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The David Mayfield Parade

Alliance For The Arts Bruce T. Gora Concert Series

Get your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers ready to join friends and neighbors for the 2013 Bruce T. Gora Sunset Concert Series at the Alliance for the Arts, which kicks off on Sunday, February 10 with Phill Fest & Terezinha Valois Band. The Miami-based band blends Brazilian and jazz into a singular sound



Phill Fest and Terezinha Valois band

reminiscent of Fest's father (piano Bossa pioneer Manfredo Fest), Airtó & Flora and Hermeto Pasqual, among others. Fest and Terezinha began their collaboration in 1996 in the Tampa Bay area, but relocated to the Miami area in 2001 to find other like-minded players, including Robert Prestor on piano and keys, Russ Howard on bass and Dave Schanzer on percussion.

The 10-piece big band reggae act from Deerfield Beach, The Resolvers, continues the series on Sunday, March 10, and the Nashville-based indie folk rock band The David Mayfield Parade concludes it on Sunday, April 21.

Gates open at 4 p.m. and the concerts begin at 5 p.m. Guests are encouraged to picnic on the lawn as they take in an evening of great live music. General admission tickets are \$20 each. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for Alliance members, and are available at the Alliance for the Arts, located on the corner of Colonial and McGregor in Fort

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Southwest Florida Historical Society Fundraiser

The Southwest Florida Historical Society will hold its annual fundraisers, the Old Time Lunch and Cracker Dinner, on Monday, February 18 at the Riverside Community Center, 3061 East Riverside Drive in Fort Myers.

The program will highlight the nonprofit organization's half-century of history. It was founded in 1963, with Robert Halgrim as the first president. The lunch and dinner evolved from an event started in the same year that was originally called Old Times in Southwest Florida.

The country cooking will be provided by Cracker Caterin' and Cookin'.

Genevieve Bowen, board member and event chair, has coordinated fun for all, including door prizes, raffles, games and music.

Doors open for the lunch at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. for the dinner.

Tickets are \$25 for lunch and \$30 for dinner. Seating is limited and reservations must be prepaid. No tickets will be sold at the door.

All profits support the mission of the historical society.

Call Pat Jungferman at 995-0897 or Genevieve Bowen at 939-1653 for information or to purchase tickets. They can also be purchased at the society headquarters on Wednesdays or Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

The historical society is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044.✱



The Cracker Lunch and Dinner evolved from the historical society's annual event, Old Times in Southwest Florida

Celebration Of Reading Slated For February 15

For the 13th consecutive year, former Gov. Jeb Bush brings his Celebration of Reading to Southwest Florida in February to help raise funds for family literacy programs, where parents and their children learn together. The Florida Celebration of Reading takes place Friday, February 15 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

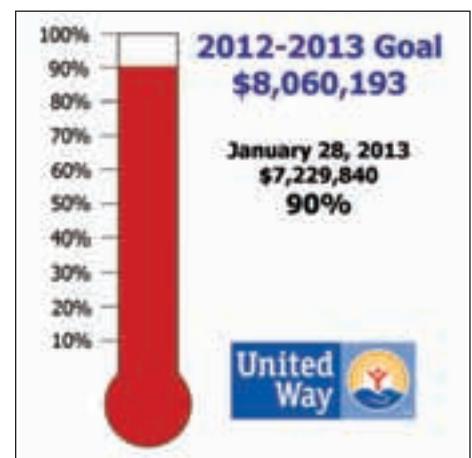
This year signals a change for the event, which now supports The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. The foundation's mission is to achieve 100 percent literacy in America based on the belief that education is a civil right for all, regardless of age.

Jeb Bush recently became co-chair of his mother's national foundation, working alongside his sister, Doro Bush Koch.

First Lady Barbara Bush is expected to attend the Florida celebration and will join *New York Times* best-selling authors. Individual tickets are now available at www.CelebrationOfReading.org and include the reading event at 6 p.m., followed by a gourmet dinner and a book-signing with the authors.

Authors confirmed to date include:

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United Way Pushes Toward \$8 Million Goal

The United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades is approaching the conclusion of its 2012-13 campaign, with only four weeks left. As of January 28, the campaign had raised just over \$7.2 million which is 90 percent of the goal of \$8,060,193.

Robert Wilson, campaign chair and vice president and general manager for Enterprise Holdings, said, "We are humbled by our community's generosity

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

EL Evans House On Riverside

by Gerri Reaves



The rustic scene shown in this early twentieth-century photo taken from the edge of the Caloosahatchee River has vanished. Not only is the spacious house gone, but the view toward its former location is obstructed by the bridge overpass.

A photographer attempting this shot now would be standing on dry land in Centennial Park, not at the river's edge.

Pictured at the center of the photo is the white frame house built in the late 1890s by Edward L. "EL" and Carrie Belle Evans on Riverside Avenue (now called McGregor Boulevard).

Heitman Street didn't exist when the historic photo was

taken, but later, the house eventually faced that street on the northwest corner of Heitman Street and McGregor Boulevard.

The house with wide shady porches was called a showplace when the Evanses, true Fort Myers pioneers, built it.

EL Evans came to the settlement of Fort Myers circa 1883 at the age of 25, arriving from New Orleans on the schooner the *Lily White*. He started by working in HL Roan's grocery store, but soon turned to establishing his own business.

In August 1885, he was one of 45 men who voted unanimously to incorporate the town. (Incorporation became official in March 1886.)

He is credited with performing one of the most important public-relations jobs in the town's history. When Thomas A. Edison cruised up the river in 1885 looking for bamboo to use in his research, Evans took advantage of the opportunity to convince the inventor to establish a winter home in the up-and-coming village.

On New Year's Eve, 1887, he married Carrie Belle Hendry, daughter of Capt. Francis A. Hendry, known as the Father of Fort Myers. She too was influential in the social and civic life of the town. She was the first woman in town to own an automobile, a Reo Runabout that Frank Carson taught her to drive.



EL and Carrie Belle Evans built this house in the late 1890s and lived there until 1921, when they sold it to the City of Fort Myers. Notice that substantial water tower

courtesy of Southwest Florida Historical Society



Today, the photographer of over a century ago would have to stand near West First Street in Centennial Park. The view toward Heitman and McGregor, where the house once stood, is blocked by the bridge overpass

photo by Gerri Reaves

EL served as town councilman, mayor, and postmaster, and even played in the Fort Myers Band in its earliest days.

He and long-time business partner Harvie E. Heitman formed the Heitman-Evans Company, which lasted into the 1930s, when Evans died. He also played a pivotal role in making Fort Myers a tarpon-fishing destination.

In 1921, the city – for in 1911 it had incorporated as a city – bought the house for \$34,000 to use as the first permanent city hall.

The Evanses moved to Dean Park.

Thus Fort Myers embarked on an era of city pride and investment in public spaces. The private riverfront property dotted with citrus trees and palms became the first city park, appropriately known as Evans Park.

The river's edge was filled, and within a short time, the park had a band shell, shuffleboard courts and a tourist center. The year 1927 would bring the Pleasure Pier and city pool near the foot of Heitman Street.

Thus, today's Centennial Park was born.

In the early 1950s, the Evans house was demolished for the construction of a new city hall.

Walk down to Centennial Park just east of Carson Street and gaze toward the land where EL and Carrie Belle Evans built a home on land destined to be a park.

Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about where the mayor and council met before the city secured a permanent hall. For information, call 321-7430 or go to museumofhistory.org. The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Indulge your curiosity about local legends such as Evans at the Southwest Florida Historical Society, one of the area's best research centers. The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Contact the society at 939-4044, or visit on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

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



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Fort Myers Public Art

Robert E. Lee Memorial



by Tom Hall

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

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

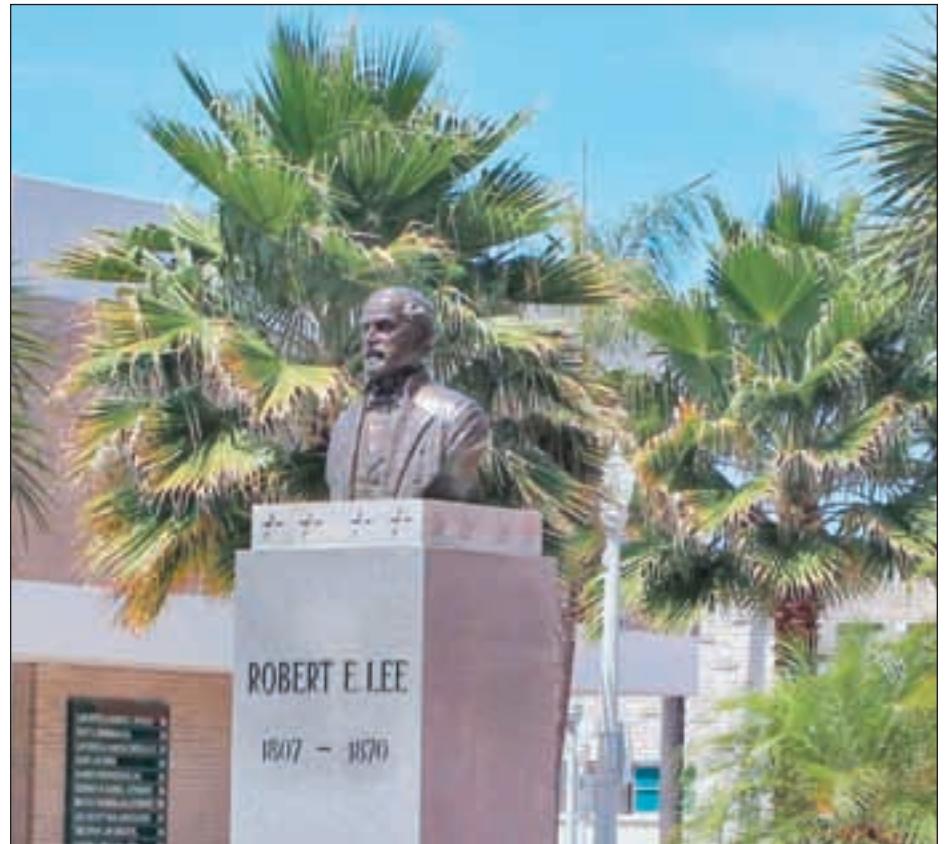
The chapter immediately began a new memorial fund. However, they were impeded in their fundraising efforts first by World War I and then by the Great Depression. They'd only collected a scant \$500 by 1940 when the hospital

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

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

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

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



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

people of Lee County would emulate.

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

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

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Season II students with the Sydney & Byrne Davis Art Center National League of Junior Cotillions at their annual Winter White Ball at the Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club on January 19

Junior Cotillion Members Attend Winter White Ball At Kelly Greens

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions held its Winter White Ball at Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers on January 19. Students from Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties participated.

The National League of Junior Cotillions is one of the most comprehensive programs in the nation with more than 100 chapters nationwide. The local chapter opened in 2010. The mission of Junior Cotillions is to teach the importance of treating others with dignity and respect and to practice social dance.

"My daughter has learned so much from this experience. She has more self-confidence and poise and she's also made some great friends," said Lauren Leedy, mother of a cotillion member.

The Cotillion Season runs from October through April with a diversity of dances, balls, and special events that focus on building skills, increasing self-confidence and developing friendships.

Cotillion is open to middle school students sixth through eighth grade. Registration for the 2013-14 season opens on May 7 at 7 p.m. with the Parent Reception at the Davis Art Center.✪



Luke Turner escorts Madelynn Kaufman off the bridge



Ally Schaerf being twirled by Griffin Kupsaw

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Island Park Receives Improvements

Lee County Parks & Recreation has made improvements to Sanibel Causeway Island A – the island along the popular causeway that is closest to the bridge – so people who use wheelchairs can better enjoy the beach.

The east end of Island A now has a Moby-Mat, which is a roll-out surface that makes beaches accessible to people in wheelchairs. An ADA-accessible picnic table and landscape enhancements also went into the area, which is known as

Pete's Point, named for devoted Lee County Parks & Recreation staffer Pete Schroat, who died unexpectedly in 2011.

The cost of the Moby-Mat was defrayed thanks to a donation from park patron Brad Piper of Fort Myers, who is fond of Pete's Point and who uses a wheelchair.

"I'm originally from Illinois and so was Pete, and we struck up conversation when I'd see him out there working on the area. That became my favorite spot to go," Piper said. Schroat was a senior maintenance specialist for the department.

For more information about the Causeway beach or other beaches, visit www.leeparks.org.✪

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Weaving Royal Palm Fronds



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Easter basket

A playshop on weaving royal palm fronds into baskets, bracelets, napkin rings and other items will be held on March 23 at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Participants at PalmArt can learn how to render a variety of materials like natural twine, table decorations and even paper that can be written on. Local writer/teacher Shawn Holiday will provide all the materials needed, but participants are welcome to bring natural items from their yards.

"The spade of the royal palm frond is very versatile and can be used for a variety of applications," says Holiday, who has been creating PalmArt since 2004.

There will also be a demonstration and craft sale of handmade items at the Alliance's Gift Shop Explosion on February 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday, along with other local artists, will be selling handmade items just in time for Valentine's Day, including Holiday's exclusive Palm Heart.

Holiday creates a unique experience that is based on traditional techniques that are fun and rewarding for the whole family. From shields and arm bands to wreaths and head rings with wildflowers, the possibilities of palm fronds are end-

less. This workshop will be held on March 23 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd in Fort Myers. The cost is \$15 person, \$30 per family of four or less. For more information, visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.*

Lee Trust Hosts Symposium

In conjunction with the statewide Viva Florida 500 initiative, Lee Trust for Historic Preservation is holding a free symposium titled Conquistadors and the Calusa: Reflections on Resistance from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9 at the Koreshan State Historic Site Art Hall.

The Conquistadors and the Calusa symposium brings together lead scholars on American Indian archaeology, history and representation. Dr. Jerald Milanich, Professor Emeritus at University of Florida/Florida Museum of Natural History and Dr. John Worth, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of West Florida will chronicle European encounters with the powerful Calusa Indians in southwest Florida, beginning with the voyages of Juan Ponce de León who named La Florida in 1513 through the Calusa's retreat in the early 1700s. Worth and Dr. Andrew Frank, Allen Morris Associate Professor of History at Florida State University will recount the resistance and accommodation of successive groups including the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes from the Spanish colonial era to today's Florida. Frank and American Indian literature scholar Dr. Gretchen Bataille, Senior Vice President for Leadership and Lifelong Learning with the American Council on Education, will address the representation of indig

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United Way Fundraiser

and are thrilled to be at 90 percent of this year's goal. We will wrap up our annual campaign on February 28, and we need everyone's help to reach 100."

Wilson said if the goal is not reached, United Way's 70 partner agencies would not be fully funded for programs that feed hungry people, protect abused children, and help seniors live independently in their own homes.

Wilson continued, "Despite a small improvement in the local economy, the needs of the hundreds of thousands of children, families and individuals have not lessened. United Way 211, the help line for information and referral to health and human services, took about 18,000 calls for help a year before the downturn. The number of calls for help has actually increased each year and totaled 58,000 in 2012.

To donate, call 433-2000, or visit www.unitedwaylee.org/donate.html.

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, over \$108 million has been raised and distributed in our community. All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service

network. United Way Partner Agencies and initiatives such as the Alvin A Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, The Salvation Army, and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs.*

Senior Idol Competition

The ninth annual Senior Idol competition will be held on February 22 at the Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral. Karaoke Jim will be the emcee. Enjoy the show or step on stage to share your talent. All contestants must register prior to February 20. Applications are available at the Lake Kennedy Center. First, second and third place trophies and gift baskets will be awarded. All contestants must be 50 years of age or over and not paid professionals. Entries are limited to the first 15 applicants. There is a \$10 contestant entry fee (add \$5 for dinner).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event starts at 7 p.m. at the Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard. For information, call 574-0575.*

Genealogical Society To Meet

The Lee County Genealogical Society, Inc. (LCGS) will meet on Thursday, February 21, for its monthly meeting at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 4141 DeLeon Street, Fort Myers. For information, visit www.LCGSFL.org or call Carolyn at 549-9625. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 1 p.m.

There will be a program entitled Love Letters and Valentines and refreshments will be served.

They were just two country youngsters. Their families had been small farmers in the same county for at least four generations and there are indications that his family did not approve of hers. Still, it didn't keep them from connecting, at first in a friendly way, but it soon blossomed into a full-fledged romance. Their letters to each other describe their daily lives, families, some small jealousies and even a crisis in their growing love for each other.

Find out what that crisis was and how they solved it. Members Vickie Greenlee and Andrea Perisho will share some special family love letters and stories.

Do you have special Valentines? Bring them for display.*

MOAA Breakfast Meeting

Trey Radel will discuss Life As A Freshman Of The U.S. Congress during the MOAA Calusa Chapter breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 9. The meeting will be held at Wine & Roses Restaurant on Cape Coral Parkway beginning at 9 a.m. All military officers and spouses are invited to attend.

The cost for the breakfast is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Reservations may be made by contacting Dixie Buick at 945-5030.

The Military Officers Association of America is a national organization representing the interests of the military. Florida is the third largest state of membership and our Florida Council of Chapters President, Lt. Col. Jim Conner, resides in Cape Coral.

Additional information about the Calusa Chapter of MOAA may be obtained by contacting the Calusa Chapter President, Bill Deile, at 574-6718.*

North Fort Myers Flea Market

The North Fort Myers Community Center, located behind the North Fort Myers Library at 2021 North Tamiami Trail, will be hosting their annual flea market outdoors – underneath two pavilions and on the football field – on Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Clean out your closets and turn your old stuff into cash. Six foot tables are available for \$10 each underneath the pavilions. Six foot spots are available for \$5 each on the football field only (you must provide your own tables). Take advantage of the crowds a community flea market can generate. Register early to guarantee your tables or spots.

Call 652-4512 to pay and reserve your tables or spots. Credit cards or debit cards are the only method of payment accepted. Table/spot rentals are non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no rain date for the flea market.

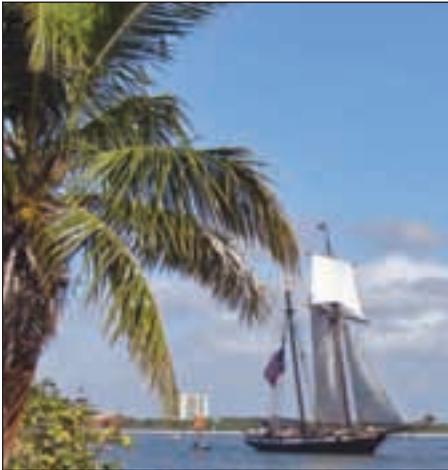
Call Jenniffer or James at 652-4512 for more information.*

Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, February 10, the Bayside Men's Club will host its monthly pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Bayside Recreation Hall. There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice for \$5.

Bayside Estates is off San Carlos Boulevard, just south of Pine Ridge Road. Signs are at both entrances. For more information call Ken Wescoat at 609-226-9955.*

Tall Ship *Lynx* Returns To Nervous Nellie's



The *Lynx* approaching its new winter home

The Tall Ship *Lynx*, America's Privateer ship, returned to Nervous Nellie's in Fort Myers Beach on February 1 with deck guns blazing. It will remain at Nellie's Snug Harbour through March.

The announcement of the winter home for the tall ship was made during the January 10 Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Prior to the announcement, *Lynx* did not have a designated winter port on the East coast. Since then, the ship has

had several thousand visitors and more than 700 people have taken two-hour sailing excursions in Fort Myers Beach. In honor of Fort Myers Beach, the flag of the community will fly from the ship's mast as it travels throughout the Great Lakes this summer.

Nervous Nellie's, the casual restaurant with the fun-loving staff, boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, sandwiches and entrées. While relaxing on the expansive waterfront patio, enjoy the view of the historic *Lynx*. Tours are also available that allow visitors to climb aboard and step back in time to relive history and feel the adventure of a vanished age of sail.

The *Lynx* provides a unique opportunity for students to interact with their American history lessons and renders a hands-on experience. Students and adults recognize the War of 1812 as a significant element of American heritage and as a turning point in the development of our national identity.

Tickets for dockside tours are \$6 for adults while children 12 and under are free. Public sailaways tickets are \$65 for adults and \$35 for children 12 and under. Go to www.privateerlynx.com for a schedule of ship tours and sailaways.

The *Lynx* is currently on a five-year mission, which began in 2010, along the East Coast of the United States and Canada to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 and the *Star-Spangled Banner*. The ship serves as an interpretation of an actual privateer, named *Lynx*, built by Thomas Kemp in



The *Lynx* at its new winter home at Nervous Nellie's Snug Harbor Marina in Fort Myers Beach. Tours are available.

1812 in Fell's Point, Maryland. She was among the first ships to defend American freedom by evading the British naval fleet then blockading American ports and serv-

ing in the important privateering efforts. For more information about the *Lynx*, contact Jeffrey Woods at 949-274-5785 or go to www.privateerlynx.com.

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Along The River



Add a little heat to your Valentine's Day with a juicy wood-grilled steak or seafood dish at Sunshine Grille in Fort Myers

St. Valentine's Day is Thursday, February 14. Cozy up with your loved one at one of these romantic hideaways.

Love is in the air at **The Morgan House Restaurant**. Treat your sweetheart to a romantic night of jazz, dinner and Champagne cocktails at the historic downtown Fort Myers eatery.

Originally located just 150 feet away from the Patio de Leon at the Dean Hotel, The Morgan House has hosted casually elegant events and regular lunch and dinner guests continuously since 1923. With the relocation of the restaurant during the summer of 2010, The Morgan House embarks on a new era with the same old Florida hospitality with new Florida flair.



Spend a romantic evening watching the sunset at Captiva's Mucky Duck

The historic Patio de Leon in the center of downtown Fort Myers provides a soothing backdrop for relaxing, outside dining and entertaining. One hundred years ago, this tree-lined brick courtyard was a place for entertaining, socializing after shows at the adjacent Ritz Theatre and for the hospitality that is the hallmark of Old Florida tradition. After a fire destroyed the Ritz, the building now known as The Morgan House stored valuable treasures saved from the devastating fire.

The Morgan House Restaurant is intentionally designed to be a casual place, extending the experience and bringing together many aspects of the patio's convenient location. It brought back to life the area's historic purpose, making it a place for entertaining and socializing, just as it was a century ago.

The Morgan House is at 33 Patio de Leon, Downtown Fort Myers. Call 337-3377 or go to www.morganhouserestaurant.com.

Speaking of amoré, the **Sunshine Grille** is adding a little fire to heat up your Valentine's celebration. Reservations are suggested.

Chef Roger and Chef Miguel have created exciting new creations along with their favorite daily specials. Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere and one of the restaurant's gourmet wood-fired flat-bread pizzas.

Sunshine Grille is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. During its Sunday buffet brunch, a bloody Mary bar and bottomless mimosas are served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Happy hour specials are served daily along with the bar menu and live music.

Sunshine Grille is at 8700 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers on the corner of Winkler. Call 489-2233 or visit www.sunshineseafoodftmyers.com.

Enjoy a Sweetheart Sunset Sail and dinner aboard the **Indian Princess**. The cruise includes a dinner of grilled chicken breast topped with mango chutney, chef-sliced beef tenderloin, two sides, rolls and dessert. Free soda, water, champagne and red wine are available. Entertainment is provided by Jimmy G, who is sure to be a perfect fit for a romantic evening cruise.

The **Indian Princess** paddleboat is air-conditioned and includes restrooms, a sound system and a state-of-the-art 48-inch flat screen TV capable of monitoring several areas of the boat and waterway. On the exterior top deck, guests will have spectacular views of the back bays of Fort Myers Beach. The **Indian Princess** is docked before the sky bridge next to the Key West Express at 2080 Main Street on Fort Myers Beach.

Tickets are \$110 per couple for the Valentine's package or \$65 per person. Reservations are required. Call 765-8919 and surprise your sweetheart with an enchanting evening on the water!

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Ostego Bay's Annual Tea By The Sea



Wear your favorite hat to Ostego Bay's annual Tea by the Sea luncheon

It is time again for Ostego Bay's annual Tea By the Sea and Fashion Show. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 700 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Ladies are encouraged to wear their favorite tea party hat.

A \$20 donation is suggested per person or \$75 for a table of four. The price includes tea, lunch, raffles and an auction. All proceeds will benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation. Tickets are available by calling the Ostego Bay Foundation at 765-8101.

If there are any volunteers interested in helping decorating tables, call or send an email to info@ostegobay.org.

The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman's Wharf on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach. For information call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org.



The Calendar Girls at the American Heart Association's Red Dress Dash with Stacey Deffenbaugh, at center rear

Calendar Girls At Red Dress Dash

The Calendar Girls teamed up with NBC-2 Anchor Stacey Deffenbaugh for the American Heart Association's Red Dress Dash held Friday, February 1 on 5th Avenue

in Naples.

Since 2006, the Calendar Girls have been paying it forward all over Southwest Florida while raising awareness of their "pet" charity, Paws for Patriots.

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First place winner Michele Barron Buelow with her painting *Night Lights*

Winners Announced At Fort Myers Beach Art Association Juried Show

At the February 3 reception, Fort Myers Beach Art Association exhibition chairman Sue Pink announced the winners of the Winter Juried Show. Jamie Cordero, workshop instructor, selected the winners and Fran Myers from sponsor Red Coconut RV Park assisted the chairman.

The show was open to all members of the Art Council of SW Florida.

Winners:

First place, Michele Barron Buelow, *Night Lights*

Second place, Cheryl Fausel, *Windows on the World: Nekarsulm*

Third place, Mary Klunk, *Through the Looking Glass*

Merit Awards

Anne Kittel, *A Touch of Red*

Joanna Legge, *Seashell Medley*

Nancy Morgan, *Window Shopping*

Honorable Mentions

Celeste Borah, *Everglades Drama*

Suzanne L. Brown, *Vibes in a Round*

Sue Pink, *Threads of Time*

The work will hang until February 21. Guests are welcome to view and purchase the art hanging at the gallery on Donora Street. For more information call 463-3909 or log onto www.fortmyersbeachart.com

On Sunday, February 10, Century 21 TriPower Realty will host members of the art association for the annual Art on the Boulevard sale at the office at 2001 Estero Boulevard from noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served to guests as they peruse the art hung throughout the offices and outside under umbrellas. Fourteen artists who are featured in the association's shows will have work for sale and this event. This is a fundraiser for the non-profit organization.

The association has planned several workshops and classes open to interested artists and budding artists.

The Edy Lampasona Mixed Media workshop February 25-28 still has a few openings and there are short workshops taught by member artists. For more information on the workshops go to www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Patty Kane teaches watercolor on Mondays and has a six-week class already in session and another series starting March 4 for five weeks. She teaches both beginners and intermediate students. Contact her at 321-277-9880 or www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Experimenting with Watercolors on Yupo Paper Workshop by Julie Nusbaum will be Thursday, February 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$50 a day. It include discussion and techniques using regular watercolor supplies on yupo paper to create convincing landscapes based on organic designs and abstract patterns. Call 262-442-0338 or go to www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Patty O'Kane will again hold her Make & Take workshop on February 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$50 a day.

All supplies will be furnished to make small paintings with direction from O'Kane, director of Artisan Studio in Galesburg, Illinois. register at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Florence Zdanowitz will teach Batik -Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, cost \$105. Zdanowitz will be leading the class in creating a batik painting called Let's Have Tea, ready for framing. She was awarded the Bold Spontaneity-Expressive Power Award from the Von Lieburg Art Center in Naples for this painting last November. To register send a check to Florence Zdanowitz, 4713 Tahiti Drive, Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Evening phone 676 5506. A supply list will be forwarded upon receipt of payment. Minimum class size is 10 students. Go to www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.*

Sinatra Classics

Come hear the mellow sounds of Old Blue Eyes as *Johnny Johnson Presents Sinatra*. The evening of Sinatra classics is sponsored by the Southwest Florida Symphony Society Treats program with all proceeds benefiting the Southwest Florida Symphony. The performance will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15 at the Cape Coral United Methodist Church, 4118 Coronado Parkway. Enjoy a romantic journey of such hits as *My Way* and *Come Fly with Me* as well as superb keyboard playing featuring *The Entertainer* and *Last Dance*.

Tickets for the evening are \$30. For reservations or information call 768-3275.*

Cypress High School Art Show

The opening reception for the Cypress Lake High School Center of the Arts show called Numbers Matter! will be held at the CLCA Gallery this Friday, February 8, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In modern culture it's all about numbers. Students are no exception. They are victims of a poor economy, college fees, FCAT scores, grades, GPA, height, weight, sports statistics, etc. All are paramount in adolescent life. Some have lucky numbers, celebrate special dates and, as artists, appreciate the sophisticated shapes and design inherent in the composition of numbers.

Numbers Matter! encompasses students' interpretations of the concept, such as abstract design, symbolism, realism and visual metaphors.

For more information, contact Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts at 481-2233.*

Wednesday Morning Live!

The Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture Series for Wednesday, February 13 will feature History of Organ Music presented by Dr. Warren Apple, director of music ministries at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The one-hour concert begins at 10 a.m. with coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free. Covenant Presbyterian Church is at 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. For more information call 334-8937 or visit infocovpcfm.com.*

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Twice daily guided nature walks begin at 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. as visitors stroll along our fully accessible raised boardwalk trail with an experienced volunteer naturalist. Walk is 90 minutes long and travels three-quarters of a mile. Tour is free with paid parking of \$1 per hour per vehicle. No reservations are necessary and no groups of eight or more.

Yoga Classes

Tuesdays, February 5 to 26
9 to 10:15 a.m.

Relax and restore in the sanctuary of the Slough with Terri Fields in this beginner to intermediate level traditional yoga class. Students must be capable of getting up and down from the floor and must have some ability to stretch and move. The fee is \$32 for a four-week session. Meet on the back deck of the Interpretive Center with a mat and towel (a small number of mats will be available for use). Reservations are required by calling 533-7440 or online at www.leeparks.org.

Outstanding Otters

Tuesday, February 19
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Drop in on volunteer naturalist Dotty Brown as she shares fascinating facts about one of our favorite mammals. Learn all about otters in this informal presentation. Meet at the back deck of the Interpretive Center. No reservations necessary.

Drawing Inspiration through the Slough: A Sketching Club

Thursdays, February 7 and 21
12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Join Suzanne Frechette an experienced volunteer naturalist and artist as she leads en plein air sketching workshops at the slough. Artists, beginner through advanced, are welcome to participate. The workshops will be limited to six participants who will provide their own art materials and sketchbooks, working primarily in graphite, ink, watercolor, pastels and other portable, non-toxic media. Each session will end with a half hour to share your work with others in the group. Reservations required by calling Suzanne at 313-6201 or by email to suzanne.frechette@gmail.com with a subject line of "Sketching Club." No fees required, but donations of \$10 per session to the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve are encouraged.

Skull ID 101

Tuesdays, February 12 and 26
1 to 2 p.m.

Learn how to identify animal skulls by their dentition (teeth patterns) and more from volunteer interpretive naturalist Chuck Schmitz. Meet at the amphithe-

ater. No reservations necessary.

Photo Contest Reception

Saturday, February 16
10 to 11 a.m.

Join the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve as they award the winners of their annual photo contest. All photographers pictures will be on display. Meet in the Interpretive Center. Reservations are not required.

Digital Photography - Exposed

Tuesdays, February 19 to March 5
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This class will teach the fundamentals of photography such as ISO, aperture and shutter speed and how they work together to create an image. Each class will begin with classroom discussion, have an hour break for lunch and will be followed by a field trip along the boardwalk. The instructor will be Spencer Pullen, a professional photographer and owner of Premiere Graphics located in Port Charlotte. He shoots everything from food for dining reviews to portraits. Questions about the class can be directed to 941-764-7824 or info@premieregraphics.net. The cost is \$100 per participant for six classes and is for adults only. The limit is 10. Meet in the Interpretive Center. Reservations are required by calling 533-7440 or online at www.leeparks.org.

Fun Day - Naturalist

Tuesday, February 19
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This hands-on fun day will allow kids to explore the Slough and the plants and animals that live here. Play nature games and make nature crafts. Cost is \$15 per participant ages 10 to 12 and the limit is 10 kids. Reservations are required by calling 533-7440 or online at www.leeparks.org. Call Heather at 533-7556 with any questions.

Tracking Club

Saturday, February 23
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join our Tracking Club as members learn about wildlife through their tracks. Reference for class is *The Science and Art of Tracking* by Tom Brown Jr. Bring a lunch. Club is free with paid parking of \$1 per hour per vehicle. For more information or to RSVP, call 533-7555.

Friends Gathering

Wednesday, February 27
7 to 8:30 p.m.

Join the Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve for their monthly gathering. Speaker will be Roger Clark, an adjunct professor at FGCU and retired land stewardship manager for Lee County Parks and Recreation. His topic will be Ecosystem Services and the Economic Value of Conservation Lands. Meet in the Interpretive Center. Reservations are required by calling the Friends at 533-7557.

Wilderness Survival for Adults

Thursday, February 28
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn the four basic needs for survival and then challenge yourself in two of them. Participants will build a debris hut shelter and practice the primitive art of bow drill fire making. Cost is \$10. Pre-registration is required by calling 533-7440 or online at www.leeparks.org. If you have any questions, contact Heather Gienapp at 533-7556.

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Ash Wednesday

St. Peter Lutheran Church in
Fort Myers Beach will hold Ash
Wednesday services on February 13
at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The usual
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. service will resume
February 20 and continue through March
20. St. Peter Lutheran Church extends a
warm welcome to everyone in the com-
munity. The church is located at 3751
Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, and
can be reached at 463-4251.*

Anonymous Donation Will Support Homeless

Community Cooperative Ministries,
Inc. (CCMI) received quite a
financial boost thanks to a recent
\$100,000 donation.

According to Tracey Galloway, CEO
of CCMI, the umbrella agency for the
Everyday Café and Marketplace, Meals
on Wheels, Community Montessori
Preschool and other social and homeless
services, the donation, given by a benefactor
who wishes to remain anonymous,
is earmarked for the nonprofit's Fort
Myers location for food and homeless
services.

"This is such a wonderful gift at such
a critical time," said Galloway. "Private
donations and grants like this help CCMI
maintain our mission of creating a sustain-
able, positive change in the lives of
those we serve."

Galloway added that the number of
individuals and families served in 2012
had increased by nearly 20 percent from
2011. The Everyday Café in Fort Myers
serves an average of 250 to 300 people
each day as well as provides groceries
for families in need through its Everyday
Marketplace. CCMI's homeless services
provide basic human needs for its neigh-

bors without a roof over their heads and
helps get them into a safe, sustainable liv-
ing environment.

"Two dollars can feed a family for
a day, and every donation we receive,
whether its \$10 or \$100,000, has an
impact," Galloway said. "This donor's
goal was to make a bigger impact in the
Fort Myers area, and we are so appreciative
they put his or her trust in us to
make that happen."

CCMI's social service programs have
expanded to include innovation classes
and comprehensive case coaching and
education, while serving more schools last
summer with CCMI's Mobile Food Pantry
and adding more schools and students
to its weekend backpack program. In
the last year, CCMI has served 80,000
meals from its Fort Myers and Cape
Coral Everyday Cafés and Marketplaces,
105,000 meals to homebound Meals
on Wheels customers and fed more than
1,500 students each school weekend
through its emergency backpack and
school pantry program.

CCMI's Everyday Café and
Marketplace concept makes food more
easily available to everyone in the com-
munity who is hungry. The market model
also decreases the stigma associated with
standing in line for a hot meal or groceries
and reduces significant waste in the
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The Lee Community Youth Chorus

Youth Concert Will Benefit Homeless Coalition And Food Pantry

On February 23 at 3 p.m., the Lee Community Youth Chorus will present
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Fort Myers. The concert will include guest appearances by popular commu-
nity musicians and vocalists.

Lee Community Youth Chorus is a multicultural music education and performance
program for youth that fosters talent, confidence and community. It is made up of stu-
dents from all over Lee County who do community service by performing concerts for
charitable organizations.

The youngsters will sing all-time favorites suitable for the entire family.
Admission is a love offering and/or a can of non-perishable food at the door. All
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Persistence Pays Off Big Time



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Finally, a cold front came through, dropping our morning low temperatures into the low 50s for the week. Although I'm not a fan at all of the cold, after a balmy warm winter,

this is much needed for our fishing.

The way above average warm winter so far has had our fish tricked into an almost springlike pattern and really has them spread out in both spring and winter haunts. A week or more of this typical Southwest Florida winter weather will put the fish where they should be and hopefully making them much easier to locate and catch than has been the case this past month. This started to prove true out on the water this week.

Our mixed bag winter fishing continued, with "variety" being the word of the week. Sheltered creek fishing really lit up with the cold blast. Trips this week produced more and bigger sheepshead than we have seen so far this winter. Small creeks in the south end of Matlacha Pass and the mouth of the river held good numbers of big snook mixed in with the schools of three-pound-plus sheepshead. The crystal clear water at this end of our region made spotting fish from the tower a great way to locate and target good numbers, although catching these big laid-

up snook was tough to say the least.

Sight-fishing for the schools of sheepshead was a great option to bend the rod and go home with dinner after trying to stick it out for very few snook bites. In this clear water, free lining a shrimp was the best presentation for these sheepshead. With the water so clear, I even down-sized my usual 30-pound leader to 20-pound, which seemed to help. A long-shanked #2 hook hidden inside a live shrimp caught sheepshead as big as five pounds. Generally, sheepshead fishing does not excite me, but in these fast-moving tidal creeks on light tackle, these fish make for fast-paced action and a good fight. Look for these sheepshead schools laid out from the mangroves in the middle of the channels as they hang out over the oyster and shell bottom.

Strong winds most days made flats fishing for trout tough. The few quality trout I did catch during a normal day's charter came while working deep channels within close proximity of grass flats during the lowest tide periods. The trout, though not our target species, were all part of a mixed bag. Big live shrimp drifted along the bottom on a jig head caught a few 20-inch-plus trout, but it was far from a consistent bite. The clear water we will experience all month will really fire off the big trout bite once the winds lay down. Look for some of the best and biggest trout action of the year to be out on the shallow flats during sunny, calm conditions.

The big fish of the week on my boat was caught right after the cold front while mixed-bag-fishing the Chino Island Channel. Joyce Danforth of Minnesota caught a snook which bested her husband Bob's personal best 36-inch, 15-pound snook of several years ago. Joyce's 17-pound, 37-inch snook ate a jumbo live shrimp under a deep mangrove overhang on the first cast after we pulled up to the spot. The big snook put up quite the battle, which included a few drag-screaming runs back towards the trees, one jump all the way out of the water and a few big head shakes. Joyce did an



Joyce Danforth of Minnesota with her 17-pound, 37-inch snook caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

awesome job to keep the fish somewhat under control and win this fight.

Once it was boatside, I carefully brought the fat female snook onboard for a few quick pictures. After a minute or so of fully reviving the prize fish, we all watched her swim off unharmed. We had struggled a little bit for action most of the trip due to being on the back side of a strong cold front, so this one big fish really made this trip.

Persistence and hard work had paid off. Not only had we reached our goal of getting enough fish filets for the four anglers to eat lunch at the Lazy Flamingo after the trip, but Joyce had landed one very impressive and memorable snook. Way to get it done, Joyce!

*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.**

Local Waters/Charts Class

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron will be offering the Local Waters/Local Charts class on Saturday, February 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. Optional On-the-Water training will be offered at a later date. Check with the class instructor for details.

The cost is \$40.

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

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Caloosahatchee Oxbow And Riverlore Cruises Return

Join the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for a riverboat adventure on the Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise to experience the historical Caloosahatchee on Sunday, February 17; this cruise has been added to the schedule due to sold out January and February cruises.

This guided monthly cruise explores the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. We follow the river back to a time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee and settlers braved living amongst the wilderness.

The 2.5-hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, passengers will enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of

the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director. The vessel is the stable and spacious 47-passenger *Manatee Rover* pontoon boat that features daily manatee tours. All seats have a great view for taking photographs and bird watching.

Cruises depart from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga. Cruise dates are all on Sunday: February 17, March 10, April 14 and Mothers Day, May 12. Cruises depart at 1 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. We also need the names of all passengers at the time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329 for reservations. (Please note that reservations must be made by Friday, February 15 for the February 17 cruise. Space is limited.)**



Wild Turkey Strand Preserve

Guided Walks

A guided history and nature walk will take place on Saturday, February 16 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Wild Turkey Strand Preserve. Meet in the parking lot at 11901 Rod & Gun Club Road, Fort Myers.

Just south of Lehigh Acres, this 3,137-acre Conservation 20/20 preserve sits atop portions of the former Buckingham Army Air Field, the state's largest airfield training base during World War II. Walk a 1.8 mile trail that blends nature and history via boardwalks, observation decks overlooking wetlands, and interpretive panels describing the gunnery training that once took place there.

Restrooms are available. The degree of difficulty is moderate. Remember to bring items you may need during the walk such as water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera and closed-toed shoes or boots.

For information call 707-3325 or visit www.conservation2020.org.

Provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. The tour and parking are free.**



Divers visit an artificial reef, abundant with marine life

Artificial Reefs Of Lee County Program At SCCF

Mike Campbell is the coordinator of Lee County's artificial reef program. Lee County has more than 20 artificial reef sites made up of materials like old vessels, concrete pilings, and even radio towers. All of this effort goes to supporting the local fishing industry.

Campbell is now creating sonar images of each reef, with a "towfish" sonar resulting in images similar to aerial photography. Last summer, whale sharks were spotted off a new reef - created by the sinking of the *USS Mohawk* - and endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtles were tracked around the reefs after red tide ran them out of the bay.

On Friday, February 15, come to the SCCF Nature Center to see these images and learn more about Lee County's artificial reefs. The program begins at 10 a.m.

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Local Sailing Club Wins National Award

U.S. Sailing, the national governing body for the sport of sailing in the United States, has presented to the Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society (CMCS) a national award of excellence. The award for Outstanding Organizational Support 2012 was presented to CMCS's Commodore Glen Vetter and current Vice Commodore/Summerset Steve Romaine at the U.S. Sailing National Conference in Clearwater, Florida on January 24.

The award had eight nominees and is presented annually for notable contributions to promote public access to sailing in the development and organization of a program. This is the first time this award has been given to a Florida sailing club.

The CMCS-organized annual Summerset Regatta has raised thousands of dollars over the 48 years of its existence. "The many donations made to youth sailing programs as a result of Summerset have been significant, and U.S. Sailing has recognized that fact," said Romaine. Vetter said, "On behalf of all CMCS members and event sponsors, we are grateful to receive this award and look forward to many more years of supporting youth so that our sport of a lifetime – sailing – can continue to grow".

CMCS is a 40-plus-year-old sailing club with over 200 members. Members race, cruise, socialize and support sailing. Monthly meetings are held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club on the third Tuesday of each month. Guests are welcome.

The CMCS website is www.cmcs-sail.org. For more information, contact Steve Romaine at 482-6280.✪



CMCS Commodore Glen Vetter and CMCS Vice Commodore/Summerset Steve Romaine accept the U.S. Sailing Award for Outstanding Organizational Support - 2012



The *Indian Princess*

Sweethearts Sunset Sail On Valentine's Day

Come enjoy the evening with a Sweethearts Sunset Sail aboard the *Indian Princess*, an authentic paddle-wheeler from days of yore.

From 5 to 7 p.m., passengers will be taken on sunset cruise while they partake of a buffet-style dinner, which will include chicken and beef tenderloin, salad, rolls, sides and dessert. A free champagne toast and entertainment by Jimmy G., who plays the steels drums, ukulele and guitar, will also be provided.

Adult tickets for the cruise will be \$60 plus tax per person or \$110 plus tax for couples. Boarding will begin at 4 p.m. Capacity will be limited to 70 people or 35 couples. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 765-8919.

The *Indian Princess* paddleboat is air-conditioned and includes restrooms, a sound

system and a state-of-the-art 48" flat screen TV capable of monitoring several areas of the boat and waterway. On the exterior top deck, guests can enjoy views of the back bays of Fort Myers Beach.

Unless reserved for a private charter, the *Indian Princess* offers afternoon sightseeing cruises as well as sunset cruises. Tickets start at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children for a two-hour cruise along the back bay of Fort Myers Beach and Ostego Bay. These cruises are popular for their wildlife sightseeing environment.

Located before the sky bridge next to the Key West Express at 2080 Main Street on Fort Myers Beach, the *Indian Princess* is also available for private rental for sightseeing and sunset cruises as well as weddings, corporate events and private parties.

For more information call 765-8919 or visit www.indianprincessfortmyers.com.✪

Morning Meander



Red-bellied woodpecker

Take a guided nature walk along a quarter-mile loop boardwalk on Saturday, February 2 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Prairie Pines Preserve. Participants will meet in the parking lot at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers.

Explore the wonders of a 2,650-acre Conservation 20/20 preserve. From an ADA-compliant boardwalk, this hour-long stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the birds, butterflies, and plants that call it home.

The degree of difficulty of this nature walk is easy. Please remember to bring items you may need during the walk (i.e. water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera, closed-toed shoes or boots, etc.) Restrooms are available.

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CROW Case Of The Week

Rare American White Pelican



by Patricia Molloy

The American white pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) is a rare and beautiful bird to behold. With a nine-foot wingspan, it is one of the largest birds in North America. While

their plumage is white, their black flight feathers are visible when their wings are extended.

Unlike the more common brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), the white pelican does not dive into the water for its food. It floats on the surface and scoops fish and water into its distensible gular (throat) pouch. It then holds its heads up to drain out the water, allowing the bird to swallow the fish. Large flocks of white pelicans can be seen on Fort Myers Beach and nearby St. James City fishing together, moving in a circle to "herd" the fish toward the center.

"He arrived with his mouth open, gasping desperately for air," said Dr. Heather. Radiographs confirmed signs of wing damage caused by a possible predator attack. "We put an IV catheter in because he was depressed and he's

been on CRI (continuous rate infusion) fluids to treat his dehydration," noted Dr. Aundria. Supportive care includes being tube fed Piscivore Care, a formula designed to meet the metabolic needs of critically ill fish-eating seabirds. He is also receiving antibiotics, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory and pain medication for his bruised wing.

His breathing difficulties concerned Dr. Heather greatly. "I know he's a candidate for Asper," she said, referring to Aspergillosis, a respiratory infection that can result from immune suppression related to a concurrent disease, malnutrition and stress. It is commonly seen in pet birds, but exposure to the spores can also sicken humans. While blood tests indicated that his white cell count is normal, Dr. Heather added, "I still feel like he's at risk for Asper and I am monitoring him very closely."

In order to be certain, the clinic would need to send blood samples to the University of Miami which is very costly. "The Aspergillosis fungus is all around us," said Dr. Heather, "but what is it that prevents us from getting it? A good immune system." Some birds and humans can be exposed to large amounts of Aspergillosis, but if they have a healthy immune system, their bodies will produce a sufficient antibody response and therefore ward off the disease.

If you would like to help this beautiful and rare migratory bird on his road to recovery, go to CROW's website and make a small donation to patient #0142.

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This rare white pelican, patient #0142, is being prepared for his daily tub time and his first of two daily tube feedings. He has become much brighter and has begun preening himself.

of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients

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Don't Miss These Plants



In winter, yellow-green pea-sized mangos develop amid pink flowers on pink stems

by Gerri Reaves

Residents of South Florida can easily lapse into a blasé attitude about the horticultural wonders that surround us. Pay attention and look closely might be the best motto, lest we overlook the amazing plant features in our midst.

Although mango-picking and -eating season won't be here until summer, mango lovers have reason to notice the mango trees (*Mangifera indica*) right now.

The inflorescences are doing their magic – transforming those pea-sized objects into what's known as the king of fruits in its native range of India and tropical Asia.



Corkystem passionflower travels via coiled tendrils

photos by Gerri Reaves

And it isn't just only the yellow-green future mangos worth noticing... what about those stunning pink stems and soft pink flowers for color contrast?

If you think it's necessary to plant geraniums or impatiens for a touch of color, behold the subtle beauty of slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) bark.

This native is one of the region's most common and ecologically important trees.

The trunks are deeply furrowed and papery, with scales ranging in color from orange- to purple-brown to soft gray.

In this photo, the winter-orange leaves of the native Virginia creeper vine (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) accentuate the bark's color variations.

We all know that vines travel, and sometimes surprisingly fast. The tiny tendrils of the corkystem passionflower (*Passiflora suberosa*) help to explain how one native species does it.

Like coiled springs, the tendrils propel themselves and wind around new catch-holds in a search for sun and space.

Silently and beautifully, this native vine gets around and thrives. And that's a good thing, since it's the host plant for the zebra longwing, Florida's state butterfly, as well as for the gulf fritillary and Julia butterflies.

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Slash pine bark's colors vary from gray and brown to orange and purple

Caring For Your Plants

Sod - Is It Time To Replace Yours?

by Justen Dobbs



A lawn can either be a homeowner's pride and joy or it can be his or her worst nightmare. Your lawn is probably your single most expensive feature of your landscape. It can be

expensive to install, expensive to maintain, and very time consuming if you mow it yourself. Here in South Florida, we have a very wet summer season and a fairly dry winter season. The two extremes have to be handled in different ways in order to have a beautiful and healthy lawn.

Go outside and take a close look at your lawn. Are there a lot of broad-leaf weeds growing among the blades of grass? Are there dead spots where the grass just refuses to grow? Since it is winter now, many lawns are either suffering from drought or pest infestations. Chinch bugs can destroy parts of or an entire lawn in a matter of weeks, as they love to nest in dry sod and sap all of its remaining water and nutrients. If you see a lot of birds eating bugs out of your lawn, it could be a sign of a pest infestation,



Brand new sod can bring new life to your entire property, not to mention increase its value

and you should probably contact a local pest control company. If you have dry areas, run your irrigation system to find out if your heads are covering everything thoroughly. If your lawn consists of weeds and crab grass with very little healthy blades of grass left, it is probably time to remove and replace it.

Again, to keep your lawn healthy year-round, you will need to make sure the irrigation is working properly, a pest control company is diligently spraying it on a regular basis, your landscaper is fertilizing it three to four times a year and your lawn maintenance company is cutting

the blades to the correct height. Sounds simple right? (Sarcasm.)

If you do have a lot of healthy blades of grass remaining but they are being joined by small flowering weeds, circular-leaf weeds or crab grass, your landscaper can apply a special fertilizer that also contains an herbicide. The herbicide targets the weeds and leaves the healthy grass alone. This is a simple yet important step in keeping your lawn looking healthy.

If your lawn is beyond repair, it may be time to replace it completely. However, if you do choose to replace it, look into types of sod other than floritam and

bahia. There have been a lot of advances in sod science that have produced new strains and varieties that are more resistant to pests and less maintenance than floritam and bahia. Or, you can look into replacing your sod with crushed shell, and your planter beds with mulch or stone, which are typically much less maintenance in the long run.

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

Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting

Experienced award-winning bonsais and author of the *Green Sheets* on bonsai horticulture, Martha Goff, will be the featured speaker at the Saturday, February 16 meeting of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida. She will speak on and demonstrate techniques for refining and improving bonsai trees, and will offer suggestions for improving submitted trees.

The 9 a.m. meeting will be held at the Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) building at 6281 Metro Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Guests are welcome and invited to bring their trees.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. There is no charge for attending and parking is free.

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FWC Releases Female Panther Rescued As Kitten

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recently released a female Florida panther at the Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County.

The panther and its brother had been raised at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee since they were five months old. The FWC rescued the two panthers as kittens in September 2011 near the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed in northern Collier County after their mother was found dead.

"This panther is healthy and has grown to a size that should prepare her for life in the wild," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader. "The goal in any panther rescue is to be able to release the animal back into the wild to aid in the recovery of this endangered species."

The release was coordinated in consultation with partners from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Five other kittens of similar ages – three females and two males – have been raised at White Oak and released in South Florida.

"We are grateful for the work the staff at White Oak has done to prepare this panther and others for release," said Land.

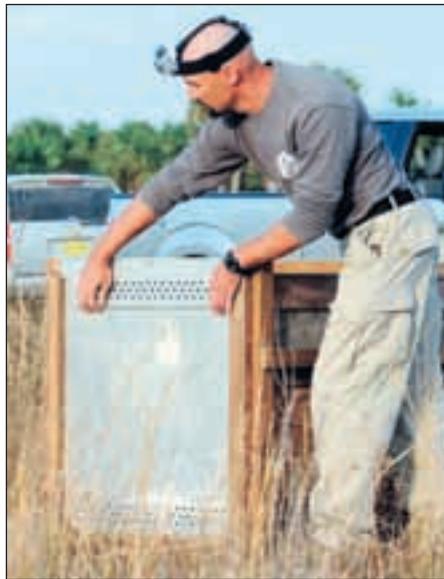
Biologists chose the Picayune Strand State Forest for the release of this panther after they evaluated the home ranges of other females in the region and found available space between them.

An estimated 100 to 160 adult and subadult panthers remain in South Florida.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of this panther through the purchase of a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

To report dead or injured panthers, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.

For more information on Florida panthers, go to www.floridapanther.net.org.



Biologist prepares to open the cage



The panther peeks out to take in her new surroundings



Panther sprints towards woods

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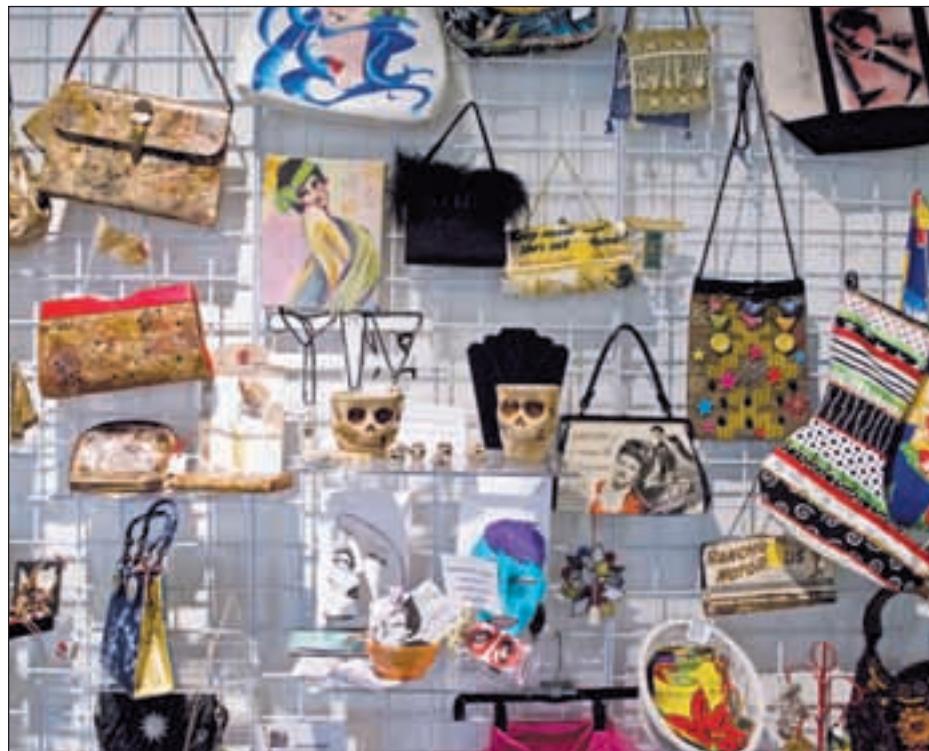
The Alliance for the Arts gift shop offers "something for everyone"

Find Unique Gifts And Support Local Artists At Alliance Gift Shop Explosion

Avoid the malls and the big box stores this Valentine's Day and find locally made, truly unique gifts for your loved ones, or something special for yourself, all while supporting local artists during the next Gift Shop Explosion at the Alliance for the Arts.

On Saturday, February 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., more than a dozen local artists will display their hand-crafted items throughout the Alliance gallery as coffee and refreshments are served. Alliance members receive a 10 percent discount on every purchase. Every item in the Alliance gift shop was created by local artists and artisans.

Participating artists include Aborigines, Gay Cable, Katie Gardenia, David Hammel, Tom Haydock, Shawn Holiday, Lucia Garcia Designs, Susan Mills, Polly and Ikki Matsumoto, Marta Sicajan, Studio 201 Artists, Vibrant Stained Glass and Union Artist



The gift shop's gallery of hand bags, purses and clutches

Studios. The Alliance gift shop supports local, independent artists and features jewelry, hand bags, pottery, paintings, fabric art, repurposed art, hand-made books, photography and much more.

During the Gift Shop Explosion, the Alliance GreenMarket will take place outside until 1 p.m., with a free yoga session at 9:30 a.m. and a community drum circle at 11 a.m. The Relay For Life Family Fun Day is also February 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the amphitheater field next to the Alliance.

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



Harlan Coben

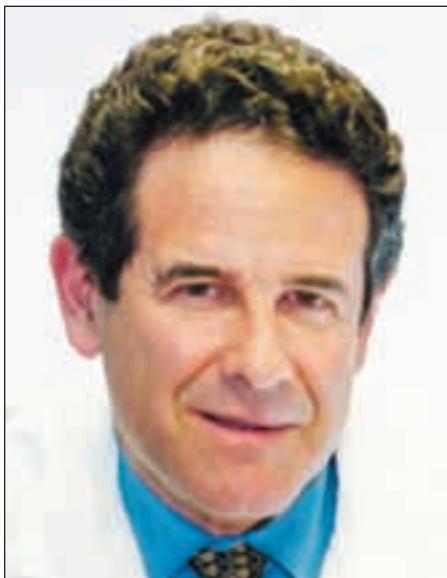
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Celebration Of Reading

• Harlan Coben, whose last five consecutive novels have debuted in the No. 1 position on *The New York Times* best-seller list. Coben, with thrillers published in 41 languages, has 50 million books in print worldwide.

• Arthur Agatston, MD, renowned cardiologist, and creator and author of the perennial best-seller, *The South Beach Diet*.

• Andrea Beaty, best-selling children's author with two books on the Florida



Arthur Agatston, MD

State Sunshine book list. Her titles include *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies*; *Hush*, *Baby Ghostling*; *Firefighter Ted*; and *Iggy Peck, Architect*.

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy was founded nearly 25 years ago, working to ensure each child's lifelong success by preparing them to learn in school while providing parents a second chance to complete their education.

Florida's Celebration of Reading has raised nearly \$22 million for family literacy programs since the program was launched under then Gov. Bush in 2001. Major Florida Celebration of Reading partners include AT&T, Comcast, Dollar



Andrea Beaty

General Foundation, Florida Lottery, Florida Trend, Prudential Financial, Publix Super Markets Charities, Scholastic, State Farm, SunTrust Foundation, Walt Disney World and Wells Fargo.

Individual tickets are \$250 per person, with sponsorships available that include exclusive events such as a private luncheon with the Bush family and guest authors, as well as a VIP reception and preferred seating at the reading event.

For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Tina Matte, event coordinator, at 239-277-6295 or visit www.CelebrationOfReading.org.✧

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Symposium

enous histories in the commemoration process and provoke discussion of how we create realities.

Space is limited. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to register in advance at MakingHistoryMorable@gmail.com or consider viewing online at www.leetrust.org on Tuesday, February 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Funding for this program is generously provided by the Florida Humanities Council through a two-year partnership grant to Lee Trust entitled, Making History Memorable. Program partners for the Conquistadors and the Calusa event include Koreshan State Historic Site, Friends of Koreshan State Historic Site, Blue Marble Films, Fort Myers Scene and Embassy Suites Fort Myers – Estero.

Lee Trust is a volunteer-based charitable organization founded in 1993 to promote historic preservation through education, advocacy and property acquisition. The Florida Humanities Council has awarded more than \$8 million since 1971 to support statewide humanities programs that promote and preserve Florida's diverse cultural heritage.✧

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Vocal Artistry To Present Free Benefit Concert

Vocal Artistry, a 22-voice choir led by Artistic Director Joseph Caulkins, will sing songs of hope, serenity and transformation in a special concert Sunday, February 17, to benefit Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) and After the Rain of Southwest Florida, Inc.

The 90-minute concert will begin at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1735 Jackson Street in the downtown River District. Admission is free, although donations are encouraged to support the work of SWFAS, which helps 5,000 people each year with addictions and other problem behaviors, as well as After the Rain of Southwest Florida, which assists women in recovery from addiction, homelessness and domestic violence.

The concert, entitled *Free At Last!*, will celebrate the joy of recovery from substance abuse and feature songs such as the *Serenity Prayer* and the Florida premiere of *Morning Train* by Gwyneth Walker, and *Spiritus Sanctus* by Thomas Grassi.

A few minutes of the program will be dedicated to the non-profit partners sharing information about their organizations. Free-will donations will be accepted at the end of the concert with all funds will benefit SWFAS and After the Rain.

Addiction impacts one in eight people



Maestro Joseph Caulkins

in our community, according to SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis.

"Addiction is an equal opportunity disorder, affecting young and old and all socio-economic groups. The good news is that with treatment, people can – and do – recover. We welcome the opportunity to partner with Vocal Artistry to share stories of recovery with the audience, especially since music expresses the message of hope for those struggling with addiction," Lewis said.

"Vocal Artistry is proud to partner with SWFAS and After the Rain in bringing awareness of the needs of children and adults in our community with the chronic



Vocal Artistry choral members

disease of addiction. More than music, our goal is to inspire, entertain, enliven and engage our minds, souls and spirits through the power of music," Caulkins said.

Vocal Artistry was founded by Caulkins in 2010 as an outreach of the music program of First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, where he is director of music ministries. Caulkins, who was associate conductor/director of choruses of the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus for nine years, also is artistic director of Key Chorale of Sarasota.

The all-volunteer Vocal Artistry troupe performs concerts that shine the spotlight

on various community causes, such as SWFAS. Prior to the end of the 2011-12 season, Vocal Artistry encouraged local non-profit organizations to apply to become one of its community partners for the 2012-13 season. Six organizations were selected; in addition to SWFAS and After the Rain, they are United Way of Lee County, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and PACE Center for Girls.

For more information about Vocal Artistry, call 334-7747 or visit www.vocalartistry.org.

Teen Battle Of The Bands Entry Deadline February 15

Teen bands are encouraged to submit their entries for the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands by February 15. The top three finalist bands will receive prize packages and will perform live at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival in March. The bands should upload an audio or video recording to YouTube and provide the link and entry form by the deadline. The bands will be judged by a combination of a judges' panel (60 percent) and online voting (40 percent). Online voting will be open from February 16 to March 1. The first place prize includes an eight-hour studio recording session at Sonic Recording Studios, a feature article in *Spot Music Magazine* and a photo session with Snap Flash Photo. The event is presented by Howl Gallery and the Southwest Florida Reading Festival and is intended to encourage involvement in reading and the arts among high school- and middle school-age students.

Andy Howl, Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands chairman and owner of Howl Gallery in Fort Myers said, "We have numerous entries so it should be an exciting battle." The contest is open to teens from 13 to 19 years old who are Lee County residents. For more information or to enter a band go to www.Howlgallery.com.

For more information call 337-READ (7323) or visit www.readfest.org. The Reading Festival is 100 percent community supported through generous donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation.



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The Orlando Jazz Orchestra

Shell Point Welcomes The Diamonds And The Orlando Jazz Orchestra

Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes The Diamonds with The Orlando Jazz Orchestra as part of the 10th Annual Fine and Performing Arts Concert Series. This performance will take place on Friday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m.

In 1957, The Diamonds released an instant hit called *Little Darlin'*, a song which has been dubbed "The National Anthem of Rock 'n' Roll" and has sold approximately 20 million copies to date. The Diamonds' many accomplishments over the years have included 33 appearances on *American Bandstand*, induction into the Doo-Wop Hall of Fame and Vocal Group Hall of Fame, 16 hit

records, three certified Gold Records and songs featured on the soundtracks for *American Graffiti* and *Happy Days*.

The Diamonds will be accompanied by the Orlando Jazz Orchestra, made up of the best jazz musicians in central Florida. Musical director Greg Parnell is the former road manager and drummer for the Glenn Miller Orchestra. He has also performed with The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Les Brown's Band of Renown and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra.

"The combined talents of these two performers is sure to make an amazing concert for attendees," said Dawn Boren, director of resident life. "The 10th

annual Fine and Performing Arts Concert series has been a great success so far!"

Tickets for this concert are \$35 each and are currently on sale. To purchase tickets or receive more information, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067. ✨



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Outdoor Family Movie Nights New Season

What better way to spend a Friday evening than watching a movie under the stars with your family at the Alliance for the Arts? The Outdoor Family Movie Night series kicks off Friday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. with *Despicable Me*, so get your blankets, chairs, picnic baskets and coolers and join your friends and neighbors on the lawn next to the Alliance. The hilarious and endearing *Despicable Me* stars Steve Carell, Jason Segel and Kristin Wiig. In a happy suburban neighborhood surrounded by white picket fences sits a black house with a dead lawn. Unbeknownst to the neighbors, hidden deep beneath this home is a vast secret hideout. Surrounded by an army of tireless, little yellow minions, we discover Gru planning the biggest heist in the history of the world. He is going to steal the moon. Gru delights in all things wicked. Armed with his arsenal of shrink rays, freeze rays and battle-ready vehicles for land and air, he vanquishes all who stand in his way. That is, until the day he encounters the immense will of three orphaned girls who look at him and see something that no one else has ever seen: a potential Dad.

The series continues on Friday, March 15 at 7:45 p.m. with *An American Tail*, and concludes on Friday, April 19 at 8:00 p.m. with *The Muppets*. A suggested \$5 donation helps ensure free family programming remains at the Alliance.



Support for Family Movie Night is generously provided by Briers CPA, DinoLingo.com, Riverside Realty, Staging Matters and Winged Foot Title.

The Alliance for the Arts proudly supports artists and arts organizations in our area as the state-designated Local Arts Agency for Lee County. The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨



Hanley Smith and Claire Brownell as Cecily and Gwendolen

Gulfshore Playhouse Continues Seventh Season With Comedy

Gulfshore Playhouse continues its seventh season with the classic comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest*, playing February 15 through March 3, with a preview performance February 14.

One of the funniest comedies in the English language, this play revolves around Ernest Worthing, who has come from the country to propose to Algernon's cousin, Gwendolen. Algernon, however, refuses his consent until Ernest explains why his cigarette case bears the inscription, "From little Cecily, with her fondest love to her dear Uncle Jack."

This is one of the most ingenious cases of manufactured mistaken identity ever put into a play.

William Connell is playing John Worthing. Connell appeared in the 2010 Broadway revival of *A View from the Bridge*, *The Coast of Utopia* at LCT, *Alphabetical Order* at Keen Company and *Hamlet* at Aspen Music Festival.

Playing Algernon Moncrieff is AJ Shively, whose previous Broadway credits include *La Cage Aux Folles* and *Brigadoon* and the national tour of *The Sound of Music*.

Nick Ullett will play Lady Bracknell. He created the role of Gerald in the musical *Me and My Girl* on Broadway and most recently appeared on *Love Struck* with Barbara Bain.

Claire Brownell is playing Gwendolyn Fairfax. Last season she was Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. She has also appeared on Broadway in *The 39 Steps*.

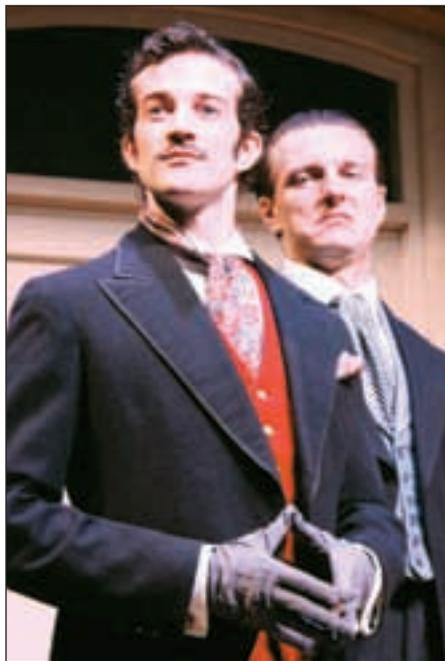
Playing Cecily Cardew is Hanley Smith, who appeared in *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (Sonnet Repertory Theatre); Luisa in *The Fantasticks* (Virginia Stage Company); Sally in *The Voice of the Turtle* (Merrimack Repertory Theatre); and *Gloryana* with the Public Theater.

Kate Young will be in the role of Miss Prism. Her previous credits include Florida Rep's *Lend Me a Tenor* and the Mason Street Warehouse's *Boeing Boeing*.

Reverend Chasuble will be played by Tony Triano. A former transplant of Jacksonville, He was the resident character actor at the Alhambra Theatre and performed in over 150 productions. Nationally, he has been seen in *Hello, Dolly!*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Annie* and *LaCage aux Folles*.

Gulfshore Playhouse Artistic Associate Cody Nickell will take the roles of Lane and Merriman. Last fall, he starred in *Art* and directed *God of Carnage*.

Gulfshore Playhouse will also be presenting its 3rd annual Bubbles, Baubles and

A.J. Shively and William Connell in Gulfshore Playhouse's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*

Broadway Gala Fundraiser on February 28 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, starring Alexandria Tocco, who patrons may remember as Juliet in 2007's *Romeo and Juliet: Redefined*.

This event will feature Tocco performing Broadway showstoppers, a three-course dinner, live auction with special guest auctioneer Naples City Councilman Bill Barnett and silent auction with jewelry items provided by Bigham Jewelers. Cost is \$225 per person, \$400 per couple and \$1500 per table.

Single tickets start at \$33. Half-price tickets are available for all matinee performances one-half hour before the show. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 866-811-4111 or visiting www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.*

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February Programs At Fort Myers Library

Next month's roster of activities at Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

February Beginners Genealogical Research Series

Speaker: Gina Hamister, Western Reserve Historical Society Library, Cleveland, Ohio

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturdays

February 9: Finding Your Family in the United States Census

February 16: Using Court House Resources and Vital Records

February 23: Using Alternative or Hidden Resources For Locating Ancestors.

Registration is required.

Introduction to the Keyboard and Mouse

Creating Resumes

9:15 a.m. Thursday, February 7

5:30 p.m. Monday, February 11

Discover the library's resources on building a resume and then create your own. You will need the name, address, telephone number and name of supervisor for each of your jobs for the past 10 years. In order to save your resume, you will either need to know how to access your email account (including login and password information) or bring a flash drive on which to save the document. If

you already have a resume that you'd like to update, bring a copy of that resume on a flash drive so it can be downloaded. Registration is required.

Bead a Spiral Stitch Bracelet

9:30 a.m. Friday, February 8

Learn the versatile, attractive spiral stitch with this great project. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Surname Search...Ya Gotta Think Outside the Box

9:30 a.m. Monday, February 11

Speaker: Joanne Ryder, SW Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Charlotte County Genealogical Society

The most basic piece of information about ancestor families is the surname, yet this piece of information can be confusing and complex. Because of the many changes surnames have undergone, we may look in the right place and the right time frame and still not recognize our ancestor. This is one area of genealogy in which you have to be extremely creative and think outside of the box. Registration is required.

Introduction to Excel

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 12

This seminar will provide an overview of Microsoft Excel. Excel is a software program designed for use in the creation of numeric computations and analysis. It is a spreadsheet application used to create and manage business transactions that allows users to organize, format and calculate data with formulas using a spreadsheet system broken up by rows and columns. Registration is required.

How to Apply for a Habitat for Humanity Home

10 a.m. Thursday, February 14

Get started on the path to a new home. Habitat for Humanity representative, Tanya Soholt, will offer instructions and information on applying for affordable housing through the Habitat Program.

Make a Book from a Box!

9:30 a.m. Friday, February 15

You'll be surprised how beautiful a book made from a cardboard box can be. Use a box that is too pretty to throw out or one that brings back memories. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: Gregory Maguire's *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*

Noon Wednesday, February 20

Have you met...? We all have favorite authors, but finding new authors to love can be a fun part of the book discussion experience. Each month we will read the first novel of an author's series.

Timelines and Genealogical Research

9:30 a.m. Monday, February 25

Speaker: Joanne Ryder, SW Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Charlotte County Genealogical Society

Timelines can be an invaluable tool for genealogical research. Understanding the events that were the backdrop for your ancestors' lives will give you new insight about how they lived and the decisions they made. Learn how to put a timeline together to see a clearer picture of the lifetime of your ancestor. Registration is required.

Family

Family Storytime

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, February 6, 13, and 20

This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, February 21 and 28

Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby. These rhymes and songs are for infants, up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

Children

Reading Academy

4:30 p.m. Thursdays, February 7, 14, 21 and 28

Reading, spelling, puppets and games. Get a reading boost with this fun-filled program. For grades K-5. Children participating are expected to know how to read and write. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library. Registration is required.

Valentine Card Making

4:45 p.m. Wednesday, February 13

Valentine's Day is tomorrow, Join in and make homemade cards. Pre-made heart cut outs, glitter, pens, crayons and many more supplies to decorate your card will be available. Come and have some fun.

Kids Read Down Fines

6 – 7 p.m. Monday, February 18

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time. A total of \$8 per day may be earned. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to

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Evening With The Authors Tickets On Sale

The Evening with the Authors event, where people can meet, talk and dine with best-selling authors, comes to Fort Myers. The event includes a cocktail reception and plated dinner with the 20-plus authors who will headline the Southwest Florida Reading Festival the following day. The evening will take place Friday, March 15 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Downtown Fort Myers beginning with the reception at 6 p.m.

The ticket price is \$45 and reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is March 8 at 5 p.m. Go to www.readfest.org and select Evening with the Authors to make a reservation (www.readfest.org/eveningwithauthors.aspx.) "Seating is by choice, we do not assign seats and the authors mix and mingle during the reception," said Margie Byers, Southwest Florida Reading Festival coordinator. "It is a very relaxed and interesting evening. People are thrilled to talk with the authors because the authors are obviously very interesting people." The dinner will honor author Dorothea Benton Frank with the Distinguished Author Award for her unique contributions to the communities where she has lived. The evening is sponsored by Books-A-Million. To see the list of authors attending the festival and dinner go to www.readfest.org/Authors.aspx. For more information call 337-READ (7323).

The list of authors are as follows:

Adults: Michele Wehrwein Albion; Mary Kay Andrews; Alex Berenson; Catherine Coulter; Tim Dorsey; Martin Dugard; Joy Fielding; Dorothea Benton Frank; Jeaniene Frost; Jane Green; H. Terrell Griffin; Kim Harrison; Attica Locke; Deborah Sharp; Les Standiford.

Children: Tedd Arnold; Annie Barrows; Gail Carson Levine; Kadir Nelson; Bob Shea; Mélanie Watt.

Teens: Ally Carter; Ellen Hopkins; Margi Preus. ✨

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Nature Programs

Full Moon Walks

(February is full)
Tuesday, March 26
7:45 to 9:15 p.m.

Experience the slough in a new light – the light of the full moon – as visitors enjoy a guided sensory walk. Listen for some of the night life, smell night fragrances and get a new perspective of the slough. Experienced volunteer naturalists lead small groups around the trail for this walk. The fee is \$5 per person aged 6 and older. Reservations are required by calling 533-7440 or online at www.leeparks.org.

The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is located at 7751 Penzance Blvd. in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.leeparks.org or contact Heather Gienapp at 533-7556. ✨

Book Events

Randy Wayne White, bestselling author and Florida resident, has a new book coming out titled *Night Moves* (Putnam, on sale March 5), the 20th installment in the adventures of Doc Ford.

Nearly 25 years ago, *New York Times*-bestselling author Randy Wayne White kicked off his Doc Ford series with the publication of *Sanibel Flats*, which was chosen by the American Independent Mystery Booksellers Association as one of the Hundred Favorite Mysteries of the 20th Century. About his writing career, White said, "When my marina closed in 1987, I wasn't qualified to do anything, so I wrote *Sanibel Flats*. I had two young sons, a lot of bills, so failure wasn't an option. It is a rare day when I do not reflect on my good luck to have succeeded in a very tough profession." Starring Marion "Doc" Ford (a marine biologist and former government agent) and his trusty best pal Tomlinson (free spirit, bit of a mystic, and full-on good guy, despite his many flaws), these books have become a hit in the States and around the world. White will be on Sanibel for the following events:

Sunday, March 3, 12 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.; and Monday, March 4, 12 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grille
975 Rabbit Road
472-8311
www.docfordssanibel.com
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.
Sanibel Bookshop
1571 Periwinkle Way
472-5223

www.sanibelbookshop.com
Winner of the Conch Republic Award for literature and the John D. MacDonald Award for Literary Excellence, Randy Wayne White has written 20 Doc Ford books, the bestselling novel *Gone*, four works of nonfiction, and two cookbooks as well as seven novels under the pseudonym Randy Striker. Before becoming a professional writer, he spent 13 years as the captain of a charter fishing boat in Florida's Tarpon Bay. He lives on Sanibel Island in Florida and can regularly be found at Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar and Grille on Sanibel Island. ✨

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Bonsai Society

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 meeting.

Additional information about the event and membership may be obtained by calling Jim Bremer at 482-7543 or visiting www.bonsaiswfl.org for more information about the club. ✨

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Art of the Book show

Opening Reception For Art of The Book

On Friday, February 8, a new exhibit opens at the Alliance for the Arts that is a first of its kind at the nonprofit arts organization. For the Art of the Book exhibit, the Alliance Exhibition Committee challenged artists to create new pieces of Altered Book Art for this innovative show. What they've created covers everything from scrapbook-style assemblages to sculptures literally carved from the pages of hardbound books, and much in between.

This juried exhibition opened on February 1, but the public is invited to meet many of the artists during an open reception on Friday, February 8 from 5-7:30 p.m.

The show was juried by Sheldon Kaye, director of the Lee County Library System, and recent artist in residence at The Jaffe Center for Book Arts at Florida Atlantic University, Lorna Ruth Galloway. Kaye said it was a privilege to work with Alliance of the Arts on this exhibit.

"The creativity shown by the artists is truly impressive. In my field we know how exciting a book can be in its conventional form. With this show we see books come alive in new and exciting ways."

The Art of the Book exhibit is presented in partnership with the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. Prizes will be awarded during the reception, including \$300 for Best in Show.

Selected pieces from the exhibit will be displayed during the reading festival on March 16 in downtown Fort Myers. Artwork by Mary Ann Czarnecki will be on display in the Member Gallery during the exhibit. Czarnecki will also be teaching a new adult class, called Art of the Recycled, Repurposed beginning Thursday, February 14, and a new youth class, called Journey Through the Art of the Book: Recycled, Rebound, Repurposed beginning Saturday, February 9. She is also offering adult and youth Try It Classes, which are free for Alliance members and \$5 for non-members, on

Saturday, March 16. Visit www.artinlee.org or call 239-939-2787 for more information about these classes, or about the Art of the Book exhibit.

The Alliance for the Arts supports artists and arts organizations in our area as the state designated Local Arts Agency for Lee County. The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨

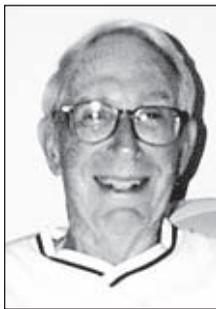
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The Lights Went Out At Super Bowl, But Sporting World Not Dark Locally



by Ed Frank

It's doubtful whether Sunday night's Super Bowl power outage in the Superdome will be remembered as long as that famous old song, *The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia*, but it sure provided some kind of electricity for the San Francisco 49ers, who roared back with 17 unanswered points once the lights came back.

But Super Bowl XVII and the Baltimore Ravens 34-31 victory over the 49ers is now past history, so this week we will shine the lights on several local sporting events that are about to take place including:

- The opening of Spring Training next week for the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins.
- The 26th edition of the Ace Group Classic Champions Golf Tournament at TwinEagles in Naples.
- The second season of the Florida Tarpons, members of the Ultimate Indoor Football League, who were undefeated in regular season play during their initial year.
- The 15th Annual Minnesota Twins Golf and Bowling Tournament to benefit the Lee Memorial Regional Cancer Center.

Spring Training Set to Start

Minneapolis and Boston may be buried in snow, but their two baseball teams will open Spring Training here next week with Red Sox pitchers and catchers reporting to JetBlue Stadium Monday and Twins' pitchers and catchers signing in at the Lee County Sports Complex the next day.

The full squads will report two days later.

Spring Training gets started nearly two weeks earlier than normal this year due to the upcoming World Baseball Classic.

We will have 2013 season outlooks for both teams later this month. Both the Red Sox and the Twins experienced disappointing losing seasons a year ago.

Ace Group Classic

Ace Group Classic will again bring the top senior golfers in the world to compete in the popular event.

The tournament's full field will be finalized by the deadline today.

Florida Tarpons Open Second Season March 8

Ace Classic Features 19 Major Winners



by Max Friedersdorf

Nineteen major winners have committed to the ACE Group Golf Classic scheduled for next week, February 12-17, at Twin Eagles golf course in northern

Collier County, just south of the Lee County line, east of I-75, off Immokalee Road.

Fan favorites Mark O'Meara, Fuzzy Zoeller and Mark Calcavecchia are among the iconic roster of major champions that also includes such all-time golfing greats as Ben Crenshaw, Bernhard Langer, Hale Irwin, Curtis Strange, Tom Lehman and Tom Kite.

Other major champions scheduled to play are Larry Nelson, Sandy Lyle, Jeff Sluman, Larry Mize, Craig Stadler, Bob Tway, Hal Sutton, Steve Elkington, Mark Brooks and Scott Simpson.

The group of 19 major champions has won a total of nine Masters titles, eight U.S. Opens, seven PGA titles, and four British Opens.

Returning to Southwest Florida for the

26th year, the official Champions Tour event offers golf fans a varied choice of ticket options.

The Ultimate Golf Experience Book for \$99 includes a weekly ticket to the Ace Group Classic, complimentary parking all week, two concession vouchers valid any day and a 10 percent discount in the pro-shop. The book also includes discounted golf rounds at 30 top courses in Southwest Florida. Twenty two of the 30 clubs are offering unlimited discount rounds to golf book purchasers.

Daily tickets are available for \$25, as well as individual week-long grounds passes for \$50. Children 17 and under are admitted free all week with a ticketed adult. All ticket options and parking passes are available online at www.acegroupclassic.com or by calling 593-3900.✪

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Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announces the 15th Annual Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic is set for Friday, February 15 on the Tom Fazio-designed championship-level courses of Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs. Sponsorships and golf slots are available.

Past participants include 2009 American League MVP Joe Mauer; Hall of Famers Bert Blyleven, Rod Carew and Paul Molitor; Drew Butera, Brian Duensing, Tony Oliva, and Kent Hrbek; 2010 American League Manager of the Year Ron Gardenhire and other Twins celebrities and players. The Classic supports programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center.

The tournament includes a luncheon,

golf, on-course beverages, dinner and a chance to bid on one-of-a-kind hand-signed memorabilia from the worlds of sports and entertainment, luxurious spa and jewelry items, a trip to Napa Valley with a private vintner tour and a trip to the 2013 ESPYs in Los Angeles. Mike Joyce of Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry will serve as the event's auctioneer.

Said Lee Memorial Health System Chief Foundation Officer Sharon A. MacDonald, "We are delighted to partner with The Minnesota Twins and Pelican's Nest Golf Club to deliver a first-class day on the courses in support of those battling cancer. We are grateful for our longstanding partnership with the Minnesota Twins organization in our mission to save lives."

Individual golf slots are just \$300. Non-golfers and Twins fans may also participate by purchasing a \$50 ticket to the dinner auction.

To register for the Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic, purchase sponsorship or secure tickets to the evening dinner auction, please call 343-6057 or email TwinsGolf@LeeMemorial.org.✪

2013 Hooters Half Marathon

The 2013 Hooters Half Marathon is set for March 3 at 7 a.m. The Omni Club will serve as presenting sponsor of the event. This is the sixth consecutive year that Hooters Restaurants and the Fort Myers Track Club have teamed up to organize the race in support of the fight against cancer. Proceeds from the race will benefit The Moffitt Cancer Center and Barbara's Friends -- Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. Since its inception, the event has raised over \$120,000. In 2012, over 1,000 runners participated in the race. It is anticipated that 1,300 participants will run the course this year. The Hooters Half Marathon can be run individually or as a 2-person relay team, with each team member running approximately one-half of the race.

The certified 13.1-mile course will be identical to the set-up from prior years. The race starts at Hooters Restaurant on Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers, proceeds west on Colonial Blvd. to McGregor Blvd. through the beautiful neighborhoods along the Caloosahatchee River, then continues through the Downtown River District, over the Edison

Bridge and back. The race then proceeds past City of Palms Park, and continues south to the Edison Mall and back to Hooters Restaurant. All finishers receive a custom finishers medallion and all participants receive a specially designed technical t-shirt and goodie bag. The Finish Line Awards Party at Hooters immediately following the race will feature live music, complimentary beverages and the world famous Hooters chicken wings.

In addition to The Omni Club's presenting sponsorship, sponsors of this year's race include Pepsi Cola, Scanlon Lexus and Scanlon Acura of Fort Myers, BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company, Bank of America, RunFlorida, Better Buildings, Inc., Collins Vision, FineMark National Bank and Trust, The Hooters Calendar, FHM Insurance Company, Michelob Ultra, Welker Harris & Company CPA's, The Edison Mall, A. Kagan Orthopedics, The Bagel Factory, Starbucks, Artype, D&K Harvesting, GCHHI Port-o-Lets, Cheney Brothers, emcc webdesign, RoadID, Lee County Sports Authority and The City of Fort Myers.

Entry forms will be available at all area Hooters Restaurants, The OMNI Club, and RunFlorida. For more information or to register on-line, visit hootershalfmarathon.com or ftmyerstrackclub.com.✪

Celebrity Bowling Event

The Minnesota Twins, in partnership with signature charity Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, will pair up to deliver an afternoon of bowling and fun on Sunday, February 17 at Gator Lanes located at 7500 Crystal Drive in Fort Myers.

Fans will have the opportunity to bowl alongside their favorite Twins players and compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Prior year participants have

included fan favorites Joe Mauer, Drew Butera, Brian Duensing, Liam Hendriks and 2010 American League Manager of the Year Ron Gardenhire.

Proceeds support programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center located at the corner of Colonial Blvd. and I-75 in Fort Myers.

The event pairs teams of three guests with a Minnesota Twins player or staff member serving as the fourth on the team. Only 72 spots will be fielded and slots sell out quickly each year.

The afternoon will also include silent and live auctions, with a highlight pack-

age of an opportunity to meet Miranda Lambert during her concert visit to Southwest Florida, drawings and buffet.

To play, guests can purchase a team of three for \$350 or enter as a single player for \$150. For a \$50 donation, guests can also support the event by attending as an observer (non-bowler) and still enjoy the buffet and the chance to bid on the auction items. Additional sponsorship levels with priority team pairing are also available.

For more information or to register a team, e-mail TwinsGolf@LeeMemorial.org or call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 343-6950.✪



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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, For about the past two weeks, my seven-year-old daughter has refused to go to school. It's been awful. We are trying different things to help her

but nothing is working. Do you have any ideas?

Roxanne G., Estero, Florida

Roxanne,

School refusal behaviors are very frustrating and it can happen at any age. Signs of school refusal typically reflect some form of anxiety: separation from a parent; academic performance; bullying; lack of peer acceptance; obsessions or compulsions. The child or adolescent may display a variety of behaviors in order to avoid going to school: temper tantrums; body aches or sickness; or school-specific phobias. A transition at home may come before the onset of school refusal; it can be major like a divorce, new school, death of a loved friend, family member or pet, or just a change in schedule such as a long weekend or school vacation.

According to the Maryland School Mental Health Association:

When compared to their developmental peers:

- Students who display symptoms of school refusal display lower levels of academic performance.
- Students who display symptoms of school refusal are less likely to complete high school.
- Students who display symptoms of school refusal display more disruptive behavior in school.
- Students who display symptoms of school refusal are more likely to skip certain classes.
- Students who display symptoms of school refusal inhibit the learning process of others.

So school refusal is a serious issue and not one that goes away without some type of intervention. When the behavior is fairly new or not routine, younger children often do very well with just a little help from parents and teachers. Adolescents present more of a challenge. Once school refusal becomes significant and has begun to go on for multiple weeks, the prognosis is still excellent but a treatment component from a mental health professional is usually necessary.

Generally speaking, a few talk sessions with your child to understand the root cause of the anxiety is the first step. Once the trusted adults in her life understand the cause and provide the emotional support to deal with her concerns, your daughter will be more comfortable expressing her anxiety in a more functional way.

Partnering with your daughter's school to solve this behavior is very important. Work with the school to help her make

up any missed academic work. For her to develop any additional fears of school failure from missed schoolwork would be detrimental. Very often school counselors, teachers and psychologists will establish an incentive system for attending school on a regular basis. They will also check with your daughter from time to time to make sure everything is going well.

Resolving school refusal takes time but is most often successful once the child's anxiety and fears have been identified and discussed. For more detailed information on this topic visit <http://aacap.org>

*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.**

Dean's List

Nicholas Kordonowy of Fort Myers, a member of the class of 2013 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, has earned dean's list status for the recently ended fall 2012 term.

Dean's list status at Washington and Lee represents a term grade average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.*

Up With People Cast To Volunteer

The multinational cast of Up with People is headed to Fort Myers. Up with People (UWP), which has toured to 38 countries around the world during the last 47 years, has announced that Fort Myers will be their first stop on their tour. The last time that Up with People came to the city was in 1998. Up with People will live with local host families, perform two public benefit shows at the North Fort Myers High School on February 17 at 2 and 6 p.m. and will complete hundreds of combined hours of community service in the area during their one-week visit.

Over the course of the next six months, the international cast of 120 young adults between the ages of 18-29, coming from 20 different countries, will travel to over 20 cities on three different continents to make a positive impact through cultural exchange and volunteer work. While they live with local host families and engage in global education workshops, the dynamic young adults work hundreds of combined hours of community service in each city visited. The group has done all kinds of work, ranging from manual re-beautification and restoration, to interactions and cultural workshops with children and the elderly. The projects are selected according to the varied needs of each community.

While in Fort Myers, the students will

be divided into groups of about 10-20 people each on February 12 and 13 and participate in volunteer projects at six different sites throughout Fort Myers: Harry Chapin Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Quality Life Center, CCMi, Children's Network and HOPE Clubhouse.

"We like to see young, energetic people volunteer. Not only does it help us get much-needed food out to children and families, it also helps the volunteers learn about hunger in the community and how they can make a difference by donating their time", said Joyce Jacobs, associate director of Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Lisa Cronin is thrilled to welcome Up with People volunteers at the CCMi Soup Kitchen, and said that "it is truly incredible the positive impact that the students will have on the Fort Myers community".

Up with People will volunteer from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 12 and 13. On February 17 they will perform the new Up with People show, *Voices*, for the first time on their tour, at the North Fort Myers High School. *Voices* is a two-hour performance featuring both original and popular music and is a dynamic blend of featured soloists, full cast production numbers, fast-moving choreography and colorful costumes. The proceeds of the show will be donated back to the community and will directly benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Lee County Alliance for the Arts and Edison Festival of Light, as selected

by the event sponsors, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, CLK Festivities, Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) and Sam Galloway Auto.

The media sponsors for the event are Renda Broadcasting, Waterman Broadcasting and the News-Press Media Group.

Host families are still needed to host 60 of the international volunteers during their one-week stay from February 11-18. Hosts simply provide a safe place to sleep, breakfast and dinner, and transportation in the mornings and evenings, and have the chance to meet someone from another country and make a lifelong friend. Contact Lorna Murphy at 303.681.1295 or lmurphy@upwithpeople.org for more information.

For more information visit www.upwithpeople.org.*

Mak Earns Dean's Award

Viktor Mak was a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the 2012 fall term at Colgate University, where Mak is a member of the class of 2015. The Dean's Award was given in the fall academic year.

To be eligible for the Dean's Award, a Colgate student must achieve higher than a 3.30 average while enrolled in at least four courses. Mak is a graduate of Fort Myers High School.*

FGCU Hosts February Workshops

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) hosts a series of workshops and seminars for small business owners and entrepreneurs throughout Southwest Florida during the month of February.

How Healthy are the Financials of Your Business? - Tuesday, February 5, 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Atrium, located at 8695 College Parkway, Suite 1187, in Fort Myers. Cost is \$20.

Understanding Your Financial Statements - Thursday, February 14, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail, in Naples. Cost is \$20.

How to Get Certified as a Minority Business and Taking the Fear Out of Government Contracting - Tuesday, February 19 at SWFL Enterprise Center, 3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., in Fort Myers. No cost.

Credit Reports, Understanding, Reading and Correcting - Wednesday, February 20, 3 to 5 p.m. at Hodges University Campus, 4501 Colonial Blvd., Room 364, in Fort Myers. No cost.

Small Business Resource Network (SBRN) Mixer - Thursday, February 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Airport, in Fort Myers. Cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for guests.

Frequently Asked Questions about Starting A Business - Friday, February 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce 2702 Tamiami Trail, in Port Charlotte. No cost.

New Business Chat - Wednesday, February 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Cape Coral EDO Office, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd 2nd floor, in Cape Coral. No cost.

To learn more about these or other SBDC seminars or to register for a program, visit www.sbdcseminars.org or call 745-3700.

For more information, contact Dan Regelski, director of Small Business Development Center at 745-3705 dregelsk@fgcu.edu.*

Dean's List

Adam Yudelman, a resident of Fort Myers, was among over 1900 students from Wake Forest University who made the Fall 2012 Dean's List.*

Kneib Named To Dean's List

Laura Kneib of Fort Myers was named to the Upper Iowa University 2012 Fall Dean's List. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student.*

Financial Focus

Financial Gifts For Long-Time Valentines



by Jennifer Basey

Love is in the air this week, as Valentine's Day rolls around again. During the course of your life, you've probably sent your share of flowers and candy. But if your valentine is also

your spouse – and, in particular, your long-time spouse – you may want to go beyond roses and chocolates this year to give a gift that can help lead to financial security.

You can choose to make financial gifts in a number of ways, of course, and some of them could provide an immediate financial impact. But you may want to look even further down the road and consider what you can do for your spouse in the areas of insurance planning and estate considerations.

For starters, do you have sufficient

life insurance to help provide for your spouse and any children who may not yet be adults? Many people rely solely on their employers' group insurance, which is often insufficient to adequately cover all the costs associated with maintaining their families' lifestyles – not to mention future costs, such as paying for college. How much life insurance do you need? There's no one right answer for everyone, so you may wish to consult with your financial advisor.

Life insurance isn't the only type of protection you need to consider – because you don't have to die to lose your income. In fact, statistically speaking, you are more likely to become disabled during your working years than you are to die, which is why you need adequate disability income insurance. Your employer may provide disability coverage, but, as was the case with life insurance, it may not be sufficient. So you may also need to consider adding a private policy.

While it's important to maintain adequate life and disability insurance, it's still not enough to ensure your spouse will be taken care of if he or she outlives you. You also need to ensure that your estate plans are in order.

Toward that goal, you will need to work with your legal advisor to create the necessary legal documents, such as a will, a living trust, a durable power of attorney

or whatever other arrangements may be appropriate for your situation. In generating your estate plan, you must consider many factors: the amount of assets you have, how you want them divided, when you would like them distributed, and so on. In any case, estate planning can be complex, so you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors before putting any strategy into place.

Life insurance, disability income insurance and an estate plan don't sound like particularly romantic gifts. And you can't really just give them on Valentine's Day because it will take some time to assem-

ble the insurance coverage and estate planning arrangements you need. But if you haven't fully worked on these key parts of your financial strategy yet, perhaps Valentine's Day will be a good time to start – because once you've got all your protection needs and estate planning taken care of, you're really giving your valentine some gifts that are designed to last a lifetime.

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

Volunteer Income Tax Sites Open

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) services are now available. VITA is a free tax filing service available to individuals and families making \$50,000 or less. A partnership among United Way 211, the IRS and United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties makes the free service available at United Way Neighborhood Houses and other locations in the three counties.

Volunteers at United Way Houses have prepared thousands of tax returns for area residents in the last four years. Volunteer tax preparers come from many walks of life and include college students, retired accountants and others who all receive training and certification from the IRS. Their service to the community helps people of low to middle income file their taxes free and with the speedy e-file returns.

For more information about VITA call United Way 211 by dialing 211 or 433-3900, or call Dawn Russell at 433-2000 ext. 229.✪

Nominations for Entrepreneur Award

The Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) will begin accepting nominations on Friday, February 1 for the Southwest Florida Distinguished Entrepreneur Award. The award recognizes a small to mid-sized Southwest Florida business for its overall success.

Community members are encouraged to nominate a local business in the five-

county area (Collier, Lee, Glades, Hendry and Charlotte). Candidates must be in business for three or more years, display a high level of overall success and be able to demonstrate their innovations, achievements and local impact. Full nomination rules and eligibility can be found at www.sbdcawards.com. The winner will be selected by a judge's panel of community business leaders.

The 2013 Southwest Florida Distinguished Entrepreneur Award will be presented at a dinner event on Wednesday, May 22 at the FGCU Cohen Center.

This event builds on the success of last year's inaugural Southwest Florida

Distinguished Entrepreneur Award dinner. The sold-out inaugural event honored entrepreneur and chocolatier Norman Love of Norman Love Confections as its first award recipient.

Love joins Tim Cartwright, Stefan Bothe, Colleen Kvetko and Phil Borchmann as this year's panel judges. The keynote speaker is Jerry Ross, executive director of the National Entrepreneur Center in Orlando.

New to this year's event is a special Meet the Nominees cocktail reception 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at The Gallery on Fifth at the Mercato in Naples to welcome sponsors, judges and nominees.

Presenting sponsor for the award is Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co. The dessert sponsor is Norman Love Confections. Additional event sponsors to date include Guerilla Media, Photo Magic, Relevanza, Slick Ink ALL MEDIA and Third Eye Management. The media sponsor is *Gulfshore Business* magazine.

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2003	3,751	1,599,000	1,510,000	42
Betts	Sanibel	1969	2,220	1,399,000	1,250,000	618
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2010	5,109	1,140,000	1,050,000	84
Catalpa Cove	Fort Myers	2006	2,933	799,000	725,000	936
Wildcat Run	Estero	2007	2,957	639,000	590,000	212
Yacht Club	Cape Coral	2010	2,705	619,900	580,000	65
Spanish Wells	Bonita Springs	2001	3,071	613,000	575,000	127
Manatee Bay	St. James City	1978	4,106	625,000	571,000	443
Pinehurst at Pelican Sound	Estero	1999	2,797	565,000	550,000	92
Tradewinds	Sanibel	1974	1,657	629,000	540,000	389

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Dr. Dave

Ticks



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I open my bedroom curtain and there it is every time: Mount Finlayson, looming defiantly, as if to say "Dave, come lay your fins on my mount, son." We have a symbiotic/parasitic relationship, Fin and I, whereby he hovers over the spectacular Bear Mountain golf course, keeping an intense Sauron eye on my golfballs, (which I've stored in several bushes, fescue and deer rectums). I, in turn, scratch his spine with my feet.

Should I so much as whisper "mountain" to Leo, my nimble, fluffy, wee white Havanese pup, he breaks immediately into four cartwheels followed by two summersaults and ends by hurtling himself into his Tongan fire/whirling dervish/pee pee dance of joy. So we climb/drag ourselves to the summit, where we celebrate our healthy decision to have made this climb by opening a duffle bag of Ding Dongs, Ho Hos, Twinkies and Ring Ding Juniors, the Hostess hall of fame.

My initial health concerns with making this daily jaunt involved shattered tendons, ligaments and skulls. But, it turns out, there's a worse medical menace lurk-

ing up there (Gary Bettman excluded).

One evening while petting Leo, my wife pulled at a lump as wives are wont to do with normally lumpless Havanese, and lo and behold, she held in her hand, much to her chagrin... a tick. The tick also appeared relatively chagrined, in a ticked off tick kind of way. "Tick!" she shrieked so shriekedly that even ticks peacefully grazing in the pastures of Finlayson glanced up.

The tick who had been enjoying a course of canine corpuscles was promptly sent hurtling through the kitchen, where it landed unceremoniously on the garburator and was instantly pureed to tick heaven. While observing this tick hurtling towards the sink, accompanied by shrieks and profanity by both the tosser and the tossee, I decided to check my own carcass out for beasts mid-feasts. Sure enough, I found one, and then another.

Now, as a doctor, when I peel odious disease-bearing, blood-sucking organisms from my epidermis, the screaming schoolgirl section of my brain (known as the Rob Sealey lobe) screams out to the Oompa Loompas in my frontal lobe... panic freakin' stations! So I stagger to my medical books, thumbing madly past tetanus, tendons and tea-stained teeth, to try and find what illness I will die of tonight. No doubt a different illness than the one that was most assuredly going to claim my life last week when I found a bump on my uvula.

So here is everything you and Leo and my wife and her husband should know about ticks.

Turns out ticks are nasty and getting nastier. The little bug buggers host a host of diseases for human and Havanese, and they are all on the rise.

In addition to the infamous Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), there are some bad ones that end in "osis." Babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, granulocytic anaplasmosis. I don't recall learning these specific diseases in medical school, perhaps because I was playing Space Invaders while hungover in the back row. But I would also suggest that any MD (Master of Deception) who says that they remember these diseases are, most respectfully, pathological liars and possibly tax evaders. But I do recall that most words with "osis" on the tail mean that it will be on a test.

RMSF is not just limited to Denver or Banff. A woman in the Carolinas recently died of RMSF. Lyme disease is not limited to Lyme, Connecticut. Babesiosis is not limited to Pam Anderson. In fact babesiosis is also having a real heyday in, of all places, Connecticut. (Strike Yale from the list of future schools to whom I will decline deanship when offered). So disease-bearing ticks can be found surviving and thriving from coast to coast, Cleveland included.

Deet really doesn't work, despite what the Deet folks say. If you do get a tick bite, I would suggest you don't start self diagnosing.

"Well Ralph, it looks to me like the three-legged black-spotted deer tick and it appears to be carrying Eastern erlichiosis."

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,

Over the years I often wondered why my husband chose to marry me. It hasn't been wedded bliss for fifty years, but I have finally decided why.

My husband bosses me around like a child. I never initiate anything because he always does everything for me. He does what he wants, gets what he wants and I have never complained. I realize now I have no personality, no interest, and no opinions; even when I am sick, he tells me how I feel. This arrangement has

always been exactly what he wanted and, rather than argue, I just went along to get along.

Our two daughters are like their father. They argue a lot with him and rebelled a lot, but they both boss their husbands around just like their father has done to me.

Our sons-n-law are both fed up; they have had it and want out of this family. My husband is completely mystified and can't understand why. Please tell me what has happened?

Vivian

Dear Vivian,

You are a passive follower, but maybe a victim of your own social conditioning. Men were the leaders and they were considered to be so much more intelligent, they made the decisions, women were supposed to keep the house and care for the children. But times have changed. Your daughters may have inherited your husband's personality type, and with more progressive thinking that women can do anything, some have taken it to extremes. Some women are so aggressive their husbands just get fed up being pushed around, so they leave. The pendulum for some has just gone too far. Marriage counseling is a suggestion for your daughters and their husbands. So far as you and your husband are concerned, I doubt that change can ever happen. You have tolerated it for fifty years. Accept the fact that he will never change, because I don't think he ever will.

Lizzie

Dear Vivian,

By today's standards, you are still in middle age, and you have your health. If you are unhappy with your current situation, while you cannot change your husband, perhaps there are things you can do to change yourself so you can find more joy and contentment in life. It is never too late to explore change and growth for yourself.

For your adult children, they need to find their own way. It is probably true they learned their interpersonal and relationship skills at the feet of your husband. However, exploring growth, if any, is their decision.

Pryce

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

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"Frank, you just pulled off two legs and a tail already and you spelled ehrlichiosis incorrectly. We're going in. Bring the tick in to a tick lab and have it vivisected."

So now the only way my wife will allow Leo and I back up Finlayson is if I wear chainmail and Leo wears a sucky knitted dog coat so thick he looks like a caribou. Leo doesn't care whether he gets one or not but I'm a little twitchy about anything that brushes up against me, sort of like a... nervous tick.

Dr. Dave's book *The Doctor is In(sane) is now available for those with a sense of humor and half a sense of health. Pick up a copy at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.**

Physical Therapy Services Offered

Rehabilitation services have now come to your community through a unique opportunity offered by Lee Memorial Health System. Providing one-on-one therapy sessions at communities and country clubs is a convenient way for residents to complete recommended courses of therapy, making treatment more successful.

"Our patients are part of an active community and most are anxious to return to their prior level of ability," said Neal Trotter, MSPT, CSCS, a physical therapist for Lee Memorial Health System. "On-site physical therapy services are especially important to those who become immobilized after surgery or an injury and find it difficult to travel. Rather than worry about how to get to their appointments, patients are able to regularly attend sessions and complete treatment close to home, which allows them to be more compliant with therapy."

Terri Kohart, a resident of the Fiddlesticks community of Fort Myers, is currently undergoing post-surgical therapy with Neal to treat shoulder and neck injuries she suffered during a car accident. "It's ideal," she said. "Driving to therapy really isn't an option for me. It hurts too much to look over my shoulder or to keep my arms lifted for long. And, walking to my appointment is another way for me to stay active until I am well enough to resume my normal activities." Terri says that having Neal show her how to properly use the equipment in her own gym gives her the freedom and confidence to work independently outside of her sessions.

Once rehabilitation services were established within the Fiddlesticks community, members who need treatment could call the Outpatient Center at the Sanctuary and set up an appointment to meet with Neal for an initial evaluation. During this evaluation, all necessary paperwork and proper insurance verification will be completed. This time also allows patients the opportunity to get their insurance and registration questions answered and helps Neal to determine a course of action for treatment and progression.

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dearPharmacist

Slippery Elm Soothes Stomach Problems



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I've dealt with stomach problems all my life. Sometimes it's hard to eat, but I am under physician care. What natural remedy can soothe my tummy when it's hard to eat?

WC, Denver, Colorado

Probiotics are fundamental to digestive health. And a diet free of common food allergens is in order. Something like slippery elm could help. Known as *Ulmus fulva* to herbalists, the mucilage from the inner bark of the tree provides extensive nutrition and easy-to-digest complex carbs. Slippery elm forms a slick gel coating and soothes everything it comes in contact with including your mouth, throat, stomach and intestines.

It could help you with acid reflux, ulcerative colitis, gastritis, chronic pancreatitis, constipation/diarrhea and ulcers. It may support tissue regeneration for people with leaky gut syndrome (aka excessive intestinal permeability). A bad cough or bronchitis may respond to the soothing properties of slippery elm.

Slippery elm is sold as tablets/capsules, liquid herbal extracts and lozenges. The lozenges are nice for sore throats. Health food stores carry powder which is basically just ground up inner bark of the tree. There are coarse and fine powders; coarse is needed to make topical poultices which help cuts, bruises and achy joints, such as that from gout. The fine powder can be eaten as a gruel (pronounced like cruel but with a g).

Slippery elm contains calcium, manganese, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, zinc, beta-carotene, vitamin C and plenty of B vitamins. Children, adults and the elderly can eat this when recuperating from an illness, having trouble digesting or holding down food or wasting. Think of it as Mother Nature's Ensure.

The recipe for slippery elm gruel consists of about one tablespoonful fine powder and enough hot water to make a thin, smooth paste. The amount of water used is up to your personal taste. I use one-half cup myself and blend it together. I'll confess right now, it's slimy anyway you make it, but that's the point. Sweeten it with organic honey, agave, maple syrup or stevia and flavor it with with cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon rind or vanilla. Go for the consistency of cream of wheat. Once made, the dosage varies tremendously. Some say eat the whole thing in one sitting, other experts suggest a tablespoon every hour until you can eat solid food again. Perhaps consider your weight, age and severity of malnutrition as well as response.

Ask your doctor if this wonderful remedy in any form is approved because

there are individual considerations such as your current health status and drug regimen. Some people are allergic to elm pollen, making this a no-no. Other naturally-occurring components in slippery elm include beta-sitosterol, campesterol and a little tannin (which aggravates kidney stones). I couldn't find documented interactions except a theoretical one that says it may render meds and supplements less active, so separate administration of slippery elm from important drugs by two hours.

*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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Physical Therapy

All other appointments for the course of treatment can be completed at the fitness center of the community or country club. There is a private treatment room available allowing for easy transition to the fitness center for discharge planning and continued follow up with fitness staff as necessary.

"Being right here inside the community makes therapy easily accessible for everyone. If need be, the physical therapist can consult with the fitness director or other staff of the country club to ensure a safe and pain-free return to play for the patient," said Neal.

For more information or to arrange on-site physical therapy opportunities in your community or organization, contact Neal Trottier at 343-9460 or Diana Rippl at 418-2021. The Sanctuary Outpatient Rehabilitation Services of Lee Memorial Health System are at 8960 Colonial Center Drive, near I-75 and Colonial Boulevard, in Fort Myers.*

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Cutting The Ribbon At Kelly Greens

Kelly Greens celebrated the completion of its newly remodeled clubhouse with a ribbon cutting on January 28. Performing the ribbon cutting duty with the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce are Tom Chambers, president of the Kelly Greens board of directors, and Lyn Larsen, chairperson of the renovation committee. Chamber members present included Fran Podraza, CFS Services; Sandy Lepley, Century 21 Tripower; Barbara Farrell, iBERIA Bank; Robb Capps, Premier Sandals Realty; Eryka Aptaker, East Commerce Solutions; and chamber president Bud Nocera.✱



Ribbon cutting at Kelly Greens

photo by Jane Ross

Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Library Programs

Next month's roster of activities at the Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library offers topics for families, children and teens. The following activities are free to the public:

Family:

Celebrate History

2 p.m. Saturdays, February 2, 9, 16 and 23

Did you know that George Washington Carver pioneered research for constructing plastic automobile parts out of soy beans? Celebrate the great scientific accomplishments of George Washington Carver as the library hosts science experiments every Saturday 2 to 3 p.m. for the entire month of February. Experiments will take place in the Meeting Room.

Family Storytime

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, February 6, 13 and 20

This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes.

Children and Teens:

Kids Read Down Fines

1 - 4 p.m. Saturdays, February 2, 9 and 16

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time. A total of \$8 per day may be earned. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only. Please bring your library card.

The Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library is located at 3095 Blount Street in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, please call 533-4150. A sign language interpreter is available with 5 business days notice to library staff. Assistive listening system available; request at desk.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.✱

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Teen Locker Organizer

5 p.m. Wednesday, February 20

Come to this creative program to decorate your own locker or desk organizer. Cut outs from your favorite super hero can be used or use solid Picasso colors to decorate your locker organizer. All supplies are provided. Registration is required.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library is located at 2050 Central Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, please call the library at 533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with 5 business days notice to library staff. Assistive listening system available; request at desk.

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Presidents' Day Music Program

3 p.m. Tuesday, February 19

Listen and learn about the Presidents of the United States of America. Find out what some of the Presidents' favorite tunes are, listen to the keyboard and flute and learn some facts as we enjoy jazz, classical and other favorites from the past.

Teens

Valentine Teen Cards

5 p.m. Wednesday, February 6

Make Valentines and other cards for those you care about. They are sure to make your friends and family smile. All supplies will be provided including small candy hearts which will be available to eat or give away. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines

6 - 7 p.m. Monday, February 18

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time. A total of \$8 per day may be earned. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to



People sampled soup at the event

Naples Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Soup servers were kept busy during the January 26 Naples Empty Bowls event, held in Cambier Park, Naples. 38 local restaurants donated the soup; it was all good—even to the last drops that were drained from the containers!

Over 2,200 people from the Naples area participated in the 7th annual Naples Empty Bowls event on Saturday, January 26. The popular event was held at Cambier Park. Die-hard participants began lining up at 6:45 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. opening.

For a \$10 donation, those attending selected a handmade ceramic bowl, then sampled soup from the 38 varieties. The event is an annual fundraiser for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Over \$50,000 was raised from the event. This will allow the food bank to distribute over \$300,000 in food to families.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank wants to thank the Naples community for embracing the Naples Empty Bowls event and for their generosity. Thanks goes to the organizing committee, students and artists who created bowls, and those who contributed to the silent auction. The date for next year's event is January 25, 2014.

Over 2,000 bowls were made for the event by Collier County students and adults. The Barron Collier drum line performed prior to the 11:00 a.m. start. Artisans and students demonstrated the throwing technique and student groups provided entertainment.

The Naples Empty Bowls event presenting sponsor was Panera Bread. Additional sponsors included Ace Hardware, Allegra Printing, Bond, Schoeneck and King, City of Naples, Laquana Clay, Master Piece Mixers, Publix, Taylor Rental/Party Plus Naples, Sweetbay, Whole Foods, High Water Clay, Needles & Thread, Robert Abraham-Orthodontics, YT Freeman Attorney, Humiston & Moore Engineers, AVAirPros, Cynthia Strohmeier, MD, Warner and Patti Blow, Ann Ciccarelli, Audry Morean Peterson, William and Barbara Yeager, Marjorie Newton, Phillis and Jeffery Heller, Nancy Lemaster and Shelly Mamdani.

Comprising the soup line by providing at least 10 gallons of their specialty soup were local restaurants Bayside Seafood Bar & Grill, Brio's, Buzz Lighthouse Restaurant, Charlie Chiang's, CJ's on the Bay, Calistoga, Carrabba's, Castaways Backwater Café, Collier's Reserve Country Club, Daniela's, Eagle Creek Country Club, Food & Thought, Kensington Country Club, Larry's Lunchbox, Lorenzo Walker, M. Waterfront Grille, Marco Marriott Hotel and Naples Flatbread.

Additional restaurants were Naples Heritage Golf and Country Club, Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Palmira Country Club, Panera Bread, Patrics At World Tennis Club, Pelagos Café, Randy's, Spanky's, Stevie Tomato Sports Page, Sunburst Café, Texas Tony's BBQ, The Club at Mediterra, The Dock, Tiburon Golf Club, Turtle Club, Wilderness Country Club, Whole Foods, Worthington Country Club, Wynn's and Zookies.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.org.✱

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A rendering of the new LIFE Academy

Goodwill's LIFE Academy To Have New School Next Year

The life Academy, a school for students with developmental disabilities, will relocate from its current location on Seminole Avenue to the future site of Goodwill's Opportunity Center at 5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers.

"We are very excited about the new location," said Fred Richards, vice president of Goodwill's Community Support Services. "This site, which Goodwill has purchased, will offer students access to improved technology and an environment conducive to a quality learning experience."

The move comes after years of leasing the current facility. The new location will feature larger classrooms, a bus ramp area, and will be able to accommodate more students. The academy currently has 40 students enrolled.

"The students will be provided with the opportunity to take advantage of Goodwill's vocational training center, which will also be located on the premises," said Madison Mitchell, spokesperson for Goodwill. "They will receive not only an academic educa-

tion but also learn life and vocational skills."

A private event for students, families, and Goodwill board members will take place on February 13 to celebrate a ceremonial demolition of the existing facility on Tice Street. Construction will begin immediately with the new academy planned to open at the start of the 2013-14 school year. The Opportunity Center is targeted to open at the end of 2013.

"It will be so nice to have a location that truly belongs to the school," said Mitchell. "Last year, Goodwill served 30,000 individuals in the Southwest Florida community and the opening of the school and Opportunity Center will be another way Goodwill will be able to assist more families in our communities."

The academy is a tuition-free, open-enrollment Lee County charter school for middle and high school students with developmental disabilities. The curriculum is designed to promote self-advocacy and develop life skills for independent living by focusing on academic skills, daily life skills and vocational/workforce skills.

For more information about the academy, visit www.GoodwillLIFEAcademy.org or call Dr. Joe Torregrasso at 995-2106 ext. 2286.✪

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Ed Frank

Arena football returned to this area last year in the form of the Florida Tarpons, who will play a 12-game season this year in the seven-team Ultimate Indoor Football League.

The Tarpons will open the season on the road March 8 against the Missouri Monsters, a new league entry. The home opener at Germain Arena is a week later against the Sarasota Thunder, another new UIFL member.

The league is down three teams from 2012 with Corpus Christi joining Missouri and Sarasota as new franchises. Florida, Lakeland, Miami and Georgia are returning teams.

In their first season a year ago, the Tarpons were undefeated in the regular season before losing to Lakeland in the league championship.

The team recently announced the signing of quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, who played his college days at LSU and Jacksonville State in Alabama. As a junior he quarterbacked Jacksonville to an 8-3 record and was named Ohio Valley Player of the Year.

Michael Taylor will return this season as Tarpons head football coach.

Twins 15th Annual Spring Training and Bowling Tournament

These two events have raised more than \$1 million for the Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center over the last 15 years.

Participants will meet, mingle and play golf with members of the Minnesota Twins next Friday, February 15, at Pelican's Nest in Bonita Springs. Registration includes prizes, golf, lunch, dinner and a gift bag.

The Twins Roll Cancer into the Gutter will be held February 17 at Gator Lanes in Fort Myers. Each bowling team will include a member of the Twins.

Additional information and registration are available by calling 343-6053.✪

Agency Urges Pet Owners To Vaccinate Dogs Against Parvo-Virus

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) is urging all pet owners to vaccinate their dogs against parvo-virus. The agency has been investigating numerous cases of animal neglect, including dogs that have contracted the virus and were left to suffer. "The parvo-virus is highly contagious, expensive to treat and often fatal despite treatment," said LCDAS veterinarian, Suzanne Vazzana.

LCDAS recommends owners with new puppies to see their veterinarian for vaccinations beginning at six to eight weeks of age with boosters given every three weeks until puppies are 16 weeks old. Owners should continue to follow their veterinarian's recommended schedule for vaccines to ensure protection against this deadly virus and limit their pet's exposure to questionable areas.

Parvo-virus is spread from dog to dog by direct or indirect contact with their feces. It can be especially severe in puppies that are not protected by maternal antibodies or vaccination. The common signs are severe vomiting and diarrhea. The virus can live in organic matter, such as soil, for over a year. Victims of this virus die of dehydration as the virus attacks the intestinal lining.

It is important to animal shelters that the public vaccinate their pets, as these are the same pets that might end up at the shelter if they get lost. LCDAS has taken a proactive role in the community and vaccinates all dogs entering the shelter against the parvo-virus. More information about proper pet care and a list of local veterinary, emergency and low-cost clinics, is available at <http://www.leelostpets.com>.✪

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: The island state of Bahrain lies in what body of water?
2. HISTORY: In what year did Germany invade Poland?
3. CARTOONS: What is the name of Donald Duck's girlfriend?
4. NATURAL WORLD: What part of the cotton plant is known as the boll?
5. MOVIES: Which actor produced and starred in 'Bonnie and Clyde'?
6. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, which god is associated with winged sandals?
7. MILITARY: In Great Britain, what is the Victoria Cross awarded for?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of porcupines called?
9. ENTERTAINERS: What famous singer/songwriter was born with the name Steveland Judkins?
10. MUSIC: According to the song, where does Johnny B. Goode live?

ANSWERS

1. Persian Gulf 2. 1939 3. Daisy 4. Seed pod 5. Warren Beatty 6. Hermes, messenger of the gods 7. Valor in the face of the enemy 8. A prickly 9. Stevie Wonder 10. Louisiana.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the winningest left-handed pitcher in Boston Red Sox history.
2. Who was the manager the only time the Arizona Diamondbacks won 100 games in a season?
3. In 2011, the SEC became the second conference to hold the top three spots in The Associated Press college football poll. What conference was the first?
4. Name the last NBA team before the Cleveland Cavaliers in the 2011 draft to have two of the top four overall picks.
5. Wayne Gretzky is the all-time NHL leader in career assists with 1,963. Who is No. 2?
6. In 2012, American Vincent Hancock won his second consecutive Olympic gold medal in skeet shooting. How many other men have won consecutive golds in the event?
7. Who was the youngest player to take part in golf's Ryder Cup?

ANSWERS

1. Mel Parnell had 123 victories (1947-56). 2. Buck Showalter went 100-62 in 1999. 3. The Big Eight, in 1971 (No. 1 Nebraska, No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 3 Colorado). 4. Houston, in 1983. 5. Ron Francis had 1,249 career assists. 6. Hancock was the first to do it. 7. Sergio Garcia was 19 when he played for Europe in the Ryder Cup in 1999.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There'll be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You love being busy. But try not to make more work for yourself than you need to. Get help so that you don't wind up tackling tasks that are better left to others.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually balanced way of assessing situations could be compromised by some so-called new facts. Check them out before making any shift in judgment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted. But this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It's also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights. But clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from

someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers soon might have something special to tell you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love nature and inspire others to follow your example of concern for the planet's well-being.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 14, 278 A.D., Valentine, a holy priest in Rome in the days of Emperor Claudius II, is executed. Claudius the Cruel had banned all marriages and engagements. Valentine defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

- On Feb. 17, 1904, Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly" premieres at the La Scala theater in Milan, Italy. Set in Nagasaki, Japan, "Madame Butterfly" told the story of an American sailor, B.F. Pinkerton, who marries and then abandons a young Japanese geisha, Cio-Cio-San, or Madame Butterfly.

- On Feb. 11, 1916, Emma Goldman, a crusader for women's rights and social justice, is arrested in New York City for lecturing and distributing materials about birth control. She was accused of violating the Comstock Act of 1873, which made it a federal offense to disseminate contraceptive devices and information through the mail or across state lines.

- On Feb. 13, 1920, The League of Nations, the international organization formed at the peace conference at Versailles in the wake of World War I, recognizes the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland. The League also established its headquarters in the Swiss city of Geneva.

- On Feb. 16, 1959, Fidel Castro is sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after leading a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile. The United States initially recognized the new Cuban dictator but withdrew its support after Castro nationalized U.S. assets on the island.

- On Feb. 15, 1965, in accordance with a formal proclamation by Queen Elizabeth II of England, a new Canadian national flag is raised above Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. Canada's national flag was to be red and white with

a stylized 11-point red maple leaf in its center.

- On Feb. 12, 1973, the release of American POWs from the Vietnam War begins in Hanoi as part of the Paris peace settlement. Operation Homecoming was completed on March 29, 1973, when the last of 591 U.S. prisoners were released and returned to the United States.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Simon Cameron, who served as secretary of war under President Abraham Lincoln, who made the following sage observation: "An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought."

- You might not be surprised to learn that some people who play video games can become rather obsessed. In 2007, one such person, a 45-year-old gamer, used a Japanese sword to rob a lingerie shop. He was apprehended, and when he was put on trial, he told the judge that at the time of the robbery he believed he was a female elf.

- It's common knowledge that methane, a greenhouse gas, contributes to the rise in global temperatures. It's less well-known, however, that 20 percent of the world's methane emissions comes from livestock and their, well ... emissions.

- Many professional matchmakers say that one should never date a person who is younger than half one's age, plus seven years.

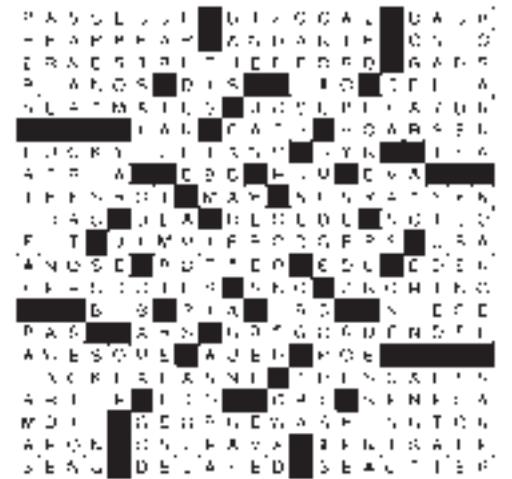
- The average human walks approximately 100,000 miles in the course of a lifetime. If that walking were done in a straight line on the equator, you would circle the Earth four times.

- In the early 1990s, a couple in Milwaukee was curious about the value of a painting they had displayed in their home, so they invited an art expert to evaluate the piece. The painting in question turned out to be of little relative value, but the expert noticed another work, a still life with flowers, that the owners believed to be a reproduction of a Van Gogh. Imagine this couple's surprise when the work turned out to be an original 1886 painting, which later sold at auction for \$1.4 million.

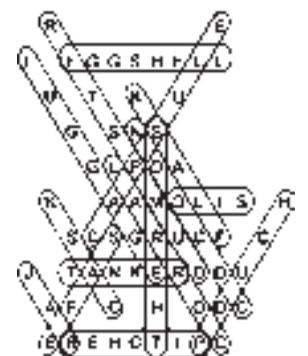
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A bride at her second wedding does not wear a veil because she wants to see what she is getting." -- Anonymous

PUZZLE ANSWERS

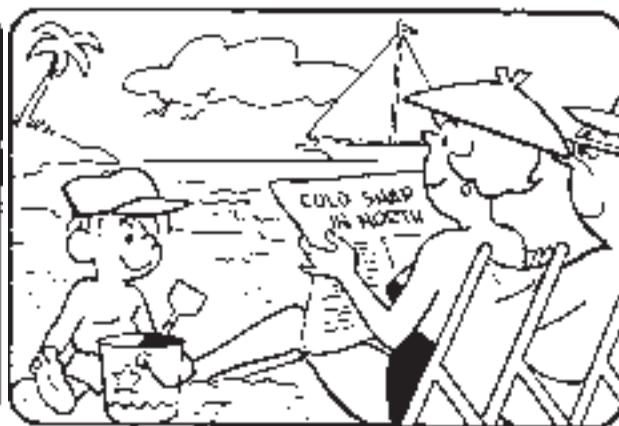


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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

DIFFERENCES: 1. Towel hanging on chair; 2. Sign says 'COLD SWAP IN NORTH'; 3. Sign says 'COLD SWAP IN NORTH'; 4. Sign says 'COLD SWAP IN NORTH'; 5. Sign says 'COLD SWAP IN NORTH'; 6. Sign says 'COLD SWAP IN NORTH'

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS



"I picked it up at a sale!"

SCRAMBLERS

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

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TODAY'S WORD

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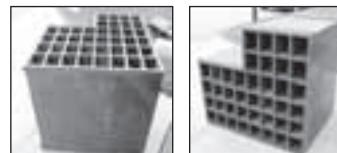
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To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)
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answer on page 35

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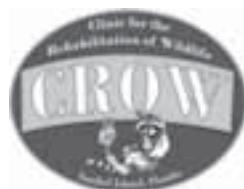
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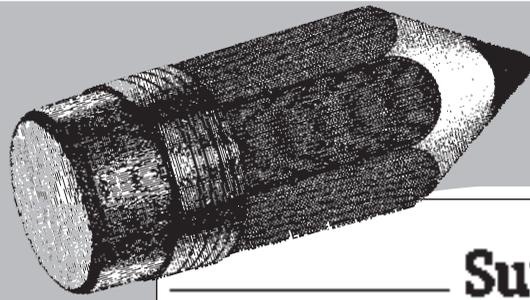
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Boat you buy as a chance
 - 9 Eave same as eaves
 - 16 Short piece
 - 20 Emergent
 - 21 Modern tempo
 - 22 Not tucked by
 - 23 Nippon Physics
 - 25 American novelist
 - 26 "Blind" author
 - 27 Speak of it in praise
 - 28 O.J. Simpson
 - 29 Cartoonist
 - 30 People who may share an ancestor
 - 32 The Symphony
 - 35 M. Keene's "Scarlet"
 - 36 E. of the pope
 - 37 Breed of Hovvite
 - 38 Unorganized crime
 - 44 We with the same meaning
 - 45 Luggage
 - 46 Boards with glass
 - 47 Escape
 - 48 Modern name
 - 50 Service
 - 53 Cuban's first shoe
 - 56 Long
 - 58 Modern
 - 59 S&L
 - 63 TV actress
 - 64 "Blind" author
 - 66 Escape
 - 68 "Blind" author
 - 69 In praise
 - 70 Country
 - 73 Lady
 - 74 Webby
 - 76 Clay worker
 - 77 Lined
 - 78 Garden of
 - 79 History
 - 81 Napping
 - 85 Wait for a
 - 86 Small
 - 88 Employer of many CPAs
 - 89 Daily
 - 91 Father's Day
 - 94 Exam room
 - 96 Modern
 - 100 Homestead
 - 103 Actor
 - 104 "The Haven"
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- Case
- Cocoon
- Corral
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- Eggshell
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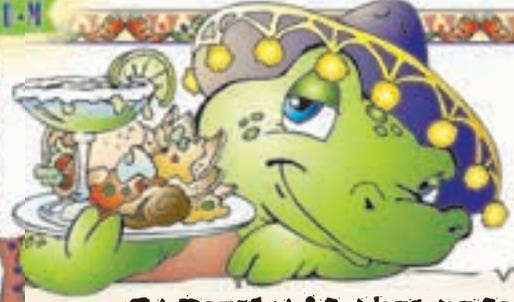
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