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The Lamers Family

The Art Of Three Generations Of The Lamers Family Opens August 3

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents G3: The Art of Three Generations of the Lamers Family. Opening festivities will take place on Friday, August 3 beginning at 6 p.m. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Ken Lamers designed award winning institutional and public buildings in Lee and Collier counties, including the Northwest Regional Library in Cape Coral (along with daughter-in-law Angi, who designed the interior). He built a studio in his home in 2005 and retired in 2008 to devote more time to fine art, which he has always loved. He came out of retirement temporarily to work as a consultant on the new downtown library, less than a block from the Davis Art Center. Lamers' artistic accolades include winning Best In Category in the Digital Imagination show at the Alliance for the Arts. His fine artworks include watercolors, acrylics, figure drawings and digital photographs printed on canvas. He and his wife Mary have six children and seven grandchildren. Both of them come from "singing families," and their children and grandchildren have inherited both artistic and musical talent. It is the talent of all three generations that will be showcased during the G3 show.



Gold Thistle by Ken Lamers

During his 26 years in Southwest Florida, Ken Lamers designed many important buildings for the community: Lakes Regional Library, East Regional Library in Lehigh, Skyline, Diplomat, Edgewood, Colonial and Three Oaks elementary schools, the Charlotte Campus of Edison College, as well as a myriad of government buildings. In Naples, he designed Collier Historics, an automobile museum, and the original Teddy Bear Museum; in Bonita, St. Mary's Episcopal Church; in San Carlos, Lady of Light Catholic Church; and in Fort Myers, Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers. Photographs of some of the buildings he designed will also be on display at the show.

Lamers spent 25 years working as an architect in Wisconsin. After studying industrial design at the Layton School of Art in Milwaukee, he joined the air force for six months. Afterward, he found work with an architect doing architectural design and illustration. In 1962, he tried to get back into industrial design but all of the job offers were from architects. After entering the world of architecture by accident and working with architects

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Comedy Sequel Comes To The Off Broadway Palm Theatre



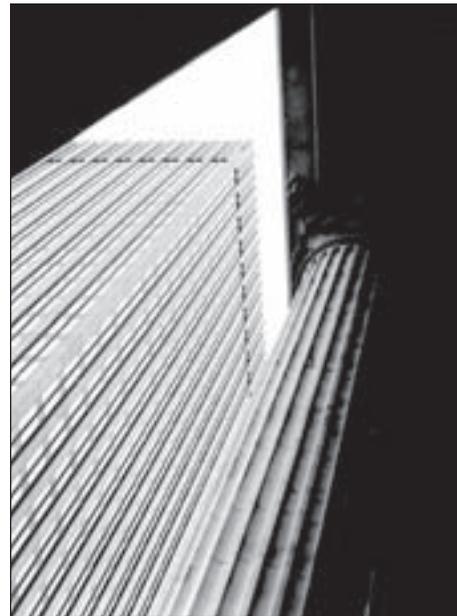
Scene from *Caught In The Net* at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre presents *Caught In The Net*, playing now through August 18. Written by the "master of farce" Ray Cooney, this comedy is the sequel to last summer's hit *Run For Your Wife*, which played to sold-out crowds and received rave reviews from theater patrons and critics alike.

This hysterical play once again follows the antics of London cab driver John Smith, the two-timing taxi driver who keeps two separate lives, complete with two separate families. His teenage children, a girl from one family and a boy from the other, get

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Alliance Member Exhibit Coming Soon



Alignment by Bruce Gora

The Alliance for the Arts announced its final call to artists for the annual member show. The theme this year is *Black & White*.

Current Alliance members are invited to submit one piece following the theme



Copley Square Galactica by Bruce Gora

and containing no color. Shades of gray are allowed. Non-member artists are encouraged to become members to take advantage of this benefit of membership.

The exhibition's opening reception will
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Lee County Jail On Second



by Gerri Reaves

The first jail on record in Fort Myers history is a pine blockhouse constructed at the U.S. Army Fort Myers in 1856 during the Third Seminole War.

Human nature being what it is, the need for a jail continued once the post-Seminole and -Civil War settlement evolved into a new town and county and assumed responsibility for protecting the public.

By the mid-20th century, Lee County had a substantial jail, as seen in the historic photo. The facility stood on Second Street behind the Lee County Courthouse at Courthouse Square.

The county had acquired the square in 1889, soon after the county was formed in 1887. It was bordered by Main (then called Oak Street), Broadway (then called Garrett Street), Monroe and Second – just as it is today.

In 1892, a jail faced Second Street. Also facing Second in the county's formative years were the sheriff's small living quarters and a building used to house county property such as mules, wagons and road equipment.

The first wooden courthouse subsequently went up in 1894, but facing Oak.

A jail was still located on the square's south side more than a half-century later, when the legendary "Snag" Thompson became sheriff in 1948.



The Lee County jail facility on Second Street, circa mid-20th century

photo courtesy of Doug Bartleson

At that time, the department was sparse by today's measure. Besides Thompson, it consisted of only Major Nick Kelly, an office deputy, an "outside deputy" and two jailers.

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The four-story Lee County Administration Office Building, dedicated in January 1962, was constructed on the site of the old county jail. Two more floors were added in 1972

photo by Gerri Reaves



The Justice Center went up in the mid-1980s and gave the county a much larger modern jail

photo by Gerri Reaves



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The Lipman Family Courtyard

Lipman Family Courtyard Opens At Imaginarium

Guests at the Imaginarium Science Center can now enjoy a spacious courtyard with comfortable seating, easy access to other outdoor exhibits all surrounded by native plants and a butterfly garden. Thanks to a generous gift-matching program by the Lipman Family Foundation, this newly renovated space provides an open seating area surrounded by native plants and butterfly gardens, all under the Fort Myers

Water Tower.

With a view of the Fisheye Lagoon teeming with fish, turtles, ducks, geese and swans, and its location next to the Theater-in-the-Tank 3D film theater, the Lipman Family Courtyard is a natural spot to relax al-fresco or have a bite to eat, for groups to gather and educators to provide open-air lessons, or for visitors to enjoy an outdoor event.

In keeping with its goal of sustainability, the Imaginarium landscaped the surrounding courtyard with "Florida-friendly" plants and a butterfly garden offering not only a pleasant place to meet, gather or relax in, but also showcases a diversity of native plants like plumbago, scarlet milkweed, coontie, blue porterweed and three



Check presentation from the Lipman Family Foundation to the Imaginarium Science Center

palm trees that were transplanted as part of this project.

Since the Lipman Family Courtyard was officially dedicated in the spring, it has already hosted educational programs, special events and countless field-trip orientations, plus will be the site for future open-air events and outdoor programming.

Lipman, North America's largest field tomato grower, has donated \$35,000 to the Imaginarium Science Center. The Imaginarium Group, Inc. – the nonprofit that supports the facility – was gifted the match for all donations acquired over a six month period that began on April 28, but the match was quickly satisfied.

The funds were used to make

improvements to the new Lipman Family Courtyard, which will complement The Caloosahatchee Experience exhibit that will, upon completion, be a comprehensive scale model of the Caloosahatchee River watershed winding around the exterior of the Imaginarium.

"We rely on support from companies like Lipman to provide funds for educational programs and exhibitions," said Matt Johnson, executive director of the Imaginarium Science Center. ✨

Greeters Club To Meet August 16

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on Thursday, August 16 at Colonial County Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Activities include fun games and social gathering.

Call today to join this dynamic group of women of Lee County. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$20, and reservations are required. For more information, contact Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Marie Gaither at 791.8966 or email wmgaither@aol.com. Also, check out Greeters of Fort Myers on Facebook for more summer activities. ✨

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The Heights Center staff with Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto. From left, Laurie Stanley, Kathryn Kelly, Angela Alvarado, Cecilia Estrada, Melissa Brown, Senator Benacquisto, Julie Workman, Lynn Grissing and Jim Sanger

Senator Benacquisto Pays Visit To The Heights Center

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto toured The Heights Center on July 17. The final phase of construction on the community and cultural arts center was recently kicked off after several donations finished the capital campaign to complete construction of the \$5.7 million building.

The Heights Center will be a place for all residents of Harlem Heights to gather and grow. Education, opportunity, health and wellness, and access to the arts will create pathways for self-sufficiency and community development.

"We appreciate Senator Benacquisto's interest in The Heights Center," said founder and executive director Kathryn Kelly. "The building is in the center of this community where families can meet, where children can receive tutoring and after school care, where adults can receive education, job training, health advocacy, social services and more." ❄️



Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, center, with Heights Center staff Jim Sanger, Julie Workman, Kathryn Kelly and Laurie Stanley



From left, Tree Andre, Mango Street Inn; board member Jim Lanbeth, A Better Bugman; and Pat Ferguson, Keller Williams Elite

Beach Chamber Holds Reception For Bud Nocera

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce held a welcome reception for its new president, Bud Nocera, at DiamondHead AllSuites Resort on Fort Myers Beach on July 11. Several hundred people attended the event, which welcomed Nocera back to the area. He previously served both Fort Myers and Lee County, primarily in tourism roles. ❄️



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Fort Myers Public Art:

Robert E. Lee Memorial



by Tom Hall

In the median on Monroe across from the Art League of Fort Myers is a memorial dedicated to Lee County's namesake. It is not a tribute to the general who led the Confederate Army in the war between the states. Rather, it symbolizes Lee's legendary integrity and concern for his fellowman.

The bust and pedestal were commissioned by the Laetitia Ashmore Nutt chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which was formed nearly a century ago. From its inception on February 12, 1913, the chapter began collecting funds for a memorial, but in 1915 "the chapter turned over its Lee memorial money for use at the hospital," said chapter president Lalla R. Moore at the memorial's dedication more than 50 years later.

The chapter immediately began a new memorial fund. However, they were impeded in their fundraising efforts first by World War I and then by the Great Depression. They'd only collected a scant \$500 by 1940 when the hospital again

found itself in need. This time, the chapter cheerfully used its memorial money to help furnish the hospital's new nursery.

In 1953, the chapter began yet another fundraising campaign. As soon as they had enough money, they commissioned an Italian sculptor by the name of Aldo Pero to cast Lee's likeness in bronze. But the UDC group was short of the money still needed for a pedestal for the bust, so they placed Lee in the courthouse lobby with a collection jar for nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars.

Hundreds of Lee residents made contributions, some in amounts of \$100 or more. And on January 6, 1966, footers were dug for the concrete base needed to support the pedestal and base. Before the concrete was poured, Edna Grady Roberts and James W. Clifford placed a dozen relics from places like Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, Harper's Ferry and battle-field throughout Virginia into the base "as a symbol of unity between the North and the South." Roberts served as chair of the fundraising committee; Clifford had collected Civil War memorabilia for more than 40 years.

The monument was finally dedicated on January 19, 1966, which was the 159th anniversary of Lee's birth. Francis Asbury Hendry moved to have this county named after Lee some 79 years earlier in honor of Lee's "iron integrity - his utter devotion to truth," said Hendry's great-grandson Lloyd at the dedication ceremony. "[He] spoke of Lee's deep and abiding concern for his fellowmen. These are the qualities [my great-grandfather]



The Robert E. Lee Memorial across from the Art League of Fort Myers

hoped the people of Lee County would emulate."

Thus, it is only fitting that the efforts to erect an enduring tribute to Lee were twice tabled by the local UDC chapter's concerns for their fellowmen.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District's public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to www.trueetours.net.

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Lee Republican Women To Meet

The next dinner meeting of Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, August 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow.

Speakers will include the Lee County School Board Republican candidates for District 2 and 3 as well as Lee County Commissioner Republican candidates for Districts 1, 2 and 5.

Cost to attend the meeting is \$20 all inclusive (cash bar available). Reservations may be made by calling 432-9389 or sending an email to crdy@gnell222@gmail.com.

For additional information, contact LRFWF president Michele Duryea at 280-7653 or micheleduryea@embarqmail.com.

Democratic Women's Club

The next monthly meeting of the Democratic Women's Club will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, located on the northeast corner of College Parkway and Summerlin Road in Fort Myers.

The cost to attend the meeting for those who wish to stay for lunch, is \$18 per person. To make reservations and menu selections, call 466-8381.

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This year's election will present one of the longest ballots in Florida's recent election history. In addition to the Presidential elections, state-wide and local races, there are 11 constitutional amendments on the ballot for every voter's consideration.

The League's special website makes voting easy. Visit www.BeReadyToVote.org. For Spanish, go to www.vamosavotar.org.

Need help registering or finding your poll location? Prefer to vote early and want to know where? Need info on Supreme Court justices and state candidates? Need help understanding what the ballot amendments really mean?

There are three ways to vote in Florida: Early, by mail and in person on Election Day.

Likely to be in a rush on election day? Avoid long lines by using the mail-in ballot. If you have not received your requested mail in/absentee ballot, call your local Supervisor of Elections and request it. This can be done over the phone by any registered voter.

Once you have filled out your mail-in ballot, insert it in the return mail envelope and be sure to sign the back of the envelope. Apply appropriate postage. In most counties, you can drop off your ballot with elections staff at any early voting location. (NOTE: you cannot drop off your ballot at a voting precinct on Election Day).

Before you vote, be sure you:

- Update your address - Have you moved? Did you let your local Supervisor know? You can make your address change over the phone. Contact your Supervisor of Elections' office and give them your new residential address. Don't be surprised on Election Day because you forgot to update your address.

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Rotary Club of Fort Myers Participates In Honor Flight



Anne Rose, Guy Walton, Gay Thompson and Gene Gallagher

submitted by Don Molloy

Honor Flight was made possible by the generosity of our Rotary Club and by the leadership of Gary Bryant and Gay Thompson. Bryant also went above and beyond in a time of great adversity to arrange for special transportation to the Honor Flight Orientation on June 2, which gave the veterans and guardians a great chance to spend time together in advance of our trip.

On June 9, Southwest Florida Honor Flight departed from Fort Myers for Washington, D.C. carrying World War II veterans from all over Rotary District 6960. Last week, we heard from four veterans – George Bail, Gene Gallagher, Bill Nichols and Guy Walton – who were all escorted by members of our club on this special journey.

Report from Guardian Anne Rose

I was lucky enough to be one of the people to serve as a guardian for this trip, along with Gay Thompson and Gary Green and John Kimbell. Here are some of my experiences from this day and my hope is that this recount will help you have a sense of the experience:

For all participants in the June 9 Honor Flight, the day began early, with 5 a.m. wake-up calls between Gay, Guy and me. The weather the night before our trip consisted of some very violent thunder storms, so most of us were awake during part of the night, just waiting for morning and just waiting to get to the airport. For me, I was so eager to go, it couldn't come soon enough.

When we got to the airport, our veterans were greeted by warm hugs and handshakes and smiles from many of our own club members and from many I didn't know, but I will always remember their warmth. We proceeded toward security through a passageway lined with American flags and cheering crowds. On the other side, we were served breakfast by volunteers who were eager to serve our veterans and show their appreciation.

Our flight proceeded in a jovial manner, with a great spirit of camaraderie flourishing and a great sense of excitement building. Upon arriving at Ronald Reagan International Airport, we were greeted by music and fanfare and spontaneous applause for our heroes. It was like being in the presence of royalty and all I could do was bask in the reflection of their honor, their glory and their humility.

In addition to the great reception we received, we were lucky enough to pick up some volunteer soldiers who gave up their day off to be part of our escort in the City of Washington, D.C. Their help was invaluable in ensuring the comfort and safety of our veterans and their spirits were genuine and filled with heart.

We went to the World War II Memorial and found ourselves surrounded by hundreds of adoring fans of our veterans, including the Girl Scouts of America who were having their Jamboree that day. So many of them wanted their pictures taken with our veterans or just wanted to be in their presence. How lucky am I to be a guardian.

After visiting the World War II Memorial, we went to Arlington National Cemetery and witnessed the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The silence was deafening and the respect in the air was palpable.

Our last stop of the day was at the USMC War Memorial, which depicts the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima. As we were getting off our bus to go to the memorial, a veteran who was seated in the row ahead of us did not rise to get off the bus. I leaned in and asked him if he would like to go ahead of us and he told me he was going to sit this one out since it had already been such a long, long day. It made me sad to know this last stop would be missed for him.

It was here at the USMC War Memorial that our photographer gathered all of the veterans for a group photo. One of the most poignant sights that will be in my memory is looking at a slew of empty wheelchairs in front of the statue of Iwo Jima that



Gene Gallagher, Guy Walton and an unidentified veteran

were left behind as our veterans stood for their group photo.

When we went back to the bus for our return to the airport, I saw the veteran who had said he was going to "sit this one out" being helped back onto the bus by one of the volunteer soldiers who met us at the airport in Washington. I said to him, "You made it after all." He smiled in a profound way and said, "Yes I did."

Our trip home was no less than our trip going, filled with letters from children praising our veterans and upon arrival back in Fort Myers, there was a bagpiper and a sea of friendly faces, waving hands and waving flags.

Along each step of this journey, the humility of the men and women that were being honored was evident and all around you could hear phrases like "We didn't expect anything like this." The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" was embodied in each and every one of our veterans.

The long-awaited day ended with everyone home, safe and sound, and for me, with a heart full of love for the men and women who gave me a freedom like no other in the world.

I love you all, and God bless America.*

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Lee County Jail On Second

An upstairs apartment gave the jailer a place to catch a catnap during a 12-hour shift.

Another notable employee at the county facility during the mid-20th century was Samp Brown. He had grown up in Big Cypress as the son of legendary pioneer William "Bill" Brown, who founded a store Brown's Landing (now Immokalee) and traded with the Seminoles.

In 1955, the old jail on Second was remodeled into a two-story concrete office space and rechristened the Courthouse Annex.

According to Doug Bartleson, sometime around this time period, the old jail also housed detainees for the Fort Myers Police Department after the old three-cell jail behind the first city hall in Evans Park was no longer used.

But by 1960, big changes were in store for the south side of courthouse square. The construction of the Lee County Administration Office Building began on the site.

The old jail was moved across Monroe Street to face Anderson Avenue (now Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard), the present site of the modern Justice Center.

Walk down to Second and Monroe and contemplate the history of Courthouse Square. Then, look across Monroe Street and marvel at the leaps in scale that public buildings have made in only a few decades.

Then, visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn about the history of the justice system.

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

Don't forget to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, one of the area's best research centers for local 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 visit on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Sources: *The Lee County Courthouse Through the Years* by Gordon "Booch" DeMarchi, the archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.*



The wedding of Sherry and Peter Ramsey aboard the *Indian Princess*

Along The River

The *Indian Princess* is now scheduling cruises for condominium associations, social clubs and other organizations. The experienced events coordinators are busy planning upcoming weddings, rehearsal dinners, birthdays and even a retirement party. October 8 is already booked for the residents of an established, local gated golfing community which has also reserved the paddle boat on March 7 for a end-of-season spectacle. Be sure to book early as the *Indian Princess* is already taking reservations for Christmas parties.

The *Indian Princess* also organizes celebrations open to the public for events such as the successful New Years Eve fireworks tours, Mardi Gras and other fun holidays.

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Nervous Nellie's is a casual, family-fun restaurant that boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. Nellie's friendly staff will magically satisfy everyone with the very best food and drink without breaking the bank. Call ahead to reserve a spot in air-conditioned comfort or outside on the expansive waterfront patio. Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Enjoy happy hour all day, every day at Ugly's.

While relaxing on the outdoor patio, swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music. Go to www.nervousnellies.net for a daily listing of live music from the area's premier local talent along with upcoming special events.

Whether you arrive by land or sea, parking for patrons of Nellie's and Ugly's is free. If you are traveling by boat, marine dockage is available at the Snug Harbour Marina with dock attendant's assistance. The GPS coordinates are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. It is open for lunch, dinner and snacks in between. Call 463-8077.

On Saturday, July 27, join Fort Myers car enthusiasts at the **Downtown Car Cruise-In**. Held in the River District on the fourth Saturday of every month, the event features vintage, modern, and unique cars from 5 to 8 p.m. and a DJ spinning classic rock with trivia.

For more information, call 1-855-RDA-EVENTS (732-3836).

On Monday, July 30, the **Fort Myers Film Festival Mixer** will be held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers from 7 to 9 p.m.

Stop by to watch and discuss short films that are being considered for the Fort Myers Film Festival. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$2 for Founding Fans.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in historic downtown Fort Myers. Call 333-1933 or go to www.sbdac.com.

Life is cool at **Pinocchio's Original Homemade Italian Ice Cream** in Sanibel.

The quaint shop has been a Sanibel tradition for nearly 30 years. Visitors drive to the island to enjoy the pristine beaches, excellent shelling and natural wildlife. Families and residents often take the bicycle paths to the Sanibel Lighthouse on the east end of the island. Many say that their favorite stop along the way is Pinocchio's.

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Anne Douglas and Tina Parker



Cello Bennett and Ellen Sheppard



John Sheppard and Richard Prescott



Tara Molloy and Jacke McCurdy



Sarah Owen, Howard Leland and Dawn-Marie Driscoll

More than 40 guests attended an open house reception hosted by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation on July 17 to unveil an exhibit of the artist Gale Bennett's work.

A collection of 15 paintings are now available for viewing, of which 12 are available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds from sales will go towards the foundation's arts fund.

Cello Bennett has donated two of her late husband's paintings to be displayed and auctioned off for the foundation's Fund for the Arts in Southwest Florida.

Being auctioned off, *Bouquet de Printemps (Spring Bouquet)* is an iconic piece for its unique image and bold use of color. Its strong graphic image entices the eye to look at it again and again. Gale Bennett chose this piece as the poster painting for his 2006 French exhibition, *Bouquets Sauvages (Wild Bouquets)*. The other painting, which is a gift to the community foundation, *Pond Two*, was painted in Giverny, France where the artist Claude Monet lived.

"I wanted to donate pieces that each had a special significance," said Cello Bennett. "Many of Gale's students in Southwest Florida came to study in Giverny one or more times, and they especially can relate to these paintings. Gale used a lot of ultramarine blue, his favorite color, in both of these paintings."

A native of Southwest Florida, Gale Bennett (1939-2008) was an internationally-known contemporary painter and artist whose work can be found in collections throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. His modern eclectic painting style included references to Abstract Expressionism, Impressionism, Cubism and even Renaissance art. Gale Bennett was the founder and director of ArtStudy Giverny in Giverny, France, a school for artists and photographers. He studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

"Gale would be very proud," added Cello Bennett. "While he was never wealthy in monetary terms, he was always willing to contribute his paintings and his teaching."

According to Sarah Owen, CEO of the SWFLCF, art-related activities and events will also be planned throughout the year to showcase the collection as it expands.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is celebrating its 35th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. The community foundation has provided more than \$50 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2011 fiscal year, SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

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



Joe Mazurkiewicz with his portrait by Gale Bennett



Joe Mazurkiewicz, Arlene Knox and Arden McCurdy

Junior League Member Socials

The Junior League of Fort Myers (JLFM) announces its upcoming summer New Member Information Socials. Women over the age of 21 who are interested in learning more about the league can select from the following dates and locations:

Saturday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – The Edison Restaurant, 3583 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Wednesday, August 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – The Bell Tower Shops, Suite 251 (former J. Jill store), 13499 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers.

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BIG Backpack Event Returns

The Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida will present the 13th Annual Big Backpack Event, celebrating back-to-school and diversity in the community, on Sunday, July 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

For the past 12 years, the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida has been hosting this popular community outreach event that has provided new backpacks and school supplies to more than 25,000 students since it's inception.

The event draws an estimated crowd of 15,000 people each year, which kicks off the new school year. Although the doors open to begin the event at 11 a.m., the line begins to form around the Harborside Event Center as early as 7 a.m. The first 2,500 students ages 5 to 12 will receive free backpacks, school supplies, eye screenings, haircuts and giveaways. Parents or guardians must bring their school age children in order to receive the free supplies. Families will also enjoy festivities that include face painting, an inflatable slide and bounce house, clowns and live multicultural entertainment on the main stage throughout the event.

There is no fee for the event, and all families are welcome to come out and enjoy the fun festivities. Vendors, sponsors and donations are welcome. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to support students in need. Every \$10 donation adopts a student in need and provides them with a new backpack and school supplies.

Walmart Market 105, which consists of eight stores located in Fort Myers and Naples, has been a major supporter for the event this year. Walmart is donating supplies to fill 2300 backpacks including pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, wide ruled paper, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, and rulers, bottled water, great value breakfast bars and bananas. Their vision centers will also be donating free vision

screenings. The Walmart Foundation provided a grant of \$2,500 to help provide additional supplies for the students. Other large sponsors include Pendas Law Firm

and the Fort Myers Rotary Club.

For more information, visit www.multiculturalcentre.org.*



Sweet Spirit Gospel Quartet

Last Sunday In July Concert

On Sunday, July 29 at 3 p.m., come to Peace Lutheran Church and enjoy the annual Last Sunday In July Concert, which will feature Sweet Spirit Gospel Quartet and Peace organist and choir director Richard D Jaeggi. The performance is also the Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing, so choose your favorites and join the fun. The concert will be followed by wine & cheese reception.

Peace Lutheran Church is located at 15840 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. For additional information, call 437-2599.*

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OBITUARY

LOISMARY OLSON

Loismary Hayes Olson was taken to her heavenly home July 19, 2012. She was born to the late George and Amanda Hayes January 28, 1920, in Carl Junction, Missouri.

Loismary is survived by her son Joe Vilbig (Mary) of Fort Myers and daughters Victoria Garrison of Fort Myers and Nola Francis of Sanibel as well as six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband George Olson and eight brothers and sisters.

She raised her family in Aurora, Illinois and was active in real estate sales and management before moving to Sanibel in 1983 where she and her husband were avid shell collectors. A real people person, Loismary worked part time in her daughter's gift shop, The Sandpiper of Sanibel, where she charmed visitors from all over the world with her delightful whistling and unforgettable smile.

Her real legacy is the inspiration, humor, creativity, strength, wisdom and love she has given to the family and friends who treasure her so deeply. It is with gratitude, love and admiration that we bid her goodbye for now.

A private family memorial gathering is planned. Those wishing to honor her memory may contribute to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or 1-800-272-3900.*

Watch Out For Fast Moving Summer Storms



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

No matter what the weather forecast is, before you leave the dock, keeping your eye to the sky along with the radar this time of year is a must as a strong

storm can pop up just about any time, day or night. Even while watching a storm's direction on live-time radar on a SmartPhone, it can sometimes be hard to predict exactly what it will do.

This proved very true for me this week as I had to hunker down and sit out a nasty cloudburst on Monday. What looked like a small, heavy thunderstorm that would skirt us to the north ended up blowing up right on top of us. There was nothing else to do but put on the rain gear and sit tight up against a somewhat sheltered mangrove shoreline until the strong wind gusts and rain slowed down enough that I could leave.

Just before the storm soaked us, we had been watching one of the most impressive waterspouts I have seen in years and managed to snap a few pictures. The waterspout was gulfside but only a few miles away, and could be plainly seen from the bay side of the islands.



A waterspout spotted this week

Early this week started out with morning thunderstorms then switched back to the regular pattern of late afternoon/evening thunderstorms. With afternoon thunderstorms a regular event all summer long, I try not to book afternoon trips this time of year. Besides the thunderstorms, a heat index of 100 degrees-plus most days makes being out during the hottest part of the day no fun.

With good high water tides coming later in the day this week, the morning redfish fishing was tough, with a very small window to get it done. We did catch a few redfish but gave up on it quickly to move on to faster action. With lots of kids on my charters this week, I switched it up and went to the old standby: the seatrout.

Catching 50-plus trout was easy to do most mornings. Also, finding feeding birds working glass minnows, you could quickly catch lots of ladyfish, Spanish mackerel and jacks. Often when fishing with children, it's more about finding the non-stop action to keep them interested and busy than it is finding one or two quality redfish.

Small pinfish, grunts and live shrimp rigged two to three feet under a popping cork caught trout after trout. Limits of 15-inch-plus keeper trout took a little bit more work, with only about one in 10 being a keeper. The biggest trout of the week on my boat was a 23-incher caught in near the powerlines in the sound.

Gag grouper fishing in the sound was also pretty good action. Hitting bayside

grouper honey holes on the half hour or so of the slack tide mid-morning resulted in many a lost battle with only shorts being pulled out. Often during slack tide periods, I will change gears and hit a few grouper spots while waiting on the tide to start moving again. In many places I fish for grouper, the tide moves so fast the bait will not stay where you want it or is in the strike zone for a very brief period of time. With no tide, live baitfish will stay against the structure until a grouper just cannot resist it any more.

While fishing for grouper on one of my favorite channel markers in the northern sound, we had non-stop action for over an hour. Even switching up to 65-pound braid heavy spinning outfits, we got our butts handed to us. Dropping the biggest pinfish and grunts from the live well down to heavy bottom structure, we were smoked by the big grouper time after time.

My clients did manage to pull out several fish in the 18- to 21-inch range, but



Eli Jolly, 7, with one of 32 counted fish he caught on a half-day trip with Capt. Matt Mitchell

just could not seem to wrestle that keeper out from his jagged home. Even the tried and true technique of grabbing the spool and walking the fresh hooked fish down the gunnel did not seem to work.

Fishing the sound is all about options and not wasting time on the water trying to catch a target species when it is not feeding or conditions are not right. When fishing gets tough, switch it up and try something else.

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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CROW Case Of The Week:

Osprey Release

by Patricia Molloy



A juvenile osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) arrived at CROW on June 26. It was found on the side of the road and was severely emaciated and dehydrated.

The blood work performed by the clinic suggested that starvation was its primary problem. It is not unusual for juveniles to be poor hunters and have difficulty

thriving after leaving their parents. Dr. Heather placed the patient on a feeding regiment consisting of high-calorie groceries, vitamins and fluid support. During its care at the clinic, it gained a remarkable 350 grams; approximately one-third of its initial body weight. Thanks to the generosity of the Jensen family, the patient was released at Jensen's Marina on Captiva on July 20. It quickly exited its carrier and flew high above the marina while neighboring osprey could be heard calling to welcome the new resident. CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital



The osprey during treatment at the clinic

accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www.crowclinic.org.



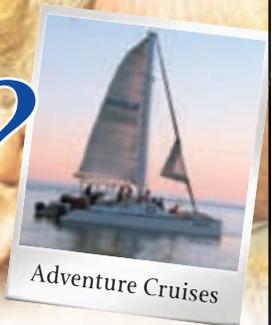
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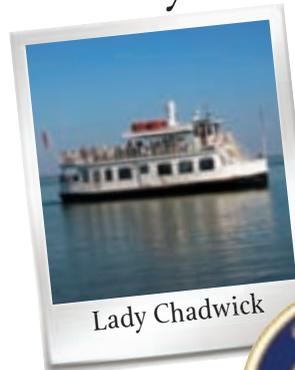
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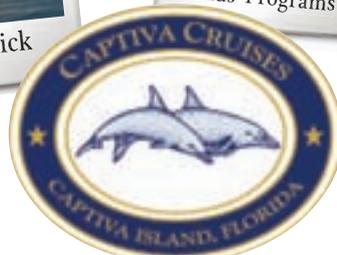
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Plant Smart

Narrowleaf Yellowtop

by Gerri Reaves

Narrowleaf yellowtop (*Flaveria linearis*) is a native wildflower that blooms throughout the year, but mainly in summer and fall.

Whether you want bright yellow color, a nectar plant for native butterflies, skippers and bees, or an easy-to-grow plant, you'll love this flower.

In the wild, it grows in hammocks, pinelands, prairies, on roadsides and even on beaches.

The word *linearis* in the Latin name refers to the narrow leaves, and *flaveria* derives from the Latin word for yellow. So intense is that color that some species of *flaveria* are used as dyes.

Many tiny tubular florets make up the flat-topped upright flowerheads. The erect stems are many-branched and often reddish, and the evergreen leaves are two to four inches long.

This member of the aster family reaches two to four feet, so it's attractive in mass plantings, especially in color contrast to other wildflowers.

Moderate- to fast-growing, it adapts to various soils and has low nutritional needs, so it's a good choice for natural low-maintenance garden.

It grows best in full sun and is moderately drought and salt tolerant. Encourage flowering by pruning after blooming season.



Narrowleaf yellowtop's nectar attracts native butterflies, skippers, and bees

photos by Gerri Reaves

Propagate narrowleaf yellowtop with seed, cuttings, by division or simply let it reseed. Take cuttings carefully, however, for some people report that the sap makes the skin sensitive to light and prone to blistering.



This native wildflower has narrow leaves and erect reddish stems

Sources: Everglades Wildflowers by Roger L. Hammer, Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants by Rufino Osorio, fairchildgarden.org, and lee.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Caring For Your Plants

Rare Fruit Trees

by Justen Dobbs



Our subtropical climate here in Southwest Florida is conducive to rapid growth for many species of rare fruit trees. My definition of a rare fruit is one that you won't find at your

local Publix supermarket. Some rare fruits from other countries are high in nutrients and antioxidants and can be grown with ease here in the ground or in a pot.

Other than the common Coconut palm, there are other palm trees that produce edible fruit. One of them is the Jelly palm (*Butia capitata*), which gets its name because you can make a delicious jelly out of its fruit. Or, you can eat its fruit right off the tree when dark orange. The last time I was in Las Vegas, I found a couple of Jelly palms with ripe fruit on Las Vegas Boulevard and decided to eat them right off the tree. Needless to say, there were plenty of bewildered onlookers. Another palm with edible fruit is the True date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera* or Medjool). The best dates come out of inland Southern California where the palms enjoy the mild, desert climate, but the dates produced here in Southwest



Fruit off a Jelly palm, a native to South America, is tasty and high in Vitamin C

Florida can also be eaten once they are fully ripe.

Lychee Nut trees (*Litchi chinensis*) also grow well here and produce small, sweet fruits that can be enjoyed while in season. Star fruit trees (*Averrhoa carambola*) can be found in some yards in Fort Myers. These trees get quite large and produce lots of long, yellow fruits about the size of a banana. The fruit is sweet

and tangy.

Our native Cocoplum (*Chrysobalanus icaco*) also produces edible fruits which are, of course, the shape and color of plums, albeit much smaller. I have not personally tried one of these yet, but our native Indian ancestors ate them. Another favorite of mine is the Tangelo tree, which is a hybrid between a tangerine tree and a pomelo. Tangelo fruit is a very

juicy and sweet citrus that is in season here from November to April. If you haven't tried one yet, I highly recommend it. Small trees can be purchased at most nurseries that carry citrus.

As a general rule, don't eat any berries or fruits that you find around Southwest Florida unless you are absolutely sure what they are. There are people who collect rare fruit trees as a hobby, and if you are lucky enough to meet one of them, they can educate you further by giving you a tour of their garden. I have personally met a few and they are almost always very nice people who just want to share their love of nature.

*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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General Election

• Update your signature – Has your signature changed over the years? Make sure your voter status is current and up-to-date. The staff at any Supervisor of Elections' office can walk you through the necessary steps to update your signature.

The League of Women Voters of Florida is strictly nonpartisan and never endorses a candidate or a political party. The League has been active in Florida for more than 72 years. More about the League of Women Voters, which welcomes both men and women, is available online at www.TheFloridaVoter.org.*



Millisa Bell, a master gardener and beekeeper, will discuss growing herbs on July 28

The Unruly Gardener Millisa Bell Concludes Family Gardening Month At Alliance GreenMarket

The Unruly Gardener, also known as Millisa Bell, is an organic gardener and beekeeper. As a Florida native and IFAS certified master gardener, she has shared her passion for local food production with countless people through numerous speaking and teaching events over the years. She says there is nothing more worthwhile than devoting quality time to the food we eat.

Bell describes herself as grateful to the farmers and self-sufficiency enthusiasts who inspire her every day, and that's exactly what she hopes to do for kids and their parents on Saturday, July 28 when she presents The Herb Garden during her Family Gardening Month presentation at the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket. The lecture begins at 9:30 a.m. and will last approximately two hours.

Kids and their parents can help create an organic herb garden onsite, with step by step direction from Bell. She'll discuss organic fertilizers and pest control options that make it possible to produce a steady supply of cooking and beneficial herbs all year

FWC Wants To Hear From Anglers About Saltwater Fishing In Florida

If you go saltwater fishing in this state, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) researchers want to learn about your experiences and opinions through the new online Florida Saltwater Fishing Panel. Anyone with a valid Florida saltwater fishing license or Persons with Disabilities Resident Hunting & Fishing License, as well as exempt residents age 65 and older, can sign up to take part in the panel, which begins this summer.

Registered panel members will be asked to complete one web-based survey per month for a one-year period. The surveys will each take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. While most of each survey will focus on the angler's last saltwater fishing trip in Florida during the previous month, surveys may also include questions about current or proposed fishing regulations, licenses, conservation of fish stocks and management effectiveness.

FWC researchers will use survey data to estimate the economic impact and value of saltwater fishing in Florida, to assess the importance of fish hatcheries, to estimate fishing effort and catch rates and to describe angler behavior.

The FWC will take information gathered from panelists into consideration as part of management and policy-making decisions.

Panel members will receive a coupon from West Marine for each monthly survey they complete. Participants will also have the opportunity to review summary results from the monthly surveys.

More than 200,000 anglers who provided their email addresses when they purchased their licenses have already received emails asking them to register for the panel. Those licensed anglers who have not received an email can sign up at www.fwcsaltwaterfishingpanel.com, and by clicking "Register for the Panel." Interested anglers must register by August 20 to receive the September survey. However, new members will be accepted throughout the duration of the panel's operation.

As the panel is fully web-based, a panel member must have Internet access and a current email address.✱

round. Kids of all ages and their parents are welcome to join in the fun.

Family Gardening Month is made possible with generous support of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers.

For more information, contact Santiago De Choch at 939-2787 or greenmarket@artinlee.org.

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



Bell with some of her plants

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Scene from *Caught In The Net*



Caught In The Net, now playing at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre



The cast of *The Big, Bad Musical* looks on as director Deb Kik helps Sevyn Shock on her lines

The Big, Bad Musical Coming To The Firehouse

The Firehouse Community Theatre's Children's Summer Theatre Program will present *The Big, Bad Musical* by Alec Strum and Bill Francoeur, being staged on August

10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and August 12 at 2 p.m.

The Big Bad Wolf is being sued by a storybook of characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. Join us to see our cast of characters in action!

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Caught In The Net

acquainted in an online chat room. They decide to meet in person and John's already hectic life shifts into high gear as he tries to keep his double life a secret. He enlists the help of his best friend Stanley, who invents multiple "cover stories" that grow until they get wildly out of control... and then when Stanley's slightly crazy father arrives, things really get absurd.

The role of John Smith will once again be played by Southwest Florida favorite Victor Legarreta and the role of one of his wives, Mary Smith, will again be played by his real life wife, Kelly Legarreta. Audiences may remember Victor from numerous main stage and Off Broadway Palm productions. Along with working here at Broadway Palm, Victor and Kelly were both very involved with the Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater on Sanibel, where they starred in numerous productions. Victor was also the artistic director for The Off Broadway Palm and the artistic producer for the Schoolhouse Theater for many years. Also in the cast is The Off Broadway Palm's artistic producer Paul Bernier, local actors Christopher Brent, Rachael Endrizzi and Jenny Smith and newcomer Matt Reed.

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre is an intimate 98-seat general admission theatre, located in the main lobby of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. With no seat further than 25 feet away from the stage, you become part of the show.

Performances of *Caught In The Net* are Wednesday through Sunday evenings, with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$49, with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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The Lamers Family

for 15 years, he got his architecture license. In the early 1980s, a friend and colleague who had started his own firm in Southwest Florida asked Mr. Lamers to join him. In 1984, Lamers moved to Florida to join his friend Chuck Schmitt at Schmitt Design Associates. The firm merged with Architectural Resources in 1990, also known as Barany, Schmitt and Weaver (BSW), and later BSSW.

Daughter Shell Lamers Redfern is program manager for design studies at Southwest Florida College. She practices graphic design by day (in fact, she is the creative director of the Davis Art Center), and also creates beautiful paintings, drawings and photography.

Son Mark Lamers has more of a mechanical bent and works as an accountant, but he also builds furniture and cabinetry and shines in the area of photography.

Son Michael Paul has developed his harmonic web, which combines music, math and graphics on the computer, and he's also written a rock opera. Michael's daughter Mandalyn Paul writes music and poetry, sings, draws and paints. Michael's other daughter, Jennifer, sings, composes, and plays piano and guitar.

Son Marty Lamers, who works as a search engine optimizer, is a musician and creative writer, plays piano and guitar, and sings. He will be providing background music at the opening.

Son Kent Lamers has a degree in computer science with a focus on computer animation. He creates paintings, pastels and intaglio prints.

Kevin, the youngest Lamers, is a builder and mill worker as well as a furniture designer. Kevin's wife Angi, an interior designer, makes unique jewelry pieces. Kevin and Angi's children, Macy and Sawyer, are also budding artists.

Each member of the family will present works at the August show. There will be a vast variety of music and art, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts by Mary Lamers, who is well-known for her cooking and baking.

In addition, 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.*

863-675-3066 or send an email to firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 North Bridge Street in LaBelle. For more information, visit www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.*

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New Play Contest Winner At Theatre Conspiracy



Cathy Incardona, Karen and Brian Goldberg, Michael McNally

by Di Saggau

Loyal fans of Theatre Conspiracy were in attendance last Saturday evening for one of their favorite social events, the third annual New Play Contest fundraiser. It was held at the Foulds Theatre in Fort Myers and featured a pre-show reception with delicious food, wine, drink and merriment.

This is actually the 14th annual New Play Contest held by Theatre Conspiracy. They had over 300 entries from across the United States and Canada. Following the reception, selected readings from the top three plays were held on stage. Nine actors took part in the readings, playing various characters from *The Language of Flowers*, *The Tower of Magic*, and a new adaptation of *The Picture of Dorian Grey*. Artistic Director Bill Taylor narrated the various scenes and actions in the plays.

Following the readings, ballots were handed out to everyone in the audience to vote for their favorite play. The winner, *The Tower of Magic*, is about a young woman who has kept her engagement from her family a secret. She has come home to make the problematic announcement, but finds herself stymied when she realizes that her fiance



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will be a huge disappointment to her family. *The Tower of Magic* will be performed in October.

Taylor also announced the partial 2012-2013 schedule for Theatre Conspiracy which includes: August, *The Art of Murder*; September *The Nerd*; and January, *Intimate Exchanges*. The November show, *Becky's New Car*, will be held at The BIG ARTS Strauss Theater on Sanibel.✧



The Grand Floridian Orchestra

Grand Floridian Society Orchestra At Shell Point's Summer Concert Series

Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes the Grand Floridian Society Orchestra as part of its third annual Summer Music Series. This concert will take place on Monday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point.

"The Grand Floridian Society Orchestra is a popular attraction for visitors to Disney World," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life. "The concert will offer the toe-tapping sounds of the Grand Floridian Society Orchestra and we know audience members will hear why Disney resort guests return year after year for this fantastic group of performers."

Coming from Walt Disney World's Grand Floridian Resort is the ever popular Grand Floridian Society Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Pat Doyle. This orchestra features some of the country's finest musicians who have been entertaining guests for the past 25 years.

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Heights Center Secures \$1.5M In Tax Credits

The Heights Center has secured \$1.5 million in New Markets Tax Credits investments (NMTCs) to finish the construction of the \$5.8 million Cultural Arts and Community Center in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. Construction resumed on July 20. When complete this winter, The Heights Center will be a place for education, opportunity and enrichment – building strong, self-sufficient families.

The \$1.5 million in NMTC funding comes from a federal investment by CityScape Capital Group and a state investment by Stonehenge Capital through US Bank.

“The New Markets Tax Credits investment is a critical funding piece in making The Heights Center a reality,” said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Center. “To access the NMTCs, we had to bring significant equity to the project, and could not have done so without the generous support of our local donors. They have steadfastly supported and encouraged us even in the economic downturn. We are also grateful to our friends at CBO Financial who helped us arrange this transaction with efficiency, while providing tremendous support and guidance along the way.”



Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah with Heights Center president and CEO Kathryn Kelly at the recent celebration of the final phase of construction of the Cultural Arts and Community Center

Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah added, “The federal and state New Markets Tax Credits program helps spur economic opportunity and combat poverty. By helping complete construction on the Heights Center, these credits will have a profound and positive impact on our community.”

The New Markets Tax Credit program was established by Congress in 2000

with the goal of attracting new investment capital to disadvantaged communities. By making investments in Community Development Entities (CDEs) whose primary mission is providing capital for low income builders, investors are awarded allocations of tax credits – which they can use to attract and raise capital for projects in low income communities – by the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund through the Department of the Treasury. Upon receiving these allocations, CDEs partner with investors to raise needed capital and provide a sustained investment, that enables borrowers to improve low income communities by building homes, developing businesses, and bring much-needed services to these neighborhoods.

Harlem Heights is a severely distressed community, with children living in poverty at twice the rate of the rest of Lee County. The Heights Foundation has worked for over a decade to come alongside Heights families and work with them by promoting education and opportunity through programs, outreach and advocacy. Their programs create a network of care and support that helps families create deep and long lasting change, thanks to partners like community organizations, churches, social service agencies and more.

For more information about The Heights Foundation and The Heights Center, call 482.7706 or email info@heightsfoundation.org.✪

Odor Control Improvements

The City of Fort Myers has reached an important milestone in its \$1.5 million Odor Control Improvement project for The South Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility. The facility is located at 1618 South Drive in Fort Myers. At this point in the project, demolition will begin on the facility’s obsolete odor control equipment.

During the period of July 23 to October 12, there will be steps taken by the contractor – Mitchell & Stark Construction – to minimize any odors which may affect the surrounding community. Through the use of masking agents, city staff will be taking steps to minimize any such odor breakthrough. Once the new equipment has been started up and balanced, the facility and surrounding community should see major relief from any odor control issues.

As part of their ongoing commitment to being a good neighbor, the City of Fort Myers thanks the community for their cooperation during this time.✪

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Beach Businesses Support U.S. Coast Guard

August 4 commemorates the founding of the United States Coast Guard, originally called the Revenue Marine. The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and its members will show their support for the local coast guard station on San Carlos Island in celebration of Coast Guard Day by displaying signs that recognize the day and the service the coast guard provides to the beach and surrounding communities.

In 1790, Congress, guided by then Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, authorized the building of a fleet of the first 10 Revenue Service cutters. Their responsibility would be enforcement of the first tariff laws enacted by Congress under the U.S. Constitution.

Since its founding, the role of the coast guard has expanded as one of the nation’s five military services, which exist to defend and preserve the United States. They protect the personal safety and security of citizens; the marine transportation system and infrastructure; natural and economic resources; and the territorial integrity of the nation – from both internal and external threats, natural and man-made.

The coast guard is a multi-mission, maritime service offering a unique blend of military, law enforcement, humanitarian, regulatory, and diplomatic capabili-



Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Station

photo by Daniel Eaton, USCGAUX Public Affairs

ties. These capabilities underpin three broad roles of maritime safety, maritime security, and maritime stewardship.

Small Boat Station Fort Myers Beach originally operated from a houseboat. In January 1980, it moved into its present building where servicemen and women work to protect the waters from the Everglades to Charlotte Harbor. They are called upon every day to assist distressed boaters, enforcing the nation’s laws and treaties while guarding the coastline.

“The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is grateful for the work done by our local coast guard sta-

tion,” said Bud Nocera, president of the chamber. All local businesses are being asked to help commemorate Coast Guard Day in recognition and appreciation to the local servicemen and women who help protect our shores.”

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce represents more than 400 local businesses, working to promote a positive business climate in the Fort Myers Beach area by providing networking opportunities, community events, and tourist information.

For more information call 454-7500 or visit FortMyersBeachChamber.org.✪



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 1/4 cup fresh scallions, chopped small
 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, finely chopped
 Tortilla chips

Spread refried beans at the bottom of a baking dish and sprinkle chopped broccoli, radishes and squash on the oven at 300 degrees F for 7 minutes. Remove baking dish from the oven and add cheese and tortilla chips on top and bake in the oven for 3 minutes more. After removing the baking dish from the oven, sprinkle nachos with scallions and cilantro. Add low-fat sour cream, fresh salsa and guacamole on the side. Serve immediately.

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Florida Vegetable Nachos

Captiva Tri Only Seven Weeks Away

When it comes to triathlons (or many sport activities), many experienced racers will tell you "The first is the worst." Breaking old habits, adopting new training patterns and getting yourself prepared to do something outside your usual comfort zone can be a daunting challenge.

Yet more and more people each year accept that challenge and tackle their first triathlon – as is clear when you note that multisport events such as triathlons are one of the fastest growing athletic events around.

What makes triathlons a more approachable endeavor?

- They're achievable. Broken down into their three components, a sprint-length triathlon such as the Galloway Captiva Triathlon – which consists of a quarter-mile swim, a 10-mile bike and a 5K run – is something with reach for all levels of fitness.

- They're accessible. The proliferation of multisport events means there's one to fit almost every calendar and locale. The longer-distance events may take a little more work, but it's easy to find a sprint tri nearby – especially in a warm climate such as Southwest Florida.

- They're affordable. While triathletes can (and do) spend lots to be properly equipped for their sport, all it really takes is a swimsuit and goggles, a bike and helmet, and a pair of running shoes... and the will to use them, of course.

Think you want to try out a tri? A lot of first-timers in Southwest Florida have signed on for the Galloway Captiva Tri (which will be held on Sunday, September 16 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island). We've asked a few of them why they decided to tackle a tri:

"I am doing the race to get in shape and lose weight. I've already lost 30 lbs. through diet and exercise and I have a lot more to go, but this triathlon is on my 'bucket list' and I'm looking forward to the challenge." – Lisa Diamond Stein, Fort Myers

"In 2007, I was diagnosed with sarcoma cancer in the left biceps and it eventually went to the lungs. After radiation and chemotherapy all is fine, and I then decided to get in shape losing 45 pounds with diet and the P90X exercise routine. I decided to try the Galloway Triathlon to give me a change of pace on training for fitness and achieve a personal satisfying goal of physical accomplishment." – Greg Vogler, Sanibel and Chicago, Illinois

"My son and I will be doing this race for the first time. My son is 7 and I am (not). We both love sports but this is the first time that we can do an event together, as many marathons and triathlons do not consider children. They are the future of the sport and they need great, fun events like this to get off the couch and discover the pleasure of working with their bodies." – Kimberly Blake-Roth, Miami Beach

When you register for the Galloway Captiva Tri, you'll also start receiving bi-weekly coaching tips from USA Triathlon Level 2 Coach Angie Ferguson, president of Geared Up, the official coaching sponsor. Ferguson brings years of experience as both a multisport coach and a seasoned triathlete (including 18 Ironmans) to her training advice. She will also be conducting on-site clinics before the race to help both novices and seasoned athletes get their bearings.

Want to make your kids part of the fun? There's a race for them, too. The Children's Tri will be held on Saturday, September 15, with two different age groups (ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 13) on a shorter course. For both adults and kids, the course is

a great combination of beauty and safety. The open-water swim will have a full complement of lifeguards and public safety officials, and the bike portion of both events takes place on roads closed to other traffic. The Gulf-front run course is just flat-out gorgeous (along with being flat).

Both adult and children athletes can find out more details and register online through the link at the event's website, www.captivatri.org. The entire family can make the Galloway Captiva Triathlon a family, fun and fitness weekend at South Seas Island Resort.

The title sponsor is the Galloway family of dealerships, Southwest Florida's pre-eminent auto outlets who also sponsored last year's inaugural event. Event sponsor for the adult race is the Zehr Center for Orthopaedics, and Jason Gunter P.A. is sponsor for the children's event. Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) is the benefitting charity for the race, as it was last year. A portion of the proceeds raised at the event will go towards supporting CCMI's School Backpack Program, providing emergency food more than 2,000 local children each school year.

For additional information, go to www.captivatri.org or find them on Facebook by searching for Captiva Tri.*

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I need some ideas to keep working on writing skills with my children this summer. I know that writing is a big issue at school and I want them to

do well. They are pre-teens and in middle school.

Joanna B., Sanibel

Joanna,

I applaud you for wanting to work on writing skills with your children. Most kids don't use their writing skills during the summer vacation without being given specific assignments to complete. The way to improve writing skills is through practice. Your kids might enjoy writing even more during the summer without the pressure of testing and grading. Writing provides children (and adults) an opportunity to express their unique thoughts, opinions and emotions.

Anindita Basu Sempere, executive director of TheWritingFaculty.com, recently suggested some great ideas to keep kids writing during the summer months. Journaling and blogging might work well for your children. With journaling, you might suggest that they pretend they are living in another country, or another galaxy to give this writing experience some creativity. Writing even one page a day will keep their skills intact. Blogging is so popular now and writing

about a personal interest or an imagined adventure could be fun for them.

You might suggest that your kids collaborate and write a play or adapt a favorite story. They could round up their friends and ultimately perform their work. Adding costumes, props, music and other dramatic elements to their production would be a great learning experience.

A family writing experience could also be a lot of fun for everyone in the family. You as the mom would write an opening paragraph and a conclusion to a story and then let your kids fill in the rest. The kids could take turns writing paragraphs or they each could write their own. You might want to set some parameters about this story and just let their imaginations take over. Over the course of about a week, I think you would see a creative and interesting story emerge and enjoy a great family as well.

Summer is also a great time to make sure that your children's word processing/typing skills are satisfactory. There are lots of online word processing programs to use for instruction and practice. This is a great site for lots of free games to improve these skills: www.learning-gamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html. Happy writing!

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Edison Collegiate High School Tops In State Scores

After only two years in operation, Edison Collegiate High School – Lee took top scholastic honors in the state.

The collegiate high school earned an A grade and ranked in the top three percent of all Florida high schools based on its Assessment-Based Performance and Learning Gains of 678 points. Students achieved much higher than the 525 points required to earn an A grade. The school ranked 13 in the state based on these high scores.

"All of this was possible because students worked very hard under the direction of extremely dedicated teachers," said Dr. Brian Botts, principal of Edison Collegiate High School – Lee.

While the score and ranking is truly remarkable, the way it was earned is the real story, Botts said.

"ECHS – Lee operates with an open enrollment policy, focuses on delivering interdisciplinary lessons of academic content with a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) focus, does no deliberate FCAT-prep activities, uses open source and free curriculum in lieu of many textbooks, and believes that



Brian Botts

enhancing critical thinking and communication skills are the best way to create independent learners," he said.

The charter school, located on the Edison State College Campus, has 100 students in each grade. The upcoming freshman class, which begins on August 8, competed in a lottery against almost 300 students vying for a seat in the class.

For more information about Edison Collegiate High School – Lee, visit echslee.edison.edu/.✱

Hodges University Schedules Open Houses August 11

Hodges University will host an open house at all three of their campus locations in Fort Myers, Naples and Immokalee. The events, set for Saturday, August 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include tours of each facility and will provide an opportunity for potential students to meet with admission coordinators and financial aid representatives.

The Fort Myers campus is located at 4501 Colonial Boulevard near Winkler Extension. In Naples, the Naples campus is located on Northbrooke Drive, just off Immokalee Road at I-75, and the Immokalee Learning Site is located at 1170 Harvest Drive. The fall term will begin on September 6.

Hodges University is comprised of four schools of study, including the Nichols School of Professional Studies, the Fisher School of Technology, the Johnson School of Business and a School of Allied Health.

By offering flexible scheduling, accelerated degree programs, online and distant learning opportunities, and a range of services designed to help students achieve goals, Hodges University has emerged as a leading resource for students confronted with the responsibility of working full-time and raising families, and all while pursuing their education.

For more information on available degree programs and enrollment procedures, call 513-1122 in Naples, 482-0019 in Fort Myers, and 657-7710, or visit www.hodges.edu.✱

Tomasek Named To Dean's List

Cornell University's David Tomasek, a resident of Cape Coral, was placed on the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences for Excellence in Scholarship for the spring 2012 semester.✱

Blue Named To Dean's List

Drew University student Matthew Blue, a resident of Fort Myers, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester.✱

Weber Named To President's List

Sarah Weber, a resident of Fort Myers, was one of 246 students awarded for academic success at Howard Payne University during the spring 2012 semester. Weber was named to the President's List at the Brownwood, Texas school.✱

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Black & White Exhibit

be held on Friday, August 10 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Artwork in all mediums should be delivered to the Alliance campus wired, framed and ready to hang on Monday or Tuesday, August 7 or 8 during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Entries that have previously been shown at the Alliance, or that do not follow the theme, will not be accepted.

Individual Alliance memberships are \$50 annually and offer valuable benefits including additional exhibition opportunities and discounted entry fees. The artist prospectus is available at the Alliance for the Arts, located on the corner of Colonial and McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers, online at www.ArtInLee.org or can be requested via mail by calling 939-2787.

The *Black & White* exhibit will run through September 1. In addition, artwork by Harley Young will be on display in the Members Gallery. Fran Noack will be in the theater lobby.✱

Junior Achievement Of Southwest Florida Receives \$1,000 Donation

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida has received a \$1,000 donation from The Daniel R. and Anne M. Harper Foundation. The funding will enable the nonprofit organization to provide Junior Achievement classes to the entire fifth-grade level at Villas Elementary School.

"Thanks to the generosity of The Daniel R. and Anne M. Harper Foundation and our other foundations, corporate partners and volunteers, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida is able to offer hands-on, engaging programming that provides local students with the skills and confidence to successfully enter the workforce," said Anne Frazier, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida provides in-school and after-school programs for students in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties that focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

For more information about Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, contact Anne Frazier at 225-2590 or info@jaswfl.org. The website is www.JASWFL.org.✱

Could The Twins' Aaron Hicks Follow In The Footsteps Of Puckett, Hunter And Span?



by Ed Frank

No baseball team in recent history has been blessed with centerfield talent like the Minnesota Twins. There was Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett, then Torii Hunter and presently Denard Span.

But soon there could be another multi-talented youngster named Aaron Hicks patrolling the Twins' outfield with all the tools to rank right up there with Puckett, Hunter and Span.

We wrote about Hicks back in 2008 when the Twins selected him as their first-round draft choice (14th overall pick). He had honed his skills in baseball's Urban Youth Academy in Los Angeles being the first to be a first-round pick out of that inner

city training facility.

Hicks actually considered professional golf as a career rather than baseball, and today still carries a very low handicap.

His father, who played baseball in the San Diego Padres organization, encouraged his son toward golf as a teenager, but Aaron had other ideas.

He became one of many beneficiaries of the Urban Youth Academy, an organization that provides free baseball instruction to Los Angeles youth. This experience paved the way for him to become a star at LA's Woodrow Wilson High School, where scouts soon noticed his talents.

Now 23 years old, Hicks has progressed through the Twins' Minor League system, playing last year for the Fort Myers Miracle where he batted .274 in 100 games.

He was moved up this year to Double A New Britain, where Jim Rantz, the veteran director of the Twins' Minor Leagues, said during spring training he expected a "break-out year" for the five-tool Hicks.

Here's what Heather Cavaliere, a reporter for MLB.com, recently wrote about Hicks:

"The 6' 2" 185-pound switch hitter has shown that he has all the tools. He can hit for average, has shown power, has speed and has turned in some highlight reel plays in the outfield. It's the last part (defense) in which Hicks takes the most pride."

In one stretch of 13 games in July, he went 18-for-49 (.367) with two homers, four RBIs and three stolen bases. Hicks play is a significant factor why the New Britain Rock Cats are battling for first-place in the Eastern Division of the Eastern Baseball League.

As this week began, Hicks was batting .276 over 90 games with nine home runs, 43 RBIs and an on base percentage of .372. He leads the team with 22 stolen bases. His Rock Cats were just three games out of first place with a 57-45 season record.

Just as Hunter and Span played their early professional baseball years here in Fort Myers before reaching Major League stardom, don't be surprised if Hicks follows suit.

Miracle Home At Hammond Stadium This Weekend

The Fort Myers Miracle started this week with a second-half season record of 14-17 after a 4-6 record the last 10 games. Despite this sub-.500 mark, the Miracle was in fourth place in the Florida State League South Division and just four games out of first place.

The team is home for four games this weekend, Thursday through Sunday, hosting Brevard County. The Thursday through Saturday games have 7:05 p.m. starts with the first pitch Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

Following the weekend series, Fort Myers departs on a seven-game East Coast road trip to Daytona and St. Lucie.*



Aaron Hicks

FGCU Hosts Second Annual Golf Tournament

The Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University and the Small Business Resource Network will host the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 21 at the Old Corkscrew Golf Club, 17320 Corkscrew Road in Estero. Check-in is at 7:30 a.m. and tee-off at 8:30 a.m.

The Small Business Resource Network (SBRN) helps businesses succeed by connecting them with experienced professionals, service providers and government agencies.

The SBDC is a dynamic community-based resource, which helps small busi-

ness owners take advantage of new opportunities to grow their business through a diverse collection of programs and services.

Cost for participants is \$100 per player, which includes 18 holes of golf, a BBQ lunch, raffle prizes and more. The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 18.

The event is sponsored by Smooth Swing Golf, Great Florida Insurance, Panther Printing and Grasmeyer Business Services, LLC. Sponsorships are also available.

To register or for more information, visit www.SBRN.org or call Lorna Kibbey at 745-3700.*







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Financial Focus

'Millennials' In Good Position For Future Investment



by Jennifer Basey

If you were born anywhere from 1982 to 2001, or within a few years of this range, you are considered a "Millennial." As a member of this group, you share many things – cultural references,

familiarity with technology, attitudes toward work and family – with others your age. And if you're one of the "older" Millennials, you and your peers have something else in common.

Specifically, you have a good opportunity to launch investment strategies to help you save for the future.

Why are you so well positioned to invest for the future? For one thing, it's because you have so much of the future ahead of you. As an investor, time is your greatest ally, for a couple of reasons. First, the more years you have to invest, the greater the growth potential of your investments. And second, by investing for the long term, you can help reduce the impact of periods of short-term volatility on your portfolio.

Furthermore, since you may be in the early stage of your career, you probably have yet to reach your maximum earnings and may be eligible to put in the full annual amount to a Roth IRA, one of the most effective retirement savings vehicles available. (Eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA is phased out over a specific income range.) When you invest in a Roth IRA, your earnings have the opportunity to grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until

you're at least 59 1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.

Even if you do contribute to a Roth IRA, you can still participate in your employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) if you work for a company, a 457(b) if you work for a state or local government, or a 403(b) if you work for a school or other tax-exempt organization. And you should indeed contribute to your employer's plan, because it offers some key benefits: Your earnings accumulate on a tax-deferred basis, and you typically fund your plan with pre-tax dollars. So the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. (Taxes are due upon withdrawal, and withdrawals prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.)

The amount you can afford to put into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan depends on your earnings and other circumstances – but you should at least strive to contribute enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered.

Otherwise, you'll be walking away from "free" money.

All the money you contribute to your plan is yours, but if you leave your job before a specified vesting period – which often ranges from three to seven years – you may not be able to keep all your employer's contributions. Check your plan's rules to see how this applies to you.

Of course, since you, as a Millennial, are in the early stage of your working years, you may well be on the lookout for new job opportunities. But if you are close to being fully vested in your 401(k), you might consider waiting a few extra months – or even a year – to take a new job, so that you can leave with the money your employer has contributed.

As a Millennial, you've got time on your side as you invest for the future. So make sure you take advantage of all the opportunities that come your way.

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Jackie Zeh, Kate Gilbert and Geri Gangale of BB&T-Oswald Trippe at ACT

BB&T-Oswald Trippe Volunteers Make A Big Difference In Many Lives

Employees from BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company recently participated in a United Way Day of Caring project with Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Meals Of Hope and Lifeline Family Center. The project was part of BB&T's annual company-wide Lighthouse Project designed to provide employees with an opportunity to make a difference in their community through company supported and funded community service projects.

During the first three years of the Lighthouse Project, BB&T employees rolled up

their sleeves and donated more than 150,000 volunteer hours to local charities and helped improve the lives of more than 5 million people in 25 states.

More than 45 team members kicked off the project by packaging 25,104 fortified meals of beans, rice, soy protein, vegetables, vitamins and minerals through Meals Of Hope, a nonprofit organization. The Harry Chapin Food Bank helped distribute the food as part of the Summer Feeding Program for children. Their efforts come at a critical time while school is out and seventy percent of Lee County children participate in free or reduced meals.

The volunteer work continued with Abuse Counseling & Treatment where over 16 company employees cleaned carpets, installed new shelving, detailed racks and displays throughout the Second ACT Thrift Store.

Finally, team members provided much needed help and hope to support Lifeline Family Center. Goodie bags were given to each girl with personal hygiene items as well as items for their babies. Girls were treated to a movie night at the center complete with pizza, popcorn, throw pillow and couch pillow as a new television. \$3,000 was donated to fund the in-house curriculum for 12 girls for one year of classroom materials.

"The people at BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company are absolute heroes and have a long history of giving back to our community," said Cliff Smith, president, United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades.



Tony Ledbetter and Scott Gregory

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Captiva	Captiva	1992	8,200	2,195,000	2,195,000	34
Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	2000	3,167	1,200,000	1,100,000	118
Briarcliff	Fort Myers	2003	9,100	1,595,000	1,000,000	204
Captiva	Captiva	1950	950	945,000	850,000	1
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2007	3,174	849,905	788,410	7
Palmira Golf And CC	Bonita Springs	2001	2,603	779,000	720,000	48
Wildcat Run	Estero	1990	3,300	689,000	663,100	168
The Colony at Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	2006	2,091	699,000	650,000	283
Beachview Country Club	Sanibel	1982	2,782	644,000	590,000	95
Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	2007	2,210	599,000	575,000	185

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

Dr. Dave

Hazards Of The Trade



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Hospitals and doctor's offices are great places to go and pick up:

- neat drugs
- diseases
- injuries
- nurses
- all of the

above

A doctor's office can be as dangerous as a bikini boutique in Baghdad.

So please be aware of hazardous:

- Tongue depressors – Though we, as kind and entertaining doctors, love to draw little faces on our used Popsicle sticks and give them to Junior, I won't soon forget the little guy who went out of the office and fell on the tongue depressor he had between his teeth. Suddenly, more than his tongue was depressed.

- Liquid nitrogen – Colder than a naked Neanderthal nun in a Nunavut November, LN2 is meant to remove assorted skin bleepies from your hide and to perform cool, eerie smoke-spittin' Halloween tricks. Remember hi skool physics class when Mr. Krywzczkrwzyschky allowed you to dip a wire, a cord or one of Jimmy Wagstaff's

appendages in it and then shatter it on the desk. Can still happen.

- Latex gloves – In addition to wearing these to perform office orifice exams, etc., we often get asked by wee Wesley, "Can you make a balloon face for me doctor." Sure. And if you're allergic to that latex glove, Wesley, I can make you into a balloon face. Again, no longer given out as treats.

- Sharps box – Used needles, broken vials, Madonna's boustierres are usually out of reach of exploring fingers of those less than the sharpest kids and addicts.

- Pap drawers – Toddler Tim likes to open this drawer and grab assorted exciting toys like the duck bill speculums and hockey stick swabs, followed by promptly shutting the drawer on his fingers. Doesn't typically say "Ouch, mother," but rather screams bloody murder, causing mass hysteria out in the waiting room.

- Stirrups – We have no palaminos. Need I say more?

- Previous patients – Who knows what exotic, highly infectious disease the individual sitting in your chair in the waiting room or on the exam table had? "Doc, I notice you're wearing a quarantine suit and a gas mask. Does that have anything to do with the guy who just left with one ear and a festering frothy fibula?"

But perhaps the most dangerous source in a doctors office is the doctor himself. Infections are spread person to person, and that includes the doctor who comes into your room and places a stethoscope on your torso, having minutes earlier pressed it up against an

abscess of a patient dying of a highly infectious Eastern Moldavian tictyphep-herpdenghivcholeraebolanitis type A.

Doctors wear apparel with previces that harbour all kinds of potential pathogens. This includes stethoscopes, SpongeBob cufflinks and neckties. Recently, a Florida company has actually developed an anti-microbial tie for doctors! A bearded colleague of mine used to actually scrub his beard in the kitchen sink after every second patient. Don't forget those pristine white coats with pockets typically teeming with bacteria, fungi, swabs, parking tickets, Regis Philbin photos, lunch leftovers and biopsy specimens, a virtual cesspool which has been fermenting for weeks.

In fact, the less that doctors wear, the better. The British Medical Association has now asked doctors to remove "functionless clothing items" beginning with ties. I thought of trying out this concept by showing up in my thong "Moose," but after a close call with the liquid nitrogen, I decided otherwise.

True, doctors tend to wear the same white coat day after day without washing it, and yes, some never remove their tie except to restrain 6 year olds or snap it at a colleague's crotch in the surgeon's dressing room. But I can't tell you how many times my white coat has acted as a shield against blood, spit, sneezes, sputum and vomit... some of it from patients. To say nothing of Alphagetti and Sloppy Joe's and as a walking storage cabinet of assorted secret paraphernalia.

So I have agreed to lose the ties (I hate

to have my ascot up around my neck anyway), SpongeBob and I will shave daily and clean my stethoscope with alcohol, even though an intoxicated stethoscope is of little use to anyone except Foster Brooks.

But Moose still comes out on Wednesdays.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.

Support Group For Adult Children Of Alzheimer's Persons

A support group specifically for adults who have a parent with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder will meet at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers. Interested caregivers can attend on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:15 p.m.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions adult children face as they provide care to a parent with memory loss or strive to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. The group is open to all interested individuals at no charge.

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dearPharmacist

Nobody Likes Me



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers,

I was slurping Pho at lunch, and blurted to Sam that nobody likes me. He said "Why? You have faithful readers, constant letters expressing gratitude, your books are sold world-

wide, your family loves you, even Dr. Oz and Mercola like you." Over the rice noodles, half joking, I said yeah, but...

Pharmacists – Some don't like me because I offer remedies from the "wrong side of the counter." One acquaintance said, "There aren't any health benefits to herbs Suzy, that's why the FDA won't approve them." For \$40, you can buy all of my books on Amazon.com and learn what they failed to teach us in six years of pharmacy school.

Physicians – Some don't like me because you (the patient) bring my columns in and question them. Most MDs don't research daily, finding it's easier to tell patients I'm wrong. Who pays the price for that? Sam is chuckling because soup is dripping down my chin. How are you supposed to eat soup with chopsticks anyway?!

State organizations – I speak at international conventions, to physicians, phar-

macists and consumer groups, yet in 23 years, I've never been invited by my own state pharmacy organization or university (of Florida... hint, hint). I assume they don't like me because I'm too attracted to good nutrition, exercise and Mother Nature's medicine cabinet. I'm feeling feisty. I'm pretty sure I accidentally spit on Sam's napkin during that rant!

Retail pharmacies – I assume they don't like me because I slow down productivity when customers take up the pharmacist's time up asking about this so-called "drug mugging" effect. Hey, if retail pharmacies bought one copy of *Drug Muggers* for each store, side effects would diminish greatly. If a pharmacy didn't stock a particular supplement, they could send you to the health food store. This reminds me of the movie, *Miracle On 34th Street*. Santa sent families to Gimbal's because he didn't have a specific toy at Macy's. Now that's integrity.

Not to sound like Debbie Downer, but my list gets longer by the mouthful. The religious people at my front door. They didn't initially dislike me, only after they saw me peek through the window and scamper! The phone solicitor who I hung up on. My ex, whatever. Believe it or not, some vitamin makers don't like me, because I have the chutzpah to dish about artificial ingredients and fillers. Someone has to tell the truth! (Yes, they are the size of King Kong).

Call me paranoid, but I think my waiter's mad (despite my generous tip) because I'm typing while I eat, and

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My adult children are asking me to do something that I think is unreasonable.

Thirty years ago, my daughter-in-law was threatening to have a miscarriage. After being in and out of her bed for five weeks, I finally told her, "I had exactly the same thing happen to me years ago, and my doctor said 'get up, that is nature's way of terminating an abnormal pregnancy.'"

My son and daughter-in-law were furious with me and they barely spoke to us for the next six months.

She delivered a severely retarded child,

but what I had said was never mentioned. My husband and I did our best to give support to this child.

My son's business has transferred him to Asia for the next five years. They have asked me to care for their daughter in my home while they are out of the country. They want to be free of responsibility to enjoy his assignment.

I am a widow now and enjoying my retirement. This is a responsibility I do not want and I feel they are expecting too much from a woman of my years. Am I being unreasonable? I would like your opinion.

Eva

Dear Eva,

What is up with your family, Eva? What is your son's story? I cannot understand how or why a mother and father would want to give their daughter to other family members for five years so they can enjoy their trip "free from responsibility." WOW!

I am a true believer in family helping family. I am also a believer of family not taking advantage of family. So, if your son and daughter-in-law want to fly you to Asia on different occasions for you to assist with the care of their child, that sounds more responsible in my book.

Pryce

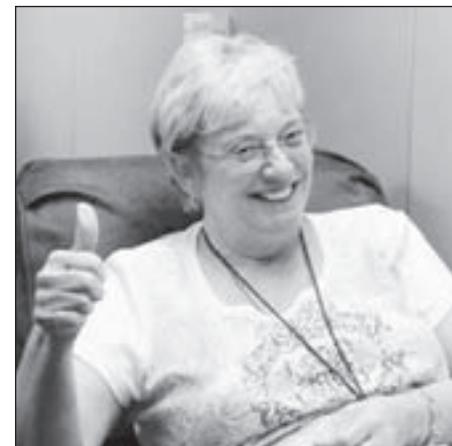
Dear Eva,

Many adult children never seem to realize that their mother is at a different stage of her life and she wants something more than giving child care. You have done your best to help and now it is time

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Lee Mental Health Center employees support the Second Annual Blood Drive Challenge



SWFAS Transitional Living Center director Rosemary Boisvert gives blood



SWFAS employees Becky Joldersma, Jabneel Torres and Dena Paniccia prepare to give blood



Mustache-less Lee Mental Health Center CEO David Winters offers his congratulations to SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis



Lee Mental Health Center CEO David Winters after shaving his mustache

SWFAS Blood Drive Challenge Results In 50 Percent Increase In Donations

To increase blood donations and make giving more fun, Lee Mental Health and Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) recently participated in the Second Annual Blood Drive Challenge to see which agency's employees would donate the most blood.

Blood donations were collected at both agencies on July 12 by Lee Memorial Health System Bloodmobiles. The results are in, and SWFAS won the challenge with both a greater percentage of employees donating blood and a greater number of pints donated, too.

SWFAS had 39 pints donated, while Lee Mental Health had 37 pints collected at their campuses. Between the two organizations, 76 pints of blood were donated in one day, which will impact up to 228 lives.

To up the ante and encourage more employees to give, the agency CEOs agreed that the CEO of the agency that lost the challenge would shave his mustache. Lee Mental Health president and CEO David Winters followed through on the friendly wager and did indeed shave his mustache!

"What's most gratifying is that employees at both agencies really stepped up

this year and gave about 50 percent more this year than last, which will help even more people in our community," said SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis.

Both Lewis and Lee Mental Health Center president and CEO David Winters agreed that at the end of the day, it's really about giving back to the community that gives so much every day to support mental health and substance abuse services.

"Our employees work every day to assist individuals and families in our community in many ways. Giving back to the community and being part of the solution is a way of life for our employees, and is another example of their investment in helping our friends and neighbors," Winters added.

It's the second year in a row that SWFAS has won the challenge.

In addition to retaining the title, SWFAS will keep the Blood Challenge trophy, which will rotate among each of its five Lee County offices during the next year.*



Santo Garcia

Garcia Center Expands Medical Service Care

Santo Garcia, of The Garcia Center for Integrative Therapies and Functional Rehabilitation, has expanded his medical services to include a new basic health and wellness program for uninsured individuals and employers not offering employee health insurance. While The Garcia Center accepts most health insurance, it

recognized the broader need within the community to make high quality, basic medical services available to those on fixed incomes and limited budgets who might otherwise go without care or go to an emergency room.

A unique concept in the delivery of medical care, The Garcia Center centrally integrates care among many health services to ensure patients get the most appropriate care for their individual health and wellness needs. Clinic services include traditional medicine to physical and occupational therapies, orthopedic rehabilitation, and addressing chronic pain, autoimmune diseases, and neuromuscular and movement limitations, to more holistic services such as acupuncture and massage.

Santo Garcia is an honors graduate of the University of St. Augustine for Life Sciences and has significant experience both as a healer and a patient, giving him uncommon insight into patients' recovery needs.

He is an author and international speaker, serves on the board of directors of the Guillain-Barré Syndrome/Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (GBS/CIDP) Foundation International, and founded its Southwest Florida chapter.

The Garcia Center is located at 9400 Gladius Drive, Suite 60 in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.thegarciacenter.com or call 565-8300.*

Dr. Nicholson Joins Physicians' Primary Care

Dr. Kimberly Nicholson has joined Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida. She practices pediatrics at the Fort Myers office, 9350 Camelot Drive, and the Cape Coral office, 1261 Viscaya Parkway, Suite 101. She is currently accepting new patients.

Dr. Nicholson received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health in Columbus and served her residency at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital.

Prior to joining PPC, Dr. Nicholson was an emergency room physician at Naples Community Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. She also worked as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine.

Dr. Nicholson is board-certified by the



Kimberly Nicholson, M.D.

American Board of Pediatrics and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

For more information, visit www.ppc-swfl.com.✱

Nurse Practitioners And Advocates Honored During Conference

Arlene T. Wright, MSN, ARNP, FNP-BC was selected as the 2012 State of Florida Nurse Practitioner Advocate. Wright, a nurse practitioner with Lee Memorial Health System, was recognized for her achievements in increasing awareness and acceptance of nurse practitioners.

Nurse practitioners (NPs) and nurse practitioner advocates from around the state were honored during the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 27th National Conference in Orlando June 20 to 24.

The State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes a NP in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice, research, NP education, or community affairs. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and acceptance of the NP.

For more information visit www.aanp.org.✱



Arlene T. Wright

Powerful Tools For Caregivers Series

Lee Memorial Health System – Older Adult Services, in collaboration with and funded by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Senior Choices of Southwest Florida, will 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.

Participants 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 Zion Lutheran Church, 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers from August 3 to September 7. Sessions are held every Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information about respite care or to register, call 343-2751. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.✱



Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers

Gulf Coast Medical Center Ranked As One Of Florida's Best Hospitals

Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers has been included in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of best hospitals. The 349-bed hospital was named the 23rd best hospital in the state of Florida and listed as a high performer for the specialty area of nephrology for the South Florida region. GCMC has the only kidney transplant program in Southwest Florida.

"We are deeply pleased to be recognized as one of the best hospitals in the state and high performing in the specialty field of nephrology," said Josh DeTillio, chief administrative officer for Gulf Coast Medical Center. "It's an enormous honor that recognizes the work of our staff, physicians and volunteers who contribute to the care of patients each day."

This year's best hospitals, the 23rd annual edition, showcases more than 720 of the nation's roughly 5,000 hospitals. Fewer than 150 are nationally ranked in at least one of 16 medical specialties. The rest of the recognized hospitals met a standard of performance nearly as demanding in one or more specialties.

The hospital rankings, said *U.S. News* health rankings editor Avery Comarow, are like a GPS-type aid to help steer patients to hospitals with strong skills in the procedures and medical conditions that present the biggest challenges.

"All of these hospitals are the kinds of medical centers that should be on your list when you need the best care," said Comarow. "They are where other hospitals send the toughest cases."

The rankings were published by *U.S. News* in collaboration with RTI International, a research organization based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Highlights of the 2012-13 rankings will appear in the *U.S. News Best Hospitals 2013 Guidebook*, to go on sale in August.

The complete rankings and methodology are available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals>. ✱

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Mom and Me

for you to have enjoyment. I think your family is asking too much.

Your son and daughter-in-law have a number of options. They can arrange for their daughter to live in a group home with adults similar to herself, and you can visit frequently. They can take her with them and arrange for in-home help

when they travel, or she can be placed in a sheltered environment in the country where they will be living.

I would suggest that your son inquires at the Human Resources Department at the company where he works. Many of these companies have tremendous resources available and information for their employees who will be living abroad.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✱

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Alzheimers Support Group

Meetings are held each month on the first Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. The meetings are sponsored by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.

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

For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center can be contacted at 437-3007.✱

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Nobody Likes Me

occupying his table. Don't like me? Take a number! I think I'm a nice lady, you can ask um, eh... my mom.

All kidding aside, I honestly do my best to serve others, my intentions are good, and I always "pay it forward." Tonight, I think I'll throw myself a pity party on Facebook. You're invited (www.facebook.com/suzycohenrph), but this means you'll have to "like" me. LOL.

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.✱

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. MOVIES: What was Indiana Jones' real first name in Steven Spielberg's movie series?
2. LANGUAGE: What is a raincoat called in English slang?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest European country where people still drive on the left?
4. MUSIC: What rock band included musicians Glenn Frey, Don Henley, Bernie Leadon and Randy Meisner?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of flamingos called?
6. COMICS: What is the name of Jeremy's brother in the comic strip "Zits"?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What former first lady appeared in a margarine commercial on television?
8. LITERATURE: In "The Polar Express," what present did the boy ask Santa Claus to give him?
9. ENTERTAINERS: Comedian Minnie Pearl used to wear a trademark hat with a price tag hanging from it. What was the amount on the tag?
10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has a large red spot on it?

ANSWERS

1. Henry 2. A "mac," short for "Machintosh" 3. United Kingdom 4. Eagles 5. A flamboyance 6. Chad 7. Eleanor Roosevelt 8. A silver bell 9. \$1.98 10. Jupiter

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first 20-game winner for the Kansas City Royals?
2. Name the National League team that has won only one World Series game in franchise history.
3. Who is the only Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback in the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
4. How many consecutive seasons has point guard Jason Kidd made the NBA playoffs?
5. Four players have won more than one NHL All-Star Game MVP award. Two of them are Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux. Who are the other two?
6. At the beginning of the 2012 Major League Soccer season, what country other than the U.S. had the most players on team rosters?
7. John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett are considered to be the first two world heavyweight boxing champions. Who was the third?

ANSWERS

1. Paul Splittort won 20 games in 1973. 2. The San Diego Padres won one game in 1984. 3. Roger Staubach. 4. Sixteen consecutive seasons. 5. Frank Mahovlich (1963, '69) and Bobby Hull (1970-71). 6. Colombia. 7. Bob Fitzsimmons, 1897-99.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JULY 30, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A turn in a relationship upsets the amorous Arian, who is puzzled by Cupid's romantic antics. Be patient and considerate. The confusion soon will sort itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for travel-loving Taureans to take off for fun-filled jaunts to new places. And don't be surprised if Cupid tags along for what could be a very eventful trip.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You appear to be of two minds about continuing a relationship that seems to be riding roughshod over your emotions. A frank talk could help you decide one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping back from a relationship problem provides a new perspective on how to deal with it. Meanwhile, watch your words. Something said in anger now could backfire later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation makes the Big Cat uneasy. But hold on until things settle down around the 4th. Meanwhile, continue your good work on that still-unfinished project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A decided improvement in a workplace situation results in an unexpected, but very welcome, added benefit for everyone. Personal relationships also improve.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Money matters remain a bit unsettled but soon will ease into the kind of stability you appreciate. Meanwhile, an expanding social life offers a chance to make new friends.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Use an unexpected roadblock in your monetary dealings to reassess your financial plans and make changes, if necessary. It soon will be smooth sailing again.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects of love are strong for both single and paired Sagittarians. Professional dealings also thrive under the Sag's clever handling of difficult situations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set a realistic goal and follow it through to completion. Remember: You're more likely to impress the right people with one well-done job than with lots of jobs left undone.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You like to plan ahead. That's fine. But be prepared to make some changes because

of an unsettled period that influences your aspects through the 4th.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A brief phase of instability affects your usual work cycle. Use the time to catch up on chores around the house or office. Things settle down soon after the 4th.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being the center of attention and probably would be a big success in show business.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On July 31, 1715, a hurricane strikes the east coast of Florida, sinking 10 Spanish treasure ships carrying tons of gold and silver coins and killing nearly 1,000 people. About 80 percent of the treasures was recovered within a year, but the rest remained lost until the 1960s.

- On Aug. 5, 1858, the first telegraph line across the Atlantic Ocean is completed. Four British and American vessels met in mid-ocean and successfully laid 2,000 miles of cable, often at a depth of more than 2 miles.

- On Aug. 3, 1861, the last entry of Charles Dickens' serialized novel "Great Expectations" is published. Dickens' father was thrown in debtors' prison in 1824, and 12-year-old Charles was sent to work in a factory. The miserable treatment of children and the institution of the debtors' jail became topics of several of Dickens' novels.

- On Aug. 2, 1876, "Wild Bill" Hickok, one of the greatest gunfighters of the American West, is murdered in Deadwood, S.D. Hickok was playing cards with his back to the saloon door when a young gunslinger named Jack McCall walked into the saloon, approached Hickok from behind, and shot him in the back of the head.

- On Aug. 4, 1944, Jewish German-born Anne Frank and her family, who had been hiding in German-occupied Holland, are found by the Gestapo and transported to various concentration camps. The young girl's diary of her time in hiding was found after her death and published in 1947 as "The Diary of Anne Frank."

- On July 30, 1976, American Bruce Jenner wins gold in the decathlon at the Montreal Olympics and sets a world record in the event. After his win, Jenner was voted the 1976 AP Male Athlete of the Year. The 1976 Olympics was his last decathlon.

- On Aug. 1, 1981, MTV, the Music Television network, makes its maiden broadcast with the words, "Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll." The roughly 80 different videos that made up that first week's rotation on MTV probably represented nearly every promotional music video then available.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was German-American painter and lithographer Herm Albright who made the following sage observation: "A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."

- It's well-known that there were shortages of many items during World War II -- and caffeine was one. It was such a problem, in fact, that the chemists at Coca-Cola tried to find a substitute, even experimenting with a derivative of bat guano. The idea was nixed by an executive who was afraid of the public backlash if the truth ever came out.

- Just as a group of birds is called a flock, a group of frogs is called an army.
- Ever wonder why a barber pole has red and white stripes? It's a rather grisly tale. At one time barbers did more than cut hair; they sometimes performed marriages and baptisms, served as dentists and even performed surgery. When engaged in the medical work, any excess blood was soaked up by white towels, which were often hung up on a pole outside to dry. As the wind wrapped the towel around the pole, it created a design of red and white stripes.

- The 1982 film "Gandhi," which was awarded eight Oscars, including the one for best picture, used a whopping 300,000 extras.

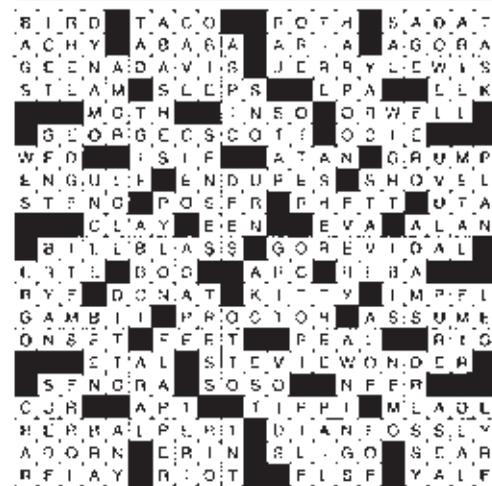
- Toilet paper was first introduced in the United States in 1857, but the idea didn't take off -- the paper being offered was evidently too much like the paper in the Sears catalog, which is what most people used at the time.

- The most popular perfume in the world is Chanel No. 5.

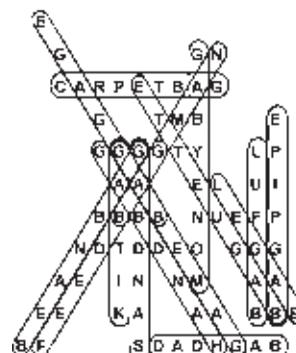
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Always forgive your enemies, but never forget their names." -- Robert Kennedy

PUZZLE ANSWERS



BAGGY WORDS



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTIHOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Dock is missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Poles are missing. 4. Clothes (in tree) are missing. 5. Bird is missing. 6. Fish is missing.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

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

SCRAMBLERS

solution
1. Couple; 2. Aspect;
3. Align; 4. Minute

Today's Word:

MUSICIAN



"I used to think he was a _____, too --
but then I found out he's a
sajami salesman!"

SCRAMBLERS

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

Pair
P L O U C E

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Order
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Little
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TODAY'S WORD

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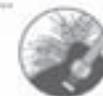
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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landings a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish,

support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.

- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
- Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week

My name is Ruby. I am a 6-year-old red female labrador retriever mix.

I don't know if they named me Ruby because of my red coat or because I'm such a gem. I know "Sit" and I like to run in the play yard and play ball and fetch. I would make a good watch dog because I'm very alert and attentive, but mostly I want to be your companion.

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services Red, White or Blue Adoption Promotion.

My name is Snowey. I am a 2-year-old white spayed female domestic short hair.

I'm a very shy kitty, but once I know you I'm very affectionate. I loved to sit on the sofa with my foster mom and watch TV. I get along with both dogs and cats. If you'd like a quiet companion, I'm your girl!

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services Red, White or Blue Adoption Promotion.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



Ruby (ID# 539392)

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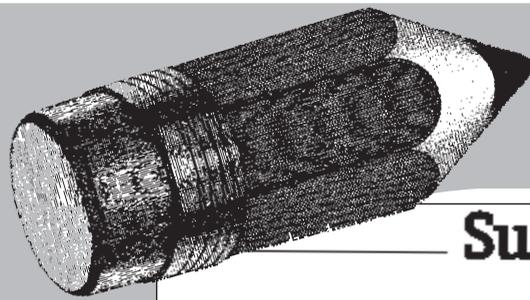


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Emergency.....	911
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Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
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Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
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ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery.....	332-5055
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321
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Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614.....	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
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 26

Super Crossword SIX-FOOTERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kite or coot
 - 5 Chiruhua snack
 - 9 "Goodbye, Columbus" author
 - 13 Egyptian Nobelist
 - 18 Sore
 - 19 Addis
 - 21 Merrill melody
 - 22 Menander's marketplace
 - 23 6' actress
 - 25 6' comedian
 - 27 Cook clams
 - 28 Trickles
 - 30 Clean-air org.
 - 31 Cartoon cry
 - 32 Wool gatherer?
 - 34 Not many words
 - 37 "Animal Farm" author
 - 40 6' actor
 - 44 Garfield's pal
 - 45 Tie the knot
 - 46 38 Down, for one
 - 47 — impasse
 - 49 Sour soft
 - 53 Swallow up
 - 56 Undergoes
 - 59 Make a pile?
 - 60 Pool person
 - 61 Puzzling problem
 - 62 Scarlett's sweetheart
 - 64 Actress Hagen
 - 65 Potter's need
 - 67 Browning's bedtime?
 - 68 Diva Marion
 - 69 Young or King
 - 70 6' designer
 - 73 6' author
 - 76 Art deco figure
 - 77 Marsh
 - 78 Parenthesis shape
 - 79 Melodious
 - 80 Del' loaf
 - 81 Robert of "The Citadel"
 - 83 Feline, familiarly
 - 85 Force
 - 89 '86 Michael Caine movie
 - 91 Supervise
 - 93 Take for granted
 - 94 Attack
 - 95 They may get cold
 - 96 Ring out
 - 98 Fix a light
 - 99 And others
 - 101 6' singer
 - 106 Paraguayan life
 - 108 Mediocre
 - 109 When pigs whistle, to
 - 110 Mongrel
 - 111 Address abbr.
 - 113 Actress Hedren
 - 116 Gollysburg
 - 120 6' trumpeter
 - 125 6' anthropologist
 - 127 Doll up
 - 128 Ireland
 - 129 County in 128 Across
 - 130 Scorch
 - 131 Pass on
 - 132 Crowd-burst?
 - 133 Part of a treat
 - 134 Connecticut campus
 - 9 Scott's "The Quartet"
 - 10 Mispickol, e.g.
 - 11 Become winded
 - 12 Queequeg's weapon
 - 13 Mr. Mineo
 - 14 Season firewood
 - 15 Pag
 - 16 Shake-spearan sprite
 - 17 Chore
 - 20 Clara' jelly
 - 24 Love, to Livy
 - 26 Grounds
 - 29 — -Cat (winter transport)
 - 33 Relief initials?
 - 35 Constellation component
 - 36 Furry fisherman
 - 38 Cowes' locale
 - 39 First name in architecture
 - 40 Fellow
 - 41 Brink
 - 42 Role for Liz
 - 43 Has a hunch
 - 45 Craven or Unsel'd
 - 48 Peter of Peter and Geron
 - 50 It's down in the mouth
 - 51 Copper or cobalt
 - 52 Mastermind
 - 54 Quitter's cry
 - 55 Vegetate
 - 57 "Disco Duck" singer
 - 58 Keatsian crock
 - 59 Barrel part
 - 61 Tower
 - 63 Each's partner
 - 66 Head monk
 - 69 See 70
 - 70 Down
 - 70 With 69 Down, "Heaven" singer
 - 71 Stuff
 - 72 Dumbstruck
 - 73 "True —" ('69 film)
 - 74 Army types?
 - 75 Wading bird
 - 76 Therefore
 - 78 Canine grp.
 - 81 "Same here!"
 - 82 Lock
 - 84 "Lemon —" ('65 hit)
 - 86 Immaculate
 - 87 Kuwaiti kingpin
 - 88 Turkey serving
 - 90 "I've — had!"
 - 92 Conductor Klemperer
 - 93 — vera
 - 95 Roaring Twenties figure
 - 97 Canvas shades
 - 100 Inland sea
 - 102 Superlative suffix
 - 103 Nullifies
 - 104 "Nauticus" captain
 - 105 Forma
 - 106 Kid stuff?
 - 107 Comic Leon
 - 110 Canterbury cleaner
 - 112 Austin or Copley
 - 114 Velvet feature
 - 115 Bucket
 - 117 On the priny
 - 118 Distribute the deck
 - 119 Rochester's missus
 - 121 It may be
 - 122 Whichever
 - 123 Carnival site
 - 124 Big bang letters
 - 126 Adversary

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King Crossword

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- 1 Injure severely
 - 5 Second mo.
 - 8 Reverburate
 - 12 Firstwite Peruvian
 - 13 Meadow
 - 14 Carpet style
 - 15 Entrance
 - 16 Luna variety
 - 18 Baseball game division
 - 20 Not on the road
 - 21 School district CFO
 - 23 Common Mkc.
 - 24 Type of tree
 - 28 Sharpen
 - 31 "That feels so good!"
 - 32 Distend
 - 34 Raw rock
 - 35 Restaurant employee
 - 37 Hamlet's castle
 - 39 Morning light
 - 41 Promgoers' car
 - 42 T shirt fabric
 - 45 Situated below
 - 49 One who'll eat anything
 - 51 Title
 - 52 Manhand c
 - 53 Bro's sibling
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 - 55 Init al stake
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Views from almost every room. This remodeled home offers a pool with hot tub, two guest suites on 3rd level with a morning kitchen, entertainment area, large walk in closets, stunning balcony views of the bay. Master suite on main level and an office/4th bedroom., Stone, tile, crown molding, impact glass on all windows and doors, over sized 2+ car garage. The wild life, dolphins, manatees and more can be enjoyed in this quiet & gorgeous home. This is a must see. **Offered for \$2,495,000. Contact Tracy "Mr. Listr" 239/ 994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540.**



JONATHAN HARBOUR BUILDING SITE

Cleared filled and ready to go. Large waterfront lot with dock in place in private gated community. House plans included. **Offered for \$550,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galietti 239/828-5897.**



PUNTA RASSA #302

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 for \$399,990. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.**



SOMERSET AT THE REEF

View straight out over the pool to the Gulf of Mexico. Beautifully maintained large property on West Gulf Drive. Glassed in lanai providing additional living area to an already spacious and desirable floor plan. Large master suite and bath, second bath services the den (or 3rd bedroom) and the guest room along with and additional powder room. **Offered for \$1,225,000.00. Contact Linda Naton 239/691-5024**



THE PERFECT SANIBEL GETAWAY

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



"UPENDI A SPECIAL PLACE IN YOUR HEART"

A clever blend of style, modern elements of a picturesque property privately nestled amidst stunning established pygmy palms & matured grounds. Nature takes centre stage upon entering the expansive supremely crafted front double doors opening to capture the dramatic setting of the awe inspiring great room with immense double story windows boasting undeniable spectacular views of white sandy beach & pristine waters. No expense spared in this three level 5 bedroom 4-1/2 bath residence; bright, airy & spacious, luxury kitchen, private theatre, 6 vehicle garage, elevator. **Offered for \$4,950,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**



ENJOY THE LIFESTYLE WITHOUT THE HIGH ASSOCIATION FEES

Quiet South Ft. Myers neighborhood near Cypress Lake Country Club. Close to everything. This home features marble flooring, wood burning fireplace, 3 car garage with tile flooring, central vac, beautiful pool large kitchen with granite. Formal and informal dining rooms, and a laundry room and a wonderful entertainment area in great room with surround sound. Large master suite features a huge walk-in closet and built-ins, and jacuzzi tub. Separate wing for your guests, nanny or mother-in-law. **This beautiful home is offered for \$599,900. Contact Connie Walters "Ms Lister" 239/841-4540.**



175' OF SEA-WALLED WATERFRONT

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



FORMER MODEL WITH UPGRADES GALORE

Gorgeous 4/3 home. House is situated on one of the premier lots in Shadow Wood Preserve and has beautiful decorator finishes. Kitchen and baths have granite decorator tile, upgraded hardware, solid doors, stainless appliances, pantry. Pool area has Spa, outdoor kitchen, beautiful pavers, outdoor shower and magnificent golf course, lake and preserve views. Home has it all. A must see and is priced to sell. **Offered for \$795,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galietti 239/828-5897.**



LOGGERHEAD CAY #462

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



CROWN COLONY

Gated living at its finest!!! This 3/2/2 is located in the highly desirable Crown Colony gated community. Home features 18 inch tile throughout, granite surfaces, crown molding, stainless steel appliances, custom lighting, brick pavers, lush-tropical landscaping, high ceilings, luxurious master bathroom with soaker tub and MUCH MORE!! This home is in tip top condition and is move in ready. **Offered for \$369,900. Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" at 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters" Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975**

