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Gloria Hannan, right, shares her thoughts on the study's findings with Sanibel City Councilman Doug Congress, left, and refuge manager Paul Tritaik

Latest Alternative Transportation Study Results Announced

by Jeff Lysiak

After nearly six years of work, it appears that the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands program – now known as the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program – is closer than ever before to finding an appropriate plan for improving visitor traffic in the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and on Sanibel.

However, according to some people who attended the March 29 open house which revealed the study's latest findings, there remains room for improvement. The open house was held at The Community House on Sanibel.

According to a summary of refined project recommendations, the primary goals of the study were to identify ways to reduce congestion and pollution along Wildlife Drive, improve visitor mobility and accessibility while enhancing the refuge experience, conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources while being both cost effective and supported by the public.

Paul Tritaik, manager of the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, explained that the recommendation presented at the open house is made up of seven elements, developed by incorporating public comments collected at last year's public workshops (held in January and April 2011) and online surveys (August and September 2011).

“Draft elements that did not have a majority of public support have been eliminated,” said Tritaik. “To date, over 20 draft elements have been eliminated, including all forms of public transit outside the refuge.”

Among the suggestions for the project submitted by members of the public were:

- There should be NO circulator elements outside the refuge
- Emphasis should be on protecting the natural habitat
- The existing refuge tram should be maintained with some enhancements
- Wildlife Drive should be resurfaced for easier bicycling
- Existing refuge trails should receive surface enhancements (crushed shell) for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Improve the canoe launch at Tarpon Bay Explorers
- Provide a new trail connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use paths
- Investigate parking options at the former Island Water Association site

Tritaik explained that while improvements to the Tarpon Bay Explorers canoe launch have already been initiated and completed earlier this year, the proposed resurfacing of Wildlife Drive is scheduled to take place next year.

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100 Years Of Life Along The Caloosahatchee



Image from the Seminoles Florida Memory Project

Five generations of the Hansons living along the Caloosahatchee will be the topic of a presentation at the Fort Myers Central Library and sponsored by SCCF on Thursday, April 12 at 10 a.m. There is no fee for this program.

Woody Hanson, the keeper family archives, will meet people interested in learning more about life on the river.

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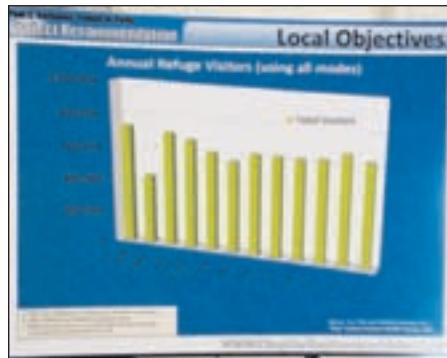


Chart detailing the total number of people visiting the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge between 2000 and 2011

Lee Student Wins Contest For Third Year In A Row

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is soaring high in schools throughout Florida. This year 1,793 K-12 students from 38 Florida schools and homeschools participated in this national contest.

The Junior Duck Stamp contest was created by Jaye Boswell at The Sanibel School in 1989 and adopted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1992. This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the contest. The program is a take-off of the annual Federal Duck Stamp competition started by JN “Ding” Darling in 1934. Last year over 28,000 students from across the country learned the importance of protecting wetland environments to waterfowl management practices and other wildlife conservation methods while participating in the Jr. Duck Stamp art contest.



Morning Pair by Jefferson Jones, Florida Best of Show

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Morgan Hotel, The Early Years

by Gerri Reaves

Part I of II

Long before it became the site of the boom-time Morgan Hotel, the northeast corner of First and Dean was home to paying guests.

For many years, SW “Sal” Sanchez and his wife operated the Cottage Home, a boardinghouse-hotel on land once owned by the Langford family.

Sanchez also served as town marshal and collector from 1904 to 1911.

After her husband died in 1915, Mrs. Sanchez continued to operate the Cottage Home.

Reports of its social life in the *Fort Myers Press* in July 1917 characterize it as a small-town respectable establishment, where “young men of the city” entertained “young lady friends” at a private party and dance with punch and music.

Later that year, the business became the Elton under the new management of Mrs. Charles Christian Jones. It touted a remodeled dining room and a “competent chef, who knows how to cater to the most exacting epicure.”

In 1923, however, John Morgan Dean of Providence, Rhode Island purchased the site of the former Cottage Home and ushered it out of pioneer times and into the modern age by constructing a new hotel on that corner. Some sources state that the Morgan was built around the extant hotel.

One of Fort Myers’ most important and progressive developers ever, Dean is best remembered for developing Dean Park, today an historic district east of downtown.

In January 1924, just in time for high tourist season, the Morgan Hotel opened. It was one of three new structures that significantly raised the skyline of little Fort Myers – difficult to believe nowadays, when condo towers of more than 30 stories are only blocks away from the Morgan.

It should be noted that Dean Street did not exist until Dean obtained permission from the city commission to create it, thus giving his new hotel entrances on two streets.



Today, the Dean Executive Center occupies the upper floors of the former Morgan Hotel, and Ford’s Garage the ground floor
photo by Gerri Reaves



The Morgan Hotel in the mid-1920s... the Caloosahatchee River out back and a shoe store on the first floor

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society/Sara Nell Gran Collection

It had only 22 rooms originally, but in 1925, 70 rooms were added and in November, the much-expanded building was opened. Other upgrades included a larger lobby with a telephone booth for privacy, plush rugs, and a modern phonograph.

As seen in the historic postcard image, the hotel also featured brass railings on the windows – most of which are still there today – as well as ornate features that have disappeared over the last 88 years.

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This undated postcard image shows the Morgan’s dining room of decades ago

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society/Sara Nell Gran Collection



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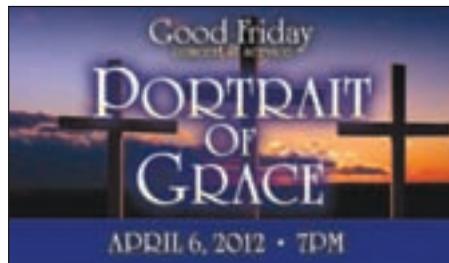
Good Friday Concert At First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will present its annual Good Friday concert, *Portrait of Grace*, this Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the church, located at the corner of Jackson and Second Street in downtown Fort Myers. The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

Portrait of Grace, led by Director of Music Ministries Joseph Caulkins, includes a variety of musical presentations performed by First Baptist's Sanctuary Choir, handbells and soloists. It will feature the church's music ministry outreach ensemble, Vocal Artistry, a professional orchestra led by Reiko Niiya and special guest, Southwest Florida artist Leoma Lovegrove.

At each concert, Vocal Artistry shines the spotlight on other non-profit organizations in the Southwest Florida area. Partners are chosen based on their financial and awareness need basis. Concerts help to raise a little extra of both. A free-will offering will be collected, and proceeds will benefit two local non-profit organizations: the Royal Palm Christian Counseling Center and Senior Friendship Centers of Lee County.

Rev. John Daugherty and Caulkins designed the *Portrait of Grace* program, combining an array of inspirational Holy Week selections and classical compositions. It brings together the works from



two cantatas, one by Mary McDonald and the other by Joseph Martin, and interjects them with traditional hymns and other sacred music. Woven together with biblical narration, the music tells the story of Jesus.

Polly Kiely, alto of Vocal Artistry, is a featured soloist in the cantata. Jeana Malone, soprano, will perform *They Could Not*, made popular by Sandi Patty. Vincent Gonzalez, baritone, will sing Dottie Rambo's *Behold the Lamb*. Vocal Artistry will perform three pieces: *Lacrimosa*, a captivating movement from Karl Jenkins' *Requiem*; *Jesus, My All, to Heaven is Gone*, featuring Dr. Daniel Davis on the soprano saxophone; and *O Holy Jesus*, traditional text in a new arrangement by Jonathon Willcocks.

Painting Out Loud

While Lovegrove is the product of a Middle America upbringing, her artistic reach extends worldwide. A friend to presidents and European royalty, her works are in the private collections of the White House, George W. Bush, Congressman Connie Mack, Senator Marco Rubio, The Carter Center, Ringo Starr, Sharon Stone and Sir Richard



Joseph Caulkins and Leoma Lovegrove

Branson, to name a few. She currently has works on exhibit at Hotel Indigo and under consideration for the Southwest Florida International Airport, where her billboard size canvas of "Remember 9-11," was on exhibition last year. Her *Painting Out Loud* with Leoma Lovegrove performances started with her "Passion Paintings," powerful portraits of Christ that she paints in front of a congregation with sacred music of worship as her inspiration. These live painting performances now keep her busy traveling

the globe. Museum quality originals like the one you will see created on Friday are much sought after.

A graduate of the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Lovegrove's international headquarters are on the little island of Matlacha where she lives with author husband, Michael J. Silberg, Solomon the demanding cranky parrot and Lois and Fred, the feral cats.

For more information about the *Portrait of Grace* concert, call 334-7747.✱

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Desperate Housewives Star Visits Edison & Ford Estates



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The Edison Ford Wild Wizard Glen Beitmen joins the Denton family on a tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates



Edison Ford Site Historian Marc Estabrook demonstrates the phonograph at the Edison Ford Museum to James Denton of *Desperate Housewives* and family

Harley Easter Bunny Toy Run

On Saturday, April 7, Harley Davidson of Fort Myers and the Harley Owners Group, Southwest Florida Chapter, will host the 9th annual Easter Bunny Toy Run to help provide toys to patients at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The event includes an escorted route, entertainment, giveaways and a free

post-run meal. If you don't ride a bike but want to help, bring items for donation, such as arts and craft supplies, toys and games, to Harley Davidson of Fort Myers the week preceding the event. Riders will deliver them to the children (no stuffed animals, please).

Pre-registration takes place at Bike Night on April 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers, or register from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers on Saturday, April 7.

Registration fee is \$5
The 17-mile ride goes from Harley Davidson of Fort Myers, 2160 Colonial Boulevard, to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, a part of the Lee Memorial Health System, located at HealthPark Medical Center (corner of Summerlin and Bass Roads), Fort Myers.

For more information, visit www.swfl-hog.com or call 209-7968.*

Trip To Sebring International Raceway

The Kennedy Krusiers of Cape Coral are hitting the road again to tour the Sebring International Raceway, one of America's premier sports car racing facilities, on Wednesday, April 11. Nestled among the orange groves and cattle ranches of central Florida, it is the oldest permanent road racing track in North America, evolving from a World War II air base.

Sebring is world famous for the annual 12 Hours Of Sebring endurance race, that is part of the prestigious American Le Mans Series, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2012.

After a morning filled with racing excitement, participants will make a pit stop at the Runway Café for a "Dutch Treat" lunch. This local eatery is a diner-style establishment and a local favorite that boasts great food at reasonable prices.

The tour then takes guests to The Lost Mines of Atlantis to mine for precious and semi-precious gem stones and crystals. Enjoy the thrill of the hunt and discover amethyst, citrine, emerald, ruby, sapphire, garnet, agate, opal, tiger's eye, petrified wood, Herkimer diamonds, moonstone, onyx, peridot, hematite, chrysocolla and more.

Pre-registration is required for the trip. Contact Lake Kennedy Senior Center in Cape Coral at 574-0575 for more details.*

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Event committee member Heather Fitzenhagen, committee co-chair Sandy Stilwell and Hope HealthCare Services President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith

Celebration Of Women Benefit

For the past five years, nearly 1,000 women have gathered each spring in downtown Fort Myers to honor the female spirit and the important role women have in our society as caregivers. The Celebration of Women to benefit Hope Hospice has been a sellout every year. Tickets are now on sale for the 2012 event, and organizers are projecting another sellout.

What makes the celebration so popular? The fun, of course. This year, guests will enjoy a champagne reception, silent auction, raffle, boutique shopping, lunch and a fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue, Jennifer's and Brodeur Carvelle. Also, nationally-acclaimed musical artists Mark Sanders and Lee Van Asten will perform Broadway show tunes.

Winners in the auction and raffle will have even more reasons to celebrate. Among the available items:

- A pink Piaggio Vespa LX50 scooter, valued at \$6,000

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"See you at the celebration!" has become something I hear throughout the year from so many people in the community," said Hope President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. "We really look forward to this fun afternoon with long-time friends and new ones, in support of a very important cause."

The Celebration of Women will be held on Thursday, April 26 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$55 per person, and tables for eight guests are \$550. Event sponsorships are available from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Tickets may be purchased online at www.hopehospice.org/celebration.

To purchase tickets or for sponsorship information, contact Sherri Holly at 855-454-3104 or sherry.holly@hopehcs.org.

Proceeds from the event benefit Hope Hospice, with a special emphasis on Hope Kids Care, for children with a serious illness, grieving or at the end of life.

The Celebration of Women event committee includes co-chairs Sandy Stilwell and Rose Bernal-Rundle, along with members Victoria Black, Dodie Booher, Michel Doherty, Sharlene Dozier, Heather Fitzenhagen, Deanna Hansen, Elaine Hawkins, Amy Hawthorne, Jacque Miloff, Liz Munz, Jenna Persons, Betty Sanders, Judy Sowers, Rena Tchekmian and Mary Jo Walker.

For more information, visit www.hopehcs.org.

Pioneer Picnic Returns April 28

The Pioneer Club of Lee County will hold its 63rd annual picnic on Saturday, April 28 at the Lee County Civic Center's Tinsley Pavilion, located on Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The eligibility requirement for membership in the Pioneer Club is that a person was a resident of Lee County prior to 1962.

The Pioneer Picnic provides an opportunity for the old families of Lee County to come together to preserve and memorialize the history of the county where they spent so many years of their lives. Discovering old friends, neighbors and school friends makes for a happy lunch bunch. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

The classes of 1962 from Fort Myers Senior High School, Dunbar Senior High School and Alva High School will be recognized at the picnic as celebrating their 50th class reunions. Also recognized at the picnic will be the man and woman who have lived here the longest number of years; the couple married the most years and the person who traveled the longest distance to come to the picnic.

Approximately 1,000 invitations are mailed out for the picnic, of which two-thirds are sent to local residents and the remainder to those people who live out of the area. There are normally 700 to 800 people in attendance and lunch is served to around 650. There is no charge to attend the picnic and parking is free. Barbecue chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and iced tea are available to the attendees for \$10 per plate. It is not mandatory that you eat.

To receive an invitation, send the following information to Pioneer Club, 2233 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901:

- Your name/s (any woman registering is asked to provide her maiden name if applicable)
- The year you arrived in Lee County
- Your mailing address
- Which school you attended and the

year you graduated

You may register on the day of the picnic.

Through the generosity of the City of Fort Myers, free admission on that weekend is given to the members of the Pioneer Club by showing their membership card to the Edison & Ford Estates, Southwest Florida Museum of History (Friday through Sunday, April 27 to 29) and the Burroughs Home & Garden Tour (Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 at 11 a.m. only).



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Veterans Park April Classes

Lee County Parks & Recreation is offering a number of classes that are beneficial for improved health while also being fun for the whole family.

The following classes are held at Veterans Park Recreation Center, located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres:

Pole Walking

A new corrective exercise, pole walking helps improve your posture, burn calories, build bone density and increase your cardio stamina.

Morning classes in April are held Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. In May, classes are held Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Each session offers four classes for only \$40, which covers instruction and use of loaner poles. All fitness levels are welcome to sign up. Class will meet outside the recreation building's main front doors.

Local resident Lindy Smith, trained walking instructor for 10 years, will teach everything you need to know to become an "upright citizen." With a pair of walking poles in your hands, a basic stroll becomes a surprisingly easy full body workout.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes and bring a water bottle. Walking poles are provided for each class.

For questions regarding April/May pole walking classes, call Christine

Susterich at 369-1521 or e-mail jsusterich@leegov.com. To register for classes, visit www.leeparks.org or call 369-1521.

Soulful Beat Workout

Sharon Hill, founder of the Colours School of the Arts, is offering a variety of dance classes at Veterans Park Recreation Center. A resident of Lehigh Acres for 22 years, Hill has been serving the community reaching out to underserved youth and adults through the art of dance.

This workout class moves you to the rhythm of a variety of exciting music from around the world. Class is comprised of appropriate stretches, floor exercises, muscular strengthening and endurance as well as a cardiovascular workout.

Classes for ages 18 and older are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Cost is \$34 for eight classes. The current session runs through April 25 (8 classes/session). Upcoming sessions include April 30 to May 23 (8 classes/session) and June 4 to 27 (8 classes/session). A \$10 facility membership fee is required to participate in this program.

For more information, call 369-1521.

Adult Ballet

Students will learn the fundamental principles of ballet technique that involve and challenge the entire body. The aim is to improve body posture and carriage.

This ballet class for ages 18 and older will introduce the strict discipline of learning to articulate specific terminology verbally and physically. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for four classes. The current class runs through April 24 (4 classes/session).

Upcoming sessions will run May 1 to 22 (4 classes/session) and June 5 to 26 (4 classes/session). A \$10 facility membership fee is required to participate in this program.

For more information, call 369-1521.

African Dance

Students will learn traditional dances that have been handed down from generation to generation. These movements originated from the Sene-Gambian region (West Africa), also known as the Ivory Coast or the Slave Coast. Students are taught the rich heritage that African descendants inherited through music and dance.

Classes for ages 18 and older are held Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 for four classes. The current session runs through April 24 (4 classes/session). Upcoming sessions run May 1 to 22 (4 classes/session) and June 5 to 26 (4 classes/session). A multiple class discount is offered; contact the center at 369-1521 for more information. A \$10 facility membership fee is required to participate in this program.✱

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Morgan Hotel

The image indicates that the ground floor was occupied by a shoe store, and the First Street access to the hotel rooms is by an elevated entrance.

The hotel also featured a rooftop solarium. In the 1930s, rooftop tea dances were held at the Morgan.

It operated under the original name until around 1963 and eventually became the Hotel Dean. Today the upper floors are the Dean Executive Center.

The ground floor, home to the popular Morgan House Restaurant before it moved to Patio de Leon, is now Ford's Garage, which bills itself as "your neighborhood burger and beer joint" inspired by 1920s style.

Walk down to First and Dean to pay tribute to a boom-time hotel that's still playing a big part in downtown life.

Then stroll the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the developers like Dean, who changed Fort Myers' self-image forever.

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

Visit one of the area's best research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can see photos of the many hotels that greeted tourists through the decades.

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

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

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *Lee County: A Pictorial History* by Prudy Taylor Board and Patricia Pope Bartlett, *Historic Fort Myers* by Prudy Taylor Board and Esther B. Colcord, and the *Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✱

Taste Of The Beach Returns On April 29

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the 17th annual Taste of the Beach on Sunday, April 29 at Bay Oaks Recreation Campus, located at 2731 Oak Street in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., with a full day of food, drinks, music and cooking demonstrations by celebrity chef Tim Creehan.

Area businesses will be showcasing their products at the T.O.B. Business Expo, which will be held in the air conditioned main building of Bay Oaks Recreation Center. This will provide an opportunity to take a break from the heat to browse through the Expo and see what the Fort Myers Beach business community has to offer.

"It seems like the perfect venue to mix a little fun with business at the annual Taste of the Beach," said Terri Luster, organizer of the Business Expo. "Make sure you stop by the Expo and enter to win one of the many exciting prizes the businesses will be giving away throughout the day."

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber is seeking local restaurants and other businesses to participate in the event.

Area restaurants will be offering sumptuous samples of their top selling appetizers, entrees and desserts. This is a great opportunity to sample these tasty fairs. A list of participating restaurants can be found on the T.O.B. website at www.tasteoffortmyersbeach.com.



Celebrity chef Tim Creehan

TasteofFortMyersBeach.com.

Local restaurants will go head-to-head in the always fun waiter/waitress competition, where servers from participating Fort Myers Beach restaurants will test their prowess with various physical challenges and obstacles.

This year's Taste will be like no other with a special concert by Supernatural, a nationally renowned Santana tribute band made up of world-class musicians from around the globe. Supernatural will perform from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Celebrity chef Tim Creehan is a certified executive chef, author, teacher, inventor, dynamic entertainer and a steward of his community. He is currently the proprietor of the award-winning Cuvee Bistro

in Destin, Florida. His reputation for professionalism and love of cooking has allowed him to work with some of entertainment's biggest stars. He has served as personal chef for such celebrities as Amy Grant, Vince Gil, Cybil Shepherd, Timothy Hutton, Debra Winger and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Recently, he served as special guest Chef de Cuisine at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival.

There is also a playground on site for children to enjoy. Event-goers are encouraged to bring bathing suits and towels and enjoy the Bay Oaks swimming pool and waterslide.

If you would like to participate in the Taste of the Beach or for more information, contact the Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500 or visit www.fortmyersbeachchamber.org. You may also get additional information at www.tasteoffortmyersbeach.com.

Good Friday Evening Concert

Vocal Artistry, a 22-voice choir, will present a Good Friday concert at First Baptist Church in Fort Myers on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. There will be a professional orchestra and a live painting performance by artist Leoma Lovegrove. The program, entitled Portrait of Grace, will combine an array of inspirational Holy Week selections and classical compositions. It brings together the works from two cantatas, one by Mary McDonald and the other by Joseph Martin, and interjects them with traditional hymns and other sacred music. Lovegrove will create a portrait of Jesus during the concert. Previous artwork by Lovegrove depicting Jesus, or Portraits of Grace, will be on view in the halls of the church through Easter Sunday.

A free will offering will be collected, and proceeds will benefit two local non-profit organizations: the Royal Palm Christian Counseling Center and Senior Friendship Centers of Lee County. At each concert, Vocal Artistry shines the spotlight on other nonprofit organizations in the Southwest Florida area. Partners are chosen based on their financial and awareness need basis; concerts help to raise a little extra of both.

Artistic Director Joseph Caulkins founded Vocal Artistry in 2010. Caulkins also is artistic director of the Key Chorale in Sarasota.

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Along The River



The Sandy Butler offers sweet, custom Easter gift baskets for kids and the young at heart

On Friday, April 6, the **Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW)** invites the public to a birthday party for Trouper, the blind raccoon. He is celebrating his third birthday along side his loving caretaker and spokesperson, Dot Lee. The presentation starts at 11 a.m. and is a great opportunity to learn about respect for wildlife from an extraordinary raccoon. It is followed by ice cream and cake at noon. Proceeds from the event benefit the rebuilding of the raccoon enclosure at CROW.

CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel. Call 472-3644. For more information about Trouper, go to www.trouperraccoon.com.

On Saturday, April 7, the final **Saturday Art Fair** of the season is being held on the sidewalks of First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and is hosted by ACT Gallery and Art Walk Fort Myers.

JOYOUS EASTER

Now accepting reservations for

EASTER SUNDAY

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Ostego Bay offers tours of the area's million dollar shrimp industry

The art fair includes 43 vendors: painters, potters, jewelry makers, photographers, floral arrangements, underwater photography, portraits painters, hand-made felt purses, hair bows, rugs, hats, scarves, polymer and stain glass jewelry, wildlife sculptures, mini beach paintings, and dog portraits by the Dog Diva. Art vendors are selling the works they create, so stop by and support local artists.

For more information, call 337-5050 or go to www.artsforactgallery.com.

Sunday, April 8 is Easter. **The Edison Restaurant & Bar** his hosting its fourth annual Easter Sunday jazz brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Live entertainment is provided by Father Al and the Jazz Congregation.

Executive Chef Stuart Gordon has created a delicious buffet featuring homemade soups, fresh salads and traditional side dishes, roast beef au jus with horseradish, baked glazed ham with pineapple sauce, along with Belgian waffles and omelettes cooked to order. The price is \$27.95 for adults, \$13.95 for children age seven to 12, and \$6.95 for children six and under. Reservations are accepted.

The Edison Restaurant & Bar is located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard overlooking the historic Fort Myers Country Club. Call 936-9348 or go to www.edisonfl.com.

Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar is serving Easter brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Easter dinner from 4 to 9 p.m. The regular menu is also available.

The three-course brunch is \$20 per person: first course is Bananas Foster cake or French toast with the Butler's Signature strawberry jam; second course is Easter Pie baked with salami, sausage, ham, provolone and ricotta filling or spinach omelet with cheddar cheese sauce or eggs benedict; and third course is crab-stuffed filet of sole with hollandaise sauce or petite sirloin with mushroom demi-glaze.

Three Easter dinner specials are being offered: seared rack of lamb served with berry demi-glaze, roasted red bliss potatoes and asparagus for \$32; lobster and shrimp linguini tossed in a brandy cream sauce for \$28; and surf and turf including a petite filet with Béarnaise sauce, a five-ounce Florida lobster tail, red bliss potatoes and asparagus for \$42.

Right next door to Shoals is **The Sandy Butler Market**, which offers sweet holiday baskets for your friends and family: Easter eggs, bunny rabbits, chocolates, honey, caramelized nuts and a lot more.

The Sandy Butler Market and Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar are located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Both are open seven days per week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 482-6765 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

On Wednesdays, the **Ostego Bay Foundation's** Marine Science Center offers tours of San Carlos Island's commercial fishing fleet. The three-hour guided tour starts at 9 a.m.

It includes a one-and-a-half hour guided visit at the museum, which contains a touch tank, a hands-on beach area and several aquariums and exhibits. The tour continues with a visit to the commercial fishing industry, including Erickson & Jensen Supply House, Trico Shrimp loading dock and Beach Seafood. See how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are build, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other important factors used in this unique million dollar industry; a memorable experience!

The cost for the tour is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children 7 years of age and older. Reservations are required.

Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center located at 718 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org.



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Mecees Anthony Stovall and Diane Munoz with Patty, Gabrielle, Patrick and Joe Magnant



Volunteers load CCMI's truck with food donations

Local Churches Doing Their Part To Fight Hunger

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) is benefitting from local churches holding food drives at a critical time of need.

Next Level Church in south Fort Myers held a month-long community food drive challenge called Feeding Fort Myers which resulted in 39,000 canned food donations as well as monetary donations for CCMI.

"Economic times continue to affect Lee County and we were looking to help those in need," said Morgan Kirk, volunteer at the church. "Our goal was to have 150 neighborhood or workplace parties to generate dozens of cans at each party for a total of 25,000 cans of food for CCMI. Obviously, we exceeded that and are so thankful to everyone who participated."

Next Level Church put a challenge out to its congregation to host parties in their homes with admission charges of canned food. On Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, parishioners dropped off their collections before church services.

"We conduct this food drive each year and as this is our fourth year, we are

very pleased with how this challenge has grown for the benefit of those hungry in our community," said Gabe Bedenbaugh, director of community outreach for the church.

"Inventory value on this food is \$62,000 or the equivalent to two and a half times our two Fort Myers market's budgets combined," said Meghan Madden, food innovation team leader for CCMI.

Madden said last weekend Cape Christian Fellowship held a food drive called Feeding Cape Coral which was expected to bring in about 25,000 cans for CCMI's Cape market.

"We are really excited to collaborate with CCMI to provide for hungry in Cape Coral that need food," said Chad Woolf, director with Cape Christian Fellowship.

"We are so thankful for this outpouring of support these churches, their parishioners and their friends and neighbors are providing us at such a critical time as we head into the summer months," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "The religious community has always been one of our strongest support systems and we know we could not be providing the services we do to the hungry in our community without them."

CCMI has continued to develop new and innovative ways to fight hunger and homelessness across Southwest Florida. It recently launched the Groceries on Wheels program to deliver food to approximately 40 senior clients currently in the Meals on Wheels program who cannot get to the grocery store or shop for themselves.

"Twenty dollars per month sponsors one senior for groceries for the month and \$250 sponsors a senior for a year," said Kelly DeBoy, delivered meals team leader for CCMI.

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



Join us! EASTER DAY

Brunch & Dinner at Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar

EASTER BRUNCH

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\$20 Per Person with a complimentary Mimosa

1st Course: Bananas Foster Cake or French Toast

2nd Course: Easter Pie (Baked With Salami, Sausage, Ham, Provolone & Ricotta Filling)
or Spinach Omelet
or Egg Benedict

3rd Course: Crab-Stuffed Filet of Sole with Hollandaise Sauce
or Petite Sirloin with Mushroom Demi-Glaze



EASTER DINNER

4 to 9 p.m.

Lobster And Shrimp Linguini Tossed in a Brandy Cream Sauce, \$28

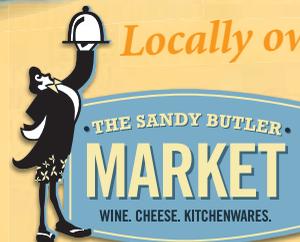
Seared Rack of Lamb Served with Berry Demi-Glaze, Roasted Red Bliss Potato and Asparagus, \$32

Surf And Turf: Petite Filet with Bearnaise and 5oz. Florida Lobster Tail with Red Bliss Potato and Asparagus, \$42



Easter baskets available in the Market. Starting at \$35!

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Market open 7 days: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Restaurant: Sun. - Thur. 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

17650 San Carlos Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL 33931

239.482.6765 | ShoalsWineBar.com

Regular Menu Also Available Both Brunch and Dinner

Churches/Temples

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CONGREGATION Member of UUA
2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers
Six blocks south of the Edison/Ford Winter Estates; 2 miles N of Colonial Boulevard
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Unitarian Summer: 11 a.m. Tapestry of Faith Programs, child care provided
Adult workshops: 9:30 a.m. Faith Like a River: Themes from UU History.
226-0900, Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.com, Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org

ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ANNUNCIATION GREEK

ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers
239-850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove
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An ecumenical non-denominational community of believers.

Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Reverend Ted Althouse, Pastor

revtedalthouse@aol.com

CHURCH OF THE CROSS:

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188
Pastors: Jeff Moran and Michael Bulter;
A nondenominational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Contemporary
10:45 a.m. Traditional.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

CYPRESS LAKE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,

481-3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor
Sunday services: 8 and 11 a.m. Traditional;
9:30 a.m. Contemporary; 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church K4J Kids for Jesus

CYPRESS LAKE UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

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

FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers,
278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Voice of Faith, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio,
Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30
p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.
Nursery care for pre-school children and
Children's Church for ages 5-12 available
at each service.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, 482-2030
Pastor: David Stauffer.
Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;
Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

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

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

2390 West First Street, next door to Edison
Estates.

Sunday Morning Service and Sunday
School, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening
Testimony Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Child care
provided at all services.

Visit our Reading Room for quiet study at:

2281 W. First Street, River District
www.spirituality.com and www.christian-science.com

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13545 American Colony Boulevard
off Daniels Parkway in the Colony,
Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning
Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6
p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 Condrey, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,
482-3133. Philip White, pastor
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10:15 a.m.
Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

HOLY THEOTOKOS MONASTERY

111 Evergreen Road, North Fort Myers,
997-2846 Eastern Orthodox men's monastery.
Liturgical services conducted in the English,
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The Third and Sixth Hours at 8:30 a.m.;
Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

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CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778
The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler, pastor.

Weekly services:
Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing
Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;
9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing
and Church School
Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in
Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist
with Healing. Child care available at
Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.
services.

JESUS THE WORKER

CATHOLIC CHURCH:

881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143
Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.;
Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard,
Fort Myers, 218-8343
Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD

LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner Cypress View Drive and Koreshan
Boulevard, Three Oaks area,
Fort Myers, 267-3525
Walter Fohs, pastor; Becky Robbins-
Penniman, associate pastor

Sunday worship services:

8 a.m. Early Grace Traditional
9 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional
8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God's
Group

MESSIAH REFORMED CHURCH

Worship Gathering - Sunday 10 a.m.
Pastor Alan Bondar
Fort Myers Villas Civic Association Bldg.
2306 Sunrise Blvd. Fort Myers
220-8519

website: messiahreformed.com

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

noon Sunday Fellowship Lunch

Monthly Teen Events

see website for podcasts, special events,
ministries, calendar, blogs, etc.

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane,
North Fort Myers, 239-656-0416
Weekly Friday Meeting Meet & Greet: 6:30
p.m. Kingdom Teaching: 7 p.m. Fellowship
and refreshments after service. nbcm-
istry@embarqmail.com, www.facebook.
com/nbcmistry. Alex & Patricia Wiggins,
Ministers

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

OF FORT MYERS

16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10
239-985-8503
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.
7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers
Pastors: Stu Austin and Howard Biddulph
8 & 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
11 a.m. Contemporary Worship
8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday School
Youth and Children's programming runs
concurrent to Sunday services.
Nursery care provided at all services
274-1230. For more information visit:
www.newhopefortmyers.org

PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets at Ft. Myers Beach Masonic Lodge
17625 Pine Ridge Road,
Fort Myers Beach 267-7400.
Pastors Bruce Merton, Gail & RC Fleeman
9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Phone 267-7400 Fax 267-7407
Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com
e-mail: peace1265@aol.com

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, Worship 5 p.m.
Sunday, Worship- 8 and 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays during Lent soup dinner at
5:30 p.m., Compline Service at 7 p.m.
Peace is a member of the ELCA. We celebrate
weekly communion with traditional
liturgy, organ and choir. 15840 McGregor
Blvd, Fort Myers, 437-2599, www.peaceft-
myers.com, peace@peaceftmyers.com

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143
8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services
Daily early learning center/day care
RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
21580 River Ranch Rd, Estero
239-495-0400

Senior Pastor: Todd Weston

8 and 9:45 a.m. Services;

11:30 a.m. Legacy Service, multi-generational

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Meditation classes. All are welcome.
Guided meditations offering many methods
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MeditationInFortMyers.org.

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16940 McGregor Boulevard,
Fort Myers, 454-3336
Robert G. Kasten, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Nursery available

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

Junior Church grades one to five

Wee Church Pre-K to K

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

ST. COLUMBKILLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, off
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489-3973 Father Joseph Clifford.

Weekly masses:

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.

Weekend masses: Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.;

Sunday: 7, 9, 11, and 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation is available at the church on
Saturdays at noon and by appointment

SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

3049 Mcgregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,
344-0012 Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi
An Affirming & Inclusive Congregation
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN

CHURCH & SCHOOL (LCMS)

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers
239-939-4711, www.smlcs.org
Wednesday Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner \$5, 6:15 p.m. bible studies
Worship: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.,
Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with 9:15
a.m. adult and children's Bible Study, plus
marriage enrichment studies. Divorce Care
on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
During Lent: Wednesday worship
noon and 6:15 p.m.

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16225 Winkler Rd. 433-0018.
Rabbi Jeremy Barras
E-mail: rabbi.barras@templebethel.com
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Temple educator: Dale Cohen, MaEd, RJE
Shabbat Services, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.
Religious Education; Sunday School and
Midweek classes,
Preschool Classes, Monday through Friday
Web site: www.templebethel.com

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Churches/Temples

Affiliated: Union for Reform Judaism
TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)
 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers,
 433-0201,

Rabbi: Rabbi Elyssa Auster
 President: Keith Grossman
 Minyan: Monday & Thursday at 9 a.m.
 Services: Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and
 Saturday morning at 9 a.m.
 Religious School Sunday morning
 Web site: www.tjswfl.org
 Preschool director: JoAnn Goldman
 email templejudeapreschool@gmail.com
 433-0201, Web site: www.tjswfl.org

Affiliated: United Synagogue of
 Conservative Judaism
**THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH
 OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX**
 5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers
 Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz
 433-7708, E-mail: rabbi@chabadswf.org
 Web site: www.chabadswf.org
 Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday
 Kabbalah class 9 a.m.;
 Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon
 Minyan: Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

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/
 Ford Winter Estates 334-4978
 Senior Minister: Douglas Kelchner
 Traditional Worship Sunday's 10:15 a.m.
 Website: www.edisonchurch.org
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
 CHURCH FORT MYERS**
 13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway
 one mile west of I-75)
 Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum
 Sunday services and religious education at
 10:30 a.m.

For information on all church events call
 561-2700 or visit www.uucfm.org.
UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
 Family Service 10 to 11 a.m.
 Healing Circle 11 a.m.
 Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m.
 Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic
 music, meditation in a loving environment.
 Service held at 28285 Imperial Street,
 Bonita Springs. Call 947-3100.

**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.*

Good Friday Vespers Service

New Church of Southwest Florida
 will hold a Good Friday Vespers
 Service April 6 at 7:45 p.m. This
 will be a candlelight worship service.

Easter Sunday worship will be at 11
 a.m. April 8. Refreshments will follow
 worship.

The New Church of Southwest
 Florida is located behind Zoomer's off of
 Summerlin Road, 10811 Sunset Plaza
 Circle #401, Fort Myers. Donations of
 nonperishable food items for the emer-
 gency food pantry will be accepted. For
 more information contact Rev. Gabriella
 Cahaley at 481-5535.*

Easter Services At New Hope Presbyterian

Everyone is invited to celebrate Easter
 at New Hope Presbyterian Church
 on Sunday, April 8 at one of four
 worship services – 6:30, 8, 9:30 or 11
 a.m.

The 6:30 a.m. Contemporary Sunrise
 Service will be held on the front patio
 of the church. The music will be led
 by Contemporary Worship leader Jim
 Parkinson and the New Hope Praise
 Band. A free breakfast will begin at 7
 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Traditional
 Services will feature special music by
 organist Claire Marie Faasse and the
 New Hope Ringers and Choir, under the
 direction of music director Phil Chandler.
 They will be joined by special musical
 guests Mary Bowden on the trumpet and
 Todd Betz on the tympani. Interim Senior
 Pastor Dr. Curt McDaniel will preach at
 all four services.

New Hope Presbyterian Church is
 located at 3825 McGregor Boulevard,
 one block south of the Fort Myers
 Country Club.

For more information, call the
 church office at 274-1230 or visit www.newhopefortmyers.org.*

Hibiscus Series At Beach United

Beach United Methodist Church
 on Fort Myers Beach announced
 the final concert in their Hibiscus
 Series on Thursday, April 12. The con-
 cert will feature the Southwest Florida
 Symphony Palm Strings Quartet. The
 concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and will
 be held in the Sanctuary of the church,
 located at 155 Bay Road (behind the
 Library) on Fort Myers Beach. A free
 will offering will be collected to offset
 expenses.

This outstanding string quartet is mak-
 ing its second performance as part of this
 highly acclaimed concert series, and will
 conclude the 2011-12 season.

The string quartet is made up of prin-
 cipal players of the Southwest Florida
 Symphony. Hannah Cho (violin) is
 enjoying her fourth season as Assistant
 Concertmaster with the Southwest
 Florida Symphony Orchestra. She came
 to Fort Myers after completing a three-
 year fellowship with the New World
 Symphony in Miami Beach. Cho hails
 from Seoul, South Korea, where she
 began studying violin at the tender age
 of four. She completed her undergradu-
 ate degree at Seoul's prestigious Yonsei
 University, studying with Jae Hong Park.

Although Ms. Cho was raised in
 South Korea, she was actually born in
 Hamilton, Ontario just south of Toronto.
 Hannah returned to Canada when she
 studied at the University of Toronto,
 receiving an Advanced Certificate while
 studying with Mayumi Seiler.

Born in Timisoara, Romania, Danuts
 Muresan (violin) began experiencing the

violin at the age of four. The love for
 music brought him to play throughout
 Europe, and eventually Florida, where he
 came to study in 2000. Muresan enjoys
 performing classical, chamber music
 and pops concerts (with the Southwest
 Florida Symphony), opera (with the Palm
 Beach Opera), as well as jazz, pop and
 rock concerts on the electric violin.

Rachel Cox currently performs violin
 and viola with the Southwest Florida
 Symphony Orchestra and the Naples
 Philharmonic Orchestra. She holds
 a Bachelor of Music degree in Viola
 Performance from the New England
 Conservatory of Music in Boston. Among
 her performing credits is a performance
 in Carnegie Hall under the baton of
 Michael Tilson Thomas and two PBS
 nationwide broadcasts as a member of
 the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra under
 the direction of Erich Kunzel. She has
 published six books on Ohio and U.S.
 history, which are used in schools, librar-
 ies and universities throughout the coun-
 try. She recently published her first novel,
The Horror Within.

Returning this season after a one year
 hiatus, and former principal cellist of the
 Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra,
 Susie Kelly began studying cello at
 the age of six in her native Windsor,
 Connecticut. Her education includes
 degrees in cello performance from the
 Eastman School of Music and in cham-
 ber music from the University of South
 Florida. As an orchestral musician, she
 performs frequently with the New World
 Symphony, Orlando Philharmonic and
 Sarasota Orchestra.

A reception will follow the concert
 which is open to the public.

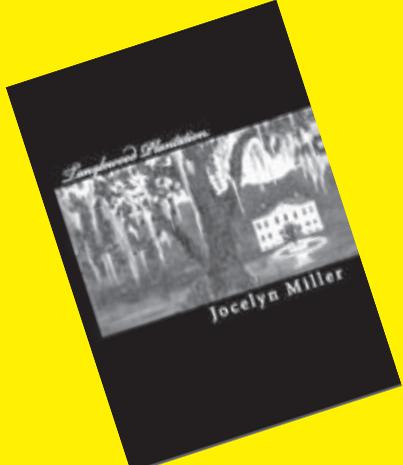
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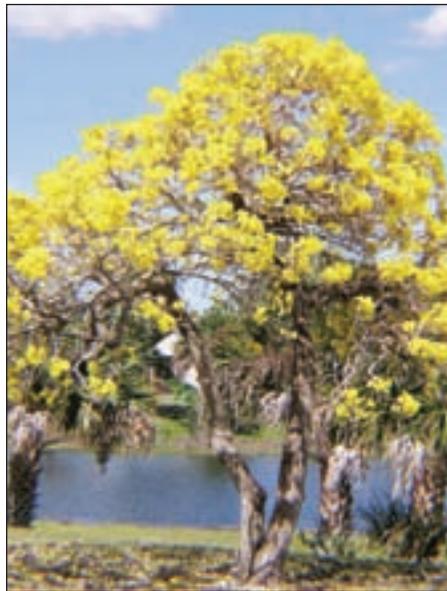
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Plant Smart

Caribbean Trumpet Tree



The furrowed bark provides a good platform for air plants and adds character to the tree



The Caribbean trumpet tree is native to the West Indies

photos by Gerri Reaves

vides a good platform for epiphytes, or air plants, such as orchids and the native bromeliad, the cardinal airplant (*Tillandsia fasciculata*).

The somewhat contorted shape adds character.

The leaves are comprised of five to seven stiff narrow leaflets, which begin to drop as the funnel-shaped compact clusters of flowers start to appear and the show begins.

The trumpet tree is very drought-tol-



Spring brings profuse clusters of bright showy flowers

erant and has a moderate growth rate. Moderate salt tolerance makes it suitable for some coastal landscapes.

Dropping leaves, a shallow root system, and wind breakage are maintenance concerns, but it is generally pest resistant.

Give the tree full sun, which will accent its beauty in the flowering season.

The dark pods of about six inches long contain wafer seeds.

The pink trumpet tree (*Tabebuia heterophylla*) is another species popular "tab" in South Florida.

Sources: lee.ifas.ufl.edu and Florida, My Eden by Frederic B. Stresau.

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

by Gerri Reaves

One of South Florida's most popular ornamental trees, the Caribbean trumpet tree (*Tabebuia aurea*), has a fairly short but spectacular spring blooming season when it's a show stopper.

It is native to the West Indies and parts of South America, but not to Florida, and typically grows to about 25 feet high.

Some specimens have silvery gray leaves that give the tree another common name, silver trumpet tree.

The furrowed and corky bark pro-

Caring For Your Plants

Organic Pesticides

by Justen Dobbs



Here in south Florida, we have a host of pests that attack our beautiful tropical plants and trees. How do you deal with these without spreading chemicals around your garden? There are

a few simple tricks that you can use to reduce your insect, bacterial and fungal friends in your garden or landscape.

I think it's safe to say that most people would rather use a safe, organic agent rather than a harmful chemical in their garden, especially with pets and grandchildren running around.

If you have small white flakes on your plants, they are likely mealy bugs. Or, you may have even smaller brown or beige lumps covering your plants' leaves or stems. This is likely scale. Insects lay these eggs which hatch on your plants' leaves and then eat them. Both of these infestations can usually be treated with coffee grounds. Whether you use fresh grounds or used ones, simply sprinkle them generously around the base of your palms and plants. This will create acidic soil conditions which deter pests and alter your plants' pH (systemic agent). While healthy for the plants, it is not preferred



I do not recommend that you use fire to treat your plant's pest problem

by most insects and they will soon leave. Or, you can add coffee ground to tap water and spray the solution on your plants' leaves. This also helps deter pests, but only after several applications.

Many plants in Southwest Florida (especially on Sanibel) are becoming more and more susceptible to sooty mold, which is dirt and dust that clings to urine deposited by insects. This sooty mold can quickly spread and greatly affects the health of the plants it covers. You will often find it on plants that are in too much shade or have too little airflow. This sooty mold can be removed with a mixture of organic soap and water. All it takes is a bucket, sponge and a little elbow grease.

Recently, I witnessed a rare palm tree on Sanibel get butchered down to its

center spear (i.e. they removed almost all its leaves) because it was covered in sooty mold. This was quite a tragedy. The palm will take years to recover (if it survives) for a simple coating of dust on its leaves that could have been treated with soap and water. I blame ignorant landscape maintenance crews, which is why I am trying to educate the public.

If you have a problem with squirrels, opossums or other vectors digging up your flowers, hibiscuses or vegetables, try sprinkling them with some paprika. Animals will stay far away from hot spices as it bothers their noses. Keep in mind, this may not be as effective in our rainy summer months.

There are hundreds of other organic remedies on the Internet, too. Please do some research to see what your options

are before taking drastic measures.

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

Bonsai Society Picnic And Auction

The annual picnic and auction of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Community Garden Center adjacent to the Edison Laboratory on McGregor Boulevard. The picnic is in lieu of the monthly meeting.

The public is invited. There is no charge for attendance and free parking is on Larchmont Street (running south from McGregor Boulevard, one block east of the Edison Laboratory).

The auction will begin at 11 a.m. and a buffet line for the picnic will begin at noon. Beginner bonsai demonstrations will be in the south gazebo at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. At 1 p.m., raffle numbers will be drawn and silent auction winners will be announced.

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. Information about bonsai and the association will be available at the picnic.

For more information call Greg Lignelli at 560-3275. ✨

CROW Case Of The Week:

Swallow-Tailed Kite

by Patricia Molloy



One of the most elegant birds in Florida is the swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*). It is unmistakable due to its distinctive black and white plumage, forked tail and graceful aerial maneuvers. "Kites are my favorite raptors," said Dr. Heather. "They are very smart, sensible and easy to manage."

On March 20, a swallow tail kite arrived at CROW from Lehigh Acres.

Upon arrival, it could not fly and was depressed, likely as a result from being hit by a car. Fluids and pain medication were quickly administered to make the kite more comfortable while its condition could be further evaluated.

A radiographic test was performed, which utilizes an x-ray beam to record the internal structure of a patient and detect injuries in its body. The resulting images clearly showed a break in its ulna, a major weight-bearing bone, while the neighboring radius was intact (comparable to a human forearm). Dr. Heather anesthetized the bird so that a metal rod could be inserted to align the naturally hollow bones.

Swallow-tail kites typically arrive in Florida in late February to early March from South America. If you are fortunate enough to see a one these magnificent birds, it will most likely be while it is in flight. Kites are constantly on the move, swooping down to pick up a meal (which they eat while flying) or diving down for a quick drink from the surface of a lake or stream.

According to Dr. Heather, kites are "low stress, low key birds." In the case of this patient, "It will eat as long as I offer food on a pair of tongs. Kites don't like to come off perches to eat." With patience, the ulna will likely heal and this beautiful raptor will return to the skies of Southwest Florida to perform spectacular feats of aerial acrobatics.

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Note the metal rod protruding from the bird's wing that was inserted at the clinic



Dr. Heather initially fed the rare bird by hand three times a day because it would not eat on its own

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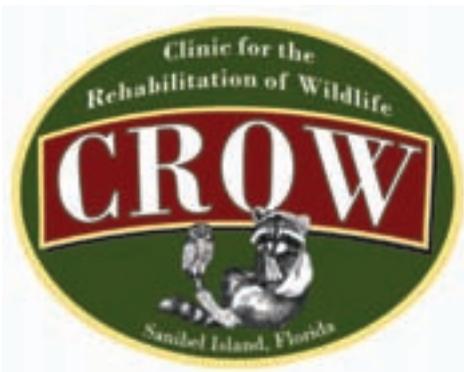


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Know The Rules Before Wetting A Fishing Line



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The big trout bite is still going on all over the sound and even along the beaches. This week I did get on some better size trout in the southern sound, which was a

change from having to make the run to the clear water in the northern sound. Trout over 20 inches were common all week with a few real 'gators in the 25- to 26-inch range caught. Shiners and small pinfish are the bait of choice for these 'gator trout, although I have caught a few on handpicked shrimp too. Fishing the white sandholes in thick, healthy grass in two- to three-foot depths produced the biggest trout of the week. Bright sunny conditions really seem like the best time to target these

larger trout.

With so many trout out there, don't get greedy by taking too many. Seatrout are in their spawn right now they should be handled as little as possible if being released. If you plan on harvesting trout, they should be eaten fresh within a day or two of being caught as the meat does not freeze well. Regulations on trout are four fish per angler per day between 5 and 20 inches of which only one can be over the 20-inch maximum.

Recently there was a picture in this newspaper of an angler with eight trout he kept in a day. That is over the limit. Trout are a natural resource and the bag limits and size limits along with good management of the species are the reason the resource is in such great shape. It does not take too many meat fisherman to wreck this for everyone. Fishing trips are judged on so much more than the size of the Ziplock bag of fillets you go home with. There is nothing wrong at all with taking home a fresh fish dinner, but if you plan on stocking your freezer, please go to a grocery store.

Not knowing our state and local fishing regulation is no excuse to break the law. If you are new to fishing, new to the area or are on vacation, pick up the FWC fish identification with the regulations

at any local tackle store. Regulations do change so go online and check out www.myfwc.com for the latest news.

With another windy March behind us, tarpon fishing will really kick into high gear in the next few weeks. For a few hours one morning with clients I had my first chance this season to go out and fish for tarpon. Although we did not hook up a single fish, every place I went we saw a few rolling fish and even had one tarpon come up and swirl on and miss a live bait. The rush of seeing tarpon while they are free jumping, rolling or even flashing on and missing a live bait still, to this day, makes my heart race. After catching and putting anglers on hundreds or more tarpon in my life, the adrenaline rush it brings just seeing these awesome fish still amazes me. In my book there is not a more exciting, hard fighting, shallow water gamefish to target, period.

This week daytime redfish tides get a whole lot better than we have had for weeks. High daytime incoming tides should have the mangrove redfish bite going off. I did manage some redfish this week but it really took a lot of



Conner Brown with his first shark, a three-foot bonnethead, caught while redfish fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

work moving up and down shorelines to get any keepers at all.

The hottest redfish bite of the week came during a period of strong southwest wind that had the tide blown up higher than expected. Although this bite was all small reds, the action was wide open with more than a dozen caught in 20 minutes. The bigger reds took a lot more work and we caught only one here and one there.

While riding around mangrove islands, I did see some good numbers of redfish but with the tides very slow moving if at all they simply would not eat.

The big redfish of the week on my boat measured only 24 inches.

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.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering a class in basic GPS operation on Saturday, April 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This class will be offered again in the fall of 2012.

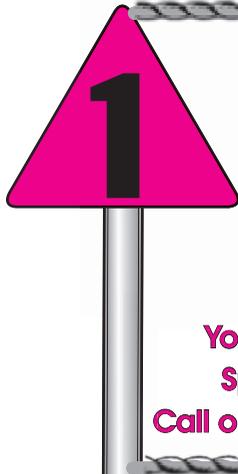
The class is designed to introduce new users to GPS. The class will include discussions of marine navigation, how a GPS works and GPS limitations. There will be an extensive presentation on what a GPS can do and what a boater can do

with GPS. For those interested in purchasing a GPS, you will understand what a GPS can do for you and some of the key features to look for as you shop for a GPS.

The cost of the class is \$40.

The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd. at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers.

Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040 for more information.*



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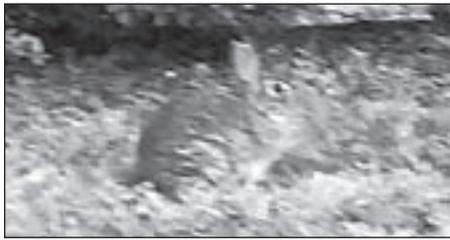
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Barrier Islands Guided Walk

Follow our guide as they lead you through Bowditch Point Park. Learn the importance of the barrier islands, their unique ecosystem and how they protect the mainland. Explore the beach front tropical hardwoods, coastal scrub and wetland plant communities. Walks are held every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and every Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Parking is \$1 per hour or free with a valid Lee County Parks & Recreation parking sticker. Meet on the upper patio for this free walk. Bowditch Point Park is located at the north tip of Estero Island.

Low Tide Loafing At Sunset

Join a naturalist and leisurely explore the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers and enjoy a beautiful Florida sunset as well. Bring a camera, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, bug spray and drinking water. The next walks are scheduled for Thursday, April 5 and Thursday, May 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. Parking is \$1 per hour or free with a valid Lee County Parks & Recreation parking sticker. Meet at the picnic tables at Bunche Beach, 18201 John Morris Road in Fort Myers Beach, for this free guided walk.

Mangrove Walk At Matanzas Pass Preserve

Take an educational and inspirational guided walk through Matanzas Pass Preserve



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out to the Estero Bay. Learn about the diverse plant community including a maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands and a mangrove forest. Walks are held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so arrive early. Meet at the entrance of Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, behind the Fort Myers Beach Library and school.

Exploring Ethnobotany

Learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing. Find out about the historical importance of some of Florida's plants to humans. This program is offered the fourth Wednesday of every month 9:30 to 11 a.m. The next program is scheduled for April 25. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so arrive early. Meet at the entrance of Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, behind the Fort Myers Beach Library and school.

For more information about any of these guided beach walks, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7444.✪



Birding guide talks to a crowd

Wiggins Pass Nature Festival

The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park in conjunction with the staff of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park will present Wiggins Pass Nature Festival on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is located in North Naples at 11135 Gulf Shore Drive (at the end of 111th).

This festival focuses on educating

youth and adults about Florida's natural areas and native wildlife. There will be nature and educational exhibits, children's games and a variety of other activities.

The event is free with park entrance fee; pedestrians and cyclists are \$2 each, auto with one person is \$4 and auto with passengers \$6. If assistance is needed to participate, contact the park office 72 hours in advance.

For more information visit <http://www.delnorwiggins.org> or call 239-597-6196.✪

Duck Touch Screen To Be Unveiled At 'Ding' Friday

April 6 promises to be "Just Ducky" at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge as the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) unveils its new Duck Touch Screen computer at the Sprinkle Duck Decoy Exhibit in the Refuge Education Center starting at 10 a.m.

The exhibit, which debuted last year, displays 47 wooden duck decoys carved by renowned bird sculptor and past DDWS president Jim Sprankle.

"To enhance the educational value of Jim's beautiful collection, we are unveiling an interactive computer station that will tell visitors more about each species of duck in the exhibit as well as a number of additional features," said Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger. "When installed, it will have a bunch of cool features such as duck calls, flyway zones, a list of all the nation's refuges by state, information on the junior duck stamp competition, and the history of the national duck stamp contest."

Westland and Sprankle will be speaking about ducks and duck-carving at two lectures, which take place after the 10 a.m. unveiling and again at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 6.



Sculptor Jim Sprankle and Ranger Toni Westland at the Duck Decoy Exhibit in its early stages

"We're even having a duck-call identification contest, and people can win prizes," added Westland.

Admission is free to the event, which is sponsored by The Sanctuary Golf Club and DDWS, as part of its 11-week Friday Afternoon Lecture Series. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

As usual, Wildlife Drive is closed on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the free Education Center and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official concessionaire located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

This is the second to last lecture of the season. Stay tuned for news about the "Story of Ospreys" presentation on April 13. For more information on the lecture series, call 472-1100 ext. 241 or log on to www.dingdarlingsociety.org.✪

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Seminoles navigating the Miami River by boat

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Caloosahatchee

“The Hanson Family Archives is a collection of more than 1,000 historic documents and images from 1884 to the mid-20th century, passed down through five generations of one of Fort Myers’ first families. It’s a treasure trove of information about the historic places, people and institutions of Southwest Florida, including unrivaled insight into the community’s relationship with the neighboring Seminole-Miccosukee Indians.

The Hanson family began its own history in Southwest Florida in 1884, when London-born Dr. Wm. Hanson and his wife, Julia Allen Hanson, opted to settle in Fort Myers while on their way to Cuba. Dr. Hanson was physician to Thomas Edison and the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians as well as one of Fort Myers’ first real estate developers. Mrs. Hanson was

active in almost every movement or institution in Southwest Florida and beyond and was called “the most beloved woman in Florida” upon her death in 1934.

Their son, W. Stanley Hanson (1883-1945), dubbed “the White Medicine Man,” was a trusted advisor to the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians from the early part of the 20th century until his death in 1945. He wanted to dispel myths about the tribe, including those shared by some of those who would help them, and offer a true portrait of their lives. With the permission of his tribal friends, he recorded their lives in hundreds of photographs, writings and drawings, illuminating a world that had been invisible to outsiders.” – *Excerpt taken from the Hanson Family website (www.seminole-lodge.com/about.php)*

The program takes place at the Fort Myers Central Library, not at SCCF’s Nature Center. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling SCCF at 472-2329.✪

Engage Your Family With The Symphony At Alliance For The Arts



The Southwest Florida Symphony presents the next program in its family Cupcake Concerts Series on Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. at the Alliance for the Arts. These Cupcake Concerts are part performance and part family outing. They are designed to educate, engage and spark the whole family’s imagination.

Members of the Symphony Brass Quintet will present the story of the brass instruments, from the earliest use of animal horns for signaling, to jazz and pop music of today. The program includes *William Tell Overture* by Rossini, ragtime music by Joplin and *Semper Fidelis March* by Sousa.

Kids and parents can get up close with brass instruments from the Symphony’s “Instrument Petting Zoo” and enjoy a fun-filled, hands-on experience with the trumpet, trombone and horn.

The programs are free of charge thanks to sponsorships from LCEC and the City of Fort Myers. For more information call the Symphony Office at 418-0996 or visit www.swflso.org.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

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Duck Stamp

Morning Pair is the title of the 2012 Florida Best of Show entry. The painting was created by 17-year-old Jefferson Jones of Lehigh Acres, Florida. It is an acrylic painting and depicts a pair of fulvous whistling ducks. Jones’ painting will compete against the other 53 Best of Show winners in the National Junior Duck Stamp contest finals on Friday, April 20 at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. If Jones’ entry places among the top three, he could earn a cash prize. The first place national winner’s artwork will be made into the 2012-2013 National Junior Duck Stamp that sells for \$5 and the winner will receive a

\$5,000 cash prize.

Jones attends the Sacred Heart of Jesus Private School in Lehigh Acres. With guidance from local artists, carvers and his family, Jones has been able to win the Florida Best of Show title for the past three years. His passion for art and wildlife is highlighted in his conservation message that accompanied his painting: “Do not alter the plans of the master artist.”

An awards ceremony will be held on October 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. during the annual “Ding” Darling Days celebration at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Winning students will receive ribbons and prizes sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society. All 100 Florida winners’ works will be on display at the

refuge education center for the entire year. All Florida entrants will receive a certificate of completion in the 2012 Junior Duck Stamp Art competition.

The 100 Florida Junior Duck Stamp winners are as follows:

Group 1 (K-3rd grade)
 1st Place: Alexia Paz, Jordan Peluso, Orianna Soublette
 2nd Place: Alex Shnider, Emily Rundle, Jackson Brunsvolo
 3rd Place: Jake Roberts, Ambrynn Julius, Jimmy Bui

Honorable Mention: Mackenzie Cash, Boris Bell Garth, Colin Stalnaker, Kailyn Bryant, Danielle Kennedy, Eddie Diaz, Morgan Burdinsky, Cadence Alford, Connor Naum, Alaia Vilbrun, Trista Makin, Jordyn Duffery, Jaidyn Houghtaling, Macy Ward, Anna Lynn Rigney, Jerald “Alden” Kaufmann

Group 2 (4th – 6th grade)
 1st Place: Delaney Carr, Brendan Beaubien, Leah Sodergren
 2nd Place: Olivia Bomar, Francesca Cocilovo, Olivia Smolchek
 3rd Place: Madison Root, Joshua Peluso, Alessandra Bellagamba

Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Levin, Lesley Teran, Jill Rooney, Haley Johnston, Brandon Stalnaker, Chloe Oesterreicher, Cheyenne Skipper, Jocelyn Diaz, Audrey Berlie, Loren Scott, Jamie Lerchower, Claire Woolam, Travis Johnson, Noelle Fleig, Jackie Floyd, Anna Hahn

Group 3 (7th – 9th grade)
 1st Place: Haley Keller, Kalee Gaskin, Zaira Garcia

2nd Place: Jennifer Gravitt, Victoria Rivero, Lilly Hahn

3rd Place: Catherine Parra, Skyler Lowden, Erika Hernandez

Honorable Mention: Dana Guillot, Sara Saintil, Melissa Rodriguez, Joshua Ellis, Natalie Rolls, Jean Francois Nervens, Jessica Lopez, Matthew Bueltel, Cristian Cruz, Anna Chazal, Karen Osorio, Alicia Rojas-Hinojosa, Oscar Tecuanapa, Jennifer Rendon, Bethstyline Chery, Jorge Morales Jr.

Group 4 (10th – 12th grade)
 1st Place: Jefferson Jones (Best of Show), Ashley Bowersox, Katherine McLelland

2nd Place: Micaela Neal, Ivan Garcia, Rebekah James

3rd Place: Taylor Radaker, Dianarra Arceo, Viviana Hernandez
 Honorable Mention: Jasmine Holmes, Haydon Stone, Mikayla Withers, Michelle Brooks, Taren Taylor, Shuhan Li, Alexia Colon, Evana Marquez, Miranda Baumgartner, Nonnie Kleiner, Taylor Fenstemacher, Erica Pagano, Rochelle Wikert, Sarah Waitokus, Chambers Alivia, Heather Proskovec.✪






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Nicholas Hambruch

Award Winners To Perform At April Art Walk

On Friday, April 6, Young Artists Awards vocalists Halie Boling and Nicholas Hambruch will be performing at the Art of the Olympians Museum from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with April's Fort Myers Art Walk.

Boling, 16, is a sophomore at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts and was named the 2012 Young Artists Awards category winner in Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre. Hambruch, 15, attends the ninth grade at Ida Baker High school and was a finalist in the 2012 Young Artists Awards Competition.

The Young Artists Awards, beginning its 10th year of programming, is a not-for-profit education, performance, audition and scholarship program for students from throughout Southwest Florida. The organization is also a monthly partner with Art Walk.

Art of the Olympians is located at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. The performance is free and open to the public.

For more information on the Young Artists Awards, visit www.youngartist-awards.org or Young Artists Awards on Facebook.*



Halie Boling

Canterbury Thespian Troupe

On March 14, 17 members of Canterbury School's thespian troupe attended the Florida State Thespian Festival in Tampa. The Florida festival is the largest in the world, hosting more than 8,000 students for four days. Students compete with individual

performance, technical theatre events and one-act plays. They attend main stage productions and participate in a variety of workshops.

Canterbury's young actors earned four excellent and four superior ratings:

- The duet of juniors Samantha Dalesio and Kate Lewis earned an excellent rating in *The Role of Della*.
- Juniors Ryan Foor, Chris Maddox and Xylo Smith-Pajaras earned an excel-

lent rating for ensemble acting in *The Boys Next Door*.

- Junior Shelby Delans earned an excellent for costume design in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.
- The ensemble of seniors Anastasia Snetkova and Kyle Tague, and sophomore Gabriela Pickett earned excellent rating for *Hope 'n Mercy*.

• Junior Savannah Bonnette earned
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Alliance For The Arts, WGCU Host Premiere Of Art In The 21st Century



The Alliance for the Arts and WGCU Public Media will present the Season 6 premiere of *ART: 21* – the only primetime national television series focused exclusively on contemporary art – at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance. This event is free with a \$5 suggested donation, but reservations are required to ensure a seat.

ART: 21 premieres on WGCU-TV on Friday, April 13, with new episodes each Friday during April and May. Through in-depth profiles and interviews, the four-part series reveals the inspirations, visions and techniques behind the creative works of some of today's most thought-provoking artists.

WGCU will premiere the episode, *Change*, which features artists who bear witness, through their work, to transformation – cultural, material and aesthetic – and actively engage communities as collaborators and subjects. Ai Weiwei infuses his sculptures, photographs and public artworks with personal poetry and political conviction, often making use of recognizable and historic Chinese art forms in critical examinations of a host of contemporary Chinese social and political issues. In sculptures of clay, wood, and metal El Anatsui uses and explores materials and formal elements that relate to his aesthetic and cultural environment, exemplifying change and revealing the eternal cycle



Image from the *Art: 21* episode entitled *Change*

of all things—destruction, transformation, and regeneration. Catherine Opie investigates the ways in which photographs both document and give voice to social phenomena in America today. Working between conceptual and documentary approaches to image making, she examines the familiar genres of portraiture, landscape and studio photography in surprising uses of serial images, unexpected compositions, and the pursuit of radically different subject matters.

Over the last decade, *Art: 21* has established itself as the preeminent chronicler of contemporary art and artists through its Peabody Award-winning biennial television series *Art in the Twenty-First Century*. The organization has used the power of digital media to expose millions of people of all ages to contemporary art and artists and has created a new paradigm for teaching and learning about the creative process.

The premiere begins at 7:30 p.m. on April 12. Doors open at 7 p.m. A wine and cheese reception will follow the premiere. Seating is limited, so reserve your spot now by calling the Alliance at 939-2787 or going to www.wgcu.org/events and registering online. The screening is free with a \$5 suggested donation.*



Photograph taken by Catherine Opie, featured in the *Art: 21* premiere episode

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Thespian Troupe

superior for her costume design in *Chess*.

- Senior Anastasia Snetkova earned superior for costume design in *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

- The duet of seniors Amy Alexander and Talia Moorey received superior for duet acting in *The Nerd*.

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Savage/Love Brought To The Stage

The Edison State College Theatre Program presents *Savage/Love* by Sam Shepard and Joseph Chaikin. In a note from Chaikin at the beginning of one edition of the play, he bills the piece as, “*Savage/Love*: common poems of real and imagined moments in the spell of love.” Different from Shakespeare’s broad observations about love, Shepard and Chaikin write from deep within the most familiar and terrifying intimate moments.

Savage/Love is the outcome of two engaging collaborations. The first is that of Sam Shepard (winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *Buried Child*) and Joseph Chaikin (founder of the Open Theatre in New York) who created *Savage/Love* over the course of three weeks of improvisational writing sessions. The creative team behind Edison State College Theatre’s production keeps with the collaborative spirit and consists of Stuart Brown (*S/L*’s director and Professor of Theatre at Edison) and Alyce Bochette (*S/L*’s choreographer and co-director of Dance Bochette.)

Edison State College Theatre mounts a full production each fall and spring semes-



Scene from *Savage/Love*

ter. In the spring of 2011, they produced *Some Things You Need To Know Before The World Ends (A Final Evening With The Illuminati)* by Larry Larson and Levi Lee, and this past fall, a production of *Servant Of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni.

Many parts of this production of *Savage/Love* were created by the cast through experimentation during movement rehearsals. This, with smart and challenging direction and choreography from Stuart Brown and Alyce Bochette, yields an engrossing bit of theatre.

Savage/Love will be performed on April 5, 6 and 7. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students.

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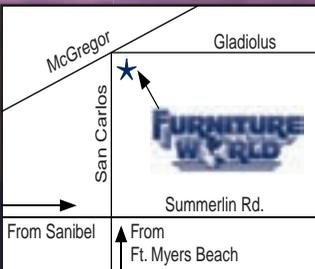
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American Virtuosi Chamber Concerts

On Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host this season's American Virtuosi Chamber Concerts. The two unique programs will feature the music of the great masters combined with the talent of some of the world's leading concert artists. Special guests this season include violin virtuoso James Ehnes.

Hailed as "the Jascha Heifetz of our day" (*Globe and Mail*), violinist James

Ehnes is widely considered one of the most dynamic and exciting performers in classical music. He has performed in over 30 countries on five continents, appearing regularly with many of the world's most well-known orchestras and conductors. Mr. Ehnes appeared as guest soloist recently at the Naples Philharmonic with the Toronto Symphony in a dazzling performance of the Barber Violin Concerto. He plays a 1715 Stradivarius violin.

Violinist Peter Winograd returns to Fort Myers. Mr. Winograd was recognized early as an exceptionally promising young artist and was a top prize winner in the 1988 Naumburg International Violin Competition. He then made his New York debut to critical acclaim and has since appeared as a guest soloist with numerous orchestras around the world. He is currently first violinist of the American String Quartet and is in resi-

dence at the Manhattan School of Music and Aspen Music Festival.

Caterina Szepes, violinist, is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. A native of Berlin, she has appeared both as a soloist and as a chamber musician throughout Europe, Australia, South America and the United States. Her concerto performances include those with Rheinische Kammerphilharmonie Cologne, the Symphony Orchestra of Aue and the Stuttgart Philharmonic Orchestra. Among her numerous awards are first prize in the Cleveland Institute of Music concerto competition, one of the top prizes in the Mendelssohn competition in Berlin, and first prize in the Berlin National Youth Competition. Ms. Szepes has been invited to participate in various chamber music festivals in the U.S. including the Taos summer music festival and the Marlboro festival in Vermont.

Also returning this year is cellist Andres Diaz, winner of the First Prize in the 1986 Naumburg International Cello Competition. His numerous orchestral appearances around the globe include engagements with the Atlanta Symphony, performances with the American Symphony at Carnegie Hall, the symphony orchestras of Milwaukee, Seattle, Rochester, the Boston Pops and Esplanade Orchestras, the Chicago Symphony at the Ravinia Festival and the National Symphony Orchestra. Among the highlights of Diaz's recent seasons are tours of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Hawaii and Canada and appearances in Chile, Venezuela, Argentina and the Dominican Republic. He has also appeared with Russia's Saratov Symphony and toured in New Zealand with the New Zealand Chamber Orchestra. Currently, he is Associate Professor at Southern Methodist University.

Jim Griffith, violist, received his M.M. degree from the Juilliard School. He is a former member of the Hudson String Quartet in New York, faculty

member of Point-Counterpoint Chamber Music Camp in Vermont, and director of the New Arts Festival in Fort Myers. Griffith is a Florida native and has been a member of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra since 1988. He has successfully managed the acquisition, planning, design and restoration of the historic Federal Building in downtown Fort Myers, transforming it into the premier fine art center now known as the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

At the age of 15, pianist Wendy Chen debuted with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under conductor André Previn. In 1990, she became the youngest winner ever of the National Chopin Competition, was one of the inaugural recipients of the Irving S. Gilmore Young Artists Award, and was named a Presidential Scholar by the National Foundation for the Arts. Since then, her career has flourished, adding Young Concert Artists International Auditions and Washington International Competition to her numerous awards. Ms. Chen has garnered critical acclaim for her engagements with leading orchestras and concert halls worldwide, with reviewers exclaiming that "having pianist Wendy Chen on the program is a guarantee that sparks will fly."

The Friday, April 13 evening program will include the Rachmaninov *Etude tableau op. 39 #5* (Chen), the Faure *Sonata* (Ehnes and Chen) and the Beethoven *Archduke trio* (Diaz, Chen and Winograd).

The Saturday, April 14 evening program will begin with the Rachmaninov *Cello sonata* (Diaz and Chen), which will be followed by the Shostakovich *Quartet #8* (Diaz, Griffith, Szepes and Winograd) and the Kodaly *Duo* (Diaz and Ehnes).

Cocktail receptions begin at 7 p.m., with performances at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$33 each. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. ✨

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The monthly luncheon meeting will be April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at International King Buffet, 9061 College Parkway.

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Work Begins On Fort Myers Regional Library



At the groundbreaking is Kevin Williams, BSSW Architects; Michael Flanders, City of Fort Myers; Tammy Hall, Lee County; Sheldon Kaye, Lee County Library System; Randy Henderson, Jr., City of Fort Myers; and Ray Judah, Lee County

Lee County and City of Fort Myers officials broke ground on the new state-of-the-art Fort Myers Regional Library on March 27. The facility, a joint venture between the City of Fort Myers and Lee County, will be approximately 43,135 square feet and include two buildings and an outdoor plaza.

The estimated cost of the facility is \$20 million and funding for the library comes from existing library fund balances. The City of Fort Myers owns the land. The library is expected to open in 2013.

The Lee County Library System serves Lee County with free books, downloadable eBooks, digital content, books-by-mail, bookmobile, electronic resources, music and movies, programs and meeting space.

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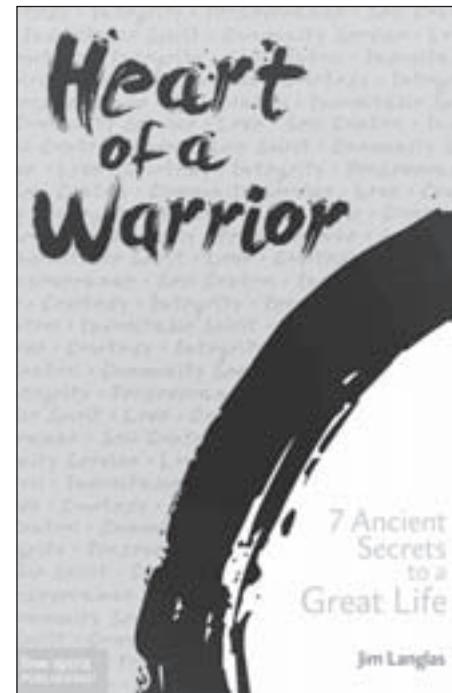


Jim Langlas

Do you want to know the secret to a great life? Jim Langlas, author and Edison State College professor, has seven secrets to share during a book signing and question-and-answer session on Tuesday, April 17. The event will be held in the Seminar Room of the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall on the Collier Campus of Edison State College beginning at 4 p.m.

The book, entitled *Heart of a Warrior: 7 Ancient Secrets to a Great Life*, is inspired by the ancient Korean history of Hwarang – young student-warriors who worked to strengthen their spirits as well as their fighting skills.

“These principles are rooted in the long-standing tradition of Taekwondo, and these are easily transferred to



modern-day character education,” said Langlas, who added that these principles are then divided into four fundamentals.

Langlas, who has taught English for more than 30 years and has practiced Taekwondo for more than 40 years, included in the back of the book a special leader’s guide that offers tips on using the book with teenagers.

“The book is a mix of storytelling and writing from my former students,” he said. “I wanted readers to see for themselves how these principles and fundamentals can be applied to everyday life.”

The book is also available for purchase online at www.freespirit.com.

The Edison State College Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, is located off Collier Boulevard, three miles north of Tamiami Trail East in Naples.✪

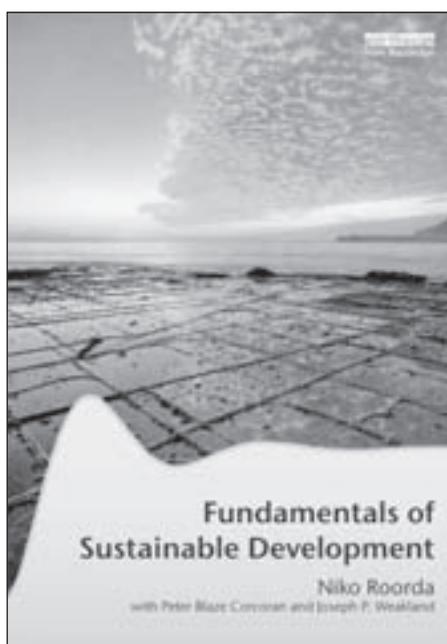
CESE Book Recently Published

submitted by Andrew Stansell

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University recently revised a book for an international audience about the concept and practice of sustainable development. Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran and editorial associate Joseph P. Weakland collaborated with Dutch author Niko Roorda to translate and edit the text-book, *Fundamentals of Sustainable Development*. London-based publisher Routledge Press recently published the book on March 26.

“Thanks to the ideas and contributions of Corcoran and Weakland, the scope of the book has been made fully international, making it suitable for students and scholars in the USA, the UK and everywhere else in the world,” said Roorda.

Fundamentals of Sustainable Development is an interactive and complete educational tool for both teachers



and students. The book comes with a website containing exercises, learning goals and summaries for each chapter as well as over 40 video clips. It also offers a “lecturer section,” which includes a PowerPoint to accompany every chapter with answers and explanations to the

exercises.

Those with no previous knowledge of sustainable development can read the book with ease. The first part presents an overview of the conceptual and practical challenges in sustainable development stemming from human-environment relations as well as ensuing issues of inequality and insecurity. The second part explores strategies and solutions for facing these challenges. It presents a number of case studies drawn from India, China, the European Union and Africa, and draws on a range of disciplines to investigate topics such as climate change, energy, technology, political and economic instruments, and sustainable business practices.

“It was an honor for the Center to be called upon to assist in this important international book project,” said Corcoran. “We are excited by the extensive online resources that will be available to teachers as part of the book.”

If you would like more information on the Center’s work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education and action, visit www.fgc.edu/cese. For more details on the book or purchasing information, click on

the link found on the Center’s homepage titled “Fundamentals of Sustainable Development.”✪

Lee Republican Women To Meet

The Lee Republican Women Federated will meet Monday, April 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Myers. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. Speakers will be the candidates for Lee County Sheriff: Mike Scott (incumbent), Lee Bushong, and Tim Fisher. Cost is \$20. Cash bar will be available. RSVP by calling 432-9389 or email cindylignel-li222@gmail.com.

The Hilton Garden Inn is at 12601 University Drive.✪

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Alternative Transportation

“We already had the road resurfacing on our five-year plan for construction projects, but working along with this alternative transportation study, we applied for and received funding to have that work done in 2013, he said. “This study, at least, can justify our ability to compete for funding for additional enhancements. It also helps to have a lot of public support.”

After considering both public input and the technical evaluation, the steering committee refined the Draft Project Recommendation to seven elements. They include:

Wildlife crossings – Areas adjacent to the refuge of high wildlife fatalities would be identified and evaluated for new wildlife crossings; specific locations and physical features would be determined in the next phase of the study. The design would be consistent with City of Sanibel design standards and all modes of transport (motorized and non-motorized) associated with the refuge will be subject to wildlife protection guidelines.

New trail connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path – A new trail for hikers and bicyclists would connect the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area with a direct connection to the city’s shared use path, directly to the south. The new trail would include trail surface (similar to other refuge trails) for use by non-motorized users; markings for obstructions and drop-offs near paths; improvements in signage and markings at path intersections. The trail would provide wildlife-dependent recreation by adding an additional path through the refuge mangrove forest and would increase safety by providing a non-motorized vehicle connection between the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area and the existing shared use path adjacent to Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Enhanced refuge wayfinding plan for existing refuge signage – Small information kiosks and directional signage made of durable materials would inform visitors of the recreational opportunities offered by the refuge in addition to other transportation and congestion information. All efforts would be taken to enhance, replace, and consolidate existing signage. Each kiosk would display information about its location and maps showing its location in relation to other island features and destinations. Information pertaining to restrictions on activities may also be posted at wayfinding kiosks.

Bailey Tract wayfinding to the shared use path – Improved wayfinding techniques would instruct users to the available connection between the refuge’s Bailey Tract, other areas of the refuge, and to the shared use paths along Tarpon Bay Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road. This strategy is focused on providing enhanced connectivity between the refuge and shared use path; the refuge would collaborate with the City of Sanibel and its Shared Use Path Master Plan.

Expanded refuge parking options at existing satellite overflow parking – The refuge owns the former Island Water

Association site (located on the south side of Sanibel-Captiva Road, east of Rabbit Road). The site is currently being used as an overflow parking facility for large events. The site is proposed to be converted to a formal parking site that would be consistent with the parking design standards, vegetation and landscaping requirements, drainage and environmental performance standards as stated by the City of Sanibel’s Land Development Code. Formalizing refuge parking options at the site would help address the need for additional parking during peak season.

Bicycle rentals at the refuge (contingent upon preceding element) – Due to current parking limitations at the refuge education center, bicycle rental facilities are only feasible at the refuge if additional parking capacity is formalized at the existing satellite overflow parking site. The bicycle rental facilities could be operated by a project partner, concessionaire or private entity.

Enhancements to the refuge tram and new refuge shuttle service – The existing refuge tram circulator would continue to operate along Wildlife Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road. An additional dropoff and pick-up location is proposed at the former Island Water Association site. Refuge visitors may take the existing 90-minute guided tour, or visitors would also be able to access the refuge through a new non-guided shuttle service to the education center and through the refuge. The non-guided shuttle service would only operate during peak season. The mode of transport chosen would accommodate bicycles, canoes/kayaks, and other recreational equipment. The expanded and new services would also be environmentally friendly, as they would run on compressed natural gas or solar-electric propulsion technology, and they would allow visitors to choose an alternative to the single occupancy vehicle.

Additional details of the alternative transportation study may be found online at www.dingdarlingtransportation.com.

Gloria Hannan, a Sanibel resident for the past 12 years, attended the open house. She remained skeptical that the suggested program proposals would be effective in reducing traffic within the refuge.

“We, as Americans, are so attached to our cars,” Hannan told Tritaik. “I think that if you’re worried about traffic impacts at the refuge, you might think about installing a vehicle quota system.”

Hannan further explained that a reservation system, similar to those in use at other national parks and wildlife refuges, might only be required during peak periods of visitor activity.

“They keep saying that their plan is going to help relieve traffic congestion, but you’re always going to have people coming here in cars and on buses,” she added. “Maybe they should think about other enhancements for cyclists... perhaps an option that they could come back along Wildlife Drive from the Indigo Trail. There would only be a short section of two-way traffic, because not everybody can do the entire eight- to 10-mile route.”

Patti Sousa of the Sanibel Bicycle Club said that overall, she is pleased with the new proposals suggested by the study, including the trails connecting the Tarpon



Transportation specialist Scott Pringle discusses the latest study results

Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path.

“I think they have a great opportunity to really think ‘outside the box’ with that trail,” said Sousa. “I think it should be designed to be more than just a straight, blacktop path.”

Sousa also thought the plan to improve wayfinding between the Bailey Tract and the shared use path was “lacking,” wondering aloud “Who is this path for... bikers or motorists?”

Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham called the study proposed plans “closer to what seems reasonable to us as a city,” but reiterated his opinion that any future refuge circulator should be an electric vehicle.

“None of the other alternatives are acceptable,” said Denham. “We, as a nation, have a problem with ‘public trans-

portation,’ but it is the most reasonable alternative to using our cars and it is better for the environment.”

According to the study, any new circulator vehicles would be the same size and style as existing refuge trams, which seat 25 visitors.

“Propulsion of new vehicles would be compressed natural gas or solar-electric. Any increased emissions would be counteracted by the reduction of emissions from the reduced number of single-occupancy vehicles entering the refuge,” the project proposal reads in part.

In addition, the study revealed that it is no longer considering the five-stop Environmental Institution Circulator along Sanibel-Captiva Road, no extension to island resorts, no circulator to the mainland or Captiva and no canoe/kayak landing at Dixie Beach Boulevard.*

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Proceeds from the 19th Annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic topped \$1 million. Taking part in the check presentation ceremony at JetBlue Park on March 27 are, from left, Ron McEwan, Forest Country Club; Jack and Shelley Blais, Matching Sponsors; Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine; 2012 Most Valuable Player Ben Klassen and his sister, Dana; Sharon MacDonald, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation; and Katie Haas, Director of Florida Business Operations for the Red Sox

Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic Raises Record \$1 Million-Plus

Boostered by the Boston Red Sox, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced the 19th Annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic raised a record breaking \$1,016,576. The annual golf tournament, held at The Forest Country Club, and related events – including Outback Steakhouse's Diamond Dinner – accounted for the record total.

Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine served as honorary chair, with all funds raised matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by long-time Children's Hospital donors.

"Everyone involved – The Boston Red Sox, Jack and Shelley Blais, Bobby

Valentine, Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers, The Forest Country Club – to name a few – went the extra mile to push the event over the \$1 million mark," said Ken Shoriak, event director.

Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers again sponsored the capstone event, the Diamond Dinner, held on March 27 at JetBlue Park. Along with donating dinner for more than 500 guests, Outback also chipped in \$5,000 raised by their grand re-opening event.

Major event sponsors included the Boston Red Sox, Jack & Shelley Blais, Outback Steakhouse of Fort Myers, Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Victor and Katherine Mayeron, The Forest Country Club, Florida Radiology Consultants and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

"Jack and Shelley Blais once again set the stage for our success," added Shoriak. "Everyone who took part in this record setting event now shares in the legacy of helping to build America's Newest Children's Hospital."*

Triton's Annual Golf Tournament

Te off at the biggest scramble in Southwest Florida at Mariner High School Triton's 23rd annual Golf Tournament, to be held on Saturday, April 28 at Coral Oaks Golf Course in Cape Coral. The golf tournament is a local favorite and the Triton's most successful single-day fundraiser.

Proceeds will benefit the MHS Athletic All Sports Booster Club, which provides funds to supplement the athletic program and provide a first-class experience for Mariner student-athletes.

Golfers begin play at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start on Coral Oak's championship course. Following tournament play, golfers will enjoy refreshments, a lunch buffet and awards reception. Awards will be presented for closest to the pin, lon-

gest drive and hole-in-one.

Registration is \$240 per foursome and \$60 for individuals. Scoreboard sponsorships are available for \$150 and tee and green hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Donations are also being accepted for an auction and door prizes.

Hole sponsors include Athlete Institute, Beef O'Bradys, Coastal Painting, Genesis Aviation Consultant Group, Go Tritons! Moore Family, Jill Wedeles-Caile-Allstate Insurance, Lebo Auto Brokers, Southwest Florida Center for Hearing and Balance, and Twisted Conch.

Coral Oaks Golf Course is located at 1800 Northwest 28th Avenue in Cape Coral.

For more information, sponsorships or to register for Mariner High School's Golf Tournament, contact athletic/activities director Vito Mennona, C.A.A., at 772-2907 or vitoam@leeschools.net.*

The Economics Of Baseball

submitted by Commissioner Ray Judah

As Lee County celebrates the new jetBlue Park, it is important to reflect on how close we were to losing the Boston Red Sox and on the importance of baseball to our local economy. Since 2000, five Major League Baseball teams have relocated their spring training from the Florida Grapefruit League to the Cactus League in Arizona.

In the summer of 2008, the Boston Red Sox indicated a strong desire to leave the City of Palms Park and pursue various options for a new Spring Training site. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners acted decisively to ensure that the Red Sox remained in Lee County by entering into a 30-year contract with the team. Unlike the previous contract, the new contract expressly prohibits an opt-out clause, broadens the use of the new facility for non-baseball events year-round, increases the annual lease from \$300,000 to \$500,000, and requires the Red Sox to increase their proportional share of the stadium refurbishment fund from \$20,000 annually to an average of \$100,000 per year. Furthermore, the stadium naming rights given to jetBlue Airlines provide \$1.2 million to Lee County over eight years.

The extraordinary story is all about the financing of the new stadium during

one of the worst economic recessions in recorded history. As with the Minnesota Twins spring training complex, Lee County pledged tourist tax funds – not property tax – to fund construction of jetBlue Park. We are extremely fortunate to host the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox, and they have enhanced our area as the destination of choice for our wonderful visitors from the midwest and northeast. Indeed, with two-thirds of the fans coming from outside Lee County, spring training baseball provides positive revenue flow to our local economy and supports thousands of jobs in our hotels, motels, restaurants, retail stores and attractions.

The actual construction of jetBlue Park provided more than 500 jobs critical to our local work force. Fort Myers-based Seminole Gulf Railway transported the steel for structural support of the stadium; local trucking companies hauled fill dirt for the site; and a great many subcontractors including surveyors, pipe fitters, plumbers, electricians and painters remained gainfully employed at a time of high unemployment.

Baseball is a huge economic engine in Lee County, as evidenced by a 2000 Florida Sports Foundation study that indicated each Major League Baseball team generates \$25 million annually to the local economy. An independent study by Sarasota County in 2008 – when they were attempting to lure the Red Sox from Lee County – revealed that the Boston Red Sox and the "Red Sox Nation" fan base would provide a \$45 million impact.

Our baseball-friendly environment has attracted the interest and attention of amateur baseball organizations such as Roy Hobbs, Gene Cusic Classic, the Perfect Game, and men's and women's collegiate baseball and softball tournaments. Collectively, the Boston Red Sox, Minnesota Twins and amateur baseball place a lot of heads in beds while pumping in excess of \$75 million annually into our local economy. jetBlue Airlines' recent announcement of a new direct flight between LaGuardia Airport and Southwest Florida International will facilitate ease of travel and translate into increased tourist dollars, gas tax and sales tax dollars into our local economy.

The presence of Major League Baseball offers a multiplier effect further benefitting Lee County. Both the Boston

Red Sox and Minnesota Twins contribute substantially and participate in local fundraising events and community programs and activities. Both teams have raised millions of dollars through charity golf tournaments and fundraising auctions to provide resources for the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Boys and Girls Club, and Little League Baseball in addition to numerous other community service organizations.

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Exciting Young Players And Seasoned Veterans Comprise Opening Day Roster Of Miracle

by Ed Frank



As the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team begins its 20th season this weekend at Hammond Stadium, Jim Rantz, the veteran director of the Minnesota Twins minor league system, said the 2012 Miracle will be a solid, competitive team comprised of "exciting new kids and seasoned veterans."

After a spring training-ending exhibition game Wednesday against the Major League Twins, the Miracle launch the regular season tonight, Friday, against Charlotte Stone Crabs, the single-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Free tickets for tonight's home opener are available at all 20 Wendy's restaurants in Lee, Collier and Hendry counties. A big fireworks show will follow the 7:05 p.m. game.

Headlining this 20th edition of the Miracle will be shortstop Levi Michael, the Twins first-round draft pick (30th overall selection) last year. The speedy 21-year-old infielder is out of the University of North Carolina and is listed as the Twins' sixth best prospect by *Baseball America*.

Another highly-touted prospect, outfielder Oswaldo Arcia, listed on the Twins' 40-man roster, will return to the Miracle for the season's start after extensive playing time in spring training with the Twins. A year ago, Arcia started the season with Low-A Beloit where he batted .352 in 20 games. He was quickly promoted to the High-A Miracle where in 59 games he hit .263.

Baseball America ranks Arcia as the Twins' fifth best prospect.

Rantz said that the three catchers on the Miracle squad a year ago – Josmil Pinto, Danny Rams and Dan Rohlfling – are returning here for more seasoning. Pinto was .262 in 64 games, Rams .239 in 87 games and Rohlfling .272 in 49 games.

A promising young pitcher new to the Miracle this year is Marty Popham who was obtained by the Twins in the Rule 5 Minor League draft. Popham has pitched in the Cleveland minor league system for the last four years.

Cast Your Vote For Comedy Team

The search for the funniest college has begun.

Florida State University's comedy team has two members who grew up right here on Sanibel Island. Dan Scott and Connor Simmons will be competing in April against other college teams and need your vote to advance. Online voting runs through Saturday, April 7 at www.rooftopcomedy.com/college. Click on "choose your school," pick Florida State University and then vote for Scott, Simmons and the whole FSU team.

Let's give these local kids a shot at becoming professional comedians. Who knows... one of them could be the next Jerry Seinfeld.*



Dan Scott and Connor Simmons

Promoted from Low-A Beloit is right-hander Adrian Salcedo who was 6-6 with a solid 2.93 ERA in 2011. The Miracle pitching staff also will include BJ Hermesen who appeared in only five games for the Miracle in 2011 after being promoted from Beloit where he compiled an 11-7 record in 20 starts.

Returning for his third year as manager of the Miracle is Jake Mauer, the older brother of the Twins' catcher Joe Mauer. The Miracle were 63-76 a year ago.

Rantz believes the Miracle will improve on that record this year.

Florida Tarpons 3-0 after Win against Mississippi

The new Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League ran their season record to 3-0 with a 45-22 road victory last Friday over the Mississippi Hound Dogs in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Only Florida and Cincinnati remain undefeated in the 12-team league.

Tarpon wide receiver Don Fusitier had three touchdown catches in the win and is the league's leading scorer with 10 touchdowns.

The Tarpons are home tonight, Friday, at Germain Arena when they take on the 1-3 Rome Rampage.

Florida Everblades Hockey Team began Kelly Cup Playoffs this week

By virtue of a 5th playoff seed, the Florida Everblades of the ECHL hosted the Greenville Road Warriors for the first two games in a best-of-five series that will move to Greenville tonight, Friday, for Game Three. The first two games were Monday and Wednesday nights at Germain Arena.

Florida took a 1-0 series lead Monday defeating Greenville 5-2.

If the series goes to five games, the last three games will be played in Greenville.*

Golf Classic At Grandezza To Raise Funds For Harry Chapin Food Bank

Golfers in Southwest Florida still have time to register to participate in the second annual Harry Chapin Food Bank golf classic being held at Grandezza Golf and Country Club in Estero on Wednesday, May 9. The four-player scramble shotgun start begins at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Golfers, sponsors at all levels, and silent auction items are all needed for the event. The \$125 cost per player includes green fees with cart, awards and dinner. For non-golfers, there are many ways to support this event without actually playing, including auction donations, volunteering and a variety of sponsorships. Every dollar raised at this event enables the food bank to distribute \$6 worth of food to those in need.

Co-chairs of the golf classic are JoAnna Bradshaw and Nancy Klaas. To register for the classic, to obtain sponsorships, to donate silent auction items or to become a volunteer, contact Chris Robinson at chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org for additional information.*

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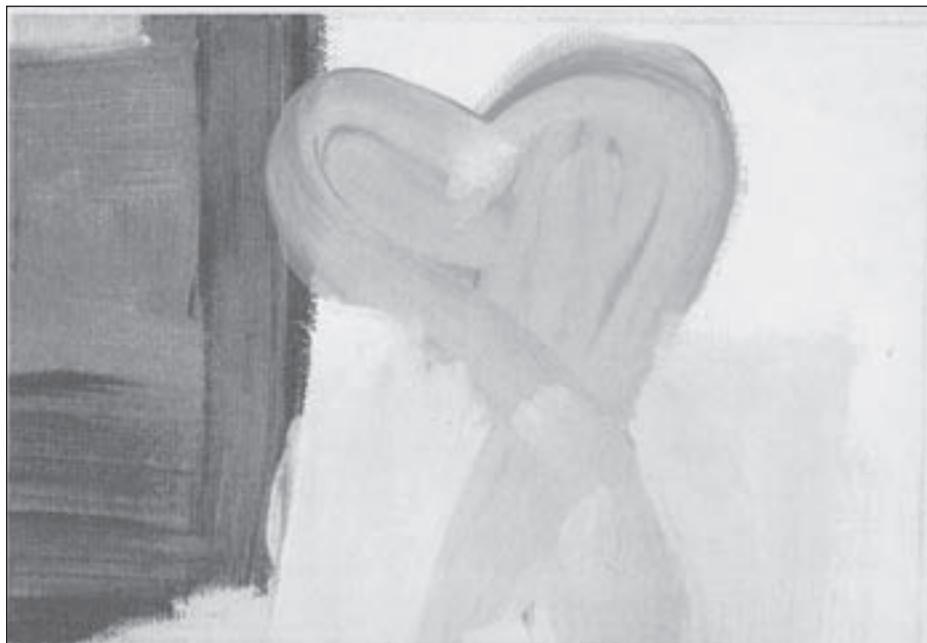
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Art By Kids With Cancer Exhibition



My Heart Is Yours, part of the Art By Kids With Cancer exhibition

Art By Kids With Cancer is a project of the Young Artists Awards, a not-for-profit organization benefiting children in the arts from throughout Southwest Florida, beginning its 10th year of programming. The organization works with the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology program at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, donating and delivering art supplies throughout the year for the children being treated to use in a therapeutic setting. Selected pieces of artwork are matted, framed and exhibited at various venues throughout the community. The proceeds are donated to the Family Emergency Fund, assisting families undergoing the financial challenges of childhood cancer.

This year, with proceeds from the sales of artwork and a silent auction held at the Young Artists Awards gala in March, the organization presented a check for \$5,000 to Dr. Emad Salman to assist the families of young cancer patients.

Upcoming sales and exhibits of Art By Kids With Cancer include the Foulds Theatre bobby at the Alliance for the Arts, now through April 30, with an opening on April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers; May 4 to 24 at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, with an opening on Sunday, May 6; and June 5 to July 1 at Harbour View Gallery, at 5789 Cape Harbour Drive #104 in Cape Coral, with an opening on June 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.youngartistsawards.org.✧

Firefighters And Paramedics Collect Funds To Find A Cure

The Southwest Florida Firefighters and Paramedics, IAFF Local 1826, worked hard over the weekend of March 23 through 25 but it was not a typical day on the job. Many of these local heroes spent their weekend collecting donations from generous motorists throughout Lee County for the annual Fill-the-Boot campaign.

Their relentless spirit and determination helped the firefighters of Local 1826 collect just over \$81,000 for the families on Lee County served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. A special thank you goes out to the following departments that participated in the drive (in order of money raised): City of Fort Myers, Tice, Pine Island, Estero, Lehigh, Fort Myers Beach, North Fort Myers, Iona-McGregor, San Carlos Park, Bayshore, Fort Myers Shores, LC CFR and South Trail.

IAFF Boot Drive Coordinator Ryan Gagnon said, "The firefighter Fill-the-Boot drive has been a tradition for over 55 years. As firefighters, we are put in a position to help those in need on a daily basis. The Southwest Florida Professional Firefighters and Paramedics are an amazing group of men and women that always step up when called upon. This weekend we witnessed the community stepping up to help us. Thanks to all that stood on the street collecting and thanks to those that donated to help find a cure."

MDA helps children and adults who are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular diseases through comprehensive medical services and research programs. MDA receives no government funding and charges no fees to those served by the Association. Funds collected by IAFF Local 1826 will remain local and help members living here in Lee County.✧



Dr. Dan Goldman of the Young Artists Awards, left, delivering art supplies to Child Life Specialists Stacie Margaritis, right, and Danielle Barth of the Children's Hospital



Katherine Boren, executive director, left, and Dr. Dan Goldman, right, board member of the Young Artists Awards, presenting a check to Dr. Emad Salman of the Children's Hospital

Country Club Donates To Hospital

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced a gift of \$50,000 by Lexington Country Club of Fort Myers. The funds were raised at a recent golf tournament and will support Barbara's Friends – The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund.

The tournament celebrates the ninth year of Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida support by Lexington Country Club and its members. All donations to date have been directed toward the Hematology/Oncology program at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The hospital's cancer fund helps provide cancer and blood disorder treatments and programs for local children.

With this recent donation, the total amount to date contributed by Lexington Country Club and its members is more than \$509,000.

Al Kinkle, chairman of Lexington Country Club, said, "We are always inspired and moved by the children that we meet at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. We believe it is vitally important to support health care in our community. Our club and its members are incredibly proud of the money we've raised to help save the lives of these very special children who are fighting for their lives."

Lee Memorial Health System's Chief Foundation Officer Sharon MacDonald said, "We are truly grateful for the outstanding generosity of Lexington Country Club and its members. We depend on philanthropy to continue to provide excellence in medical care to our community. Al Kinkle, his staff and the members of Lexington Country Club are a remarkable group and we are honored to have their continued partnership and commitment to saving the lives of Southwest Florida children."✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I will be attending an IEP meeting very soon for my child who has a learning disability. This is my second such meeting. I am nervous

about attending; what should I expect?

Tanya M., Fort Myers

Tanya,

Official school meetings can be nerve wracking and it is wise to be prepared. The IEP process is complex and can appear to be overwhelming at times. You may want to ask a friend, family member or the school's parent advocate to attend with you. Sometimes it's better to have two pairs of ears at a meeting. Remember that you will be meeting with a team of educators from the school who want to help your child.

Federal law regulates the IEP process. There are many safeguards in place for you and your child, so keep that in mind.

I will provide you with a brief summary of the process and include additional links to use for further information.

First of all, you need to know that an Individualized Education Program sets learning goals for the student, and identifies the services that will be provided. It is updated yearly, or upon request, and/or to incorporate new data. You should be notified of any IEP meeting at least 10 days in advance and receive quarterly progress notes about your child's progress.

IEP's should include a tremendous amount of information about your child. All IEP's should include the type of disability, level of intellectual/cognitive functioning, current levels of performance (including strengths and weaknesses), academic, developmental and functional needs, identified goals with statements of how progress will be measured for all areas of need, accommodations for state/district tests, modifications for the classroom, transition service needs, the type and quantity of services received and the least restrictive environment where they will be delivered. These service hours are based on the needs of the student and will include the number of hours that the student gets that type of service, i.e. speech, counseling and occupational therapy.

If you disagree with the IEP Team,

here are some things you can request:

- Ask for more clarification
- Ask for some time to review and reflect
- Ask for support
- Sign the attendance but not the IEP document itself

If asking for more support and clarification does not result in your agreement with the team, there are more formal options for a dispute resolution. You can request a formal discussion or conference with various team members, another IEP meeting, formal mediation, a resolution meeting and – if all else fails – you may request a Due Process Hearing or file a state complaint. These last two options usually require help from an advocate or attorney and are lengthy procedures.

Small Business Workshops, Seminars At FGCU

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University hosts several workshops April through June to assist small business owners with social media, getting certified as a minority business, and networking with other professionals about finance, law and insurance.

"The SBDC offers educational seminars and workshops for small business owners from the latest in technology, finance, accounting, to doing business with the federal government," said Trish

This is just a brief summary of the basic IEP process. For more in-depth information on IEP rules and regulations, you can check the following websites for reliable information: www.wrightslaw.com and the Florida Department of Education's Exceptional Student and Services webpage, www.fldoe.org/ese.

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.✪

Leonard, marketing director for the SBDC. "Our goal is to provide the best resources available for business owners to succeed in their business. We look for the best presenters to help orchestrate and teach the seminars so that attendees will walk away with good content that they can apply in their business."

Most programs are no cost or little cost to attend. In addition to the workshops and seminars, the SBDC provides no-cost confidential business consulting by certified business analysts.

To register for the many programs scheduled, visit www.sbdccseminars.org or call 745-3700.

For further information, contact Trish Leonard at 745-3706 or tleonard@fgcu.edu.✪

Financial Focus

Early IRA Funding Can Pay Off Over Time



by Jennifer Basey

You've got until April 17 to contribute to your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for the 2011 tax year. That's not a lot of time, but if you have some money available, and you haven't

completely funded your IRA for 2011, consider doing so before the deadline. And once you've "maxed out" on your IRA for last year, why not get a jump on 2012?

Actually, you could have started contributing to your 2012 IRA as early as January 2. In fact, if you can get into the habit of fully funding your IRA each January, you'll give your money 15 extra months of growth potential, as opposed to waiting until mid-April of the following year. If you factor in all the years you'll be contributing to your IRA before you retire, those extra months of growth opportunities, repeated over decades, could end up providing you with a fair amount of extra cash when you start tapping into your IRA at retirement.

Of course, you may not find it all that easy to come up with the full IRA contribution amount at one time. (In 2012, you can put up to \$5,000 into a Roth or traditional IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.) But if you look at your entire financial picture, you may be able to think of some resources. Here are a few suggestions:

- Put your tax refund to work. In 2011, the average tax refund was about \$3,000, according to the IRS. If you received that amount in 2012, and you applied it toward your IRA, you would already have met half the contribution limit (if you are 50 or older) or more than half (if you're younger than 50).

- Take advantage of interest payments or dividends. If you own income-producing investments, you may find that they can help you fund your IRA early. For example, if you own dividend-paying stocks, and you don't typically reinvest the dividends, consider putting some of these funds into your IRA. (Keep in mind, though, that stocks can reduce or discontinue dividends at any time). And you can do the same thing with any interest payments you receive from bonds.

- Put other "windfalls" into your IRA. If you receive a windfall, such as a bonus from your employer or a gift of cash, think about putting it into your IRA.

If none of these options present themselves, and you can't afford to write out a big check to fund your IRA very early in the year, do the best you can to reach the contribution limit as soon as possible. To make this happen, consider setting up a monthly automatic transfer from your checking or savings account into your IRA. Even if you were to divide these transfers into 15 equal payments totaling \$5,000 (or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older), you would still be funding your IRA more quickly than if you would have scrambled to contribute in the last few months before the tax filing deadline.

No matter when you do it, fully funding your IRA is a great way to help build resources for retirement. But the earlier, the better – so do whatever you can to beat that tax deadline each year.

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



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Northern Trust Establishes Scholarship Fund In Support Of FGCU Programs



From left, Judy Bricker, Northern Trust senior vice president – marketing; Fay C. Gronski, Northern Trust vice president; John D. Fumagalli, Northern Trust president, West Florida Region; FGCU President Wilson Bradshaw; and Lloyd N. Liggert, Northern Trust senior vice president

Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation received a \$100,000 pledge from Northern Trust to create the Northern Trust Scholarship Endowed Fund, in support of university programs, including a \$25,000 endowed scholarship for student leaders.

Eligible students for the scholarship are juniors and seniors at the University who are undergraduate leaders, and are members of the Lead Team at FGCU, with special interest in campus leadership programs and activities, student organizations and community involvement.

The Lead Team is a service-oriented board devoted to enhancing the potential of student organizations within the FGCU community by providing resources, consultations, and training workshops that will provide and build upon a solid leadership foundation.

"We are grateful for the support Northern Trust has bestowed upon our programs and students," said Dr. Rosemary Thomas, FGCU vice president and foundation executive director. "Its commitment to investing in the future of our exceptional student leaders is steadfast, and we are honored Northern Trust has entrusted the FGCU Foundation with this gift that will continue to develop excellence in tomorrow's leaders."

MOAA Meeting

The Lee Coast chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will hold its April dinner meeting at the Crown Colony Golf & Country Club in Fort Myers on Monday, April 9 at 6 p.m. for cocktails and 6:45 p.m. for dinner. This will be the final meeting for the season.



Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve

The guest speaker will be Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve. He will speak about the increasing importance of the Reserve Component during the anticipated slimming down of our active duty forces. Aside from addressing the MOAA group, Admiral Debbink will be meeting with Navy Academy midshipmen candidates, their parents and Blue and Gold Officers. He will also be addressing Lee County JROTC administrators and student leaders during his visit to the Fort Myers area.

MOAA members should make their reservations online at www.leecoastmoaa.org/. Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 395-0776 for membership information.*

John Fumagalli, Northern Trust president and chief executive officer for the West Florida region is committed to supporting education for the next generation of leaders.

"Through this scholarship, Northern Trust is proud to assist in the development of student leaders at FGCU, who will reflect a positive image in the community and beyond," said Fumagalli, vice chairperson of the FGCU Foundation Board. He has served on the FGCU Foundation Board since 2007.

"My experience with leadership programs at FGCU has been outstanding," said freshman Jordan Nation of Sunrise, Florida. "I participated in many programs hosted by Leadership Development including Emerging Eagles, Leadership Academy, Leadership Summit, and LeaderShape Catalyst. Each program uses a different approach to help students develop leadership, motivating and inspiring participants to do great things for the FGCU community."

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Letter Carrier Food Drive

Letter carriers in Lee and Collier counties are gearing up for the 20th annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive. The nation's largest single-day food drive, called Stamp Out Hunger, will be held on Saturday, May 12. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes. Food collected in Lee County goes to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other food banks; food collected in Collier County goes to Collier Harvest. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Northerners who are returning home prior to May 12 may drop off their contributions at any Post Office for inclusion in the May 12 food drive. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob's storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 4400 Solomon Blvd. or 6600 Industrial Drive in Fort Myers; 1320 River Road in North Fort Myers; or 800 Abrams Blvd. in Lehigh Acres.

Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers who may not be able to leave food by their mailboxes on May 12. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non-breakable containers. Items especially in

need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

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

Lee Republican Women's Club

The Lee Republican Women's Club (chartered) will hold a luncheon meeting at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn, 1305 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, April 10. Social hour/registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the lunch/program to follow at noon.

Featured speakers will be Heather Fitzhagen and Jonathan Martin, candidates for the Florida House of Representatives District 78.

For more information and reservations, call 574-2571.*

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Shell Point's Fashion Show Offered Fun And Fashion



Models from the 2012 Shell Point Fashion Show

Nearly 400 guests enjoyed the afternoon festivities at Shell Point's Brighten The Day & Light Up The Night Fashion Show, which raised \$10,000 towards medical equipment and special services in the J. Howard Wood Medical Center and Larsen Pavilion at Shell Point.

Shell Point partnered with Bell Tower Shops to show off 90 of the newest spring and summer fashions in a beautiful setting. Several stores in Bell Tower participated, including Talbots, Cache, Draper's & Damon's, Swim 'N Sport, GAP, Patchington's, Trader Rick's and Francesca's.

"The Shell Point and Bell Tower Shops Fashion Show has always been a popular event for our residents and guests," said Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of sales and marketing for the resort community. "This year, we added the element of a boutique for guests to shop before and after the show, and it was a hit. Local vendors



Shell Point Fashion Show model Pat Specht



Shell Point Fashion Show model Linda Wilhelm

brought unique and exquisite items for guests to browse over and purchase, which included purses, jewelry and clothing."

"Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch while previewing the gorgeous fashions, which included a variety of spring and summer wear, cruise and resort styles, casual day and evening wear, plus updated looks for the office," added Schneider. "In addition to the spring fashions displayed, the door prize giveaway added excitement to the event as over 100 members of the audience won unique items or gift certificates donated by local businesses. Each guest at the fashion show also received a gift bag from the Bell Tower Shops filled with special items, discount coupons and thank you gifts."

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am told that I am a very well functioning senior woman. Every two years for the past 25 years, my husband and I have gone to a well-known hospital as part of a research study. This year it was not convenient for us to go together, so I decided to go alone and fly up rather than drive. I was told by the facility that I would be met at the airport.

When I arrived, no one was there so I waited and waited and finally went up to the airport information. Three women were at the counter and I asked if I was

in the proper area, and they said, "Yes." I waited some more as I had no contact number with me. Finally, I went up again to get information and inquired if anyone had called. They said, "No."

The three women looked at me and asked if I knew where I was, because I was probably in the wrong city. The facility I was going to did not exist and since no one had called, I was so furious I asked for their phone book and telephone and they very reluctantly gave them to me.

Of course, I was in the right city. The name of the facility I was going to had been changed and the women did not know the new name. I was definitely in the right place, the driver had gone to the wrong place and he had been too involved talking to his friends.

I was furious. All of these people had immediately assumed, because I was older, I was confused, disoriented and impaired. There was never a thought that the driver could be confused or the three people at the airport information desk lacked knowledge.

Before you make hasty conclusions about a person's mental abilities, be sure you know exactly what you are talking about and the information you have is correct.

I would like you to share my experience with your readers.

Josie

Dear Josie,

Ageism, like so many other "isms," are still very much a part of our everyday experience.

In clinical trials by the Food and Drug Administration, nine out of 10 patients had a noticeable, significant lift of the brow line, resulting in reduced skin laxity on the eyelid and a more open, youthful look to the eyes.

Ultherapy will be discussed along with other procedures for rejuvenating the face at a seminar conducted by Dr. Prendiville on Wednesday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers. A light lunch will be served. The seminar is free, but reservations are required by calling 437-3900. Space is limited.

Ultherapy is one of several procedures, both surgical and non-surgical, that Dr. Prendiville will discuss at his All About Face seminar. Using before and after pictures of actual patients, he will discuss the latest advances in facelifts, eyelid lifts, nose surgery, lasers and reconstructive surgery. He also will review injectable wrinkle fillers Botox, Sculptra, Juvederm, Restylane and Radiesse.

In addition to a light lunch, attendees will be able to make an appointment for a free consultation with Dr. Prendiville.

For more information about Dr. Prendiville, visit www.drprendiville.com.✱



Dr. Stephen Prendiville

Free Seminar On Skin Rejuvenation

A new FDA-approved procedure that firms and lifts facial skin without surgery is now available locally. Dr. Stephen Prendiville is the first facial plastic surgeon in Fort Myers to offer Ultherapy, which uses ultrasound technology to treat the skin's deep support structures resulting in natural lift and toning without surgery.

"For patients who do not wish to have surgery or who have aging changes that do not yet necessitate surgery, Ultherapy may be a good choice," Dr. Prendiville said. "Low levels of focused ultrasound energy are delivered at just the right depth below the skin to achieve tightening and firming, while leaving the surface of the skin undisturbed. The procedure also stimulates the creation of new collagen, which gives the skin its youthful-ness."

There is no downtime with Ultherapy and the regenerative process continues gradually for up to one year, Dr. Prendiville added.

Younger people are always very quick to evaluate the mental functioning of anyone over 50, frequently making the wrong conclusions.

What you experienced is common and is resented by the victims. Some

older people are impaired but with better health we hope it will become less of a problem.

Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dancing With The Docs Fundraiser



Patrick Nolan is emcee for the fundraiser

Submitted by Naomi Rubin

On Sunday April 29 at 6 p.m., there will a fundraiser for Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Bell Tower Shoppes in Fort Myers.

Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties provides information, referral and counseling services to the community including support for individuals with special needs, the elderly and indigent. JFS also operates a food pantry. Individual and group counseling services and support groups provide an emotional safety net to individuals and families who find themselves vulnerable.

The Fred Astaire Dance School is

offering eight complimentary lessons to each of the participating doctors to learn a dance routine for the competition. The instructors will participate in the competition as dance partners for the doctors. They will also open the evening with a professional dance show. The school has also arranged with a costume designer a of costumes for the doctors and instructors, for the evening. Red Salon and Spa will provide complimentary hair and make-up services for the dancers.

The guest emcee for the evening will be Patrick Nolan, news anchor on Fox 4. The evening promises to be lots of fun and everyone attending may participate in judging the winners by buying votes for their favorite dancing doctor. Votes cost \$1 each. There will also be a silent auction at the event.

Doctors participating in the dance competition include Dr. Lowell Hart, Dr. Amy Wecker, Dr. Tatiana Reynolds, Dr. Connie Yankopoulos, Dr. Anne McNamara, Dr. Peter Denk, Dr. Lynn Einbinder and Dr. Manish Bhalla

Sponsors for the gala are Arden Courts Memory Care Community, Fred Astaire Dance School, Crowne Plaza Hotel Fort Myers, Vein Specialists at Royal Palm Square, Dr. James Rubenstein, Dr. Steven Paletsky, Dr. Ira Zucker, Dr. Scott Schwartz, and Red Salon and Spa. Additional sponsorships remain available from \$200 up to \$1,500. For more information, visit www.DancingWithDocs.com.

General admission tickets are \$65 each and include one cocktail, one vote, a three-course dinner and dance show (cash bar and entrée choices: salmon or vegetarian). Tickets are available online at www.DancingWithDocs.com.

Contact Naomi Rubin at Jewish Federation by calling 481-4449 ext. 3 or by e-mail at naomirubin@jfedlcc.org with any questions.✱

Calendar Girls Debut Website

The Calendar Girls have launched a new website created by Natalie and David Dewhurst of Three Twelve Creative. The site address is www.calendargirls-florida.com.

"Three Twelve went way beyond our expectations. Not only did they design a customized website at a reasonable price. They also bailed us out of an unpleasant situation left over from our previous site," said Calendar Girl program manager Katherine Shortlidge.

The Calendar Girls have supported Paws For Patriots, a program of the Southeast Guide Dog School in Palmetto, Florida for many years. This program provides guide dogs for veterans. To allow those with visual impairments to "see" the new site, the design incorporates a screen reader feature. Full information about the school and the six dogs the Calendar Girls have thus far sponsored is detailed.

The web design also includes a complete calendar listing all upcoming events at which the dance team will perform. And, naturally, a way for those who wish to help support its mission to donate via PayPal.

For more information about the Calendar Girls, call 850-6010.✱

Our email address is press@riverweekly.com

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Herbal Tea For Your Health



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers, The most wonderful thing about our planet is that it grows good medicine. Making herbal teas is one of my secret passions. You can drink teas, and in some cases

apply them to your skin. I've been playing with herbs for years, it's fun and I honestly think it's a wonderful adjunct to your other medical treatments.

Here are the basics. Use one tablespoon of herbs per cup of water. Consider brew time; you will lose some health benefits over brewing certain herbs. An "infusion" is best when using delicate parts of the plant, like the leaves, flowers and aromatic aerial portions (I'm thinking rose petals or wood betony). Infusing means you steep the herbs in hot water for 20 to 30 minutes, as opposed to simmering them. Some herbs take a cold water infusion versus boiled water.

Roots, bark or seeds are tougher parts of the plant and therefore, require a "decoction." You simmer them for 20 to 45 minutes in gently boiling water.

Experiment with combinations of various herbs to find the best taste and physiological effect. Herbs are medicine, so research what you learn today and make sure they are safe for you.

It's amazing that some herbal teas improve heart rhythm, reduce blood pressure, clear brain fog or ease hormonal concerns. Most herbal teas are safe for people with kidney stones. My favorite book on teas is Rosemary Gladstar's *Herbal Recipes for Vibrant Health*.

Health food stores sell herbs, or look online or Google "herbal apothecary." I insist on organic herbs. Here's a recipe for "Tummy Tea." I make this in bulk so "one part" equals one cup. Mix all the herbs together in a big container. When you actually make the tea, put one tablespoon (total herb) per one cup of hot water. You can make a few cups at a time, and store in the fridge.

One part Mint – Provides awesome flavor, plus it's carminitive, meaning it's high in volatile oils which soothe the digestive tract; may help with gas and nausea. This is a "bitter" herb, so it stimulates bile secretion.

One part Fennel – A warming herb good for bloating, gas and liver support. It may relieve intestinal spasms and inflammation. Stimulates milk secretion in nursing moms.

One-half part Meadowsweet – A fabulous pain reliever, it contains salicylic acid (related to aspirin); this has anti-rheumatic and anti-inflammatory properties and may relieve nausea.

One-half part Chamomile – So strong that one of its extracts (apigenin) helps with pancreatitis. It relieves intestinal inflammation, improves spasms while inducing a sense of calm.

One-quarter part Marshmallow root – This is a demulcent so it adds moisture to the mucus membranes. It is cooling and soothing to the mouth, esophagus and digestive tract; great for people with heartburn.

One-quarter part Calendula – Offers lymph support, this anti-inflammatory, antispasmodic herb acts as an astringent and anti-fungal for the body. May help with leaky gut and irritable bowel.

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.✪

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TRIVIA TEST

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of meat is used in a Reuben sandwich?
2. **MUSIC:** In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many maids are milking?
3. **BIBLE:** What was Matthew's profession before he became an apostle of Jesus?
4. **AWARDS:** The annual PATSY Award is given for outstanding accomplishment in what area?
5. **SCIENCE:** What is the most abundant element in the human body?
6. **SPORTS:** What ancient sport gave rise to the modern version of kickboxing?
7. **THEATER:** What Shakespearean character said, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be"?
8. **LITERATURE:** Whose biography was titled "One Giant Leap"?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which one of the Great Lakes is located entirely within the U.S. border?
10. **EXPLORERS:** Who discovered the St. Lawrence River?

ANSWERS

1. Corned beef 2. Eight 3. Tax collector 4. Animal acting 5. Oxygen 6. Munny That 7. Polonius, in "Hamlet" 8. Neil Armstrong 9. Lake Michigan 10. Jacques Cartier.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 9, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid having someone else take credit for the project you started by finishing it yourself. Then it will be you lovely Lambs who will be wearing those well-deserved laurels.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. You're really getting things done to purr-fection. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're perceived, both at home and on the job.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not

weighed down by them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 13, 1742, George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah" premieres in Dublin. Although singing the oratorio has become a Christmas tradition, the Messiah received its world premiere during the Christian season of Lent. Handel composed the score for Messiah in just 24 days.

- On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. The dictionary, which took him more than two decades to complete, introduced more than 10,000 "Americanisms."

- On April 12, 1861, the Civil War begins when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort.

- On April 10, 1906, O. Henry's second short-story collection, "The Four Million," is published. O. Henry was the pen name adopted by William Sydney Porter. Porter began writing in the late 1880s but didn't apply himself seriously until 1898, when he was jailed for embezzling from a bank in Austin, Texas.

- On April 15, 1924, Rand McNally releases its first comprehensive road atlas. The first version was called the Rand McNally Auto Chum. Today Rand McNally is the world's largest maker of atlases in print and electronic media.

- On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany. Buchenwald will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

- On April 9, 1969, the Chicago Eight, indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Since 1998, how many A.L. Central teams have reached the World Series?
2. Name the last pitcher to win 20 or more games one season and lose 20 or more the next.
3. Who held the record for most all-purpose yards in a Division I college football career before Tulsa's Damaris Johnson broke it in 2010?
4. Name three players before LeBron James in 2010 to record a triple-double of at least 40 points, 10 rebounds and 15 assists.
5. Following the NHL's expansion before the 1967-68 season, which was the first expansion team to win a Stanley Cup?
6. True or false: 2011 marked the first time since NASCAR instituted a points system in 1975 that a driver came from behind to win a season title in the final race of the year.
7. Who was the last men's tennis player before Roger Federer (2004-08) to win the U.S. Open singles title two consecutive years?

ANSWERS

1. Two -- the Chicago White Sox in 2005 and the Detroit Tigers in 2006. 2. Jerry Koosman was 21-10 in 1976 and 8-20 in 1977. 3. Western Michigan's Brandon West (2006-09), with 7,764 yards. 4. Oscar Robertson (four times). Charlie Scott and Pete Maravich. 5. The Philadelphia Flyers, in 1974. 6. True. 7. Patrick Rafter (1997-98).

cross state lines with intent to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, plead not guilty. The trial turned into a circus as the defendants and their attorneys used the court as a platform to attack President Richard Nixon, the Vietnam War, racism and oppression.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American humorist Evan Esar who defined a zoo as "an excellent place to study the habits of human beings."

- The New York Times Best Seller list was first published on April 9, 1942. Since that time, only eight authors have managed to have books place No. 1 on both the fiction and nonfiction lists. Those who have accomplished that feat include Ernest Hemingway, Jimmy Buffett, William Styron, Dr. Seuss and John Steinbeck.

- If you're planning a trip to New Orleans, you might want to keep in mind the following law: It's illegal in that city to curse a firefighter while he or she is engaged in official duties.

- America's first vending machines were found in New York City train stations; they dispensed gum.

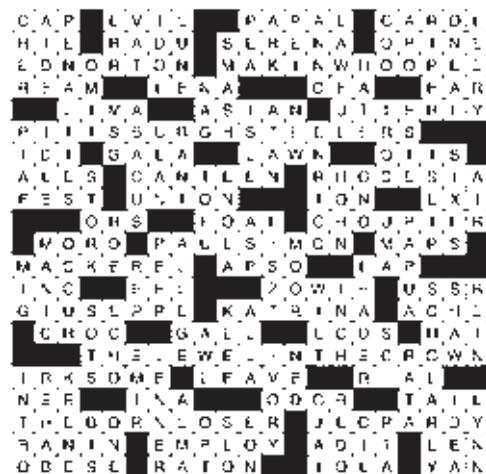
- The European sturgeon (also known as the beluga sturgeon) is the source of the highly coveted beluga caviar, which is the world's most expensive, bringing up to \$5,000 per pound. This sturgeon can live more than 100 years and is the largest freshwater fish in the world; the record holder, caught in 1827, was 24 feet long and weighed 3,460 pounds.

- In a 1982 issue of the magazine American Film, a writer named Chuck Ross claimed that he retyped the screenplay to the 1942 film "Casablanca," changing only the title and one of the character's names, and submitted it to 217 agencies. Of the 85 who responded, only eight recognized it as "Casablanca," though it seemed familiar to another 25. Three of the agencies thought it might be commercially viable, while one thought it should be turned into a novel. The Oscar-winning screenplay was rejected outright by 38 of the agencies.

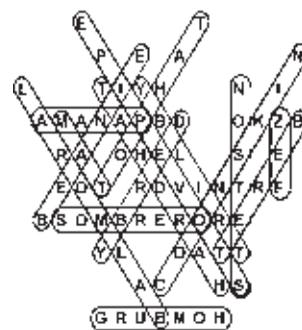
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal." -- Erich Fromm

PUZZLE ANSWERS



TYPES OF HATS



The Springs, Shell Point's New Assisted Living Facility, Completes Construction



The Springs A1 studio apartment

The management of Shell Point Retirement Community has completed the construction and renovation of the community's newest assisted living facility (ALF) called The Springs at Shell Point.

The Springs, which was formerly The Country Inn & Suites, is located at the corner of Shell Point Boulevard and McGregor Boulevard in South Fort Myers. The recent renovations included the construction of a full kitchen on the main floor, the construction and creation of additional common meeting spaces and offices, as well as targeted renovation in guest rooms. The new recreation rooms include, but are not limited to a cinema, arts and crafts studio, and game parlor.

From start to finish, the renovations took approximately four months to complete. The overall cost of the renovation was \$2 million, and the facility has 105 units ready for occupancy.

The facility has passed all final inspections with the Lee County Building Department, The Lee County Health Department and the Iona-McGregor Fire Department. Once The Springs successfully completes the licensing inspection by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, residents will be able to start the move-in process.

"The Springs assisted living product provides a wonderful opportunity for residents to receive the care, service, and support that is needed in order to help them live with the greatest level of independence and dignity that their health will allow," said Peter Dys, president of Shell Point. "In addition to the presence of 24-hour on site nursing and concierge services, residents enjoy a great dining experience with wholesome meals of dietary delight that serve to improve socialization. In addition, scheduled activities stimulate the mind and enhance physical strength, and when coupled with housekeeping and support staff assistance, residents enjoy greater security, support, and independence."

The Springs is the third ALF at Shell Point. The community opened the King's Crown on The Island at Shell Point in 1987, and added The Arbor in The Woodlands at Shell Point in 2005.

"We are excited about the upcoming opening of The Springs," said Rita Southern, director of assisted living and resident support services for the community. "Both the King's Crown and The Arbor remain almost fully occupied and with the increased population of aging retirees in this area, there is a growing need for additional high quality assisted living options in Southwest Florida."

The Springs all-inclusive monthly rate, excluding personal laundry, helps residents and their families plan for the most effective use of their resources while also providing the added security of access to the network of quality health care services provided by the Shell Point health care team, when and if those services are needed.



The Springs D one-bedroom suite



The Springs pool area

"The Springs assisted living facility and services have been priced with monthly rates that are very competitive to the local marketplace and are not subject to daily rate adjustments based on special needs or fluctuating health conditions," said Dys. "Additionally, Springs residents will have access to our daily pharmacy delivery services, physician services, and other benefits associated with Shell Point Retirement Community that have become a hallmark of our community."

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Causeway. Priority reservations are being taken to allow individuals to reserve a unit and plan ahead for their move into The Springs. Representatives will be available to assist individuals or families through the steps involved in making the transition as smooth and simple as possible.

For more information about The Springs at Shell Point or to request a brochure, call 454-2077, e-mail thesprings@shellpoint.org or visit www.shellpoint.org/assistedliving.

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Woodrings Subdivision	Sanibel	1991	4,690	2,799,000	2,300,000	386
Shadow Wood At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2004	4,635	1,795,000	1,695,000	92
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	2002	5,491	1,625,000	1,575,000	82
Shell Mound Park	Fort Myers Beach	1977	2,770	1,350,000	1,200,000	4
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2010	3,290	1,198,000	1,125,000	200
Shadow Wood Preserve	Fort Myers	2005	4,384	1,150,000	1,099,000	141
Tidewater Island	Fort Myers	2000	5,450	1,000,000	847,000	696
No Development	Cape Coral	2006	3,983	850,000	830,000	18
Verandah	Fort Myers	2006	3,670	799,000	770,000	214
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	1999	2,668	825,000	762,000	136

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

Celebrity Pets Up For Adoption

Lee County is rolling out the red carpet for celebrity pets during the month of April. Some famous felines and canines have taken up residence at Animal Services' Shelter and the public will be able to adopt a celebrity canine for only \$35 or a famous feline for just \$25. Child stars (puppies and kittens) will be just \$50 and veteran stars (6 yrs+) are only \$20. Among the stars are Grace Kelly, Elton John, Jack Black, and Willie Nelson.

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

The famous line-up of pets waiting to be adopted can be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com or visit the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers next to the

Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Celebrity viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You can submit your adoption application online before you come to the shelter.

Volunteers and staff are available to help you find the pet star that is best suited for you and your lifestyle. For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). If you are inquiring about a pet you have seen online, please have the animal ID number ready for faster assistance.✪

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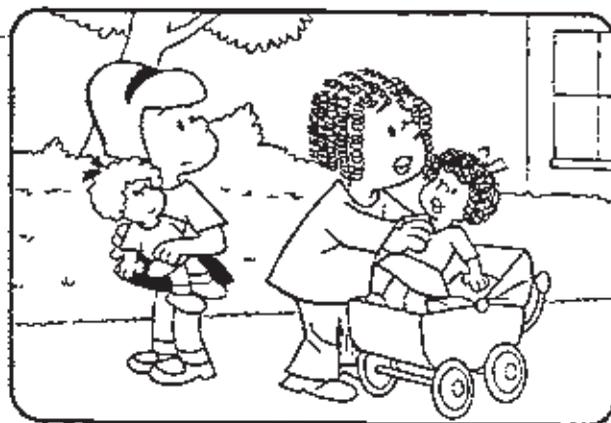
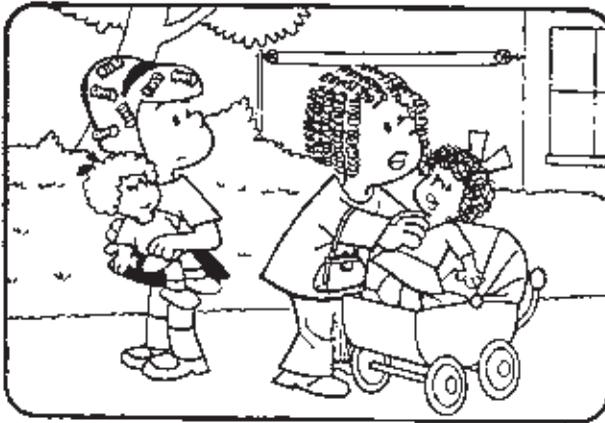
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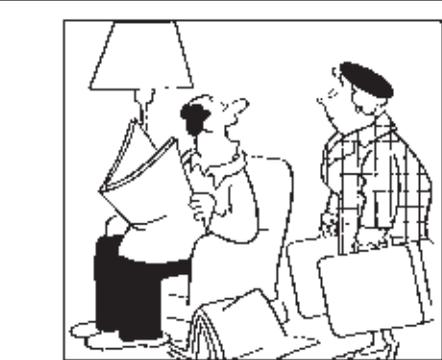
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SHARAS

Tempt
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Salve
BLAM

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

3	5	9	7	1	8	4	6	2
6	1	2	5	9	4	8	3	7
7	8	4	6	2	3	1	9	5
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8	2	6	4	7	1	9	5	3
5	9	7	3	8	2	6	1	4
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- 1. Group; 2. Harass;
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To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 35

Pets Of The Week



Bob Newhart ID#: 530771

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My name is Bob Newhart. Like my name-sake, I'm a shy and quiet kind of guy. Being lost and ending up at the shelter was very scary for a young dog like me. I'm in a foster home which is great but I'm ready for my forever home. I love to go for walks and enjoy the outdoors, especially being around water. I'm housetrained and neutered and get along well with people and other pets, even the annoying little ones. To arrange a meeting with me just email kennel@leegov.com. My adoption fee is \$35 during Animal Services Famous Felines & Celebrity Canines Adoption Promo.

I'm Tanya Tucker, a free-spirited, easy-going girl with a very affectionate nature. Despite some rough times in my young life, I'm ready to find my one and only forever home. If you'd like a cat that can keep you company, listen to some country music with you, but still maintain her independence, then I'm your girl. My adoption fee \$25 during Animal Services Famous Felines & Celebrity Canines Adoption Promo.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal



Tanya Tucker ID#: 530038

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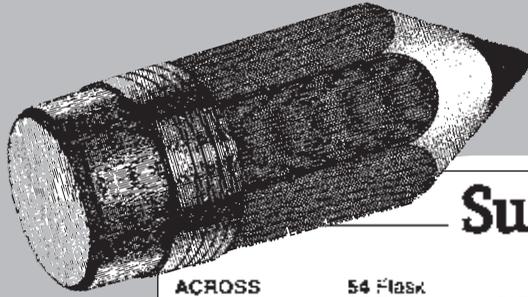
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword ART WORK

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mushroom part
 - 4 Demonic
 - 8 Vatican-related
 - 13 Hens on the ice
 - 18 Hasten
 - 19 Pianist
 - 20 Venus' sister
 - 21 Speak one's mind
 - 22 Art Carney role
 - 24 Art Tatum recording of '49
 - 26 Paper quantity
 - 27 — the Hyena (Capp character)
 - 29 Two — kind
 - 30 Organ of equilibrium
 - 31 South American capital
 - 34 Laotian native
 - 38 Wholly
 - 41 Art Rooney's team
 - 46 Palindromic dictator
 - 47 Wing-ding
 - 48 Croquet arena?
 - 49 Model Carre
 - 52 Pub orders
 - 54 Flask
 - 57 Zimbabwe, formerly
 - 61 Celebratory suffix
 - 62 Alliance
 - 63 Tinnac of tennis
 - 64 61, to Cicero
 - 65 Hosp. areas
 - 67 Stable youngster
 - 70 Casino worker
 - 73 Italian statesman
 - 75 Art Garfunkel's partner
 - 78 Travelers' aids
 - 79 Food fish
 - 81 Lhasa —
 - 82 Drink like
 - 81 Across
 - 83 Business abbr.
 - 84 Conger or moray
 - 85 "Jeepers!"
 - 88 "Back in the —" ('68 song)
 - 92 Composer Verdi
 - 95 Ms. Van Tassel
 - 97 Yeam
 - 98 "Hook" heavy
 - 99 Chutzpah
 - 101 Walch pls
 - 103 "Bah —"
 - 104 Art Maik
 - 110 Annoying
 - 113 Depart
 - 114 Tabriz currency
 - 115 Society column word
 - 116 Claire or Balm
 - 118 Bouquet
 - 121 Kite part
 - 124 Art Sansom cartoon
 - 130 Art Fleming hosted it
 - 133 Arrested
 - 134 Hre
 - 135 Mine feature
 - 136 Sportscaster
 - 137 Stout
 - 138 Boca —, FL
 - 139 Kansas city
 - 140 TV chef
 - 140 Martin
 - DOWN**
 - 1 "Dark Lady" singer
 - 2 Helper
 - 3 Gridiron calls
 - 4 Drop a brick
 - 5 Tub
 - 6 Superstar
 - 7 Debussy's "Clair de —"
 - 8 Schoolboy's shot
 - 9 Joan Van
 - 10 Mile High Center
 - 11 Part of A.D.
 - 12 Permissible
 - 13 Dovecote sound
 - 14 Mid address
 - 15 More mature
 - 16 Actor Patrick
 - 17 Suspicious (of)
 - 20 Reduce to smithereens
 - 23 Skip
 - 25 Abominate
 - 28 Say please too often?
 - 32 Flavor enhancer
 - 33 Problem solver?
 - 35 Tropica spot
 - 36 — onpasse
 - 37 Fresh
 - 39 Walked
 - 40 Ferrara's first family
 - 41 Chanteuse Edith
 - 42 Eric of "Nuns on the Run"
 - 43 — Bator
 - 44 Rampur royalty
 - 45 Fermi or Caruso
 - 50 Long Island resort
 - 51 At — and sevens
 - 53 Baby bird?
 - 55 Soybean product
 - 56 "— Gay"
 - 58 It holds plenty!
 - 59 Lennon's widow
 - 60 Tune
 - 66 Caviar
 - 68 Nite slitherer
 - 69 Composer Franz
 - 71 Actress Thurman
 - 72 New Guinea
 - 73 Frozened
 - 74 Take place
 - 75 Nest noise
 - 76 Accuse tentatively
 - 77 "Wuthering Heights" setting
 - 79 Russian pet
 - 80 Agl.
 - 82 Head
 - 86 Fade, as a flower
 - 87 Move like molasses
 - 89 Academic
 - 90 "The Young Lions" author
 - 91 Harness part
 - 93 Toppers
 - 94 Canyon
 - 95 Swiss artist
 - 96 — breva
 - 100 Shoemaker's tool
 - 102 Biol or
 - chem
 - 105 Mideastern title
 - 106 Decathlete Bruce
 - 107 Tower maternal?
 - 108 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
 - 109 Pro — (proportionately)
 - 110 Foreword, for short
 - 111 Change for the better
 - 112 New Hampshire city
 - 117 Soprano Gluck
 - 119 California resort
 - 120 Try again
 - 122 Concept
 - 123 Actress Fontaine
 - 125 Encore exclamation
 - 126 "— Bad Apple" ('71 song)
 - 127 Select, with "or"
 - 128 — mo
 - 129 Tons of lime
 - 131 Garage supply
 - 132 Child welfare org.
 - 8 Enjoyed thoroughly
 - 9 Synar city
 - 10 Leave out
 - 11 Collections
 - 16 Before
 - 20 Classroom surprise
 - 22 Culture medium
 - 23 Segway alternative
 - 25 Plead
 - 26 Hage
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 - 29 Diamond corner
 - 31 out a living
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 - 38 Iraq War heli copter
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Vary's pet
- 5 Sleepwear, for short
- 8 Common-ions
- 12 Brit's exclamation
- 13 Debtor's letters
- 14 Domesticale
- 15 Vace most
- 17 Song forth
- 18 Lance
- 19 Crutches
- 21 Line of fashion?
- 24 Boom times
- 25 Auction actions
- 28 Asgn desert
- 30 Anmaton frame
- 33 Historic time
- 34 Bolivian city
- 35 Guitar's cousin
- 36 Jewe
- 37 War god
- 38 Cruising
- 39 Pick a target
- 41 Profound
- 43 Jamaican music style
- 46 B under
- 50 Satan's specialy
- 51 Greek threatened by a sword
- 54 Flintstones' pet
- 55 Wildebeest
- 56 Aud
- 57 Lily variety
- 58 lackle's teammate
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DOWN

- 1 Covers
- 2 Now, on a memo
- 3 Jerry Herman musical
- 4 Circumvent
- 5 Wrestling win
- 6 Scarborough of MSNBC
- 7 Lather

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 Z X U E S Q N L J T G E C Z X
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 I Y W V T I Y H T R P N N I I
 K A M A N A P B D I G O K Z B
 E C R A B O H E L Z X S A E W
 U S E O T R R D V I N T R F P
 O B (S O M B R E R O) R E O M I
 J I G E Y L D B O A T T D A Y
 X W U T S Q A C P O H S E N L
 K J I G G R U B M O H T F D C

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

- Balmoral
- Derby
- Panama
- Tam
- Beanie
- Fez
- Sombbrero
- Top hat
- Beret
- Hard hat
- Stetson
- Tnby
- Coonskin
- Homburg
- Stovepipe

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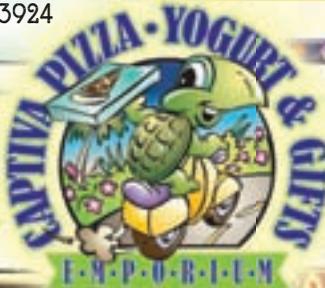
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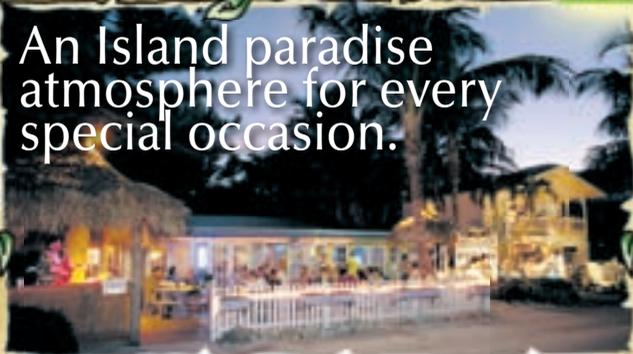
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