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This young bald eagle is now thriving thanks to the tireless efforts of CROW's staff

CROW Case Of The Week:

Young Bald Eagle Update

by Patricia Molloy

“The first time he got out to the flight cage, you should have seen him,” Dr. Heather said with a huge smile. “He immediately began flapping his wings, over and over, having such a good time. Finally, he took off and flew for the first time in his life. We are all very excited!”

On April 6, a juvenile bald eagle arrived at CROW in critical condition, unable to move because a long string was wrapped around its wings and legs. The prognosis was very grim, as the string had cut into its bones.

It was placed on strict cage rest: even though it was fitted with a splint and cast, any significant pressure could have shattered his bones. After three weeks, follow-up radiographs were taken at Coral Veterinary Clinic in Fort Myers, as CROW's X-ray camera had ceased to function. The images showed that the bird's fractures had healed, but it had lost some mobility in its foot and the hock joint (like a human's ankle joint).

The eagle was moved to the large flight cage to begin physical therapy on its foot and to exercise its chest muscles, which were weak due to its previous inability to flap its wings or fly. He is still taking pain medication, hidden in one of the fish of his daily meals.

“He's pretty smart, and sometimes figures out which fish has the medication in it and won't eat it. On those days, we can see his discomfort in that leg,” noted Dr. Heather.

It is time for the eagle to undergo a new set of X-rays to ensure that there are no infections in the bone, that it is healing properly, and that its bone density is returning. Every time that it is transported off island, it is extremely stressful for the bird, as each trip takes three to four hours. Judging by his talons and strong beak, staff members are not eager to capture him for transport.

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Free Summer Gardening Workshop Offered At Alliance For The Arts



Millissa Bell with the subtropical vine luffa (or loofah), one of the summer crops she recommends for Southwest Florida

The Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket kicks off the 2012 hot weather season this Saturday, May 12 with a free Gardening in Southwest Florida's Summer workshop by master gardener Millissa Bell (known as The Unruly Gardener).

Unlike in northern latitudes, summer is a challenging growing season in our part of the world because most kitchen garden crops won't tolerate the heat, humidity and increased insect populations. Bell will share her knowledge and insights, including what to grow, part-shade strategies, organic pest control, cover crops and pollination.

The hour-long presentation begins at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a Q & A. It will be held outdoors beneath the shade trees, but will be moved indoors in case of rain. Picnic tables and chairs will be available.

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Blues Brothers Soul Band Performs At The Davis Art Center May 18



Blues Brothers Soul Band in concert

One of the hottest tribute bands in the area, Blues Brothers Soul Band, will perform outside the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center during the next Music Walk on Friday, May 18.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Lions Park Swimming Pool And Legendary Coach Wes Nott

by Gerri Reaves



In 1946, the Fort Myers Lions Club dedicated Lions Park on Cleveland Avenue near the foot of South Street. Part of that city-park complex over the years was the swimming pool, where the swim teams from nearby Fort Myers High School trained.

For a coach, the teams had a man who came to be known as one of the best swim coaches in Florida: Wes Nott.

Countless students remember Coach Nott for helping them to achieve their best both in and out of the water by emphasizing hard work and good sportsmanship.

He devoted himself to teaching children to swim, teaching an estimated 8,000 children in the city's summer swim program over the years.

In his native Ann Arbor, Michigan, he was a state diving champion and lettered four years on his college swimming team. He also overcame the difficulties associated with having polio when he was 18 months old.

Nott joined the staff of Fort Myers High School as an assistant football coach in 1945, but is remembered most as a swim coach. In 1970, for example, the high school's Green Wave finished third in the state championships.

Coach Nott retired in 1974 and died in 1984 at age 78. However, his legacy lived on. The pool on Cleveland Avenue was named in his honor.

Today, the pool is gone, but a fountain and sculptor Don Wilkins' monument to the revered coach are located on the site.

Stop by the former site of the Lions Park swimming pool, where for many years, splashing sounds harmonized with Cleveland Avenue traffic.



A fountain and memorial to Coach Nott are on the former pool site on Cleveland Avenue
photo by Gerri Reaves



In this undated photo, Coach Wes Nott trains unidentified swimmers at the Lions Park pool
photo courtesy of the Nott Family and A.J. Bassett

Then travel the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about high school coaches who made a difference.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can learn the answer to questions such as "how many public swimming pools have existed in Fort Myers over its history?" The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

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

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society*



Don Wilkins' sculpture of Coach Wes Nott memorializes a man who taught an estimated 8,000 local children to swim
photo by Gerri Reaves



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Edison & Ford Winter Estates Offer Inventor's Camp, Activities In May



Mothers will receive free admission at the Edison Ford on May 13 and can enjoy refreshments at the Ford Estate along the Caloosahatchee

In addition to tours and regular activities at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, there are special programs and activities to engage both visitors and residents throughout the week.

The month of May is highlighted with the start of Edison Ford Inventor's Summer Camp; Mother's Day activities; free admission to veterans on Memorial Day and new tour options including Edison Ford Garden Tour; and Edison Ford Tour, Lunch & River Cruise on Wednesdays and Thursdays; as well as a variety of other special programs throughout the month. Call 334-7419 for additional information.

Registration is now open for Edison Ford Inventor's Summer Camp that begins May 29 and runs through August 3 in science, art and nature. Camps are separated by grade levels – first to third and fourth to sixth. Students in the seventh grade and above can qualify as Summer Camp counselors. Registration fee for Edison Ford members is \$200; non-members are \$230.

The Inventor's Summer Camp schedule includes:



Edison Ford Inventor's Camp begins May 29

- May 29 to June 1 – Super Solar Scientists
- June 4 to 8 – Space & Rockets
- June 11 to 15 – Kitchen Chemistry (FULL)
- June 18 to 22 – Animation
- June 25 to 29 – Movie Making Magic
- July 9 to 13 – Eager Engineers (FULL)
- July 16 to 20 – Time Travelers
- July 23 to 27 – Physics In Motion
- July 30 to August 3 – Smarts In Arts

In addition, the following activities will be offered this month:

- Garden Talk: Summer Vegetable Gardening – May 12 at 9 a.m.

Edison Ford horticulturists will teach the basics of summer vegetable gardening in Southwest Florida including what grows best in the summer months, bed preparation, continued on page 4

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pest control, compost and planting from seeds. Reservations not required. Edison Ford members are free, non-members \$5. Participants will receive 20 percent off in the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe.

- Free Admission To Moms On Mother's Day – May 13

The Edison Ford is offering free admission to any mother accompanied with their paid child on Mother's Day. Free admission includes a tour of the historic homes, gardens, Edison Ford Museum and Edison's Research Laboratory.

- Mother's Day at the Riverside Gardens – May 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate your mom with delectable deserts, sangria or lemonade on the Ford Estate overlooking the Caloosahatchee River. Edison Ford Banyan Café will have a variety of deserts and beverages for purchase, as families enjoy the beautiful the riverside gardens. Edison Ford members receive free admission; non-members cost: Edison Ford Site Historian Tour admission for adults \$25, children 12 and under \$15; Audio Tour admission for adults \$20, children 12 and under \$11 (remember, moms are free). Prices of refreshments and desserts vary.

- HomeSchool: Simply Solar – May 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

HomeSchool students will learn about solar energy and how it is used around the world including the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Students will create a solar cooker to take home. Students and their parents can enroll in a two hour program with curriculum that follows the Next Generation Florida Sunshine State Standards. Pre-visit curriculum materials will be mailed to registered families. Registration required. Program recommended for grades 1 to 6. Edison Ford members are \$5; non-members \$15 (one adult, one child), additional \$5 per child.

- Tea & Tour Tuesdays – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Edison Ford and the Royal Palm Yacht Club will be serving up a tour of the historic homes, gardens, Edison Ford Museum and Lab as well as tea at the Yacht Club on Tuesdays at 11 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m. Several of Mrs. Edison's favorite tea time recipes will be served including Mina's Old Fashioned Cornflake Cookies as well as hot and cold fruit tea, scones with local jams and honey, and a variety of delectable tea sandwiches. Garden hats and dress are encouraged. Cost for Edison Ford members is \$20, non-members \$40. Reservations requested. Groups may schedule special times and dates at a special rate, subject to availability.

- Free Admission To Veterans & Their Families On Memorial Day – May 28

The Edison Ford is offering free admission to United States veterans and their families on May 28. Free admission includes a tour of the historic homes, botanical gardens, Museum and Edison Research Lab. Veterans must present a VA identification card or their DD214 papers to receive free admission.

- Edison Ford Tour, Lunch & River Cruise – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Visitors to the Edison Ford will enjoy an audio tour of the historic homes, gardens,

museum and lab; boat cruise on the Caloosahatchee River as well as tour of the river with naturalist commentary; and buffet lunch at the Royal Palm Yacht, a private club overlooking the river. Cost for adults is \$45; children 12 and under \$35.

- Edison Ford Garden Tour – Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join Edison Ford curatorial garden staff to experience the 20 acres of gardens of the Edison and Ford families in a whole new way. Thomas Edison designed the gardens of his winter estate for many purposes including research. Mina Edison, a leader in community garden and beautification councils, planted for beauty. The new tour combines the history of the site and landscape, as well as advice on gardening from expert staff. Cost for Edison Ford members is free, non-members \$40. Tour includes audio wand.

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

Fort Myers Beach Chamber's Taste Of The Beach Draws 2,500 People

Cloudy skies didn't keep the crowds away from the Fort Myers Beach Chamber's 17th Annual Taste of the Beach, held on April 29 at Bay Oaks Recreation Center. The event drew a crowd of more than 2,500 people for a fun-filled day full of great food, music and good natured competition.

Cadillac Blue and Supernatural rocked the house and celebrity Chef Tim Creehan served up great food during his cooking demonstrations. The Skeleton Pirate made an appearance in the afternoon and Way Too Tall Torri spent the day making balloon creations and posing with groups for photos.

For the second year, local businesses added another element to the annual event with a business expo giving not only the restaurants an opportunity to showcase what they have to offer but other local businesses as well.

"I was thrilled with the quality and number of exhibitors for the event and the number of people from our community that came through the expo," said event organizer Terry Luster. "The responses from businesses were positive and most declared that they would be back next year."

Taste of the Beach 2012 winners included:

- Best Appetizer: JoJo's on the Beach at the Pink Shell Resort – "Quick fried" Key West calamari
- Best Beef/Pork Entree: Charley's Boat House Grill – Lean baby back ribs with barbecue sauce
- Best Chicken Entree: Chuck's Last Stop - Five pepper chicken pasta
- Best Fish Entree: Maria's Old Florida Beach Bar & Grille – Salmon Duval
- Best Shellfish Entree: Nauti Turtle – Parmesan shrimp
- Best Dessert: Gulfshore Grill – Banana monkey bread
- People's Choice: The Beached Whale
- Best Booth: Parrot Key Caribbean Grill

Also, the results of the server competition saw Big Game Waterfront Grill taking top honors. Second place went to Parrot Key Caribbean Grill while third place went to The Beached Whale.

For more information about Taste of the Beach, contact the Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500 or visit www.TasteofFortMyersBeach.com.

Registration Now Open For Camp Imaginarium

Camp Imaginarium makes science fun with some art, history and math thrown in for good measure. This summer, Camp Imaginarium will take place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (extended care 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) from June 4 to August 3.

Themed weekly sessions for rising kindergarten to seventh graders feature an integrated curriculum, small class sizes and professional staff. Campers will explore robotics, rocketry, engineering, chemistry, nature, animals and more.

Camp Imaginarium sessions include immersive science discovery labs, educational hands-on activities, games, crafts, special guests and exhibit exploration. Innovative integrated curriculum fosters curiosity and an overall love of learning.

Participants may build a robot, launch a rocket, explore the seashore, create their own 3-D movie to premiere in the

theater or walk on water with a little help from colloidal chemistry.

Imaginarium Science Center members receive a camp discount. Registration is now open and spaces are filling fast. Sign up online at www.i-sci.org or call 321-7410.

Genealogical Society To Meet

The quarterly meeting of the Lee County Genealogical Society will take place this Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting will be followed by a presentation by Society President Carol Rooksby Weidlich on the topic, Exploring FamilySearch.org.

On Thursday, May 17, another gathering of the Lee County Genealogical Society will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Weidlich's lecture will focus on Exploring The 1940 U.S. Federal Census.

Both meetings will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, 4141 De Leon Street in Fort Myers. Guests are always welcome to attend.

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Lucinda Sutton, Thuy Nguyen, and Marliese Ras

Scholarships Awarded To Trio

by Di Saggau

The Continental Women's Club of Fort Myers recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three graduating senior girls from area high schools.

Letters are sent to the 13 public high schools in the Lee County School District asking counselor's to recommend one girl. The recipient should have demonstrated qualities of integrity, steadfastness of purpose, scholarship, community service and worthy goals. From these recommendations, Continental's Scholarship Committee selects three young women who have shown marked improvement both academically and socially, and who have financial needs that might affect their future educational plans.

The \$1,000 scholarships were awarded on May 4 to Lucinda Sutton from Ida Baker High School, who will attend Florida Gulf Coast University; Marliese Ras from South Fort Myers High, who will attend the University of Southern Florida; and Thuy Nguyen from Island Coast High School, who will also attend

USF. Nguyen is originally from Vietnam and has been in the United States for a year and a half.

The Continental Women's Club started their scholarship program in 1997 and to date has given \$25,100 in scholarships to 33 young women.

Also announced was the establishment of the Rose V. Callahan Award for Unceasing, Tireless and Inspirational Service. Each year, the award will go to a member of the club who demonstrates the devotion and commitment to the principles of the club in the spirit of Callahan's loving inspiration.*

NARFE May Meeting

The NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees), South Lee County Chapter #1263 will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 17 at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Colonial Boulevard and Ben C. Pratt Six Mile Cypress. The speaker will be James Williamson from Habitat for Humanity. For more information call 482-6713 or 823-2870.*

Summer Camp And Scholarship Opportunities

If your child loves nature and wants to learn more about it, sign up for camp at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. This wetland nature preserve in the heart of Fort Myers offers a wide variety of outdoor and indoor activities focusing on different nature topics and themes. Each week culminates in an off-boardwalk tour exploring this beautiful natural area. Camp size is small, just 15 to 20 campers per week with guest speakers, camp staff and volunteers all mentoring them about nature.

The slough provides two different types of camps for kids ages 10 to 16. Summer Naturalists Camp is geared towards 10- to 12-year-olds who want to learn more about nature and the environment. This camp runs June 25 to 29 and July 2 to 6 (no camp on July 4) from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Wilderness Explorers Camp is designed to challenge older kids ages 12 to 16 in a variety of wilderness and survival skills. This camp runs July 16 to 20 and July 23 to 27. The same information is covered in each subsequent week of camp. Each camp day runs from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 per week or \$58.50 if you register online. There will be a camp open house on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Parents may enroll their campers online at www.leeparks.org

or by phone at 533-7440. Sign up early to ensure a spot for your camper.

The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is offering scholarships to pay for the registration fees for a week of summer camp at the slough. Students from ages 10 to 16 are asked to submit a one-page essay explaining "Why I want to go to Summer Camp at the Slough."

Requirements:

1. Submission from any student age 10 to 16 who wishes to attend camp at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve in Fort Myers for one of the selected weeks. Indicate which week is desired.

2. One-page essay, preferably hand written. Must include student's name and age and address for notification if awarded fees for a week of camp.

3. Explain why you would like to attend summer camp at the slough. Winning submittals may be published in the newsletter *Connections*.

4. Essays must be submitted by May 31. Winners will be notified by June 15.

5. If camper is already enrolled in Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Summer Camp, the student may still enter an essay and receive reimbursement for the enrollment fee.

6. Essays should be submitted to: Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7791 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966 or Dr. R. Charles O'Connor at rcoc77@embarqmail.com. If you have any questions call 533-7557.*

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The Residential Knox Box Program utilizes a high security key safe that only Fort Myers firefighters can access. With this box in place, emergency responders can respond quickly, without forcible entry. They simply remove the entrance key stored inside, provide medical assistance and re-lock the door when they leave.

This program is ideal for individuals with a history of medical problems, who may be recuperating from a hospital stay, living alone or using an electronic calling or medical alert service.

The Residential Knox Box is available to residents of the City of Fort Myers at a cost of approximately \$170. The Fire Department also has a limited number of loaner boxes available for those with an immediate need. Fire Department personnel will determine who qualifies for a loaner box based on the information provided on the application.

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Aria Armstead, right, Miss Cape Coral Teen USA is pictured with Grant Gravitt, president of Tel-Air Interests Inc. and executive producer Miss Florida Teen USA/Miss Florida USA

Miss Cape Coral Teen Crowned

On April 28, Aria Armstead was crowned the 2013 Miss Cape Coral Teen USA at the age of 14. She will compete in October in the upcoming Miss Florida Teen USA pageant to be held in Hollywood, Florida.

Armstead has been competing in

an array of pageants since she was 3 years old. When she competed in the Miss Sarasota Teen USA and the Miss Sarasota USA pageant, Armstead was first runner-up against a contestant who was the third runner-up at the Miss Florida Teen USA pageant, a very impressive accomplishment for such a young lady.

Prior to gaining her title, Armstead spent two years as part of the Ms. Florida USA Little Sister mentoring program for 6 to 13 years old. The program allowed Armstead to speak in social networking events and make special appearances within the community. It also allowed Armstead to gain self confidence at the prime age of 12.

Armstead is a Lexington Middle School student where she is a track athlete. She is also a black belt in Ko Am Mu Du at the United Martial Arts Center, where she is a First Dan at Rank Blue. She has been a member of this organization since 2007. Armstead has been a Girl Scout of Gulfcoast Florida from a Brownie to a Cadette and enjoys tennis, playing the bass and completed her second year as a student at the National League Junior Cotillion at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Aria Armstead is the daughter of LaTasha Armstead, office manager for the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency in the historic River District.✱

Tribute To America's Heroes

Join the Fort Myers Recreation Division, the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and American Legion Post 38 on Sunday, May 27 at Centennial Park in Fort Myers for A Tribute To America's Heroes, which will begin at 11 a.m. The tribute will feature performances by noted gospel recording artist Gayla James, Lee County Young Artist of the Year Sam Bostic, Ancelyn Willis and FMPD Officer Yvetta Dominique.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office will provide a rifle salute and flyover. The Fort Myers Police Department will present the Colors and the United States Coast Guard will be laying a wreath on the Caloosahatchee River.

Also, the American Red Cross will be accepting items for "Care Packages" for deployed troops such as individually wrapped pieces of hard candy (Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Roll Pops, bubble gum, Skittles, lollipops and Life Savers). Other items include microwave popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, Kool-Aid, drink mixes and other snack foods. Non-perishables include travel size wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm and foot powder. Toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shower soap/gel while entertainment activities such as playing cards, puzzle books and reading material will also be accepted.

Concessions will be available. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.✱

Community Foundation Announces New Women's Legacy Fund Angels



Susan Johnson



Marian Roelant

The Women's Legacy Fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation will honor Susan Johnson and Marian Roelant as its newest Angels among others during its spring luncheon on Friday, May 18 from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Olde Hickory Country Club.

The Angel honorary designation is for mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, grandchildren, friends and other loved ones, either living or deceased, who have had a special impact on the lives of those around them. WLF members can make the special women in their lives a WLF Angel with a minimum contribution of \$1,000 in their name. The gifts become part of the WLF endowment fund that impacts the community through grants that address community needs now and in the future.

As former general manager of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Johnson spent 10 years overseeing 19 departments and 135 to 150 staff members and actors. Prior to that, she was head of advertising and public relations for eight years. After 18 years with Broadway Palm, Johnson has re-invented herself, as she and her popular artist mother, Jean Porpora, recently opened The Nest Home and Garden Shop on First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Nominated by Rusty Brown, Johnson is named an Angel for her theatre leadership and civic role as past president of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Public Relations Association and the Harborside Event Center's Conference and Convention Council.

Patricia Bell, who describes her mother as her family's angel, nominated her mother Marian Roelant as another WLF Angel. According to Bell, with her giving spirit and Christian beliefs, Roelant was a role model for everyone who met her. She taught her family and others that giving is much greater than receiving. Roelant was the mother of 16 children, grandmother of 52 grandchildren and great-grandmother of 51 great-grandchildren.

The Women's Legacy Fund is a fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, created to enable women in Southwest Florida to direct their giving in focused, strategic ways. The fund's mission is to engage women in affecting change in our community through collective philanthropy.

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.

The event is open to the public. Olde Hickory Country Club is located at 14670 Olde Hickory Boulevard in Fort Myers. The cost is \$32 per person and reservations are required by May 11. To register, visit the Community Foundation's website at www.floridacommunity.com or call 274-5900.✪

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Michael Bratta and Brenda Biddle invite a feast of love and honor with a special Mother's Day Brunch at **Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante** from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The price is \$24.99 per person and reservations are highly recommended.

Choose from a well-chosen array of dazzling dishes that include eggs benedict with key lime hollandaise; buttered silver

dollars buns; butternut squash bisque; crisp bacon and maple sausage links; tossed house salad with choice of dressings; homemade potato salad; pasta salad; cheese grits and butter; strawberry waffles and blueberry pancakes; vegetable crudité with ranch; peel-and-eat shrimp with cocktail sauce; parmesan and onion potato latkes; creamy vegetable rice; carved prime rib seafood quiche with shrimp, scallops and crab; pineapple glazed ham with dried cherries; snow crabs with hot butter; seared salmon with a lemon grass glaze; chicken catatori over penne pasta; pork tenderloin with a brandy apple cinnamon au jus; and assorted desserts.



Treat mom to a sightseeing cruise aboard *The Fort Myers Indian Princess*

Bratta's serves lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dinner is nightly from 4 to 11 p.m. It is located at 12984 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers. Call 433-4449 or go to www.brattasristorante.com.

It is going to be a beautiful Mother's Day at **Sunshine Grille**. Make your Mother's Day reservations today for the restaurant or a private party room.

Chef Tao and Chef Migel continue to tempt locals with their favorite daily specials. Serving lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the menu features soups, salads, appetizers, wood-fired flatbreads and a large selection of homemade comfort foods, wood-grilled steaks and fresh seafood.

There's something for every taste, from the All-American cheeseburger to sesame crusted salmon and grilled rack of lamb, all prepared on the wood-fired grill.

Sunshine Grille also offers daily happy hour with a special bar menu and live music.

Sunshine Grille is located at 8700 Gladiolus Drive at the corner of Winkler. Call 489-2233 or go to www.sunshine-grillefm.com.

Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar is serving a three-course Mother's Day brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a complimentary mimosa.

First course is croissant with pecan maple glaze or apple strudel.

Second course is ham and cheese omelet or Quiche Lorraine.

Third course is flounder with lemon butter served with herb orzo or sirloin with peppercorn sauce served with roasted potatoes.

Next door to Shoals is **The Sandy Butler Market**. Give mom the gift of gourmet with a selection of specialty items including custom gift baskets; more than 500 wines, including the private label Shoals wines; imported roasted coffees; fresh mozzarella made daily; The Butler's Signature Lines of gourmet foods; kitchen essentials from the "cook's nook" of housewares; and Norman Love Confections.

Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar and The Sandy Butler Market are located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. Call 482-6765 to reserve your

seats at Shoals or reserve online at www.OpenTable.com. For more information, go to www.sandybutler.com.

Treat your mother to a sightseeing cruise aboard the paddlewheeler **The Fort Myers Indian Princess**. Mom's ticket is half-price with a family of two and free with a family of four. Boarding begins at 1:30 p.m. and the two-hour cruise departs at 2 p.m. Reservations are required.

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The Fort Myers Indian Princess departs from 2080 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach, before the Sky bridge. For reservations, call 765-8919 or go to www.indianprincessfortmyers.com.

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Breakthrough Awards Luncheon

Two outstanding businesses and three remarkable individuals will be honored on Thursday, May 10 at Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's Annual Breakthrough Awards Luncheon. The annual event is a celebration of the nonprofit agency's top achievers, and supporters in the community. This year's event will be held at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers.

"Goodwill assists people in our communities overcome their barriers and become more independent," said Kirsten



Justin Winings



Matt Davis



Janet Wilson



Collier County Solid Waste Management Department

O'Donnell, Goodwill's director of public relations. "This event allows us to honor people who have overcome their own barriers, and also gives us a chance to say 'thank you' to the people who are involved in our programs and support our mission."

This year, Goodwill will be honoring members of the community in several different categories. Breakthrough Award recipients Justin Winings of Cape Coral and Matt Davis of Naples will both be recognized for their personal achievements overcoming their disabilities through Goodwill's career services.

An award will also be presented to Goodwill's Breakthrough Volunteer, Janet Wilson, who has been involved in the agency's annual Festival of Trees for several years and has also assisted Goodwill

with numerous events.

Two area businesses will also receive Breakthrough Awards: The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples and the Collier County Solid Waste Management Department. Both will be honored for their support of Goodwill's mission.

Special recognition will also be paid to the Florida Sled Hockey Association and Florida Eels sled hockey coach Ron Robichaud. Sled hockey is an adaptive sport designed to allow participants with a physical disability to play ice hockey.

Tickets to the Goodwill Breakthrough Awards Luncheon are just \$50 per person or \$750 for a table sponsorship. To RSVP, call Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or e-mail MadisonMitchell@Goodwillswfl.org. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.



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Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer

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8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,

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Dining Book Winners Drawn By Lexington Builders Club



Builders Club members drew winners of the new dining book

Winners of the Delicious Dining Discount Book door prizes from the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, held the day prior, were drawn at the April 30 meeting of the Kiwanis Builders Club at Lexington Middle School. Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands advisor Viki Luster thought this was a most unbiased way to determine the winners. Builders Club is the Middle School arm of Kiwanis, who will also benefit from the sale of the Kiwanis Gateway to the Islands club's major fundraising project.

Profits from this 56 restaurant BOGO (buy one, get one) book go back into the

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All The Way From France For A Silver King



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

While chasing tarpon this week, getting a bite was a little tougher than it has been. Part of it could have been the huge full moon we had but things were just not quite

right with the tarpon bite. Fishing as part of a two-boat charter with clients from France for four days in a row this week, we really had to work hard at it to get the prize. Splitting up on the two boats to cover more ground one day we would find lots of tarpon moving up and down the beaches of Cayo Costa, North Captiva and Captiva, then the next day the tarpon would be gone and the hunt would start all over.

When you do find daisy-chaining schools and pods of slow moving tarpon staying up close to the surface out in clear water along the beaches, it's an amazing thing and usually means the fish will eat a well presented bait. For two of the four days I spent hours having tarpon moving slowly by me and casting multiple different types of live baits in front of them without a bite. Often watching the tarpon simply split up and swim around your baits in the clear water starts to drive you crazy after a while.

By mid morning the tarpon on the beach seemed to disappear as the sea breeze would kick in and I would switch it up and begin searching my favorite areas in the sound. Every place in the sound seemed to hold a few fish but just not any good numbers were showing.

When the tarpon fishing gets tough like this I knew I had to switch tactics and stop doing all the running and simply camp out by sitting on the hook with a live and cutbait spread. This type of tarpon fishing can be slow going but at the end of day two I had seen several free jumping fish in a favorite area in the southern end of the sound and had to give it a shot. I knew I was going to have to tough it out and felt this was as good a place as any to sit on the hook the next day.

Ten thousand km traveled and not a single fish even jumped between two boats after two days; talk about a little pressure on the captains. While catching bait that morning I had discussed my plan for the day's fishing with the other captain, he felt it was a good idea and intended to do the same. With clients onboard we slid into the previous day's spot and quickly saw one free jumping tarpon. No sooner were we set up and the other captain called me telling me he had just got off the phone with another captain who was on a huge pod of fish at the ranger station on Cayo Costa and already had one hooked up. I really had to fight the urge to make the run to the north as I watched him pull anchor and head out. Luckily, I stayed put.

After sitting on the anchor for about a half hour without seeing a single tarpon I was now starting to rethink my plan. Then just as it always seems to happen,



Lillian with his tarpon

when you least expect it, a cut bait rod screamed and I kicked into the mode as my adrenaline pumped. I bowed the rod once as the tarpon jumped again and as the rod came out of the holder, I passed it off to the client. We quickly cleared all the rods, dropped the anchor float and began to chase the fish on the trolling motor. Bertrice had never fought a tarpon before but had a lot of other fishing experience having fished all over the world. She quickly picked up on the technique and a little less than a hour later brought the fish in for a leader touch. After another few minutes of trying to leader the fish again for a good photo, the fish broke the line and swam off. The whole tarpon fight was caught on camera and my clients, after days of boredom, were now pumped.

Slowly motoring back to my anchor, I felt a great sense of relief. I had finally gotten it done and, after a call to the other captain who was fishing in hundreds of rolling tarpon without a single bite, was grateful I had stayed put. Once set back up with the spread out, it did not take long to get that second fish. This tarpon came up on the surface and inhaled a live crab. After a quick three jumps we were still hooked up and the chase was on. This fish was bigger than the first one and headed towards a shallow sandbar. Lillian only took 35 minutes to beat this 120-pound-plus fish and he made every move right as the fish made jump after jump.

When Lillian's fish came boatside we gently towed it to the shallow sandbar where he jumped in the water for a few photos and to revive the fish. Even though these French clients spoke very little English, we all spoke the same language of fishing even though we often could not understand each other verbally.

It felt awesome to be able to finally get lucky after some tough days of tarpon fishing and to be able to pull it off for them after such a long journey to catch our most prized gamefish.

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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Stone Crab Season Closes

The commercial and recreational harvest of stone crab claws in Florida closes on Wednesday, May 16. This closure occurs each year during the species' peak spawning season to help protect and sustain Florida's valuable stone crab resource.

Stone crab season will reopen on October 15.

Stone crab claws may be possessed and sold during the closed season, but

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Young Bald Eagle

During this crisis, David Nichols, DVM, has generously offered CROW unlimited use of the radiograph machine at his Fort Myers office. He operates Coral Veterinary Clinic, a busy practice with a second location on Sanibel. To spare the eagle further anxiety, CROW is pushing back its next round of imaging in the hope that the clinic's camera can be replaced as soon as possible.

X-ray technology is critical to the treatment of CROW's patients. After all, they are unable to communicate where it hurts and how they were injured. Radiograph machines are very sophisticated digital equipment; new ones cost approximately \$50,000. CROW hopes that by replacing just the camera (at a cost of \$18,000), the machine will run again.

"It's like the engine in your car going out. Do you get a new car or do you get a new engine? That's where we are right now," said Steve Greenstein, executive director of CROW. "We really need the support of the local community."

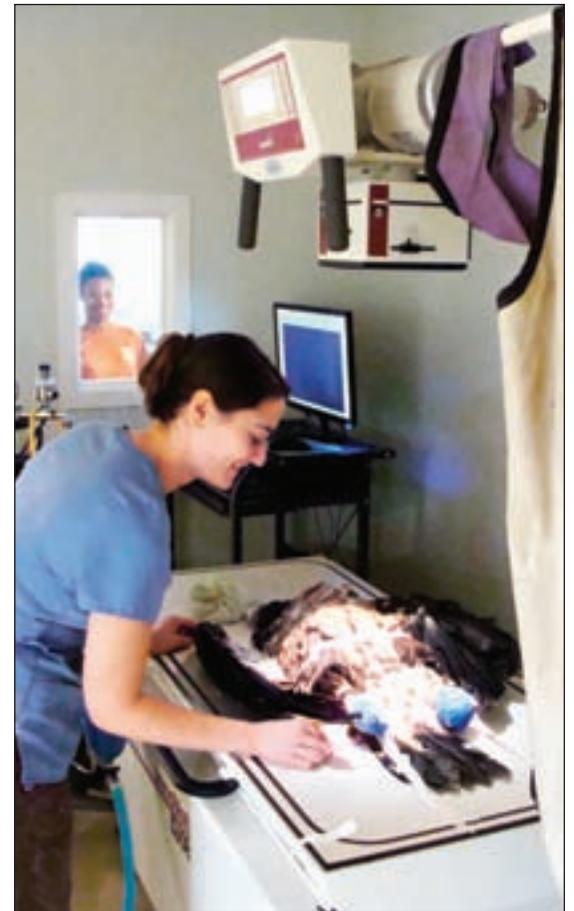
The area's rich wildlife cannot afford its own medical insurance. To help CROW treat sick and injured pelicans, gopher tortoises, rabbits and of course, this juvenile bald eagle, please help them reach their goal of \$18,000 to replace the much-needed X-ray camera.

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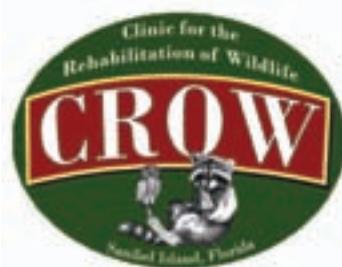
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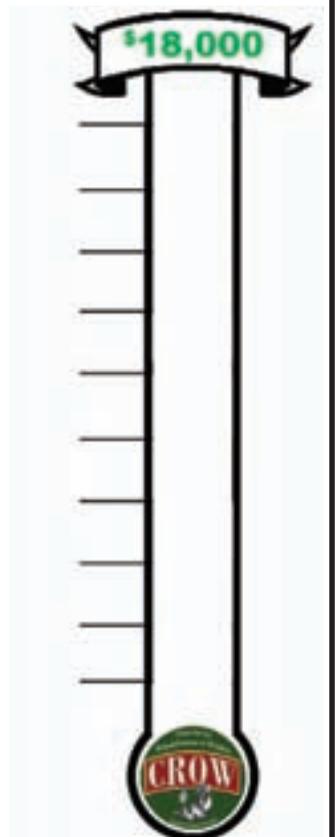


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Caring For Your Plants

Caribbean Palms 201: Focus On Coccothrinax



By Justen Dobbs

I did not have much experience with Coccothrinax palms, endemic to Florida and the Caribbean, until I moved to Florida. Their slow growth rate mostly precludes them from

common use in landscaping, but they deserve some attention none-the-less.

Most of them have a fair amount of frost tolerance making them good candidates for central and northern Florida, especially in an area where a Mexican fan palm (*Washingtonia robusta*) or Ribbon fan palm (*Livistona decora*) would grow too tall to work well. Coccothrinax seem to prefer a certain type of soil that closely mimics their natural habitat, but this is typically only if you want to achieve a proper leaf color or size. To put it differently, they are adaptable to most soils but may not ever look identical to their brothers and sisters in habitat.

One of the most interesting Coccothrinax is *Coccothrinax miraguama* "Azul." Intrepid collectors have taken pictures of "Azul" growing majestically in habitat in Cuba. Rest assured, that is



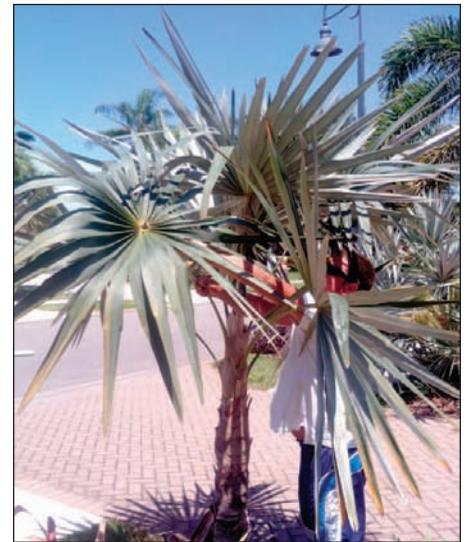
An Old Man palm with sunglasses on it. I guess this homeowner had a little sense of humor

probably the only place in the world that they look that blue (but I could be wrong). The blue coloration is caused by a waxy, glaucous coating on the leaves that blends with the greenish leaf color.

You may notice some large fan palms around Fort Myers with huge, silver-white leaves. Those are called Bismark palms (*Bismarkia nobilis*) and their leaves are covered in a white, powdery substance also. Colors like blue and silver break up the monotony of green found in most landscapes.

Of course, the most unique Coccothrinax is probably *C. crinita* – the Old Man palm. It is a fan palm that carries a dense mat of beige fibers around its trunk, giving it the appearance of having a beard! This palm comes from Cuba as well, but is actually much more common here in Florida than in Cuba due to over-harvesting there. Old Man palms can be successfully transplanted without root pruning, but they like a lot of water when moved.

I have been lucky enough to see a couple Coccothrinax hybrids which typically pop up from seed collected from trees that are open pollinated. These



Coccothrinax Azul is a pretty palm that will never outgrow a garden due to its slower growth rate

hybrids are always much faster growing than either parent- a phenomena known as heterogeny. The two I have seen are *C. miraguama* x *barbadensis* and *Coccothrinax crinita* x *Zombia antillarum* (I call the latter an Old Zombie palm). Coccothrinax hybrids could have a place in future landscape applications since they grow faster than pure species and produce lots of viable seed which can then be grown in great quantities. However, I would also want to see that our botanical gardens are securing a sustainable number of pure plants to prevent extinction and encourage conservation.

Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com. ✨

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Bonsai Society To Hold Spring Picnic And Auction

An April rain has postponed the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida's annual Spring Picnic and Auction until Saturday, May 19. The event will be held at the Community Garden Center on Larchmont Street, one block east of the Edison home laboratory in Fort Myers. The picnic will be in lieu of the monthly meeting. There is no charge for attending and parking is

free on Larchmont Street. An 11 a.m. auction will be held and the noon buffet line for the picnic follows. Beginner bonsai demonstrations will be held in the South Gazebo at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Raffle numbers will be drawn and silent auction winners will be announced at 1 p.m. Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. Additional information about bonsai and the association will be available at the picnic. Call Jim Bremmer at 482-7543 for more details about the Spring Picnic and Auction. ✨

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Sharp teeth line aloe's leaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

Aloe is a popular xeriscaping plant best known for its cosmetic and medicinal uses
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Aloe

by Gerri Reaves

Aloe vera (*Aloe vera*) is a low-maintenance succulent that produces spikes of tubular flowers in shades of red, orange or yellow in spring and summer. The dangling flowers of over an inch long cluster on tall stems that emerge from a rosette of fleshy leaves edged with spines, or teeth.

The plant is slow-growing, with the leaves reaching up to 18 inches long and surrounding a short, woody stalk. Mature plants can be more than two feet tall.

Inside those thick leaves is the liquid that gives aloe its purported medicinal properties.

Many people have a "first aid" aloe plant in a pot or in the yard to treat minor cuts, abrasions and even sunburn. Proponents of medicinal aloe break off a piece of the plant and apply the clear gel to the affected area.

Aloe gel is a common ingredient in cosmetics nowadays, too, and some people insist on the health benefits of drinking the gel.

Gardeners appreciate aloe vera because it requires little, if any, maintenance and very little moisture. It's an obvious choice for a cactus, succulent or rock garden.

Aloe prefers full sun and is highly salt-tolerant. It will thrive even in nutrient-poor soil, but the soil must be well drained.

Propagate it with the seeds or with the offshoots.

Although not native to Florida, it is not classified as invasive.

Sources: Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes; ifas.ufl.edu; and floridata.com.

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National Trails Day Feted At Matanzas Pass

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, sponsored by the Red Coconut RV Resort. This free event is open to all ages and everyone that enjoys the outdoors.

National Trails Day takes place on Saturday, May 12 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, health and wellness vendors, a geocaching scavenger hunt, wildlife displays and nature activities. Chef Dan Andre from the Mango Street Inn will be grilling up his famous jerk chicken to help raise funds for Matanzas Pass 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 Matanzas Pass Preserve is immediately in front of you. Parking is free but limited in space, so arriving early is suggested.

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Fraternity Men Cycle Across State To Help People With Disabilities

On Monday, May 14, a group of fraternity men will arrive in Fort Myers as a stop on the journey of their lives. This group of 26 cyclists and seven crew members are participating in Push America's Gear Up Florida, an 800-mile cycling event across the state of Florida. From Miami to Tallahassee, these men will be cycling to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities.

The Gear Up Florida team consists of men from across the country who are members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. The team will cycle an average of 75 miles per day ending at the State Capitol on May 26. Every cyclist commits to raising a minimum of \$2,500 on behalf of people with disabilities in hopes to enhance their quality of life.

The team will arrive at the Lee County ARC at 2 p.m., where they will then have lunch and a friendship visit. Following that, the team will arrive at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, where lodging will be provided. This is both LARC and Saint Francis Xavier's 13th year of sponsoring Push America.

Push America's mission is building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today. Push America organizes Gear Up Florida each May, along with other summer events, in order to promote and raise funds. It is the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity who founded the organization in 1977 to commit themselves to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities.

For more information, visit www.pushamerica.org.

Florida House Of Representatives Invited To Republican Luncheon

Republican candidates for Florida House of Representative districts affecting Lee County have been invited to participate in the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club monthly luncheon program on Tuesday, May 15. The candidate forum will feature the candidates providing their qualifications, then answering questions.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the candidate forum being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting, and candidate forum follow. The luncheon cost is \$16.00.

Reservations to attend the luncheon are required by Thursday, May 10 and may be made by calling Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

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

Cape Coral Bridge Toll Plaza Reconstruction

Beginning at 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 14 until 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, during nighttime/overnight hours, westbound lanes of the Cape Coral bridge will be closed to traffic. Crews will place barrier walls for a new traffic pattern at the Cape Coral Toll Plaza.

Beginning at 10 p.m. on Monday, May 14 through 1 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, during nighttime/overnight hours, eastbound lanes of the Cape Coral bridge will be closed while crews remove an overhead sign structure.

At 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, travel patterns will shift for westbound lanes. A LeeWay/SunPass lane will be provided on the far right (north) side of the toll plaza adjacent to the administration building in lane 1 and a manned booth will be provided in lane 2 to serve westbound motorists entering from McGregor Boulevard. A LeeWay/SunPass lane will be provided on the far left (south) side of the toll plaza in lane 8, adjacent to a manned booth provided in lane 7 to serve westbound motorists continuing from College Parkway.

For updates on all lanes closures, traffic shifts and construction progress, please visit the project website at www.LeeBridgeConstruction.com.

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Blues Brothers

Starting at 7 p.m., this dynamic band will entertain you with their wide range of music including jazz, rock, R&B, funk, reggae, Top 40, swing, Latin and pop. The group is comprised of 10 very talented musicians: two lead vocalists, a female vocalist, a full rhythm section and a three-piece horn section.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Also, volunteers are needed for the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to assist in the office and with regularly scheduled seasonal events. Contact Sally Joslyn at 333-1933 or sally.sbdac@gmail.com for more information.

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Gardening Workshop

GreenMarket gives back to the community with free gardening workshops throughout the year. These presentations focus on different aspects of sustainability in gardening, including introductory classes for growing herbs and vegetables, natives, tropical fruit and more. The goal is to encourage people to become more sustainable and have a better understanding of our region's growing conditions. GreenMarket visitors and workshop participants can work in and contribute to the community garden currently developing on Alliance grounds.

One of the few local farmers markets to remain open year-round, the Alliance GreenMarket offers fresh produce, plants and gardening supplies, seafood, breads, honey, eggs, soaps and much more.

In addition to Bell's presentation, GreenMarket also welcomes the return of the Nosh Truck with its "inspired street cuisine." Chef Scott Sopher will be cooking his trademark versions of street foods that include Korean and Mexican influences, using local ingredients whenever available.

For more information, call the Alliance for the Arts at 989-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org or "like" Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket on Facebook.

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

Redfish Challenge

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that angler spots are still available for the 8th annual Ryan McCleskey Memorial Redfish Challenge set for Saturday, May 19 at Cape Harbour Marina located at 5828 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral. The day on the water runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes food, chance drawings and cash prizes: \$1,500 first place, \$750 second place and \$500 third place.

A mandatory captains' meeting will
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Vep At The Rep Is A Must See

by Di Saggau



Florida Rep is closing its season with *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, a hilarious, fast-paced, wacky melodrama that involves quick costume changes and a non-stop delivery of jokes.

Never having seen it before, I had no idea what to expect. I'm pleased to tell you that this was one of the funniest, most enjoyable plays I've ever seen. This is due to two marvelous actors, Mark Chambers and Brad DePlanche, and Chris Clavelli who directs the show.

Written by Charles Ludlam, *Vep* is a satire of several theatrical and film genres, including Victorian melodrama, farce and the Alfred Hitchcock film *Rebecca*. The play includes eight characters, performed by two actors. The playwright stipulates that the play can only be performed if the actors are both of the same gender, which allows for exuberant cross-dressing. Chambers and DePlanche bring the various roles to life ingeniously. Kudos to the backstage dressers who handle the approximately 35 costume changes that occur during the show. Some of them seem impossibly quick.

The story takes place mostly at stately Mandacrest Manor, where Lord Edgar Hillcrest, recently wed to Lady Enid, still pines for his long lost love Irma Vep, who



Mark Chambers and Brad DePlanche



Mark Chambers and Brad DePlanche

was killed by a mysterious creature on the grounds of the estate years ago, or was she? There is also a trip to Egypt to inspect the toom-buhs, also known as tombs. The interplay between the two actors and the way they pronounce and mispronounce words adds greatly to the hilarity.

Elements of the supernatural – even werewolves and vampires – come into play. One of the funniest scenes involves a werewolf transformation. I laughed out loud along with everyone else. Another highlight is the unexpected audience participation. The actors' ability to seamlessly transition this into the show truly attests to their talents.

The *New York Daily News* called the play "Lunatic fun that keeps you in stitches." I concur. The audience has a blast watching this comic spoof on gothic and ghost tales. *The Mystery of Irma Vep* plays through May 20 at Florida Repertory Theatre in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Fort Myers River District. Tickets are available online at floridarep.org or by calling 332-4488. ✨

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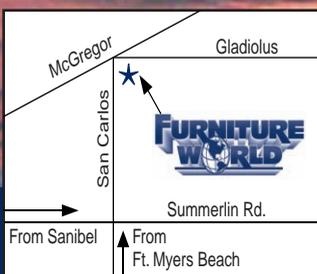
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Parent Maureen Schwartz and Canterbury Board Member Michele Eddy

give generously so others could benefit. We thank you for making a difference."

The program ended with the introduction of Mariela Hernandez Cruz, a Canterbury senior who will begin her



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Head of School Tony Paulus with parents Karen and Jim Hall

college career at Wellesley College on a full scholarship. Mariela's story and her thanks to those who made it possible for her to attend Canterbury inspired and touched attendees.✧



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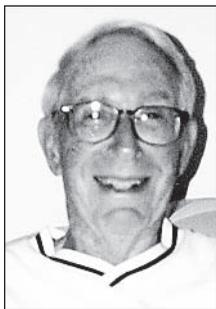


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Twice The Runner-Up But Never The Champion, Could This Be The Year For The Florida Everblades?



by Ed Frank

For the third time in their 14-year franchise history, the Florida Everblades will vie for the ultimate prize in the ECHL – the Kelly Cup Championship.

Twice to the altar and twice defeated, the local hockey team hopes to make No. 3 a success when they take on the Las Vegas Wranglers in the best-of-seven championship series beginning Monday in Las Vegas.

Florida advanced to the Kelly Cup Finals with a convincing four-games-to-one victory over the Kalamazoo Wings to win the league's Eastern Conference title and the Bud Gingher Trophy. The clincher was a 3-1 victory last Friday on home ice.

Las Vegas won the ECHL Western Conference defeating Alaska in five games. It will be their second trip to the finals having lost to Cincinnati in 2008.

Both teams have compiled impressive 11-2 records in post-season play, but Las Vegas will have home ice advantage hosting games one and two and games six and seven if they are necessary.

Here is the complete schedule for the Kelly Cup Finals:

Game 1 – Monday at 7:05 p.m. Pacific Time at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas

Game 2 – Tuesday at 7:05 Pacific Time in Las Vegas

Game 3 – Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. local time at Germain Arena

Game 4 – Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena

Game 5 (if necessary) – Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena

Games 6 and 7 Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26 in Las Vegas

Florida skated in the Kelly Cup finals in both 2004 and 2005, but were defeated in 2004 by Idaho and in 2005 by Trenton.

When the Florida franchise was established in 1999 there were many who doubted whether professional hockey could survive in Southwest Florida. While two professional basketball teams and two indoor football teams have failed in these 14 years, the Everblades have become one of the strongest franchises in the ECHL.

The team has earned post-season slots all 14 years.

Florida goalie John Muse and center Cedric Lalonde McNicoll have emerged

as ECHL leaders in the playoff run. Muse has limited the opposition to only 1.70 goals per game, including 27 of 28 stops in the 3-1 conference title win last week.

McNicoll has compiled 16 points in the post-season.

Tickets for the championship series at Germain Arena are available at the box office, by calling 948-7825 or through Ticketmaster a 1-800-745-3000.

Miracle Win Weekend Blowouts; Islands Night Next Wednesday

Struggling in the early season, the Fort Myers Miracle reversed their fortunes with back-to-back blowout wins last weekend over the Lakeland Flying Tigers.

The 13-3 and 12-3 victories Sunday and Monday at Hammond Stadium hopefully will provide the needed spark to propel the Miracle on a winning streak. They began the week with a 12-19 season record.

The local baseball team is on the road this week at Dunedin and Charlotte before returning Tuesday and Wednesday to Hammond Stadium when they host Charlotte.

Wednesday night is Islands Night, one of the biggest attractions on the Miracle home schedule. The 7:05 p.m. game will be preceded by a parade around the stadium. Free tickets for Islands Night are available at Bailey's General Store and most island businesses.

Tarpons Thump Lakeland for Third Time; Remain Undefeated

The first year for the Florida Tarpons, members of the 12-team Ultimate Indoor Football League, has resulted in an undefeated year.

The Tarpons defeated the Lakeland Raiders 55-24 Sunday night at Germain Arena to run their perfect season to 7-0. The Tigers dropped to 4-3.

Quarterback Chris Wallace completed 17 of 31 passes for 207 yards and seven touchdowns while wide receiver Donald Fusilier had six catches for 70 yards.

Florida travels to Lakeland Monday and returns home to Germain the following Monday against the Rome Rampage.*

Food Truck Rally

On Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., a Food Truck Rally coordinated by J & D Events and sponsored by Sunsports Cycle and Watercraft will be held at Sunsports Cycle and Watercraft, 3441 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers. This event, free and open to the public, will feature 10 different food trucks, all of them serving different tasty cuisines.

The Food Truck Rally will offer music, indoor and outdoor seating and variety of brews available at Boston Ale & Tale.

Participants scheduled to appear include:

- The Bento Box – “A Healthy Alternative” serving chicken bentos, chicken wraps and white chicken chili dogs.
- Tropical Daiquiri Shack – Serving a variety of non-alcoholic frozen tropical drinks.
- Hog Dogs – Serving hot dogs.
- Hungry Hound Dawgs – Serving footlong specialty dawgs and german sausages.
- Authentic Maine Lobster Bakes – Serving clam chowder, lobster rolls, mussels and shrimp.
- Big Geroy's BBQ – Serving bbq pork, beef, ribs and chicken with sides of baked beans and cole slaw.

- Betty's Broasted Chicken – Serving fish sandwiches and dinners, pork chop and hot dogs on a stick and deep fried Oreos and Snickers.

- T & C Concessions – Serving Philly cheesesteaks and chicken cheesesteaks.

- Snack It To Me – Serving pretzels, churros, nachos and more.

- Radical Rations featuring Madam Mac – Serving specialty macaroni and cheeses, fried chicken and collard greens.*

County Renames Tennis Center To Honor Director

Lee County Commissioners renamed the tennis center at Three Oaks Park in honor of the recently retired Lee Parks & Recreation director Barbara Manzo at their board meeting on May 1. The facility now will be called the Barbara Manzo Tennis Center at Three Oaks Park.

Manzo was with Lee County Parks & Recreation for 22 years, retiring on May 2. The move to change the tennis facility's name came from the Lee County Community Tennis Association board of directors.

“For the past 21 years, Barbara has distinguished herself as an advocate, innovator and architect of a model tennis program in Lee County,” said Interim Executive Director Harriett Bohannon, who called the Three Oaks facility “a flagship tennis center.”

The 12-court center sits between Interstate 75 and Three Oaks Parkway, with a sound barrier blocking noise from the interstate. The Lee County Sports Authority – the county's sports tourism department – has recruited national-caliber tournaments to the site. It's also the home site for junior tournaments and many Lee County CTA lessons and programs.

For more information on the Barbara Manzo Tennis Center and other Lee

County Parks & Recreation sites, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7275. For Lee County Community Tennis Association information, visit www.leecountytennis.com, e-mail info@LCCTA.com or call 565-5300.*

Survival Class At Cape Yacht Club

Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Survival Class at the Cape Coral Yacht Club on Saturday, May 19. The class runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children.

Learn survival skills for disasters like weather, manmade or unexpected situations that may occur at an time. This class will teach about fire-starting, proper water collection, emergency shelters and needed survival gear. Learn how to make and assemble your very own survival kit and go-bag. Learn the many uses of and how to make a paracord lanyard and keep as a class souvenir. There will be Spot Satellite, Ultimate Survival Technologies and Spec Ops brand product demonstrations as well.

To register call 574-0806. The Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5819 Driftwood Parkway.*

Donation Made By MBA Airport Transportation

April 18 was the day MBA Airport Transportation gave back to the community by donating \$5 of each fare to the Harry Chapin Food Bank through its Drive Hunger Out Of Southwest Florida promotion. MBA presented the food bank with a check for \$1,730, which translates into \$10,380 in food.

MBA Airport Transportation, LLC is the taxi concessionaire for the Southwest Florida International Airport. MBA Airport Transportation is a DBE joint venture whose partner members are John J. Poelker, Jr., Mary Poelker and Judith Griffin. Mr. Poelker was a personal friend of Harry Chapin and is also a co-founder of the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, serving as the president of the board of directors from 1989 through 1995.

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

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One of the three checks donated last week by the Bobby Nichols-Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation

Bobby Nichols-Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation Distributes \$750,000

In just 10 years, the Bobby Nichols-Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation has raised \$4,687,100 for children's charities. This year's Nichols Cup Celebrity Pro-Am tournament, tennis tournament and kids walk-a-thon – held in February at Fiddlesticks Country Club – was an overwhelming success, enabling the foundation to present \$750,000 to children's charities.

Last week, checks were presented to the three main recipients – \$351,500 to the

Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, \$351,500 to Abuse Counseling and Treatment Inc., and \$31,000 to Blessings In A Backpack/James Stephens International Academy.

"With the expansion of our Fort Myers shelter and with the help of the Foundation, we can now house 91 individuals including their children on any given day, keeping them safe from harm," said ACT CEO Jennifer Benton. "Thank you for allowing ACT to be a part of such a wonderful event and for caring about the children in our community."

For Jill Turner, CEO of the Children's Advocacy Center, the foundation's "generosity always makes a huge difference to us, but last year even more so. People have jobs because of your gift. Kids are being seen without waiting because of your gift. We are able to help more kids and families than ever before because of your gift. The 4,000 kids who came through our agency last year are all better off because of you."

The Bobby Nichols Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2002, is a group of Fiddlesticks members known as Pipers who volunteer to organize and run charity events. The mission of the Pipers and the foundation is to raise funds specifically for local children's charities, while recognizing Bobby Nichols, a Fiddlesticks resident since its inception and winner of 14 PGA Tour tournaments.

With this year's events, the Foundation has now raised \$4,687,100 for local children's charities such as ACT and the Children's Advocacy Center.*

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BJ's Presents \$10,000 Check To Harry Chapin Food Bank



Barry Sallie, BJ's general manager, presents a \$10,000 check to Miriam Pereira, development director for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, and Al Brislain, executive director of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Sandra Aguilar, BJ's community relations specialist, also attended the presentation

BJ's Charitable Foundation recently presented a check for \$10,000 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The foundation grants funds quarterly to organizations where BJ's clubs are located. The grant, which will translate into approximately \$60,000 in value, will pay for food transportation costs, including gas, to acquire food from major manufacturers, as well as printing informational flyers for SNAP Outreach (formerly food stamps).

BJ's Charitable Foundation selects organizations to support who provide critical services and programs that focus on hunger prevention, self-sufficiency, healthcare and education.

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Park Royal Hospital Earns Accreditation

Park Royal Hospital, located on the HealthPark campus in Fort Myers, has earned accreditation from DNV Healthcare Inc., a required step in accepting patients who are commercially insured.

The two-day accreditation process confirmed the 76-bed free-standing psychiatric hospital meets all clinical and plant operations requirements of the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organization program. This new quality-based program centers on best practices for patient care.

Park Royal Hospital received its Florida Agency for Health Care Administration licensure to accept patients in February 2012. Another AHCA licensure survey, planned for this month, will allow the hospital to accept Medicare patients.

"Reaching these milestones moves Park Royal Hospital closer to becoming an integral part of the continuum of care for those having difficulty coping with life's challenges," said Rogers Wells, chairman of the board.

Park Royal Hospital provides advanced behavioral health treatment services on both an inpatient and an outpatient basis, treating adult and geriatric patients for depression, anxiety and mood disorders, memory issues, post-traumatic stress disorders and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues. The hospital offers crisis intervention services and will serve as an involuntary commitment facility.

For more information, visit www.ParkRoyalHospital.com or call 985-2700.*



Park Royal Hospital employees celebrate construction finish

Children's Advocacy Center Receives \$351,500 From Charity

The Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida (CAC) received a \$351,500 donation from the Bobby Nichols Fiddlesticks Charity Foundation. Founded in 2002, the foundation has raised almost \$4.7 million for children's charities.

This year's Nichols Cup Celebrity Pro-Am tournament, tennis tournament and kids walk-a-thon, which were held in February, enabled the foundation to award a total of \$734,000 to local children's charities. On April 16, checks were presented to CAC as well as Abuse Counseling & Treatment, and the Blessings In A Backpack program at James Stephens International Academy.

Funding from this event is vital to the continuation of CAC's services which include medical exams, forensic interviews, crisis intervention and therapeutic counseling," commented Jill Turner, CEO. "The residents of Fiddlesticks play a vital role in bettering the lives of children who have been abused and neglected."

Children's Advocacy Center, a United Way partner agency, is a crisis center that works with sexually and physically abused children and is designed to be a safe and friendly place for them to come and be heard and help them get on the road to recovery.

For more information, call 939-2808 or visit www.cac-swfl.org.*

FGCU Receives Climate Award

Florida Gulf Coast University was selected as one of 10 academic institutions to receive the prestigious Third Annual Climate Leadership Award by Second Nature and the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC).

Second Nature is the lead supporting organization of the ACUPCC, an agreement between nearly 700 colleges and universities to promote sustainability through teaching and action.

All winners will be recognized in an award ceremony with their peer institutions at the ACUPCC Climate Leadership Summit in Washington, DC on June 21 and 22.

These awards are presented to ACUPCC signatory schools that demonstrate unparalleled campus innovation and climate leadership that helps transition society to a clean, just and sustainable future.

"This recognition for our commitment to the environment and our innovative approach to sustainable practices is truly an honor," said FGCU President Wilson Bradshaw. "The Climate Leadership Award recognizes the work of the entire FGCU community as, together, we strive to be good role models and stewards of the environment."

The winners were among 20 finalists chosen by Second Nature's board. The 10 recipients represent the diversity of institutions of higher education and are located throughout the United States.

The 2012 Second Nature Climate Leadership Award winners are: Doctorate Granting University, Arizona State University and University of South Florida; Baccalaureate College, Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and Luther College in Iowa; Associate/Tribal College, Austin Community College District in Texas and Haywood Community College in North Carolina; Master's Colleges and University, Florida Gulf Coast University and University of Central Missouri; Special Focus Institutions/Other, Pratt Institute and PALS (New York), and University of California System.

"These institutions are leading the way for the academic community by demonstrating how sustainable practices can be put into place on campuses that have a long-term impact on creating a sustainable society for the benefit of all," said Dr. Anthony D. Cortese, president of Second Nature. "They have all shown tremendous creativity and an unrelenting commitment to integrate sustainable practices into their campuses and society as a whole."

To learn more about Second Nature, go to www.secondnature.org; to learn more about the ACUPCC go to www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.*

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1961	2,004	2,795,000	2,475,000	259
Grand Ole Man	Fort Myers Beach	2011	3,532	2,295,000	2,100,000	46
Valencia Court	Fort Myers	1926	3,013	1,395,000	1,395,000	54
Miromar Lakes	Fort Myers	2006	3,830	1,195,000	1,195,000	279
Devonwood	Fort Myers	2003	4,735	1,149,000	1,100,000	22
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1986	3,345	1,199,000	1,025,000	42
Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1989	3,589	998,000	945,000	54
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	3,377	935,000	860,000	133
Flamingo Harbour	Fort Myers Beach	1990	4,380	995,000	850,000	414
Flamingo Harbour	Fort Myers Beach	1994	2,520	899,000	850,000	95

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

Financial Focus

This Mother's Day, Think Of Lifetime Financial Moves To Help Children



by Jennifer Basey

If you're a mother, you'll probably get some nice cards and flowers on Mother's Day. But of course, your greatest gifts are your children themselves. And since you want to see them happy and

- Contribute to a college savings plan – One of the best things you can do to boost your children's chances of success in life is to help them go to college. You've got several good college-savings vehicles available, such as a 529 plans, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and custodial accounts. Your financial advisor can help you choose the vehicle that suits your needs and objectives.

When Your Children Enter The Working World

- Encourage IRA contributions – An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a great retirement savings vehicle. As long as your children have earned income, they can contribute to an IRA, so you may want to help them "max out" on their contributions each year. While you can't directly contribute to a child's IRA, you can write a check to your child and encourage him or her to use it for funding an IRA.

- Make long-term care arrangements – If you needed long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay, and you had inadequate financial preparations, the burden could fall on your children. Now is the time to consult with your financial advisor to begin preparing for possible long-term care costs.

When Your Children Reach Middle Age

- Communicate your financial situation

financially secure, perhaps you can use this Mother's Day as an opportunity to consider ways to help your children at various stages of their lives.

So, let's take a look at steps you can take:

When Your Children Are Young

- Teach them to be savers –

Encourage young children to put away part of their allowance, or any money they receive for household jobs, in a savings account. Offer to match their contributions dollar for dollar.

- Help them become investors –

Consider giving your children a few shares of stock in companies with which they are familiar. By following the movements of their stocks with them, you can explain how the markets work and how increasing share ownership is one key to helping build wealth.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Readers,

Here is some information that I recommend highly and want to share with you. May is National Mental Health Month and May

6 through 12 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Through The Child Mind Institute and its partner groups, we now have a week for learning about and promoting good mental health for children.

This professional organization, The Child Mind Institute, has developed an educational campaign for this special week entitled Speak Up For Kids 2012. Why do we need this week? Child Mind Institute says "Stigma, lack of awareness and misinformation cause too many children to miss out on treatments that can change their lives. Though 15 million children in the United States have psychiatric and learning disorders, very few of them will be identified and get the help they need. That is why each May, we take the time to Speak Up For Kids – to let the world know that silence and shame are not options."

During National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, the Child Mind

Institute's Speak Up For Kids connects parents and teachers with professionals in their community for free talks about childhood mental health problems and topics relating to raising healthy, happy kids. The topics include ADHD, anxiety, behavioral challenges, bullying, depression, trauma and social media. Speaking up is the first step to getting kids the help they need.

The Child Mind Institute will host a live Facebook event on Friday, May 11 at noon.

To sign up for Speak Up For Kids, to receive for additional information, to share ideas about what you can do to make a difference, and for statistics on children's mental health, visit www.child-mind.org/speakup.

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and estate plans – Don't leave adult children in the dark as to your financial information. Share everything you can about how much you own, where you keep your assets and how you plan to eventually distribute them. By clearly communicating your situation and wishes now, you can avoid major problems later.

- Create a durable power of attorney – By creating a durable power of attorney, you can appoint another person, such as an adult child, to conduct your business and financial affairs if you become physi-

cally or mentally incapacitated. Such a move can help reduce stress your children may be feeling, while allowing them to make moves that can help preserve your finances.

Mother's Day commemorates the special bond that mothers have with their children. By following the above suggestions, you can help strengthen that bond throughout your lifetime.

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

Pine Island Hosts Safe Pool Party

Join The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and the Kohl's Kids Safety Program for a free pool safety party this Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pine Island Community Pool, 5675 Sesame Drive in Bokeelia. Learn ways to help your family stay safe while having fun in and around the swimming pool.

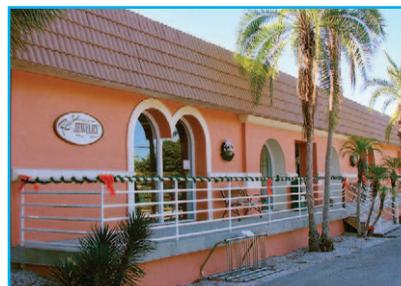
"In the state of Florida, we lose the equivalent of three classrooms of preschoolers to drowning each year," said Michele King, director of the Child Advocacy Program at The Children's Hospital. "We must keep our children safe with layers of protection and constant adult supervision when they are in or near water."

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children under age 5 in the state of Florida and is 100 percent preventable. Just follow the safety tips below:

- Never leave a child unattended in a pool or spa and always watch your child when he or she is in or near water.
- Teach children basic water safety tips.
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Have a telephone close by when your or your family is using a pool or spa.
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first.
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors.

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dearRPharmacist

Chamomile Has Life-Saving Secret



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

Recently, you wrote about the medicinal action of herbal teas, and got my attention. I have serious health concerns like diabetes, hypertension, pancreatitis and insomnia. JY, Gainesville, Florida

mechanisms. Apigenin is a citrus bioflavonoid compound found in chamomile (and other fruits/vegetables including grapefruit) that gives it a yellow color, and as well as that familiar sedative effect. And apigenin appears to inhibit pancreatic cancer.

Apigenin suppresses pancreatic cancer growth through suppression of "cyclin B-associated cdc2 activity" and "G2/M arrest," according to the study published in *Molecular Cancer* (December 2006). The researchers conclude that apigenin may "be a valuable drug for the treatment or prevention of pancreatic cancer." A few years later, in *Pancreas* (May 2009), scientists published findings about apigenin again, this time to conclude that it improved the action of gemcitabine, a drug used to treat pancreatic cancer. Their results found that (apigenin in combination with gemcitabine) inhibited pancreatic cancer cell growth more than either agent alone. It was dose-dependent too, the more apigenin, the better the effect.

Apigenin was shown in a 2008 study in the journal, *Pancreas*, to decrease glucose uptake in pancreatic cells (you might say it starved them to death). It's what we call a flavonoid, and it happens to be a strong anti-inflammatory. Other studies have found this compound to possess ability in inhibiting several cancer lines, including breast, colon, thyroid, skin and leukemia.

To spare confusion, apigenin is a compound found in chamomile, it's not a drug. You can get apigenin by purchasing

it as a stand-alone supplement called "apigenin" online or at a health food store. Another way is to drink chamomile, or take dietary supplements of chamomile.

There are very few warnings associated with the lovely centuries-old flower, but being a natural sedative, chamomile could enhance the effect of prescribed tranquilizers, anti-anxiety medications and prescribed sleepers (alprazolam, diazepam, zolpidem) or dietary supplements/herbs such as kava kava, passionflower, GABA. High dose supplementation could potenti-

ate and enhance the effect of anti-seizure medications (necessitating the need to lower drug dosage). Teas are weaker than supplements; make your own by steeping one tablespoon of chamomile herb in hot water for 15 minutes.

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.

As far as tea goes, chamomile is perfect. I've e-mailed you a free copy of my eBook *Understanding Pancreatitis & Pancreatic Cancer*. Researchers report that drinking chamomile tea daily helps prevent complications of diabetes, such as loss of vision, nerve damage, and kidney damage. This speaks to the ability of chamomile to squish free radical damage in the body, which is excellent. This is exactly what you want to do if you have pancreatitis, too.

After reading a study about chamomile's benefits to those with diabetes, I theorized that it must have other benefits for the pancreas. Lo and behold, I found numerous studies discussing "apigenin" and it's ability to inhibit growth of pancreatic cancer cells through various

Powerful Tools For Caregivers

Older Adult Services, in collaboration with, and funded by, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Senior Choices of Southwest Florida, is pleased to present Powerful Tools For Caregivers, an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced class leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the "tools" you choose and put them into

action for your life.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

You will receive a book, *The Caregiver Helpbook*, developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$25 to help defray the cost of the book is suggested, but not required to attend the class.

Classes will be held at Lake Kennedy Senior Center (Veranda Room), 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral from May 15 to June 19.

Sessions are held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. For information about respite care or to register, call 343-2751. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am tired of some older people constantly complaining about their knees, hips and their many illnesses.

They compare their lab findings and dwell on all their medicines and what they cost and where they bought them. Other seniors talk about giving away their possessions, books and collections even when they are in good health. Some seem to enjoy being the center of

attention when they talk about their complaints.

What happens to people when they reach their 70s?

Aubrey

Dear Aubrey,

People who complain about poor health may be experiencing bad health for the first time in their lives and they are having difficulty coping. Others may have had busy lives and now retired are bored and their medicines and ailments are the center of their concerns. Then, of course, there are always those people who are just plain chronic complainers.

Maybe you are one of those lucky people who enjoy good health. Be grateful for your good fortune but please have a little compassion for those who are suffering.

Lizzie

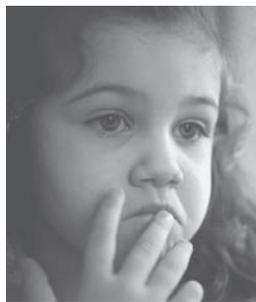
Dear Aubrey,

What we select to talk about or focus on is personal choice. Why some people choose to talk about problems and concerns – I don't know, maybe part personality, part boredom or part attention seeking. Also, I do not think only individuals 70-plus focus on problems and concerns. The good news is you have a choice – choose to be positive.

Pryce

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Dr. Dave

Bummer A Billion



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I took my son, Stew, on a fishing expedition recently because I wanted to teach him the finer points of how trout avoid the bait of even the best fishermen.

Before heading off into the wilds,

we stopped for a final meal of non-fish, him secure in the knowledge that we would catch the rest of our meals; me secure in the knowledge that I was about to shed a few pounds. While waiting for our meal, he zipped across the street to a sports store to pick up some bait. Bursting back into the restaurant he called out "Dad, I've got worms!" Funny how quiet a bustling restaurant can become, while diners rearrange their seating.

But many of you reading this column also have worms and just don't know it. In fact, one billion, (that is a "B" as in bumper) of you faithful readers are host to a large roundworm called Ascaris. (see below). And while you think this only refers to readers in Beijing and Calcutta, let me remind you that 45 million North Americans share their daily dietary dinners and Ding Dongs with pinworms.

Pinworms

These wee white wigglers infest 10 percent of all kids, and while not harmful in any way, they can create an annoying anal itch that can lead to some less-than-socially-acceptable (unless you're out fishing with your dad) attempts to rect-ify the itch. At night, the female pinworm leaves her happy colonic home, pops out the anus, airs out her laundry, takes a few fresh breaths and lays a few eggs. This creates the annoying nocturnal itch that causes Junior to fidget while trying to fall asleep. This also proves my point that it is not always the male who is a pain in that part of the nether regions.

To prove the presence of pinworms, wait until the patient/victim falls asleep. Equip yourself with a flashlight and Scotch tape. (Can't you see this as a future 3M

ad?) If you shine your light and catch her wide-eyed in your beam, then you've made the diagnosis. Do not shoot; this is an illegal hunting method. While this may not be the most dignified thing you've ever done, how many of you have actually watched *Jersey Shore*? If you see no worm or anything else that ruins your evening, then place the tape on the anal area, thus removing the microscopic eggs. This again is best done while Junior sleeps, otherwise he is quite apt to run screaming to the neighbors each time you reach for the Scotch tape. He could very well go catatonic when his school-teacher takes Scotch tape out of her desk. Place the tape on a slide and then take the tape to your doctor (after lunch, please).

To avoid pinworm eggs, scrub your hands and fingernails (eggs love to get in here) before eating, discourage nail biting

and thumb sucking and keep fingernails short. My own mother used to clip my nails so short that my cuticles disappeared, but we saved on Scotch tape.

Tapeworms

Speaking of tape, these flatworms – whose larvae we might ingest from inadequately cooked beef, pork or fish – can live quietly for years deep within the bowels of our bowels. A heavy worm load, however, may cause a slow anemia or be the cause of chronic diarrhea.

Ascaris

While living in the South Pacific, I got to know these slimy monsters quite well. The largest of the roundworms, these worms can grow up to 30cm in length. Their life-cycle is straight out of a Hitchcock horror film, *Psycho Worms*:

The human host swallows an egg.

Larvae hatch in the bowel then penetrate the bowel wall and head for the lungs. From there, they climb up the windpipe and are swallowed where they descend merrily into the small intestine. There, they mature and lay up to 200,000 eggs per day!

Not only did I frequently see patients vomit revolting masses of these worms, but I also found them stuck in a patient's appendix, causing appendicitis.

"Dad, how come those trout didn't bite?" lamented my son after our trip.

"Sorry son, but we fished perfectly. You just had a bad case of worms."

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- Wednesday, May 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Life Center of Estero, 3850 Williams Road in Estero

- Wednesday, May 23 from 9 - 11 a.m. at SHARE Club North, 5170 Orange Grove Blvd. in North Fort Myers

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For more information and to register for either event, call 424-3765.✪

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Tranquility and relaxation are not likely to be the first words you use to describe your typical emergency room, but that is exactly the atmosphere that Colleen Solomon is creating at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers. Solomon is a local artist who is creating beautifully painted ceiling tiles to take patient's minds off being in the hospital.

The tiles are to be placed directly above the patient bed in each emergency room. So far, Solomon has completed five tiles with 27 more to go. Each tile is about four feet by two feet, with different tropical water designs that include coral, bubbles, beaches, and star fish. It takes about ten hours to complete each tile. Her goal is to have all 32 tiles finished by the end of the year.

Solomon, a volunteer for the Arts in HealthCare program, says the project is a wonderful way to give back to the community through the arts.

"The tiles are meant to bring patients some relief and help them relax when in the emergency rooms," said Solomon.

"The soft and bright colors make for a peaceful enjoyment of the painting that can be seen even with minimal lighting."

"Colleen is a very talented artist and its great working with her," said Doug MacGregor, the Arts in HealthCare coordinator. "We have received positive feedback from the patients, their families and the staff in the emergency department."

The installation of each tile is far more complicated than simply replacing an existing ceiling tile. Placing the tile must be worked around the numerous pieces of technical equipment in the room and takes maneuvering to fit into the frame without damaging the artwork. The emergency room is a busy place, so they have to work around the unpredictable schedule of getting into a room while it is not occupied.

The Arts in Healthcare program is supported by donations and volunteers. Call 343-2633 or email art@leememorial.org for more information. ✨



Doug MacGregor and Colleen Solomon get ready to install one of her hand-painted ceiling tiles

From page 11

Dining Book Winners

community to help children, with a major funding pledged to playground equipment for Brightest Horizon's Child Development Center on Gladiolus Drive in South Fort Myers. Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis wish happy dining to the lucky winners Jonelle Durazzo, Jeanne Mader and Richard Wilson.

For more information about the dining book, valid now through November 15, please call 415-3100 or go to www.kiwanisgtti.com.

The club welcomes service oriented business professionals and individuals to join in a volunteer effort to make a difference in the world, one child and one community at a time. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at First Watch in the McGregor Blvd. Design Center, except the second Tuesday when an 11:30 a.m. lunch meeting is currently conducted at Mimi's Cafe.

For further details about the club and what they do, visit www.kiwanisgtti.com or contact President David Stauffer at 940-7181 or pastordavidstauffer@yahoo.com. ✨

Renaissance Academy To Present Special Lecture On What Babies See

The Renaissance Academy, Florida Gulf Coast University's adult lifelong learning program, and Vision Sciences Society present a free public lecture by Terri Lewis, world-renowned expert in babies' vision, entitled What Babies See. The lecture will be held from 10 a.m. to noon this Saturday, May 12 at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 5th Avenue South in Naples.

The purpose of the lecture is to share some of the latest findings in vision research with the public. Knowing what babies see satisfies more than an intellectual curiosity. Understanding vision and its underlying mechanisms is critical for advancement of techniques to identify, prevent and treat eye problems.

Lewis is a professor in the department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behavior at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada with appointments in ophthalmology at the University of Toronto and at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She is part of an international think tank on new approaches to improving poor vision in adults. Lewis has been invited to lecture about her work around the world and is frequently featured in the international media, *The New York Times* and PBS television shows.

Pre-registration is required because seating is limited. Online registration and additional information is available at <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu> or by calling 425-3272. ✨

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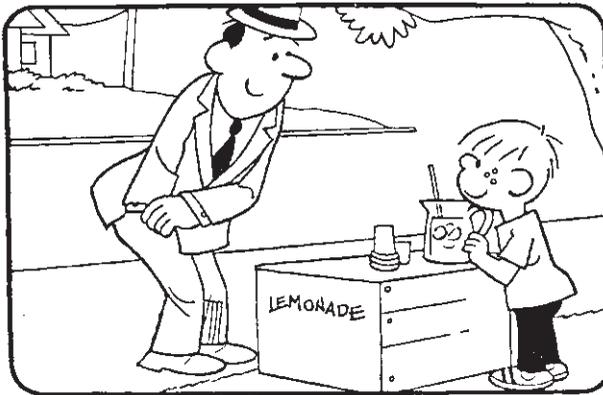
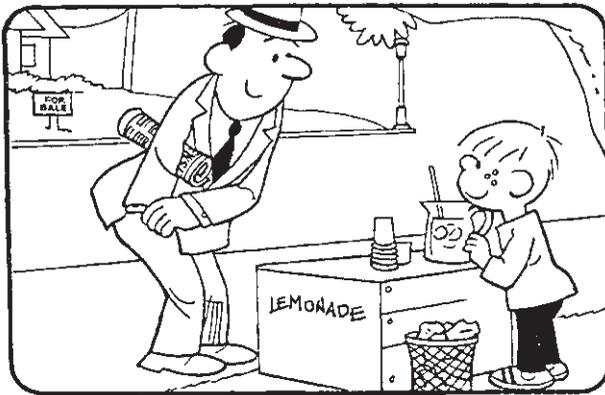
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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GESSU

Look
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Empty
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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Guess; 2. Behold;
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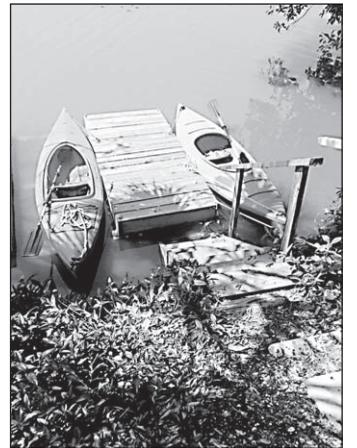


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answer on page 27

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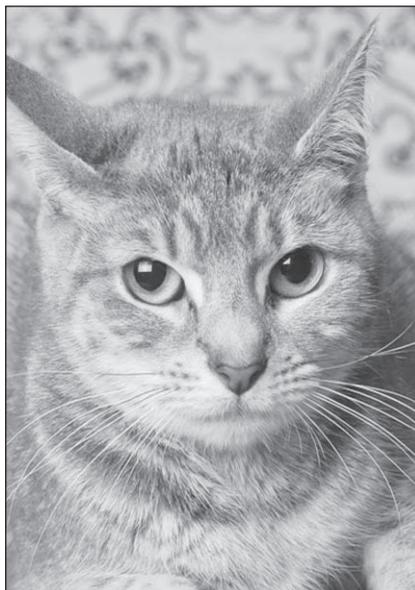
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duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy ®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees).....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118

Kiwanis Clubs:

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

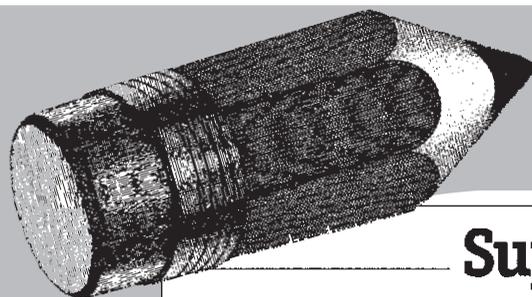
Lions Clubs:

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

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

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



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 18

Super Crossword FAUXCATIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Slightly open
 - 5 Celt
 - 9 Lose one's fur
 - 13 Orchestra section
 - 18 Ahmedabad attire
 - 19 Voice type
 - 20 Munich mister
 - 21 Proof-of-purchase, often
 - 22 Skip
 - 23 Skeleton part
 - 24 Proficient
 - 25 Second Triumvirate member
 - 26 Soda jerk?
 - 28 Laundry CEO?
 - 30 Revolutionary
 - 31 Opie's aunt
 - 32 Drawing room
 - 33 "NYPD Blue" creator
 - 37 — sauce
 - 39 Dandelion or darnel
 - 41 Neutral color
 - 44 Soap additive
 - 45 Charlotte, for one
 - 48 Sacred song
 - 51 Swell place?
 - 53 Psychedelic Timothy
 - 55 Wharton's "The — of Innocence"
 - 56 Gram lead-in
 - 58 Golf instructor?
 - 60 Deil worker?
 - 62 Shoot down
 - 64 Tristan's tootsie
 - 65 Qty.
 - 66 Gimpel and Jong
 - 68 Writer Rogers St. Johns
 - 69 Existed
 - 72 Gas station attendant?
 - 76 Hook's mate
 - 77 Criticizes
 - 79 Mischievous
 - 80 Mauna —
 - 82 Dental appointment, e.g.
 - 84 Manuscript imperative
 - 85 Yacht peddler?
 - 90 Roller coaster operator?
 - 92 — Dawn Chong
 - 93 Baby beaver
 - 94 Record player
 - 95 Actor Chaney
 - 96 Attract the IRS?
 - 98 Minnie of "Circle of Friends"
 - 101 Sturdy trees
 - 102 Inc., in England
 - 104 Spare fare
 - 106 Mrs. McKinley
 - 107 Unrefined
 - 109 "Midnight at the —"
 - 112 Joplin composition
 - 114 Good buddy
 - 115 Herpetologist?
 - 118 Phenologist?
 - 124 Fiesta target
 - 125 Bring to ruin
 - 126 Austin or Garr
 - 127 Fancy fabric
 - 128 Starting point
 - 129 Sentence pt.
 - 130 Ornerly Olympian
 - 131 Spoken
 - 132 Prevent
 - 133 It may be spare
 - 134 Writer Harte
 - 135 Guarded
- DOWN**
- 1 Beginning on
 - 2 Actress Gertz
 - 3 Neighbor of Cal.
 - 4 "Puttin' on the —" ('83 hit)
 - 5 South American cowboys
 - 6 TV's "Kate & —"
 - 7 Italian rumbler
 - 8 Bank offering
 - 9 Contour
 - 10 Semitic tongue
 - 11 Perry's creator
 - 12 Dons one's duds
 - 13 Sonata movement
 - 14 Range
 - 15 College collar
 - 16 "Stop!"
 - 17 Sneak a peek
 - 21 It's often jumped
 - 27 Travel agcy.?
 - 29 Egyptian statesman
 - 31 "Later!"
 - 33 Cinderella's soiree
 - 34 Spread in a tub
 - 35 Nag subtly
 - 36 Towel word
 - 37 Regret audibly
 - 38 Wordsworth work
 - 40 Certain inscription
 - 42 One of the Judds
 - 43 It's in the groove
 - 46 Page or LaBelle
 - 47 Waugh's "Brideshead —"
 - 49 Fragrant neckwear
 - 50 Butte
 - 52 Surface measurement
 - 54 Singer Sumac
 - 57 Texas river
 - 59 Cryptanalyst's concern
 - 61 UN agency
 - 63 City in Kyrgyzstan
 - 66 New Haven hardwood
 - 67 — -dope (Ali tactic)
 - 69 Pop Art pioneer
 - 70 Impassioned
 - 71 "Graf —"
 - 73 Fleur-de- —
 - 74 Raise spirits?
 - 75 Parisian potentate
 - 77 Monastery garb
 - 78 Computer command
 - 81 Matherhorn, e.g.
 - 83 Potok's "My Name Is Asher —"
 - 85 Hindu deity
 - 86 Restaurateur
 - 87 Ditch under a drawbridge
 - 88 Egyptian symbol
 - 89 Investigative
 - 91 Chatter box?
 - 93 Baby butter
 - 97 Cause confusion
 - 99 Fix a fight
 - 100 Courbet, e.g.
 - 103 Pharmacist's concern
 - 105 Wall Street figure
 - 108 Half and half?
 - 110 Moving
 - 111 Mikita of hockey
 - 113 Battery part
 - 114 Kind of soup
 - 115 TV's "Spenser: For —"
 - 116 "What's — for me?"
 - 117 Cross inscription
 - 118 Use a dagger
 - 119 Gourmet Graham
 - 120 Deere thing
 - 121 Skater Lipinski
 - 122 Epps or Sharif
 - 123 Bank (on)
 - 124 Seal school

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Six-pack muscles
- 4 "Huh?"
- 8 Slender
- 12 Speck
- 13 Ginormous
- 14 Last few notes
- 15 Good poker hand
- 17 Stead
- 18 Possess
- 19 Weapon collection
- 21 San Fernando, for one
- 24 Melody
- 25 Have a bug
- 26 Witnessed
- 28 Stickum
- 32 March 15, e.g.
- 34 Central
- 36 Bring to a halt
- 37 Bold
- 39 Roscoe
- 41 Regret
- 42 Conger, e.g.
- 44 Coy
- 46 Puts in the wrong place
- 50 Tatter
- 51 Help slyly
- 52 Vigor
- 56 Paddock
- 57 "My bad"
- 7 Aquarium fish
- 8 Eyeball coats
- 9 Pork cut
- 10 Concept
- 11 Manhandle
- 16 Piercing tool
- 20 Taste
- 21 Futile
- 22 Staffer
- 23 Sweet potato kin
- 27 Peruke
- 29 Fight
- 30 Go
- 31 Ottoman
- 35 Old man
- 38 Verily
- 40 Singer
- 43 Disinfectant brand
- 45 Chap
- 47 Wading bird
- 48 Antitoxins
- 49 Old portico
- 53 Spinning stat
- 54 Coffee break hour
- 55 Scuttle
- 58 Writer Buscaglia
- 59 Despot
- 60 Dalai —
- 61 Tackle's teammate

DOWN

- 1 Billboards
- 2 Automaton, for short
- 3 Modern-day pram
- 4 Complains feebly
- 5 Embrace
- 6 Ottoman
- 7 Aquarum corpulent
- 8 Eyeball coats
- 9 Pork cut
- 10 Concept
- 11 Manhandle
- 16 Piercing tool
- 20 Taste
- 21 Futile
- 22 Staffer
- 23 Sweet potato kin
- 27 Peruke
- 29 Fight
- 30 Go
- 31 Ottoman
- 33 Less

MAGIC MAZE ● IN —

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 P N R K I G D C Y H D B G Z X
 V S G O Q R E M I T O O N M K
 I G E E H C A A T Y O I W U
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- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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| Absentia | Good taste | Play | Time |
| Cahoots | Memoriam | Practice | Touch |
| Conclusion | Order | Principle | Writing |
| Gear | Place | Theory | |



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Happy Mother's Day



HARBOUR LANE

Home/lot package on gulf and bay access canal lot. Dock and boat lift in place. Short walk to blind pass beach, restaurants and shops. SW exposure for lots of fun in the sun. This is a great opportunity to have a new home on a canal on Sanibel and still meet the new insurance guidelines. **Offered for \$850,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597.**



2621 SAN CAP RD.

This adorable 3 bedroom - 2 bath Florida cottage makes for the perfect island retreat. Great location in Sanibel Gardens near shopping and restaurants. **Offered for \$275,000. Contact Nancy Finch 239/822-7825.**



CROWN COLONY

Fantastic Lake View in the prestigious Crown Colony Golf & Country Club. This Heron model has so many options, the best may be the greatly expanded pool and deck area with a commanding long view of the lake with a sunset view. Location is always important, and this house really delivers. More options include stainless kitchen, custom coffered ceiling treatments, custom fans, built-in wood cabinets for the office/3rd br, built in custom entertainment center in living room with large screen HDTV, satellite dish and built-in surround audio system that stays. The very large pool with spa has both solar and electric heater. Electric shutters at front and rear entries. **Offered for \$389,500. Contact Larry Hahn at 239/898-8789.**



TREMENDOUS VALUE AT GULF HARBOUR!

This 3/2/2 carriage home located in the highly desirable Mariposa at Gulf Harbour has it all! **Offered for \$260,000. Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms. Listr" at 239/841-4540.**



DIRECT DEEP WATER ACCESS!!!!

This home is very well maintained. From the new solar heater for the pool to the freshly sealed driveway, the owners have made to many upgrades to list, come see them! Located on a quiet dead end street in the very highly regarded Savona area of Cape Coral, this home even has a small fenced in area off the pool cage for pets. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. **Offered for \$375,000. Contact Bob Berning 239/699-9597**



TIDEWATER ISLAND

Beautiful old Florida style home in the private, secluded, gated, community of Tidewater Island.



Etched glass front door, crown molding in kitchen and great room, thirteen foot ceilings, Chippendale style woodwork on lanai and front entry, rosette and fluted trim in great room around triple sliding glass doors to lanai. Seeing is believing, be sure to see this home. Furnishings negotiable. **Offered for \$399,000 Contact Bob Berning 239/699-9597 or Ken Colter 239/851-1357**

PUNTA RASSA

This elegantly appointed home has been completely renovated. Top of the line granite in kitchen and baths. Unique master bath & dressing area, design award, wood floors, dry bar, stainless steel appliances. Sun drenched with magnificent sunsets and views of Sanibel Island enhanced by hurricane glass enclosed lanai, hurricane glass on all windows. Social membership to Sanibel Harbour included. Turnkey and ready! **Offered \$399,990. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.**



SANIBEL ARMS WEST

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



SOUTH SEAS

Imagine...dreams become a reality while relaxing on your private open deck overlooking the blue-green waters of the Gulf with this Florida Style inspired custom home offering unsurpassed views. Located in the secluded section of South Seas Island Resort, this distinctive home offers the best of both worlds. You will experience privacy while still being only steps away from the shopping, dining, outdoor activities & more. A 4 bed, 3.5 bath with everything for the family and for entertaining from a deck that fully extends the rear of the home to the epicurean eat-in kitchen, a sitting room & liberal living space. **Offered for \$5,000,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



JONATHAN HARBOUR BAY FRONT BUILDING SITE

17059 Marina Cove Lane

This lot has a great dock system with a lift and deep water, electric and water on dock. 140 feet of water frontage and only 10 minutes by water to the Gulf. Private gated community with pool, tennis, and clubhouse. Custom blueprints available for a home if purchaser is interested. **Offered for \$625,000 Contact Ralph or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5897 or 239/828-5807.**



SOUTH SEAS TENNIS VILLAS

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

#3110

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



#3139

Every aspect of the interior is designed to enhance the island experience. The entry level offers a private guest bedroom and bath, a great room that encompasses an open floor plan with sliding glass doors in living and side window in dining area in this end villa. The privacy of the master bedroom with en-suite bath is located on the upper level overlooking an enclave of sunlight through the picture window. **Offered for \$425,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suraz 239/872-1632.**

