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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Black And White Exhibit On Display

More than 300 people turned out for the opening reception of the 2012 Alliance for the Arts Members Exhibition, themed Black & White. The walls of the gallery were filled with work by more than 100 member artists, representing a diversity of mediums, including oil, acrylic and mixed media paintings, pen and ink, pencil and charcoal drawings, photography, fiber art, digital art, and sculpture. Participating artists, ranging in age from 10 to 90-plus, represent just a fraction of the nonprofit's nearly 1,000 members. Krista Johnson said it's one of the strongest and biggest member shows she's ever seen during her more than eight years as exhibitions director at the Alliance. She also said it's amazing to see the spectrum of ideas a theme as simple as Black & White could bring to the gallery walls.

During the run of Black & White, drawings by Harley Young grace the walls of the Alliance Member Gallery. His pencil, pen and ink and watercolor pieces date back as far as 1972 and mostly focus on scenes in nature and old buildings. Artist, illustrator and designer Fran Noack is the featured artist in the Alliance theater lobby. His bright, fun and inventive paint-



Cumulonimbus, I by Cleste Borah

ings and drawings are infused with island themes. In the 1950s Noack was part of the creative team behind *Colonel Bleep*, the first color cartoon on television, produced by Soundac, an animation studio in Miami.

The exhibit will remain on display until
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Lovegrove Invited To Exhibit Work At Southwest Florida International

When Leoma Lovegrove was invited by the Alliance of the Arts to be part of the Honor, County & Heroism exhibition, she couldn't get her paint out fast enough. Known for her patriotism and brilliant splashy hues, she wanted to create a special piece to honor the military arriving back home to Southwest Florida International Airport. Last year, her mammoth 10 x 18 foot canvas *Remember 9/11* was on exhibit.

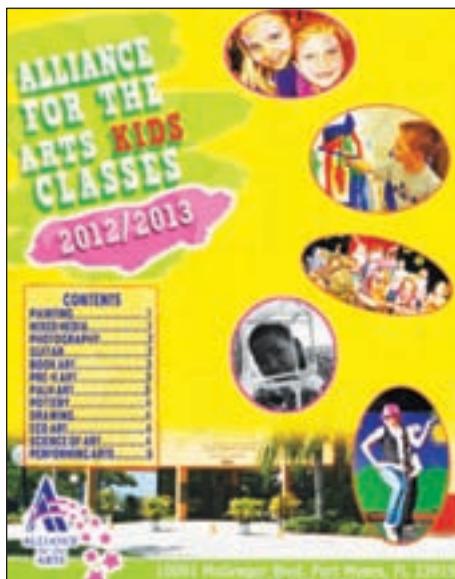
For this exhibition Lovegrove painted *Shine On*, a canvas painted with energized

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Alliance Expands Educational Programming

The Alliance for the Arts announces its new expanded educational schedule for 2012-2013. Due to the significant growth in youth programming, this year the Alliance has released a new Just for Kids schedule in addition to its adult educational programming. Indulge your inner creative genius through a variety of classes and workshops in visual and performing arts, as well as exploratory arts like yoga and meditation. Engage in fine arts master workshops taught by influential emerging artists, including painters Robert Liberace and Charles Miano. Or try your hand at the art of altered books or dabble in silk dyeing techniques.

The youth lineup features many existing classes kids and parents have grown to love, but also includes new additions, including *Abracadoodle* for toddlers and *The Amazing Science of Art* for kids ages six to nine. There's something for everyone, no matter what your age or experience level. If you're not sure what to take, join in for one of the many Try-Its, single class sessions allowing you to



Kids catalog cover

sample a class before you buy. Try-Its are free for Alliance members or \$5 for future members. Members receive 20 percent off all classes, as well as many other benefits. For more information go to www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.

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



Wet Walk participants stand in clean rainwater and learn how this special place benefits the Estero Bay Estuary

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Tours, Wet Walks

September is a great time of the year to take a quiet stroll through a bit of wilderness right in the heart of Fort Myers at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. Clean rainwater has filled this nature preserve and beautiful reflections highlight the plants and brilliant blue of the sky. As you pause to

look at the beauty of the slough, you may find some of the hidden wildlife that you could miss when moving at a faster pace.

This fully accessible boardwalk trail is open daily from dawn until dusk, but for those of you wishing to learn more about the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, guided walks are offered every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Tours are free with your paid parking fee of \$1 per hour per vehicle. Plan to stay for two hours, which will allow time for your walk and a visit to the Interpretive Center. Plant and animal

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Casa De Guerrero

by Gerri Reaves



What type of business hasn't dwelt in this prime downtown spot on First Street at the entrance to Bayview Court?

In its almost 90-year history, this structure has amassed an amazing directory of occupants and range of businesses -- Florida Power & Light Company, a dance hall and a Mexican restaurant, just to name a few.

The building stands on land that is the former home of Robert B. Leak, who came to Fort Myers in 1885 as a government surveyor.

The building began as Southern Utilities in a town where demand for such a service would have been increasing dramatically during the boom. In 1925, the utility company was purchased by Florida Power & Light, which maintained offices there until about 1946.

Sources indicate that during the early years of the Great Depression, a dance hall was there too -- apparently on the upper floor.

In the late 1940s, an appliance store met the growing demands of consumers in post-World War II America, furnishing locals with standard items like refrigerators and electric washing machines as well as non-essentials such as band instruments, Wurlitzer pianos, records and sheet music.

During the 1950s, the building was primarily used by underwriters and realtors, along with an occasional small shop that occupied only one of the street-level spaces.

After a couple of "vacant" years in the early 1960s -- when downtown's vitality began to migrate to places like the Edison Mall, the building had a brief stint as a men's clothing store.

After yet another vacancy, it revived with a decade as the cutely named Earl of Sandwich during the 1970s.

The early 1980s were dicey again, with some more vacant years and a very quick period as Nelson Kwik Stop.



The sign on this 1925 structure indicates it was once Rosie O'Grady's Beauty & Health Care Institute, apparently only very briefly. The photo was taken pre-1996

courtesy of Florida State Photo Archives

But the latter part of the decade brought the best thing yet, according to some locals who still remember Casa de Guerrero, a Mexican restaurant, which as Kathryn Wilbur says, was "a destination unto itself" with very good food.

A French teacher, she recalls going there with her Spanish-teaching colleagues. The place "crossed ethnic borders" in the downtown of a couple of decades ago.

"Going there was like walking into a party," she says, "even without music, the place took you in with its wave of energy".

In the early 1990s, Casa's specialties were fajitas and chimichangas. The eatery had a lounge or dining room for meals, as well as carry-out, seven days a week.

And, a mariachi band played on the weekend.

Another fan of the restaurant was Wayne Daltry, who used to lunch at Casa with his co-workers on the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, whom he calls the "RPC gang of the old days."

In the pre-email days, when one of them invited the others to meet for lunch at "the house of the cat" (or gato), everyone would understand.

He remembers it as a great cheerful lunch place with an attractive Mexican-themed décor with lots of tile.

Casa had a long run, well into the present millennium.

However, about eight or nine years ago, the former restaurant was bought by Geraghty, Dougherty and Edwards, P.A., who fortunately appreciated the structure's historic features and spent a year and a half restoring it.

About five years ago, Orion Bank -- now Iberiabank -- bought it.

Take a walk down First Street to the Bayview Court entrance and listen for the sounds of a mariachi band floating in from the recent past.

Then stroll the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn about the many businesses that came, went, and relocated over downtown's history.

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

Want to know more about downtown's main drag, historic First Street? Be sure to check out the archives of 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 archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the *Fort Myers News-Press*, and the *Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.*



This building, at the First Street entrance to Bayview Court, has a long list of tenants, including a dance hall, a Mexican restaurant, and sports supply store. Iberiabank now occupies it

photo by Gerri Reaves



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Young Artists Awards Debuts 10th Anniversary Season Schedule

The Young Artists Awards program is pleased to announce that the following 2012-13 season events have been scheduled. The Young Artists Awards, Inc. is a not for profit performing arts education, audition, performance and scholarship program for area students ages 8 to 21. The project recognizes the area's top talented students in the performing arts.

Major season events include:

- Monthly performances at Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers. First Friday of every month at various Art Walk venues.
- 2nd Annual Cabaret & Cabernet. Concert and reception at the Alliance for the Arts/Foulds Theatre on Saturday, October 6 at 6 p.m. Showcasing performances of Young Artists Awards participants. Libations and sweet and savory items from Total Wine & More, Norman Love Confections, Cohen and Cohen, Mario's, Jason's Deli and more will be featured. Silent auction to benefit student scholarships in the performing arts. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 per pair. Call 574-9321 for details.
- Auditions for students at the Alliance for the Arts on January 19, 20 and 26 in drama, dance, instrumental music, classical voice and contemporary voice/musical theatre. Auditions adjudicated by over 40 professionals from throughout the nation. Students must be registered to participate.

- 10th Anniversary Gala at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Monday, March 11. Featuring the best of area performing artists and a benefit auction. Thirty-five scholarships to be awarded. Hosted by Lois Thome of WINK-TV. Dinner 6 p.m., show and champagne toast at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each and sponsorship opportunities are available.

- Art by Kids with Cancer: Exhibit and sale of artwork by pediatric oncology/hematology patients from the Children's Hospital.

Shows scheduled for the Arts for ACT Gallery, the Alliance for the Arts, The Center for Building Hope, BIG ARTS,



Harbour View Gallery, The Bean and more.

Now beginning their 10th year, the mission of the program is to provide performing arts opportunities and scholarships in the areas of dance, drama, vocal and instrumental music performance and to provide a showcase for the talents of our local youth.

The program also works in conjunction with the staff at the Pediatric Oncology/Hematology program at the Children's Hospital, showcasing and auctioning the artwork of children with cancer. They provide art supplies to the hospital and assistance to families in crisis facing the challenges of childhood cancer by hosting Art by Kids with Cancer exhibits at various venues in the community. As a 501(c) (3) organization, they are dependent on community and corporate funding.

Visit www.youngartistsawards.org and 'like' their Facebook page Young Artists Awards for more information and weekly updates on additional community performances and exhibits.✧

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Under The Sea Tea At The Butterfly Estates

On Saturday, August 25 from 1 to 3 p.m., come to Flutterby's at The Butterfly Estates and enjoy Tea Under The Sea.

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Rotary Italian Fest Returns To Alliance

Italian Fest will return to the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, October 7. The annual outdoor event benefits the Rotary Club Foundation and Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. This year's festival will tantalize taste buds and entertain the whole family with live entertainment, games, a marinara competition, an Italian market and much more.



Italian food will be plentiful, along with cold beverages, beer, wine, Italian ice and ice cream. Kids can enter the coloring contest and spaghetti eating contest, as well as enjoy bounce houses, slides and more. There will also be games for all ages, including bocce, ladder golf and Tin Pan Alley.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank works to address hunger needs in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties through its educational and outreach efforts, as well as by directly supplying food to more than 150 partner agencies in Southwest Florida.

Italian Fest will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, on the corner of McGregor and Colonial. Blankets and chairs will be permitted at the fest, however coolers are prohibited. For more information, visit www.FortMyersItalianFest.org or call 939-2787.*

McFlats Invitational Charity Fishing

The McFlats Invitational Charity Fishing Event is coming back for its eighth year on August 31 and September 1. In addition to raising funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southwest Florida, the event will also benefit The Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation.

The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 31 with dinner, an open bar, live music, raffle and Texas Hold Em' poker tournament. The fishing tournament begins with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 1 with a kids' fishing tournament from 10 a.m. to noon featuring Ronald McDonald. The first 100 children to pre-register receive lunch with Ronald at noon. Live and silent auctions, dinner and awards begin at 5 p.m. Lodging is available at The Resort at Marina Village.

All net proceeds from the event will be split between RMHC of Southwest Florida and The Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation. Proceeds from the kids' tournament will also benefit the Cape Coral First United Methodist Church.

The event's co-chairpersons are Tim Frederic, a second-generation owner-operator of eight McDonald's restaurants in Southwest Florida and RMHC advisory council member, and Mitch Williamson, owner of SP Designs, who once stayed at The Ronald McDonald House when his son was born premature.

Registration is \$275 per angler prior to August 28, and \$325 per angler thereafter. To register online, visit www.mcflatsinvitational.com. For more information, contact Mitch Williamson at 424-8060.*

PACE Center In Temporary Location

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County is temporarily operating out of the Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Community Center located at 2990 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers after the PACE facility sustained significant water damage due to a ruptured hot water heater.

The water damage to the PACE Center located at 3760 Schoolhouse Road West was discovered on Monday, August 13. All center activities were cancelled from August 13 through August 17, while the organization's leadership assessed the damage and worked to identify a temporary location to resume class.

The PACE staff have been in constant communication with parents and students, and the leadership team will soon decide when to make up lost academic days. Regular bus service and classes resumed for the PACE girls on August 20. Reconstruction of the building is expected to take up to three months. PACE is in need of a secure storage area to keep furniture and materials while the work is completed.

"We are very grateful to Marcus Goodson and the City of Fort Myers Housing Authority who made accommodations for our temporary facility," said Dr. Alice Brunner, PACE executive director. "Harriet Myers, director of the Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Community Center, and Cliff Smith, CEO of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties, have also been extremely helpful.

"The many offers from the community to help during this difficult time have been heartwarming," said Brunner. To make a donation, visit www.pacecenter.org/lee or call Melissa Cofta, director of development, at 462-8068. Other inquiries should be directed to PACE's main line at 425-2366.*

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Fort Myers Public Art: Part 2 of 2

Barbara Jo Revelle Mural



by Tom Hall

There's a huge mural on the east-facing wall of the federal courthouse downtown. It is one of the River District's most intriguing public artworks, from inception to installation.

It's the only public artwork that's been commissioned by the federal government, which has an art in federal buildings program that dates back to President Richard Nixon.

Although the mural is 20 feet tall and a whopping 100 feet long, it's nowhere close to being photographer Barbara Jo Revelle's largest mural. That distinction goes to a mural titled *A People's History Of Colorado on the Denver Convention Center*, which is two city blocks long.

The mural is not painted. Rather, it's a composite of a number of old photographs that Revelle dug up during two years of research she did into Fort Myers' early history.

Revelle digitized those photos and then developed a revolutionary process for printing them onto tiny one-inch square ceramic tiles. The printed tiles were then

shipped to masons, who used a master digital montage print-out to get all the tiles in exactly the right place.

To affix the tiles to the courthouse's pre-cast concrete walls, the masons were required to apply a combination of skim coat and thin-set latex-enriched Portland mortar, much like the marcite used on swimming pools. The mixture was designed to keep the tiles from popping off as they expanded under southwest Florida's extreme summer heat and sunlight.

The plan almost worked. Unfortunately, the masons simply covered over the expansion joints cut into the pre-cast in order to let the concrete expand and contract. Now, the tiles installed over those joints are in danger of falling off the building.

But perhaps the mural's most controversial aspect is its message.

"I wanted to represent some of the lesser known (and perhaps even suppressed) chapters in Fort Myers history, some of the events associated with the actual Fort Myers Fort," said Revelle in the guide she prepared for the mural. And what, exactly, did Revelle fear had been suppressed? The fact that it had been two companies of African-American soldiers who had saved the old fort from destruction at the hands of Confederate cavalry.

To understand this sentiment, it helps to know that in January 1997, an article in *Population Today* magazine had named Fort Myers as "one of the most segregated in the South." The mural was

created in the aftermath of this controversial report as was DJ Wilkins' Clayton, which is dedicated to the more than 185,000 African-Americans who fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War.

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 truetours.net.



The mural, found in downtown's River District, is a composite of Civil War photographs

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If you missed the dress collection party for the PACE Center For Girls earlier this summer at The Village Shops on Sanibel, you can still participate.

Now through August 27, bring a new or gently used dress or dresses to Tribeca Salon, located at 2340 Periwinkle Way in the Village Shops. Tribeca Salon is the designated drop off point on Sanibel. Tribeca is closed on Monday, however, Sanibel Tropical Wines will be happy to accept your donation should you end up in the plaza on a Monday.

If you are on Captiva, you can leave your dress donation at Royal Shell Vacations in the big building at 15050 Captiva Drive. They will transport the dresses to Sanibel for you.

Dress donations will be sold at the "Love That Dress!" event on Wednesday, August 29 at Embassy Suites in Estero. All the money raised benefits the PACE program. There are a limited number of tickets which cost \$25 and they are only available online at www.pacecenter.org/lee.

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displays, plus a friendly volunteer will be there to answer your questions every Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More adventurous visitors may wish to participate in weekend Wet Walks. These tours will be held on Saturdays, September 8 and 22 at 10 a.m. and noon or on Sunday, September 23 at 10 a.m. Join Dr. Charles O'Connor as he shares the internal workings of the slough on this guided walk through the water. A \$10 donation (to the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve) per person, ages 10 to adult, is requested of the participants.

Reservations must be made by contacting Dr. O'Conner at rcoc77@embarqmail.com or by calling the Friends

of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve at 533-7557. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, bring a towel and complete change of clothes.

For more information, visit www.leeparks.org and www.sloughpreserve.org or contact Heather Gienapp at 533-7556.

Veterans Reunion

The Florida Branch of the Second (Indianhead) Division Association will have its annual reunion in Titusville, Florida October 12 to 14 at the Best Western Space Shuttle Inn. For reservations, call the hotel at 321-269-9100 and say you are with the Second Division. For more information, call the branch secretary-treasurer, Donald Calnan, at 561-742-5379 or send an email to Zida.mail@charter.net.



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Crowds at last year's Festival of Trees, which supports Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida

Festival Of Trees Seeking Sponsors, Volunteers

The 6th Annual Festival of Trees is still four months away, but it's never too early to get involved in one of Fort Myers favorite holiday events. Event sponsors, tree sponsor/decorators and volunteers are encouraged to sign up early to secure a spot in the 2012 festival.

"We've had a handful of businesses contact us about sponsorships already," said Madison Mitchell, community relations coordinator for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, which produces the annual holiday showcase. "Last year, the festival had 5,700 visitors and generated nearly 2.5 million media impressions, so our

sponsors get a lot of visibility."

Sponsorships range from small – just \$50 for a "Merry Note" in the Tux & Trees Gala program – to large – \$10,000 for title sponsorship.

Tree sponsorships are also available for the sixth annual Festival. Tree sponsors each receive a seven-foot pre-lit tree, which the sponsor then decorates and embellishes with gifts. Tree sponsors are asked to spend a minimum of \$500 in decorations and gifts, but many contribute much more.

"Our sponsors have put electronics, airline tickets, hotel stays, and even diamond jewelry on their trees," added Kirsten O'Donnell, Goodwill's director of public relations. "The trees are auctioned off at our Gala, and we've received as much as \$6,000 for them. It's all for a great cause, helping people with disabilities and other barriers to employment."

Volunteers are also needed for the 2012 Festival of Trees, Children's Workshop and Tux & Trees Gala.

The Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala are held annually by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The week-long festival starts the day after Thanksgiving at the historic Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the Fort Myers River District, and concludes with the elegant Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie auction and fundraiser which supports the mission of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida. This year's gala will be held on Saturday, December 1.

To become a Festival of Trees sponsor, contact Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or madisonmitchell@goodwillswfl.org. For more information, visit the Festival of Trees website at www.tuxandtrees.com.*



The Tux & Trees Gala is a black-tie fundraiser for Goodwill Industries



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Along The River

The Sunset Celebration in Fort Myers Beach continues this Friday and Saturday nights with live music from Left of Center. The event is held from 5 to 10 p.m. both evening (weather permitting) at Times Square.

For more information on the celebration, call 463-5900.

On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Alliance for the Arts is hosting its second annual **Sing Out**. Choral singers (and aspiring singers) age 15 and older are invited to experience a day of vocal skill-building and choral musicianship led by Artistic Director Timothy McDonnell, Music Department Chair at Ave Maria University. Join the Symphonic Chorale for a day-long, community wide choral and vocal workshop. Sessions will focus on ensemble skills, vocal technique, and tips on finding your best voice.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 939-2787 or to to www.ArtInLee.org

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

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

Looking for a friendly neighborhood bar that also serves great food? **The Morgan House's Top of the Town** bar is located just upstairs from the popular restaurant and offers seating inside or outside overlooking the historic Patio de Leon. Located in the River District, Top of the Town serves drink specials on Monday through Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Both the restaurant and the bar offer 12 beers on tap, cocktails and wines, along with appetizers, sandwiches and entrées.

The special Terrace Bar Menu is available Tuesday through Saturday from 3 p.m. to close. Enjoy live entertainment at Top of the Town every Thursday through



The Morgan House's Top of the Town bar is upstairs from the popular restaurant and overlooks the famous alligator fountain in the historic Patio de Leon

Saturday. Call for schedule of bands.

The Morgan House's dining room is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Morgan House and Top of the Town are located at 33 Patio de Leon, Fort Myers. Call 337-3377 or go to www.morganhouserestaurant.com.

Summer is the perfect time for boating with friends and family, so make a pit stop at **Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** in Fort Myers Beach. Free marine dockage with dock attendant's assistance is available for patrons at Nellie's Snug Harbour Marina. Parking for your car is also free if you dine at the restaurant. Drink specials are available daily along with live music upstairs at **Ugly's Waterside Bar**.

Start out with the coconut fried shrimp appetizer, the tropical spring rolls or the devilish mussels. Nellie's menu also features fresh salads, burgers, seafood dishes and over-stuffed sandwiches. The children's menu includes twice-baked maca-

roni and cheese, chicken fingers, pizza and the char-grilled cheesedog.

Swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music every day and Nellie's and Ugly's Go to www.nervousnellies.net for a daily listing of live music from the area's premier local talent along with upcoming special events.

Nervous Nellie's and Ugly's are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. Reserve a spot in air-conditioned comfort or outside on the expansive waterfront patio by calling ahead at 463-8077.

Register your team early for The Alzheimer's Association's **Walk To End Alzheimer's** on Saturday, October 27, at Centennial Park in Fort Myers. Nearly 550 people from Lee County are expected at this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Walk To End Alzheimer's participants will take part in a 2.5-mile walk and will learn more about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association.

Centennial Park is located at 2000 West First Street in Fort Myers' historic River District. Pre-walk activities begin at 8 a.m. with the Walk Step-Off at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Kara McClatchy at 405-7008 or mclatchyk@alzflgulf.org or visit www.alz.org/Walk.*

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Calendar Girls Entertain At Elks

The Calendar Girls brought a tropical flair with their Christmas in August performance at the Fort Myers Elks. Also in attendance were several military guests under the auspices of the Military Support Program of Lee Memorial Health System. That program was created in May 2003 to serve local troops and their families while

being deployed as well as to serve local veterans returning back home to their community. All money raised is used to send out monthly care packages and fund other needs of veterans and families.

The Military Support Program provides support to the troops year-round and relies on community involvement and donations. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. The Military Support Program has provided 43,000 pounds of care packages since May 2003 and has sponsored more than 1,009 local troops and their families.*



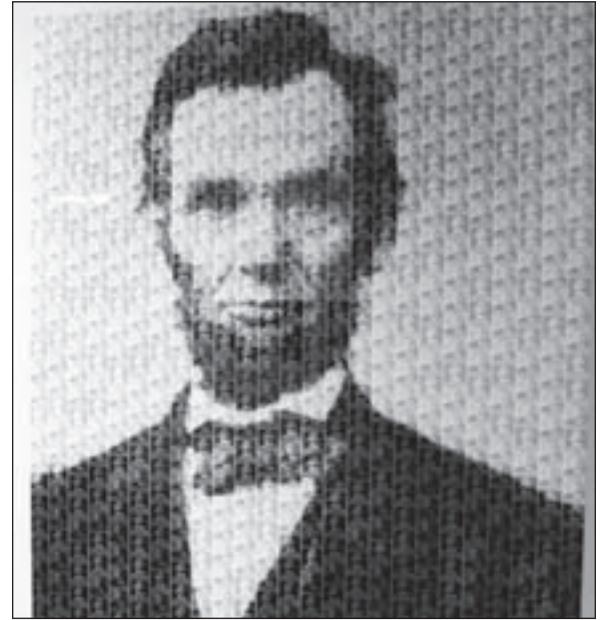
The centerpiece is *Go Team USA* by Judigh Anderson

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Black And White Exhibit

September 1. The annual themed exhibition is one of the many benefits of membership at the Alliance for the Arts.

The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 939-2787 or to to www.ArtInLee.org.*

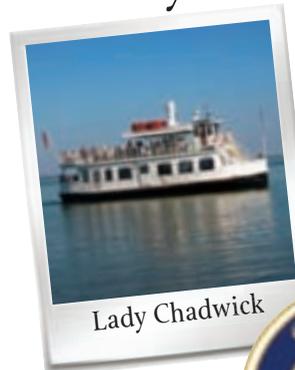


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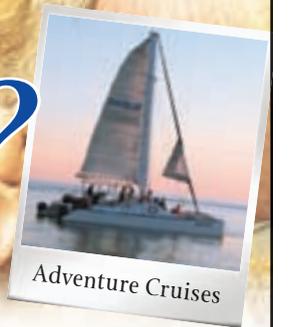
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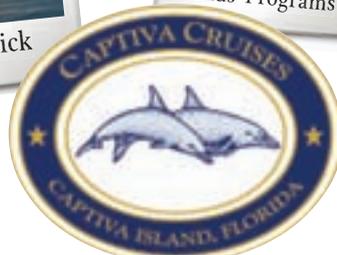


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226-0900, Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.com, Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org

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10291 Bayshore Rd., N. Fort Myers
Divine Liturgy is on Sun. at 10:30 a.m.; Rosary begins at 10 a.m.
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8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers
Reverend Fr. Athanasios Michalos
Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m.
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8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,
481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend.
Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening
Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,
481-3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor
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9:30 a.m. Contemporary; 9:45 a.m.
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
in the Downtown Fort Myers River District
2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-332-1152, www.fumcftmyers.org
Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
5 p.m. Youth Program
7 p.m. Spanish Worship

FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION
5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330
Reverend Mark Condry, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:
8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,
482-3133. Philip White, pastor
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Church School: 10:15 a.m.
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and Church School

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services.

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Ministers

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239-985-8503
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7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com
e-mail: peace1265@aol.com
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Peace is a member of the ELCA. We cel-
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Blvd, Fort Myers, 437-2599, www.peaceft-
myers.com, peace@peaceftmyers.com

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Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with 9:15
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433-0201,
Rabbi: Rabbi Elyssa Auster
President: Keith Grossman
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Services: Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and
Saturday morning at 9 a.m.
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Web site: www.tjswfl.org
Preschool director: JoAnn Goldman
email templejudeapreschool@gmail.com
433-0201, Web site: www.tjswfl.org
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Vocal Artistry Plans Support Of Six Organizations During 2012-13



Vocal Artistry

Coming off of a highly successful first season, Vocal Artistry has selected six new organizations to support through concerts and events during the 2012-13 season. After The Rain Halfway House For Women, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), PACE Center For Girls of Lee County, Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) and the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties will each be featured this season to raise awareness and money with Vocal Artistry.

As an outreach of the music ministry of First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, Vocal Artistry performs concerts that shine the spotlight on various community causes. Each presentation features free admission and a few minutes in the program dedicated to the nonprofit partners to share with the audience about their organization. Free will donations are accepted to support the effort, and proceeds benefit the featured organization.

Vocal Artistry looks for public agencies (secular or faith-based), nonprofit organizations with existing 501(c)3 status, that have met challenges in finding community exposure for their vision and would like to commit to building a community partnership with Vocal Artistry to continue to meet those needs. In their decisions, Vocal Artistry considers an organization's need and impact to the local community.

Prior to the end of the 2011-12 season, Vocal Artistry put out an official call to nonprofit organizations who would like to work with the group in the future. By limiting the number of partners, each can get a larger share of the recognition and fundraising benefit. Artistic director Joseph Caulkins says it was difficult to narrow down to a handful.

"This selection of concert community partners will help us cast a wide net. We'll be supporting people overcoming addiction and adversity as well as fund resources that help feed the hungry and educated people on living healthier lives; we're more than music and thrilled to be making a difference," Caulkins added.

After The Rain Halfway House For Women, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), PACE Center For Girls of Lee County, Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) will be highlighted during individual concerts. The partnership between United Way and Vocal Artistry will be slightly different in that it is a season-long partnership.

Vocal Artistry is working this season to grow for the future, and they have recorded a number of songs from previous concerts for a CD (to be released at "Sing United" on Sunday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center). The United Way became a partner to help promote and sell the CD, and proceeds will both support Vocal Artistry concerts and benefit the United Way.

Vocal Artistry Community Partners

After the Rain of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides housing for women recovering from substance abuse, homelessness and domestic violence. It also accesses supportive services for residents to become employed, self-sufficient and capable of rebuilding family relationships. The main goals are to develop healthy character and success in all areas of life.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank seeks to overcome hunger in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties through education and by working in a cooperative effort with affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults with this disease, JDRF is the largest charitable support of T1D research.

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Conservative Judaism

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THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circ. #401, behind Zoomers. Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events are held on the beach in Fort Myers Beach. See our webpage <http://www.new-churchflorida.com/> or call for more information 239-481-5535.

THOMAS A. EDISON

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/
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Senior Minister: Douglas Kelchner
Traditional Worship Sunday's 10:15 a.m.
Website: www.taecc.com

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13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)
Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum
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www.unityoffortmyers.org or 239-278-1511

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125
Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson
Sunday Service:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Blended Worship
www.westminsterfortmyers.org

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881;
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OBITUARY



THOMAS J. WICKESBERG

Thomas J. Wickesberg, 62, Fort Myers, died unexpectedly on Sunday, August 5, 2012. Tommy was born on June 22, 1950, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin son to the late Warren and Elizabeth (Meer) Wickesberg. Tommy lived in the Ozaukee County area, working in the family owned restaurants, along with other jobs.

For the past 31 years, Tommy lived in Fort Myers, Sanibel and Captiva Islands, where he had many friends. Tommy worked in restaurants, fish markets and construction.

For the past 14 years, he lived on and managed Chuck and Ann Brunings' property plus several other properties on Captiva, and was also a proud volunteer of the Captiva Fire Department.

Tommy was a Wisconsinite at heart and loved the Packers, Brewers and Badgers, along with watching The Three Stooges and old movies. Tommy had a passion for cooking too much food and would share with his visitors, neighbors and friends. Along with his humor and radiant, contagious smile, he was a caring, helpful person and always gave you time out of his day.

He is survived by his three brothers, Richard (Linda), Shiocton; David (Debbie), Saukville and James (Sally), Shiocton. He further survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a special friend, Mary Ellen Charles Backes, and many other friends.

He proceeded in death by his parents.

If you ever needed a helping hand, Tom gave you "both" hands. He was loved by everyone and will be missed dearly.✪

Mangrove Snapper And Grouper In The Passes



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Morning coastal showers most of this week did not slow the bite down. If you were willing to just get out and play dodge-the-rain, the fishing paid off.

Yes, we did get wet a few times but, generally, if you paid attention to the movement of the small, fast moving rainstorms you could stay dry and keep a rod bent.

Close to home in the southern sound, the fishing action was very consistent on redfish and trout most of the week. Big high tides made for a longer than usual four- to five-hour window for catching redfish up to 28 inches up under the mangroves. Out on the flats, trout up to 22 inches were caught while working the eastern side of the sound targeting sand potholes in the three- to four-foot range with a small pinfish or grunt on a popping cork rig.

Most days I would start off out on the flats catching trout until the tide got high enough then switch over to mangrove fishing to target the redfish.

When you mention grouper and snapper fishing, most clients automatically think of going offshore. The next few months are prime time to catch gag grouper and mangrove snapper in and

around the passes. Captiva Pass and Boca Grande Pass hold lots of keeper size quality fish for the next month or two.

August and September will offer some of the best inshore mangrove snapper fishing of the year. These great tasting fish will be in good numbers in the passes and will commonly get up to the 15- to 16-inch range. Mangrove snapper have very good eyesight so I use a light 15# or 20# test fluorocarbon leader and a small 1/0 light wire circle hook. Most of the time I run a 30# test leader, but when targeting these snapper, the lighter the better. It's amazing how many more bites you will get just by lightening up the rig.

Use as little weight on the rig as you can to get the bait to the bottom, generally a #2 split shot will do it unless the tide is running really hard. Bait for these mangrove snapper needs to be on the small side too. Live shiners are hard to beat but live shrimp and small pinfish will work too when the bite is on.

Places in the passes to catch mangrove snapper include the deeper docks along with the deeper holes, rocky bottom and ledges. Drift fishing is the way to go when in the pass; pay close attention to your depth finder, always looking for rocky, broken bottom. Once you catch a couple, put a mark on the GPS and make the same drift. Once you locate them it's one after another. Often the better

bite comes during periods of slower tide movement. While drifting for snapper in the pass you will also catch both red and gag grouper. I've yet to catch a keeper sized red grouper in the passes but commonly catch keeper size gags.

If you want to target keeper sized gag grouper in the passes, a much heavier rig is required to get the job done. I like a heavy jigg style spinning rod rigged with 65-pound braid. I then either go with a large pinfish on a knocker rig or a butterfly jig. Just recently I have started using the butterfly jigs in the passes and the results are impressive. The jigs, when fished vertically, rarely hang on the bottom, unlike the live bait rig, and they catch fish after fish. Let the jig fall to the

bottom and simply jig it up about five feet before letting it fall back to the bottom. Hold on though, because the majority of the bites come while the jig is falling.

Most of the gag grouper caught in the passes will be on the small side of the 22-inch minimum size limit. Learning where the good bottom is and using big baits will increase your odds of a fresh grouper dinner without having to make a long, expensive run offshore. There are plenty of keeper-size grouper in these passes with even some real monsters around 20 pounds that I see caught every year.

Gag grouper are a hard-hitting fish and a battle is usually decided within the first five to 10 feet. Getting a big gag up and away from the rocky structure quickly is the key to landing one. This is full contact fishing, so bring your A game and a stout rod.

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.*



Hunter and Eli Jolly with two redfish caught this week with Capt. Matt Mitchell

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CROW Case Of The Week:
Bumble Foot



by Patricia Molloy
The cormorant is a legendary bird due to the fact that it has evolved into a sea bird that prefers freshwater fish. They rarely fly far from the shore, preferring inlets, bays and large rivers.



A cormorant recuperating at CROW

“Since it may be a Brevetoxin case, these birds can have kidney issues, so we want to make sure that we are supporting its kidneys with plenty of fluids,” stated Dr. Diane Bean. The cormorant is also receiving fish with extra oil to maintain its caloric intake, as avians can lose weight very quickly in captivity.

Jeana Harms, certified veterinarian technician, uses a surgical scrub consisting of a detergent and an antiseptic antibacterial agent solution to clean the wounds. Once they are thoroughly cleaned, a topical antibiotic called silver



Topical ointment is applied by Jeana Harms and Dr. Diane Bean to combat bumble foot

sulfadiazine is applied. The treatment must be administered often and with great care, as irreversible damage can occur. It will take several weeks of intensive care before this cormorant is well enough to be considered for release.

If you do not have the time to spare to volunteer, consider sponsoring CROW's patients, as they do not have health insurance to cover their bills. You may specify that your donation to be used to help specific patients or species. Go to

CROW's website for more information. CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org for more information.*

ers. Despite spending much time in the water, they do not possess the water-proofing oil of other seabirds (enabling them to dive very deeply for fish) and spend much time drying their feathers, standing ashore or on pilings.

A downed Florida cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus floridanu*) arrived at CROW earlier this month, likely suffering from Brevetoxin, or BTX. The respiratory illness is caused by ingesting the algae responsible for red tide. Due to its weakened condition, it spent too much time on its feet causing a common condition known as bumble foot. Abscesses form on the bottom of a stricken bird's webbed feet, which are hard like calluses and inhibit its ability to swim properly.

The patient was very thin and lethargic. Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director, immediately ordered injections of subcutaneous fluids, an electrolyte solution that can be given to animals for hydration.

CROW Launches Summer Campaign



The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife announced the launch of a summer campaign to raise funds for the rescue and rehabilitation of our sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife.

CROW president John Schubert is confident that CROW can continue to provide the level of care needed to survive this busy season.

“For over 40 years, CROW has survived thanks to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the special people who provide care for our patients. But we have also survived thanks to the passion and generous donations from our supporters who believe strongly in what we do every day of the year to save wildlife,” said Schubert. “As we have in past summers, we are reaching out to our members, supporters and everyone in our community to help us by providing the extra resources we need to get through this busy summer season.”

Everyone at CROW would like to say thank you for helping us give wildlife a voice in the world and for helping us teach people to care for and care about our wildlife friends and neighbors.

Yes, I would like to support CROW and its efforts to treat these summer patients.

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Plant Smart

Cypressvine

by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Cypressvine (*Ipomoea quamoclit*) is a smooth-stemmed twining vine of the morning glory family.

This fast-growing annual is a native of tropical America and can reach 16 feet or more.

Delicate leaves sprinkled with star-like flowers make a pretty lacey trellis plant or groundcover. Its bright flowers are sought by hummingbirds and butterflies.

The tubular scarlet flowers bloom throughout most of the year. Flowers of one to two inches across appear on long slender stalks. Flowers are occasionally white.

The feathery and thread-like leaves resemble those of the bald cypress, thus the common name.

Leaves are one to four inches long, with each segment measuring only about a millimeter wide.

Cypressvine produces a rounded green seed capsule that matures to brown. The plant is easy to cultivate, so it's good for beginner gardeners. In fact, it will readily self-sow. Fortunately, it is non-invasive.

Although drought-tolerant, it does best in well-drained soil, plenty of moisture, and full sun to partial shade.

Sources: *Wildflowers of Florida Field Guide* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela,



Cypressvine's tubular flowers flare into scarlet stars



Delicate leaves make cypressvine an attractive trellis plant. Note the long slender closed flowers on the right

photos by Gerri Reaves

The Guide to Florida Wildflowers by Walter Kingsley Taylor, floridata.com, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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

Caring For Your Plants

Need A Hedge?

By Justen Dobbs



What is the best way to create a barrier between your yard and the neighbors' yards? There are many advantages to planting a hedge of bushes or trees instead of a fixed

fence or wall. A living hedge can be allowed to grow to the height that you want, it provides some lush greenery for your yard and, with the proper know-how, it can require little to no maintenance.

There are two basic living hedges you can choose from: hardwood and palm. Some popular hardwood trees that are used to make hedges are Ficus, Mahoe, Buttonwood, Eugenia, Seagrape, Clusia, and Olive. The only species that I would recommend using out of this group is the Clusia (also called Autograph tree or Pitchapple) because it is drought-tolerant, requires little fertilizer, is not prone to pests and requires little trimming and maintenance. The rest of the trees on the list are either messy, too fast growing, cold-sensitive or high in fertilizer and water requirements.

So, why do landscapers plant these trees you might ask? It's because they

also make money on landscape maintenance and the more maintenance required (superfluously), the more money they make on the homeowner.

Now, some homeowners enjoy and prefer the hard-wood tree hedge and this is fine- as long as the homeowner is educated on what is or her options are. Unfortunately, this is usually not the case and the homeowner is stuck with the trees because they were either there when they bought the house or put in by one of the past landscape maintenance companies that worked for them.

If you do have a choice on what to use for a living hedge, I strongly suggest you go with clustering palm trees. I have some recommendations here:

1. Cat palms (*Chamaedorea* sp. – bushy and low maintenance; grow to six to eight feet)
2. Dwarf Sugar palms (*Arenga engleri* – fragrant blooms; cold-hardy; grow to 10 to 12 feet)
3. Fishtail palms (*Caryota mitis* – very bushy and low maintenance; grow to 25 to 30 feet)
4. Areca palms (the most popular hedge; grow to 30 to 35 feet)

Each of the palm trees in the list above requires removal of dead fronds just one to four times per year. Other than that, they can live off rainwater once established and require no fertilizer, pest control or trimming. If you have a large property, you can also use clustering Bamboo (not the "running" type), which is fairly low maintenance.

If you are tired of maintaining your



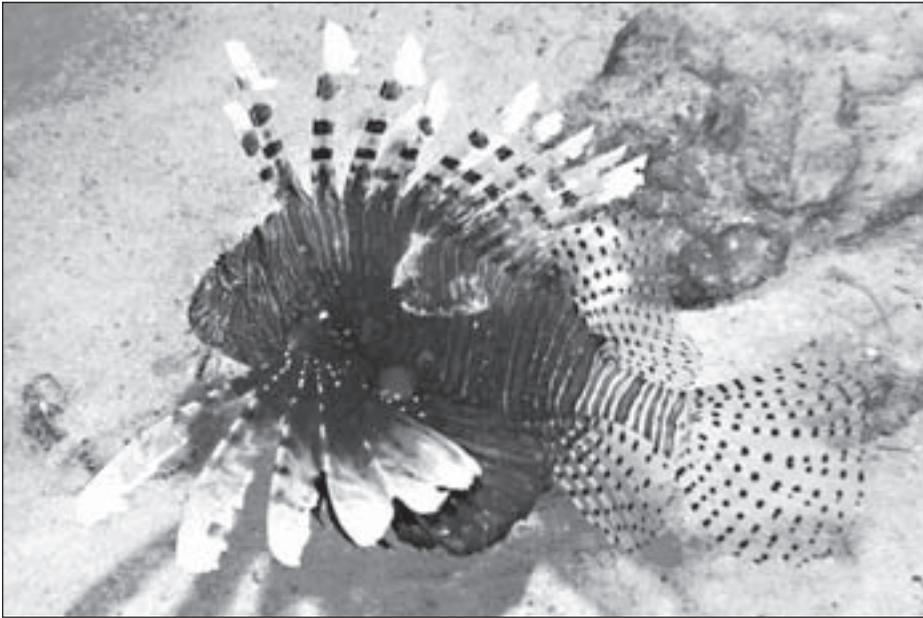
Clustering Fishtail palms create a lush, tropical hedge and require little maintenance

current hedge or hate to see it get hit by frost every few years, you can always have it removed and a new palm tree hedge installed in its place. It may save you lots of money in the long run.

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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FWC Increases Lionfish Harvest Opportunities, Public Can Help



Lionfish are a non-native invasive species in Southwest Florida waters

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announced that harvesting invasive lionfish no longer will require a fishing license when using certain gear, and there is no recreational or commercial bag limit. The FWC is taking these actions to encourage more Floridians and visitors to harvest lionfish.

"The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission hopes that by increasing the opportunity for people to harvest invasive lionfish, we can limit the impact this nonnative invasive species has on Florida's marine fish and wildlife," said Jessica McCawley, director of the FWC's Division of Marine Fisheries Management. "We also want to express our gratitude to everyone, especially divers, who already go out on a regular basis to harvest lionfish."

Blue Star Museums Program Ends Labor Day Weekend

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum participates annually in the Blue Star Museums Program, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 1,500 museums across America.

The program offers free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2012. Leadership support has been provided by MetLife Foundation through Blue Star Families. A complete list of participating museums is available at www.arts.gov/blue-starmuseums.

"I believe that welcoming our men and women in uniform and their families through the Blue Star program is one way to recognize their dedication and all the hard work they do on behalf of the country," said Dr. José H. Leal, director/curator for the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. "We are pleased and honored to host the American military at the museum and we are happy to see more of our friends and family from the armed services participating in the program every year!"

The program allows service members and their family access to the museum without an entrance fee and runs through Monday, September 3.

Blue Star Museums is the latest NEA program to bring quality arts programs to the military, veterans and their families. Other NEA programs for the military have included Operation Homecoming; Writing The Wartime Experience; Great American Voices Military Base Tour; and Shakespeare In American Communities Military Base Tour.

The non-profit Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum features more than 30 exhibits of mollusks from around the world. Museum exhibits are devoted to shells in art and history, shell habitat, rare specimens, fossil shells, common Southwest Florida shells and more. For additional information, visit www.shellmuseum.org.



Service men and women visit the museum for free as a part of the Blue Star Museums Program

photo by Carol Orr Hartman

The changes, enacted by an executive order, apply only through August 2013. They are:

- A recreational fishing license is not required to target lionfish while using a pole spear, a Hawaiian sling (picture included in photo set), a handheld net or any spearing device that is specifically designed and marketed exclusively for lionfish.

- There is no recreational or commercial harvest bag limit for lionfish.

The changes do not allow spearing in areas where spearfishing is prohibited and apply to state waters only, which is from shore to nine miles in Gulf of Mexico waters and from shore to three miles in Atlantic waters.

Lionfish are a non-native invasive species that threatens Florida's saltwater fish and wildlife. They prey on native fish and wildlife and can reduce native populations. Lionfish also compete for food with native predatory fish such as grouper and snapper. The FWC encourages people to remove lionfish in Florida waters to limit negative impacts to native fish and wildlife.

Lionfish have venomous spines, so the FWC urges careful handling. Unless a person is allergic to the venom, lionfish stings are rarely fatal. Anyone getting stung should immerse the wound in hot (not scalding) water or apply heat to the affected area for 30 to 90 minutes to help break down the toxin. Also, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Spearfishers should also take care not to damage the important reef habitat where lionfish often are found.

More information regarding lionfish is available at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations," then "Lionfish." To view the executive order, visit www.MyFWC.com/About and click on "Executive Director" then "Executive Orders." ❄️

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Finishing Touches Being Put On 'Ding' Documentary



Looking at the original printer's plate of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling's last editorial cartoon is, from left, documentary producer Sam Koltinsky, Chris Steffen and Jefferson Jones by Jeff Lysiak

The countdown to the official first screening of the film *America's Darling* – a documentary about the life and impact of legendary editorial cartoonist, wildlife conservationist and former Sanibel and Captiva Island visitor Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling – is under way.

Scheduled to debut during "Ding" Darling Days at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in October, *America's Darling* will share the incredible history of Darling (1876-1962), the *Des Moines Register* editorial cartoonist who influenced readers through his syndicated cartoons, creating awareness of urgent environmental issues and the need to preserve America's natural landscapes.

During the three years he has spent working on the film, producer Sam Koltinsky travelled across the country – from Florida and West Virginia to Michigan, Washington, DC and Iowa – gathering valuable biographical information and poring through documents, cartoons and other archived Darling treasures.

This spring, Koltinsky and his Marvo Entertainment Group team spent more than a month in Southwest Florida, filming several segments to be included in the 60-minute documentary at BIG ARTS, the refuge and at Darling's former winter retreat – the Fish House, built in 1942 – on Captiva.

But since then, work on *America's Darling* hasn't begun to slow down.

"I left Sanibel and Captiva and went almost directly to Des Moines," Koltinsky said last week. "We were able to visit Darling's former home, capture a number of interviews related to Ding's time in Iowa as well as to secure Iowa's portion of our project's funding goal. In addition, we have been building contacts and establishing dates for the show's premieres around the country."

Earlier this month, the Marvo team was back on the islands, completing additional filming at the refuge as well as in the studio. Among the participants were Chris Steffen, the great-great grandson of Darling; Jefferson Jones, a Lehigh Acres teen who has won the Florida Junior Duck Stamp competition for the past three years; Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger; and Jason Kalajainen, creative director of The Robert Rauschenberg Foundation's artist residency program.

"Chris (Steffen) did a wonderful job at the WGPU studio, with whom we have been partnering," said Koltinsky. "We filmed Chris with a number of artifacts that I have been collecting from around the country, most of which have never been seen by the public. No, I am not giving any clues to what they are. However, I promise lots of 'wows' from the audience!"

Steffen, 17, explained that he enjoyed both of his visits to the islands this year, especially when he and his family were able to visit the Fish House for the first time back in March. Of course, being a vital part of the documentary is also exciting.

"Before all of this started, I really had no idea how much interest in my great-great grandfather's work was out there," said Steffen, who lives in Temple, Texas. "Grandpa Kip (Koss) always told us stories about him, but not too many kids my age know too much about him."

One of the treasures that Koltinsky uncovered during his research for the film was an original printer's plate of the farewell cartoon drawn by "Ding" Darling in early 1962. Both Steffen and Jones were thrilled to see the artifact in person while visiting the refuge recently.



Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling's farewell cartoon that the *Des Moines Register* published in February 1962



Jefferson Jones' award-winning Junior Duck Stamp artwork from 2012

"One of my aunts (Jennifer Graham) used to talk about that printer's plate all the time," added Steffen, who will serve as the on-camera host for the film. "I think she was pretty jealous that I got to see it – and hold it – in person. It's one of his best known works."

Jones, 17, would like to pursue a career – much like Darling himself – working in cooperation with wildlife, as an artist.

Things Not Seen Before: A Tribute To John Cage

Marking a decade since originating his survey *The Visual Art of John Cage* in 2002, the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College now revisits the monumental impact and continuing legacy of John Cage.

Things Not Seen Before: A Tribute To John Cage (with 33-1/3 performed by the audience), which will open on Friday, August 24, is a visual art exhibition and interactive installation (guest curated by Jade Dellinger) in celebration of the 2012 birth centenary of one of the most influential creative thinkers of the 20th century. An intimate friend and collaborator of Bob Rauschenberg's, the composer once noted, "I am very happy to have known Marcel Duchamp and to be living still in the time of Rauschenberg... I am not interested in the names of movements but rather in seeing and making things not seen before."

Combining and significantly expanding projects initiated by The Tampa Museum of Art and Tempus Projects and consisting largely of material not previously exhibited, Things Not Seen Before includes John Cage-related or inspired works by colleagues and collaborators including Fluxus pioneers Nam June Paik, Philip Corner, Giuseppe Chiari, Yoko Ono and Milan Knížák. Numerous others who closely followed or befriended and were profoundly influenced by Cage – like performance artist Laurie Anderson, ex-Talking Heads frontman David Byrne, The Art Guys, Lee Ranaldo from Sonic Youth, Christina Kubisch, Andrew Deutsch, Stephen Vitiello and winner of the Golden Lion for Best Artist in the 2011 Venice Biennale, Christian Marclay – are also featured. The exhibition will run until October 13.

A number of prominent local and regional artists like sculptor Joe Griffith, Tony Wong Palms and Theo Wujcik (who met and photographed Cage in Florida in the 1980s) have contributed new works. Plus, several original pieces (drawings, mesostic manuscripts, early lithographs, a monotype, *Busoni Chart for HPSCHD* score and a plexigram) all created by Cage are positioned on gallery walls with the artist's own (rather unorthodox) installation method derived through chance operations.

On the development of the exhibition, Ron Bishop, director of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, said, "Jade Dellinger has done a remarkable job of selecting artists and work that reveal the impact of the critical thinking of John Cage. There are few people who have made a larger contribution, and this exhibit clearly shows how artists around the world continue to develop ideas today that have links to John Cage. Down to the installation and presentation of this exhibition, the presence of John Cage is felt and realized here in ways that will surprise, if not mesmerize."

Central to the exhibition at Edison State College, Things Not Seen Before



Image of John Cage at work can be seen during the tribute

features a special interactive installation of John Cage's 33-1/3. Conceived in 1969 as a visitor participation piece, Cage's 33-1/3 encourages gallery-goers to engage freely with a room full of record players and stacks of vinyl LPs. However, as the composer never specified LP titles for use in the installation, a prominent group "guest curators" have been invited to submit Top 10 picks to fill record bins in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, including Iggy Pop, Mark Mothersbaugh of Devo, Richie Ramone of The Ramones, Pauline Oliveros, William Wegman, Graham Nash, Bryan Ferry of Roxy Music, Joan La Barbara, David Harrington of Kronos Quartet, Ed Ruscha and others.

As artist/participant and Sonic Youth guitarist Lee Ranaldo recently recalled, "I remember John talking about how he didn't like to listen to a record more than once. What was the point? If one gave oneself over to the experience the first time, then why repeat? He didn't really care for the idea of music as 'fixed in time' on a black platter. He said he'd rather open the window and listen to the trucks rolling by, or whatever else was coming in – the constantly changing music of NOW rather than a packaged simulacra of 'then.' Those comments have long stayed with me, in spite of the fact that I love both making records and playing records... often the same ones over and over again."

The duration of 33-1/3 is indeterminate. When first performed at the University of California/Davis, the audience interacted with Cage's record installation for nearly four hours. As Cage would have expected, the work remains "silent" when there are no visitors to interact with it – and cacophonous (or perhaps most musical) when fully occupied by audience-performers.

As Cage famously surmised, "Until I die, there will be sounds. And they will continue following my death. One need not fear about the future of music."

For more about the John Cage Centennial celebrations worldwide, visit the John Cage Trust at Bard College at www.JohnCage.org.

For additional information, call 489-9313, visit www.RauschenbergGallery.com and follow the gallery on Facebook.*

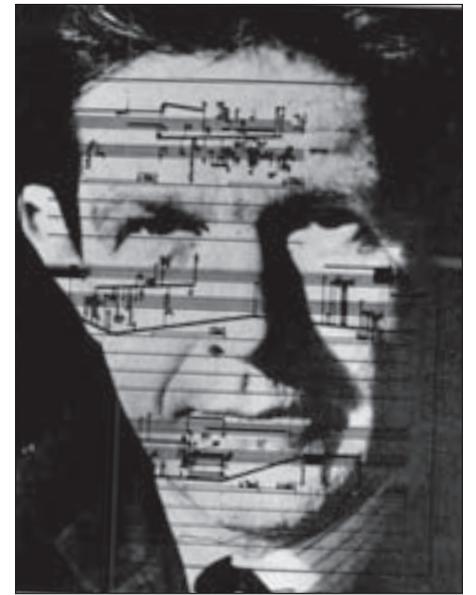


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Lovegrove Exhibit

brush strokes resembling the United States flag with blazing embellished words, "From Sea To Shining Sea." The art hangs in Concourse D, along with 33 other Southwest Florida artists' works. The exhibit continues through July 2013.

The Honor, Country & Heroism exhibit was created to honor the men and women of the armed forces. This

collection includes 32 canvases submitted by 34 artists, including six military veterans. These pieces feature a vibrant color palette, paying tribute to our country's heroes and welcoming our troops as they return home to Southwest Florida.

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Murder, Laughs At Theatre Conspiracy



by Di Saggau

Joe Di Pietro's *Art Of Murder* is now showing at Theatre Conspiracy.

Directed by Mike Breen, the play provides an evening of fast-paced entertainment that ranges from hilarious to

surprising and tense. Set in a remote artists' estate in Connecticut, the dark comedy pokes fun at artists, their agents and how a dead artist is worth more than a live one.

Jack Brooks (Miguel Cintron) and his wife Annie (Denise Scott) are at odds over who is the more talented. They have invited their agent Vincent (Chas Greer) over for dinner to discuss their art careers. He arrives shortly after their maid Kate (Brittany Albury) leaves for the evening.

After Jack retreats for some solitude in his isolation tank, a coffin-like contraption conveniently and awkwardly located in their living room, Annie convinces Vincent that they'd all be better off without Jack. She comes up with a clever scheme that involves keeping Jack inside



Chas Greer, Denise Scott and Miguel Cintron appear in *Art Of Murder*

the isolation tank.

From this point on, everybody tells a story... then changes the story.

Someone appears to die, but doesn't die, then appears to be an artist, and isn't an artist. The script is full of artsy quips and screaming accusations and – excluding Kate – all the characters are so mean-spirited, it's hard to care who murders whom.

Jack is furious at Vincent for failing to sell his newest work, which he calls "Study In Red No. 4." Never mind that there are no other studies and the painting in question is, in fact, yellow. When Vincent says the painting is not up to his other work, Jack loses it and falls into a violent screaming rage. His catch phrase is "I'm an artist, never judge me."

The cast is superb. Cintron, as Jack, is outwardly arrogant and inwardly inse-

cure, consumed with his desire to be recognized. Scott's facial expressions and general physicality as the scheming Annie change constantly. Albury, with her Irish accent, punctuates the comedy with flashes of intensity, during her on and off stage intervals.

The scene stealer is Greer as the

greedy, flamboyant and calculating agent. Tall and lanky, in a three-piece shiny black suit with lavender shirt, Greer is given the best witticisms, especially when he talks about a "major posthumous campaign" that would include not just a retrospective of the artist's work, but T-shirts and pillow cases stamped with the dead man's image. In his words, "Anyone who has ever met Jack has thought about killing him."

The action never lags and the numerous plot twists in the second act leave the audience wondering what is really going on. The serious subject of murder is addressed with well executed comedy woven into a surprisingly deep plot that touches on sociocultural issues.

Art Of Murder plays through September 1 at Theatre Conspiracy located in the Foulds Theatre at Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information call 936-3239 or visit www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Community Support Saves A Prairie Home Companion At FGCU

Southwest Florida will once again be able to tune into WGCU Public Radio 90.1/91.7 FM to hear the latest news from Lake Wobegon, as well as other favorite skits and musical acts regularly featured on *A Prairie Home Companion*, thanks to a generous sponsorship by Shell Point Retirement Community and listeners and members of WGCU Public Media.

According to WGCU General Manager Rick Johnson, *A Prairie Home Companion* has been a staple on Public Radio in Southwest Florida for 29 years; however, the show's annual price tag of \$22,000 became cost-prohibitive and the station decided to stop airing the program.

"That's when we started hearing from our listeners," said Johnson.

In the weeks since making the budgetary decision to stop airing Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, many listeners have voiced their complaints via phone calls and social media. In response to its listeners, WGCU launched a campaign to raise the \$22,000 fee the station is assessed.

WGCU reached out to its listeners and its community sponsors. In the past month, 47 listeners made a contribution to save *A Prairie Home Companion*. According to Johnson, it was the Shell Point Retirement Community and their commitment to public broadcasting and the well-being of Southwest Florida, combined with individual contributions that made it possible to save *A Prairie Home Companion*.

Shell Point Retirement Community Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications Lynn Schneider said, "Shell Point has been a sponsor of public radio for more than 20 years and bringing back *A Prairie Home Companion* just made sense. Not only do many of the residents of Shell Point listen to the program, but it also reaches people who might consider living in our community someday. We are proud to partner with WGCU to be able to provide this type of quality programming for Southwest Florida."

The new season of *A Prairie Home Companion* premieres on Saturday, September 15 at 6 p.m. The broadcast will be live from the Fitzgerald Theater in Saint Paul, Minnesota with special musical guests the classic country, The Derailers, who are known for building the relationship between song, listener and dance floor.

WGCU Public Media, serving seven counties in Southwest Florida provides media content and services that foster personal growth, celebrate human diversity and motivate community engagement enriching the lives of citizens and strengthening the social, democratic, and cultural health of the region. WGCU is a member supported service of Florida Gulf Coast University.



Garrison Keillor, host of *A Prairie Home Companion*

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Lee Community Youth Chorus

Does your child like to sing? A new chorus is forming in Lee County and we would love to have your child join in the fun!

The Lee Community Youth Chorus is a multicultural music education and performance program for youth that fosters talent, confidence and community. The chorus is open to all students, age 8-plus, and will combine all levels of singing abilities.

Singers will be taught to sing in two-part harmony and will experience a wide variety of musical styles. The repertoire

consists of upbeat, easily recognizable songs that are fun to sing. The chorus will travel to perform at senior centers and various community-wide events.

Weekly rehearsals are held on Mondays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 13411 Shire Lane in Fort Myers. Tuition is \$25 per year (which includes a LCYC T-shirt) and a limited number of scholarships are available.

For more information, call chorus director Debby Dorr at 941-866-1710 or email pianodorr@gmail.com.

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Pan-seared Florida Snapper with Roasted Red Pepper Chili

4 six-ounce snapper fillets
 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
 Sea salt, to taste
 Ground black pepper, to taste
 1 cup rice flour
 4 tablespoons olive oil
 Sprinkle fillets with seasonings then dredge in flour. Melt butter in shallow skillet over medium-high heat; add fillets and cook 3 to 5 minutes per side until golden brown and cooked through. Remove fillets from skillet and serve with Roasted Red Pepper Chili.

Yield four servings

Roasted Red Pepper Chili

1 pound red peppers, roasted, peeled, seeded and roughly chopped
 2 tablespoons diced shallots
 1/2 cup white wine
 Salt and pepper

In a large sauté pan, cook all the ingredients over medium heat for 20 minutes. Puree mixture in a blender until smooth. Strain for a more refined sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste.
 Yields four servings



Pan-seared Florida Snapper with Roasted Red Pepper Chili

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Miracle Hosts Goodwill Donation Drive



Miss-A-Miracle and the Goodwill mascot at a Miracle game

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida is partnering with the Fort Myers Miracle to collect donations of gently used clothing, accessories and household goods. Goodwill will accept donations at Hammond Stadium during the Miracle's home games on Friday, August 24 through Sunday, August 26.

Goodwill will collect donations at a truck in the Hammond Stadium parking lot from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, with the Sunday donations being collected 12:30 through 3 p.m.

Baseball fans donating to Goodwill during the donation drive will receive a general admission ticket voucher which can be used for the Miracle vs. Charlotte Stone Crabs home game on Friday, August 31. They will also receive a Goodwill coupon, which may be used at any Goodwill Retail & Donation Center in Lee, Collier, Charlotte or Hendry Counties.

"Goodwill is happy to be partnering with the Fort Myers Miracle for the fourth year in a row," said Kirsten O'Donnell, Goodwill's director of public relations. "Donation drives like this one are a fun way of bringing the community together, and supporting our mission."

Goodwill's employees will also be featured during the weekend donation drive. On August 25, Darlene Neptune, an employee from Goodwill's Naples Town Centre location, will sing the National Anthem before the Miracle host the Palm Beach Cardinals. Goodwill Punta Gorda employee Brenda Caruthers, recognized for her outstanding customer service, will throw the ceremonial first pitch.

Goodwill and the Miracle have other activities planned for Saturday's game, including a Goodwill fashion show.

Hammond Stadium is located at the Lee County Sports Complex, on Six Mile Cypress Parkway, south of Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information on the Fort Myers Miracle, visit www.miraclebaseball.com.

For store locations and more information about Goodwill's mission, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.

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Ding Documentary

"I get a lot of my ideas just walking around, observing wildlife," said Jones. "I usually do my own sketches, but I'd like to develop my photography skills. I prefer to work from my own experiences rather than from somebody else's images. I think that it adds to a painting when it feels more personal to you."

According to Koltinsky, *America's Darling* will be completed in time for "Ding" Darling Days. In fact, the film is scheduled to be screened at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 19 at the refuge's Education Center.

"In fact, I was able to meet with Dr. John McCabe, Mike Mullins and Paul Tritaik this past week, discussing some of the artifacts in the show as well as the upcoming premiere," said Koltinsky. "You know that the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge has been, from the very beginning, key to the inspiration on which our project has been built. I am very thankful for not only their vision in

helping to make this a reality, but also the wonderful people that 'inhabit' Sanibel and Captiva."

After several years dedicated to this project, Koltinsky pointed out that never has one person's life affected and inspired him as much as "Ding" Darling has done.

"I have had the honor to meet some of the best that this planet has to offer – from historians, conservationists, preservationists, artists, cartoonists, friends of Darling to our wonderful Junior Duck Stamp winners across the country," he added. "These people and organizations, to me, are the true testimonies to Darling's legacy."

And, as one might expect, Steffen is eager to see the finished film.

"I'm interested in seeing some of the historians and hearing what they say about my great-great grandfather," he said. "My whole life, I grew up hearing stories told by my family about him, but I think it will be cool to hear how other people view him, his work and his accomplishments."*

Voices For Kids Golf Tournament Exceeds Goal

The Lee County Bar Association hosted a charity golf tournament back in May at Fiddlesticks Golf Club. The event filled the course with avid golfers, and included the Sheriff's Challenge Cup, won this year by the Lee County Sheriff's Office team.

Now in its second year, the tournament raised \$14,621.18 for Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida, the non-profit financial support arm of the Guardian ad Litem Program.

"The tournament and the Fiddlesticks venue were super," said Ken Jones, tournament director. "Thanks to the participants and a ton of help from our volunteers we were able to make this fundraiser a great success. A lot of kids benefited from this effort."

The check will be presented to Voices For Kids President Shawn Seliger, Esq. at the Lee County Bar Association Membership Luncheon Meeting on Friday, September 21 between 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers. Members of the public are invited and reservations are required. Cost for members is \$20 and non-members are \$25. RSVP and pay online before noon



Scott Atwood, Karla Campos, Sean Seliger and Kelly Fayer

on September 18 at www.leebar.org.

"Voices For Kids is an amazing organization helping fulfill children's needs in partnership with the Guardian ad Litem volunteers," said Karla Campos-Andersen, president of the Lee County Bar Association. "The Guardians ad Litem give voices to the children in our community who otherwise would not have been able to express their opinions

in a complex judicial system of justice. The Lee County Bar Association is overjoyed to have been able to once again organize such a successful golf tournament. This is the least we can do in giving back to our community."

Shawn Seliger, Voices For Kids Board President, added, "The golf tournament exemplifies some of the finest attributes of our local legal community through our

community partnership with attorneys and other members of the legal profession came together to raise necessary funds to help children in need. Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida is deeply grateful to be selected as the charity of choice. We are especially thankful to all of the dedicated volunteers that made this a successful event. The Lee County Bar Association has made the difference in helping to make certain that every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Southwest Florida has a Guardian ad Litem volunteer to be their eyes, ears and voice in a courtroom."

Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida is a non-profit agency supporting Florida's 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program-Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The Guardian ad Litem Program supports volunteers who advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children in court, the child welfare system and the community. VFK's mission is to ensure every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Southwest Florida has a Guardian ad Litem volunteer and has available financial assistance and resources for health, educational and social needs.

For more information, call Darlene Grossman at 533-1435 or visit www.voicesforkids.org.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My daughter started a new school this year and they have therapy dogs there. I am somewhat uncomfortable with these animals and

don't understand how they help children. What can you tell me about "therapy" dogs in schools?

Christina B, Ocala, Florida

Christina,

There are many benefits of having therapy dogs at a school. The concept of therapy dogs began in World War II when Dr. Charles Mayo (of the Mayo Clinic) noticed how wounded troops responded positively to a pet terrier named Smokey who was allowed to visit the wounded soldiers. The idea that an animal can bring happiness and lower stress evolved and, by 1976, programs to certify animals for therapeutic purposes began. In 1982, an organization was founded in California to bring therapy animals to work with severely handicapped children and the elderly and the practice of animal assisted therapy has grown from this.

There is limited research suggesting that interactions with therapy dogs can increase oxytocin (bonding) and dopa-

mine (happiness) while lowering cortisol (stress), however, most of the information we have on the benefits are anecdotal.

The reported benefits for school children that interact with therapy animals are many and include:

- Academic Benefits
 - Improves attendance and decreases tardiness
 - Students turn in homework more often and increase performance in other subjects
 - Reinforces learning
 - Motivates speech, learning, and exercise
 - Stimulates the senses
 - Facilitates counseling
 - Does not judge, criticize or laugh, and they are less intimidating than peers
- Social Benefits
 - Students build self-esteem, confidence, social skills and communication skills
 - Trusting relationships are formed
 - Fosters feelings of safety and acceptance
 - Decreases loneliness, anxiety, anger and depression
 - Teaches unconditional love and acceptance,
 - Teaches to give instead of receive
 - Encourages positive social behaviors
 - Lowers blood pressure and increases relaxation

The therapy dogs at your daughter's school should be certified. This certification includes an evaluation by a certified evaluator. The test will also include the

evaluation of the dog's behavior around people with the use of some type of service equipment (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.). You may want to check on this. A good resource for more information on therapy dog qualifications is Therapy Dogs International at www.tdi-dog.org.

Many schools now use therapy dogs to help children to read. According to Therapy Dogs International, "The main objective of the reading program is to provide a relaxed and 'dog-friendly' atmosphere, which allows students to practice the skill of reading. Many of the children chosen for this program have difficulties reading and as a result have developed self-esteem issues. They are often self-conscious when reading aloud in front of other classmates.

By sitting down next to a dog and reading to the dog, all threats of being judged are put aside. The child relaxes, pats the attentive dog and focuses on the reading. Reading improves because the child is practicing the skill of reading, building self-esteem and associating reading with something pleasant."

Talk with your daughter's teachers about your concerns and schedule an observation of the dog-child practices at your daughter's school. As you learn more about this situation, I think your concerns will be addressed and perhaps you will see some benefits of this program.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses.

*She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.**

New Computer Class Offered

A new computer class offered at Veterans Park Recreation Center in Lehigh Acres will teach participants about safely using the Internet, email, software, computer security and comfort being online. This class will introduce effective techniques to develop basic to intermediate necessary computer skills. Expand your computer knowledge and sign up now, because classes fill up quickly (six person maximum, adults 18 and older).

Classes cost \$60 for four two-hour sessions, held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. A \$10 facility membership fee is required to participate in all programs.

Register online at www.leeparks.org and click on "Activity #124702." Call Christine at 369-1521 for more information.

Veterans Park Recreation Center is located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres.*

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Donates \$5,000 To School Supply Drive



Greg Pasanen, Beverly Burke and Marshall Bower

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation donated \$5,000 to The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools during their Back To School Supply Drive. The funds will be used to purchase school supplies and other necessities for the Foundation's Teacher Resource Center.

The Teacher Resource Center was created to collect and store new and reusable items donated by businesses and individuals to benefit teachers, students and schools at no cost to them. More than 150 teachers visit the center each month to gather supplies for their classrooms and students in need.

"Making a donation to the Back To School Supply Drive speaks to our mission by providing teachers with the necessary items for the upcoming school year," said

Greg Pasanen, regional vice president of Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation. "Teachers often take money from their own pocket for these supplies so we want to help them and the students in their care enjoy a successful year."

For more information on The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools or the Teacher Resource Center, visit www.leeschoolfoundation.org or call 337-0433.*

FGCU Students To Compete For Scholarships

Florida Gulf Coast University students will make a mad dash to write plays, compose music and edit films before the clock runs out during the sixth annual 24-Hour Festival, to be held on September 7 and 8. At stake are \$500 scholarships for winners in each of three creative categories.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, September 7, FGCU theater professor and festival producing director Barry Cavin will announce the required elements and themes for the contest in the Theatre Lab in the Arts Complex. After he finishes reading the list, individuals and teams of students will have just 24 hours to concoct and complete a creative project incorporating those elements. They must submit entries by 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 8.

At 8 p.m. that evening, students will display artwork in the Arts Complex lobby and present live performances in a TheatreLab showcase that is free and open to the public. A panel of judges will choose winners based on how well they execute their ideas and incorporate the

required elements.

The art-on-the-fly competition has become a tradition eagerly anticipated by students who enjoy the adrenaline rush and the chance to push themselves artistically, according to Cavin, who founded the festival.

"It draws on their unique capacity for procrastination and their tremendously dynamic creativity," he said.

Judges for this year's 24-Hour Festival are Lydia A. Black, executive director of Lee County's Alliance for the Arts; Robert Cacioppo, producing artistic director, and Carrie Lund Cacioppo, actress and associate producer, of Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers; Andy Howl, owner of Howl Gallery in Fort Myers; Danielle Koleniak, news reporter for NBC-2 Fort Myers; Will Prather, executive producer and owner of the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers; and Eric Raddatz, founder and executive director of the Fort Myers Film Festival.

To view videos from last year's festival, go to www.fgcupinnacle.com/videos/arts/24-hour-festival-2011.

For more information, visit www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu or call Barry Cavin at 590-7183.*

Financial Focus

Roth IRA: For Your Retirement... And Beyond



by Jennifer Basey

If you're somewhat familiar with investing, you may know that the Roth IRA is a great retirement-savings vehicle. But are you aware that some of its benefits can also pay off for the next generation of your

family?

To understand why this is so, it's necessary to be familiar with a Roth IRA's features. For starters, when you contribute to a Roth IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2 and you've had your account at least five years. The amounts you contributed aren't taxed when withdrawn because you've already paid taxes on the money you put in. And the potential for tax-free earnings can continue even when your beneficiaries inherit your Roth IRA, though you'll need to consult with your tax advisor on this issue.

A Roth IRA also offers other features that can help you build resources for retirement while possibly helping your surviving family members. For one thing, you can contribute to your Roth IRA for

as long as you have some earned income, up to the contribution limits, and as long as you meet certain income limitations. Even if you've officially "retired," you might do some consulting or part-time work. So you could put some of your earnings into your Roth IRA. This ability to keep funding your Roth IRA virtually indefinitely can give you more flexibility in managing your retirement income – and, depending on how you do manage that income and what your other objectives may be, you may also end up with more money that could be left to your beneficiaries.

Also, unlike a traditional IRA or a 401(k), a Roth IRA does not require you to start taking minimum distributions at age 70 1/2. In fact, you are never required to withdraw money from your Roth IRA. And by leaving your account intact for as long as possible, you'll potentially have more money available for a variety of options – one of which may involve leaving sums to your beneficiaries. Your non-spouse beneficiaries must take annual required minimum distributions, but they have the option to take the distributions over their lifetime.

Keep in mind, though, that your Roth IRA is part of your estate for purposes of federal estate taxes. In 2012, your estate would be subject to these taxes if it were worth more than \$5.12 million (or less, if you made certain gifts). In 2013, however, this amount is scheduled to drop to \$1 million unless Congress acts on this issue. (Some states also have estate taxes that apply at amounts less than the federal amount.) In any case, if you have a sizable estate, you should consult with

your tax and legal advisors.

When you invest in a Roth IRA, your goal, first and foremost, is to help fund your retirement. In fact, basically all your decisions regarding your Roth IRA – how much to contribute, where to invest the money and when to begin taking withdrawals – should be based on your own retirement goals. However, as a side benefit to investing in a Roth IRA, you may find that you could help out the next generation, or two, of your family.

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

Airport Traffic

During July, 464,896 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, an increase of 1.7 percent compared to July 2011. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is down 5.3 percent from the same period last year.

The traffic leader in July was Delta with 117,011 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were AirTran (73,610), Southwest (71,448), JetBlue (55,975) and US Airways (45,775).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 5,096 aircraft movements (takeoffs and landings), a decrease of 0.9 percent compared to July 2011. Page Field saw 6,264 movements, a 16 percent increase from July 2011. In addition, more than 2.3 million pounds of air freight moved through Southwest Florida International Airport in July 2012, a decrease of 2.9 percent compared to July 2011.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 7.5 million passengers in 2011 and is one of the top 50 U.S.

airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com.

Voices For Kids Announces New Board Members

Last week, board president Shawn Seliger, Esq., announced that Lori M. Burke, social entrepreneur/marketing executive, and Dr. Karen Smith, CPA at By The Book Accounting Services, LLC, have joined the board of directors of Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida. Dr. Smith will serve as board treasurer and Burke will chair the organization's annual signature event fundraising series Celebrate The Voices, scheduled to take place in November.

Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida is a non-profit agency supporting Florida's 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The Guardian ad Litem Program supports volunteers who advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children in court, the child welfare system and the community.

VFK's mission is to ensure every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Southwest Florida has a Guardian ad Litem volunteer (GAL) and every GAL has access to financial assistance and resources available for meeting the child's health, educational and social needs, not provided by any other source.

For additional information or to contribute financially to Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida, visit www.voicesforkids.org or call 533-1435.



New Ribbon Supports Breast Cancer Survivors

My Hope Chest, a Florida-based non-profit, is proud to introduce the Breast Reconstruction Awareness Ribbon, the first ribbon to support uninsured and underinsured breast cancer survivors.

This new ribbon speaks to the restoration, transformation and the completion from the cancer journey that many survivors seek through reconstructive surgery after mastectomy. For those who desire, breast reconstruction provides closure and a new wholeness allowing a woman to put the disease behind her at last.

"The traditional 'pink ribbon' has branded breast cancer 'awareness, education and research' but overlooks a huge population of underserved survivors that

live with scars and a constant reminder of the disease," founder Alisa Savoretti said. "There are hundreds of breast cancer groups in America focused on prevention and finding a cure, while the need for breast reconstruction has flown under the radar of the 'pink ribbon.'"

The colors in the breast reconstruction ribbon transition and transform, just like the survivors My Hope Chest helps to become whole again. The ribbon goes from pink – the original breast cancer color, to white – known as the "light" or the power of healing. The white blends to yellow, the color of hope, sunshine and new beginnings.

The Breast Reconstruction Awareness Ribbon symbolizes transformation and closure from the disease. My Hope Chest hopes this new symbol will help others recognize this need and shine the light on this epidemic for thousands who have sacrificed a piece of themselves to save their life.

Founded in 2003 by Savoretti, My Hope Chest services pick up where other breast cancer organizations leave off providing "final step of breast cancer treatment" and helping women become whole again. Savoretti knows from first-hand experience how breast reconstruction after cancer helps restore not only the body but also transforms and heals the mind and spirit. She founded the organization after her own struggle with breast cancer.

For more information, visit www.myhopechest.org.

Lee County Port Authority Earns State Recognition

The Lee County Port Authority was honored with an Award of Distinction from the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) at the 2012 Golden Image Awards held in St. Augustine. FPRA conducts the Golden Image Awards annually to recognize outstanding public relations programs.

The awards have become a standard of excellence in demonstrating the best of innovation, planning and design in the state of Florida. LCPA received an Award of Distinction in the Public Relations Programs – Special Events category for its Base Ops Dedication Ceremony.

An Award of Distinction is presented to entries that meet the standard of excellence set forth by the judges. The 2012 Golden Image competition received 110 entries from throughout the state and was judged by the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Established in 1938, FPRA is the oldest public relations organization in the United States. FPRA is dedicated to developing public relations practitioners, who, through ethical and standardized practices, enhance the public relations profession in Florida.

For more information, visit www.fpra.org.

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Dr. Dave

Obesity Vaccine



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“Just great! Little Billy Bloggins came to school spreading his cold around and now we’re all going to get fat. That little cesspool of viruses sneezed in my

direction and the next thing I knew, I was heading for the Ho Ho’s. Suppose I should’ve got that fat vaccine.”

“Absolutely. That blubber booster has kept me as trim and thin as an Olsen twin.”

Obesity vaccine? Medical research has astonished us by revealing that infections have turned out to be the unlikely cause of several common diseases. Peptic ulcers, cervical cancer, rheumatic heart disease are just a few examples of illnesses actually caused by viruses or bacteria. In addition, bugs may well be responsible for Tourette’s syndrome, OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disease), diabetes, multiple sclerosis, Don Cherry, heart attacks and now even obesity.

The common human adenovirus, the same bug responsible for many routine infections like the cold, is the obesity culprit. Some strains of this virus have now been confirmed to increase the amount of fat in animal fat cells. Obese folk, it turns out, have a higher incidence of the adenovirus antibodies circulating about

their bloodstream than skinny folk. While not known just how much of a role/roll the virus plays in the epidemic of obesity we are currently experiencing, we do know there has been a dramatic doubling of this disease, not unlike an infectious epidemic, in the last 30 years.

Q: “So, Dr. Dave, how do we avoid this adipogenic adenovirus?”

A: “We can prevent most viruses by getting into the habit of washing our hands when we’re exposed to germ environments like malls, schools or Sudbury.”

Q: “Will there be a vaccine against obesity?”

A: “Possibly. But in the meantime, exercise and eat properly.”

Q: “No vaccine yet!?! I hate dieting and frankly I find this news so depressing I’m tempted to perform a little self medicating with Peanut Bustercillin.”

A: “But that would be emotional eating, and you absolutely must avoid that.”

Q: “Hey, I’m an emotional guy, watch me smack you across the head with this fruit rollup. I hate diets.”

A: “Well, then why not consider the no diet diet. According to the researchers in the food sciences faculty at BYU we should consider becoming ‘intuitive eaters’ instead of calorie counters and fat measurers. Eat whatever you want but only when you need to. Eat when you’re actually hungry, stop when you’re not. According to the good folks at BYU it’s not so much what you eat, but when you eat. In other words, when you need to.”

Q: “If I tried that, I would intuitively weigh about 600 pounds. I get intuitive every time I see a Krispy Kreme.”

Permanent weight loss requires atti-

tude. Learning to eat to live rather than live to eat. We need to train ourselves how to be more in tune to use eating to satisfy hunger rather than to satisfy Jenny Craig. In fact, an Intuitive Eating Scale has been developed to help you recognize when to eat. How you score on this scale determines how you score on the intuitive bathroom scale. Professor Steven Hawks

of BYU decided to try it himself, and without restrictive or restraining dieting, he lost 50 pounds in a year.

Nothing to sneeze at.

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.✳

dearPharmacist

Simple Remedies To Help Heal Sun Fungus



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: This summer, I’ve spent more time outside in the sun, and I’ve noticed a bunch of little white spots appearing on my chest and back. What is this, and how can I treat it?

NC, Orlando

It sounds like you may have “sun fungus,” or Tinea versicolor, a fungal infection that occurs on the outer layers of the skin. It’s an external manifestation of too much yeast in the body that feed on your dead skin cells and skin oils. The yeast called *Malassezia globosa* causes it, and is usually found on our skin, but it grows in excess in certain conditions and may be triggered by sunny, hot humid environments (you’re from Florida). Sorry to say, it’s generally a recurring condition. Tinea versicolor doesn’t develop as a result of sun exposure, but the difference in pigmentation can become more obvious after you’ve begun tanning.

As a pharmacist for 23 years, I’ve recommended my share of topical ointments. Luckily, they don’t smell bad, so it could definitely be worse! Try to find a cream that contains clotrimazole or miconazole since these are very strong anti-fungal agents. These anti-fungal creams are sold at your local pharmacy. Some dermatologists recommend using a dandruff shampoo containing selenium sulfide (i.e. Selsun Blue) and applying it to your skin. You can try this by applying

it twice daily for a week or two and re-evaluate after that.

Although topical creams and ointments are usually quite effective and safe, the fungus grows from the inside of the body out. Because of this, there are major factors in your diet and lifestyle that must be addressed to keep the skin condition from recurring.

This type of infection (and all fungus-related ones) thrive by you eating sugar, starch and yeasts-containing foods. Therefore, avoid eating anything like this, such as all sweeteners (including the artificial ones), fruits, jams, bread, alcohol as well as other foods that don’t necessarily have a high sugar content, but may make your condition worse. I’m thinking vinegar, baked goodies and nuts. Hey, for some of you, the skin condition gives you more incentive to start that new diet you’ve been itching to try. Stick to the veggies, grass-fed meats, eggs, olive, coconut or grape seed oil and whole grain pastas (if you eat grains). Don’t forget to supplement with high-quality probiotics and other anti-fungal foods and spices (garlic, turmeric, oregano and grapefruit.)

You can also take a skin-soothing bath. A great combination is Epsom salts combined with some baking soda, lemon juice, a few drops of tea tree and clary sage essential oil and some dandruff shampoo. The ratios don’t matter much. Keep your skin as clean and dry as possible, and wash your clothing and linens regularly in gentle detergents. No dryer sheets. The best approach uses multiple treatments, with a strong focus on a good diet, free of refined or junk foods with probiotics, digestive enzymes and antioxidants.

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.✳

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My wife and I planned and researched our retirement for five years. I now realize that the planning time was the fun time, not living the lifestyle.

Six months into retirement, my wife was diagnosed with type two diabetes. Her doctor was very specific with the details and a nutritionist counseled us both.

I have spent the last year going to doctor’s offices, taking her to the hospital

and trying my best to help her with her diet and exercise. She refuses to cooperate with me and all of the others trying to help her. Is this how people normally behave with this condition?

Phil

Dear Phil,

It is a mystery to me why some people refuse to help themselves when others are trying so hard to assist them.

I once talked to a heart surgeon who complained about the exact same thing. He tried so hard to help his patients, and then they refused to help themselves e.g., not following his diet or exercise program that he prescribed.

I would suggest you talk to your wife’s doctor, tell him your problem, and he/she might have some suggestions.

Lizzie

Dear Phil,

People react differently to new diagnoses. Bottom line for you, if your wife does not want to follow the advice of her medical team, that is her choice. I am sure she has been advised of the health consequences of non-compliance with her new diet restrictions. As much as you want for her to live successfully as many, many people do with diabetes, she needs to want it for herself.

My advice for you would be to make sure that you go to an elder care attorney for financial planning to protect the family finances should her lack of compliance cause skyrocketing health care costs.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✳

Annual Family Health Forum

Lee Memorial Health System’s annual Family Health Forum, a free community event focusing on health awareness, prevention and education, will take place on Saturday, September 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dunbar High School, 3800 East Edison Avenue in Fort Myers.

The event is sponsored by Omega Youth and Community Development Foundation, Lee Memorial Health System, Lee County Health Department, 21st Century Oncology, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Latino 97.7 and the Kleist Center.

This year, there will be an entire new area dedicated to children’s health that will focus on the Successful Three: health, education and self-esteem. There will be activities for children including a play area. Children 18 and younger will also be able to receive free immunizations (parents, please bring your child’s shot records). While the children learn, adults have the opportunity to benefit from health screenings and education, too.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank will also be distributing groceries for the first 300 households. Participants should bring reusable shopping bags or a box to carry the food.

Attendees will also be able to receive free health screenings and/or information on various health topics including:

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Target Volunteers Give Back To Area Agencies

Team members from local Target stores made a difference in our community by volunteering recently at area agencies such as Special Equestrians and LARC.

"Target is committed to giving back to the communities that support our teams through their patronage of our business," said Niki Tonnessen, District Team Leader for Target. "Whether our support is monetary or through time we will continue to be present when our communities need us to be."

The United Way's Days of Caring is a year-round program, coordinated by the United Way Volunteer Center which matches businesses' desire to help with the needs of the community. Since April 2008, many local groups and companies have participated such as BB&T, Fifth Third Bank, WCI Communities and Rasmussen College.

"Special Equestrians is so grateful to Target for their dedication to their community and for their choice to spend a volunteer day at Special Equestrians. We could not accomplish all of the needed projects at Special Equestrians without the support of these United Way Days of Caring and participation by businesses such as Target," said Priscilla Kovalsky of Special Equestrians.



Target employees volunteered at Special Equestrians and LARC

Target volunteers painted buildings, worked in the tack and other projects on the Special Equestrian property. For LARC, the volunteers spent a morning at the LARC Cape Coral residential home doing landscaping.

"Target team members demonstrate the power of individuals to mobilize and

create remarkable change," said Cliff Smith, president at United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades. "It's clear to see that Target employees truly care about our community."

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our

community. You can reach The United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-2000 ext. 260. Also available is United Way 211, a 24-hour non-emergency helpline. By simply dialing 2-1-1, Lee, Hendry and Glades residents can reach a caring, trained specialist, who will match their needs with local human services.✪

Lipman Donates 700 Backpacks To Immokalee Children



Volunteers handing out backpacks at Immokalee Middle School

Lipman, North America's largest open field tomato grower, recently distributed 700 backpacks to Immokalee children during the Collier County Sheriff Office's National Night Out event.

According to Collier County Public School's website, 96 percent of Immokalee Middle School and nearly 93 percent of Immokalee High School students are "economically needy."

School supplies were collected during Lipman's Homerun Harvest Softball Tournament in April.

Donations were made by the community and event sponsors including Everglades Farm Equipment, Pacific Tomato Growers, Howard Fertilizer, Palmdale Oil Company, Henderson Franklin, Salazar Machine & Steel, Intergro, TriEst Ag Group, Inc., Taylor



Students from Immokalee Middle School received free backpacks

& Fulton, Produce Connection, CPS, Aljoma, Port Consolidated, Leadership Collier, Diamond R Fertilizer and DiMare Fresh.✪

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Health Forum

- Prostate and colon cancer
- Breast and cervical cancer
- Diabetes
- Blood pressure
- Tobacco cessation
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)

and HIV

- Sleep disorders
- Asthma
- Children's health and information

For more information about the Family Health Forum, call 424-3806.✪

Rotary Goldcoast Donates To Cape Hospital's Emergency Department

The Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast continued their giving ways by presenting a gift of \$7,863.02 to benefit the Weigner Taeni Center for Emergency Services and children's emergency care at Cape Coral Hospital.

With this latest donation, the Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast has contributed more than \$32,000 towards their pledge of \$50,000. The pledge supports funding of a dedicated pediatric emergency treatment room in Cape Coral Hospital's newly renovated and expanded emergency department.

A key goal of the emergency room expansion is ensuring children in Cape Coral have access to appropriate medical care in a kid-friendly, non-threatening environment close to home. Pediatric medical care remains highly specialized and requires smaller-sized equipment, from oxygen masks to intratracheal tubes to blood pressure cuffs. The new pediatric emergency rooms will be uniquely equipped to meet the needs of children.

In thanking Rotary Club members, Cape Coral Hospital's Chief Administrative Officer Scott Kashman noted, "We depend on community support to provide the excellence in medical care that we strive to deliver each and every day. We are honored The Rotary



Those taking part in the check presentation include, from left, Van Deems of Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast; Wendy Piascik of Cape Coral Hospital ; Art Tribbie of Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast; Shirley Tribbie Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast; Scott Kashman of Cape Coral Hospital; Tifo Valverde of Cape Coral Hospital; Don Thomas Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast; Sue Thomas of Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast; and Rob Lowe, Rotary Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast

Club of Cape Coral Goldcoast named our new pediatric emergency room as the beneficiary of such an extraordinarily generous gift. We thank them for their support and outstanding service to our community."*

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Vocal Artistry

PACE Center For Girls of Lee County is the only non-residential, gender specific program for at-risk girls in the county. PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a nationally recognized juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention program for teenage girls facing challenges such as physical, sexual and emotional abuse, foster care, academic failure and delinquency.

Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (SWFAS) is the largest comprehensive substance abuse treatment program in Southwest Florida, providing effective

and affordable care to individuals and families impacted by addiction and other problem behaviors. As a recognized not-for-profit organization, they deliver treatment and prevention services at all levels of intensity for both youngsters and adults.

The United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people in our community. This is accomplished through fundraising, fund distribution, community building, volunteer advancement, and information and referral.*

CCMI Receives Grant From Publix Charities

Publix Super Markets Charities recently awarded Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. and its Everyday Café and Marketplace \$3,000 to help fight hunger in Lee County.

The Everyday Café and Marketplace provide the hungry and homeless choices in emergency food and reduces food waste while connecting individuals with additional support services to better achieve sustainable hunger solutions.

"We have partnered with our local Publix stores on food rescue projects, volunteer events and food donations in the past and are very grateful for this corporate partnership in the community," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI.

Publix Super Markets Charities was established by Publix's founder George

Jenkins to improve life in our communities, as it focuses on youth and education. The foundation is channeled toward non-profit agencies with a special emphasis on United Way and its representative agencies. The foundation also supports many other efforts in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee.

CCMI is an innovative nonprofit 501(c)3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through its Everyday Café and Marketplace and Home Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in its Community Montessori Preschool, offers homeless and comprehensive case coaching services through its United Way Resource Houses, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 2,000 children each school year.

For more information, call 332-7687 or visit www.ccmileecounty.com.*

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Shadow Wood At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2006	4,079	1,379,000	1,237,500	411
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2005	4,633	999,000	950,000	365
No Development	Sanibel	1988	4,080	719,900	736,000	20
Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	1978	2,976	734,000	725,000	99
Town River	Fort Myers	1967	2,229	649,000	627,000	2
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1997	1,890	624,900	585,000	113
Palm Acres First Add	Fort Myers	1973	2,267	599,000	576,000	155
Town River	Fort Myers	1982	2,094	599,000	575,000	130
Shadow Wood At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2005	2,444	560,000	525,000	143
No Development	Fort Myers	2002	4,323	529,900	495,000	165

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. LANGUAGE: In English slang, what is a jumper?
2. LITERATURE: What author used the pen name Ellis Bell?
3. SUPERHEROES: Who was the Green Hornet's sidekick?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Laos?
5. MUSIC: The film "Rhapsody in Blue" was a biographical movie about what composer?
6. MOVIES: Who wrote the music score to the movie "Jaws"?
7. AD SLOGANS: "You can trust your car to the man who wears the star" was an advertising slogan of what company?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the original name of the island that is home to the Statue of Liberty?
9. TELEVISION: What sport is featured in the series "Friday Night Lights"?
10. RELIGION: What is the color of the skullcaps worn by Catholic bishops?

ANSWERS

1. A sweater 2. Emily Bronte 3. Kato 4. Vientiane 5. George Gershwin 6. John Williams 7. Texaco 8. Bedloe's Island 9. High school football 10. Purple

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Houston Astro to be named N.L. Rookie of the Year?
2. Dick Williams was one of two managers to take three different franchises to the World Series. Who is the other?
3. In 1968 and in 1969, a University of Southern Cal player was taken No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft. Name the two players.
4. In 2009-10, Toronto's Andrea Bargnani became the second 7-footer to have more than 100 blocked shots and 100 3-pointers in a season. Who was the first?
5. Who holds the record for most career regular-season OT goals in NHL history?
6. At which Olympic Games did Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner end Aleksandr Karelin's 13-year winning streak?
7. Who was the last male amateur to lead after a round of a golf major before Tom Lewis did it at the British Open in 2011?

ANSWERS

1. Jeff Bagwell, in 1991. 2. Bill McClellan (Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Cincinnati). 3. Ron Yary in 1968 (Minnesota) and O.J. Simpson in 1969 (Buffalo). 4. Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki did it in the 2000-01 season. 5. Jaromir Jagr, with 16. 6. It was the 2000 Summer Olympics. 7. Mike Reid, in the 1976 U.S. Open.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 27, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't yet come out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person -- even if it's said in jest -- could delay or even derail your progress.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A colleague might try to goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if he or she riles your royal self. Your supporters stand with you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let your on-the-job zealotry create resentment with co-workers who might feel you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins so that you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll find that people are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And,

of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. Won't you?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Give that special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. That will go a long way toward restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a delightful paradox. You like things neat and tidy. But you're also a wonderful host who can throw a really great party.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Aug. 28, 1774, Elizabeth Ann Bayley is born in New York City. She went on to found the first Catholic school and the first female apostolic community in the United States. She also was the first American-born saint beatified by the Roman Catholic Church.

- On Sept. 1, 1850, circus entrepreneur P.T. Barnum brings to the United States Jenny Lind, the greatest opera performer in the world in the mid-19th century. Lind -- "The Swedish Nightingale" -- was a sensation. Her tour is believed to have netted Barnum close to a half-million dollars, an astonishing sum in 1850.

- On Aug. 27, 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau (also called Krakatoa), a small island located in Indonesia. Heard 3,000 miles away, the explosions threw 5 cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air and created 120-foot tsunamis.

- On Aug. 29, 1942, the Red Cross reveals that Japan has refused free passage of ships carrying food, medicine and other necessities for American POWs held by Japan. Japan allowed just one-tenth of what POWs elsewhere received to reach prisoners in their territories.

- On Aug. 31, 1959, Brooklyn Dodgers left-hander Sandy Koufax strikes out 18 batters, setting a new National League record for most strikeouts in a single game. Koufax retired after the 1966 season at just 30 years old because of arthritis in his elbow. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972.

- On Aug. 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring for health reasons, leaving a legacy of upholding the rights of the individual.

- On Sept. 2, 1987, the trial of Mathias

Rust, the 19-year-old German pilot who flew his Cessna plane into Red Square in May 1987, begins in Moscow. Rust had become an international celebrity after he flew completely undetected through Soviet airspace. At his trial, Rust claimed he was merely trying to promote world peace.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was British-American poet T.S. Eliot who made the following sage observation: "Immature poets imitate; mature poets steal."

- Each fingernail on the Statue of Liberty is nearly a foot long.

- Filmmaker George Lucas is arguably best known for his "Star Wars" franchise, but he also directed "American Graffiti." During the making of that earlier film, he designated each reel of film with an R before the reel's number, and each instance of dialog was prefixed with a D. At one point during the sound mixing, the sound designer needed to use Reel 2, Dialog 2, and so asked for "R2D2." Lucas liked the sound of it so much that he used it for the name of a robot character in his later work.

- You can tell a cranberry is ripe when it can be dribbled like a basketball.

- Those who study such things (and seemingly have too much time on their hands) say that a quarter has 119 grooves around the outside edge, while dimes have 118.

- Have you ever heard of a woman named Thelma Pickles? Unless you're a somewhat obsessive fan of the Beatles, probably not. She was John Lennon's first girlfriend.

- Among those who play basketball professionally, the men average 6 feet, 7 inches tall, while the women average an even 6 feet.

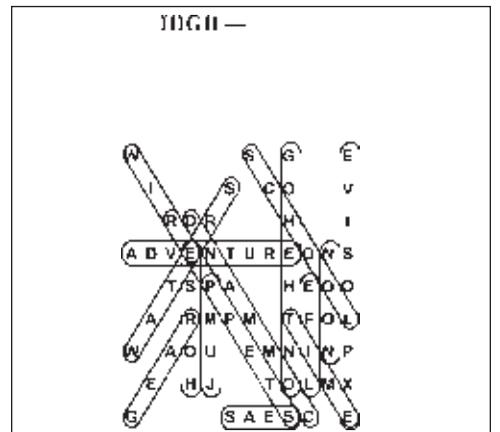
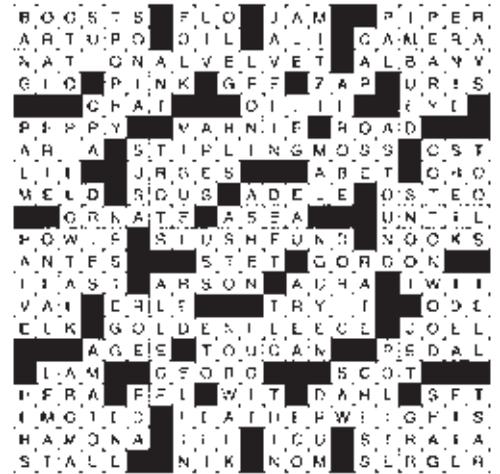
- If you're a vegetarian, you're part of the 3 percent of American adults who shun meat. In India, though, you'd be part of a much larger minority; nearly a third of the population of that country is vegetarian.

- You may be surprised to learn that the pound sign is officially known as an octothorpe.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

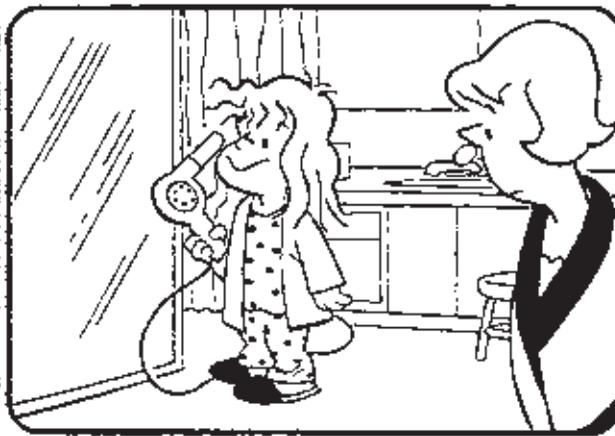
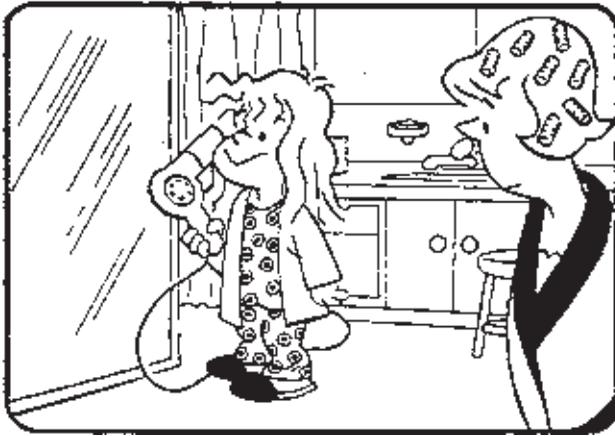
"A pessimist is a person who has listened to too many optimists." -- Don Marquis

PUZZLE ANSWERS



HOCUS - FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTIKOFF



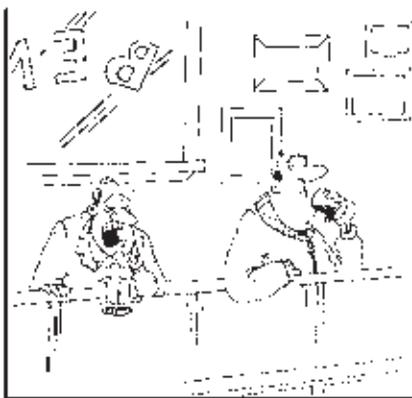
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Bowler is different, 2. Pils are different, 3. Soap dish is missing, 4. Handles are missing, 5. Stock is lower, 6. Cutlery are missing.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

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



"I've never been good at keeping relationships. As a kid, my

wouldn't even come back."

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!

Cheerful
REMYR

Boundary
DERROB

Hearsay
SIPSOG

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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Merry; 2. Border;
- 3. Gossip; 4. Grain

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by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landng 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.
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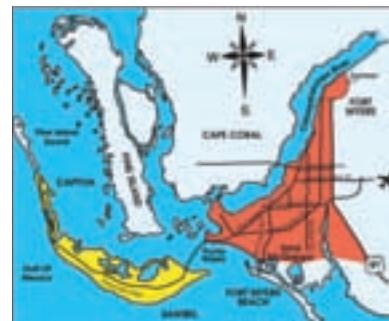
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SUDOKU

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



Zak ID# 529985

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Ricky ID# 535127

Hello, my name is Zak. I am a 3-year-old neutered male tan American Staffordshire Terrier. Seems if it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all. I was found tied to a fence and no one ever claimed me. I was excited to be adopted, but then I was abandoned by my new owner. I'm a very sweet dog that only wants to love and be loved. Could you give me a forever home?

My adoption fee is \$8 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services Dog Days of Summer Adoption Promotion

Hi, my name is Ricky. I am a 3-year-old brown tabby and white male domestic short hair.

When I first came to the shelter, I was so scared I would shake all the time. Now I'm not scared at all and I enjoy playing with all the other cats here. I especially love to cuddle with people and purr, purr purr!

My adoption fee is \$8 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services Dog Days of Summer 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.

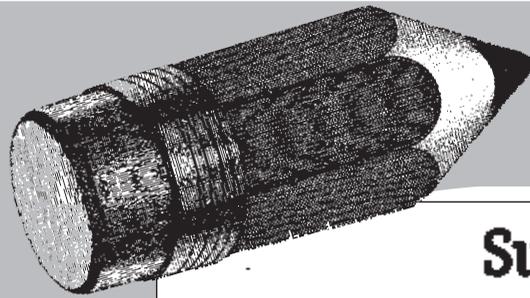
All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



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Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
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Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
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ARTS	
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Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
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Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
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NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
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Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
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Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
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Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
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AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
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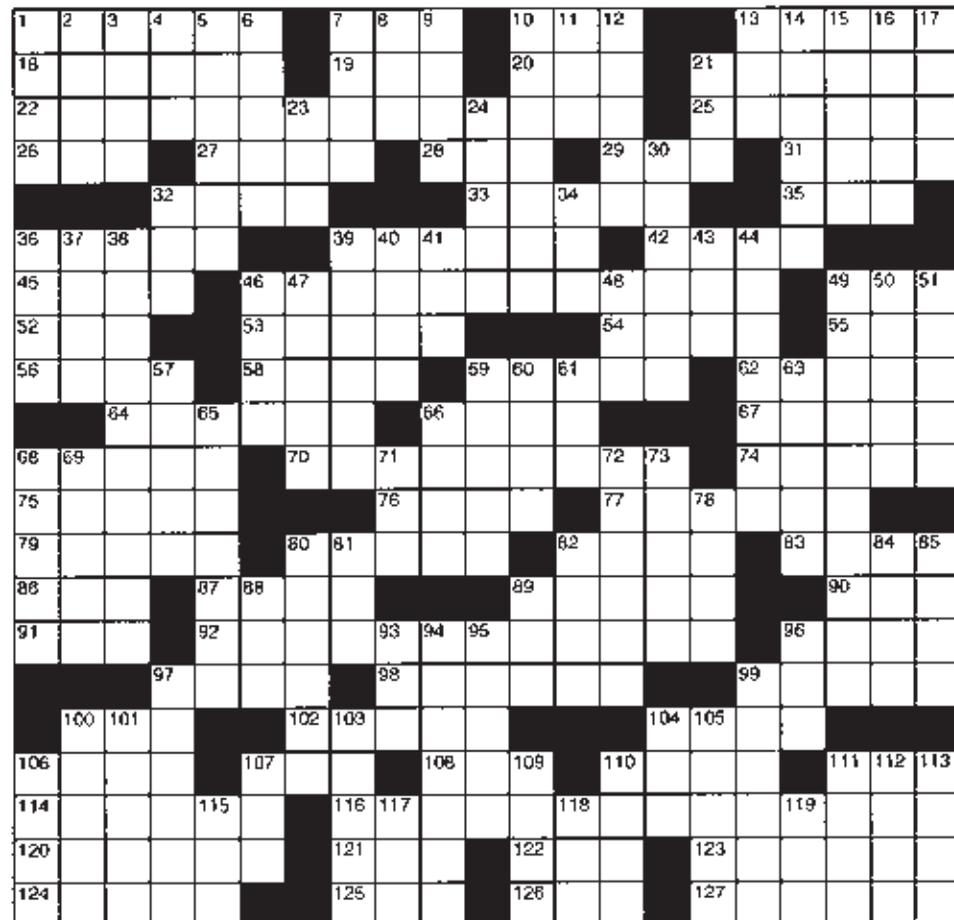


BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 26

Super Crossword SOFT TOUCH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Picker-uppers
 - 7 Mr. Ziegfeld
 - 10 Bread spread
 - 13 Actress Laurie
 - 18 Conductor Toscanini
 - 19 Word with corn or snake
 - 20 Mr. Baba
 - 21 Scavullo's equipment
 - 22 Elizabeth Taylor movie
 - 25 Hudson River city
 - 26 Day —
 - 27 Rock's — Floyd
 - 28 "Holy cow!"
 - 29 Use the microwave
 - 31 "Topaz" author
 - 32 Gab
 - 33 Football's Maitson
 - 35 Pupil's place
 - 36 Energetic
 - 39 '64 Hitchcock film
 - 42 Way
 - 45 Steber solo
 - 46 English racer
 - 49 Arkansas hrs.
 - 52 West's "Diamond —"
 - 53 Presses
 - 54 Help in a heist
 - 55 Cry of discovery
 - 56 Blend
 - 58 —-chef
 - 59 "Die Fledermaus" maid
 - 62 Word form for "bone"
 - 64 Fancy
 - 66 Sailing
 - 67 "Wait Dark" (67 film)
 - 68 Comic Mandel
 - 70 Bribe-to-be
 - 74 Recesses
 - 75 Pays to play
 - 76 Manuscript imperative
 - 77 Peter's partner
 - 79 Smallest
 - 80 Fiery felony
 - 82 Atmosphere
 - 83 Ridicule
 - 86 Bisogno or Kilmer
 - 87 Perry's creator
 - 89 "—, you'll like it!"
 - 90 Laudatory verse
 - 91 Wapiti
 - 92 Jason's quest
 - 96 "Uptown Girl" singer
 - 97 Screenwriter James
 - 98 Big-billed bird
 - 99 Power a trike
 - 100 On the — (fleeing)
 - 102 Composer Telemann
 - 104 Moira Shearer, for one
 - 106 Mrs. Zeus
 - 107 Snigger's quarry
 - 108 Humor
 - 110 Actress Arlene
 - 111 Salon request
 - 114 Hammed up "Hamlet"
 - 116 Some boxers
 - 120 Helen Hunt novel
 - 121 Unwell
 - 122 Hosp. area
 - 123 Layers
 - 124 Musty
 - 125 Relative of -ist
 - 126 — de plume
 - 127 Tailor's apparatus
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Din from dynamite
 - 2 Articulated
 - 3 Director Preminger
 - 4 "— generis"
 - 5 Award
 - 6 Sanchez or Braga
 - 7 — dance
 - 8 Actress Ulmann
 - 9 First name in fashion
 - 10 Field event
 - 11 Flagon filler
 - 12 Actress Gaynor
 - 13 Crony
 - 14 Permeated
 - 15 Pale star?
 - 16 Banks of baseball
 - 17 Sunshine, slangily
 - 21 Mushroom part
 - 23 Farm animal
 - 24 Tea of "Deep Impact"
 - 30 Certain bacterium
 - 32 Numbers man?
 - 34 Part of a triangle
 - 36 Reading matter?
 - 37 Part of HOMES
 - 38 Doris Day movie
 - 39 Writer de Cervantes
 - 40 Olympic hawk
 - 41 "Kidnapped" monogram
 - 43 Sugary suffix
 - 44 Flabbergast
 - 46 Iranian city
 - 47 Moves like a Morgan
 - 48 "— de me"
 - 49 Certain popular
 - 50 Arabian chieftain
 - 51 Hoes and hammers
 - 57 Produces prunes
 - 59 Wan
 - 60 Adroit
 - 61 — Claire, WI
 - 63 A nose that shows
 - 65 IRA, e.g.
 - 66 Concerning
 - 68 Bisect
 - 69 Hoopster
 - 71 Nav. designation
 - 72 Vietnam's — Van Thieu
 - 73 Column style
 - 78 Figure of interest?
 - 80 Accuse tentatively
 - 81 Florid
 - 82 Length X width
 - 84 Scheme
 - 85 Relate
 - 88 Salty spread
 - 89 RN's specialty
 - 93 Ike's domain
 - 94 Connecticut city
 - 95 "Tempus —"
 - 96 Gush
 - 97 Explosive mixture
 - 99 Considerate
 - 100 Paul of "American Graffiti"
 - 101 Lunch-eonette lure
 - 103 Wee
 - 104 Shorten a stat
 - 105 Karpov's game
 - 106 Towel word
 - 107 Author LeShan
 - 109 Svelte
 - 110 Grass "The Tin —"
 - 111 Kind of carpet
 - 112 Major conclusion
 - 113 Obsolete title
 - 115 Chemical ending
 - 117 Ivy Leaguer
 - 118 Author Umberto
 - 119 Kennel threat



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Padlocked fastener
 - 5 Pigeon
 - 8 Human heart.
 - 12 A ways
 - 13 Before
 - 14 Sandwich cookie
 - 15 Note from the boss
 - 16 Staff with robots?
 - 18 App. e.g.
 - 20 Pe in the "face sourd"
 - 21 — de deux
 - 22 Same (Pref.)
 - 23 Verbalives. Biblically
 - 26 Weather conditions
 - 30 White wine aperitif
 - 31 Stir fry pan
 - 32 Trotted
 - 33 Mosque leader's office
 - 36 "The Silence of the —"
 - 38 "— Impossible"
 - 38 He'd
 - 40 Thingamajig (Var.)
 - 43 Ent ver
 - 47 Quite close
 - 48 "American —"
 - 50 Gangster's subordinate
 - 51 Dress in 10's
 - 53 Hosiery woe
 - 54 Suitable
 - 55 Slave to crosswords?
 - 9 Caspian Sea feeder
 - 10 Transcending (Pref.)
 - 11 Versifier
 - 17 Bone (Pref.)
 - 19 Backrub response
 - 22 Sort
 - 23 Enjoy Aspen
 - 24 Intention
 - 25 P aywright
 - 26 Miler
 - 27 Branch
 - 28 Ball
 - 29 Type "measures"
 - 31 Loss, ooz., et al.
 - 34 Acting out wordlessly
 - 35 Iconic bot
 - 36 Roman 52
 - 37 Put on a pedestal
 - 39 Regarding
 - 40 Showbiz jobs
 - 41 Part of the loop
 - 42 Old porico
 - 43 Or
 - 44 Commotions
 - 45 It may be painted red
 - 46 Olfactory
 - 48 Oklahoma city
- DOWN**
- 1 Rope fiber
 - 2 State with conviction
 - 3 Big truck
 - 4 On time
 - 5 Airplane furniture
 - 6 Vent abo
 - 7 Neverthis less
 - 8 Cheer leader's prop

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Command | Jump | School | Waters |
| Explosive | Life | Seas | Wire |
| Gear | Noon | Stepper | |



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#5144

For the early risers...enjoy the sunrise across the Sound. This end location offers additional side windows for the panoramic view. For the boaters... relax and enjoy the sailboats or other types pass by. For the naturalist...enjoy the enormous types of birds scoop up their last feeding. For the fisherman... abundance of fish with dolphin and manatee sightings! This 1 Bedroom, 2 Bath villa recently renovated with new living room furnishings, flat panel tv's, freshly painted and more. South Seas Island Resort "offers a quiet refuge with secluded luxury, exclusive amenities, and abundant nature." **Offered for \$339,500 Contact LeAnne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



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