the opportunity



Janet Gambuzza and Linda Fitzpatrick

to join and partake in social and philanthropic activities. Greeters provides a way for newcomers to the area to make new friends while exploring and learning about Fort Myers. Greeters will continue to meet monthly over the summer months and regroup in the fall to resume a full slate of fun, informative activities and interest groups.

To learn more about the club, visit the Greeters of Greater Fort Myers Facebook page.✧

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Along The River



Chef Corry Blanton of The Morgan House is catering a special Kentucky Derby event at the Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center. The restaurant is also hosting its own Derby party.

Saturday, May 5 is the 138th annual Kentucky Derby, known at the Greatest Two Minutes in Sports. It is a Grade I stakes race for three-year-old thoroughbred horses held at the historic Churchill Downs track in Louisville, Kentucky.

Chef Corry Blanton of **The Morgan House** is catering an Evening at the Kentucky Derby dinner, which will be the last in the Dinner with Berne series at the Sidney & Berne Davis Center of the Arts in downtown Fort Myers. The event runs from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Enjoy the thrill of the horse race, Southern cuisine by Blanton and the jazz music of Wycliffe Gordon. Tickets are \$100 per person and \$90 for members. Tables are avail-



As seen at Ford's Garage in the historic River District

able for \$1,000, and include reserved seating for eight, a glass of champagne or Early Times mint julep, two bottles of wine and patron listing in the event program.

SBDC is located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. Call 333-1933 or go to www.sbdac.com.

Speaking of The Morgan House, the popular restaurant and bar is holding its own Kentucky Derby celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. Wild and wonderful hats have been a Kentucky Derby tradition dating back more than 100 years. Ladies, wear your favorite hat and you may win the Best Hat Contest. Pre-race games along with a special Derby menu and mint juleps will be featured.

Following the Derby party, The Morgan is celebrating Cinco de Mayo in the Patio de Leon. The party starts at 7 p.m. with two live bands performing on stage in the patio, dancing and music until midnight. It is free and open to the public.

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

If you're planning a day on Fort Myers Beach, grab a bite to eat or drink at **Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** and hear live music daily from the area's premier talent. Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Happy hour specials are served all day, every day.

On Friday, May 4, Harrold Antoine plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Picket Fence from 6 to 10 p.m. while the Mike Glean Duo plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, it's Ira Wilkes from 6 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, No Way José from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by High Tide from 6 to 10 p.m.; Monday, Mary Winner from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Left of Center 6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday, Smokin' Bill plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by the Rachel Hughes Band from 6 to 10 p.m. while Just Jeff plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Wednesday, it's Dave Collaton downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed Ira Wilkes from 6 to 10 p.m. while Rob Matson plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; and Thursday, the Laurie Star Duo downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Mike Glean from 6 to 10 p.m. and The Oyster Band upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.

Nervous Nellie's and Ugly's are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. The GPS coordinates for Nellie's Snug Harbour Marina are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnelliess.net.

The highly anticipated **Ford's Garage** is now open. Located in historic downtown Fort Myers, Ford's Garage will give you the vibe of being in a 1920s service station/prohibition bar with its old style brick, dark colors and rich wood.

The restaurant is a gourmet burger bar serving the a variety of Black Angus beef, American Kobe, turkey, chicken, tuna, seafood and vegetarian products coupled with all-natural aged cheeses and gourmet toppings. Ford's also serves a variety of entrees including steaks, pasta and ribs.

What is a burger without a beer? Ford's beer list is carefully mapped out with over 100 different types of craft beer with over 20 drafts and a heavy influence of American craft beers from all around the country.

Ford's Garage is located at 1415 Dean Street on the corner of First. It is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Call 332-FORD (3673) or go to www.fordsgaragefl.com.*

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Fort Myers Art Walk Features New Exhibits

The next downtown Fort Myers Art Walk will take place this Friday, May 4, with local art galleries and art stops featuring new exhibits and group shows. This regular cultural event draws between 1,500 and 2,500 people each month to the downtown Fort Myers River District.

The monthly Art Walk runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first Fridays of every month. The May Art Walk will include numerous art galleries and art stops and will feature new art shows, live music, and the traditional after party. The public can meet the artists during the show openings.

Some art highlights of this month's Art Walk:

- Art of the Olympians – Exhibit featuring the final projects from the Digital Lee students. This showcase will exhibit the most exemplary work from each of Lee County's 13 high schools is submitted into one of three divisions: web design, graphic design and multimedia design.

- Art League of Fort Myers – Opening reception for Busting Out All Over show that celebrates the explosion of Southwest Florida's local traditions, both natural and anthropological.

- Arts for ACT Gallery – Opening reception for Art Poems, a collaboration of 12 visual artists and 12 poets in the main gallery, plus local artist Linda Benson and photographer Joe Sabella.

- daas Gallery – Opening reception for Argentinean master Marcelo Holzinger,

who debuts in Southwest Florida with his newest collection entitled Beauty - Passion - Dreams.

- HOWL Gallery – Opening of SWFL Lives! Fourth Annual Group Show, which showcases some of the best artists living in Southwest Florida.

- In One Instant – Starting in May, the gallery will begin showcasing 12 different photographers in its main gallery space.

- Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center – Opening for exhibit featuring the art of retiring Fort Myers High School teacher Pam Schwantes and her students.

- Space 39 Gallery – Group art show.

- The Oasis Luxury Towers – Mis Amigos: A group show with artists Portilla, Malagon, Valadez, Perez, Fisher & Romero.

- UNIT A Contemporary Art Space – The studio has published an open edition poster of the official Absolut bottle painted by Marcus Jansen for the new Absolut Blank campaign. It will be available during Art Walk.

The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. The after party will be held at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

Always a collector's item, new Art Walk buttons will be available at galleries that night. Art Walk has its own t-shirt (red or black). Shirts are available for a \$12 donation at the IberiaBank gallery showcase during Art Walk.

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

For more information on Art Walk, participating galleries and links to gallery websites, visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com. For event details, call 1-855-RDA-EVENTS.*

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Derby Gala

In 2003, Florida Arts, Inc., the operator of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, acquired a 99-year lease on the building from the City of Fort Myers. They agreed to meld the past with the future by restoring the building to its original magnificence and creating a modern, multi-purpose arts facility. Through grant funding and private donations, including a lead gift from the building's namesakes Sidney and Berne Davis, nearly 10,000 square feet of the building has been restored to date which continuously provides world-class arts programming to the community.

The next phase of the restoration includes completion of the mezzanine level, second floor and the building's rooftop. Approximately 2,500 square feet, mezzanine level will include the light and sound booth, as well as an artists' greenroom, funded by Florida Power & Light. The 5,000-square-foot second level will be the "capital gallery." This multi-functional floor will provide space for dance and ensemble rehearsal, meeting and office rooms, as well as multiple classrooms for visual arts education, music and dance lessons.

The plan also includes design of a two-level rooftop with an elevator landing and a "star bar." One level will feature an outdoor sculpture garden and the other will serve as a reception area. Construction of the elevator is currently in progress and expected to be completed this summer.

"These renovations will greatly enhance the level of cultural programming that we can provide to the community," said Pamela Templeton, event co-chair. "Now more than ever, we need the support of the community. An Evening at the Kentucky Derby gives the community a great opportunity to contribute towards the next phase of restorations while enjoying an exciting and fun evening. Our hope is to have the building complete in Berne Davis' lifetime, so that she can join us in introducing a new state-of-the-art venue for music, arts and performance to Southwest Florida."

Free valet parking will be provided at the event by Frey Valet, and patrons are encouraged to attend in full, traditional derby attire, including fabulous hats.

For tickets or more information, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.*



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Fort Myers, 482-2030

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7 p.m. Spanish Worship

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May 7

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May 8, 16, 22, & 30

Discover Shell Point Tour & Presentation

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Call (239) 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131 to reserve your place.



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May 22

Session 3, Hals

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May 30

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email templejudeapreschool@gmail.com
433-0201, Web site: www.tjswfl.org
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Website: www.taecc.com

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13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)
Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum
Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m.

For information on all church events call 561-2700 or visit www.uucfm.org.

UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
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Healing Circle 11 a.m.
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Sunday Service:
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11 a.m. Blended Worship
www.westminsterfortmyers.org

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Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi
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7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers,
481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert
Pastor Peter Weeks
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional;
10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary;
11:30 a.m. Contemporary.
Children's Sunday School, Adult /Teen Bible Classes, 10 a.m.*

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Shell Point Academy

Academy and Volunteer Services.
"Last semester Dorothy presented our Academy with a class focusing on three amazing women artists, and we are very excited that she is back to offer more to our residents in the area of art, and really expand on each artist."

Space is very limited, so tickets are required to attend. They may be purchased by calling 489-8472.

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 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, visit www.shellpoint.org or call 1-800-780-1131.*

Our email address is press@riverweekly.com



From left, Brandi Laishley, Michael Higgins, Trish Sausa and Cali Russell

Students Save Their Pennies, Help Kids With Cancer

The high school students of Evangelical Christian School presented a check on April 26 for \$3,233.29 to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The funds were a result of their two-week "penny war."

Four-year-old Cali Russell, a leukemia patient at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and the Barbara's Friends Children's Hospital Cancer Fund "Child of Hope," was on hand to receive the check. In August of 2010 just after turning 3 years old, Cali was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. More than 18 months into her treatment, Cali still has nearly a year of chemotherapy to go.

Led by seniors at ECS, the Student Senate hosted a penny war between each of the grades 7 through 12 to benefit Barbara's Friends - The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. For two weeks, the students collected coins for their grade's bucket. At the end of the penny war, the senior class won out with the most coins collected.

Barbara's Friends - The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund's mission is helping kids with cancer. The fund supports the pediatric oncology and hematology programs and family-centered services not reimbursed by public or private health insurance.

Money raised from the ECS penny war stays right here in Southwest Florida and is used to provide the children's cancer program with everything needed to give local kids a fighting chance to win their battles with cancer and blood disorders.*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

American Alligator



by Patricia Molloy

“Crocodilians are pretty tough,” said Jordan Donini, CROW’s resident reptile expert. “They are, after all, dinosaurs, so they’re doing something right.”

The tale of the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) is quite a dramatic one. It is a rare success story: once an endangered animal threatened by loss of habitat and hunted for fashion accessories, alligators are thriving due to the conservation efforts by the very same species who once threatened it.

On April 19, an injured alligator was found on the Florida Gulf Coast University campus during an on-going population study at the university, which was built within a wetland. It was found near the university’s pool in a small back flow area, likely the victim of an attack by an older, more territorial alligator (possibly the five-foot subject found close by).

“His wounds are minor and will all heal, but the one on his hind leg is down to the joint which is causing him to not use his leg normally,” stated Dr. Heather

Barron. While only two feet long, it took three adult wildlife specialists and a lot of surgical tape to contain the strong, muscular crocodilian for treatment. Its wounds were flushed and the reptile was given a number of essential medications to stave off infection and pain: the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory Meloxicam, the opiod Buprenex, systemic antibiotics to inhibit the growth of bacteria and topical antibiotic ointments. One of its legs was wrapped to reduce edema, or swelling.

Like all reptiles, alligators are ectothermic, more commonly referred to as cold-blooded. After initial treatment, the patient was taken to quiet cage in the clinic to relax and bask under the warmth of a heat lamp.

CROW’s staff will continue to treat the young alligator’s injuries while carefully monitoring his mobility. If his hind leg remains immobile, Dr. Heather will order additional radiographic testing to better assess the problem.

“Right now we’re dry docking him because of the leg wound and we’re not sure if it goes into the joint,” said Aundria West. Once its wounds have healed, it will be moved to an outdoor enclosure in the back of CROW’s property where it can swim in a pool and bask in the sun.

Once it has made a full recovery, patient #0994 will be returned to FGCU where he will be part of the school’s American alligator population study.

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Jordan Donini, assistant wildlife rehabilitator, and Aundria West, intern DVM, assisting Dr. Heather Barron



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Early Season Tarpon Skunk Finally Over



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Last week's cold front and heavy rains caused our tarpon to disappear in the sound and along the beaches for five to six days. Early in the week, I had water temperature

readings on my sonar of 69 degrees, which is just not warm enough for tarpon fishing. Add to that the nasty stirred up water from the wind and rain and even spotting – let alone catching – a tarpon was next to impossible.

As temperatures slowly crept back up to that magic 78-degree mark and the coffee colored water in the sound began to clear, tarpon gradually started to appear throughout the sound and along the beaches again. Though not in the numbers they were before the front, it will not take long before they really flood into our area as the forecast high temperatures this week are right around 90 degrees.

Tarpon fishing with Belinda Burke and Dave White from Indianapolis on Saturday, I had pretty low expectations when heading out about getting a tarpon. The previous day I had seen only a few in the sound and decided to try my luck

on the beach side. My plan was to cover a lot of water and not even fish until we saw fish, no matter what.

The night prior I had several phone reports from other captains about good numbers of fish off Sanibel in the Knapps Point area. Even though this area can hold lots of tarpon, it's far from my favorite place to target them as it's such a large area and a long ride from most of my favorite bay spots to tarpon fish. Early season tarpon stage up here and even though you often find huge pods of fish out at Knapps, mostly they do not eat.

Heading out from the dock that morning, southeast winds made for less than perfect conditions out at Knapps. We spotted a few rolling and free-jumping fish out in the 20- to 25-foot depth range within a few minutes of arriving. After a few drifts without a hook-up, the tarpon all but vanished as the wind picked up some. Sticking to the plan, I made the run north, working our way up along the north end of Sanibel and to the Captiva beaches as I searched for rolling fish.

Blind Pass to Redfish Pass held only a couple of single rolling tarpon so I headed inside Redfish Pass and up towards Captiva Pass on the bayside of the islands. I had seen some fish here the previous day and had a mark on the GPS to use as a starting point.

As we approached the waypoint, before I could even get anchored and the baits out, we saw a free-jumping tarpon. There were not that many fish moving around us but seeing a fish or two every 20 to 30 minutes was enough to keep my interest. After about an hour it seemed most of the fish we were spotting seemed a hundred or so yards west of where we were anchored so we crept in a little and re-anchored.

After about 10 minutes, one of the cut bait rods got hit. We scrambled to clear the other rods as the fish made a long slow run. For a while I really thought we had a shark hooked up. Once the fish made a full circle of the boat it must have realized it was hooked and made two quick jumps, letting us know we finally had the real deal hooked up.

Moving quickly to the stern of the boat I untied and pitched the anchor buoy. After a few screaming runs the fish started to make its way towards the busy intercoastal waterway. Lifting the trolling motor out, I started my outboard and stayed as close to the fish as possible as it made its way through the weekend boat



Dave White from Indianapolis removing the hook from his first tarpon before releasing the estimated 120-pound fish

traffic.

About a half hour in, Burke had handed the rod off to White and the big tarpon started jumping again. With every jump, blood showered from the angry tarpon's gills. I was convinced this fish was gut-hooked with the circle hook and that's why it had taken so long to start jumping.

After about an hour and many times around the boat, the tarpon finally gave up. I pulled half its body out of the water, putting its head up on the gunwale so we could remove the hook. The circle hook had perfect placement right in the hinge of the jaw and easily pulled out. I revived the fish for a few minutes before it swam off.

It was great to see the fish had not swallowed the circle hook, but was so fired up and shaking its head so hard blood had showered from its gills.

After jumping and losing 10 early season tarpon, it sure did feel great to get it done and get that tarpon skunk out of my new boat.

I think I was as happy as Belinda and Dave landing their first tarpon on their first tarpon trip to get that monkey off my back. Good job guys!

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.*

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Inaugural 'Ding' Awards Kicks Off New Tradition

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge are becoming known for their firsts in the field of conservation education and wildlife research. On Tuesday, May 8, the team will again make history with the first-ever “Ding” Darling Conservation Education Awards – a.k.a. “Ding” Awards – to be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers.

“Ding” Awards will recognize middle school teachers and students outstanding in the field of conservation education in private and public schools throughout Lee County. Principals at each of the middle schools had the opportunity to nominate one teacher and one student. The nominees will all receive awards at the ceremony, which follows a buffet dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Others from the schools and families of the nominees are welcome to attend for \$25 per person and must call 292-0566 to make a reservation.

Author and *Tropicalia* editor Amy Bennett Williams will deliver the ceremony’s keynote address. DDWS will also be awarding \$11,500 in conservation education scholarships that evening to high school seniors and college students from Lee, Collier or Charlotte county major-



Wendy Schnapp and Winston Spurgeon, owners of Tarpon Bay Explorers, which is sponsoring “Ding” Awards along with Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fleischner

ing in biology or conservation-related subjects.

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation is the lead event sponsor at the Roseate Spoonbill level, along with Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fleischner (Blue Winged Teal level) and Tarpon Bay Explorers of Sanibel (Great Blue Heron level).

“The ‘Ding’ Awards are synonymous with celebration - the celebration of Southwest Florida’s history of conservation and wildlife protection,” said Doris Hardy, DDWS education committee

chair. “With our support of students and teachers, you might say we are also celebrating the future.”

DDWS also distributes up to \$5,000 in science teacher grants annually throughout the Lee County School District.

For more information about “Ding” Darling conservation education scholarships and DDWS, visit www.dingdarling-society.org.*

Ostego Bay Marine Science Center Programs

Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center still has six more weeks of their very popular San Carlos Island’s Commercial Fishing Fleet Tour which begins every Wednesday at 9 a.m. This three-hour guided tour includes a 1.5-hour tour of the Marine Science Center and a 1.5-hour guided tour of the commercial fishing industry, including the Erickson & Jensen Supply House, Trico Shrimp Company and

Beach Seafood.

Participants experience firsthand how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed and other important factors used in this unique industry.

The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per student over 6 years of age. Since reservations are required, call 765-8101 and make your reservation to see our marine wonders firsthand.

2012 Marine Science Camp

Applications for the 2012 Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Summer Camps are still being accepted. They offer an exciting and educational season of Summer Camps for children ages 6

and upward. All the instructional materials will be provided plus a graduation luncheon will be held on Friday of each week.

Come explore the beautiful Barrier Islands and the waters of Estero Bay. Field and beach trips will introduce campers to sea grass communities, plankton populations, mangrove tangles and bird nesting areas. State-certified teachers and staff will offer a wide diversity of expertise providing highly personalized instruction. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This summer’s schedule is as follows:

- June 4 to 8 – Sea Stars (Completed kindergarten to 8 years)
- June 11 to 15 – Loggerheads (9 to 11 years)
- June 18 to 22 – Sea Stars/Loggerheads (Kindergarten to 8 years; 9 to 11 years)
- June 25 to 29 – Tiger Shark (12 years and up)
- July 9 to 13 – Sea Stars/Loggerheads (Kindergarten to 8 years; 9 to 11 years)
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Lee County’s quirky little Matlacha is the last historic fishing village in Florida. The 45- to 60-minute tour includes information on the history and ecology of the area. Tour guests will also see and learn about local plants and wildlife in their native habitat.

Due to the summer heat, the Matlacha Historic Walking Tours will begin at 8 a.m. each Friday. Individual walk-ins are welcome. Complimentary coffee is served at 7 a.m. in the waterfront gardens.

Cost for the Walking Tour alone is \$10. The Walking Tour & Continental Breakfast combination, which includes coffee and pastries, costs \$15 per person, with advanced reservations required.

Groups should call the Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens at 283-6453 for reservations or to request special dates. Tours depart from Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens, 4637 Pine Island Road NW in Matlacha.*

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The JN "Ding" Darling NWR and Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum team up for Family Beach Walks on Thursday mornings

'Ding' Darling Brings Back Family Programs

School is almost out, but the learning goes on all summer long, June 4 through August 15 at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel. Free, fun programs designed especially for families mean kids absorb educational enrichment without even realizing they are learning.

With support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), the refuge is offering five free education programs this year. No pre-registration is necessary.

- Natural Wonders, held every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 1

p.m. – What makes a bird a bird? Why is a manatee called a "sea cow?" Is it a crocodile or alligator? Find the answers to these questions and more as you join a naturalist in exploring the refuge's unique ecosystem. Geared for adults and children, this 30-minute program meets in the Education Center Lab.

- Reading at the Refuge, held every Monday and Friday at 11 a.m. – Attendees of each 45-minute reading and crafts session will receive a free Nature Journal (one per child) in which to record their impressions of their refuge visit and future nature encounters. Meet in the Education Lab.

- Indigo Trail Hike, held every Tuesday at 10 a.m. – Join refuge naturalists as they lead a one-hour tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plants, animals, birds and reptiles. Fun for adults and children alike. Bring water and bug

spray. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center.

- Refuge Caravan Tour, held every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. – Ride along on a car caravan tour of the refuge's Wildlife Drive. This 90-minute tour highlights the natural wonders of the unique mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that call it home. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center.

- Family Beach Walk, held every

Thursday at 9 a.m. – Back by popular demand and in partnership with the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, the program convenes at Gulfside City Park for a one-hour exploration of the refuge's gulf-front Perry Tract. (City parking fees apply.)

For more information on the refuge summer programs, call 472-1100 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org.*

Celebrate 125 Years Of Lee County Parks

Lee County Parks & Recreation is offering free parking at many of its sites on May 13 to commemorate the county's 125th anniversary. The department is also launching an online quiz that could land a few lucky winners prizes and year-round free access to parks and preserves.

The county – named in honor of Civil War Gen. Robert E. Lee – was carved from Monroe County and incorporated on May 13, 1887.

Free parking is available that day – also Mother's Day – at county beaches, regional parks and boat ramps.

The public can also participate in the Lovin' Parks & Rec: 125 Year Quiz and scavenger hunt. The 73-question quiz can be found at www.leeparks.org and involves questions and trivia about baseball, beaches, boating, fishing, regional

and neighborhood parks and even preserves. Those who submit a completed quiz and provide complete contact information will be entered into a drawing to win a year-long parking sticker to the county's regional parks, boat ramps and other facilities. Other prizes also will be available.

Winners will be selected during July, which is National Recreation and Parks Month.

Park patrons are encouraged to take video when they visit parks and make submissions for the Lee County Parks & Recreation YouTube site. To participate click on the Submit A Video link on the website at www.leeparks.org.

Visit 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.

For more information on parking or the quiz, contact go to www.leeparks.org or call 533-7275.*

SCCF's Caloosahatchee Oxbow & Riverlore Cruise

The next Caloosahatchee Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. All ages are invited to experience the historical Caloosahatchee on this cruise that explores the meanders of the upriver Caloosahatchee. The cruise follows 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 cruise 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 advocate, historian and Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Natural Resource Policy Director. The 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, and return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. SCCF also needs the names of all passengers at the time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329 to reserve space. Please note that reservations must be made by Friday, May 11 for the Sunday, May 13 cruise; space is limited.*

National Trails Day At Matanzas Pass Preserve

Lee County Parks & Recreation, along with the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, invite everyone the 2nd annual American Hiking Society's National Trails Day at Matanzas Pass Preserve on Saturday, May 12.

Sponsored by the Red Coconut RV Resort, this free event is open to all ages and everyone that enjoys the outdoors. It takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and was created to promote healthful lifestyles and community involvement in the care and maintenance of the trails, parks and preserves.

The day's activities will include guided walks with master naturalists, de-stress and ethnobotany sessions workshop, health and wellness vendors, a geocaching scavenger hunt, wildlife display and nature activities. Chef Dan Andre from the Mango Street Inn will be grilling up his famous jerk chicken to help raise

funds for the Preserve.

From the end of Sky Bridge at the north end of Estero Island/ Fort Myers Beach, drive approximately 1.1 miles south to Bay Street and turn left at the Library. Follow this street until it dead ends into the parking lot beside the Historic Cottage. The entrance to the Preserve is immediately in front of you. Parking is free but limited in space, so arriving early is suggested.*

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Lakes Regional Park

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National Public Gardens Day

as the future plans," said Wesley Higgins, chairman of the Botanic Garden Committee. "It also emphasizes the importance of plants in our daily lives."

The event is being sponsored locally by the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation, a 501c3 organization that enriches the park with many projects including an expansion of the Botanic Garden at Lakes Park. The foundation's main focus is to assist Lee County Parks and Recreation in the continued implementation of the \$30 million Lakes Park Master Plan, enhancing the park's environmental aesthetics, wildlife habitat and recreational amenities for the community to enjoy for many years to come.

For more information on the foundation, visit www.LakesPark.org. The Lee County Bird Patrol is also assisting in this event. National sponsors include the American Public Gardens Association, Better Homes and Gardens Magazine, and Rain Bird Irrigation.

Free parking is available by downloading a voucher at www.LakesPark.org. Lakes Regional Park is located on Gladiolus Drive, just off Route 41.

May 11 Schedule Of Events

5:45 a.m. - The gates to the park open

Dawn - Witness the "Fly Out." Lakes Park is home to more than 4,000 roosting birds and at dawn, the sky above the park comes alive as all of the birds leave their nests in mass including white ibis, great egrets, snowy egrets, tricolor herons, anhingas, cormorants, brown pelicans, great blue herons, cattle egrets, and many more. Meet at the marina near the Train Station for this amazing spectacle.

7 to 9 a.m. - Continental breakfast, cookies, water and lemonade will be available for sale at the Tahinihatchee Lodge.

8 a.m. - Bird Walk led by Vince McGrath, well known local birder and member of the Lee County Bird Patrol.

8:45 a.m. - Reading of the official proclamation from the Lee County Commission.

11 a.m. - *A Grave Injustice* presented by author Prudy Taylor Board, followed by a book signing.

Demonstrations

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - ECHO volunteers



On May 11, Lakes Park will host a seminar on growing succulents



A seminar on photographing flowers will begin at 9:15 a.m.

will show and sell plants for subsistence farming.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Container Garden with Pizzazz, a demonstration by Debra Gallagher of Blue Tango Tropicals.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Flower arranging by various designers.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Sunmans Nursery & Landscaping on growing succulents.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - All Native Garden Center on ground covers.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Demonstrations by Southwest Florida Orchid Society.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Demonstrations by Pine Island Garden Club.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Demonstrations by Southwest Florida Bonsai Society.

9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Demonstrations by Rare Fruit Club.

10:30 a.m. - Rose Gardening in Florida, a demonstration and discussion by Ann Wagner.

11:30 a.m. - Succulents for Florida Landscapes, a demonstration and discussion by Dick McCarville.

Tours (Meet at white gazebo near Botanic Garden for all tours)

9 a.m. to noon - Hourly tours of the Botanic Garden.

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Hourly tours of the Community Garden.

9 a.m. - Special children's activity for 4 to 8 year olds.

10 a.m. - Special children's activity for 9 to 12 year olds.

Amphitheater Presentations

9:15 a.m. - Flower Photography, with tips and a photo shoot (bring your camera) by Sally Rich and Mary McCoy.

10:15 a.m. - "Ding" Darling NWR Ranger Becky Wolff discusses Climate Change in the Florida Environment.

11:15 a.m. - Tips for Photographing Birds by Frank Moore.*

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Plant Smart

Nuttall's Thistle

by Gerri Reaves

Nuttall's thistle (*Cirsium nuttallii*) is eye-catching for its height alone. The main stalk can reach up to 10 feet, arising from a dense basal rosette of very spiny, dark-green leaves.

This native, widespread member of the aster family blooms spring to mid-summer and is frequently seen along roadsides and in wet pastures, where it can thrive unmolested by cattle who find the spiny leaves inedible.

The large flowers in shades of purple to pale lavender are shaped like a shaving brush.

This plant is suitable for a butterfly or wildflower garden. When in flower, it is typically many branched. Unlike horrible, or purple, thistle (*Cirsium horridulum*) it lacks the spiny erect bracts beneath the flower heads.

The stalkless leaves are four to 10 inches long with spines on the lobe tips. The flowers can be an inch or more across.

The spines make this a wildflower best enjoyed where and as it grows – as the butterflies, birds and bees do – not as a table arrangement.

It grows in full sun and prefers moist but not over-watered soil.

It will easily reseed itself unless dead-headed. One plant can produce up to 4,000 seeds, many of which catch a breeze and distribute themselves.

But who wouldn't want these lovely flowers to come back each spring? Anyway,



Nuttall's thistle, a native wildflower and herb, blooms spring through summer



The silky seeds are eaten by birds and spread by wind

photos by Gerri Reaves

the species could use some help. The Institute for Regional Conservation lists it as "imperiled."

Thistles are also classified as herbs, and the leaves and stalks are eaten for a variety of medicinal purposes. Gathering those spiny leaves, however, could make that quite a chore.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, www.regionalconservation.org and www.davesgarden.com.

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Caring For Your Plants

Shipping Plants

by Justen Dobbs



Did you know that many types of plants and trees are shipped all over the country and even the world? I find that many people have the misconception that plants will die if stuffed

into a box with no sunlight or water. While this is true for some hardwoods and cuttings, there are many types of plants and even trees that can be shipped easily through the postal service or another courier.*

I have personal experience shipping palms, cycads, ferns, flax, bromeliads, succulents and some hardwood trees. Many Southwest Florida homeowners have a primary residence up north and have always wanted to take some of the pretty tropical plants they find here home with them. Don't drive plants home, just ship them.

The plants I named can survive in a box with no light, airflow, or extra water for a week or more in most cases. Obviously, you want to check weather conditions between here and their destination so that they don't have to endure freezes. Also, make sure you know that there is going to be someone on the



Green moss keeps plant roots moist while aluminum foil secures the moss

other end to receive them so they don't sit on a front porch in the sun for several days or weeks. Smaller plants and trees can be shipped for about \$8 to \$50 and arrive in as little as one to three days. Here are some tips:

- Remove the soil to save weight.
- Wrap the roots with moist moss and aluminum foil.
- Protect the leaves with shredded newspaper.
- Make sure the plant is secured so that it can't slide around in the box.
- Ship the plant by priority or third-day mail to make the trip as brief as possible.



Cut flowers provide color for a week, while bromeliad blooms last up to two months

Another option is to ask the garden store or nursery if they ship. For a nominal fee you can save the trouble of driving or flying your plant home and have it waiting for you upon your arrival. If the store cannot ship, search for the same plant online and order it through mail-order. There are many companies that sell living plants online and ship around the country. Don't limit yourself to cut flowers which are going to die in a week when there are hundreds of house plants available with colorful blooms that should live for years. Make sure that you are familiar with the growing conditions and cold tol-

erance of any plants you send up north. Just because a plant grows in the ground here in Florida, doesn't mean it will survive outdoors in Michigan (and vice versa). If a plant cannot survive in cold temperatures, it will probably grow indoors up north if placed next to a south-facing window and watered correctly.

*Check with each state's agriculture laws and regulations before sending live plants in the mail.

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Shell Point's Summer Concert Series



3 Divas & The Dons will perform at Shell Point on June 15

Shell Point Retirement Community will offer its third annual Summer Music Series which will be open to the general public as well as Shell Point residents. This series will include three performances by talented performers in the Church Auditorium, located on The Island of Shell Point.

The artist roster and dates are 3 Divas & The Dons on Friday, June 15; Grand Floridian Society Orchestra on Monday, July 30; and Crossroads Quartet on Saturday, August 18. Each performance will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"We are so pleased to offer another summer music series for our residents and the surrounding community," says Dawn Boren, director of Resident Life. "Many residents live here year round, and we love being able to create this concert series for everyone to enjoy. This will be our third year, and the feedback from the first two years has been amazing."

One of Sarasota's most popular ensembles comprised of vocalists and instrumentalists, 3 Divas & The Dons are known for presenting exciting programs of varied musical styles. Their eclectic repertoire covers a broad spectrum of compositions ranging from opera to Broadway, as well as sacred, folk, patriotic, and the American Song Book. The "Divas" are comprised of harpist Bonnie Caplan, lyric soprano Lorraine Murphy, and mezzo soprano Amy Connors. The "Dons" include baritone Tim O'Connor and pianist Steve McCoy.

Coming from Walt Disney World's Grand Floridian Resort is the ever popular Grand Floridian Society Orchestra, under the leadership of Pat Doyle. This orchestra features some of the country's finest musicians who have been entertaining guests for the past 25 years. Come listen to the toe tapping sounds of the Grand Floridian Society Orchestra and hear why Disney resort guests return year after year.

The Crossroads Quartet is a world championship a cappella quartet made up of four versatile award winning vocalists. Though steeped in the traditional barbershop harmony, Crossroads sings a wide variety of musical styles including vocal jazz, blue, gospel, pop classics, and standards from the Great American Songbook. The group was formed when four friends from four different states and four different international champion quartets came together to make a brand new sound. They were crowned as the 2009 Barbershop Harmony Society's International Championship Quartet.

Tickets are now on sale, and the entire music series (all three concerts) can be purchased for \$35. Concert tickets can be bought individually for \$15. To purchase tickets, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts. For additional information about the concert series, call 454-2067.*



The Grand Floridian Orchestra will appear on July 30



The Crossroads Quartet comes to Shell Point on August 18



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Gulfshore Ballet Spring Showcase



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The Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida's premier non-profit classical ballet school, will present its Spring Showcase on Sunday, May 20 at 4 p.m., featuring performances by Jose Gamero, principal dancer with the Des Moines Ballet.

Gamero was born in Valencia, Venezuela in 1990. He started his dance studies at the Miami City Ballet School in 2005, where he was granted a full scholarship. He received training from Franklin Gamero, Iliana Lopez and Vladimir Isaeev. In 2007 and 2008, he was a guest dancer with Ballet Gamonet in Miami. In August of 2009, Gamero received an apprenticeship from Ballet de Monterrey in Mexico, dancing in full length ballets such as *La Bayadere* and *Giselle* and solo roles in the Russian Dance and the Spanish Dance in *The Nutcracker*. In 2010, he attended Miami City Ballet's summer program dancing the lead role in Balanchine's *Square Dance*. He then went on to study at the Americas Ballet School, directed by Paula Nuñez, and became a finalist at the YAGP competition. He currently works at Ballet Des Moines under the

Gulf Coast Symphony To Perform May 6

The Gulf Coast Symphony, Southwest Florida's premier community orchestra, presents the next of this season's Classical Access Concerts on Sunday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. This program features performances of Brahms' *Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op. 90*, von Suppé's *Light Cavalry* and excerpts from the *Carmen Suites*.

The soulful theme of Brahms' *Symphony No. 3*, featured in the 1961 movie *Goodbye Again*, Franz von Suppé's *Light Cavalry*, featured in Disney's 1942 cartoon *Mickey Mouse's Symphony Hour*, and the warm familiarity of excerpts from *Carmen* make for an evening of classical music that appeals to everyone.

This concert takes place at Anderson Theater on the campus of Bishop Verot High School. Ample free parking is available. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and children under 13 are admitted free. Tickets are available online at www.accessconcerts.org, by calling 277-1700 or at the Anderson Theater Box Office one hour prior to the performance. This concert is sponsored in part by Drs. Peter and Eleanor Blitzer and the Gulf Coast Symphony's Musical Legacy Society.

The Gulf Coast Symphony's Classical Access Concerts are designed for the audience to become active listeners during the evening's program. Prior to each piece, music director Andrew Kurtz will discuss the musical selection and demonstrate, using orchestral excerpts, various elements that make the evening's program unique. Highly interactive, the evening's concert is both entertaining and educational. The informal and casual atmosphere of these concerts only enhances the concertgoer's experience. Following the concert, the conductor will hold a question and answer session with interested audience members. Detailed program notes can be found at www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

For more information, call 277-1700 or visit www.accessconcerts.org.



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Spring Showcase takes place at BIG ARTS in the Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. Tickets cost \$5 for general adult admission. Children under 18 are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900 or in person one hour prior to the performance. Gulfshore Ballet's Spring Showcase features 55 local area classical ballet students performing excerpts from masterpieces like *Sleeping Beauty* and *Paquita* as well as *A Tribute to Balanchine* and other new works.

Some of the Gulfshore Ballet's 2012 sponsors include The Gulfshore Ballet Board of Trustees, Edison National Bank, The Rosselini Family, Trinko Lowe, Markham, Norton, Mostellar, Wright & Company, James A. Devito, Esq., and LeVan Asset Management Corp.✱

Youth Inspired Through Design At AOTO Gallery

Fifty students from Ida Baker, Fort Myers, Island Coast, Estero, North Fort Myers High Schools and High Tech North have embraced the values of the Olympics as learned through a visit to the Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery earlier this year through the Career and Technical Education Department of Lee County Public Schools program, Digital Lee. The culmination of their visits will be on display at AOTO through the month of May.

Digital Lee was established to create a more relevant, community, and career focused learning experience for the technology students of the Lee County School District. Students work throughout the year to master the elements and principles of design, methods of advertising, visual communication, and technical software applications.

According to Christina McDaniel, coordinator for Digital Lee, the group strives to provide exposure for students, thereby spurring career and internship opportunities, scholarship awards, and local involvement that will continue to make Southwest Florida a thriving and culturally rich community.

This year, students were inspired by the mission of AOTO during a field trip

and have incorporated the values of friendship, respect and fair play into their works. For many, the art of sport and the pathway to excellence is as simple as run, jump, throw.

At AOTO, students are connected with a broader ideal that excellence starts with a simple set of values, adapted from the Olympic Creed, of friendship, respect and fair play and showcasing the art of sport.

On Friday, May 4, AOTO will welcome the final projects from the Digital Lee students. This event will feature the most exemplary designs from each of Lee County's 13 high schools, technical centers, and seven middle schools. Divisions include: web design, graphic design and multi-media design. A panel of expert judges from the community will evaluate approximately 300 submissions to determine the 31 winning designs of the 2011-12 school year.

The opening ceremony will coincide with the Fort Myers Art Walk and is free of charge. Individuals and business leaders are encouraged to experience the most exceptional and innovative student work in the region. Guests to the opening ceremony can also view Olympic artwork and memorabilia currently on display at AOTO.

Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery is located at the Al Oerter Center for Excellence, 1300 Hendry Street in downtown Fort Myers.✱

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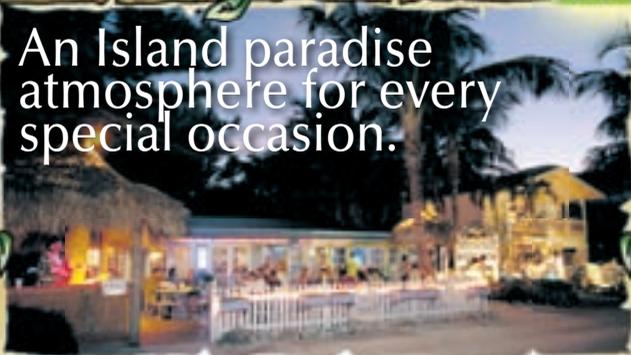
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Two High School Seniors Given Voices Of Naples Scholarships

Two outstanding high school seniors have won the annual auditions for the Voices of Naples Scholarships. In the last six years, Voices of Naples, a 70-member community chorus, has awarded over \$24,000 to music students who plan to pursue a major in vocal performance at the college level.

For 2012-13, the first prize of \$1,500 goes to soprano Nadia Marshall of Naples. The second place winner, soprano Tiffany Farina of Fort Myers, will receive \$1,000. The candidates were judged on their musicality, background, achievements, outside participation and musical experiences as well as general performance, stage presence and degree of difficulty of their musical selections.

Marshall attends Barron Collier High School, where she studies with voice teacher, Steffanie Pearce. During her high school years, music has been a major aspect of Nadia's life. She earned a position in Florida's All-State Mixed Chorus in 2010, was assessed as "excellent" and "superior" in solo work for three years in Florida State Music Performance assessments, and for the last two years has won scholarships in the Senior Voice category of the Naples Music Club scholarship competition.

Marshall plans to pursue a degree in Vocal Performance with an emphasis in opera. To prepare for this goal, she has studied with Opera Naples and has performed in *Carmen*, *The Mikado*, *Showboat* and Verdi's *Requiem Mass*. During her summers, she has completed a music theory course for high school students at the University of Miami's Frost School of Music, has performed the role of Daphne in a Naples Players production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and toured Austria with a traveling choir from BCHS performing daily in Innsbruck, Salzburg, Graz and Vienna. In 2011, she attended the Vocal/Choral Intensive program at Boston Conservatory.

An extensive repertoire by composers such as Schubert, Debussy, Faure, Mozart, Vivaldi, Samuel Barber, Franz Lehár and Vaughan Williams reflects Marshall's versatility and interest in performing in French, Italian and German. She has been studying piano for 10 years and enjoys playing the works of composers such as Chopin and Liszt.

The daughter of David and Prema Marshall of Naples, Nadia has excelled as a member of the National Honor Society at BCHS, and has been on the varsity swim team for three years, serving as captain in 2011. She plans to attend Florida State University in the fall.

Farina attends Fort Myers High School and is the daughter of Priscilla Farina. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She has been singing since the age of 10 and, in addition to her



Nadia Marshall



Tiffany Farina

accomplishments in vocal music, she is also celebrated as a violinist with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Fort Myers Youth Sinfonetta and as Principal Second Violin in All-county Orchestra. At FMHS, she participated in the school's Chorus program, Mixed School Chorus, Chamber Choir, Verdigris, an advanced women's choir, Greenwave Singers, an advanced mixed choir and sang with the All State Chorus in 2008. She began her private vocal studies, first with Michele Byrd and later with Annie Leonardi. In Naples, she also sang with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorale Select Chorus and Chamber Choir.

In the last few years, Farina gained an interest in opera. She is performing in the role of Dido in her high school's production of the opera *Dido and Aeneas* this month. A member of Opera Naples' Young Artist Program from 2011-12, she was also a chorus member in the production of *Faust*, and teen productions of *HMS Pinafore*, *Le Nozze Di Figaro*, *Hansel and Gretel* and *Pirates of Penzance*. Most recently, she performed in Thank You Myra Day at the Phil, both in the Youth Chorale and Youth Orchestra.

Farina's solo voice repertoire includes many classics in operas, operettas, art songs, folk songs and Broadway Theater. She has sung the roles of Susanna in *Le Nozze Di Figaro* and Dew Fairy in *Hansel and Gretel*.

In addition to school and leadership activities, she performs charity work with children in the hospital and with the elderly, many involving musical performances.✧

Solutions For Your Life Exhibition

The Northwest Regional Library, in partnership with the Lee County Extension Services and Lee County Parks & Recreation, is hosting a Solutions for Your Life exhibit from May 1 through 31. Learn how to live healthier and better, how to best coexist with nature, about endangered animals and how to help to make Lee County a sustainable community.

"Whether you're a newcomer, or a long-time resident there is a program that you are sure to find enriching," said Terri Crawford, Deputy Director of the Library System. "The exhibit is about Lee County's precious environment and how to live as naturally and sustainably as possible."

This exhibit is also a part of the many planned events celebrating Lee County's 125th anniversary. To make it even more interesting visitors to the exhibit or programs can participate in Lovin' Parks & Rec: 125 Year Quiz and scavenger hunt. The 73-question quiz can be found at the exhibit and online at www.leeparks.org and involves questions and trivia about baseball, beaches, boating, fishing, regional and neighborhood parks and preserves. Those who submit a completed quiz and provide complete contact information will be entered into a drawing to win a year-long parking sticker to Lee County Parks & Recreation's regional parks, boat ramps and other facilities. Other prizes also will be available. Winners will be selected in July.

The Northwest Regional Library is located at 519 Chiquita Blvd. North in Cape Coral and is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays.

For more information on the exhibit, go to www.lee-county.com/library, www.leegov.com/125th or call Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636).

Solutions For Your Life Programs

Habits and Habitats of the Florida Manatee – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. Lee County is fortunate to "host" many manatees. Join us to have all your questions answered.

Choose "My Plate" – 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 3. Making food choices for a healthy lifestyle can be made easily by using the ideas and advice that will be presented at this program.

Nordic Walking Opportunities in Lee County – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5. Nordic Walking is a simple, incredibly effective path to physical and mental health. Come find about it and also where and when you can join a group to give it a try.

Lee County's 20/20 Conservation Program – 2 p.m. on Monday, May 7. The 20/20 Conservation Program acquires properties of environmental significance and restores them to their natural state while managing them in an environmentally acceptable manner and providing public recreational opportunities that are compatible with natural resources.

Land Stewardship in Lee County – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8. Learn about Lee

County's goals for keeping our natural environment healthy and inviting to all for years to come.

Endangered Species/Camp – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. How many endangered species are there in Lee County? What are we doing about them? Join us to have all your questions answered.

Sustainable Floridians – 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 10. The Sustainability Program in Lee County was created to preserve our natural environment and resources while addressing the economic, social, and political challenges in creating a sustainable community. Visit us and learn more about your resources.

Horticultural Trends in Lee County – 2 p.m. on Monday, May 14. Whether you're a newcomer, a long-time resident, or a nursery or landscape professional, Lee County Extension services has the answers to your plant and landscape questions.

Florida Reptiles – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. Ranger Mike Hammond will be on hand to answer all your questions about the reptiles that make their home in Lee County.

Introduction to Lee County's 4-H Club – 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16. Lee County 4-H Program's goal is to work with young people ages 5 to 18 to build strong productive citizens by providing opportunities for enjoyable, hands-on educational programs designed to develop leadership, citizenship and teamwork skills.

Lee County Horticulture Facts & Issues – 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 17. Whether you're a newcomer, a long-time resident, or a nursery or landscape professional, Lee County Extension services has the

answers to your plant and landscape questions.

Rain Barrels Are Gaining Popularity – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. Some Southwest Floridians are happy about our recent downpour of rain. They are rain harvesting, and it's saving people money. Find out more about them during our program.

Volunteering With Lee County Parks & Recreation – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21. Everyone can make a difference in someone's life. Discover the volunteer opportunities for you with Lee County Parks & Recreation.

What You Can Do About Bed Bugs – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22. Learn what bed bugs are and how you can avoid them.

Florida Friendly Landscaping – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23. The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program provides educational activities for homeowners using nine simple steps starting with, "planting the right plant at the right place." Come gain an understanding of why "friendly landscaping" makes sense.

Nature As Your Neighbor – 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 24. Discover how you can best coexist with the abundance of nature we are fortunate to enjoy every day.

Adventures Await at Six Mile Cypress Slough – 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29. The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is the perfect location for people interested in educational programs and recreational activities that create minimal disturbance to wildlife. The preserve is considered to be a "highway" for migrating birds and is extremely popular with bird watchers.✧



Curried Chicken, Green Bean and Almond Salad

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2 teaspoons curry powder

1/3 cup plain nonfat yogurt

3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise

1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted

Cook beans in pot of boiling salted water until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes.

Rinse under cold water. Drain well. Transfer beans to large bowl. Add chicken, onion and 4 tablespoons cilantro. Stir curry powder in small skillet over medium heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to small bowl. Whisk in yogurt, mayonnaise and lime juice. Add dressing to chicken mixture; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with almonds and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Cover and chill.)

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Students Receive College Scholarships And Mentors

The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools will host a luncheon and contract signing for the 25 newly selected Take Stock In Children scholars on Friday, May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Take Stock In Children is a scholarship program for low-income, at-risk students in the public school system.

During the event, more than \$375,000 will be promised to these scholars as they sign a contract promising to stay in school, maintain good grades and behavior, meet with an assigned mentor regularly and stay crime and drug free. Upon high school graduation, these students will receive a four-year college tuition scholarship. Dan Fink, chief administrative officer of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, will deliver the keynote address. The celebration is sponsored by CenturyLink and Suncoast For Kids Foundation.

Take Stock In Children is built on the premise that given extensive support, motivation, and accountability, children will work hard to ensure that they graduate from high school and attain a college degree. In addition to signing a contract, each student is matched with a volunteer mentor who will meet with them regularly through high school graduation. Students will meet their new mentor for the first time at the luncheon.

For information on how you can become a mentor, call Margo Crowther at 337-0433 or e-mail Margo@leeschoolfoundation.org.

2012 Take Stock In Children New Scholars

Luis Acevedo, Cypress Lake High, ninth grade

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Gabriella Benet, North Fort Myers High, ninth grade

Paige Casey, South Fort Myers High, ninth grade

Twila Cassidy, Mariner High, ninth grade

Emily Collier, Lehigh Senior High, ninth grade

Nehemiah Darrett, Diplomat Middle, sixth grade

Jacob Gonzalez, Mariner Middle, sixth grade

Alexi Hernandez, Veterans Park Academy, sixth grade

Corey Kerknesner, Cypress Lake High, ninth grade

Kara Koepfer, Riverdale High, ninth grade

Tyler Lackey, Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle, sixth grade
Bridget McCreedy, Riverdale High, ninth grade
John Mitchell, Dunbar High, ninth grade
Alixandria Panaretos, Mariner High, ninth grade
Mia Raymond, Cape Coral High, ninth grade
Samantha Rivera, Mariner High, ninth grade
Diana Rivera-Ramos, Fort Myers High, ninth grade
Alice Rolston, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, sixth grade
Cyrus Santiago, Lexington Middle, sixth grade
Meg Simms, Estero High, ninth grade
Simon Tam, Lehigh Senior High, ninth grade
Kelly Turner, Cypress Lake High, ninth grade
Antonella Valencia, Estero High, ninth grade
Rodney Wallace, Dunbar High, ninth grade.✪



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The car is being offered by sponsor Audi Fort Myers to anyone who scores a hole in one on a designated hole during the tournament at Pelican Preserve Golf

Club, 10571 Veneto Drive, near Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The Audi A6 will be shown on the golf course during the tournament. Whoever hits a hole in one that day will take outright ownership of the car at the tournament. Anyone who would like to see the Audi beforehand also may visit the showroom at 15875 S. Tamiami Trail in South Fort Myers.

"Many people don't realize that the cost of child care is the third largest expense in the family budget after housing and food," said Linda McNabb, director of development of Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc. "Many of our families simply cannot afford this neces-

sary child care expense without some help. That's where this golf tournament can assist families in need."

The tourney will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start with prizes awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive for both men and women. Beverages will be served on the course throughout the morning.

An awards ceremony and raffle will take place during lunch.

Four levels of sponsorship are available:

Eagle Sponsor – \$1,500, includes four golfers and lunch for four; program recognition; one tee sign, and website recognition.

Birdie Sponsor – \$750, includes four

golfers and lunch for four; one tee sign, and program recognition.

Specialty Sponsor – \$500, includes signage, program and website recognition and choice of sponsoring one of the following: longest drive, closest to the pin, putting contest, hole in one, breakfast, lunch or beverage cart.

Tee Sign Sponsor – \$150

Individual golfers may register for \$100 and receive lunch and a goodie bag in addition to a day of golf. Lunch and raffle tickets (no golf) are available for \$50 each.

To register for the tournament, visit www.ccsfwl.org. For more information about sponsorships, call McNabb at 425-1017.*

Awful Pitching, Lack Of Offense Killing The Miami Marlins – Not What Was Expected From Huge Payroll

by Ed Frank



Ending the first month of the 2012 baseball season dead last in the National League Eastern Division having lost eight of their last 11 games is not exactly what the new-look Miami Marlins envisioned after spending \$191 million in the off-season to sign three All-Stars.

And it's not what was expected in order to draw fans to their new 37,000-seat Marlins Ballpark.

The Marlins departed Monday on a nine-game road trip starting in San Francisco with a 8-14 record and less than inspiring performances from their newly-acquired All-Stars: shortstop Jose Reyes, closer Heath Bell and veteran starting

pitcher Mark Buehrle. Here are their stats for the first month:

Reyes – a .220 batting average, with only 3 RBIs

Bell – more blown saves (3) than saves (2) and a whopping 10.80 ERA.

Buehrle – 1-4 for the season, including a loss Monday to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Also new to the Marlins roster is pitcher Carlos Zambrano, who was traded away by the Chicago Cubs after years of causing dissension. The Cubs are paying most of his \$18-million salary. So far, Zambrano is 0-2 in his new uniform.

In addition to their woeful pitching, the lack of hitting is equally to blame for their awful start.

They began the week with a team batting average of .202 on the road and a slightly better .252 at home. During a recent six-game losing streak, they went all six games without getting more than six hits – a new franchise worst.

Symptomatic of the Marlins problems is 2009 National League Rookie of the Year Chris Coghlan, who has been demoted to the minor leagues for the second straight year.

The 26-year-old Coghlan was hitting an anemic .118 in 34 at-bats mostly off the bench. A year ago, he hit .230 in the Majors and .271 with three minor league teams. Compare these stats with his Rookie of the Year record of a .321 batting average.

Also sent to the minors was reliever Mike Dunn, who had a 9.53 ERA.

There is one bright note, however. The Marlins drew 30,000-plus for all three games last weekend.

But that's about all that is good for the Marlins in the first month of the season.

Everblades Tied In Conference Finals

The Florida Everblades hockey team began the week tied 1-1 with Kalamazoo in the Eastern Conference Finals of the ECHL.

After splitting the first two games on Kalamazoo ice, the Everblades can take the upper hand in this best-of-seven series with games three, four and five played here this week at Germain Arena,

Game three was Wednesday night. Game four is Thursday and game five tonight, Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

If the final two games are necessary, the teams will return to Kalamazoo.

Florida began the series skating to a 2-0 victory over the Wings, but dropped the second game 3-2.

Playoff tickets are available at the Germain Arena box office or by calling Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000.

Olympic Legend Beamon Soars As New Ambassador For Beyond Sport

Nearly 44 years after Olympian Bob Beamon shattered both the world and Olympic records in the long jump during the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, he continues to share passion for sport and art as a tool for social change as a newly appointed ambassador for Beyond Sport.

Beyond Sport is a global organization that promotes, develops and supports the use of sport to create positive social change across the world.

Beamon joins fellow Olympians including Michael Johnson, Nawal El Moutawakel, Dame Kelly Holmes and Lord Sebastian Coe as a Beyond Sport Ambassadors headed by Beyond Sport's Patron, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the chairman of the Beyond Sport Ambassadors, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Beamon has long since used his personal story of overcoming an upbringing dotted with violence and poverty to achieve excellence through art and sport. He has had a lifetime commitment to be a stand-out example of how sport can be used to overcome adversity.

As CEO for the Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery (AOTO), Beamon works to connect Olympians to promote the highest ideals of humanity with their creative talents through the sport/art relationship by providing programs of art, education, sport and cultural outreach to inspire the world.

"AOTO is working to bring Olympic values to the forefront of youth education; an effort that provides synergy to the work of Beyond Sport," said Beamon.

Nick Keller, founder of Beyond Sport, said, "Bob Beamon's sporting achievements, culminating in that amazing jump in 1968, stand out amongst the most incredible accomplishments of the last century. The incredible thing about Bob, though, is that he has gone beyond sport – 1968 was not the end of his story, but has instead been the platform that has helped him to achieve so much in business and in terms of social change. We are delighted to welcome him as a Beyond Sport Ambassador."

As one of his first duties as a Beyond Sport Ambassador, Beamon will serve on a committee for the Beyond Sport Awards, which provide support worth \$3 million annually to projects across the world that use sport to address issues within their communities.

The winners of the Beyond Sport Awards 2012 will be announced at this year's Beyond Sport Summit, to be staged in London, England from July 23 to 25.*

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Tarpons First To Clinch Playoff Slot

The Florida Tarpons ran their season record to 6-0 last weekend with a 58-26 victory over the bankrupt Mississippi Hound Dogs, a team that has now been taken over by the Fort Myers-based Ultimate Indoor Football League.

Both the Tarpons and the league are co-owned by Andrew Haines. He said the Hound Dogs will complete the regular season as a traveling squad, adding, "It's not a good situation, but we will make the best of it."

Florida had been scheduled to play the Hound Dogs again May 26 in Tupelo, Miss, but that game will be shifted to Germain, a move that will provide added revenue for the local franchise.

The Tarpons victory last Saturday was sparked by quarterback Chris Wallace who threw for six touchdowns. It was before a franchise-best 4,808 fans at Germain Arena.

Florida returns to Germain this Sunday against the 4-2 Lakeland Raiders. Kickoff is 5:30 p.m. The game was moved to Sunday as the Florida Everblades have a playoff hockey game Friday night at Germain.

Struggling Miracle Shuffles Roster

Three new faces will greet Miracle fans this weekend as the team struggled with a 9-14 season record early this week.

Promoted to Fort Myers from the Minnesota Twins Low-A farm club Beloit were pitchers Madison Boer and Nelvin Fuentes and outfielder Danny Ortiz. At the same time, Miracle pitchers B.J. Hermsen and Caleb Thielbar have been promoted to Double-A New Britain.

Fort Myers has a four-game home stand this weekend against Lakeland starting tonight at 7:05 p.m. at Hammond Stadium. The Saturday start is 6:05 p.m., the Sunday matinee at 1:05 p.m. and the series concludes with a Monday morning game at 10:35 a.m.

Boer comes to the Miracle with a 2-2 record and 3.58 ERA at Beloit and Fuentes, a reliever, compiled a 2.45 ERA in 11 innings pitched. Ortiz was hitting .299 at Beloit with a pair of homers and 13 RBIs.

Hermsen and Thielbar were two of the Miracle's most effective pitchers. Hermsen had allowed only two earned runs in 23 innings while Thielbar hadn't allowed a single earned run in 19 2/3 innings.*

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Edison State Celebrates Spring Commencement

Edison State College will celebrate Spring Commencement at a bigger venue this year with a prominent graduation speaker as the college celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Porter Goss, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, will address hundreds of students from the Lee Campus and the Hendry/Glades Center at the Germain Arena this Friday, May 4.

More than 850 students will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree, Associate in Arts Degree, Associates in Science Degree and a Certificate. In honor of the college's 50th anniversary, it will also recognize nine distinguished alumni who attended Edison State throughout its five decades of service:

- Dr. Sandra Lepley (1968), administrator, Richard Milburn Academy
- Hollis Jeffcoat (1972), internationally renowned artist
- The Hon. Archie B. Hayward Jr. (1978), Judge, Lee County Court
- Donna Poland (1987), elementary math teacher, Lee County Public Schools
- Tyra N. Read (1996), attorney at law, Henderson Franklin
- Maria Cardenas (1999), third-grade teacher, Lee County Public Schools
- Matthew Holliday (2001), director, government relations, Edison State College
- Matthew Soud (2002), underwriter First Bank
- Stefanie Ink (2006), Alliance Financial Group

The 2012 Spring Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 4. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. and doors open at 4:30 p.m.*

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Students' Experience At Kennedy Space Center Was Out Of This World



TIF students with NASA astronaut Jerry Carr

The Immokalee Foundation students recently experienced an incredible night of exploration during an overnight adventure at Kennedy Space Center in Orlando. Students met retired NASA astronaut Jerry Carr, viewed the IMAX film *Hubble 3D*, participated in the "Great Rocket Scavenger Hunt," toured the NASA Rocket Garden and created and launched their own rockets, among other activities.

To top off their once-in-a-lifetime experience, the Immokalee Middle School students ended the evening by camping out under the Saturn V for the night, the largest rocket in the world. An amazing



Andreaana Herrera shows off her completed rocket

FGCU Receives National Award

Florida Gulf Coast University was the recipient of a national award from the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its outstanding contribution to tree planting, conservation and stewardship.

FGCU is one of 16 individuals and organizations recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation at the annual Arbor Day Awards. The ceremony took place at Lied Lodge & Conference Center, located at Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 28.

FGCU received an Arbor Day Celebration Award in recognition of representing the spirit of the tree planter's holiday.

In 2009, the university kicked off a tradition of Arbor Day celebrations and tree planting projects that have involved students, faculty and community members. The high level of enthusiasm and engagement led the campus to apply for and be recognized as a Tree Campus USA. The 2012 Florida Arbor Day cel-

ebration resulted in 40 new trees planted to help shade the Library Lawn, making the area a campus destination. The Tree Campus USA committee consists of students, staff, faculty and community members.

"I'm delighted that FGCU is being honored by the Arbor Day Foundation for our work in conservation," said FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "This award is particularly important to me, however, because it recognizes the environmental commitment of our students."

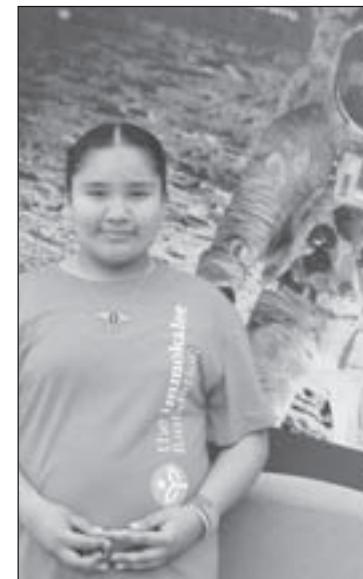
Since 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the inspiring and life-changing work of leading environmental stewards and tree planters through the annual Arbor Day Awards.

"It is gratifying to see students engaged in conservation and passionate about tree planting," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Florida Gulf Coast University sets an example for other colleges and universities by taking its Arbor Day celebration to an even higher level – and improving their campus in a meaningful way for students for years to come."*

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Christopher Turrubiardez and Bryan Reyes collecting facts about steps to the moon



Leslie Gallegos in front of inspirational space signage

educational experience, the visit left them feeling inspired, and helped them realize that dreams can come true with hard work and dedication.*



Edison Collegiate High School's Odyssey of the Mind competitors

ECBS Students Compete In World Finals

Students at Edison Collegiate High School on the Lee Campus have a lot to celebrate.

The seven-member Odyssey of the Mind team beat out regional and state competitors to earn a spot in the World Finals in Ames, Iowa next month.

This is Edison Collegiate High School's first team to compete in the World Finals. The team members include Billy Kalstrom, Logan Poland, Jeannette Soto, Stevie Smith, Brianna Ras, Chyna Jaffary and Natasha Acosta.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Students use their creativity and intellect to solve problems that range from building vehicles that run backward to creating a musical around William Shakespeare.

The problem that the ECBS team spent months working on is titled, "Weird Science" and is a NASA-sponsored problem. It requires them to replicate an Earth location and use a satellite photo as their backdrop. The team must use mechanics

to cause a change to that location. The high school's STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) provided the students with the necessary engineering skills to create a successful project.

"We are so proud of the hard work, dedication, and 'make it happen' attitude that this team has demonstrated," said Brian Botts, ECBS principal. "When students attend a school that focuses on critical thinking and communication and then earn a place at a world level competition testing those skills, it seems like proof positive that kids are doing what they are supposed to."

The dates for World Finals are May 23 to 27. The group has to buy eight plane tickets and pay for room and food at Iowa State University, which is an additional \$555 per person. They also need to ship large props, so any help with costs and shipping would be appreciated.

"I love Odyssey of the Mind because it allows me to be creative without judgment," said student Logan Poland. "I can use everything I have learned in my life and put it to use in a creative way."

Contact Arlene Kalstrom, Odyssey of the Mind coach, at 229-6926 or 461-5338 to make a donation or for more details. Team parent Donna Rose Poland can be reached at 233-5367 or 561-8706.*

Financial Focus

What To Do With A 401(k) When Leaving A Job



by Jennifer Basey

In the past, many people stayed at one job – or at least one company – for almost their entire working lives. When they retired, they could typically count on a pension, the value of which was based

on their years of service and earnings. But today, workers can expect to hold several different jobs in their lifetime, and to a great extent, pensions have been replaced by 401(k) plans, which place much of the funding responsibility on employees.

So, assuming you will change jobs at some point, and you do have a 401(k), what should you do with it?

Here are your basic choices:

- Cash out your plan. If you cash out your plan, your company will likely pay you 80 percent of your account value, withholding the rest for federal taxes. And if you're younger than age 59 ½,

you may well be slapped with a 10 percent IRS tax penalty. Even worse, you'll have lost a key source of your retirement income. Still, if you are leaving your employer involuntarily, and you need the money, cashing out your 401(k) is an option you may need to consider.

- Keep the money in your company's plan. When you leave a company, your employer may allow you to keep your money in your existing 401(k). You may want to choose this route if you like the investment choices available in your plan. However, you might be caught by surprise if the company decides to change investment options. Furthermore, some employers may charge former employees fees to maintain their 401(k) plans.

- Move the money into your new employer's plan. If your new employer has a 401(k) and allows transfers, you could roll the money from your old plan into the new one. This might be an attractive option if you like the investment options in your new employer's plan.

- Roll the money over to an IRA. You may find several advantages to rolling your 401(k) over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). First, your money will still have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis. Second, you can invest your funds in virtually any investment you choose – stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs), etc. Third, if you own more than one 401(k) account, you could find it

advantageous to consolidate them into a single IRA, thereby making it easier to allocate and monitor your retirement assets. And fourth, IRAs may give you greater flexibility if you plan to pass money to your children. In fact, if your child inherits your IRA, he or she has the option of stretching withdrawals over the child's entire lifetime, rather than taking the money as a lump sum. (If you do transfer funds from your old 401(k) to an IRA, be sure to use a "direct rollover" to

avoid the possibility of triggering unwanted taxes.)

Before making any moves with your 401(k), consult with your tax and financial advisors. By looking closely at your options, and by getting professional guidance, you can make the choice that's right for you.

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

Presidential Search Meeting Scheduled

The national search for a new district president for Edison State College is moving forward.

The 13-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, May 8. Members will review all of the resumes and information supplied by presidential candidates. The committee will select a small group of finalists.

The working dinner meeting will begin at 4 p.m. on the Lee Campus in Building U, Room 102.

In order to keep the public informed about the presidential search, a web-

site has been developed at edison.edu/president/search/. This website offers information that includes job description, presidential qualifications and a comprehensive position profile. It will also include timely updates in the search process.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee met for the first time on February 23 on the Lee Campus. The committee has 13 members, which include Ann Berlam, chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Darol Carr, Joyce Rollins, Dr. Allen Weiss, Tom Conner, Dr. John Huysman, Miguel Fernandez, Amanda Pollitt, Don Ransford, Christine Davis, Andrae Jones, Charlene Wolfe and Dania Flores.

The group expects to meet in mid-May to interview the finalists.

After the interviews, they will make their final recommendations to the Edison State District Board of Trustees.✪

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPE

Dear Shelley,
My 7-year-old daughter can't stay on task to do anything – she is mildly ADHD. I have to bug her constantly just for simple things like

getting ready for school. Her teacher said that a firm schedule might help. I am not really sure what would be reasonable for a child her age. What do you think?

Megan N., Sanibel

Megan,

Your daughter's teacher made a great suggestion. Many children respond well to schedules. Routine and structure is very comforting to many children, adults too. Routine and structure create a predictable setting. There is less pressure to have to make choices and the path to the end point is clearly laid out for a child to follow.

Schedules are used with many children at school. Teachers usually begin the class day by informing students of their daily schedule by reviewing it and posting it. Students who have difficulty reading may have their own personal schedule made with icons or pictures. Some schedules even include a picture of the student performing the expected activity. There

are a wide variety of formats to communicate individual schedules; you just have to select one that works best for your daughter.

Here are two sample schedules that might be helpful for you and give you an idea of how to develop one. I would suggest creating the schedule with your child, asking her simple things like where she would like the schedule posted, does she want to use a timer with it, does she want pictures and words on it or just pictures and so forth. Explain to her that the goal of having a schedule is to help her learn how to accomplish her daily tasks easily so she has more time for fun.

Here are two sample routines that are appropriate for a 7-year-old, one for getting ready for school and the other for getting homework completed. You will have to adjust the times so that it works with you.

On paper, this seems pretty basic. However, when you're raising a child with attention difficulties setting and maintaining any routine can be very difficult. Many parents enthusiastically start out to establish the structure their children need yet give up in a few weeks because the routines are not working. Usually, routines don't work because parents give up too soon. To make structure truly effective, routines need to be seen and implemented not just as simple behavioral strategies, but also as the way your family operates.

Sample Morning Routine – No electronics, but music is helpful.

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On April 24, trustees, sponsors and partners of the 2012 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest were on hand to present a \$1.5 million check to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Funds were raised through the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, which took place this past February and included lavish vintner dinners and a spirited live luxury auction at Miromar Lakes Beach Club.

The majority of the donated funds will support The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida's Capital Campaign. A portion of the funds will purchase nine new GE Giraffe beds for The Children's

Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The Giraffe beds simulate a mother's womb in sound, temperature and lighting and help continue proper development for infants born prematurely.

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For more information on The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, visit www.leememorial.org. For more information on the 2013 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, visit www.swfl-winefest.org.

dearPharmacist

Marshmallow Root Can Relieve Aches And Pain

by Suzy Cohen, RPH



Dear Pharmacist: Last

month, you wrote about herbal teas, specifically marshmallow root. You shocked me when you said this herb is "soothing to the mouth, esophagus

and digestive tract ... great for people with heartburn." Suzy, I've been hurting for years and no one has ever mentioned marshmallow root. Please tell me how to make this tea.

JG, Gainesville, Florida

I created a YouTube video to teach people how to make it. There are millions who could benefit from this inexpensive, amazing concoction made of water and a plant root called marshmallow. I'm not referring to the fluffy white confectionary sort, I mean the ancient herb known by herbalists as *Althea officinalis*. It's sold at herbal apothecaries, online herb shops and some health food stores.

If you have a dry, hacking cough, sore throat, mouth or tongue sores, bronchitis, reflux (GERD), heartburn, peptic ulcers, hiatal hernia, Crohn's, Celiac, irritable bowel, indigestion, diarrhea and/or *H. pylori* infection, then my remedy can help you.

The magic happens because marshmallow root contains a lot of mucilage, a gooey gelatinous substance that some plants naturally produce. It acts as a demulcent, so a soothing film coats the irritated mucus membranes, thus reducing

pain and inflammation quickly. This is the primary mechanism of action, although marshmallow root also adds moisture, reduces inflammation and acts as a mild diuretic.

That reminds me, if you deal with cystitis, kidney, bladder or urinary tract infections, marshmallow will soon become your best friend. My video shows you how to make a cold marshmallow root infusion. I'll summarize it here, but if it isn't clear, please watch my video or sign up for my free newsletter at www.DearPharmacist.com and I'll e-mail the video link and copies of my article.

Add four tablespoons dried marshmallow root to four cups water and put in a jar. There's no need to heat this "tea." Refrigerate for four hours, then you can drink some liquid. Filter out your dose each time you want some so you are not eating herb (that gets tossed). Your dose is about a two or three tablespoons. If there is goosiness in the filter as you strain, then squish it down with a spoon, to get all the mucilaginous material through the strainer - that's where the "medicine" is.

The tea keeps for three days in the fridge. If you have belly problems, try drinking smaller doses four times a day. Consider adding other gut soothing herbs like dried ginger root or fresh peppermint leaves. Separate administration a few hours away from your medication or it will lessen the drug's effect.

Marshmallow root tea tastes great and you'll be tempted to chug it like iced tea. I've had to pry a big glass of it away from Sam, because he loves how I make it with cinnamon and vanilla bean. The Colorado climate dries our skin, so that's why we drink it. Anyone can make it, and you'll be glad you did.

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.

Do others complain about this problem?

Agatha

Dear Agatha,

This is a real problem and also a national problem. With the new administration, we do not know yet what the final solutions to what our health care problems are going to be like. Many doctors complain that they cannot pay rent and staff and are forced to take patients that are private pay only. Your parents could also ask their present physicians if they have any contacts in your area and possibly there could be a referral.

In the meantime, they could go to the hospital emergency room if a crisis develops.

Lizzie

Dear Agatha,

Moving to a new area does present problems and can be very difficult, and being on Medicare just compounds the problem. You could talk to the medical society in your area. They may have some valuable information and, who knows, they may have a wonderful referral service. Best of luck to you.

Pryce

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

On a recent visit to my parents, I realized that they are now starting to develop serious health problems. I suggested that they move to be closer to me, but they seemed very reluctant to do so. They are fearful that they will be unable to find a doctor who will take them on as patients.

I inquired around my area and find it is a very real problem because so many of the doctors here will not take Medicare patients.

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Jacqueline E. Ehlers

Community Foundation Promotes Ehlers

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has promoted Jacqueline E. Ehlers to executive assistant/marketing and communications coordinator.

Ehlers joined the Community Foundation as a receptionist in May 2011 and most recently served as an executive assistant. In her new role, Ehlers' responsibilities will include acting as a liaison between the foundation staff and the organization's public relations and design firms, coordinating marketing and communications activities, and serving as coordinator of the foundation's affiliate funds. She will also play a key role in the planning and coordination of foundation special events, as well as in the execution of the foundation's social media plan.

Ehlers holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida State University and served as a background investigations representative for Fidelity Investments from 2006 to 2011.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is celebrating its 35th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. The community foundation has provided more than \$50 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves.

During its 2011 fiscal year, SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

For more information, visit the Community Foundation's website at www.floridacommunity.com or call 274-5900.*

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Sculpture Exhibit

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Physicians Primary Care Trio Named Top Doctors

Three physicians with Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida have been named among the Best Doctors in America by Castle Connolly Medical in New York.

Obstetrician/Gynecologists Heather Auld, MD, George Kovacevic, MD, and Mary Yankaskas, MD, will be featured in the June issue of *Gulfshore Life* magazine. Drs. Auld and Yankaskas also were included in the 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 lists as well.

Selections are made through a national survey of physicians and hospital administrators conducted by Castle

Connolly Medical, an independent research and information company that is the nation's leading provider of information on physicians. After the votes are tallied, Castle Connolly ensures that the physicians meet the company's criteria, which include board certification, years of experience in their specialties, and a clean disciplinary record.

"This is an incredible honor for all of us, especially since the nominations are made by our peers," said Dr. Auld, who practices at the Fort Myers OB/GYN office at 9021 Park Royal Drive.

"Castle Connolly is widely recognized for its extensive research of the medical profession. This demonstrates to our patients that we have been evaluated and meet their highest standards," said Dr. Kovacevic, who practices at the Cape Coral OB/GYN office, 1265 Viscaya

Parkway.

"As nice as it is to be recognized, our best reviews come from our patients," added Dr. Yankaskas, who practices at both the Fort Myers and Cape Coral OB/GYN offices.

The physicians will also be honored by *Gulfshore Life* magazine at an awards banquet.

Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida, a physician-owned and operated medical practice, was formed in 1996 by many long practicing local physicians and has grown to become the largest independent multi-specialty practice in Southwest Florida with more than 45 medical professionals. Medical specialties include internal medicine, family practice, obstetrics, gynecology and pediatrics.*

New Board Member At Lee Memorial



Jason Moon

Jason Moon was sworn in to the Lee Memorial Health System Board of Directors on April 17. Moon previously served on the Lee Memorial Health System Board from 2009-10. The Fort Myers native has been the corporate administrative director of 21st Century Oncology since 2007.

Moon received a bachelor's degree from American University and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University.

"I am looking forward to continuing the work I started when I previously served on the Board of Directors," said Moon. "I'm pleased to be associated with an administrative and clinical team who are proactively focused on the future and are committed to the highest level of patient safety and patient experience."

Moon was appointed to the board by Governor Rick Scott to fill the District 3 vacancy created by the resignation of Lois Barrett and will serve until December 31, 2012. Barrett served 30 years on the board before retiring earlier this year.*

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School Smart

7 a.m. Wake your child gently.

7:05 a.m. Get ready: Post a list and have your child stick to it.

* Wash face.

* Comb hair.

* Get dressed. (Clothes are laid out the night before.) Check to see how your child is doing, but let her follow the list and do for herself.

7:20 a.m. Breakfast time: Offer two healthy but appealing choices.

7:45 a.m. Brush your teeth – together. Being with her can speed things up and insure good hygiene.

7:55 a.m. Zip, tie and say goodbye. Keeping shoes and backpacks by the front door spares you a frantic search every morning.

8 a.m. Catch the bus.

Sample Homework Routine – No electronics unless required by the schoolwork

3 p.m. Have a snack and unwind from school

3:30 p.m. Settle your child at her regular homework spot; be sure all tools are available (pencils, paper, calculator, reference books, etc.).

3:35 to 4:30 p.m. Your child does homework; you stay around to answer questions and monitor breaks (stretch, bathroom, drink).

4:15 p.m. Check her work, and calmly make suggestions and corrections. Offer specific praise for good work.

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LeeEvac App For Android Released

Lee County Emergency Management's free LeeEvac app is now available for Android-based devices, such as cell phones and tablets, as well as for Apple devices, such as iPhones and iPads. The LeeEvac app allows users to see when and where evacuations are being ordered in real-time with push notifications. Users can also find their Hurricane Surge

Evacuation Zone at any time by using the onboard GPS or searching by address.

Lee County Emergency Management and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), in partnership with Geocove, Inc., developed the LeeEvac app in response to the new storm surge maps and to provide evacuation information that is accessible and relatable to residents and visitors of Lee County.

"The ability to effectively inform people who may be required to evacuate is a critical part of protecting our community," said Lee County Emergency Management Planning Chief Gerald Campbell. "The LeeEvac app uses familiar technology to provide personalized information to help people protect themselves and their loved ones."

The LeeEvac app is free and can be downloaded from the iTunes App Store or the Google Play Android Apps Store. Search for LeeEvac and check out your Evacuation Zone today.

"It's so easy to use... it's very intuitive," added Lee County GIS manager Amy Hoyt.*

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An Evening Of Music To Benefit Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center



Cliff Williams, Zorki Nastasic and Jeff Sipe



Lou and Connie Rosellini

A private concert, co-hosted by three local couples – Georganne and Cliff Williams, Sheri and Mark Loren, and Daun and Peter Dessak – was held on April 7 featuring three talented artists who came together from all over the United States to play on one stage at the historic Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Zorki Nastasic, Wendy Webb and Jeff Sipe, who have played with numerous well-known musicians and have toured the country from New York to California, performed for the sellout crowd. These musicians teamed up to perform at this very special evening of music to support the SBDAC and gave the guests an unforgettable performance.

A brilliant guitarist, Nastasic combines folk, pop and jazz music all into one style. His career started on the streets of New York and quickly grew with his unique, upbeat and aggressive sound. He has shared the stage with some of New York's finest artists such as Neil Jason, Jeff Pevar, John McCurry and more, who have taught him valu-



Peter and Daun Dessak



Katie Kellstrand, Bill Cavinder and Nunna Spikes



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Personality Styles & Business Class

Knowing how to identify different personality styles and how to adjust yours to build rapport can greatly improve your chances of success during job interviews, promotional opportunities and even closing sales with customers.

On Saturday, May 10, come to Cape Coral Yacht Club for a class focusing on personality styles and business. Participants (ages 18 and older) will gain a better understanding of how behavioral styles affect communication. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and costs \$20 per person.

Call 574-0806 to register for this class. Cape Coral Yacht Club is located at 5819 Driftwood Parkway in Cape Coral.✪

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From left, Elaine Hawkins, Don and Andie Vogt, Fred Hawkins, Sheri and Mark Loren



Zorki Nastasic and Jeff Sipe

able styles and tools that he incorporates into his own music.

A keyboardist and songwriter, Webb has traveled to many countries telling her story through musical notes. From Paris to Cuba to New York, she follows her passion for music and performs all over the world. She also writes music which has received multiple honors in competitions such as the John Lennon Songwriting Contest. To find out more about her, visit www.wendywebbmusic.com

A talented drummer with remarkable sound, Sipe's drumming style qualifies as "never been heard before" because he improvises during his shows, which highlight his unique talent. He is well-known in Atlanta as well as throughout the east coast. For more information, visit <http://jeffsipe.com>.✪



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2. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom's theme was the song "I'll Be There for You"?
3. ASTRONOMY: What planet is named for the Roman god of trade, thieves and travel?
4. HISTORY: When did the United States repeal Prohibition, which forbade sales of alcohol?
5. LEGAL: What is an affidavit?
6. RELIGION: Which book of the Bible describes the Israelites' deliverance from slavery in Egypt?
7. MONEY: What European country's basic monetary unit was the escudo -- prior to the euro?
8. POLITICS: What was the nickname for Teddy Roosevelt's Progressive Party?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the purpose of gills in fish?
10. MUSIC: What kind of bird was featured in the Disney song "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah"?

ANSWERS

1. Between Scotland and Iceland 2. "Friends" 3. Mercury 4. 1933 5. A written statement made under oath 6. Exodus 7. Portugal 8. The Bull Moose Party 9. To take in oxygen and release carbon dioxide 10. A bluebird

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the first center fielder to lead the American League in home runs for three consecutive years.
2. Who played the most major-league games with only one team: Stan Musial, Cal Ripken Jr. or Carl Yastrzemski?
3. When was the last time before 2010 that San Diego State's football team won a bowl game?
4. How many head coaches have won an NBA championship in the past 25 seasons (1987-2011)?
5. Who was the last goaltender before St. Louis' Brian Elliott in the 2011-12 season to allow two or fewer goals in each of his first 12 games?
6. What team holds the Major League Soccer record for best goal differential for a season?
7. Who was the first president of the Pro Bowlers Association?

ANSWERS

1. Ken Griffey Jr., 1997-99. 2. Yastrzemski (3,308) tops Musial (3,026) and Ripken (3,001). 3. It was 1969 (the Pasadena Bowl). 4. Eight -- Phil Jackson (11), Gregg Popovich (four), Pat Riley (three), Chuck Daly (two), Rudy Tomjanovich (two), Larry Brown (one), Rick Carlisle (one) and Doc Rivers (one). 5. Boston's Frank Brimsek in 1938-39. 6. The Los Angeles Galaxy had a plus-41 goal differential in 1998. 7. Don Carter, in 1958.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 7, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The often skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you put off will soon be back on your schedule.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A decision you made in good faith could

come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a fine business sense and a love of the arts. You enjoy living life to its fullest.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 10, 1869, the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet up in Promontory, Utah, making transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history. Journeys that had taken months by wagon train or weeks by boat now took only days.

- On May 7, 1915, the British ocean liner Lusitania is torpedoed without warning by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, with 1,198 people drowned. It was later revealed that the Lusitania was carrying about 173 tons of war munitions for Britain, which the Germans cited as justification for the attack.

- On May 12, 1925, a Philadelphia radio station broadcasts the first all-star radio program featuring film actors and actresses. Sound films had not yet debuted, and the broadcast marked the first time that most listeners had heard the voices of film stars like Lillian Gish and Marion Davies.

- On May 8, 1933, the first police radio system, connecting headquarters to patrol cars and patrol cars to one another, is installed in Eastchester Township, N.Y. The system consisted of one transmitter of 20 watts for the headquarters and two transmitters of 4.5 volts each for the two patrol cars.

- On May 13, 1956, Gene Autry's musical variety show, "Gene Autry's Melody Ranch," airs its final broadcast, after 16 years. The show featured 10- to 15-minute skits about cowboys and rustlers, along with musical numbers by Autry, "America's singing cowboy."

- On May 9, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approves the world's first commercially produced birth-control pill. Development of "the pill" was commissioned by birth-control pioneer Margaret Sanger and funded by heiress Katherine McCormick.

- On May 11, 1981, reggae legend Bob Marley dies of cancer in Miami Beach, Fla. Marley, born in Jamaica in 1945, formed his band, the Wailers, in 1963. In the early 1970s, the band's records began to catch on outside Jamaica, assisted by Eric Clapton's cover of "I Shot the Sheriff."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Canadian author Saul Bellow who made the following sage observation: "You never have to change anything you got up in the middle of the night to write."

- The U.S. military has created self-cleaning underwear. Yep. It seems they wanted skivvies that soldiers could wear for several weeks without changing. Nanoparticles and chemicals in the fabric repel liquids and bacteria.

- More books have been written about Abraham Lincoln than about any other American president -- more than 15,000 to date.

- It is only to be assumed that Arabella Young, a Massachusetts woman who died in 1771, was considered to be a bit too talkative. Otherwise there would have been no need for the following epitaph: "Here lies as silent clay / Miss Arabella Young, / Who on the 21st of May / Began to hold her tongue."

- Be glad that you did not have the misfortune to be in Bangladesh during record storms in 1985. You might have been brained by the record hailstones, some weighing more than 2 pounds each.

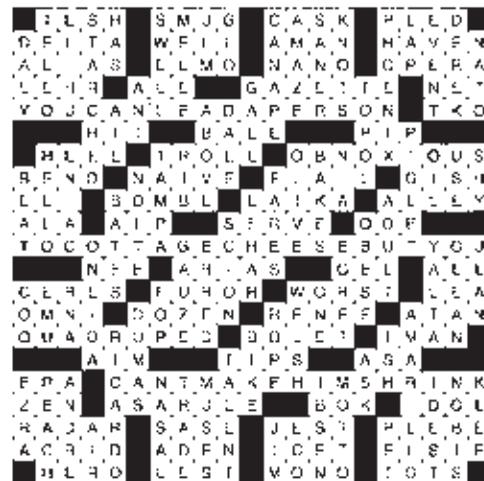
- You might not be surprised to learn that among his Hollywood friends, screen legend and notorious drinker Humphrey Bogart was nicknamed Whiskey Straight.

- The founders of the Arby's chain were a pair of brothers, Forest and Leroy Raffel. They wanted to name the original restaurant Big Tex, but found that the name was already owned by someone else. They settled on Arby's to represent the initials R.B.'s for Raffel Brothers.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I never blame myself when I'm not hitting. I just blame the bat, and if it keeps up, I change bats. After all, if I know it isn't my fault that I'm not hitting, how can I get mad at myself?" -- Yogi Berra

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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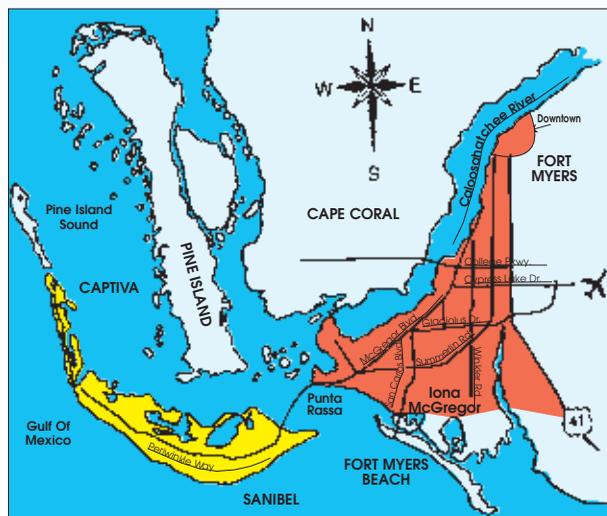
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Miromar Lakes	Fort Myers	2004	3,036	1,299,000	1,295,000	109
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2003	3,297	1,350,000	1,250,000	66
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	2000	4,039	1,250,000	1,150,000	59
Palmira Golf and CC	Bonita Springs	2005	3,755	1,099,000	1,020,000	204
Grand Ole Man	Fort Myers Beach	1988	2,544	1,100,000	920,000	27
Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	1976	3,491	749,000	705,000	140
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2002	2,654	700,000	670,000	160
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2005	4,125	599,900	637,500	916

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Free Autism Screening For Young Children

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age. The next screening will be held on Friday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lakes Public Library, 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. It is estimated that one in every 150 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile

diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

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

The ASD screening is conducted by the Neurosciences Center at The Children's Hospital, under the guidance of pediatric neurologist Jose Colon, MD, MPH. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

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West Gulf Dr. Furnished home, Private Beach access directly across the street 3 BR, 2 bath, 2,000 sq ft. Ceilings are 24' high with an open floor plan. First level two car garage. Second, living area with a LR, DR, Kit. 2 BR and a bath. 2 sets of french doors lead out to a screened in lanai. 3rd level, Lrg reading loft, Master Suite with another screened in lanai off of it that overlooks the horizon of the Gulf of Mexico. 239-910-6430 \$2,200 no pool, pet considered
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ANNUAL RENTAL

ANNUAL RENTALS SANIBEL

FOUR BEDROOM - DUNES

This Large UF Executive home offers a cul-de-sac road, overlooks lake to golf course, garage + covered parking. Rarely available 4 BR/3 BA.
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What a beautiful waterfront view from the large screened porch of this piling 2 bedroom/2 bath Island waterfront home. Private dock & boat lift. Available F or UF. \$1,800/Mo.

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USED FURNITURE FOR SALE

LIVING ROOM

Love seat, two high back wing chairs, all upholstered in soft light flowered pattern on off white background; Three 26" round glass topped sculptured end tables with matching 45"x30" oval glass topped coffee tables; Two lamps with bases matching the above tables; glass front and sided 12" .42'x 30" Light oak finished credenza. All in excellent condition

DINING ROOM

Ten piece set comprising 5' buffet; extensions table 4'9" to 6'9" x 42"; 4 high back side chairs, 2 arm chairs with light colored matching padded upholstered seats and backs; lighted china cabinet 63"x16"x 48" with glass sides and 4 glass framed front doors; matching base with 4 doors and 1 drawer. All above finished in light oak and excellent condition.

BEDROOM

Twin adjustable remote controlled beds with light oak head boards; two night stands 16"x26"x 24" (2 drawers); Five drawer chest 36"x18"x 51"; Triple dresser 60"x 18"x30" with double mirror and seven drawers. All above finished in light oak and in good condition.
For additional information call Bert @ 466-8618
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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

Pets Of The Week



Charo ID# 530738 photos by squaredogphoto.com

My name is Charo (ID #530738) and I am a 5-year-old female black and tan Australian Cattle Dog mix. I'm glad this is Friends & Family month at Animal Services, because I could be the best friend you ever had. If you take me on a walk, I will keep pace with you but won't pull. Frankly, I could stand to lose a few pounds so we could be exercise buddies. Mostly, I'm hoping we can be great friends!

My adoption fee is \$55 during Animal Services Friends & Family Adoption Promotion.

My name is Rihanna (ID #531085) and I am a 1-year-old female Dilute Tortie Domestic Short Hair. I'm a petite and down-right adorable little cat. I'm really quite entertaining to watch when I play, but my most endearing quality is that I love to be held.

My adoption fee is \$35 during Animal Services Friends & Family Adoption Promotion. Plus, cats and kittens are two-for-one.



Rihanna ID# 531085

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



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

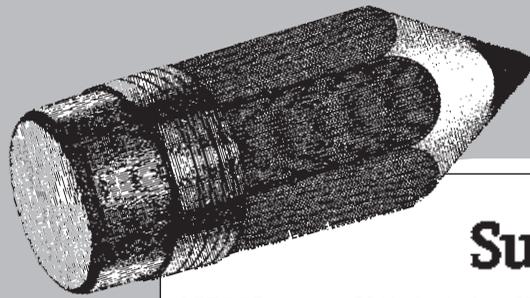
Lions Clubs:

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

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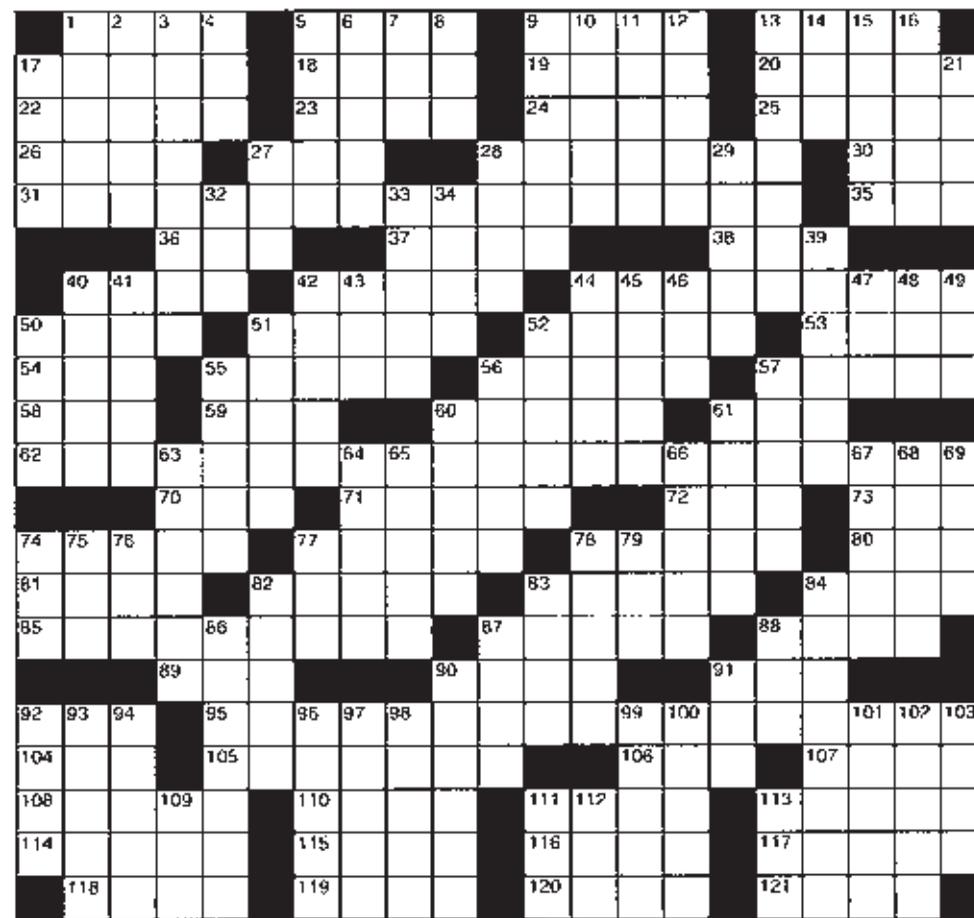
BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

NO WHEY!

- ACROSS**
- 1 TV host John
 - 5 Full of oneself
 - 9 Amontillado container
 - 13 Beseeched
 - 17 Nile feature
 - 18 In good health
 - 19 — Without Love" ('68 hit)
 - 20 Sanctuary
 - 22 Hood's handle
 - 23 Admiral Zumwalt
 - 24 Tiny part of a second
 - 25 Wagner work
 - 26 Annealing oven
 - 27 Flagon filter
 - 28 Newspaper
 - 30 Take-home
 - 31 Start of a remark
 - 35 Ring stat
 - 36 Thwack
 - 37 Compact cotton
 - 38 "Great Expectations" character
 - 40 Cad
 - 42 Mythical being
 - 44 Hatelul
 - 50 Give a little
 - 51 Green
 - 52 Yesterday's thrasher
 - 53 Lillian or Dorothy
 - 54 Ivy Leaguer
 - 55 Fancy dessert
 - 56 First dog in space
 - 57 Where cats congregate
 - 58 Pie — moce
 - 59 Lofty peak
 - 60 Distribute the donuts
 - 61 Keats composition
 - 62 Middle of remark
 - 70 Born
 - 71 '87 Peace Prize winner
 - 72 Solidify
 - 73 "Shook Up" ('57 smash)
 - 74 Comy goddess?
 - 77 Colossal commotion
 - 78 Malignous to the max
 - 80 Where rams romp
 - 81 Bus starter?
 - 82 Triteen, to a baker
 - 83 Soprano Fleming
 - 84 — impasse
 - 85 Dachshund or donkey
 - 87 Pianist Jorge
 - 88 "— Old Cow Hand" ('36 song)
 - 89 Objective change
 - 90 Counter change
 - 91 Botanist Gray
 - 92 Age
 - 95 End of remark
 - 104 Road to enlightenment
 - 105 Generally
 - 106 choy
 - 107 Rocker Billy
 - 108 Tracking tool
 - 110 Manuscript enc.
 - 111 "Surely you —"
 - 113 Lowest cadet
 - 114 Caustic
 - 115 Yemori port
 - 116 "New Jack City" actor
 - 117 Beast of Borden
 - 118 Long lunch?
 - 119 For fear that
 - 120 Non-stereo
 - 121 Little ones
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Word form for "end"
 - 2 Nobelist
 - 3 Stiffened a shirt
 - 4 Contains
 - 5 Expand
 - 6 Free-for-all
 - 7 City on the Danube
 - 8 Day-
 - 9 Finger 'ood
 - 10 Stun
 - 11 Less toopy
 - 12 TV's "— Landing"
 - 13 Symbol of immortality
 - 14 Drink like a Doberman
 - 15 Happening
 - 16 Writer Walcott
 - 17 Tyne of "Cagney & Lacey"
 - 21 West. alliance
 - 27 Coldest cont.
 - 28 Audacity
 - 29 Teyva's portrayer
 - 32 Sneeze and wheeze
 - 33 Superior to
 - 34 Chip's chum
 - 39 Infant oinker
 - 40 "Greetings"
 - 41 Early computer
 - 42 Buccaneers' head-quarters
 - 43 Spare part?
 - 44 With 47 Down, Italian export
 - 45 Products pros
 - 46 Actress Long
 - 47 See 44 Down
 - 48 Manipulate
 - 49 Diffident
 - 50 Drum din
 - 51 Neck of "Q&A"
 - 52 Gets on
 - 55 Perkins role
 - 56 "Frederica" composer
 - 57 Mature
 - 60 Descendant
 - 61 Ready to reduce
 - 63 Silverware city
 - 64 Infirmary item
 - 65 Went wrong
 - 66 Snowy bird
 - 67 "Big Three" site
 - 68 New York city
 - 69 — Bator
 - 74 — au vin
 - 75 Aussie walker
 - 76 Call stuff
 - 77 Dandy
 - 78 Hailing from Aberystwyth
 - 79 In accord
 - 82 Swash-buckling novelist
 - 83 '48 Hitchcock film
 - 84 Texas town
 - 85 "I Love Lucy" surname
 - 87 Tour-de-France vehicle
 - 88 Adjectival suffix
 - 90 Aptitude
 - 91 Say please
 - 92 Pound of poetry
 - 93 Extend
 - 94 Wrestling giant
 - 96 Twangy
 - 97 Commerce
 - 98 Classical nonet
 - 99 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
 - 100 Club creed
 - 101 What i.e. stands for
 - 102 "Ora pro —"
 - 103 Painter Paul
 - 109 Word on a pump
 - 111 Bowe or Bakker
 - 112 Author Umberto
 - 113 Cossel a corp.



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Poo occupant
- 4 Pedestal part
- 8 Hug type
- 12 Hosp. hookups
- 13 Satan's specialty
- 14 Inlet
- 15 Old-style music provider
- 17 Destruction
- 18 Incessantly
- 19 Chutzpah
- 20 Piece of hardware
- 22 Jane Lynch's show
- 24 Pork cut
- 25 Sweeter with a rounded collar
- 29 Qty.
- 30 Accord on feature
- 31 Noon, in a way
- 32 Worker's compensation
- 34 Bridge
- 35 Wheels of fortune?
- 36 Got up
- 37 Oust
- 40 Friend of Dorothy
- 41 Met melody
- 42 Insignificant bit
- 46 Tirade
- 47 L'Amignon
- 48 Zero
- 49 Caustic solutions
- 50 Skating jump
- 51 Highlander's hat
- 9 Session with a shank
- 10 Tel
- 11 Herecity component
- 16 Still
- 19 Mr. Gingsch
- 20 Hit Steeple-style
- 21 Prolonged sleep
- 22 — Roman wrestling
- 23 Plumbing problem
- 25 Skelton's Kaciddle-hopper
- 26 Champion of a cause
- 27 "Amvederci"
- 28 Benevolent
- 30 Dr. McGraw
- 33 Baseball shoes
- 34 Put an end to
- 36 Twice toer
- 37 Count counterpart
- 38 Picture of health?
- 39 Christmas tree, often
- 40 Muse's instrument
- 42 Air safety org.
- 43 Humoral or measure
- 44 Soy novel grp.
- 45 Airlie to Amsterdam

DOWN

- 1 Stone
- 2 Actress Longoria
- 3 Harness
- 4 Moistan
- 5 State with conviction
- 6 Bracketed word
- 7 Wapiti
- 8 Mosquito thwarter

FAIR WORDS

MAGIC MAZE

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- Link the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.
- Affair
 - Fairbanks
 - Fairfax
 - Fairfield
 - Fairground
 - Faines
 - Fairing
 - Fairlane
 - Fairmont
 - Fairness
 - Fairyale
 - Fairywren
 - Funfair
 - Savoir-faire
 - Unfair



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NEW LISTING:

This GROUND level 3/2 is located on one of Sanibel's widest canals and offers 175' of sea-walled waterfront! Swim in the southern facing fully screened pool and hot tub overlooking the canal outside and enjoy Bay views from inside the home. Home has two boat lifts with plenty of room to dock your yacht in the middle. Tropical landscaping surrounds the home with a concrete sidewalk winding along to the front entry. This home has been completely remodeled and offers upgrades throughout! Wood floors in all bedrooms + den, 3 refrigerators and add'l ice makers, soaking tub and shower in the master, wood burning fireplace, siltstone countertops throughout and custom cabinetry and much more! Offered for \$2,195,000. Contact Tracy Walters 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters 239/841-4540



SOUTH SEAS BAYSIDE VILLAS

#5136

Renovated and updated, this 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo capitalizes on waterfront views across lush green foliage with eastern exposure. The great room combines the living, dining and kitchen maximizing for a feeling of spaciousness and great light. The kitchen includes granite countertops and white cabinetry. The master suite is updated with West Indies flair. This bay front condominium located in South Seas Island Resort. With the investors or vacation home in mind, this condominium offers a strong monthly income. The water's edge Bayside Villa community has under building parking, pool, spa, bbq's along with separate storage lockers. Welcome to the Islands! Offered for \$280,000. Contact LaAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



#4321-22 SHORT SALE

Spacious villa located at the south end of South Seas Island Resort. A short walking distance to the beach, restaurants, shops and markets. Easily accessible to village of Captiva. From the screened balcony, enjoy ocean breezes and the serene stillness of Pine Island Sound. Villa offers full kitchen, private screened balcony, washer, dryer, fully furnished 2 story with master suite on second level. Renovated and refurbished with impeccable detail; spectacular view of Pine Island Sound. South Seas Island Resort... "offers a quiet refuge with secluded luxury, exclusive amenities, and abundant nature. Offered for \$524,000. Contact LaAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



#5344

Private, distinguished, and elegant modern Bermuda style 2 story condo. Melodramatic waterfront views across Pine Island Sound leading to the Gulf of Mexico. Picturesque sunrise while listening to the sound, blending with the beauty of nature. Flawlessly appointed features; main floor offering bedroom with en-suite bath, state-of-the-art appointments in kitchen dining and living area perfectly balanced with a gracious second floor master bedroom. Comfortable casual living is found in this three bedroom corner residence. Indigenous plants border the property beyond the large inviting community pool and hot tub. Many additional amenities offered with Resort Membership. Offered for \$699,000. Contact LaAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.



THE ULTIMATE FISHING RETREAT!

This charming three bedroom, two bath home is located on the very desirable East End on a canal. Enjoy the beautiful pool with three waterfalls & spa, the new large dock on the canal or lounge in the spacious screened in deck overlooking the pool and canal. Cathedral ceilings in the open family room directly off of the eat in kitchen. A large master suite with walk in closet & screened deck/sitting area. This home includes an oversized garage perfect for large boat and beach access just around the corner. This home provides Gulf access, beach access a huge dock and a tropical canal. Perfect for a fisherman! Offered for \$599,000. Contact Tracy " Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540.



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The 4 Bedroom 6 1/2 Bath Main house is both spacious and elegant yet the mood is tranquil and comforting. The top Floor Master Suite with expansive views of the Bay consists of a Master Bedroom, sizeable Private Office, separate Exercise or Training Room and 2 full baths. Main floor living area includes 3 additional oversize Bedrooms 3 1/2 Baths, Livingroom with Fireplace, Formal Dining, large open Kitchen, oversize laundry, and screened porch overlooking the pool, outside entertainment area, roomy back yard, boat dock and Bay. Your company will never want to leave when they step into the Picture Perfect 4 Bedroom 3 1/2 Bath Guest House surrounded in lush tropical landscaping, it's own Private Pool and Gazebo, wrap around decks and easy private beach access. Both Homes Furnished! So much more to see and enjoy! Offered for \$4,399,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-880



ON SAN CARLOS BAY!!

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



TRADEWINDS

Wonderful 3 bedroom, 3 bath. Near beach home. Offered for \$659,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805



LOGGERHEAD CAY #583

Amazing GULF VIEWS from this 2nd floor condo. Offered for \$569,000. Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms. Listr" at 239/841-4540.



CROWN COLONY

Location is everything! One of the best location configurations in Crown Colony. Enjoy a sunrise view over the lake and golf course. A front sunset view over a beautifully landscaped area. Golf membership available but not required. Offered for \$398,000 Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789



OLD PELICAN BAY

Appreciate being in touch with native surroundings. This well maintained waterfront lot has many enhancements including fill, dock and manicured trees. An opportunity to purchase an undeveloped home site with such unrivaled views! Explore the potential of building your own custom home at this truly exceptional location within a quaint gated community. The impressive waterfront community offers direct access to the Gulf of Mexico and privacy overlooking preserve on this Cul de sac road. Survey available upon request. SELLER FINANCING option upon mutually agreed terms and conditions. Offered for \$329,500 Contact LaAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.

