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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Piping plover photo by Meg Rousher

Bird Patrol Walk

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, February 16, 8 to 10 a.m. Participants will meet on the beach. Bunche Beach is located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it dead-ends.

Bunche Beach is an excellent spot for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. It is also known for waterfowl, raptors, and warblers.

For information, call 707-3015 or visit www.birdpatrol.org.

This event is free with a parking fee of \$1 per hour. The tour is approximately two hours. Restrooms are available. This program is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.✱

A Guided Walk Through History

A community event on March 2 at Matanzas Pass Preserve will be held on Fort Myers Beach. You can take a journey through the preserve, hear about the inhabitants of the 1400s on Estero Island and listen to stories of the many other settlers, including current residents who were there in the 1940s.

The program of facts and folklore will cover the Calusa Indians, the Spaniards, pirates of the 1800s, Koreshans, early

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Bluegrass In The Theater

The Alliance for the Arts and Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida will present three hours of bluegrass on the theater stage on Sunday, February 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Fort Myers-based Bugtussle Ramblers kick off the concert. They're followed by Naples-based Frank Corso's Spoonful Blues Band, and Fort Myers-based Larry Wilson & Thunder Mountain Railroad rounds out the show.

Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$5 for Alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first served. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787 for more information. This is the second in a three-concert indoor bluegrass series at the



Bluegrass band to perform at the Alliance for the Arts

Alliance. The final show is Sunday, March 17.

The concerts will take place at the Alliance for the Arts Campus at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Edison Festival Names Parade Grand Marshals

The Edison Festival of Light announced that several local notables will serve as grand parade marshals for the 75th anniversary of the festival on February 16. They are:

Robert Macomber – Award-winning and internationally recognized author, lecturer and TV commentator. Macomber's Honor Series of naval novels covers the career of a fictional American naval officer from 1863 to 1908. Macomber's latest book, *Honorable Lies*, was released in October, 2012. He annually lectures around the world and serves as a defense consultant for various government and military organizations. When not traveling the world, Macomber lives at Matlacha, on the Southwest Florida coast, where he grew up.

Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band – Believed to be the oldest street pipe band with unbroken service in Ontario, Canada, the group has been in existence for more than 100 years. Every summer night, rain or shine, the band plays and marches down the local streets for a concert in Victoria Park. While in Southwest Florida, they will perform at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates at 11 a.m. on February 15 and visit many of the local attractions. Visit www.kspb.ca for more information.

Jan and Jamie Magirl (who portray Tom and Mina Edison) – Recognized by

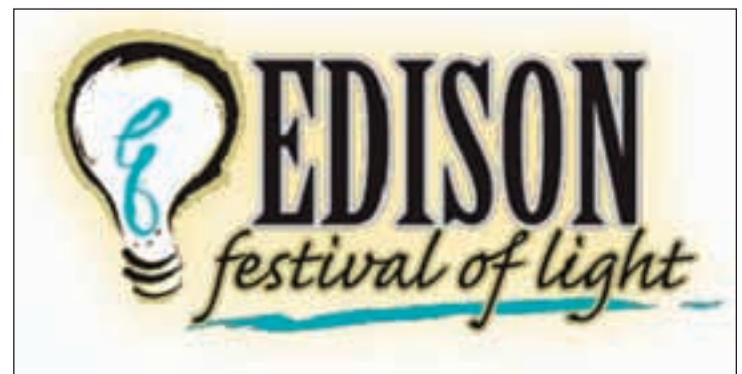
Governor Scott and the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs as Great Floridians, the Magirls' portrayal and work as the Edisons are remarkable. They both volunteer consistently at the estates and are dedicated to the Edison legacy.

They will lead off this year's grand parade symbolizing what the event is all about.

Ross Chastain – NASCAR Camping World Truck Series rookie from Alva, Florida, Chastain is a rising star on the race track and began racing at age 12. He is in the top 10 and is sponsored by the National Watermelon Association. Visit www.rosschastain.com.

Budweiser Clydesdales – To qualify for the world-famous eight-horse hitch, a Budweiser Clydesdale must meet certain requirements. These beautiful animals stand six feet tall and weigh approximately a ton and must be geldings, bay in color and have four white stockings and a blaze of white on the face along with a black mane and tail. These beautiful horses travel in style with three 50-foot tractor-trailers which will also be part of the show!

The grand parade will also feature the Indianapolis Metro Police Motorcycle Drill Team which will execute a multitude of precise and difficult drills on their motor-



cycles. Hundreds of other units include floats, bands, and service providers. A spectacular fireworks show will be the great finale to the largest night parade in the southeast.

Honorary Grand Marshal Maggi Feiner was voted as People's Choice for her contributions and dedication as the executive director of the Friends In Service Here (FISH) agency on Sanibel. She is not on the payroll for the organization and often works 60-hour weeks to ensure those in need receive assistance.

The Wells-Fargo Advisors Stage Coach will also be featured in the parade, plus 13 local high school bands, the Painted Post School District Band from New York, Haines City High School Band from Polk County, and 120 *Up With People* performers from across the globe.

Nearly 100 parade volunteers will coordinate and direct the parade along the route. The group includes judges, teachers, plumbers, electricians, business

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

New Hill House

by Gerri Reaves



Postcard images such as this one of the new Hill House advertised Fort Myers across the country to potential winter tourists and business travelers. In March 1917, Ed wrote to his Aunt Helen back in Albany, New York, that he and Edna would stay until June 1 at the hotel to enjoy the summer weather.

But by 1917, Hill House's reputation for comfort and hospitality had long been established.

The founder of the hotel-boardinghouse, widow Mary Florence Hill, came to Fort Myers in the 1880s for health reasons, bringing her two young daughters, Annie and Flossie, with her.

She began by renting a house from Mary Frierson, the mother of James E. Hendry, Sr., and establishing Hill House on the south side of First Street roughly mid-block.

The business prospered, so in 1889, she built a wooden structure on the southwest corner of First and Lee Streets and expanded.

She was assisted by her hardworking daughters. Flossie learned from this experience that she didn't want to spend a life in hotel work. In 1905, she instead founded a women's clothing store and ran it for over 50 years. Annie died in 1909.

The subsequent success of Hill House was a classic case of word-of-mouth being the best advertising. Traveling business people and tourists spread the word about the homey atmosphere and good food at the hotel. Her hospitality earned her the name Mother Hill.

Continued success led to the new modern Hill House pictured here. By then, Fort Myers was in a building boom, and the wooden buildings from the pioneer era were disappearing fast from downtown.

In August 1916, Flossie Hill signed a contract to build a brick and stucco structure on the site where the hotel currently existed for a projected cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000.



Mary F. Hill's new Hill House opened in 1916
courtesy of Southwest Florida Historical Society, Sara Nell Hendry Gran Collection



Today, a law office occupies the former hotel-boardinghouse. Behind it is the eight-story skyscraper that opened in 1924 as the Franklin Arms Hotel

photo by Gerri Reaves

The 50- by 80-foot hotel was to have Spanish architectural features and 26 rooms, most equipped with a bath.

The new Hill House opened only a few months later.

In 1918, a group headed by WP Franklin bought the property and it became the Franklin Arms Hotel.

Mary Hill was no doubt then free to focus more fully on her many community activities. She had been one of the founders of the First Baptist Church and served as president of the Business & Professional Women's Club, among many efforts.

The hotel gained its contemporary look just a few years later, when it was renovated and eight stories built behind the hotel. In March 1924, Fort Myers' first skyscraper opened.

In the 1970s, it was bought by the Gilmer M. Heitman family, and in the 1970s became the Edison Regency. Today the tower is the Franklin Arms Court and the front section is a law office.

Walk down to First and Lee to the site where Mary Hill and her daughters lived and worked in the family business.

Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to find out more about the city's pioneer entrepreneurs.

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

Indulge your curiosity about the long and busy lives of Mary and Flossie Hill 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.

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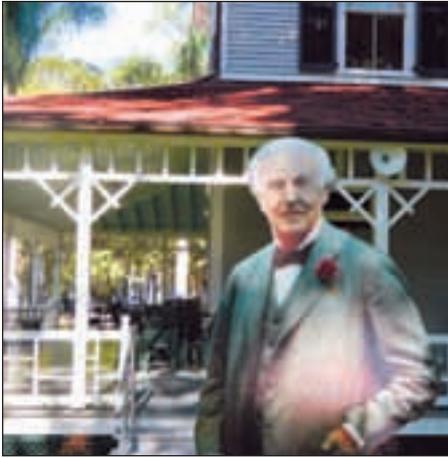
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Thomas Edison's birthday was celebrated at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates on February 11

Celebrating Thomas Edison's 166th Birthday

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is celebrating the 166th birthday of Thomas Edison with special events and programs honoring his life, work and legacy throughout the month of February.

Special events, (many are free to the public) throughout the month include:

- Edison Ford Mucker Demonstrations, February 11-15, 1 p.m.

The Edison Ford Education Team gives invention demonstrations and



Free mucker demonstration will be given February 11-15 at 1 p.m.

hands-on science experiments outside the Edison Botanic Research Lab. Shows are free to the public.

- Performance by the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band, February 15, 11 a.m.

The Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band has been performing for more than 100 years and is the featured band for the 75th annual Edison Festival of Light Parade on February 15. The band will be performing at the Edison Ford banyan tree and the performance is free to the public.

- Edison Festival of Light Grand Parade, February 16, 7 p.m.

Grand Marshals will characterize Thomas and Mina Edison for the 75th annual Edison Festival of Light Parade in downtown Fort Myers. Also, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates Wild Wizard and Fort Myers Institute of Technology float



A free performance of the Edison Festival of Light Parade featured band, Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band, will take place February 15

will celebrate the life and work of Thomas Edison. For more information contact Edison Festival of Light at 334-2999 or visit www.edisonfestival.org.

Throughout the month of February there are the regular tours with historian-led guided tours every hour; audio tours in English, German, French and Spanish; museum and lab tours and museum demonstrations throughout the day. Along with daily tours, Edison Ford offers special tours throughout the week including:

- Saturdays at 11 a.m., the Edison Ford Muckers/Young Inventor's Tour – a hands-on program for children age 12 and under.

- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. – the Garden & Estates Tour includes practical home gardening tips and tour of the new garden areas, propagating nursery, Garden Shoppe and nearly 25 acres of historic gardens.

- Wednesdays at 12 and 1 p.m. – Boat Tours along the Caloosahatchee with Captiva Cruises offer an historic tour on the river.

- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Behind the Scene Tours – led by curator staff, Behind the Scene Tours is a visitor favorite, and offers a look inside the Edison and Ford homes.

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

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Fort Myers Public Art:

Tootie McGregor Fountain



by Tom Hall

The Tootie McGregor Fountain is Fort Myers' oldest public artwork. This year, the memorial celebrates its 99th anniversary as an artistic landmark.

Today, the fountain greets visitors to The Edison Restaurant located on McGregor Boulevard on the northern edge of the Fort Myers Country Club. But it initially served as a watering trough for horses and the focal point in a broad intersection known as Five Point, a junction formed by Cleveland Avenue, Anderson Avenue (now Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard), McGregor Boulevard and Carson and Main streets. It was disassembled and moved in the 1950s to make way for the Caloosahatchee Bridge.

The fountain was completed sometime during the summer of 1913. Articles in the *Fort Myers Press* indicate that work on the memorial was started around July 10th, was progressing nicely a week later and was completed by the first anniversary of Tootie McGregor's death on August 17. But the press made no mention of the date of the fountain's completion

or any ceremony that might have taken place in connection with its dedication.

Tootie McGregor was a woman whose real life was the stuff of a Charlotte Bronte romance novel. Born in 1843, Jerusha "Tootie" Barber fell in love during high school with a struggling medical student who was so poor that he did not dare ask for her hand in marriage. So Tootie's love went unrequited when Marshall Terry left Cleveland to fight in the Spanish-American War and thereafter seek fame as surgeon general of the State of New York.

While Tootie may have been heartbroken, she didn't wait, marrying instead a young salesman by the name of Ambrose McGregor. Ambitious and hardworking, Ambrose succeeded in spectacular fashion, becoming the president of Standard Oil. And lured by Fort Myers' legendary tarpon fishing and temperate winters for their ailing and only son, Bradford, the McGregors made Fort Myers their permanent home in 1892.

After Ambrose's death in 1900 at the age of 57 and her son's demise just two years later, Marshall Terry re-entered the picture. He had never married nor gotten over Tootie, and the couple married in 1905. A supportive husband, Dr. Terry helped his wife complete a number of civic projects that she undertook during their six-year marriage, including widening and paving McGregor Boulevard, which was still being used as a cattle trail at that time.

Tootie died before McGregor was finished, but Dr. Terry saw to its success-



The Tootie McGregor Fountain can be seen in front of the public Fort Myers Country Club

ful completion. He also commissioned a memorial to honor his wife's work to beautify and build her community. As his last loving act, he had a plaque inscribed with Tootie's own words, "I only hope the little I have done may be an incentive to do more."

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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Rev. Paul deJong of First Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing organizer Sam Galloway, Jr.



Soloists Beth Wininger and Michael Broyles



Guest speaker Tom Smoot and his wife, Ann

Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing Attracts Large Crowd

Even the standing room was gone for this year's Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing on February 5 at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Myers. About 4,000 people attended the 24th annual Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing, filling nearly every seat at the three performances.

The Edison Festival of Light event was presented by First Presbyterian Church and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships to honor the work of Mrs. Mina Edison, wife of inventor Thomas Edison.

Those who attended donated more than 4,000 pounds of canned goods to benefit The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI).

"We are so thankful to the people of our community who stepped up in this time of great need. It truly shows the impact that a few people can make in the lives of many," said organizer Sam Galloway, Jr., who noted



Sam Galloway, Jr. and his wife, Kathy

that the food will be distributed immediately to those in need in Lee County.

Attendees sang hymns with the 60-member Sanctuary Choir of First Presbyterian Church and friends, listened to soloists, and heard a song called *Miracle Man* written about Thomas Edison by legendary



Jim and Donna Sublett of Fort Myers

composer George M. Cohen. The song was re-discovered by Galloway during his many travels. Another highlight was Edison's *Phonograph Polka*, played by pianist Barbara Peterson and organist Eddygrace Bernhard.

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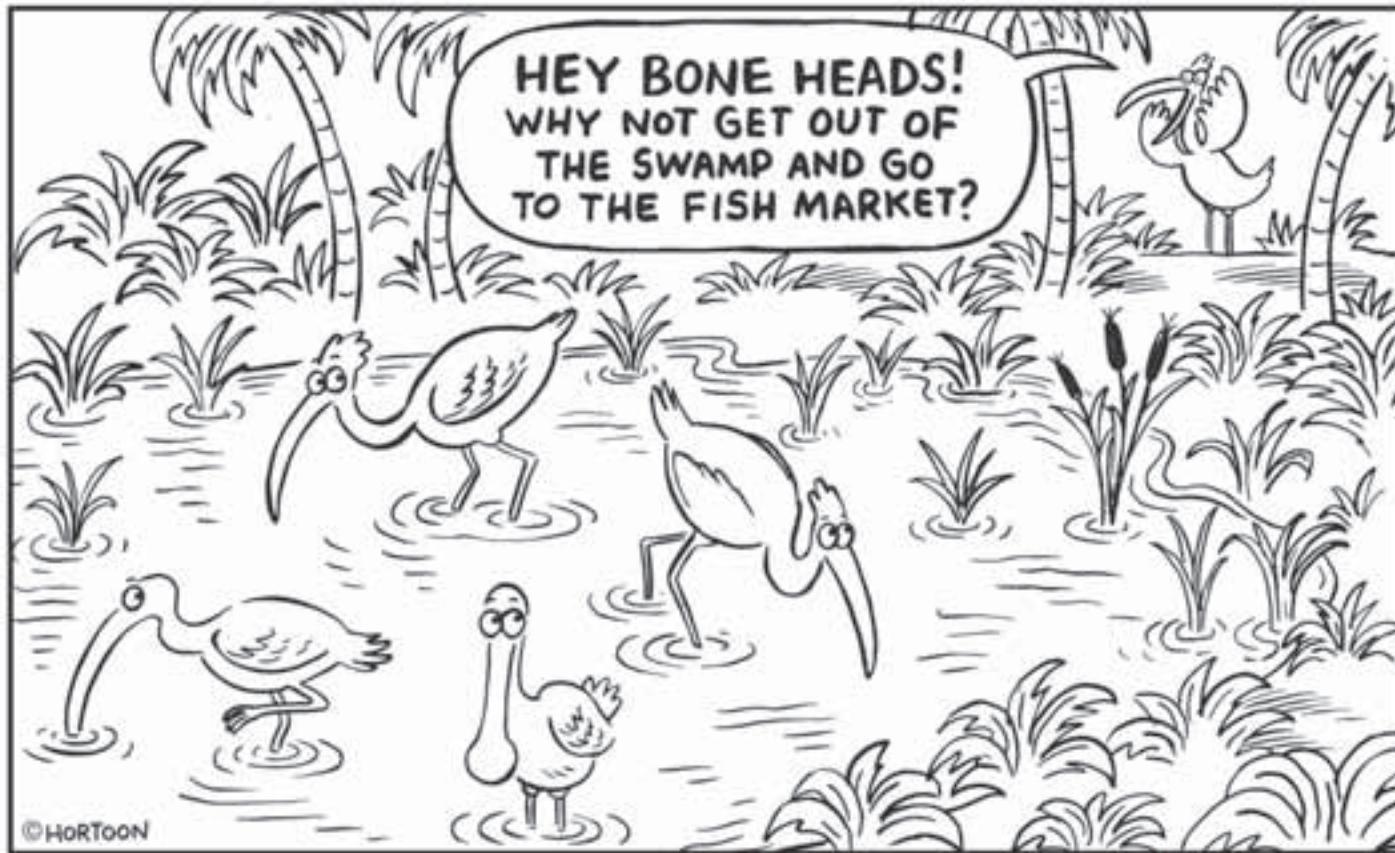
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Craft And White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, February 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Coffee and Donuts will be available.

The public is invited to attend this sale.

For more information call Marge Gregg at 466-5331.*

President's Day

The City of Fort Myers will observe President's Day on Monday, February 18. City Hall and city offices will be closed on February 18.*

NARFE Meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), South Lee County Chapter #1263, will meet on Thursday, February 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Famous Dave's Barbeque Restaurant, 12148 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers. The guest speaker will be John Hoglund from Southwest Florida Tinnitus & Hearing Center. For information call 482-6713.*

Estero Historical Society Event

On Saturday, February 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Estero Historical Society is hosting a fundraiser and luncheon. Home-made lunches are \$5 per person and are served on the deck of the historic Estero Cottage located in Estero Community Park.

Listen to the sounds of Fort Myers singer/songwriter John Myers or have your antiques and collectibles appraised by Richard Gannon of Gannon Antiques (cost is \$10 per appraisal). Door prizes, raffles and house tours are also available.

See the restored historical Hall-Collier-Hanson house along with the club's next project, the 1904 Estero Schoolhouse.

The event is sponsored by the Estero Historical Society.

For more information, contact Carolyn Fischer at 949-1518 or sunnytraveler@comcast.net, or visit www.esterohistorical-society.com.*

Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at the American Legion Post 274, 899 Buttonwood Drive on San Carlos Island, Fort Myers Beach.

Dinner will be catered and is available for \$10 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m.

Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Fern Toomey at 463-4194 or 908-447-0242. Visit www.OurGroupOnline.org/FMBYachtClub for more information.*

Community Yard Sale In Estero

On Saturday, March 2, a community yard sale will be held at Estero Community Park from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Clean out your closets and garage and rent a parking space for only \$5. Sell your unwanted items and make a little spending money.

Estero Community Park is located at 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard in Estero. For more information, call 498-0415.*

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.

League Of Women Voters March Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will meet on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers (corner of Summerlin and College Parkway).

Join the League of Women Voters for a discussion of the evolution of women's roles in society during the past five decades. The focus of the discussion will center on contradictions in cultural expectations of women's roles within the home, socially and in the workplace, and how the challenges of working through these contradictions set the stage for both cultural and legal changes in subsequent decades.

League members and the interested public should make reservations by calling 462-3444 or e-mail carolbf@centurylink.net. Cost to attend the breakfast is \$10. Student rates are available.

For more information, contact Sandy Frank, League of Women Voters' Director of Programs at 415-7654. More details about the programs and issues of the League of Women Voters is available at www.lww.org, www.lwvfla.org and www.lwvlee.org.*

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.*

Greeters Club

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on Thursday, March 21 at Colonial County Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$20, with reservations required.

Golisano Children's Hospital representatives Tracy Connelly, Senior Director of Development; Dan Fink, Chief Administrative Officer; and Dr. Emad Salman, Medical Director will facilitate a question-and-answer session about the Seahorse Dream Project fundraiser.

To join this dynamic group of women of Lee County, call Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Marie Gaither 791-8966 or send an email to wmgaither@aol.com.*

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Hymn Sing

Everyone in the audience also sang *Happy Birthday* to arts patron and life-long church member Barbara B. Mann, who celebrated her 100th birthday last month.

Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing is the first of three annual concerts presented by First Presbyterian Church and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships to benefit the Soup Kitchen of CCMi (Everyday Café and Marketplace). The second event is "A Midsummer Night's Sing" in July for residents who remain in Southwest Florida during the summer. The third very popular concert is the Holiday Carol Sing, held in December to celebrate the Christmas holidays.✧



Song leader Doug Molloy and his fiancé, Charity Woods



Barbara B. Mann reacts to an impromptu chorus of *Happy Birthday* in honor of her 100th birthday in January

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Guided History Walk

settlers and island pioneers. Traditional craft vendors will be set up, and you can tour the Estero Island Historic Society cottage, built in 1921, before or after your guided walk.

The event runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Space is limited; reservations are encouraged but not required. Email vlittle@leegov.com to reserve your space. The free event is sponsored by the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, Red Coconut RV Resort, Estero Island Historic Society, Healing Harbor Massage and Lee County Parks & Recreation. Matanzas Pass Preserve is located at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach. Visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7444 for more information.✧



Sherry Slaybaugh, Berne Davis and Eunice Bremner arrive at Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing

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Festival Of Light

owners, bankers, realtors, attorneys, financial advisors, utility supervisors, sheriff deputies, medical students, college football players and other diverse community members with approximately 300 combined years of experience with the parade.

The first female parade section marshal will team up with the first female section marshal to work on the parade committee. They are: Riverdale senior Briana Sherkus and FSU junior Lauren Taylor

An entertainment extravaganza will take place all day with live entertainment in Centennial Park beginning at 11 a.m. Admission is free.✧

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Along the River

From Friday, February 15 through March 2, the **Theatre Conspiracy** presents *Call Me Waldo* by Rob Ackerman. What do you do when an everyday assistant electrician begins channeling Ralph Waldo Emerson? The choices are obvious – either lock him away or join in the fun.

The Theatre Conspiracy is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Individual tickets are \$20 and season subscriptions are available. For information, call the box office at 936-3239 or go to www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Heading down to Fort Myers Beach? Enjoy live music this Friday and Saturday nights at the **Sunset Celebration**. Friday features the band High Tide and the Manipulators will perform on Saturday. The event is held from 4 to 9

p.m. both evenings (weather permitting) at Times Square.

For more information call 463-5900.

On Tuesday, February 19, paint your own beach sign at **Vino's Picasso**. The night session runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and is \$40 per person.

Vino's Picasso is not an art school and does not pretend to be. Most sessions are for adults to meet and drive their artistic expression with a drink and friends. 90 percent of its clients have never painted before, so be not afraid.

Adult groups are supplied with the paint (acrylic), palette, brushes, canvas, apron and even corkscrews for opening wine bottles. The staff will set up and clean up, too. Participants only need to worry about bringing their own wine/beer or buying something unique from Vino's Picasso's bar and leaving with a new masterpiece. There is no instruction dur-



Climb aboard Captiva Cruises' *Santiva* for an exciting and educational trip down the Caloosahatchee to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

ing this time and Lee County regulations do not allow for BYOB during children's sessions.

Vino's Picasso is located at 15250 South Tamiami Trail, #109, Fort Myers. Call 288-6953 or go to www.vinospicasso.com for information.

Celebrate Fish Taco Tuesday at the **Lazy Flamingo Fort Myers**. Live music is available Monday through Thursday on the patio from 6 to 9 p.m.

As local seafood lovers know, The Lazy is a great place for grouper sandwiches, raw oysters on the half-shell, conch chowder and mussels marinara served in a nautical-themed atmosphere. The restaurant is also known for its secret recipe flamingo garlic bread, buffalo wings and giant burgers...and during the season, fresh stone crab claws.

The Lazy Flamingo 4 is located at 12951 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to midnight. Call 476-9000 or go to www.lazyflamingo.com.

Every Wednesday this season, **Captiva Cruises** offers boat cruises and tours from Captiva Island to the historic **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** in Fort Myers. The boat departs at 10 a.m. and cruise time aboard *Santiva* is approximately one hour and 40 minutes.

During the excursion along the shorelines of Captiva and Sanibel and up the Caloosahatchee, guests will learn about the exciting history of the area's vital ecosystem. Upon arrival to Fort Myers, enjoy lunch at the private Royal Palm Yacht Club followed by a guided tour

of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Participants will return to Captiva aboard the *Santiva*.

While relaxing on the boat, hear about Captiva's rich history, including the famous fishing camps popular in the early 1900s. The roster of fascinating characters that frequented the camps included J.N "Ding" Darling, President Theodore Roosevelt and John Roach, the man who purchased Useppa Island for the Izaak Walton Club for tarpon fishing. Other notable locations include Punta Rassa, an important cattle town from which Florida bovines were shipped and traded with Cuba in the 1800s.

Captiva Cruises also offers dolphin watch and wildlife cruises that make for memorable family adventures. The tour company reports seeing dolphins on approximately 95 percent of their cruises. It's difficult to imagine anything more spectacular than watching dolphins playfully jumping in the wake of the boat while pelicans gracefully skim the water for fish. The trip runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and is narrated by volunteers from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

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Streets Alive Lee To Combine Fun, Fitness And Food

A new group has organized to bring fun and fitness to the streets of Lee County, as a way to combine play and personal health while helping to engage people in their community.

Streets Alive aims to incorporate fun, fitness and food to promote healthier lifestyles by temporarily closing streets to motor vehicles and opening them for people to have fun and get active. The first Streets Alive event will take place in late fall in either downtown Fort Myers or downtown Cape Coral. A winter or spring 2014 event will be held in the other location.

"Our tagline is 'People At Play' because, first and foremost, we want people to have fun," stated Streets Alive president Kate Gooderham. "People can choose from many activities, and they may discover ones from the past they enjoyed as well as new ones that are a surprise. It is like a buffet of fun."

Streets Alive Lee, part of a national "Open Streets" movement held throughout the U.S., will include closing approximately two to three miles of roads on a Sunday for people to have some human-powered fun – walking, biking, jogging, Zumba, hopscotch skateboarding, street games, jump rope, yoga, dancing, wheelchair activities and more.

It began as an outgrowth of the

Healthy Lee coalition to demonstrate to the people of Lee County that being healthy can be fun. Streets Alive Lee also builds on an effort by the Horizon Council to encourage employee health and reduce companies' health insurance costs.

Experience from events around the country show that businesses along the Open Streets routes increase sales and attract new customers who, having sped by their shop numerous times before, will stop in when on foot or bike.

Research strongly links healthy communities with thriving businesses. Good health and ease of access to safe walking, biking and other physical activities are some of the quality of life benefits proven to attract new business investment and new residents.

"One of our goals is to involve the local community in each of these events," said vice president Dan Moser. "That means not only bringing in residents and visitors, but focusing on local merchants and services that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Each event will be different, but all of them will encourage a combination of fun and fitness at whatever level each person seeks."

Streets Alive of Lee County Inc. is a Florida nonprofit corporation with a pending tax-exempt application with the IRS. It is initially being supported by the Lee County Health Department. Additional information is available online at www.streetsalivelee.org.

Storytelling Workshop



Kim Weitkamp

Using her storybox technique, nationally acclaimed storyteller Kim Weitkamp will show a fun, easy way to pull numerous story ideas out of personal experiences on February 23. The members of this workshop will learn a quick and easy way to turn any interesting situation into a well-rounded tale.

Participants will leave the workshop with one new piece that will contain all

the bones of a good story. Whether a story lover, a family storyteller, a hobbyist, a performing teller, a writer or a public speaker, this workshop will help the participant build his or her repertoire and enhance any presentation. Learn how to find your voice and transform life experiences into spellbinding stories.

Weitkamp is a nationally known storyteller and a gifted workshop leader who has performed her own personal stories at festivals throughout the country and at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. For more information about Weitkamp, visit www.kimweitkamp.com.

The workshop is a Florida Storytelling Association event produced by the Tamiami Tale Tellers of Fort Myers. It will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2439 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers on Saturday, February 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$10, cash requested.

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Lee Community Youth Chorus

Concert To Benefit Homeless Coalition And Food Pantry

On February 23 at 3 p.m., the Lee Community Youth Chorus will present *Positively Joyful!* at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 13411 Shire Lane in Fort Myers. The concert will include guest appearances by popular community 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 students from all over Lee County who do community service by performing concerts for charitable organizations. Come hear this talented group of kids as they sing all-time favorites. Sanibel resident Grace Kerns sings with the chorus.

Admission is a love offering and/or a can of non-perishable food at the door. All proceeds will be donated to the Lee County Homeless Coalition and South Fort Myers Food Pantry. For information call 941-866-1710 or email pianodorr@gmail.com.*

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Cultural Arts Center To Hold Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting of the \$5.8 million, 14,000-square-foot Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center will take place on Thursday, February 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the center, located in the Harlem Heights community at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. The event is free and open to the public.

The Heights Foundation supports the Heights Center, a place for education, opportunity and enrichment. The center's mission is to promote family and community development, support education, health and wellness, and provide the benefits of enrichment, expressive and cultural arts in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

The Heights Center stood as a shell for four years after the real estate crash forced a philanthropist to rescind a \$4 million dollar pledge. "Because of the generous support of local donors, along with the tenacity and dedicated work of our board of directors, advisory committee, employees, volunteers, the residents of Harlem Heights and the Harlem Heights Improvement Association, we were able to make the center a reality," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of the Heights Foundation. "We will open our doors debt-free."

In 2012, the Heights Foundation and their partners provided 6,400 camp days, 6,000 afterschool days and 400 backpacks filled with supplies. Enriching afterschool and summer camp programs, literacy classes and early learning play groups helped children succeed in school. Adults

in the Heights neighborhood benefited from financial education, Financial Peace training and volunteer tax assistance. "Our current programs are bursting at the seams," said Kelly. "Our new center will allow our programs to grow and flourish. We welcome the community to join us for the ribbon cutting to celebrate this milestone."

For more information call 482-7706 or visit www.heightsfoundation.org.*

Up With People Tickets Available

Tickets are still available for the two exciting Up With People performances at North Fort Myers High School on Sunday, February 17 at 2 and 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The international Up With People cast is comprised of 120 students from 20 countries. The students are between the ages of 18 and 29. Their shows have been performed in more than 60 countries; the new show, *Voices*, features original Up With People songs as well as popular medleys from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

The cast members will be in the Fort Myers area the week preceding their performance, volunteering at the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Up With People's *Voices* tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors and children, and a family four-pack is \$45. A \$50 patron ticket includes VIP seating, a meet-and-greet with the cast, plus a backstage tour.

Tickets for the shows are available by going to www.upwithpeople.org/fortmyers.*

Al Sharpton To Speak In Fort Myers



Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton

On Saturday, February 23, the Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton is scheduled to be the honorary

speaker at the Keep Moving Forward event presented by the James Brunson Youth Development Foundation. Held at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers, it begins at 5 p.m. and attire is semi-formal.

Founded in Fort Myers, the James "Boosie" Brunson Youth Development Foundation's mission is to create universal understanding through educational scholarships to recipients who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. With an education, they can achieve their goals, and the organization continues to assist students in making their dreams come true.

Tickets are a donation of \$60 per person or \$75 after February 15. Go to www.jamesbrunsonyouthdevelopmentfoundation.org for more information.

The Harborside Event Center is located at 375 Monroe Street, Fort Myers. For tickets, call The City of Fort Myers at 321-8120.*

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Presidents Week Concert

On Thursday, February 21, Beach United Methodist Church will feature members of the Southwest Florida Symphony, Lexington Veterans Honor Guard, the BUMC Chancel Choir and soprano Lesley Frost in an uplifting concert to celebrate Presidents Week. This concert is the fourth presentation of the Hibiscus Series and is the grandest of the year.

Under the direction of Director of Music and Fine Arts, Dr. Douglas Renfro, the underlying theme for the evening is Lift Every Voice In Song.

Musical compositions ranging from Andrew Lloyd-Webber to Handel to Puccini will be presented. The highlight of the concert will be the Presentation of Colors by the Lexington Veterans Association Honor Guard. A patriotic emphasis will conclude the second half of the concert including the singing of *God Bless America*, *Inscription of Hope* (written during the Holocaust) and *Days of Elijah*. The Honor Guard is comprised



Lexington Veterans Honor Guard with Dr. Douglas Renfro

of former members of our Armed Forces who served our country proudly during Korea and Vietnam lead by their Captain Rich Hill, who is making his last appearance with the Guard.

Soprano Lesley Frost has thrilled audiences around the United States, especially in Southwest Florida. She is often heard in concerts with bass baritone Douglas

Renfro and is a featured soloist with the Voices Of Naples. She will be presenting the lovely Puccini aria *Oh, Mio Babbino Caro* and the haunting *Pie Jesu* by Faure in addition to a duet with Renfro. The Chamber Orchestra will be comprised of members of the Southwest Florida Symphony and Opera Naples. Pianist Joy Bowe will also be featured on several of

the numbers performed.

The concert is open to the public and will be held in the Sanctuary of Beach United Methodist Church (located behind the new Fort Myers Beach Library). The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and a free will offering will be collected to offset expenses. A reception will follow to allow the audience to meet the artists.✪

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Sheepshead May Be Lowly But Is Tasty, Plentiful



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The week started off on the cold side but quickly warmed back up to our above normal winter temperatures. Big minus low tides first thing in the morning made

for my favorite winter time fishing set-up. Sheepshead were my main target this week, and finding good numbers of them close to home made for good action without having to go too far.

All around the southern end of the sound, just about every mangrove creek held lots of sheepshead. Just find a creek over three feet deep with hard shell or oyster bottom. Spotting the schools of sheepshead in the clear water made for some great sightfishing. In one creek, I could see the schools coming down the

shallow mangrove mouth and setting up in the deeper water. Schools of up to 50 at a time made their way into the deeper water.

Chunks of fresh shrimp fished on a long-shank #2 hook with a small split shot is my rig of choice for this species. Use just enough weight to get to the bottom. Quite often while targeting the sheepshead, though, you will hook into another species such as redfish, black drum, trout and even a snook or two. One spot I have been fishing on the right set-up on Chino Island has had some real giant sheepshead on it, along with a few unknown freight trains we simply have not been able to turn away from the trees. One of the great things about fishing this time of year is you never really know what variety or how big that next fish will be.

On several trips this week to the Buck Key area, I got on a non-stop redfish bite. Though most of our winter redfish are on the small side with pretty blue tails, if you catch enough you will manage a few keepers in the mix along with a few black drum. On the west side of Buck Key during periods of west wind and higher tides, I got on a wide open redfish bite which made for 30-plus reds in just over an hour. Targeting the sand holes just out



Donna Black with a keeper-sized redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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from the trees with a live shrimp bounced across the bottom caught the biggest ones in the 23-inch range. The big redfish of the week came while sheepshead fishing in creeks around St. James City and was just short of 27 inches.

During calm or light wind days, trout fishing out on the flats was on fire. Nine out of 10 fish were under the 15-inch minimum but if you want to catch a fish almost every cast, this was hard to beat. Flats from Wulfert Keys to Tarpon Bay in three to four feet of water all held good numbers of trout along with ladyfish and a few pompano in the mix. Simply drift over the mixed up grass and sand bottom and once you start catching fish, drop the anchor and enjoy. These trout can be fished for in a variety of ways, including soft plastic jigs or a live shrimp popping cork rig.

With so many of my visiting anglers this time of year wanting to take home a tasty fresh fish dinner after a trip, sheepshead are a great option. Not only are

they a firm and mild fish to eat, they are hard fighting on light tackle, plentiful and feed well even during our coldest periods when not much else will.

Another bonus of our winter sheepshead fishery is it sure takes a lot of pressure off other more glamorous species like the redfish and trout, which don't come close to being as good to eat as the often-considered lowly sheepshead.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions, email captmattmitchell@aol.com.

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Visitors can taste oysters and clams on Calusa Heritage Day

Celebrate Calusa Heritage Day

Visitors can arrive by water to the annual Calusa Heritage Day at Pineland on northwest Pine Island. Captiva Cruises is offering a ride from McCarthy Marina across Pine Island Sound to the docks at Tarpon Lodge on March 9. "Coming by boat to Calusa Heritage Day creates an easy way for visitors and others on Sanibel and Captiva – and even south Fort Myers near the Sanibel Causeway – to enjoy a day on Pine Island Sound and also attend the event without the hassle of driving while also having a chance to learn about the Calusa people and early fishing cultures," said Cindy Bear, coordinator of Randell Research Center, which hosts the event.

The boat will depart McCarthy Marina at 9 a.m. Passengers will get a narrated tour of the harbor and its fish shacks and then have lunch at the Tarpon Lodge on Pineland before attending the festival. The lodge is across the street from the Calusa site.

The boat will return passengers to Captiva after an two-hour stay on Pine Island.

Among the activities at the event is the Calusa Tasting, where oysters are served up along with chili peppers and papayas. Both plants were grown in home gardens thousands of years ago at Pineland.

Speakers will talk on topics ranging from the evidence for Ponce de Leon's meetings with the Calusa to the evidence of Florida's earliest people dating to 12,000 years ago located at Little Salt Springs.

A special postmark has been created to commemorate the day, and at the postal station, attendees can have their cards and letters posted.

An ethnobotany tent will feature information on the use of the plants by native people and experts will be hand to demonstrate how to make cordage and baskets.

Calusa Heritage Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (GPS users should input Bokeelia instead of Pineland.) Admission is \$5 for adults, free to children; Randell Center members are admitted free. Parking, including handicapped parking, is available on site. Free water is available throughout the day; participants are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle. Food is for sale by Pine Island-based Little Lillie's Island Deli and Mel Meo's fish wagon.

Fare for the boat ride is \$45; lunch is not included, but admission to Calusa Heritage Day will be waived for passengers. Reservations are required by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.

Randell Research Center is dedicated to archaeology, history, ecology and preserving the Calusa legacy.

For more information, call 283-2062 or 283-2157 or visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu.*

Bicycles As Transportation

Saturday, February 16 is Bike to GreenMarket Day, a celebration and recognition of the contribution of bike riders to sustainability in our area. Using bicycles instead of motor vehicles to conduct at least a small part of daily errands – like riding with your child to school, attending church or shopping at a local farmers' market – has a positive impact on society, on the environment and on your health.

Bike activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. after the weekly free yoga session, when longtime bike and pedestrian advocate Dan Moser takes the GreenMarket stage to offer a presentation covering topics such as complete streets, the bicycle as alternative to the car, safety tips and best routes in Fort Myers. The event will take place at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A.

As a motivation to ride to the market, the first 35 visitors will receive free tickets to local attractions and upcoming concerts. An art yard will be set up for kids and their parents to explore bike-centric art projects.

BikeWalkLee (www.bikewalklee.blogspot.com) is a community coalition raising public awareness and advocating for complete streets in Lee County: streets that are designed, built, operated and maintained for safe and convenient travel for all users. BikeWalkLee values walkable and bikeable communities that encourage interaction among citizens of all ages, incomes, and abilities; the freedom of choice in transportation, including the choice to safely walk, bike or use public transit; and the strength, stability and quality of our environment.

From its inception in 2009, the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket has been a hub for everything local and sustainable. In addition to providing local growers, bakers, artists and artisans with a weekly space to offer their wares to the public, it offers the community a range of activities, from free gardening workshops to community garden areas open to the public, recycle drives and open yoga sessions. Local cheeses, produce, seafood and honey share space with organic fertilizers, organic herb and vegetable plants, sprouts and rain barrels. For more information about the GreenMarket email Market Manager Santiago De

Choch at greenmarket@artinlee.org.*

Guided Walks

Lee County Parks & Recreation's volunteer naturalists lead free tours of three area parks, Bowditch Point Park, Bunche Beach Preserve and Matanzas Pass Preserve.

On the trails at Bowditch Point Park, they teach the importance of the barrier islands, their unique ecosystem, and how they protect the mainland. They explore the beach front tropical hardwoods, coastal scrub and wetland plant communities.

Walks are held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Fridays 1 to 2:30 p.m. Parking is \$2 per hour and space can be limited. Bowditch Park is located at 50 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach.

Another walk is along the shoreline at Bunche Beach during low tide along the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers. Walkers learn about the amazing variety of shore birds and sea life that inhabit the coastline.

These leisurely walks are held twice a month at sunset, with the next walk scheduled for Tuesday, February 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. Parking is \$2 per hour. Bunche Beach Preserve is located at 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers.

The Mangrove Walk at Matanzas Pass Preserve is led by a Florida Master Naturalist volunteer who will discuss the diverse plant community while walking through a maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands, and a mangrove forest to overlook Estero Bay.

This walk on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Exploring Ethnobotany is another program at Matanzas Pass Preserve. Walkers will learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing as well as the historical importance of Florida plants to humans.

Walks are held the fourth Wednesday of the month; the next walk is February 27 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Parking is free but space is limited. Visitors are encouraged to bike or take the trolley to Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach.

For more information about any of Lee County's beach parks, call 533-7444 or visit www.leeparks.org.*



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Conservancy Of Southwest Florida Announces March Nature Schedule

The March schedule for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a grassroots organization focused on environmental issues of the Southwest Florida region, is as follows:

March 1: Free Briggs Boardwalk, Rookery Bay Walk, through April 15, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. Volunteer nature and bird guides are available 9 a.m. to noon. Boardwalk is open daily dawn to dusk. From I-75 or U.S. 41 (Tamiami Trail) to 951 South toward Marco Island. After crossing U.S. 41, continue for approximately three miles and turn right onto Shell Island



Dr. Gary Schmelz. on a fossil dig

Road. Continue one mile; on the right, park in front of the building and then take the path on the right to meet the guide at the back of the building. Weather permitting. Bring a hat, water and wear sunscreen.

March 1: Free Clam Pass Walks, through April 30, Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. Clam Pass Park is next to the Naples Grande Resort on Seagate Drive, west of U.S. 41. Meet volunteer guide at the parking lot tram stop. Free parking with beach sticker; otherwise, subject to county parking fee. Weather permitting. Bring a hat, water and wear sunscreen.

March 1: *Good Fortune II* Cruises, through late April with Coast Guard-certified captain and trained Conservancy of Southwest Florida volunteer guide. Goes through mangrove-lined channels of Rookery Bay and passengers can see some of the most spectacular wading birds and wildlife.

Cruises depart from Shell Island Road. For more information call 403-4236 or visit www.conservancy.org/goodfortune. Adult \$42, under 12, \$19.

Early Morning Cruise, Monday, 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

Leisurely Lunch Cruise, Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Includes one hour stop for lunch on Isle of Capri. Lunch is not included in program price.

Classic Sunset Adventure, daily – times vary. Spectacular view of hundreds of shorebirds coming to roost on the mangrove islands for the night.

Friends and Family Sunset Cruise. Groups of 10 join other guests on the *Good Fortune II* for one group price. Members \$299, others \$399.

Two-hour private charters, available year round on the *Good Fortune II* for private events for up to 35 people. Members \$699, others \$799.

March 1: Free Tiger Tail Beach Walk, through April 5, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. Listed as Site #73 on the Great Florida Birding Trail. Meet volunteer guides at the kiosk at Tigertail Beach. Free parking with beach sticker, otherwise, subject to county parking fee. Times and days subject to change. Weather permitting. Bring a hat, water and wear sunscreen. Water shoes and binoculars are also suggested.

March 1: Sweet Liberty Sailing Adventure, Friday mornings through April 26. A three-hour Naples Bay tour narrated by Conservancy of Southwest Florida volunteers.



Conservancy science co-director Kathy Worley discusses the importance of mangroves on the *Good Fortune II* cruise

Includes one hour of shelling and swimming at Keewaydin Island. Call Sweet Liberty at 793.3525. \$40 per person, Conservancy members receive a 10 percent discount.

March 2: Fossil Dig with Dr. Gary Schmelz, Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Schmelz leads groups to a new Caloosahatchee fossil site in Charlotte County to seek 1.5-million-year-old specimens such as giant apple murex, cowries, miters and vase shells. A lunch raffle will include fossils from Dr. Schmelz's private collection. Lunch cost is not included in program fee. Adult members, \$60; adults, \$95. Call 262-0304, ext. 266 to register.

March 15: Swamp Walk in the Fakahatchee. An exploration through the swamps of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, home to alligators, birds and rare wildlife. (This is a very rigorous walking trip and participants must be in good physical condition to take part.) Adult members, \$60; others, \$95. Call 262-0304, ext. 266.

March 20: Mangroves & More, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This lunchtime cruise into Rookery Bay explores the importance of mangroves and the hidden treasures within. Conservancy mangroves expert Kathy Worley will discuss how wildlife – and people – benefit from the magic of mangroves. Lunch at the Isle of Capri not included in the program fee. Adult members \$32; under 12, \$14; others, \$42/\$19 respectively. Call 403-4236, or visit www.conservancy.org/goodfortune.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Nature Center is located in Naples at 1450 Merrihue Drive, off Goodlette-Frank Road at 14th Avenue North. The new entrance, Smith Preserve Way, is now open and located just south of the Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road.

For information about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, call 262-0304 or log onto www.conservancy.org.*

Bonsai Society

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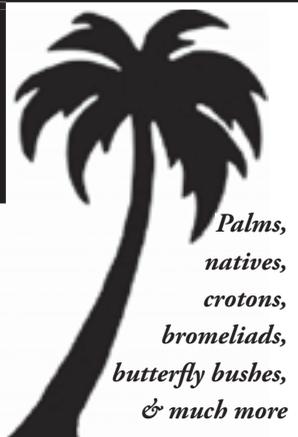
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Sour Orange

by Gerri Reaves

Sour orange (*Citrus aurantium*) is said to have been introduced to Florida centuries ago by the Spanish in St. Augustine.

Native to Southeast Asia, the species is also called Seville orange and bitter-sweet orange.

The plant has become naturalized in Florida, meaning that this non-native species sustains itself without cultivation.

It is found in the wilds in disturbed areas, shell mounds and Everglades hammocks near Indian sites.

Reaching around 20 feet in height with a rounded compact crown, this evergreen tree is grown as an attractive landscape plant too.

This species' many names reflect the still not completely understood genetics of the numerous citrus hybrids and varieties, for example, the Bergamot (*Citrus aurantium*, var. *bergamia*), which vary greatly in palatability.

Pictured here is the Shaddock pomelo, so named for an English sea captain who introduced the seed to the West Indies.

The highly fragrant white flowers of sour orange are about an inch across and bloom in spring. Five petals surround a tuft of as many as 24 yellow stamens.

The fruit's interior varies from yellow to orange or red and is very acidic. The rind is thick and bitter, the oval seeds are white. When the round fruit matures, the

center becomes hollow.

Elliptical to ovate leaves measure three to five inches long. The bark is grayish and thorned.

Although high acidity often renders the fruit unpalatable, the juice can be used for seasoning, making orangeade loaded with vitamin C or flavoring a variety of products – from candy and perfume to liqueurs. The peel and pulp are used in marmalades.

The tree has medicinal uses for a variety of ailments. The wood is used in cabinetry and, in Cuba, for making baseball bats.

Other somewhat bizarre uses for the tree include cleaning floors, laundering clothes and even shampooing hair, since the crushed fruit and leaves lather in water.

Sources: *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida*, *Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, www.discoverlife.org, and experiencefestival.com.

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The sour orange's fragrant flowers provide nectar for bees

photo by Gerri Reaves

Caring For Your Plants

Acclimate Your Plants To Sun

by Justen Dobbs



Most palm trees and ornamental plants are usually grown and sold for sun, shade or indoors. So, if you want to buy a palm tree or ornamental for your landscape and you plan on

planting it in a full-sun location, you will want to buy one that is adapted to full sun already. Much like people's skin, leaves can get burned if you're not careful. Did you know that almost all plants that are sold for shade or indoors can be acclimated (made accustomed) to full sun if done properly? Some examples of these are: Majesty Palms (*Ravenea rivularis*), Areca Palms (*Dypsis lutescens*), Cat Palms (*Chamaedorea cataractarum*), Lady Palms (*Rhapis excelsa*), Ti Plants, Sansiveria, and Sago Palms (*Cycas revoluta*). On the other side of the coin, very few full-sun trees can be adapted to shade or indoor conditions.

If you do buy one of the plants listed above and wish to plant it out in your landscape, first you must water it really well once you bring it home. Then place it under a large hardwood tree or inside



Filtered sun is ideal for almost all plants and trees

your lanai, where it will receive only filtered sun, early morning sun or early evening sun. Keep it watered every other day so that it does not dry out in its new warmer location. Check the leaves each time you water it for signs of sun burn. If you notice small yellow or brown patches on the top of the fronds, move it back into more shade. If, after 10 days, you don't notice any leaf burn, move it into more sun (maybe to the outer edge of the tree canopy or lanai). Check it often for leaf burn for the next 10 days. Then you can move it into full sun while still in the container for the final test. If it still seems to be healthy and happy a week later, go

ahead and plant it in the ground in its final location. The leaves may fade slightly from dark green to lime green, but don't worry – all palm trees are weakened immediately after being planted because they are devoting most of their energy to new roots and not new leaves. Once the palm is planted in the ground, continue to water it every few days for a month or two. After the palm has shown some new leaf growth, feed it with a slow release granular fertilizer. If you are unsure which one to use, ask your landscaper or find a local landscaper to ask.

The best time to complete this acclimation process is in fall, winter or



Foxtail leaves can burn if moved directly from shade to sun at a young age

early spring. Our summer sun here in Southwest Florida is very intense and can burn palm fronds much more quickly. Or, you can have them professionally transplanted to a shadier location in your yard.

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

CROW Case Of The Week:

Virginia Opossum

by Patricia Molloy



As North America's only native marsupial, the Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) is a nocturnal omnivore. The trademark marsupium, or pouch, develops on the

abdomen of the female and is where litters of baby opossums will spend the first two months of their lives nursing and growing.

As one of the oldest mammals on Earth, the opossum has survived for at least 70 million years. Despite popular belief, opossums do not hang from their tails while sleeping; their tails are not strong enough to support them for



Dr. Helen Ingraham administering eye drops to an adult Virginia opossum while the patient is carefully held by Jordan Donini

extended periods of time.

On the other hand, playing 'possum is

not a myth. When threatened, an opossum will roll over and pretend to be dead in order to trick a predator. The comatose is an involuntary defense mechanism that can last for up to four hours. While brilliantly effective in most cases, it can inadvertently make the marsupial more vulnerable to skeptical predators.

CROW is currently caring for an adult female opossum (#0093) which was admitted to the wildlife clinic after being hit by a car. After examinations and radiographs, it was evident that she had suffered multiple injuries, including two skull fractures. The patient has endured three surgeries by the specialized vets, which have proven to be life-saving.

"Fortunately, her neurological signs are fine," said Dr. Heather. "She's bright and alert and eats well, but we are having difficulty keeping her from infecting her surgical sites despite the fact that we clean her cage daily, over and over

again."

"She's been through a lot, but is doing really well. We hope to release her soon," said Dr. Aundria.

Successful care-and-release cases are always satisfying for the team at CROW, but opossum releases can also be cause for a little comic relief. Upon return to a release site, an opossum will often leave its travel carrier and immediately play dead. At times like these, a staff member will patiently wait at a safe distance to ensure that the patient eventually stands and safely begins its journey home.

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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).

Register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.✧

Courtship Of Great Blue Herons



Courtship Of Great Blue Herons, currently showing at JN "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, is the latest photographic exhibit to be presented by locally renowned wildlife/bird photographer Sallie Rich. Photographed at a nesting site on Sanibel/Capiva Islands, the 30 photograph series will be on display until the end of February from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week.

The images in this educational exhibit cover the period from the arrival of a male Great Blue Heron (*Ardea Herodias*) at his nest February 13 and draws to a close with his mate brooding on her eggs in early April.



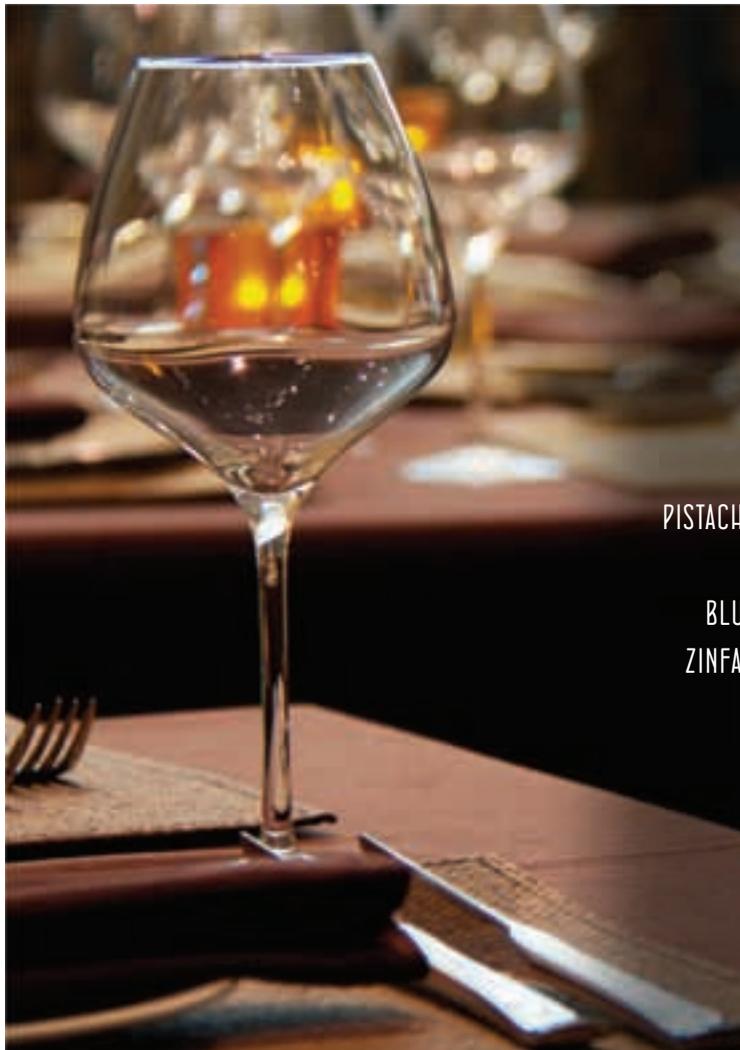
The photographs are spectacular for their clarity, focus and the visually complete coverage of the courtship, nest building, mating rituals and perils of life experienced by this single pair of Great Blue Herons in the course of one nesting season.

Located in the Duck Stamp Auditorium (Auditorium B) within the Visitor Education and Welcome Center at



photos by Sallie Rich

the Refuge, the exhibition will remain open until the end February. Rich will speak with visitors about her photography each Sunday afternoon in February from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 466-6026.*



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Symphony To Honor Musicians

The Southwest Florida Symphony will honor two musicians who are celebrating 30 years of performing with the orchestra this season. Concertmaster Reiko Niiya and principal flutist William Larsen will be the honored guests for dinner and a program at the Royal Palm Yacht Club on February 27 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Guests will attend a pre-dinner reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres. The orchestra's principal percussionist, Todd Betz, will be the master of ceremonies. Students and former students of Niiya and Larsen will entertain during dinner and dessert. Following beverages and dinner, a video about the two musicians will be shown and both will perform. A light-hearted roast of both musicians will cap off the evening.

Niiya moved to Fort Myers in 1982 and began her career as the Concertmaster of the Southwest Florida Symphony. In 1988 she moved to Washington D.C. but remained concertmaster of the Southwest Florida Symphony. Over the course of 10 years, commuting to Fort Myers for each concert, Niiya missed only one performance.

While living in the Greater Washington DC area, she was concertmaster for six orchestras, and became one of the most prominent freelance violinists in the country. She also played with the National Symphony, the Washington Opera

Orchestra at the Kennedy Center, and the Wolf Trap Opera Orchestra.

In D.C., Niiya broadened her interests from classical symphonic music to include opera and pops. During that time, Niiya worked with entertainers such as Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole, Michael Jackson, and Sarah Brightman, to name a few.

In 1993, Niiya played for Bill Clinton at his first Inauguration gala concert, and again for his second inauguration in 1997. She has since played many presidential concerts, including *A Christmas in Washington*, and the Ford Theater Celebration Concert, for which she is still the concertmaster.

In 2011, Niiya was invited to play on ABC's popular show *Dancing with the Stars* along with 35 Los Angeles musicians. Niiya is also a dedicated violin teacher and chamber music coach for young musicians. Her students have won many competitions, have been featured on radio shows such as National Public Radio's *From the Top*, and are highly ranked in Florida as well as in Virginia.

William Larsen has been the principal flute of the Southwest Florida Symphony for more than 29 years. He has acted as soloist with the symphony on such works as Vivaldi's *Concerto for Piccolo in C Major*, Bach's *Suite in b Minor for Flute and Strings*, Griffes' *Poem for Flute and Orchestra*, Rutter's *Suite Antique* and a Latin jazz arrangement by Jeff Tyzik of Bach's *Siciliano* from his *Sonata in Eb*. Larsen, in conjunction with his wife Beth Larsen, also a flutist, has performed Bach's *Brandenburg No. 4*.

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Hilarity Triumphs At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau



Miracle on South Division Street is the fourth Tom Dudzick play to be performed at Florida Repertory Theatre and in my opinion it's his best.

Dudzick's inspiration comes from his old neighborhood in Buffalo, New York, where a barber claimed that the Blessed Mother herself appeared to him. Few believed the claim, but the man placed a beautiful life-sized statue encased in wood, brick and glass on the site. Many years later Dudzick returned to his old neighborhood and stood before the shrine. It had survived the wrecking ball by a promise from City Hall, lovingly preserved by a handful of faithful residents. He thought, "There's a story here."

Dudzick invented a family, the Nowaks of Buffalo's East Side, mixtures of people he grew up with. You'll meet them in *Miracle on South Division Street*.

There's Clara, the matriarch of the family played by Carrie Lund. Jason Parrish is Jimmy, Rachel Burtram is Ruth and Michelle Damato is Beverly.

The cast could not be more perfect.

Each inhabits his or her role with a comic zest that is infectious, in a good way, to the audience. The laughs just build as the play goes on.

The action takes place in the Nowak's kitchen, in a run-down, working class neighborhood of Buffalonia early autumn, 2010. Clara is a devout Catholic who believes her father witnessed a miracle, a visit from the Blessed Mother. A statue outside their home is revered by many. She runs Clara's Soup Kitchen, where Our Lady's Miracle Soup is prepared on holy ground. Every Sunday she feeds the poor. There are many things she does not know about her family and one by one these details are revealed to her by daughter Ruth.

Ruth has stopped attending mass and is auditioning for a role in a local production of *The Vagina Monologues*. Clara can't even utter the words. Jimmy has developed a taste for gefilte fish and there's a good reason for that. Beverly, a small bundle of energy, is devoted to her bowling league and new boyfriend.

Ethnic humor abounds in this play but it's the type that no one can object to, unless they have no sense of humor. During intermission, talking with Catholics, those of Jewish faith and other religions, everyone found the dialogue to be extremely humorous. During the second act as more details surface, it is even more hilarious. The audience laughs out loud with great enthusiasm.

The Nowaks could be called a strange family and their history is a bit questionable, but in the hands of the playwright

Cast members of *Miracle on South Division Street*

they are exceptional characters who show that it's OK to rethink things and move forward.

I loved this play. Dudzick had planned on being at Florida Rep last weekend, but Mother Nature had different plans. Due to the winter storm he had to postpone his trip to this weekend.

Miracle on South Division Street, directed by Robert Cacioppo, plays through March 2 at Florida Repertory Theatre, located in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street in the Fort Myers River District.

For tickets, visit floridarep.org or call 332-4488.✱



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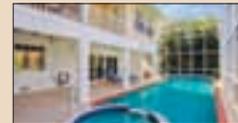
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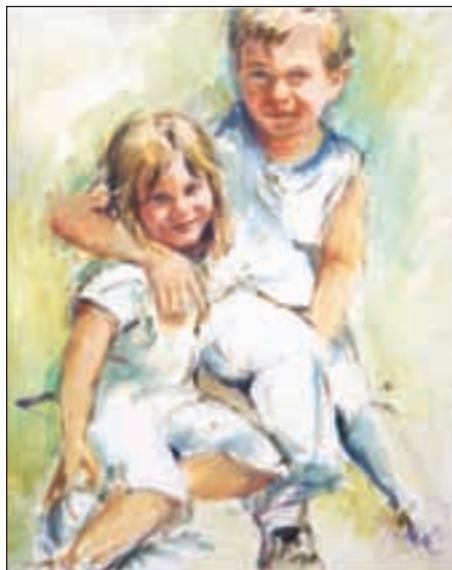


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Susanne's Grands by Tracy Cullimore

February Fantasy Artwork Winners

The Art League of Fort Myers February Fantasy art show is being exhibited from February 1 through February 22 in Downtown Fort Myers. Susan Bridges, president of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, was the juror, and prizes were awarded at a reception on February 1. The criteria focus points were composition, form, line, color and technical expertise. Bridges said, "This show presents a nice breadth of subject matter, styles and media. I was pleased to see so many artists working on a solid level." The awards and Bridges comments are as follows:

First Place – (Portrait of Two Children) – Tracy Cullimore – *Susanne's Grands* - Oil

The painting is well composed with a nice level of technical expertise used to create the artwork. Cropping the top of boy's head, while a bit odd, certainly didn't deter selection as First Place. The painting is well structured and stretch of values and use of color are soundly used.

Second Place – (Landscape) – Ellie Schneider – *Red Umbrella* - Oil

This artwork reads really well from a



Red Umbrella by Ellie Schneider



Artsy Tracy by Priscilla Jeffcoat

distance and draws you in. As a viewer approaches, the painting unfolds, leading you in farther. This is a well-crafted artwork with sure, yet loose and painterly brushstrokes. It's well composed and shows a good understanding of color.



Wistful by Daphne Hammond



Market Fresh by Barbara Gardner

Third Place – (Figure Drawing) – Daphne Hammond – *Wistful* - Pencil
This is a good use of a classical medium, a nice stretch of values used to compose the artwork and use of the paper as a value. Featuring the figure looking off to side rather than facing the viewer provides a nice introspective quality to the work as well.

Merit:
Eileen Felice – *Eagle Eye Fleagle* – Acrylic

Also: People's Choice:
Bill Gedney – *Brush Cup* – Watercolor
Barbara Gardner – *Market Fresh* – Watercolor

Honorable Mention:
KiKi Brewsaugh – *Mirror, Mirror...*
These are the Fairest of Them All – Acrylic

Priscilla Jeffcoat – *Artsy Tracy* – Oil
Barbara Wilson – *Sunset Sea* - Acrylic Collage.*



Eagle Eye Fleagle by Eileen Felice



Brush Cup by Bill Gedney

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Sunset Sea by Barbara Wilson

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Lecture Series Continues With Bestselling Author

The second lecturer of this season's Berne Davis Lecture Series will be bestselling author David Hagberg on Monday, February 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The lecture includes a luncheon and book signing at the historic Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

Former Air Force cryptographer David Hagberg is a bestselling author of international thrillers who has a knack for creating fiction that becomes fact. His first novel *Twister* was published in 1975 by Dell, and since that time he has published more than 70 novels of suspense in a career that includes a nomination for The American Book Award, three nominations for the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allan Poe Award, and three Mystery Scene best American Mystery awards. He has created a series of thrillers following character Kirk McGarvey, CIA director. David and his wife, Laurie, make their home in Sarasota, Florida.

Hagberg is going to give a talk on "One Writer's Life."

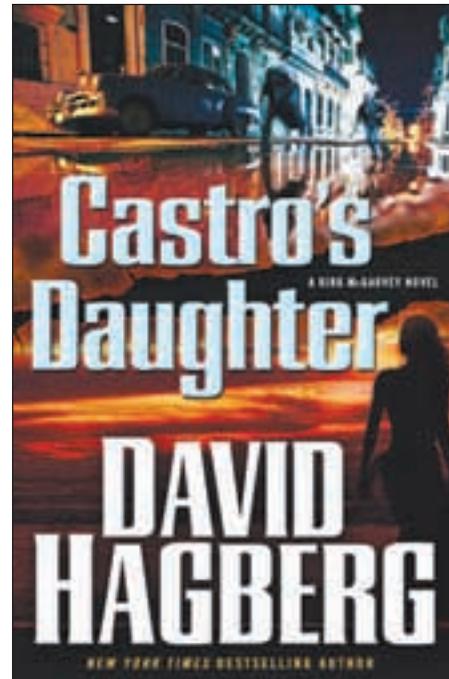
"I will discuss my experiences as a novelist," he said. "How it all began, who started it and why, and the bumps – creative as well as financial – along



David Hagberg

the way. I will talk about the American Book Awards, the Pulitzer nomination, and above all a pleasant surprise from a woman who was one of the greatest loves of my life."

This season four best-selling authors make up the series, and each lecture includes a luncheon and book signing. Debra Dean spoke on January 21, and the series will conclude with lectures by James O. Born and Bob Morris on March 18. Each lecture, luncheon and book signing will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Grand Atrium of the Sidney



& Berne Davis Art Center.

Lecture with lunch is \$35; lecture only \$25. The Berne Davis Lecture Series is sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust.

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



Merit Award winner *Brush Cup* by Bill Gedney

February Fantasy At Art League

The Art League of Fort Myers presents its February Fantasy exhibit through February 22.

The work of up-and-coming artist Bill Gedney is again on display at the gallery during this month's show. Stop in to see his latest two paintings, *Another Earth Part Two* and *Brush Cup*, which recently won the Merit Award.

"It just feels wonderful seeing my work on the gallery wall, surrounded by the great artists at the Art League," said

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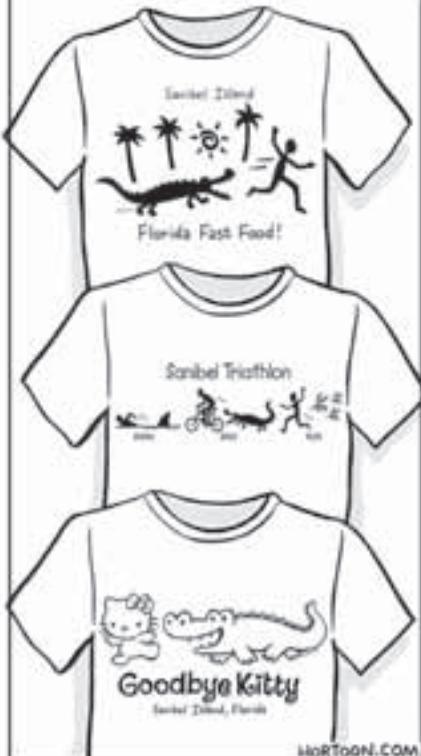
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Young Artists Competition

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The competition is a scholarship opportunity for instrumental and vocalist students. Disciplines include keyboard, strings, woodwinds/brass, percussion and voice and auditions take place at Florida Gulf Coast University, Bower School of Music, 10501 FGCU Boulevard South, Fort Myers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The competition is two-tiered: the youth category is for high school and younger (age 12 to 17) and young adult is for ages 17 to 22. The prize money, consisting of \$200 for youth and \$400 for young adult, will be awarded for future musical study. An overall winner in each age category will win \$500.

One of the first place winners will be awarded \$1,800 and perform with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra during the 2013-14 season, with music to be mutually agreed by the conductor and winner.

Additional awards will be given to up-and-coming young stars.

A pre-competition continental breakfast on Saturday March, 2 at 8:30 a.m. costs \$5.

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Gulfshore Playhouse Professional Training Series Continues

The Gulfshore Playhouse Theatre Education Project continues their Professional Training Series with two new workshops on diction and dialect. The professional training workshops are geared toward professional actors and stage managers in the South Florida area.

Gulfshore Playhouse Artistic Associate Cody Nickell will be hosting a Voice and Diction Workshop. Focusing on breathing, vocal tone and speech, this class will serve to expand your knowledge, and give you a good basis from which to work on the stage, with goals of achieving better projection, better tonal quality, and better diction. This class will be taught by Gulfshore Playhouse Artistic Associate Cody Nickell.

A two-time Helen Hayes Award nominee and the winner of The Connecticut Critics' Circle, Nickell has appeared in over 30 professional productions, including World and U.S premieres, classic re-stagings and multiple award-winning shows. He also has a deep commitment to new plays, having been involved in the development of over 20 new works. This workshop will take place on February 16 at The Norris Center from noon to 2 p.m. Cost for this workshop is \$25.

Are you a Stage Manager that wants to meet with other stage managers to discuss tricks of the trade, problem-solving techniques and finding the newest technology? Join Gulfshore Playhouse General Manager and Production Stage Manager Melanie Lisby for Stage Managers Unite, a monthly forum. Lisby has Stage Managed numerous shows across the country and is a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association since 2003. Come network, share stories and learn some new rules for the road. Stage Managers Unite will meet on February 18, March 25 and April 15 and will be held at The Norris Center from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for each forum is \$25. These workshops are independent of each other, so you can attend one or all dates listed.

Inside The Actor's Audition will help give tips on how to ace that next big audition. Founder and Producing Artistic Director Kristen Coury will give you helpful hints such as what to wear, what to do and what to expect, as well as a perspective from the director's side of the table. Come prepared with several monologues and one will be chosen to be worked on through the afternoon. Inside The Actor's Audition will be held at The Norris Center on March 9 and April 13 from noon to 3 p.m. The cost of each workshop is \$75.

"I am overjoyed at the response our professional series has received, and am delighted to include visiting experts as well as our own in-house creative staff," said Irene Horowitz, Gulfshore Playhouse Director of Education.

All three Professional Training Series workshops will be held at The Norris Center. To register for any workshop, call 261-7529. For more information on all Gulfshore Playhouse events, visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.*

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Symphony Honors

On April 16, 2011, Larsen premiered *Pandora's Waltz*: a flute concerto, written by James Stephenson III in honor of his 25th season with the Southwest Florida Symphony.

Larsen earned his Bachelor of Music in Performance from Arizona State University and his Master of Music in Performance from the College-Conservatory of Music, associated with the University of Cincinnati. His teachers include Jose Corral (Phoenix Symphony), Eric Hoover (ASU), Walfrid Kujala (Chicago Symphony), Kyril Magg (Cincinnati Symphony), William Bennett (International soloist) and Peter Lloyd (former principal of the London Symphony).

Larsen is currently on the faculty of Edison State College. Tickets are \$65 per person. To make reservations, call the symphony office at 418-1500 by February 15.*

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Art League

Gedney.

The Art League of Fort Myers is located at 1451 Monroe Street in the heart of Downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information about membership and upcoming events, call 275-3970 or go to www.artleagueoffortmyers.org.*

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Contact Gillian Carney at 603-9828 or email fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com for more details. For additional information, visit <http://dancefl.us/ecd/FtMyersECD.shtml>.

Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center is located at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Call 432-2154 for driving directions.*

Memories Abound At Lab Theater



by Di Saggau

On *Golden Pond* brings back wonderful memories for anyone who has ever had a summer home on a lake. Who can forget the call of the loons, white caps on a windy day and, of

course, saying hello to the lake when you first arrive and saying goodbye when you leave.

The beloved show is now playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida and it is a delight to watch.

Victor Caroli is Norman Thayer, a retired English professor, and Louise Wigglesworth is his wife Ethel. They have been coming to their idyllic retreat for nearly 50 years. This summer will be different for the Thayers, because their 42-year-old daughter Chelsea (Robin

Murray), who is estranged from her father, plans to visit and help celebrate Norman's 80th birthday.

She arrives with her new fiancée, a Los Angeles dentist named Bill Ray (Mike Dinko), and his 13-year-old son Billy (Ryan Crider). The irascible and curmudgeonly Norman seems set in his ways, but when Billy is left behind while Chelsea and Bill tour Europe, Norman finds himself rejuvenated by the bright and friendly young lad.

Playing Charlie, a mail carrier, is Dale Hoover. Charlie constantly asks about Chelsea, a former girlfriend he still fondly misses.

The 1981 film adaptation won Academy Awards for Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn. The movie premiered in Omaha, Nebraska, my old home town (also Henry Fonda's) and it gave me an opportunity to interview both Jane Fonda (Chelsea) and Dabney Coleman (Bill). That brings back fond memories.

Lab Theater's cast does an excellent job. Caroli is at the top of his game as the stubborn Norman, a witty and intelligent man whose memory is starting to slip. He carefully shapes Norman's various lines in a sure and steady deadpan style that is most amusing.

Wigglesworth fills Ethel with warmth,

love and also an indomitable spirit that has steered her husband through all manner of waters for nearly half a century.

Murray handles the role of the prodigal daughter nicely. Dinko gives the role of Bill depth and dimension. Crider, a Gateway Charter Intermediate School student, plays the role of Billy with great skill, amusing and free-spirited. Hoover also does a good job as the genial Charlie.

The play is directed by Lois Kuehne and Annette Trossbach and they can take some bows for a job well done. Kuehne's set design is most impressive, filling the stage with lots of books, a plethora of fishing hats, a beloved old doll named Elmer, and years of memorabilia.

On Golden Pond is a warm and fuzzy two-act comedy that never grows old. It's playing through February 24 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue, corner of Second Street and Woodford in the Fort Myers River District. For tickets call 218-0481.*

Woodcarving Exhibit March 2

On Saturday, March 2, the Bonita/Estero Woodcarvers present their annual woodcarving exhibit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 103A at the Estero Recreation Center. Admission is free.

The Bonita/Estero Woodcarvers Club meets every Wednesday at the Estero Recreation Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

The Estero Recreation Center is located at 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, Estero. For more information, call 498-0415 or go to www.leeparks.org.*

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Airport Welcomes Dawn's Forest, Nevelson's Last Major Work Of Art

Speaking of the difficulty in charting her life, sculptor Louise Nevelson once commented, "Life isn't one straight line. Never. Most of us have to be transplanted like a tree, to blossom." It is wonderful to have that quotation in mind when considering Nevelson's largest, most complex environmental sculpture, *Dawn's Forest*, which was moved from the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art to Southwest Florida International Airport in November, 2012.

The sculpture – Nevelson's last major work – is a seven-piece, abstract work composed of balsa plywood and unified by white paint. The sections that create the whole include a powerful 11-foot tall, 26-foot long relief panel and a 54-foot long by 22-foot tall platform, along with three hanging elements and two free-standing columns that reach nearly 25 feet tall. It took crew of eight with a wide range of skills nearly a week to complete the installation at Southwest Florida International Airport.

For those familiar with the airport, the sculpture now resides pre-security in the East Atrium between Concourse B and C, which allows passengers and visitors to walk under and around the intriguing and complex work. That is just what Philharmonic Center for the Arts CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen envisioned when she suggested the loan.

"The Philharmonic Center for the Arts strives to extend its reach beyond its Naples campus. So we are very happy that when visitors and residents arrive at RSW airport, the Nevelson sculpture – a very significant work – makes it clear that, along with incredible natural beauty and outdoor activities, Southwest Florida is a region that considers art and culture a very important part of our community," said van Bergen.

"Southwest Florida International Airport is very pleased to have Dawn's Forest as part of its Art in Flight program," added Robert M. Ball, A.A.E, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "The wide-open spaces and natural light in the terminal are the perfect setting for this magnificent sculpture. We know the millions of people who travel through the airport each year will enjoy the opportunity to view this work by world-renowned artist Louise Nevelson."

Lydia Black, executive director of Lee County Alliance for the Arts, counts this installation of public art particularly satisfying.

"We are proud to help present a museum-quality sculptural piece free to the public," said Black. "A sculpture of this magnitude at the airport, accessible to millions of visitors and residents, is a significant step towards raising awareness of the socio-economic value of our cultural community to our region."

Dawn's Forest has been moved before. Originally commissioned by the Georgia-Pacific Paper Company, the sculpture graced the lobby of its company headquarters in Atlanta from 1986 until extensive remodeling forced them to offer the sculpture as a gift to a suitable home. Happily, the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art, with both the space and sympathetic collection of American modernists, expressed enthusiasm to accept the work as part of its permanent collection, and by the spring of 2010, *Dawn's Forest* was installed in the Figge Conservatory there.*

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A New Manager, A Revamped Lineup Offers Promise For The 2013 Boston Red Sox



by Ed Frank

As the 2013 edition of the Boston Red Sox assembled here this week for the second year of spring training at the magnificent JetBlue Park at Fenway South, the feeling was obvious that after two consecutive disastrous losing seasons, improvements – major improvements – must be made this year.

The third manager in the last three years, John Farrell, who was Boston's pitching coach from 2007 to 2010, offered this upbeat outlook a few days prior to spring training:

"I'm excited about our balance. We have professional, successful individuals with proven track records. We have guys who

have come from winning playoff teams and World Series teams."

Nine new players were added to the Red Sox 25-man roster in the off-season by general manager Ben Cherington, who told the media last week that he takes the blame for the 69-93 season last year.

That record followed an historic final-month collapse in 2011 resulting in the firing of manager Terry Francona. Manager Bobby Valentine was fired after last season's freefall.

The off-season overhaul by Cherington added these key pieces to his roster:

Catcher David Ross, first basemen Mike Napoli and Lyle Overbay, shortstop Stephen Drew, left fielder Jonny Gomes, right fielder Shane Victorino, starting pitcher Ryan Dempster and relievers Joel Hanrahan and Koji Uehara.

This is a huge one-year change in personnel and presents a challenge to integrate these new faces into remaining Red Sox roster. And it signifies a major change in Red Sox philosophy going from building within through their farm system to a major roster overhaul via the free agency route.

Although spring training is the time to evaluate talent and adjust to changes, it appears that the opening day lineup is pretty well set.

Center Field – Jacoby Ellsbury, .271 batting average in 2012

Right Field – Shane Victorino, .255 in 2012

Second Base – Dustin Pedroia, .290 in 2012

Designated Hitter – David Ortiz, .318 in 2012

First Base – Mike Napoli, .227 in 2012

Third Base – Will Middlebrooks, .288 in 2012

Catcher – Jarrod Saltalamacchia, .222 in 2012

Left Field – Jonny Gomes, .262 in 2012

Shortstop – Stephen Drew, .223 in 2012

The team's projected pitching rotation at season's start most like will include Jon Lester, Clay Buchholz, John Lackey, Ryan Dempster and Felix Doubront. Lackey missed all of 2012 recovering from Tommy John surgery so his effectiveness is in doubt.

The closer role goes to Joel Hanrahan, who was 36 of 40 in saves last year for Pittsburgh with a sparkling 2.72 ERA. The Red Sox are expecting a dominating sea-

son for the newcomer.

Red Sox faithful, among the most fervent in baseball, grew impatient and dissatisfied of late. But it's a new season with a radical new cast of characters in Red Sox uniforms. They will soon know whether their beloved team can once again return to winning baseball.

Everblades Just Eight Points Out Of First

The Florida Everblades hockey team is on the road this weekend facing Greenville tonight, Friday, and first-place Gwinnett Saturday and Sunday.

They started the week with a 24-16-4-5 season record with 57 points and a third place standing in the ECHL South Division, but just eight points behind Gwinnett.

In the last 10 games, Florida record five wins, three losses, one overtime loss and a single shootout loss.

In the league's Eastern Conference standing, the Everblades were sixth, but again just eight points behind second-place Gwinnett. The first eight teams in the conference qualify for postseason play.✪

Book Reading And Signing



Robert N. Macomber

A complimentary book reading and signing with Robert N. Macomber will take place on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at

Harbour View Gallery, 5789 Cape Harbour Drive #104 in Cape Coral.

Macomber is an award-winning and internationally acclaimed author, lecturer and TV commentator. His Honor Series of naval novels cover the life and career of an American naval officer, Peter Wake, from his duty on the Florida coast during the Civil War, through his subsequent naval intelligence missions around the world, until his retirement in 1908. Mr. Macomber's novels illuminate the U.S. Navy's critical role in the expansion of America from a continental country into a global power. His ninth novel, *Honor Bound*, represents the one-millionth printed word in the Honor Series, which has readers across North America and Europe. His latest novel, *Honorable Lies*, was released in October 2012.

For more information on Macomber and his books, go to www.robertmacomber.com.

No reservations necessary for this event. Books will be available for sale. Complimentary coffee and cookies will be provided by the Harbour View Gallery. Call 540-5789 for more information.✪

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	1973	3,124	4,150,000	4,150,000	11
Grand Ole Man	Fort Myers Beach	2012	3,532	2,495,000	2,300,000	60
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2010	4,658	1,600,000	1,200,000	780
Addison Place	Bonita Springs	1998	3,403	1,100,000	950,000	356
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	2,660	619,500	618,500	144
Shadow Wood Preserve	Fort Myers	2007	3,128	633,000	600,000	979
Fiddlesticks Country	Fort Myers	2007	3,106	469,900	450,000	20
Pine Island Shores	St. James City	1988	1,877	495,000	425,000	859
Las Conchas Del Mar	Sanibel	1980	1,589	499,000	420,000	308
Grandezza	Estero	2004	2,225	439,900	417,500	24

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSLP

Dear Shelley, My son's teacher, he's in second grade, just mentioned to me that she thinks he may have visual processing deficits. I really don't understand what that means. Please tell me about this problem.

Clarissa C., Fort Myers, Florida

Clarissa,

Processing deficits can be confusing to understand for many reasons. There is often a unique vocabulary to learn when you are trying to understand processing deficits and there is the conflict between what we understand as our senses, hearing, seeing, etc., and what happens with our senses and processing problems.

Processing deficits are problems with the processes of recognizing and interpreting information taken in through the senses as defined by ldonline.org.

Your son's teacher has indicated that he is having difficulty understanding, interpreting and using information that he sees visually. This does not mean that he has a sight problem; however, it means that the difficulty is how his brain uses information taken in via his eyes. According to Ferris State University,

these problems manifest as difficulty remembering studied words, indecipherable handwriting, difficulties copying written words, a short attention span and frequently losing place while reading or reciting. It's also important to note that visual processing difficulties show up differently in different age groups.

This is a rather large topic to discuss in a column, but I will provide you with some brief definitions, examples and ideas for remediation and recommendations for obtaining additional help.

There are six main types of visual processing deficits; visual memory, visual sequencing, visual discrimination, visual figure ground, spatial orientation and visual motor integration. Visual memory difficulties are the inability to recall an image seen either a short or long time ago and might include problems with spelling, reading comprehension or remembering number sequences. Visual sequencing problems include seeing and distinguishing the order of symbols, words or images and would surface with reading and math work. Visual figure ground problems mean that specific images or printed characters cannot be seen on a printed page. It makes finding specific information very difficult.

Spatial orientation, according to ldonline.org, is the ability to understand how objects are positioned in space in relation to oneself. This involves the understanding of distances both near or far, as well as the relationship of objects and characters described on paper or spoken. This is important in spacing on paper, judging

time and moving efficiently.

Visual motor integration is using feedback from the eyes to coordinate the movement of other parts of the body. Problems with this show up in copying from the board, appearing clumsy and having difficulty in sports (National Center for Learning Disabilities).

Interventions should be developed for the specific areas of concern, but generally speaking, it helps to reinforce/repeat directions orally, use color coding or highlighting for organization, clear text and spacing and, perhaps, more time to accomplish work may help. It is very important to work with the school and their personnel to develop a plan to address your child's needs. If problems continue despite school-based interventions, it is important to seek an evaluation from a trained professional such as a neurologist or clinical psychologist who can evaluate your child.

There is quite a bit of information online about processing deficits. Two great sites to visit are <http://www.ldonline.org> and www.nclld.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.*

New Visitor Services Coordinator

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) welcomes a new member to its staff: Richard Ramsey, a part-time visitor services coordinator.

Ramsey will coordinate the recruitment and training of volunteers. He will also schedule volunteers for community events and speak to area groups about the VCB and its impact on tourism. Ramsey will provide customer service assistance to visitors and travelers.

In his previous position, Ramsey worked with American Airlines and American Eagle at Southwest Florida International Airport in customer service. He also has worked as a customer service representative and night fogger for Lee County Mosquito Control.

He received a certificate in fire science from Florida State Fire College in Ocala. Ramsey has a wide range of certifications including public health, fire inspector, fire instructor, emergency medical technician and public information officer. He also holds an associate degree from Edison State College in fire science.*

Lee County Reorganizes Top Administration

Interim Lee County Manager Doug Meurer has restructured the top level of county administration, adding three new acting assistant county manager positions.

After discussing critical county issues with commissioners, staff, the local business community and municipal leaders, Meurer determined these changes will provide additional focus on challenges the county must solve – without adding or eliminating personnel.

Human Resources Director Christine Brady, Parks & Recreation Director Dave Harner and Equal Opportunity Manager Glen Salyer will now serve as acting assistant county managers.

Meurer said the changes will create a stronger team and reduce the heavy workload on Assistant County Managers Pete Winton, who was managing 11 departments, and Holly Schwartz, who was managing eight. Winton will now focus on managing Budget Services and assisting with the county's budgeting process, as well as overseeing Fleet. Schwartz will focus on addressing Public Safety's critical issues as well as overseeing Human Services, Veterans Services and Library.

Brady will continue to serve as director of Human Resources/Public Resources, overseeing that department as well as

Procurement, IT, Web Content and County Lands. Brady has a strong background in contracting and process-driven operations.

Harner will continue to serve as director of Parks & Recreation, overseeing that department as well as Construction & Design, Facilities and Animal Services, plus Major League Baseball issues. Harner has successfully operated large and geographically dispersed operations.

Salyer will oversee Community Development, Sustainability and GIS (maps/data), plus Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and legislative issues.

"Our goal is to create a regulatory atmosphere in Lee County which is streamlined and supportive of legitimate business community efforts," Meurer said, noting Salyer has a strong economic development background.

Meurer also recently appointed Interim Assistant County Manager Pam Keyes, who filled Meurer's position when he was promoted. Keyes will continue to oversee Natural Resources, Solid Waste, Transportation and Utilities as well as Transit.

"This better aligns the needs of both Transportation and Transit, and assures a cooperative approach," added Meurer, who will continue to oversee the Visitor & Convention Bureau, Economic Development and the Sports Authority.*

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Financial Focus

Look Past Fog Of Uncertainty When Investing



by Jennifer Basey

In Europe, the financial crisis drags on. China's economic growth has slowed from wow to ho-hum. Here at home, we've seen heated political debates over taxes, spending and deficit

reduction. Taken together, these factors have created a fog of uncertainty that has left many investors in the dark about their next moves. But is this fog really impenetrable, or can you, as an individual investor, see through it to a place of clarity?

To do so, you first need to realize that while the events mentioned above are certainly not insignificant, they also aren't the key determinants of investors' success. While these types of stories dominate the headlines, they also tend to obscure some of the factors that frequently do play a bigger role in the investment world. And right now, these factors are actually somewhat encouraging.

Consider the following:

- The economy continues to grow. The economy isn't going gangbusters, but it is growing. And thanks to historically low interest rates, consumer debt payments have dropped significantly, leaving people with more money to spend elsewhere. Typically, this higher spending tends to contribute to future economic

growth.

- Corporate earnings remain solid. Many companies have shown strong earnings over the past couple of years – and earnings tend to be a key driver of stock prices. When their earnings are strong, companies may use some of the profits to repurchase shares of their own stock, thereby reducing the number of shares held by the public – which means that even if profits remain the same, the earnings per share should increase.

- Stocks are still attractively priced. As measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E), stocks are still priced relatively well. While no one can predict stock market performance, this may be a good buying opportunity.

Of course, all these indicators of today's investment environment can change over time; at some point, they may well be not so positive. But if you truly want to see through the fog of uncertainty that always develops with unsettling political or economic news, you'll want to follow these basic, all-weather guidelines:

- Stay diversified. A diversified portfolio can help protect you from the harshest effects of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

- Rebalance your portfolio. Over time, your investment mix can shift, even without your intent. For example, some of your holdings can appreciate so much in value that they take on a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended. That's why it's important to periodically rebalance your portfolio so that it fits your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

- Stay focused on the long term. When confronted with short-term market fluctuations or scary headlines, many people overreact and make ill-advised

investment decisions. You can avoid these behaviors by staying focused on the long term.

- Invest in companies that are charting their own course. When investing for the equity portion of your portfolio, look for companies with the ability to prosper in all economic environments.

With patience and perseverance, and by focusing on the key factors outlined

above, you can navigate the fog of uncertainty and concentrate on your long-term investment goals. So don't be afraid to set sail.

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Lee County Training for Employment

Lee County residents currently working at low-skill, low-paying jobs who have not had an opportunity for higher education or previous job training may take advantage of cost-free job training in medical front office skills to increase their pay.

The seven-month no-cost job-training program starts April 23, and the class will graduate in November. Telephone interviews will be accepted January 30 through April 19. The class is filled on a first-come, first-served basis and fills up quickly. All applicants must be working, must provide proof of earned income or unemployment compensation, proof of high school diploma or GED and proof of Lee County residency. They must also pass a basic assessment in reading, language, and spelling and pass a criminal background check.

This training is available through the Lee Education and Employment Program and is funded by a Community Services Block Grant. The federal grant gives low-income persons the opportunity to raise their income and enter a new career at

the front desk of a medical facility or in medical records. The Medical Office Skills (certificate) Program includes keyboarding and computer applications, medical terminology, medical office procedures, basic billing and coding, electronic medical records, HIPAA training and Heartsaver AED (CPR) certification. Assistance with resumes, job search and interview skills are also included in the program.

The program won a 2001 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for employment and training and was the only county program in the United States to win a 2002 Public Service Excellence Award.

Successful applicants must have reliable transportation to the classes which are held Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Fort Myers Institute of Technology (formerly High Tech Central), 3800 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers. The LEE Program covers all costs for tuition, books and can cover childcare costs during class hours.

Contact Barbara Goins at 533-7902 for a telephone screening to determine eligibility.✪

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Jobs Program To Serve Women

Help is on the way for women in the Southwest Florida area who are having difficulty advancing their careers. Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. is one of 45 Goodwill agencies across the country to take part in an innovative program that provides job training and placement services to women.

The program, known as Beyond Jobs and funded through a \$7.7 million grant from the Walmart Foundation, will now create a larger impact by reaching more women who are unemployed or underemployed. This new funding will help broaden the reach of a program that was started in 2010 in five U.S. markets serving 1,342 women, to serving an expected 12,250 women in 45 communities.

"We are looking forward to expanding our assistance to the women of Southwest Florida," said Madison Mitchell, spokesperson for Goodwill. "In 2012, Goodwill assisted over 30,000 individuals across Southwest Florida. This will allow us to grow that number even more in 2013 and 2014."

Beyond Jobs leverages Goodwill's



A Job Link client receives assistance

holistic approach to job training, placement and family financial support services. Over the 30-month grant period, Goodwill will work with women to provide them the tools to achieve their educational, career and financial goals.

Once participants are placed in jobs, they receive support to retain them, to further their education, and to advance in careers within their chosen industries.

Long-term unemployment among women remains a problem, both locally and nationwide. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, only 26 percent of the women who lost their jobs during the recession have regained them. Last year, more than one out of four women was still looking for work after more than a year of job hunting.

"Not only will this program help to

place women, no matter their circumstances, in jobs, it will also give them the tools needed to support themselves and their families, long term," explained Todd Ryan, Director of Career Development Services at Goodwill. "Beyond Jobs fits perfectly with Goodwill's mission of assisting people- in this case, women- in overcoming barriers to employment and independence."

Among the tools provided by the Beyond Jobs program are continued financial education, family strengthening services, early education and child care assistance, and connections to healthy food and nutrition initiatives.

The Beyond Jobs program is a key element in Walmart achieving the goals of its Global Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative, one of which is to help 200,000 U.S. women from low-income households with workforce readiness through job training, education, career counseling and mentoring. For more information, visit corporate.walmart.com/women.

For more information about Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.✪

Lee County Mock Trial Competition Showcases High School Students' Courtroom Skills



Attorneys Miguel C. Fernandez III and Ginine Hanco scoring judges in the final round of Lee County Mock Trial competition

It was a coin toss that decided which side they would take -- prosecution or defense. They prosecuted the case, they made their argument, the other side defended the offender and in the end they all won. The students, that is. For those considering a career in the law, Mock Trial Competitions offer invaluable experience and a taste of what's ahead.

A 90-page packet containing the facts in the case and competition rules assures all students in the statewide competition have identical information. Judging is performed by real judges and attorneys volunteering to serve as presiding and scoring judges with strict guidelines and timekeeping in place for the fairest possible outcome. The Honorable Darryl C. Casanueva, Second District Court of Appeal, presided over the final round, and local judges served in the rounds leading to the finals. Included were 20th Circuit Judges Elisabeth Adams and R. Thomas Corbin, and Lee County Judges Josephine Gagliardi and Leigh Frizzell Hayes, as well as 38 attorneys and a Mock Trial Committee of the Lee County Bar Association chaired by attorney Renee Binns that included Lee County Bar Association members and Lee County School District administrators and teachers.

Coordinating the Lee County schools' engagement with the Mock Trial Competitions is social studies coordinator Mikie Stroh. Said Stroh, "The Mock Trial Program is a great way to allow students to develop critical thinking and public speaking skills which are aligned with the Common Core State Standards recently adopted by the Florida Department of Education. Students must be able to think quickly and defend their arguments and decisions cited from specific textual evidence. Students currently in seventh grade are required to take a Civics course and will enter high school with knowledge of the justice system and courtroom procedures which will increase the students' depth of understanding and the level of competition."

The Green Team from Fort Myers High School took first place for Lee County in the first battle in the series of competitions starting with County, then Circuit, and finally at the State level. This year marks the 20th annual Lee County Mock Trial Competition. Fort Myers High student Jessica Jocelin commented on the competition experience, "Mock Trial is one of the best programs that I have participated in. It lets me speak publicly and enjoy learning about the law. I could never have asked for a better experience."

Standing tall in first place were Jacqueline Cloutier, Samuel Denholt, Sarah Hoffman, Sara Jackson, Masyn McMillan, Jen Nargi and Ross Pinkard, who took the prosecution role in the case. Principal David LaRosa, teacher sponsor Anya Pence, and attorney coaches Scott Beatty, Doug Waldorf, Sara White and Peter Kamm lent their support to three teams this year from Fort Myers High.

Taking the defense role and winning second place for Lee County Mock Trial were students from Ida Baker High School's Team 1, James Abrams, Inae'e Aidoo, Nick Braden, Brandon Green, Bailey Manor and Elizabeth Santiago. Third place in the Lee County Mock Trial also went to students from Ida Baker High School, with support from principal Melissa Robery, teacher sponsor Patrick Hanrahan, and attorney coach Chrystal Emmert.

Scholarships were also distributed by Lee County Bar Association law firms in the following categories:

Associates & Bruce L. Scheiner Scholarship for Best Prosecution Attorney: Masyn McMillan, Fort Myers High Green Team; Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, PA Scholarship for Best Defense Attorney: Allison Oliva, Bishop Verot Team;

Law Office of Karla Y. Campos-Andersen Scholarship for Best Prosecution Witness: Samantha Dalesio, Canterbury School Team; Binns Family Law Scholarship



Students James Abram, Elizabeth Santiago, and Brandon Green

for Best Defense Witness: Brenda Chavez, Ida Baker High School

Miguel C. Fernandez III Scholarship for Best Closing Argument: Sara Jackson, Fort Myers High "Green Team"

On February 14 and 15, the Twentieth Circuit Mock Trial Competition will be held at the Lee County Justice Center and will include student teams from Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry Counties.*

Gins Named To Dean's List

Springfield College has named Emily Gins of Fort Myers to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2012 term. Emily is studying Recreation Management.p*

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

The other day I met a new woman at a neighborhood coffee.

She looked rather frazzled and stressed out, and later told us she cared for two grandchildren under three years old. Her daughter's husband had walked out of their house, she had a ten-month-old son and was four months pregnant. She was five hundred miles away from her mother and father. Her parents drove five hundred miles to their home, gathered up the family and their belongings and moved them back to their home.

When the new baby was born, they contacted the father to give him the news.

He was not the least bit interested, and asked them not to ever contact him again. After the divorce was final, minimal child support was collected from the father by the state and they sent the check to the mother.

The grandparents are parents again. They hate the thought, but the kids need their help. What are grandparents to do? We hope that this will not happen to us, but you never know as we are in our semi-retirement years.

Karen

Dear Karen,

I am observing more and more multigenerational family assistance. This

includes grandparents assisting with the care of grandchildren because their adult children have fallen on difficult times.

In addition to this, adult children are caring for their elderly parents in their homes.

In some cases, grandchildren are the primary care providers for elderly grandparents. So while the situation you describe is disappointing to you, it is more and more common. I think multigenerational assistance has always been around. What is different is we, as a society, are talking about it more, and questioning whether or not we want to assist family. Maybe people are becoming more selfish, maybe not.

You will not find a sympathetic ear from me. You will find a lot of praise for stepping up and helping family in time

of need, even when it conflicts with your own life plans.

Pryce

Dear Karen,

This daughter is very fortunate to have parents who are able to help in a time of crisis. Many men or women do not have family members available, must struggle all on their own, and seek the help of governmental agencies.

After the major problems are all resolved, the single parent should get himself or herself established on their own with their children and have their own private living space. It is a very, very difficult situation and is happening all around us.

Lizzie

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

dearPharmacist

Does Deer Antler Velvet Work?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: My hero is Ray Lewis of the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, and I heard he took Deer Antler Velvet to recover from his muscle injuries faster. Do you

recommend this?

DD, Baltimore, Maryland

As a Bronco's fan, I'll answer your question, albeit reluctantly. I've never recommended deer antler velvet extract, but it's sold at health food stores and online. Deer antler spray was thrust into the Super Bowl spotlight with reports alleging Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis ordered the supplement as a sublingual spray and a pill to help him recover from a torn tricep injury, but interestingly, this supplement is also touted as a male sexual performance aid. Hang on for more on that.

Deer antlers grow incredibly fast. The dietary supplements (when authentic) harvest antler velvet from growing deer, moose, elk and caribou. The antlers are removed from the animal before they form solid bone, and the velvet is removed. It can be painful, and I'm worried that new demand will shortcut proper harvesting techniques. Anyway, after processing, the extract contains calcium, magnesium and zinc, as well as glucosamine, chondroitin and collagen, all of which support bone health. This crazy stuff is banned by the NCAA and the NFL (National Collegiate Athletic Association and National Football League respectively). Why? Because it

contains IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor 1), a hormone that boosts testosterone. It's the IGF-1 that is banned, not deer antler.

This is a good time to tell you that IGF-1 is a totally natural growth hormone. It's what makes children grow into adults. It's circulating in your blood as we speak, so IGF-1 is not bad; it happens to increase muscle strength and improve muscle recovery while breaking down carbs faster. You can measure IGF-1 with a blood test.

As I said, antler velvet tends to mildly increase levels of your sex hormone testosterone. Is it a substitute for Viagra? While a little extra T does improve desire and sexual function, I doubt it will put enough lead in your pencil if your arteries are truly clogged. You see, erectile dysfunction is often a sign of coronary artery disease, so to mask it with a supplement or drug that gets your motor started doesn't make sense to me. I'd rather you unclog the pipelines to get your blood flowing down south (and to your heart), but that's a different column altogether. As for women, deer antler velvet supplements may increase estrogen levels. If you're low in estrogen and need it for menopausal concerns, I guess you could ask your doctor about this supplement, but what if you are normal or high? That's a major problem. These supplements contain estrogen compounds, so it could worsen any kind of hormone-sensitive condition such as uterine fibroids or cancer, ovarian cancer, cervical problems, endometriosis, fibrocystic breast disease or breast cancer. While it all sounds impressive, I simply can't find solid studies to recommend it.

*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.**

American Lung Association Launches Annual Stairclimb Event

Registration now is under way and teams have begun training for the 2013 Fight For Air Stairclimb, scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at the High Point Place, 2104 West First Street in Fort Myers and hosted by the Gulfcoast Chapter of the American Lung Association.

Last year's event raised \$45,000 for the battle against lung diseases such as asthma and lung cancer, which is the leading cancer-related death for men and women in the United States. Event organizers hope to up the fundraising effort to \$50,000 this year.

During stairclimbs, which the American Lung Association (ALA) hosts throughout the country, participants raise money by collecting pledges to ascend the stairway in a high-rise tower. High Point Place, the tallest building between Tampa and Miami, has donated access to one of its towers for the Fight For Air Climb. Climbers ascend the high rise's 30 floors and 514 steps.

"Nearly 250 climbers participated last year, and we anticipate that number to increase substantially this year," said Kurt Goerke, regional director of the ALA's Gulfcoast Chapter.

As is the trend nationally, the Fort Myers stairclimb is attracting an increasing level of support and participation from local firefighters. Firefighters don their full gear during the climb, providing a healthy competition between neighboring fire districts while at the same time inspiring non-firefighting participants.

"A very healthy rivalry has developed among the local fire departments," Goerke said. "The firefighters all want to be the fastest up the stairs and generate the most donations. The event and our important cause certainly benefit from their involvement."

Teams who have registered for the event are invited to begin training, and practice climbs are scheduled weekly on Saturday mornings beginning this month. The cost to register for the event is \$25, and each climber must raise \$100. More information and online registration is available at www.FightForAirClimb.org.

Fight For Air Climbs are unique fundraising events for the ALA, usually occurring in prominent skyscrapers, stadiums or arenas and involve climbing multiple steps. Sometimes called a "vertical road race," teams and individual participants often use the event as a fitness target, as a race or as a way to be active and meet new friends. Many climbers participate to support someone who has lung disease or as a memorial to someone who has passed away. The lung association chapters in West Palm Beach, Tampa, Orlando, Miami, Jacksonville and Fort Lauderdale also host Fight For Air Climbs.

Sponsor of the local event include Lee Memorial Health System, High Point Place, Lee County Electric Cooperative, Bagel Bagel, Simplified Technologies, Culligan Water, Ree-Shape Your Life, Story Book Realty, McDonald's, Kings Brand, The Morgan House and Sun Harvest Citrus.

For more information or to get involved, call 908-2685.*

Movement Disorders Expert To Discuss Parkinson's Disease

The Hope Parkinson Program invites the public to attend the University of Florida Parkinson's Disease Telehealth Program from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, February 22 at Hope HealthPark Community Education Center.

The center is located at 9470 HealthPark Circle in Fort Myers.

A renowned movement disorders specialist will discuss the latest findings on the treatment and management of Parkinson's disease and take questions from attendees. The presentation and Q & A session take place through video conferencing. Coffee and cookies will be served at this free event. To register, call 985-7727.

For more information on Hope HealthCare Services, call 855-454-3100 or visit www.HopeHCS.org.*

Dr. Dave Supplements And Prescriptions



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“Doctor, I’d like to know if any of these supplements are interfering with the prescription you gave me for my foot fungus.”

“What’s the problem, Bloggins?”

“Well I’ve noticed my left pancreas is itchy and my hair is sluggish.”

“Exactly what supplements are you taking?”

“Not sure, so I brought them with me.” At this time I often hear a loud beeping sound as if a large delivery truck were backing up, whereupon I glance outside to observe a large beeping delivery truck backing up. Out tumbles the prize products of late-night infomercials, *National Enquirer* ads and so-called health shows (the ones that exhibit every health expert with the exception of actual health experts.)

“Here they are. Let’s see.” As Bloggins begins stacking bottles upon plastic bottles of virgin beaver tooth extract and beta609 isoellbowanoids, I note a preponderance of items beginning with G-like ginseng, ginkgo, grapeseed, assorted green thingamajigs and giblets of Gary Gilmour. As Bloggins proudly looks over his small pharmacy of assorted supplements, I soon learn that he has no idea what they are actually for.

“By the way, do you take any supplements doctor?”

“I do”
“What?” he asks, eager to add whatever I might suggest to his little armada of bottles.

“Well, on a daily basis I take a Snickers pill, but when the moon is exactly one-third full, I take a couple of Mr. Bigs, particularly if I feel my serum transfats are getting a little low.”

But I actually do take supplements. My constant perusal of the *Lancet*, *New England Journal of Medicine* and *Cosmo* has convinced me to take curcumin, blueberry and salmon oil. I need supplements to make up for the paucity of these essential nutrients at the grocery store I usually shop at, the HersheySnickers Market.

As I have previously expounded voluminously on the benefits of berries and salmon (for previous articles, please contact the Pulitzer archives and mention my name repeatedly), I turn my attention now to curcumin, as many of you do, if someone has just ingested a bowl of curry before invading your private space.

Curcumin is a component of the tumeric spice that gives curry its brilliant colour and pungency. My mother once made hot curried chicken when I was six and I’m convinced that the part that I didn’t toss to the regretful dog is still eating away at my olfactory glands.

Curcumin has previously been touted

to increase our brainpower, improve our vision and give us happier prostates, apparently for good reasons. It has excellent antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and anti-amyloid properties. It is these nasty amyloids that are constantly being implicated in Alzheimer’s disease.

India has significantly less Alzheimer’s than North America, a cancer rate ten times lower and a statistically significant lower number of Kardashian fans, all indicators of better health. Could curcumin be the reason? It is currently being tested in multiple studies as a chemotherapeutic or chemopreventative agent because of its positive effects against cancer growth and spread. It is being studied in large prestigious cancer centers for its antioxidant properties and is now being looked at for specific cancer prevention and

even treatment, including the dangerous melanomas (moles gone wild). In one study it caused melanoma cells to actually self-destruct.

Curcumin is very safe and tolerable in that ingesting bushels of this stuff appears to cause no toxicity whatsoever, unless on a first date. As more and more disease processes appear to depend on inflammation to wreak their havoc on our brains, arteries and joints, curcumin offers

us a safe and effective anti-inflammatory agent.

“Thanks for the info doc. You’ve convinced me. I’ll go pick up gurgumin right away.”

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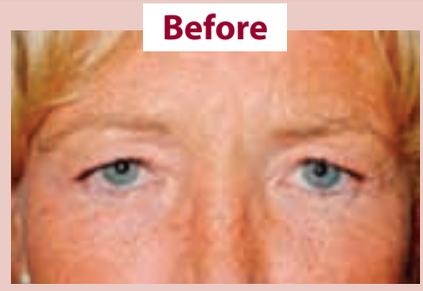
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- Do your eyelids feel heavy?



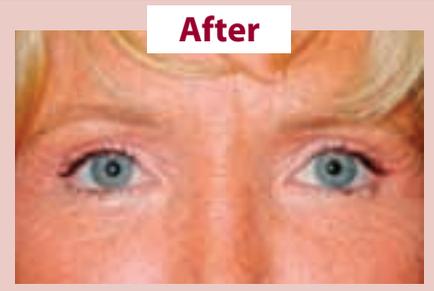
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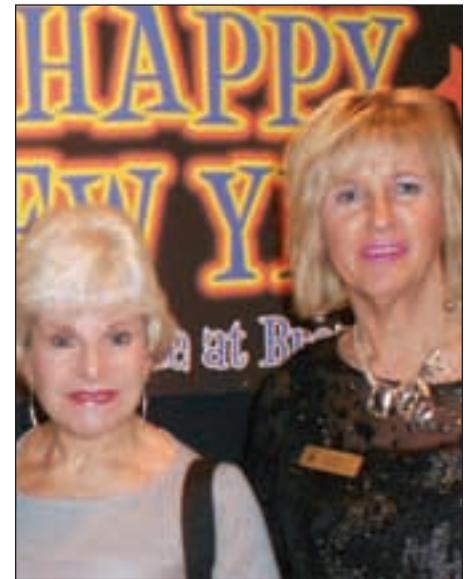
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Kimberly Nealon and Kevin Nealon



Kevin Nealon with HOPE Clubhouse members



Susan Bennett and Shirley Ferrell



Deb Webb, Kevin Nealon and Andrea Prather



Will Prather and Kevin Nealon

Nealon Helps Raise Money For HOPE Clubhouse

What makes Florida different from many other states? There are wall-to-wall Walgreens and CVS pharmacies on every corner.

That was one of many one-liners from comedian Kevin Nealon that kept the audience in stitches at a charity benefit for HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida on January 21.

The *Saturday Night Live* alumni and *Weeds* star performed 90 minutes of his comedy routine in a one-night only show that he donated to the charity to show his support for those living with mental illness.

More than 350 people attended the show at the Broadway Palm, raising \$21,000 for HOPE Clubhouse. Earlier in the day, Nealon toured the clubhouse on Central Avenue in Fort Myers and met with clubhouse members.

The Broadway Palm Theatre and its co-owners, Will and Andrea Prather, who also is a member of the HOPE Clubhouse

Board of Directors, were sponsors of the show, along with Susan Bennett Marketing & Media, L.C.

"We are so thankful to Kevin Nealon for lending his considerable talent to our cause, said event chair Allyson Ross. "Because of the generosity of Kevin, our sponsors and loyal friends of HOPE Clubhouse, we'll be able to offer more help to those living with mental illness in our community."

Nealon has special ties to Southwest Florida, since his parents live in Southwest Florida.

It is the second time Nealon has donated his talent to HOPE Clubhouse for a comedy show. Nealon appeared at the Broadway Palm in 2011 for a charity comedy show after his mother was honored as a Grande Dame by the PACE Center For Girls - Lee County.

"Laughter truly is the best medicine for those living with mental illness. I was very touched that one of the HOPE Clubhouse members in the audience who hadn't spoken before suddenly began speaking for the first time after hearing my comedy routine," Nealon said. "That's more rewarding to me than anything."

Nealon is best known for his nine-year stint as a cast member of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, and has received critical acclaim for his role in the Showtime series, *Weeds*.

HOPE Clubhouse is a model of rehabilitation for people living with severe mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and clinical depression. HOPE Clubhouse opened its doors in March 2010 and has 76 members. HOPE Clubhouse, the only one of its kind in Southwest Florida, fills a significant gap in the mental health system by offering opportunities for meaningful

work, education, friendships and access to housing in a supportive, caring and dignified community setting.

HOPE Clubhouse is one of more than 350 clubhouse programs worldwide, based on the principle that meaningful work is critical in bringing positive change to the lives of those living with mental illness. Clubhouse staff help "members," as they are called, develop work skills to enable them to return to productive employment in the community.

For more information about HOPE Clubhouse, call Webb at 267-1777 or visit www.hopeclubhouse.org.



The Nealon Family



Susan Yorkey with her portrait

es on the Fundamentals of Safety and Rescues, Boat Control and Maneuvers, and Introduction to Rolling and Greenland Rolling, Advanced Rolling will be offered. There will also be classes introducing participants to Stand Up Paddling (SUP) and Advanced SUP Techniques. All classes are \$69 each per person. Space is limited. To register, make checks payable to Paradise Coast Paddlers Club and send to PCPC, 6182 Westport Lane, Naples, Florida 34116.

The festival will continue Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free guided tours through mangrove tunnels, exhibits, safety demonstrations, kayak rescue clinics and the festival's own 3.2 mile Johnson Island Paddling Race. Watch for more free Sunday demonstration information to be announced.

Paradise Coast Paddlers Club requires everyone participating in demonstrations, classes and tours to wear their pfd's (personal flotation devices).

For more information call 262-6149 or email NaplesKayakCompany.com.*

Paradise Coast Paddlers Club Annual Festival

The Paradise Coast Paddlers Club will host its 8th annual Paddling Festival on Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14 on the beach at Capri Fish House, located on Isles of Capri Boulevard, Naples.

Gaining notoriety as the best little paddling festival in Florida, the festival weekend includes a day of education from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Greg Stamer, gold medalist in multiple Greenland National Kayaking Championships, will conduct classes on The Greenland Forward Stroke and Bracing, and Maneuvering Strokes and Sculling. Camping cookbook author and ACA Level 4 Instructor Michael Gray will present an Intro to Island Cooking and Master Chef Island Style. Additional class-

Large Yard Sale

The City of Cape Coral will hold a large yard sale on Saturday, March 16 from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Kennedy Senior Center. Admission is free to the public.

Vendors are invited to turn unused items into cash by reserving indoor tables and outdoor spaces.

The price for an indoor table is \$20 and an outside table is \$10 (costs after March 14 are \$30 for indoor and \$20 for outside).

Lake Kennedy Senior Center is located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Cape Coral. For more information, call 574-0575.*

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank To Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank will commemorate its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, February 20 with an open house at all four locations on Sanibel Island and in Fort Myers. Each location will serve cake and refreshments throughout the day.

"We are extremely pleased to celebrate our first decade with \$236 million in total assets; a solid five percent increase over the previous year," said Craig L. Albert, president and chief executive officer at SanCap Bank. "And, we earned \$1 million during 2012, bringing our total earnings since we opened to \$8 million – more than any other bank in Lee County."

Along with Albert, the only bank chartered on Sanibel Island is also recognizing eight employees who have served with the financial institution since opening. They are Sharon Baker, lead teller; Heather Dowling, vice president of special assets; David Hall, executive vice president and chief financial officer; Jacqueline Jones, deposit operations assistant; Victoria Matic, senior vice president and compliance officer; Jeanette Michaels, loan operations assistant; Nora Mohr, Library Way vice president and office manager; and Deborah Norris, McGregor vice president and officer manager. The bank currently has 39 full-time employees.

The locally owned and operated bank, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank provides customized personal and business banking services throughout Southwest Florida. Specializing in residential lending, the bank offers free business and personal checking. The Sanibel Island banks are located at 2475 Library Way and 1037 Periwinkle Way, and in Fort Myers at 15975 McGregor Boulevard and 12480 Brantley Commons Court. To learn more, visit www.sancapbank.com.*

DVIC Receives \$5,000 Good Works Fund Grant

Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers, dedicated to helping disabled U.S. veterans by providing new opportunities for training and employment in the insurance industry, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from The Florida Association of Insurance Agents Good Works Fund, which supports charitable giving in the insurance field with an emphasis on insurance education.

The grant will assist DVIC with program capabilities, including the development of state-of-the-art training techniques that will prepare disabled veterans with skills for sales support and cross-selling personal insurance products for careers in the insurance industry by January 2015.

"DVIC thanks the FAIA and Good Works Fund for their support," said Gary V. Trippe, DVIC director and co-founder. "Many disabled veterans will receive employment opportunities in the insurance industry, including education and licenses."

DVIC will invite the participation of leading agents and brokers identified by leaders in the industry. Agents, brokers and insurance companies will initially work with the nonprofit organization by outsourcing sales and customer service functions to the veterans group.

"FAIA Good Works Fund is honored to support DVIC's mission in educating, training and assisting our veterans in the insurance industry," said Jeff Grady, FAIA president and CEO.

Through a partnership with an accredited institution of higher learning, training of up to one year will be provided through online courses and virtual classrooms. A stipend will be paid during training. All work will be completed via telephone and computer, thereby eliminating the burdens often associated with physical challenges. The goal is for the disabled veterans to work from a home office setting.

Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers is a nonprofit organization with the mission to educate-train and generate meaningful employment opportunities for physically disabled veterans who will excel at proactively cross-selling personal lines insurance products on behalf of leading independent insurance agencies.

For additional information, call 433-8523 or visit www.DVIC.us.*

FWC, DEP Combined Forces Increase Service In State Parks

When the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) acquired additional personnel from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) last year, its staff gained new responsibilities. Now, FWC officers patrol all of Florida's woods and waters, including its state forests and state parks.

Gov. Rick Scott said, "By combining the efforts of Florida's environmental law enforcement, we can ensure that our state's many visitors are safe and natural resources are protected. This efficient approach provides FWC more opportunities to serve Florida families and enhance the natural condition of our state parks and forests."

"We have become more efficient and effective with an even broader range of skills and experience," said Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement. "By reducing supervisors, increasing the number of officers in the field and working closely with DEP's Florida Park Service, we have been able to increase service levels in the parks by 28 percent."

The statistic refers to the number of activity hours in the parks in the first six months after the consolidation – July through December – compared to the same time period of 2011, when a smaller number of DEP officers was patrolling the parks alone. The consolidation of officers became official July 1, 2012.

"We are pleased with the extremely high level of service provided to our state parks and visitors by FWC law enforcement professionals," said Donald Forgiore, DEP's Florida Park Service director. "The safety of our visitors and the environment is our top priority. With the consolidation of Florida's environmental law enforcement divisions, we have a larger pool of officers from multiple areas of the state who are available to efficiently and effectively assist the state parks when called."

The consolidation was recommended by the Law Enforcement Consolidation Task Force and sponsored by Rep. Rich Glorioso and Sen. Jack Latvala in a bill that the Florida Legislature approved. Gov. Rick Scott signed the consolidation bill into law. The change was projected to improve service to the public and cut costs. Though the initial savings are limited, the efficiencies created will save the state more than \$3 million over the next five years and \$1.28 million in recurring annual savings.

"We are already seeing benefits," Brown said. "We look forward to continuing to enhance service and ensure that people can safely enjoy our state parks, state forests and all of Florida's beautiful natural resources."*

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Retired Police Captain
Lives on Sanibel
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Residential Cleaning to Satisfaction
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Sanibel Lic. #11412 Lee Co. Lic. #051047

*NS 1/4 PC TFN

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Totally honest with a passion for perfection.
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239-839-3984
adrianabolen8919@hotmail.com

*RS 1/18 BC 2/22

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Property Management-Bookkeeping
Call Bob or Sally Island Residents
239-565-7438, sanisal186@gmail.com
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Full Range of Services * Island Resident
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Residential cleaning, Free estimate, 1st time
10% off. Weekly, biweekly, monthly, one
time only... *Sanibel-Captiva-Fort Myers*
LET US DO YOUR CLEANING 4U :)
Call Lucy- 239-245-4903

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Local resident of Naples looking for a full
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Seasoned service professional, dedicated
and dependable with a respect for privacy.
Full time/ year round email:
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*NS 2/15 CC 2/15

SCARNATO LAWN SERVICE

Lawn Service, Shrubs and Tree Trimming
Weeding, Installation of Plants, Trees and
Mulch (one month free service available)
Joe Scarnato (239) 849-6163
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Sanibel-Captiva Care and Companion Service,
LLC Medical appointments, general transportation,
shopping, light meal preparations, and light
cleaning. Our services are customized to meet
our clients needs. Call 239-395-3591, or
for an emergency call 239-472-0556.

*RS 1/4 BM TFN

PUESTA DEL SOL CLEANING SERVICE

Residential * Commercial * Medical * Banks
Local/seasonal references/free estimate
Low prices with free laundry!!
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Juliasalazar3@hotmail.com 239-878-4472

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

LOSE WEIGHT SAFELY

Want to Lose Weight Safely and Naturally?
We May Be Able to Help
Contact Dr. Constance Clancy
(Behavioral Health and Wellness Counselor)
and Dr. Robert Fisher
(Chiropractic Physician)
At Island Chiropractic Center
239-472-6032
For A Free Consultation

*NS 2/1 CC 2/22

BOATS - CANOES - KAYAKS

DOCKAGE

Hourly, Daily, Weekly
and Monthly.
Captiva Island 472-5800

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KIMBALL BABY GRAND PIANO Black
Satin 5' 4". Original Owner Who Rarely
Used It, 25 Years Old, Excellent Sound
And Condition, With Bench. Great Piano.
\$5,500. OBO. 239-281-4179

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Lost Ladies Watch
Make: Brighton
Area of Mucky Duck on Captiva Island
Lost on Dec. 10, 2012 around noon
If found call: 941-639-5395

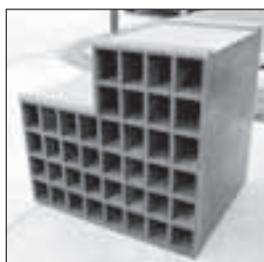
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20% - 50% SALE

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Large OLD indoor lighting fixtures
Remington Bronzes Whitehead Prints
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Custom-built of solid wood, this is a very
well-made, sturdy piece. Made to fit in a
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Bottom side is unfinished.
Great for holding wine, blueprints, etc.
Measures 35 1/2" x 38" x 30 1/2"
Each square opening is 37/8" x 51/4"
Needs a cleaning and has some scratches
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piece that will clean up well. Asking \$175.
Please call 239-297-2557.

*RS 2/15 NC TFN

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FOR SALE

2 custom covered denim chairs- open to
twin beds... on Sanibel... \$600.
Becky 472-6828

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FOR SALE

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One 8 inch memory foam (spa sensations
brand) & one 8 inch loft futon. Both barely
used, like new. Items are located on
Captiva. \$100 each OBO. 207.229.3214

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MOVING • YARD
SALES**

8-FAMILY YARD SALE

Feb. 23rd, 9-2
Ladyfinger Lake Rd.
The Ridge at Sanibel Bayous

*NS 2/15 CC 2/15

HELP WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE/ OUTSIDE SALES

We need you to pamper our customers and
spread the word about our services. Union
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of construction/contracting a plus.

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IL Tesoro Ristorante,
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Now hiring; Servers, Assistant Servers
and Line cook Email resumes to:
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Jerry's Foods is looking for an experienced
waiter or waitress. Must be available
Day's, nights, and weekends.
Call Mark or Tami 472-9300

*NS 2/1 CC 2/22

MOTHERS HELPER

Seeking part time help with 2 children
for an Island based resident ONLY.
Please send reference/experience &
contact information to:
sanibelmom73@hotmail.com

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At The Sanibel School
Call Michelle Wesley
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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 35

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HELP WANTED

POSTAL SERVICE TO FILL LOCAL JOBS

Lee, Collier & Charlotte Counties The U.S. Postal Service is looking to fill positions. These positions are temporary but could lead to permanent employment.

The position of City Carrier Assistant is a new category of non-career employees. City Carrier Assistants are used to carry mail for routes where the regular carrier is not available.

City Carrier Assistants perform the same duties as regular letter carriers with a few differences. They do not receive full benefits or a pension and there is no set route or guarantee of 40 hours per work week. Salary and benefits include \$15 an hour and paid vacation days and eligibility for health care benefits as required by law, or after the first 360-day term.

For years, the U.S. Postal Service has used transitional employees to fill carrier needs. Some transitional employees have been with the postal service for years.

Applicants must be 18 years or older. Applicants must have a valid state driver's license, a safe driving record, and at least two years of documented driving experience. Qualified applicants must successfully pass a pre-employment drug screening to meet the U.S. Postal Service's requirement to be drug free. Applicants must also be a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident alien status.

Applicants must apply online. Those who are interested in the position must apply online at www.usps.com/employment by Sunday, January 27.

*NS 2/1 NC TFN

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.

We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm.

If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.

*NS 2/8 CC TFN



3883 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL
Phone: 239-472-3644, ext 1
Fax: 239-472-2334
www.crowclinic.org

HELP US PLEASE!!

We need volunteers for:
Clinic emergency patient admissions desk and baby animal feeders
Visitor education center greeters and gift shop cashiers
CROW - (239) 472-3644, ext. 231 or volunteers@crowclinic.org

*RS 1/4 NC TFN

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm
call Linda Reynolds 472-1617

*RS 1/4 NC TFN

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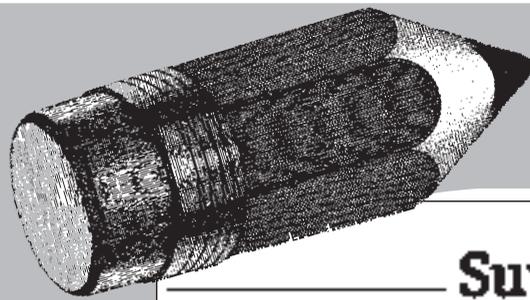
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Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
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HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery.....	332-5055
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	332-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869
Lions Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 34

Super Crossword

TRIPLE ALLIANCE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Country gas
 - 4 Sticky green pods
 - 9 Fly by (verb)
 - 14 Machine that prints out
 - 19 Most desirable
 - 21 "Man Returns" (1987 film)
 - 22 Harass
 - 23 [Asterisk] Great [Lure]
 - 25 30-minute
 - 26 Some 100
 - 27 "I []" (song)
 - 28 Chickadee
 - 30 Cockle
 - 31 [Lolly] Soda
 - 39 TV anchor
 - 41 [Lemon] [Pie]
 - 42 French
 - 43 Great
 - 44 [Mop]
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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MAGIC MAZE ● FOUND IN A RIVER

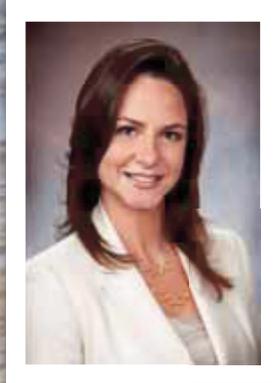
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 X V S Q N K I S I D A A G X V
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 W U R P N S L C W J E H T F D
 B Z X V I R L O O S R A O M K
 I H I S D B N I P L O Z Y S W
 V I M R Q N O K I B N P K I I
K A T I G A T O R S U P E R
 D H F M D N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

- Find the words in the maze. They are all found in a river.
- Alligators
 - Fish
 - Locks
 - Snakes
 - Boats
 - Geese
 - Minnows
 - Trash
 - Dams
 - Heron
 - Otter
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