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MARCH 8, 2013

Teams To Compete In Rib Cook-Off

Teams of Lee County's emergency service personnel will compete in the DeSoto County Historical Society's 9th Annual Pioneer Day and Barbecued Rib Cook-off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 at DeSoto Veterans Park, on State Road 70, just west of Arcadia.

Alva Fire and Rescue, Lee County Emergency Medical Services, North Fort Myers Fire and Rescue, Tice Fire and Rescue, and DeSoto County Fire and Rescue will vie for first, second and third place trophies.

Society president Bebe Bradbury said, "We're thrilled to have these teams cooking the most mouth-watering, lip-smacking, finger-licking sweet and tangy barbecued ribs ever."

There will be other traditional Florida foods, such as cane syrup, homemade jams and jellies, pickled okra, boiled peanuts, gator bites, swamp cabbage and strawberry shortcake.

"But you'd better save room for barbecue," Bradbury said.

Pioneer Day and the Barbecued Rib Cook-off is an official Viva Florida 500



Pioneer Day demonstrators

event. The state is commemorating the 500th anniversary of Ponce de Leon's landing in, and naming of, Florida.

Mosaic is the Platinum Sponsor. DeSoto County Schools, First State Bank of Arcadia, and Womack Sanitation are the Good Ole Boys sponsors. Margaret

Mary's Tea and Biscuit, Peace River Tax Services, State Farm Insurance, and Williamson Group Realty are sponsoring the musical entertainment: God's Company, Fiddle Crabs, Barney and Penny Meese, Lee James, and the

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Imaginarium Gala Goes Back To The Future

The Imaginarium goes back in time on Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m. when it hosts its 8th annual gala, *Imagine the Future*, reliving the movie *Back to the Future* with music and nostalgia of the 1980s.

"This year's gala theme evolved from the Imaginarium's future expansion plans and projects, so it was a perfect fit and when the DeLorean became available, then the event took on a life of its own so now momentum is really building," said Matthew Johnson, Imaginarium director. "This event is important because it's our signature fundraiser that helps fund our education programs and exhibits," he added.

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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Downtown Fort Myers will have the Luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day with six stages of entertainment, corned beef and cabbage, and plenty of festivities. The block party is open to the public and begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 17. Downtown bars, restaurants and clubs throughout the River District will be open all night long with St. Patrick's Day specials.

The celebration is presented by the River District Alliance and sponsored by

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Redemption SWF

March Music Walk At Davis Art Center

For the March Music Walk, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host Redemption SWF outside on the loggia from 7 to 10 p.m., and a Dancing at the Davis '80s party from 8 p.m. until midnight. Music Walk is Friday, March 15 in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

Redemption SWF is a classic rock band

covering songs from the '60s through the '90s. Led by frontman Danny Reese, the band is known for the variety of its song list, most of which is up-tempo. The band came together in April 2011 and has since played many popular venues in Fort Myers and Pine Island, as well as Germain Arena.

Redemption SWF features Bob Sizemore, band manager, rhythm guitar, lead and backup vocals; Danny Reese, lead singer and rhythm guitar; Greg Metzler, bass guitar and backup vocals; Dave Neuser, lead guitar, lead and backup vocals; Sean Dooley, keyboards, lead and backup vocals; Bobby Dooley, drums,

lead and backup vocals; Francis Riggs, keyboards, guitar, mandolin, banjo, and backup vocals; and Richard Coite, sound and light engineer.

Guests are encouraged to dress in '80s fashion. Fred Astaire Dance studio will be at the party for a special performance to the song *Footloose* and will offer guests instruction on some '80s dance moves. The dance studio is also offering a free class on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the studio, 14261 S. Tamiami Trail, in Fort Myers (next to Bonefish Grill).

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is at 2301 First Street.*

Spring Egg Hunt

The City of Fort Myers Recreation Division invites all children up to six years old to join in the annual Spring Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24 at Centennial Park, Fort Myers. Centennial Park will be covered with 4,000 eggs and a special visitor is expected.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with free children's activities including face painting, sidewalk chalk area, bean bag toss and a pre-egg hunt warm up with Mr. Gary. Concessions will be available as well as a photo opportunity with the bunny.

The Spring Egg Hunt begins promptly at 11 a.m. Children must be able to walk on their own; parents will not be able to assist them. There will be a drawing for special prizes following the egg hunt. Children should bring their own baskets to collect the eggs. There is no registration or fee required.

Centennial Park is located at 2000 West First Street.*

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

'Most Appalling Tragedy'

by Gerri Reaves



On March 2, 1920, local headlines announced the “Most Appalling Tragedy Ever Known in Lee County Occurs Near Everglades.”

Dead in a plane crash were World War I flying ace Capt. Richard Channing Moore Page; G. Hunter Bryant, Lee County tax assessor; and Thomas H. Colcord, Fort Myers city councilman and acting mechanic for the excursion.

The men were making tax assessments in a remote area of what was then still Lee County. (Collier County was partitioned from Lee County in 1923.)

Adding to the tragedy of the news story was the irony of the pilot’s surviving the perils of a world war only to perish on a routine charter-service flight.

Page had been flying a single-engine three-seater Curtiss Sea-Gull hydroplane. The plane, which had been introduced only the previous year, would have been useful in Southwest Florida’s marine environment in the days when even air strips were scarce.

Flying this small plane with a mahogany and plywood hull would be daunting for most people, but not for Page, who embodied the daring and heroism associated with the aviators of World War I and that exciting period of aviation history.

The pilot was well liked in Fort Myers, was active in civic affairs. He helped to found the American Legion Post 38 in 1919 and was elected its first commander.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1893, Page moved to Lee County with his parents in July 1915. He tried twice to sign up for service when the war began, but was rejected twice – once for being underweight – the first time after walking 10 miles to Fort Myers to enlist.

He finally succeeded by traveling to Washington, DC, and convincing Florida’s state senators to intercede on his behalf.

Subsequently, he became the first Floridian to receive a commission in the Army Aviation Corps. His skill in aerial combat earned him the Croix de Guerre, awarded by the French government for exceptional bravery in action.

He also was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross from the U.S. Army Air Service for “extraordinary heroism in action” while serving with 88th Aero Squadron on a reconnaissance mission across enemy lines in August 1918.

So, given Page’s record in life-threatening circumstances, what went wrong that day in 1920?

Eyewitness George Storter supplied crucial details, which Nell Colcord Weidenbach wrote in 1988: The group attempted to land on the Barron River after completing the tax assessments. The plane circled, hit an air pocket, swerved, side-slipped, and fell from a height of about 50 feet.

The plane burst into flames on impact and no one survived.

In retrospect, Page’s pre-flight comments that very morning seem ominous. He anticipated encountering air pockets, but was confident all would be well.

He even joked to his friend, the publisher of the *Fort Myers Press*, “And listen, Mort (Milford), cut that ‘hero stuff’ when you write a piece about the trip. If anything happens be sure to write a good story about it. So long.”

In 1942, just months after World War II started and the Lee County Airport was occupied by the U.S. Army Air Force, the Lee County Board of Commissioners honored him by officially changing the facility’s name to Channing Page Field.

Visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about the “War to End All Wars” in which Channing Page distinguished himself and see the equipment that soldiers carried on their backs.

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

Learn more about World War I’s effect on Fort Myers at the Southwest Florida Historical Society.

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

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

Sources: *A History of Aviation in Lee County, Florida* by Prudy Taylor Board and Esther B. Colcord, *Fort Myers Press*, militarytimes.com, and aviation.technomuses.ca.✪



Documentation on this photo indicates that Capt. Channing Page (standing) is boarding the very Curtiss Sea-Gull hydroplane in which he died in 1920, along with G. Hunter Bryant and Thomas H. Colcord

courtesy of Southwest Florida Museum of History



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Programs At The Estates

Highlights this month at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates include Painting in the Edison Gardens with Leoma Lovegrove, Calamondin Citrus Day, and Robots and Robotics Homeschool Classes. The schedule is:

Emerging Inventors Early Learners

March 21: Fantastic Fruits, 9 to 11 a.m. Edison Ford Emerging Inventors/Early Learners class is for one through three-year-old children and their parents, grandparents or other family members and includes socializing, education activities, story time, singing, crafts and exploring the homes, gardens and museum. Members are \$5, non-members \$15 (one adult, one child) additional \$5 per child.

Edison Ford Garden Talk: How to Harvest and Use Herbs

March 9, 9 a.m. Estates horticulturists will provide information on herb gardening, culinary herbs and spices and growing herbs in Southwest Florida. Participants will learn about the herb gardens at the historic Edison Caretaker's House and Heritage Truck Garden. Herbs and containers will be available for purchase in the garden shop and participants will receive 20 percent off. Cost for members is free ; non-members \$5.

Edison Ford Monthly Volunteer Meeting

March 12, 9:30 a.m. Linda Taylor, author of *Great Women Exploring Nature: How Wild Florida Influenced*

Their Lives and Christine Lemmon, author of numerous books including *Whisper From the Ocean*, will give a presentation and sign copies of their books. Taylor, an experienced outdoor guide, will present a program discussing the ties of great women in Florida's past to nature including Mina Miller Edison. Lemmon, a Sanibel Island resident, will discuss her books.

Copies of both authors' books will be available for purchase. Meetings and lectures are open to current Edison Ford volunteers as well as prospective volunteers and the public. For more information call 334-7419.

Painting in the Edison Gardens with Leoma Lovegrove

March 11, 4 to 6 p.m. Meet and greet and garden orientation.

March 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Painting workshop.

Internationally known artist and Matlacha resident Leoma Lovegrove will be in the gardens at Edison Ford for a two-day painting workshop. This is Lovegrove's only offsite workshop this year.

Participants will meet Lovegrove on March 11 and get an overview of the program. The workshop includes learning the principles of Impressionism and abstract style, as well as how to use acrylics to paint the lush tropical landscapes, trees, flowers, pathways and Edison garden elements such as the Moonlight Garden, riverside Twig Bridge and Lily Pond. Lovegrove will teach professionals

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Leoma Lovegrove



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Fort Myers Public Art

Caloosahatchee Manuscripts



by Tom Hall

Life is full of non-sequiturs, and among them is the name of the light sculptures that sit outside the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Caloosahatchee Manuscripts is

the name that is inscribed on the metal plaque that juts from the grass near the sculpture's westernmost project cylinder. But check with Maryland sculptor Jim Sanborn, and he'll tell you emphatically that his sculpture's name is *Lux*, which is Latin for light.

As a body, monumental public artists are heady individuals. Sanborn is one of the smartest. For example, in 1990 he installed a sculpture at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. To challenge the Agency's code breakers, he included four encrypted puzzles. One of the CIA's crack cryptographers broke the first three codes within a few years. But the fourth riddle has never been solved, and Sanborn doesn't believe it ever will be. "In some ways, I'd rather die knowing it wasn't cracked," he says. "Once an artwork loses its mystery, it's lost a lot."

Being Mensa-smart, Sanborn would no doubt bristle at having people call *Lux Caloosahatchee Manuscripts*. Why? Well, neither drum has anything to do with the Caloosahatchee.

The western drum contains the Latin names of 500 plants Thomas Edison tested at his botanical lab downriver in an effort to find a local source of latex from which to replace the rubber needed by buddies Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone for car tires and other automotive parts.

The eastern drum reproduces text from the Maskoki Kasi' hta migration legend which tells how the Creek, Seminole and Miccosukee Indians' ancestors wound up in Georgia and Florida. The excerpt that Sanborn chose does include a reference to the Callasi-Hutchee River, but it turns out that the name refers to the Chattahoochee River in Georgia, not Fort Myers' Caloosahatchee River.

Caloosahatchee is an Indian word believed to mean river of the Calusa. The Calusa were a nation who populated what's now Lee County from 500-1700 AD. While they did maintain a settlement on the site of the Davis Art Center, the Calusa died out some 200 years after the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors in 1513. As such, they had no contact with or relation to the Maskoki - or the Creeks and Seminoles who replaced them in this region some 50 years later.

While Sanborn probably meant to pay homage to the Seminole's and Miccosukee's ancestors, it's clear that the manuscript from which Sanborn got the text that he incised into *Lux* has nothing



Jim Sanborn's sculpture *Caloosahatchee Manuscripts*, also known as *Lux*, illuminates the entrance to Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Downtown Fort Myers' River District.

to do with either the Calusa Indians or the Caloosahatchee River.

So it's probably more accurate to call the light sculpture *Lux* from now on. Besides, it's shorter and a lot easier to spell.

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.

MOAA March Meeting

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held on Monday, March 11 beginning at 6 p.m. at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club, 8851 Crown Colony Blvd. in Fort Myers.

The guest speaker will be Thomas L. Eastwood, a retired IRS official and former special agent for ATF and DOD. He enjoys helping people avoid problems with the most loathed, feared and misunderstood agency, his former employer, the IRS. He also lectures on counterintelligence, espionage and interrogations. Eastwood is an interesting speaker.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in join-

ing MOAA should contact Joe Smaha at 395-0776 for membership information.

Lee Republican Women's Club

Lee Republican Women's Club (Chartered) will hold its dinner meeting at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn at 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers on Tuesday, March 12. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and program at 6 p.m.

The speaker will be Brad Davidson addressing his experiences as a border patrol agent and discussing illegal immigration issues.

The public and guests are welcome to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$21. For reservations, call 573-6913.

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and beginners side-by-side through her unique style.

Cost for members is \$230; non-members \$250. For a list of materials and to register call 334-7419.

Travel Photography

March 14, 1 to 3 p.m. Travel photography is one of the most rewarding hobbies; not only do you get to show off your photography skills but you can relive your favorite memories. Professional photographers Paul Rodino and Dave Maki will show you how to take better photos no matter what type of camera you use. Cost for members, \$75; non-members \$95.

Calamondin Citrus Day

March 21. The Edisons and Fords loved their citrus and calamondin was one of their favorites. Both Mrs. Edison and Mrs. Ford had areas at their northern estates called orangeries, where they cultivated citrus in pots, while at their estates in Fort Myers, they had a wide variety of citrus growing year-round. To celebrate this favorite fruit, horticulturists and chefs will present a food tasting and plant tips. Jams and pastries will be for sale by the Calamondin Café.

Registration is Now Open for Edison Ford Inventor's Summer Camp

Edison Ford Inventor's Summer Camp runs May 28 through August 2. Camps are separated by grade levels, 1st through 3rd and 4th through 6th. Cost for members is \$200; non-members \$230. To

register or for more information call 334-7419. Register online at <http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/education/summer-camp2/> and download the required forms.

Competitive need-based scholarships provided by donations are available. Students can apply for scholarships through the Edison Ford Education Department with a recommendation from a school teacher. Students above 6th grade can apply to become junior camp counselors and earn volunteer hours. For more information call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

Beach Chamber Seeks Vehicle Donation

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking the donation of a tow vehicle for its Airstream "Bambi" mobile information center.

"We are asking for the donation of a small used pickup or small SUV with towing capability," said chamber president Bud Nocera.

Both the vehicle and the "Bambi" will have signage noting the tax-deductible donation.

The chamber has raised funds to purchase a small Airstream "Bambi" travel trailer and will be converting it into a mobile visitor information center. The "Bambi" will enable the chamber to assist

visitors on Fort Myers Beach in discovering local events, restaurants, attractions and accommodations, thus boosting the tourism economy of the beach destination.

This mobile chamber of commerce will have a food-vendor-wagon opening with a walk-up counter. The latest visitor information will be offered by a staff of well-trained volunteers. It will be wrapped with scenes of Fort Myers Beach to make it fun and attract attention.

Nocera notes that the chamber's goal is to eventually have two mobile information centers, one on each end of Fort Myers Beach.

"Our first Airstream has been purchased and is now undergoing conversion. What we need now is the donation of a tow vehicle in reasonably good shape. An older six-cylinder Jeep Cherokee, Ford Ranger, or similar vehicle would be ideal," said Nocera.

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

For further information about donating a vehicle, contact Bud Nocera at 454-7500.

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March Madness Pet Adoptions

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will hold its Low version of March Madness this month. Not only are adoption fees reduced to just \$35 for cats six months and older and dogs 40 pounds and over, but adopters can get an additional \$10 off if they can make a basket. No slam dunks or three-point shots are required for this deal.

There are several ways to join in the magic of March Madness at LCDAS. Hundreds of pets are available for adoption at the shelter, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Volunteers are available to help you narrow the choices to your Final Four and select the perfect family pet. Adoption applications may be submitted online at www.LeeLostPets.com or at the shelter. Pets currently available may be viewed online. The website updates hourly. Adoption hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pet lovers who are not able to adopt can help by promoting the shelter pets. You can send out emails or like your favorites on Facebook and share them with friends. Donations to the Animal Care Trust Fund help sick, injured and infant pets that need care to help them get ready for adoption and their forever homes.

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Humane Society Partners With Local Trainer

The Gulf Coast Humane Society has partnered with K-Nine Connections to start training classes on site, at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, for adopted or rescued pets. Offering these classes will help give new pet owners the tools to teach proper manners there by ensuring that well behaved dog stays in their forever home.

Upcoming classes for Beginner Obedience start on Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m. and Puppy Training classes on Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. Each class will run for approximately one hour. The cost for the six-week program is \$80 for those pets adopted from the Gulf Coast Humane Society and \$100 for those adopted elsewhere. Proof of current age appropriate vaccinations are required upon registration.

"At K-Nine Connections, we believe that dog obedience training can be accomplished with a variety of different dog training techniques and class styles. These techniques can range from puppy house training, dog housebreaking tips, and dog behavioral modification to protection dog training, and anything in between. Class styles include private, group class, In-Home and semi-private classes. Regardless which of our techniques or class styles you choose, you and your K-Nine companion will learn from each other trust, respect and mutual admiration."

Class sizes are limited. Call 332-2719 or e-mail at info@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org to register or for more information.*

Craft And White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, March 9 from 8 a.m. to 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. Additional information can be obtained by calling Marge Gregg at 466-5331.*

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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.*

Rummage Sale

Gulf Coast Church Of Christ will conduct a rummage sale on Friday, March 22 beginning at noon and on Saturday, March 23 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. A breakfast and bake sale will be available on Saturday.

Gulf Coast Church Of Christ is located at 9550 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Pkwy. in Fort Myers. For more information, call 936-4554 or visit www.gulfcoastchurch.com.*

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Summer Camp Registration

The Alva Traditional Summer Camp begins June 3 and is for children ages six to 13 years (on or before September 1.)

Camp hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Day camp activities include arts and crafts, sports, organized games, swimming, water activities, outdoor activities, quiet play, reading club, dance, cook-outs, fishing, hiking, kayaking, nature and educational activities, entertainment, speakers, and occasional field trips. There will be a new session each week.

Register at least two weeks before a session and receive a \$5 discount.

An open house will be held before the start of camp; registered campers' parents will receive notification before summer.

For more information or to register visit www.leeparks.org or call Sandra at 728-2882. The Alva Community Center is at 21471 N. River Road in Alva.*

Health And Holistic Fair

The Lake Kennedy Center will be hosting its 1st annual Health and Holistic Fair on April 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. Vendor table registrations are being accepted until April 8 for all health, beauty and holistic businesses. The cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required.

This fair is free and open to the public. The Lake Kennedy Center is at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard. Call 574-0575.*

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March Madness

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline AIDS and leukemia tests for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, training DVD, behavior help line, microchip pet ID and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.*

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HORTOONS



Fort Myers Beach Spring Juried Show Winners Announced

On Sunday, March 3, Georgia Reinmuth, representing sponsors Fish Tale Marina and Santini Marina Plaza, helped hand out awards to winners of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Spring Juried Show judged by Eydi Lampasona. The work will hang until March 14.

Concurrently, Studio II is hosting a show of the Outdoor Painting Group. All works displayed have been done on location around the area.

Spring Juried Show winners are:

First place: *Running Free* by Catherine Kendrick

Second place: *Nesting* by Sue Pink

Third place: *Port Heron Docks* by Dannica Walker

Florida Watercolor Society Award: *Down East, ME* by Bob Soucy

Merit Awards:

Papaya by Susanne H. Brown

Woman at the Well by Laraine Centineo

Culture Guardians by Terry Shattuck

Honorable Mentions:

Tuscany Red Earth by Heinz Kellner

Dusk in the Everglades by Barbara Majthenyi

Beauty of Lakes Park by Avis Schmitz

Refreshments at the reception and gallery talk were sponsored in part by Chuck's Last Stop American Grill.

The annual art bazaar will be on March 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Santini Marina Plaza. It will comprise all original artwork by local artists. All proceeds from this event support the association's student scholarships. These awards are given to high school seniors pursuing a graduate degree in art and are awarded in April.

Patty Kane will give a five-week class titled *Loose & Juicy Watercolor* 5 March 4 through April 18.

Penny Fox's classes on Acrylic Painting will be on March 21 and 22 from 9 to 11 a.m.; cost \$20 for half day.

Brian Christensen will teach Palette Knife Painting March 21 and 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.



First place, *Running Free* by Catherine Kendrick

photo by M. Buelow

The gallery is on Donora Street at the blinking light off Estero Boulevard. For more information on any FMBAA activity log onto www.fortmyersbeachart.com or call 463-3909. Visitors and new members are always welcome.*

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Along The River



Raw oysters, stone crab claws, fried grouper basket and ice cold beer at "The Lazy"

Live life in the raw at The Lazy Flamingo. 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's motto is, "If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it underwater." Stone crab claw season runs to May 15, so there's plenty of time to have your fill of the Florida delicacy. The Lazy is also known for its secret recipe Flamingo garlic bread, buffalo wings and giant burgers; all best enjoyed with a frosty mug of Stella Artois on tap.

With four locations in Lee County, the fun, casual restaurant has developed a loyal fan base. For family outings, the little grown-ups can choose from kid-approved dishes such as chicken fingers, pasta and hot dogs. All items on the children's menu include a Lazy Flamingo flying disk and collector's cup.

Happy hour is served daily from 3 to 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Live entertainment is featured Monday through Thursday in the air-conditioned patio of



The gardens at The Edison Ford Estates

the Fort Myers location.

The Fort Myers Lazy Flamingo is located at 12951 McGregor Boulevard in the Bridge Plaza near the College Boulevard intersection. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to midnight. Call 476-9000 or go to www.lazyflamingo.com.

On Saturday, March 9 at 9 a.m., the **The Edison Ford Winter Estate** is hosting Garden Talk: How to Harvest and Use Herbs.

Join the Estate's horticulturists to learn about herb gardening, culinary herbs and spices and growing herbs in Southwest Florida. Following in the tradition of the Edisons, Fords and their staff, participants will learn about the herb gardens at the historic Edison Caretaker's House and Heritage Truck Garden. Herbs and containers will be available for purchase in the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe and participants will receive 20 percent off in the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe. The price is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

The Edison Ford Winter Estate is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. They are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

Also on Saturday, Paul Jennings Ministries presents the third annual **Praise Fest** from 12 to 10 p.m.

Praise Fest is a faith-based festival featuring bands and speakers. A family event, Praise Fest features performances by national recording artists Stellar Kart, Abandon and 7th Time Down in addition to many of the area's top Christian bands.

The event also includes speakers, 50/50 drawings, door prizes every hour, a grand prize (to be announced) and raffles throughout the day. Gates open at 11 a.m. and live musical performances start at 12 noon. Bring a chair or a blanket, but no coolers please.

Tickets for Praise Fest are \$10 for the entire day while children under 12 years of age are free. Proceeds benefit Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) of Fort Myers and Cape Coral and the public is encouraged to bring a canned food item to help the CCMI and its Everyday Cafe.

Centennial Park is located at 2000 West First Street in Downtown Fort Myers' historic River District along the banks of the Caloosahatchee. For information, go to www.thepraisefest.com.

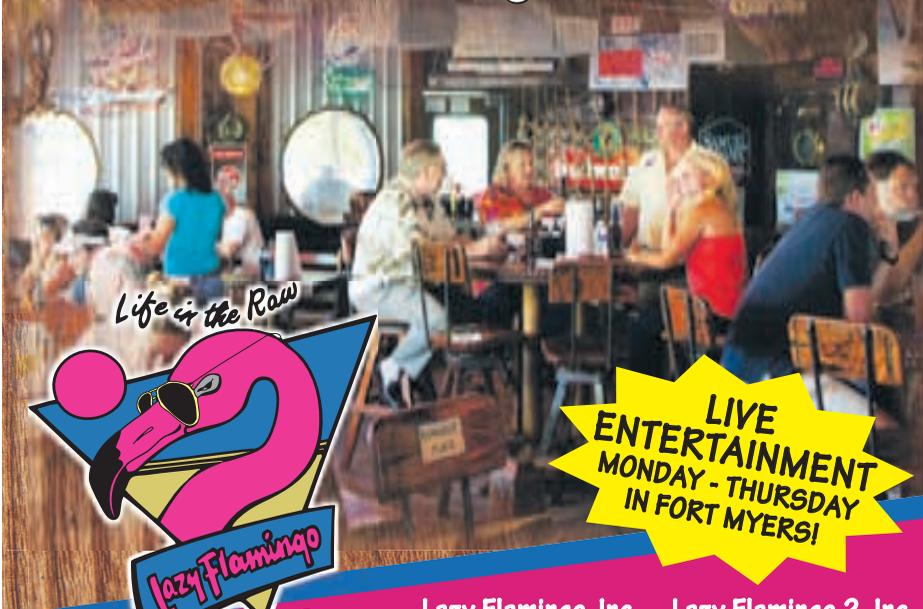
Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante has a variety of classic dishes on their menu including seafood, steak and pasta offered at affordable prices. Try the Taylor Street baked ziti, the Chicago favorite Chicken Vesuvio or the blackened salmon salad as a lighter fare.

Bratta's serves dinner Monday through Saturday from 4 to 11 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. An Early Bird Menu is available from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. The full-service bar offers happy hour specials from 4 to 6:30 p.m. that include half-priced drinks and discounted appetizers.

Additionally, Bratta's features talented musicians seven nights per week. Check their website for a schedule of special events and live entertainment.

Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante is located at 12984 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, across from The Bell Tower Shops. Call 433-4449 or go to www.brattasristorante.com.✧

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Rib Cook-Off

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The festival will offer demonstrations of pioneer skills and crafts, such as wood carving, spinning thread, soap making, quilting, pine needle basket making, blacksmithing, and churning butter. Many workers will be dressed in period costume, helping to recreate Florida's frontier era.

The Children's Discover History area will have a pitcher pump for water, cane pole fishing, candle-dipping, writing with a pen dipped in an ink bottle, a fossil dig, and plenty of old-fashioned toys and classic games. Pony rides will be available.

The festival will also feature Florida authors and artists, legendary characters, vintage automobiles, antique and steam engines, a classic fire truck, and live animals of all kinds, including miniature donkeys and skunks.

All funds raised will benefit the society's efforts to preserve and promote the history of DeSoto County for future generations.

For information, contact Bebe Bradbury at 863-494-6607 or www.historicdesoto.org/PioneerDay.html.



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Best-Selling Authors Cap Lecture Series

The last lecturers of this season's Berne Davis Lecture Series will be best-selling authors James O. Born and Bob Morris on Monday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The lectures include a luncheon and book signing.

Born is a special agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). He has been involved in investigations in such areas as organized crime, violent crimes, economic crimes, drug cartels, and public corruption. Each of his novels is based on some aspect of his career. His third novel, *Escape Clause*, won the inaugural Florida Book Award for Best Novel. Born's fifth novel, *Burn Zone*, features ATF agent Alex Duarte. All the novels are published by Putnam. Born published *The Double Human* and *Human Disguise* under the pen name James O'Neal. The novels are police stories set in the near future.

Morris is the author of the Zack Chasteen series of mysteries set in Florida and the Caribbean, including *Bahamarama*, *Jamaica Me Dead*, *Bermuda Schwartz*, *A Deadly Silver Sea*, and *Baja Florida*. *Bahamarama* was a finalist for the Edgar Allen Poe award for best first novel.

Morris has also authored numerous nonfiction books and original e-books, including *Gut Check*, *Short Road to*



James O. Born

Hell, The Man with the Fish on His Foot and other tales from a peculiar peninsula, *All Over the Map*, and *The Whole Shebang*. He is a two-time winner of the Lowell Thomas Award for travel writing and a recipient of the Ernie Pyle Award for outstanding human interest writing in America. He contributes to a number of travel and food magazines, including *Islands*, *Caribbean Travel & Leisure*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Virtuoso Life*, *Bon Appetit*, *Harbor Style*, and *Edible Orlando*. He has worked at a number of newspapers, including the *Florida Keys Free Press*, *The Fort Myers News-Press*, the

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Imaginarium Gala

The gala will be an interactive experience with a DeLorean on site, thanks to Tony Ierardi, president of the DeLorean Motor Company in Bonita Springs. The Imaginarium will approach 88 mph as soon as guests arrive. Spotlights will fly around the building as they did in the movie. Local actors Jim Yarnes and Christopher Brent will elevate the experience in their roles as Doc and Marty and bring the event to life through interaction, skits and photo opportunities.

Outside, there will be dancing and cocktails under the water tower in the Lipman Family Courtyard. Guests can stroll through the grounds and new Backyard Nature Path while viewing the two-phase Caloosahatchee Experience, complete with live alligators and aquariums. Indoors, there will be cocktails, food, and music as well as silent and live auctions.

In keeping with the theme of future, discovery and innovation, the Imaginarium will introduce its first Innovator Award. This honor is given to

someone whose innovative approach to problem solving has made a significant impact in the Southwest Florida community. This year, the Imaginarium Science Center is honoring Ray Judah, whose 24 years of public service in Lee County has included advocating for the health and management of the Caloosahatchee and Everglades Restoration. He also put the Conservation 20/20 initiative on the referendum in 1996 to purchase environmentally sensitive land, advocated re-purposing trash for energy, and championed CROW.

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at www.i-sci.org or by calling 321-7409.*

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St. Patrick's Day

Bud Light, the City of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency and the following businesses: Spirits of Bacchus, The French Connection, Downtown House of Pizza, The Deli, Crown Valet, City Tavern, HideAway Sports Bar, Cigar

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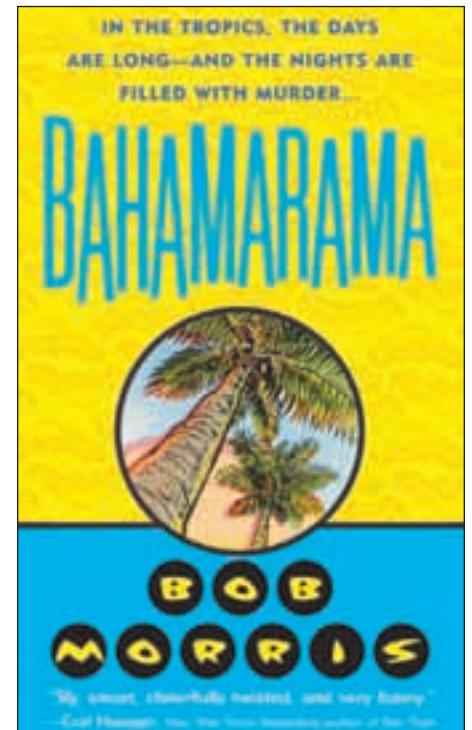
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Bob Morris

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Junior League Serves Up A Special Valentine's Day

The Junior League of Fort Myers sponsored Valentine's Treat Day for the girls of Wings of Shelter and Our Mother's Home, held at Summit Church in Estero. Attendees celebrated with a day of beauty, clothing, photos, gift bags, sweets and crafts.

The girls were treated to make up lessons by Duality Artistry from Naples, hair styling with Hair by Mia from Stilista Salon, and mini-manicures by Sunstate Academy. Lunch was accompanied by cupcakes from Stefanie's Sweet Confections. The girls could select outfits and accessories which included contributions from Lucille's Boutique and Kat Bird Designs. Portraits of the girls and event photography were provided by Sammy Duffy Photography. Junior League ladies were on hand with cookie decorating, scrapbooking, and playing board games; donating leftovers to the safe houses.

Gift bags filled with beauty items, cookbooks, and gift certificates were handed out. Several wish list items were donated to the safe houses, including 60 goodie bags.

Florida has been identified as a hub for human trafficking. As these rescued girls are being rehabilitated from their trauma and gaining a sense of normalcy in their lives, an impact can be made by promoting a sense of self-care and worthiness.

Wings of Shelter is dedicated to the intervention of human trafficking and child slavery, developing safe houses for the children to help restore their lives. Our Mother's Home provides a safe, nurturing home for teen foster moms and human trafficking victims where they learn to love themselves, their children, while becoming self-sufficient, productive members of the community.✧



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Pam Tebow

Pam Tebow To Speak At Benefit

Pam Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy winner and New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow, will deliver the keynote speech at the Lifeline Family Center 16th Annual Benefit on March 21 at McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers. She will relate her life experiences as a mother, a missionary and teacher.

The notoriety of the Tebow family increased when their youngest son won the Heisman Trophy following his sophomore football season with the Florida Gators. In 2010, Pam and Tim were in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life. Pam is also passion-

ate about encouraging women to trust the Lord and to use the influence God has given them to impact their world.

The Tebows lived for a number of years as missionaries in the Philippines and ran an orphanage there which has been home to scores of orphans since 1992. Pam and her husband Bob have been called homeschool pioneers. They began homeschooling in 1982. All five of their children were homeschooled from kindergarten through high school and all received college scholarships.

The fundraiser supports the mission of Lifeline Family Center, a privately funded organization dedicated to providing hope for young women in unplanned pregnancies by offering a two-year residential program in a safe and secure Christian home. The goal of Lifeline Family Center is to enable young women to redirect their lives by breaking the cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect.

"Pam Tebow's life-affirming message of hope resonates with the young women we work with every day," said Kathy Miller, executive director of Lifeline Family Center.

Tickets are \$70 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. Sponsorships that include a VIP reception with Pam Tebow are available. Call Lifeline Family Center at 242-7238.*

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Most Of The Sound Still Spared From Red Tide



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

For the first few days of this week, it really looked like the red tide was going to make it up into the sound and we could have a major fish kill on our hands. The southern end

of the sound – specifically around the causeway, mouth of the river and most of San Carlos Bay – was covered with dead fish. I'm not sure if they died in the bay or a combination of incoming tide and south wind had pushed the floaters in from around Lighthouse Point.

As quickly as the dead fish showed up, a day or two later, they were gone from the southern sound. This red tide saga has been going on in our area for roughly five months, with dead fish reported all over the beaches from Sarasota to

Naples. This is the longest a red tide has stuck around our area since 2005, when we had a 13-month red tide. Luckily, so far most of the sound has stayed free of high concentrations of the toxic algae and we have experienced no major fish kills in the bay.

Sheepshead fishing remained on fire around the passes this week, with the best bite being on the slack and incoming tide. Chunks of frozen shrimp fished around docks and sea walls caught sheepshead to four pounds. During clear water conditions, the sheepshead could be seen milling around structures. Now we are on the backside of another major cold front, there should be another major wave of sheepshead push into the bay from the gulf. These fish are all loaded with roe, so only take what you need for a meal.

Higher afternoon tides made for some quality redfish action. Working mangroves with a popping cork and jig loaded with a frozen jumbo shrimp caught reds to 25 inches. Working the wind-blown shorelines on the eastern side of the sound between the powerlines and Flamingo Bay Channel did take a little moving around to find the redfish, but once located, catching a dozen or so out of one hole or point was the norm. Drifting the

float rig in tight to the shoreline was a fast way to locate them; if you did not catch a red within five minutes, it was time to move on.

During cold windy periods, I spent my time fishing the deep creeks way back in the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. This was a great option when making a longer run up to the passes was not really possible due to the conditions. On the lowest phases of the tide, some mangrove creeks were hot with a wide variety of fish while other creeks simply were dead.

Once I found a hot spot in a sheltered creek, the variety of fish seemed endless, with even a few pompano and flounder caught in the mix. Bouncing a live shrimp really slowly across the bottom caught fish both under the deeper mangrove shorelines and out in the deeper water in the middle of these channels. The colder and windier it is, the better the fishing in the "Ding" can be.

My go-to bait for sheepshead at the pass and for redfish under the trees has been frozen jumbo shrimp. I buy a frozen 5# block of "great for bait" frozen jumbo shrimp and pull them out of my cooler a few at a time. I then break them into chunks for sheepshead or fish them with just the head and tail removed for redfish. These shrimp are a great and often better alternative to live shrimp and are so much easier to cart around. These food quality shrimp can be found at various



Hunter Jolly with a sheepshead caught with Capt. Matt Mitchell

locations all over the islands. Check out www.greatforbait.com.

With everyone quick to blame the prolonged red tide and red drift algae on water releases from Lake O, releases from the lake are only part of a much bigger problem we are all facing. After spending time on the lake both fishing and duck hunting, I am always amazed at how pristine and algae-free the lake is. I believe the root of this problem is the excessive use of fertilizer in Florida from both our population and increase and from farming.

Just by the geological nature of our state any fertilizer, either used excessively for farming or residential use, is eventually going to make its way into our water. With residential fertilizer use increasing every year, we need some major regulations that will drastically reduce or totally ban the use of phosphorus fertilizer in Florida.

If we want to preserve and improve our water quality, this starts with every one of us.

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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The class is designed to introduce new users to GPS. The class will include discussions of marine navigation, how a GPS works and GPS limitations. There will be an extensive presentation on what a GPS can do and what a boater can do with GPS. For those interested in purchasing a GPS, you will understand what a GPS can do for you and some of the key features to look for as you shop for a GPS.

The cost of the class is \$30.

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), Fort Myers. Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.*



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St. Andrew 4th graders with naturalist Kristy Raines enjoying a touch tank exploration at Tarpon Bay Explorers

'Ding' Darling Hosts Students

Enthusiasm was high as 4th graders from Cape Coral's St. Andrew Catholic School spent a warm February day in The JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The annual field trip is an event the students, as well as their teachers and parent chaperones, look forward to.

The field trip kicked off with a guided

trip through the refuge's Wildlife Drive with ranger Becky Wolff leading the charge. Students were introduced to the ecologically important mangrove trees and learned the secrets of the trees' abilities to tolerate living in a saltwater environment. An array of wildlife inhabiting the mangrove estuary was spotted, including numerous bird species, mangrove tree crabs and even a mangrove water snake.

After a break for lunch, the group headed to Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge concessionaire, for a Touch Tank



St. Andrew Catholic School 4th grade field trip to 'Ding' Darling Refuge

Exploration program with naturalist Kristy Raines. The students were treated to some hands-on fun as they learned about the small marine life that inhabits Tarpon Bay. The program provided up-close examination of sea stars, live whelks and conchs, hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs, shrimp, numerous varieties of fish and the ever-popular seahorses. Raines also

presented the skeleton of a bottlenose dolphin and the jawbone of a Florida manatee.

The field trip was capped off with shopping in Tarpon Bay Explorers' nature-themed gift shop. Several students purchased mementos to remind them of their special day at "Ding."*



From left, Commodore Fern Toomey, treasurer Len Ebricht, Joyce Jacobs, Past Commodore Pete Oiderma and committee chairperson Dee Vaigl

Yacht Club Donates Food And Funds

by Past Commodore Chris Christensen

In October 2010, Dee Vaigl of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club created a charitable committee within the club known as the Dolphins In The Pantry program. The pantry's aim was to collect non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations at the club's monthly meetings. The program has been very successful. The food donations were delivered to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida on Fowler Street every month with almost 200

pounds being delivered during 2012.

Money collected during 2012 was \$2,197.63. A large size check for this amount was presented to Joyce Jacobs, Associate Director of the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Inc. during the club's monthly meeting on February 27.

Meetings of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club are held once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday, at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining their own waterfront facility, dues are only \$100 per year per couple or \$60 per single. Learn more about the club at www.FMBYachtClub.org or call Commodore Fern Toomey at 463-4194.*



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Indian Princess Announces New Cruise Schedule

The *Indian Princess* authentic paddle wheeler announces a new schedule for its cruises.

The *Indian Princess* will host afternoon sight-seeing cruises from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and sunset cruises from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday evenings. Due to the daylight savings

time change, the sunset cruises will begin an hour later starting on Sunday, March 10. From now through April, entertainer Jimmy G., who plays the steels drums, ukulele and guitar, will play on all noon cruises as well as Thursday and Saturday evenings. Karaoke cruises will take place on Friday evenings.

There will be no public cruises on Mondays and Tuesdays, as the paddle wheeler will only be available for private party and event rentals, such as weddings and corporate gatherings.

Adult tickets for a cruise are \$25 plus tax per person and \$15 plus tax for children (ages 3 to 12). For groups of

20 people or more, the *Indian Princess* now offers special pricing of \$18 plus tax per person. For groups of 40 to 60 people, the price is reduced to \$15 plus tax per person. Parties of 60 or more are encouraged to rent the paddle wheeler privately. Special group pricing is not available for private cruises.

The *Indian Princess* is located before the sky bridge past the Key West Express, at 2080 Main Street on Fort Myers Beach. Boarding for all cruises begins 30 minutes before departure time. Capacity is limited. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 765-8919. For more information, visit www.indianprincessfortmyers.com.*

Bonsai Society Beginner's Workshop

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will present a Beginner's Workshop, to be conducted by Mike Lane, at its Saturday, March 16 meeting. After an introductory talk, participants will receive a fukien tea tree for styling and individual instruction on bonsai styling techniques.

Additionally, Krystin Muller will give a brief talk on caring for wood cutting tools and will be available following the workshop to professionally sharpen scissors and cutting tools; a small fee will be charged.

The public is invited to attend the

9 a.m. meeting, held at the Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) Building at 6281 Metro Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Guests are welcome and invited to bring their trees for styling suggestions. There is no charge for attending; a \$10 fee will be charged for the workshop participants. Parking is free.

Bonsai is the practice of artistically styling and maintaining small trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is a non-profit organization that promotes education and appreciation of bonsai and related arts.

To sign up for the Beginner's Workshop, or for more information about the society, call Jim Bremer at 482-7543 or visit www.thebonsaiswfl.com.*

Native Plant Sale

The Coccoloba Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society will hold a native plant sale, co-sponsored by Coccoloba and the City of Cape Coral, at Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral, on Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lee County's Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program and master gardeners will provide a rain barrel workshop/kit for \$45. Pre-register by calling 533-7504. Florimulch from Forestry Resources will be on sale for only \$2 a bag and native plant experts will be on

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Guided Walk Blends History And Nature

A Guided History and Nature Walk will take place at Wild Turkey Strand Preserve on Saturday, March 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. Participants can meet in the parking lot at 11901 Rod & Gun Club Road, Fort Myers

Just south of Lehigh Acres, this 3,137-acre Conservation 20/20 preserve sits atop portions of the former Buckingham Army Air Field, the state's

largest airfield training base during World War II. Walk a 1.8 mile trail that blends nature and history via boardwalks, observation decks overlooking wetlands and interpretive panels describing the gunnery training that once took place there.

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

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CROW Case Of The Week

A Tale Of Two Cottontails



by Patricia Molloy

“Hippity, hoppity, Easter’s on its way.”

Most of you are likely quite familiar with the quote from Beatrix Potter’s *Peter Cottontail* rhyme, a children’s classic. What you

may not know is that the wildlife veterinarian staff at CROW cares for hundreds of native sick, injured and abducted babies each year, including Eastern cottontails.

Baby animals are frequently brought into CROW by well-meaning citizens after discovering what they believe to be an abandoned nest. In the case of wild bunnies, a mother rabbit spends most of the day away from her nest to avoid drawing the attention of predators. If a nest looks undisturbed and the mother is nowhere in sight, that is her plan.

Currently, the clinic is caring for two baby Eastern cottontails, patients #0086 and #0087. They were admitted together as tiny bunnies with eyes barely open. They are in a hutch together and were initially bottle-fed a milk replacement; they have since graduated to grass and Oxbow Bunny Basics, which contains a



A tube sock filled with warm dry rice helps to keep the smallest of bunnies warm and cozy, like their mothers would in the wild.

lot of fiber and a good balance of protein and amino acids to keep them healthy and growing properly. Thanks to the dedication of CROW’s staff, they are thriving in spite of the fact that nothing can replace mother’s milk (rabbit milk is the most caloric of all mammals) or her tender loving care.

With Easter right around the corner, instead of purchasing a novelty gift basket, make a lasting contribution in honor of a friend or family member by donating to CROW. As Potter went on to write in *Peter Cottontail*, “And listen to him say: ‘Try to do the things you should.’ Maybe if you’re extra good, He’ll roll lots of Easter eggs your way.”

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5



Babies of all species must be weighed daily to ensure that they are gaining the appropriate amount of weight. This young Eastern cottontail is one of two abducted babies at the clinic

p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or

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Downy woodpecker

Morning Stroll In The Woods

Take a guided nature walk on quarter-mile live oak loop at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve on Saturday, March 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Participants will meet in the parking lot of Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve’s east entrance, 10130 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers.

Traverse wetland, oak hammock and pine flatwoods on ADA-compliant boardwalk and trail while learning more about

the birds, butterflies and plants that call this home. Visit one small section of a 1,290-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, scenic observation areas, and picnic pavilions.

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

The tour and parking, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, are free. For more information, call 707-0862. ✨

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Plant Sale

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Inedible brown fruit appears amid the fronds

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Silver Bismarck Palm

by Gerri Reaves

Silver Bismarck palm (*Bismarckia nobilis*) is admired for its symmetrical crown of silvery blue-green leaves. A fairly recent introduction to Florida, this majestic fan palm of large proportion deserves the “nobilis” in its Latin name.

Although a native of Madagascar, the species gets its common name from Otto Von Bismarck, the former imperial chancellor and prime minister of the German Empire.

This tree is best suited to large landscapes where it can be the center of attention. This stout-trunked palm can reach up to 60 feet high and 20 feet across.

The waxy palmate fronds sometimes measure 10 feet across, and the sharply toothed thick stems up to 10 feet long.

Creamy fragrant flowers appear on stalks as long as four feet, with male and female flowers blooming on different trees. The round brown fruit is inedible.

Drought-tolerant, low-maintenance, and moderately salt-tolerant, it will do well in the lower sections of the Florida peninsula and in the Keys. It prefers full sun but tolerates some shade.

While this palm is outstanding for its beauty and adaptability to southernmost Florida's climate, it is not noted for any benefits to wildlife.

Sources: *Waterwise* by the South Florida Water Management District, floridapalmtrees.net, and hort.ufl.edu.

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Silver Bismarck palms demand a large space, the better to appreciate its symmetry and silvery blue-green leaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

Caring For Your Plants

Power Wires And Other Obstacles

by Justen Dobbs



There are a lot of street-side plantings including royal palms that shouldn't have been planted in the vicinity of power lines due to the fast growth rate and eventual height.

This creates a need for the palm fronds to be manually trimmed contrary to their natural design of being self-cleaning palms. Large stately palms that have their fronds hacked back look out of place and ugly, in my opinion. The only exception to this is along McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers where the royal palms were planted long before any power wires were installed. In this case, the palms take precedent, but the power wires would have more utility if placed underground.

Research your palm and hardwood tree choices. Don't just look at each tree's eventual height, but also consider their growth rate. A date palm can be planted and enjoyed for years before it even gets close to a power wire or overhead structure. Once it becomes too large for its area, it can easily be moved



This hardwood tree had to be cut down because it was getting into the power wires

to another location or replaced. Slower growing trees typically have more value when larger and can even be re-sold to the commercial landscaping market for big bucks.

I have a lot of homeowners shy away from certain palms or hardwood trees because they read online that they grow to 50 to 80 feet tall when mature. What these homeowners don't realize is that many trees take decades, if not centuries to reach that height. Coconut palms grow fairly slowly, as do buccaneer palms, cabbage palms, Chinese fan palms, date palms, bottle palms, and many others. This means that they can be planted around your house or other structures



More suitable cat palms and tropical bromeliads were put in its place. They will never reach the power wires above.

and enjoyed for years before they become a nuisance.

However, royal palms, foxtail palms, Montgomery palms, carpentaria palms, royal poinciana trees, and traveler's palms grow very quickly and can reach heights of up to 100 feet. (The state record royal palm is growing at the Edison Home in Fort Myers and is 93 feet tall.) These taller trees should be planted in open areas that provide lots of vertical space without any impediments such as power lines. Also, fast growing trees should be incorporated with slower growing trees so that your landscape has a variety of different sizes and shapes in order to create a natural native, or tropical look. The only

situation where this doesn't hold true is in commercial settings such as office buildings, road side planters, parks, etc. where a uniform commercial look is desired and optimal.

Also keep in mind that coconut palms always grow with a lean or curve in their trunks. This can create problems when they are planted in tight quarters and the palm begins to reach toward a building, wire, or other structure.

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



Photographs from last year's Artists' Studio Tours, above and right

Alliance Annual Artists' Studio Tour

Art enthusiasts are used to seeing artwork in galleries and shops, but rarely do they get the chance to peak into the other side of the art world: the places where creation occurs. That's not the case during the Alliance for the Arts' 2nd annual Artists Studio Tour on Saturday, April 13, when guests will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with seven Cape Coral Artists in their studios and homes.

This daylong, self-guided tour is an educational, inspirational and fun way to get to know local artists, while helping to support cultural and educational programming at the same time.

The day begins at the Alliance's 10-acre campus on the corner of McGregor and Colonial in Fort Myers, where ticket holders will enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. and get their map to the artists' studios. While they're at the Alliance, they can also check out the artist studios in the Edwards Building, including the Logan Studio, Gulf Coast Atelier, Studio 201 and Union Artist Studios, all of

which will be open.

Participants will then spend the day choosing the order and the amount of time they wish spend at each location on the studio tour. They'll see a variety of artistic mediums, including painting, fiber, glass, wood and wire work. This year's featured artists are Paul Adamick, Paula Eckerty, Petra Kaiser, Phil Krym, Shirley Hales, Alicia Schmidt and Rose Young.

They day will conclude at the Cape Coral Arts Studio on Coronado Parkway with an Arty Hour hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting reception from 3 to 4 p.m., with several more artists demonstrating silversmithing, stone and clay work.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to watch local artists work in their own spaces and discuss their creative processes. Tickets are \$49 and include continental breakfast, self-guided tour and program and Arty Hour reception. Artists' Studio Tour sponsorship provided by Whitten Technical and Total Wine & More. Visit the Alliance Facebook page's photo gallery to see pictures from last year's tour.

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

Sunset Cruise With LeBuff And Gleason

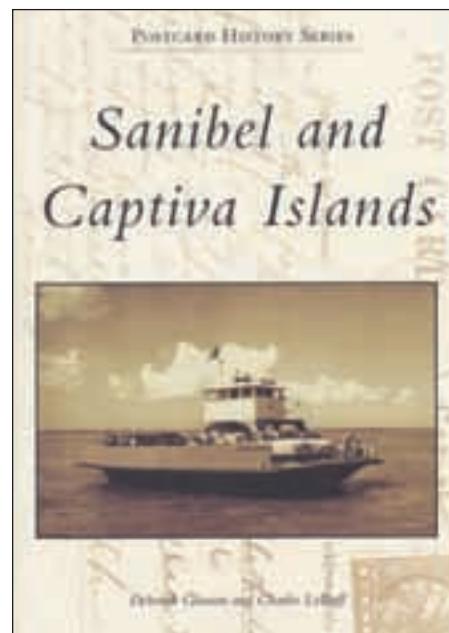
On Sunday, March 24, Captiva Cruises will offer a spectacular way to experience a Gulf of Mexico sunset and listen to island stories from Charles LeBuff and Deb Gleason aboard the *Lady Chadwick*, Captiva Cruises' flagship vessel. LeBuff and Gleason are co-authors of a new Postcard History Series book entitled *Sanibel and Captiva Islands*.

In 1958, LeBuff accepted a position with the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge which was renamed the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in 1967. LeBuff worked at the refuge for 32 years and had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Darling about conservation on the islands.

LeBuff pioneered sea turtle research in Southwest Florida and formed Caretta Research in 1968 to study the loggerhead sea turtle. He became a charter member of the Sanibel City Council and played an instrumental role in the city's incorporation and its conservation legacy.

Gleason grew up on Sanibel, helping with family rental cottages and later helping visitors become islanders in the world of real estate. She now serves as chairperson of the Sanibel Historical Preservation Committee.

This unique cruise will depart McCarthy's Marina on Captiva at 6:15 p.m. and travel on Roosevelt Channel, passing by the historic "Ding" Darling fish



house on the way to Redfish Pass for sunset. Passengers can learn more about the fascinating history of Sanibel and Captiva from these colorful islanders. There will be an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed by the authors.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The *Lady Chadwick* is equipped with a full-service cash bar, enclosed lower cabin and open-air deck.

The cost is \$40 per adult and \$25 per child. Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*

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Drama finalist Tom Short

Tickets Available For Young Artists Awards Gala

The community is invited to celebrate the best of performing arts students from throughout Southwest Florida at the 10th anniversary Young Artists Awards Gala on Monday, March 11 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Tickets are \$45 and include a silent auction at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the show, including a champagne toast, hosted by Lois Thome of WINK-TV at 7 p.m. There will also be an Audience Choice award, where tickets holders vote on their favorite performer.

On three auditions days in January, six panels of 56 professionals and educators in the performing arts from throughout the nation adjudicated 224 registered auditions in dance, drama, instrumental music, classical voice and contemporary voice/musical theater. The best of performing arts students ages eight to 21 participated in the competition at the Alliance for the Arts. Twenty two finalists were selected to perform individually and 11 runner-up students will work with coaches on a group number to be featured on stage at the opening of the event. Thirty-five cash scholarships will be awarded the evening of the gala.

The performers and scholarship winners are:

Contemporary Voice/Musical Theater

- Ages eight to 12
- Finalist – Avery King, Oasis Elementary
- Finalist – Mary Grace Epps, Oasis Middle School
- Runner-up – Ania Dziarnowski, Diplomat Elementary
- Ages 13 to 16
- Finalist – Noelle Aparte, North Fort Myers High School
- Finalist – Victoria Byrd, Booker High School
- Runner-up – Garrett Nowlin, Cypress Lake High School
- Ages 17 to 21
- Finalist – Haley Ondrejka, Palm Beach Atlantic University



Voice finalist Noelle Aparte

Finalist – Halie Boling, Cypress Lake High School

Runner-up – Martina Long, Cypress Lake High School

Classical Voice

Ages 13 to 16

Finalist – Marcella Brown, home-schooled

Finalist – Peyton Davis, Cypress Lake High School

Runner-up – Noelle Aparte, North Fort Myers High School

Ages 17 to 21

Finalist – Chelsea Bolter, Florida State University

Finalist – Lauren Davis, Stetson University

Runner-up – Monica Plazas, Florida Gulf Coast University

Drama

Ages 13 to 16

Finalist – Tom Short, Cypress Lake High School

Finalist – Jordan Pilant, Fort Myers High School

Runner-up – Callie Atkinson, Cypress Lake Middle School

Ages 17 to 21

Finalist – Haley Ondrejka, Palm Beach Atlantic University

Finalist – Scott Brooker, Community School of Naples

Runner-up – Rebecca Bronzini, Florida Gulf Coast University

Instrumental Music

Ages 13 to 16

Finalist – Christian Dimaculangan, Lehigh Senior High School

Finalist – Hae-Yang Chang, Cape Coral High School

Runner-up – Stephanie van Duijn, Cypress Lake Middle School

Ages 17 to 21

Finalist – Kevin Seto, Florida Gulf Coast University

Finalist – Pedro Alfredo Che Sanchez, Florida Gulf Coast University

Runner-up – Jame Karl A. Till, Florida Gulf Coast University

Dance

Ages 8 to 14

Finalist – Kaitlyn Nicolosi, Fort Myers Christian School

Finalist – Andrea Damiami, Saint Francis Xavier

Runner-up – Sadie Reichenbach, Oasis Elementary



Classical voice finalist Peyton Davis



Voice auditions

Ages 15 to 21

Finalist – Julissa Jean-Bart, Lehigh Senior High School

Finalist – Sarah Nelson, North Fort Myers High School

Runner-up – Hae-Yang Chang, Cape Coral High School

“It’s amazing to see the incredible talent in our area during our auditions,”

said Katherine Boren, executive director of the program. “The adjudicators have an incredibly difficult job. Every year the number of students participating grows larger and the talent more incredible.

We had a waiting list of students wanting to participate again this year. We are so thankful for the professional judges who donate their time working with our students, as well as the many community organizations that partner with us by offering opportunities to our students and

allowing us to offer scholarships to these talented young people. The community will be astonished at the talent at our upcoming event.”

All judging sheets are shared with the students, and participants are given numerous opportunities to perform at other community events throughout the year, including monthly performances at Fort Myers Art Walk and ArtFest Fort Myers. Visit the website at www.youngartistsawards.org.

Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the program’s Art by Kids with Cancer project, which assists families undergoing the financial challenges of childhood cancer.

Tickets are available at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, by phone at 278-4422 or online at www.broadwaypalm.com.*

Dancing Event Showcases Students’ Talents

Hope HealthCare Services and Gulfshore Ballet present *Dancing with Hope*, featuring former Miami City Ballet principal dancers Iliana Lopez and Franklin Gamero, on Saturday, March 9.

The performance benefits both organizations and takes place at Edison State College’s Rush Auditorium, located in the J building at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers.

Advanced dancers from Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida’s premier, not-for-profit school of classical ballet, will present a two-part performance with live piano accompaniment under the guidance of one of the school’s renowned artistic directors.

Light refreshments will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., with a variety of dance costumes on display. An outdoor garden reception for VIP guests begins at 4:30 p.m. and features live music and champagne with Gulfshore Ballet’s directors. The showcase performance begins at 6 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$100 and VIP tickets are \$200. Sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For reservations or additional information, contact 489-9164 or visit www.hopehcs.org/dancing.*

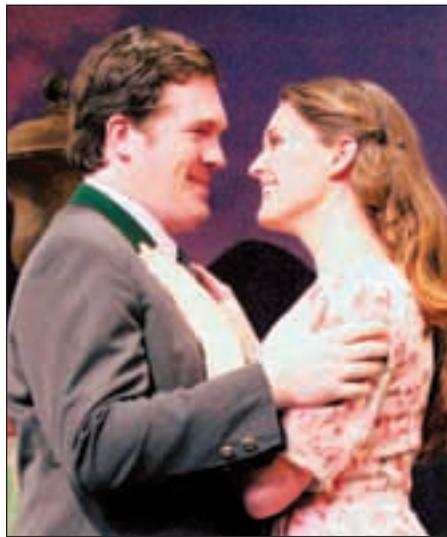
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A Beloved Musical At Broadway Palm



by Di Saggau

The Sound of Music, now playing at Broadway Palm, is familiar to generations of musical theater lovers. We grew up singing many of the songs. In fact, they are the reason for this



Rob Watson and Paige Mattox

musical's enduring appeal. *My Favorite Things, So Long, Farewell, Edelweiss, Do-Re-Mi* and the breathtaking *Climb Ev'ry Mountain* are absolute classics, and the cast at Broadway Palm does them proud.

We all know the story. An innocent young novice falls in love with a strict widower, a naval captain with seven adorable and charming children who steal your heart. There are 12 children who take turns playing the various Von Trapp children and they are all talented, well-rehearsed and utterly lovable.

Inspired by true events and set in Austria in 1938 against the backdrop of one of the most turbulent periods in Europe's history, Maria (Paige Mattox) as governess, wins over the hearts of the children and eventually their father,

George (Rob Watson). His transformation from a man who summons his children with a whistle and thinks that marching is the best form of exercise to a man who allows himself to finally have the feelings he has suppressed, warms our hearts. Both are talented singers and great performers.

Special mention must be made of Alfreynn Roberts, who plays the Mother Abbess. When she sings *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, it is inspiring beyond words. Paul Bernier as Max and Amanda Morgan as Elsa, also give standout performances. When they sing *There's No Way To Stop It*, you see their struggle for self preservation in the face of a Nazi invasion. They attempt to persuade the



Maria with the children in a scene from *The Sound of Music*

captain that it's better to watch out for yourself than hold to your ideals, but as we know, the captain is made of better stuff.

The sets and costumes add greatly to the production. Hearing Hitler's recorded voice sends chills through you, and the same goes for when the huge Nazi swastika banners are unveiled.

In the early 1950s, the Von Trapp Family Singers visited my high school in Omaha, Nebraska and entertained us royally. They were delightful but, of course, we had no idea of the notoriety that would soon follow.

The musical, based upon a book by Maria, debuted on Broadway on

November 16, 1959 with Mary Martin and Theodore Bikel in the lead roles. The Captain died in 1947 and Maria in 1987. The true story of the Von Trapps can be found online and I recommend you check it out after you see the musical.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's immortal musical still touches the hearts of audiences around the world. A family classic, *The Sound of Music* plays through April 6 at Broadway Palm, Southwest Florida's Premier Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com or call 278-4422.✱

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The Resolvers

Reggae Band To Perform At Alliance Sunset Concert

Emerging from the east coast town of Deerfield Beach, The Resolvers have become one of the South Florida music scene's premier alternative reggae acts. The 10-member band captures the essence of the classic reggae sound and blend it with modern songwriting craftsmanship to create their own take on world music. They will perform at the Alliance for the Arts' 2013 Bruce T. Gora Sunset Concert Series on Sunday, March 10.

The Resolvers are now in the process of recording their first full-length album. After releasing their first five-song EP in 2008, they made their international debut at the 2009 Jamaican Jazz & Blues Festival, followed by a California tour. They were selected to play at Florida's largest festival, Sunfest 2009, and were voted to play the first annual DubFest. They shared the stage with many international artists such as Matisyahu, The Wailers, Yellowman, Lee "Scratch" Perry, Badfish, SOJA, and Mishka.

Gates open at 4 p.m. and the concert begins at 5 p.m. The Nosh Truck will be selling food, but guests are encouraged to bring their own coolers, lawn chairs and blankets to picnic on the amphitheater lawn. General admission tickets are \$20. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for Alliance members and are available at the Alliance for the Arts, on the corner of Colonial and McGregor in Fort Myers. Call 939-2787 or buy online at www.ArtInLee.org. Proceeds from the concert series will benefit Alliance Education and Outreach Programming. The 2013 Bruce T. Gora Sunset Concert Series is sponsored in part by LCEC and The News Press Media Group. The concert series concludes on Sunday, April 21 with the Nashville-based Indie Folk Rock band The David Mayfield Parade.*

Davis Art Center March Calendar

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host a number of upcoming events and activities during the month of March, including:

- Saturday, March 9 Rock the River- All Star Jam 6pm \$35 All Tickets/ VIP tables available
- Sunday, March 10 - Cotillion Graduation
- Thursday, March 14 - Connect Networking Mixer. Expand your business and personal relationships. Get to know each other and connect in your community. Event includes raffle prizes, music and mingling.
- Friday, March 15 - Music Walk. The Redemption performs from 7 to 10 p.m. Free Dancing at the Davis: 80's Flash Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$5 each.
- Saturday, March 16 - Moving Ethos Dance Company. Performance begins at 8 p.m. \$25 for all tickets.

- Monday, March 18 - Berne Davis Lecture Series: James O. Born and Bob Morris. Lecture runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 for the lecture with lunch or \$25 for the lecture only.

- Wednesday, March 21 to Saturday, March 24 - Fort Myers Film Festival

- Thursday, March 22 - Art & Poetry Networking Mixer. Events runs from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$5 each.

- Friday, March 29 - American Virtuosi Chamber Concert. Cocktails served starting at 7 p.m. Performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

- Saturday, March 30 - An Evening In Paris. Event begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$125 for individuals or \$1,000 per table. Contact the Davis Art Center for additional details.

For more information about any of our events or classes, contact the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers, by calling 333-1933, by emailing jim@sbdac.com or by visiting www.sbdac.com.*

Ballet And Healthcare Benefit To Take Place

Gulfshore Ballet and Hope Healthcare Services will present Dancing with Hope on March 9 at the Rush Auditorium at Edison State College. The performance will be in the J Building at 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. This event will feature former Miami City Ballet principal dancers Iliana Lopez and Franklin Gamero.

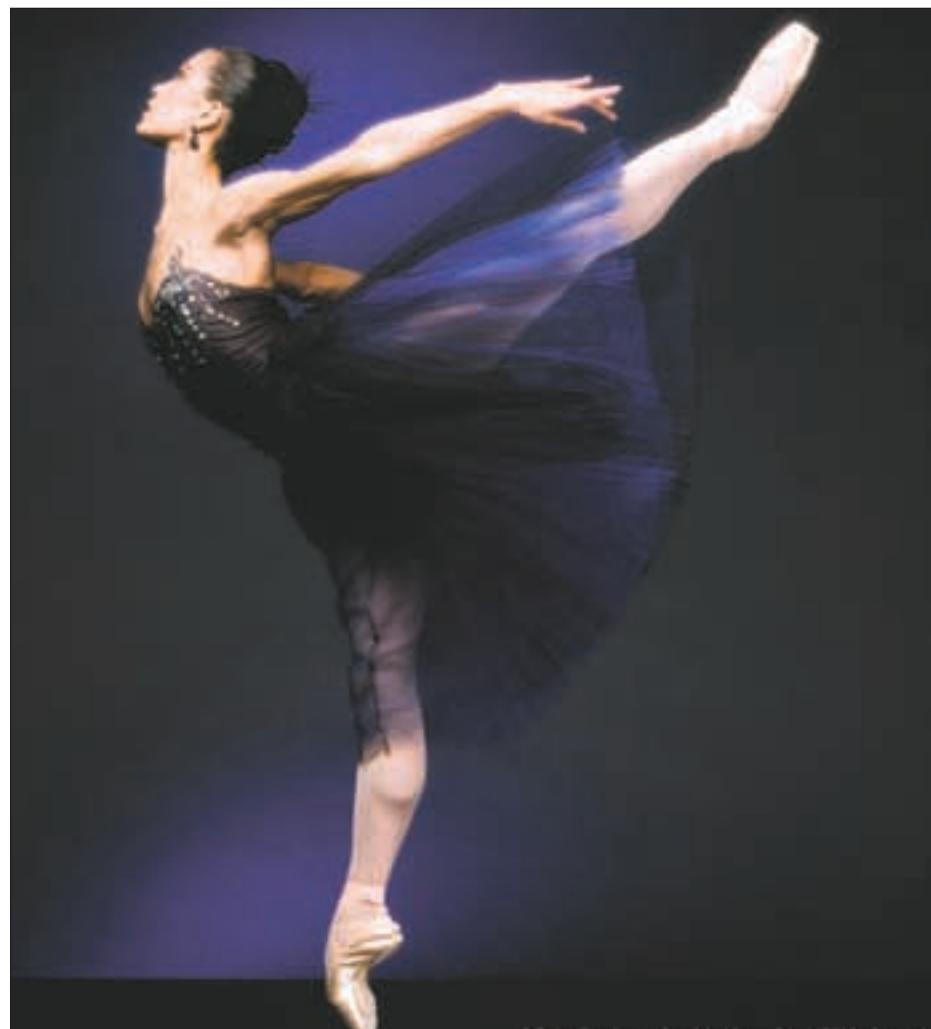
Advanced-level dancers from Gulfshore Ballet, Southwest Florida's premier, not-for-profit school of classical ballet, will present a two-part performance, with live piano accompaniment, under the guidance of the school's renowned artistic directors.

The unique, intimate evening will feature a champagne and hors d'oeuvres garden reception with Lopez and Gamero, music, ballet master class and performances, delicious desserts and a raffle.

Light refreshments will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., with a selection of dance costumes on display. An outdoor garden reception for VIP guests begins at 4:30 p.m. and features live music and champagne with Gulfshore Ballet's directors. The showcase performance begins at 6 p.m.

The performance is an opportunity to support two inspiring charitable organizations in one evening.

Individual tickets are \$100 and VIP tickets are \$200. Sponsorships begin at \$1,500. For reservations or additional information, contact Heather Chester at 489-9164 or visit www.hopehcs.org/dancing. Gulfshore Ballet can be contacted at 590-6191 or GulfshoreBallet@gmail.com.*



Iliana Lopez

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Moving Ethos Dance Company

Dance Company Returning To Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host Moving Ethos Dance Company on Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. Founded in 2008, Moving Ethos is a contemporary dance company that reaches audiences through daring choreography. Performances reflect the spirit and culture of the community.

As it moves into its sixth season, Moving Ethos Dance Company is a continuing work in progress, a contemporary dance troupe that works for both its artists and its audiences. Their work is drawn from the evolving and eclectic repertoire created since the company was formed in Sarasota by Courtney Smith Inzalaco and Leah Verier-Dunn in 2007.

Melissa Lodhi, who chairs the Moving Ethos board, believes the company has, should, and will play a continuing role in challenging local tastes in art as it further shapes its own destiny.

Artist Alliance Presents Special Event

Artists from various art studios in the Alliance for the Arts campus have come together to create what will be the first of many collaborative events this year. The group is hoping to bring attention to its artistic collaborations while giving back to the community.

The Union Artist Studios, Studio 201, The Susan Logan Studios and Jamie Golob Gulf Coast Atelier have joined forces to form The Edwards Artist Alliance. The group will focus on producing quality events involving all cultural aspects such as music, literature and visual arts.

On March 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., The Edwards Artist Alliance will present An Evening of Art for Autism. The event will be held in the surrounding lawns of the Edwards Building and the artists' studios at 10051 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. There will be live painting demonstrations, displays of original art, a live art projection, live music and open studios. A silent auction featuring original pieces from the artists will be held during the event. The Edwards Artist Alliance will donate 40 percent of the proceeds to the Florida Repertory Theatre's Act Up program, which helps children suffering from autism through performing arts.

Acclaimed music prodigy Peter Taylor will perform during the event. Taylor has performed in a multitude of venues around the nation, including Southwest Florida.

For more information visit www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.



"Moving Ethos has done a good job of directing people into other things they can appreciate, but still giving them something that is provocative or avant garde," said Lodhi. "It's important for a city that considers itself an arts community not to just support the traditional forms of art, but to open people up to what can be. The question now is, how can we educate and inspire people to come out of their comfort zone and explore new options? That's our big challenge, to earn their willingness to take the next step. Now the question is, are people ready to see something a little more risky, something that teeters on the line of subjects maybe a little more touchy?"

There will be cocktails at 7:30 p.m., followed by the performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For tickets, call 333-1933 or visit www.sbdac.com. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is at 2301 First Street in the Fort Myers River District.



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From left to right – Coach Elias Rey, David Delly, Peyton Randolph, David Bush, Andrew Kreps, Jesse Barringer, Josh McKillip, Noah Huxley and Coach Jim Martin (not pictured – Tyler Manes)

Wrestlers Make School History

For the first time in school history, Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA) advanced eight

wrestlers out of districts and into the regional tournament (held in Tampa). Four of the eight – David Bush, David Delly, Andrew Kreps and Noah Huxley – advanced to the regional semi-final round.

One wrestler, Noah Huxley, took

third place at the regional level, which advanced him to the state tournament (held in Lakeland) in the 220-pound weight category. Adding to the firsts for SFCA, Noah Huxley went on to earn a medal by finishing fourth in the state in his weight category.



Fourth place state finisher Noah Huxley

Coach Martin said, “The SFCA wrestlers reached a new level of competitiveness this season, which sets us up well for next year and beyond.” What a great wrestling season for the Kings.

Southwest Florida Christian Academy is located at 3750 Colonial Boulevard in Ft. Myers. For more information call 936-8865 or visit www.swfca.com.*

Miracle GM Andrew Seymour Traveled Highways And Byways Enroute To His ‘Dream Job’

by Ed Frank



If you’re looking for a 9 to 5 job, you shouldn’t pursue a job as general manager of a professional baseball team.

But if you talk to the personable Andrew Seymour, general manager of the Fort Myers Miracle, the Class A farm team of the Minnesota Twins, he will tell you it is the best job in the world.

The 42-year-old Seymour has crisscrossed the United States and Canada the last two decades in various baseball jobs before landing the Miracle GM job last year – the very team he started with in 1993 as an unpaid intern in his first job out of college.

With a degree in sports marketing from George Brown College in Toronto, he sent out more than 200 applications

before Mike Veeck, one of the Miracle owners, offered him the internship.

A year later, the Toronto native was back in Canada with the Thunder Bay Whiskey Jacks, then to Tyler Texas and back here in 1997 as Miracle promotions director where he remained until 2007. In 2008, he took a job as GM with the Vancouver Canadians, a Class A farm team of the Oakland A’s, then to the Grand Prairie (Texas) Air Hogs, an independent league team, and finally back here last year in what he calls his “dream job.”

With all that geography, you’ve got to wonder whether Seymour might be better suited as a travel agent, but he said all those jobs better prepared him for the multi-dimensional responsibilities of Miracle GM.

Despite all that traipsing around North America, Seymour and his wife, Jenifer, are proud parents of a 4-year-old and an 8-year-old.

Although the Miracle schedule is just 140 games – 70 home games – it’s a 12-month-a-year job as the Miracle staff also is responsible for the business side of the Twins’ spring training operations, with the exception of ticketing and media relations.

He has hired 225 men and women to handle parking, ushering and other duties during spring training. There are 56 concession stands and other venues at Hammond Stadium with Miracle responsibilities plus the gift shop, ATMs, etc.

Lining up company and organizational promotions for both spring training and the Miracle season is a major task and the key to financial success. He was quick to point out that the annual Islands Night is one of the biggest and most successful Miracle promotions, with more than 5,000 fans in attendance.

Once the Twins’ spring training schedule is announced, his staff immediately starts lining up sponsors, selling stadium suites and stadium advertising.

A typical day for Seymour often runs 12 to 14 hours, long after the end of games as receipts must be tallied and plans made for the next day.

You will even see Seymour on the field before each game assisting the game sponsor who throws out the first pitch or the person singing *The National Anthem*.

Seymour is excited about the \$45-million planned renovation of Hammond Stadium and the Lee County Sports Complex. Although there is concern that the construction could pose problems for the 2014 Miracle home schedule, he said he is confident the work would be scheduled so as not to require the Miracle to move to another location next year.

Stadium capacity will be increased from 8,100 to about 9,000, parking will be expanded, bench seats will be replaced with chairs, concession stands and bathrooms will be modernized and the stadium will be given a modern, wide-open appearance, he said.

As a result, the Twins have signed a new 30-year agreement to remain here and the Miracle contract also has been lengthened.

This year is the 21st year that the Miracle has been associated with the Twins, one of the longest running affiliations in Minor League Baseball.

As a member of the Florida State League, the Miracle draws more than 100,000 fans per season, second highest in the league.

“Our goal is to average 2,000 a game (140,000) and we’ve come close,” he said. The team averaged 1,911 in 2011, but was down slightly last season.

“We never lose sight of our commitment that we want our fans to have a great time,” he said.

And that commitment requires long, long hours of work.

Everblades Begin Final Stretch For Playoff Spot

The Florida Everblades began the final week of the regular season with a victory last Saturday over the first-place Gwinnett Gladiators to break a four-game losing streak.

The four losses dropped the local hockey team to eighth place in the ECHL American Conference, the last playoff seed.

Florida is the defending ECHL champion, having won the Kelly Cup a year ago. Their 29-20-4-6 season record is slightly better than a year ago, when they began their championship run.

The Everblades begin a four-game road trip this week to Cincinnati, Fort Wayne and Kalamazoo, returning home to Germain Arena on March 13 for a late-season five game homestand.*



Andrew Seymour



From left, Jordan Weatherbee, Luke Wallace, Michael Musho, Will Wiggins, Noah Jacobs, Chase Reed, David Sievert, Caleb Catto, Seth Beeson, Hayden Brown, Braxton Baker, Cayman Brown and Viktor Beach

SFCA Claims Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Crown Once Again

For the second year in a row, the middle school boys basketball team at Southwest Florida Christian Academy has taken the championship trophy home. The Kings had an almost perfect season, with only one loss late in the season – and the loss was by just one point.

The Kings defeated Oasis Charter in the conference finals, 68-47, to earn the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference championship title.✪

March Madness Pet Adoptions

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will hold its low version of March Madness this month. Not only are adoption fees reduced to just \$35 for cats six months and older and dogs 40 pounds and over, but adopters can get an additional \$10 off if they can make a basket. No slam dunks or three-point shots are required for this deal.

There are several ways to join in the magic of March Madness at LCDAS. Hundreds of pets are available for adoption at the shelter, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Volunteers are available to help you narrow the choices to your Final Four and select the perfect family pet. Adoption applications may be submitted online at www.LeeLostPets.com or at the shelter. Pets currently available may be viewed online. The website updates hourly. Adoption hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pet lovers who are not able to adopt can help by promoting the shelter pets. You can send out emails or like your favorites on Facebook and share them with friends. Donations to the Animal Care Trust Fund help sick, injured and infant pets that need care to help them get ready for adoption and their forever homes.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline AIDS and leukemia tests for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, training DVD, behavior help line, microchip pet ID and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.✪

English Country Dancing Lessons

Learn the social dances of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries at the Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center 16760 Bass Road, Fort Myers. Call for driving directions. Dress is casual, wear flat shoes with non-slip soles.

Partners are not necessary and beginners are welcomed.

There will be live music and it is family friendly.

For more information call Gillian Carney at 603-9828, email fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com or visit www.dancefl.us/eCd/FtMyersECD.shtml.

Lessons are Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (year round). Lessons are free after a one-time payment of \$10 which covers lifetime membership to Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center.

For more information call 432-215 or visit www.leeparks.org/facility-info/facility-details.cfm?Project_Num=0246.✪

Catholic Charities Name Galeana 2013 Humanitarian Award Recipient

The Galeana Automotive Group and Catholic Charities announced the recipients of the 2013 Catholic Charities Frank Galeana Sr. Humanitarian Award. This year's recipients, Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni Trapanese, were chosen for their unwavering dedication to Catholic Charities of Lee, Hendry and Glades County, Diocese of Venice, Inc.

The Frank Galeana Sr. Humanitarian Award was presented at the Venetian Ball held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point on March 2. This year "Festival di Venezia" was hosted by Bishop Frank J. Dewayne and Masters Of Ceremonies, WINK TV News anchor Lois Thome. All proceeds support the programs and services for those in need in Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties.

Catholic Charities has been serving needy families and individuals of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties since 1984. They provide social service programs including food distribution, senior housing and programs, after school tutoring for children, food stamp applications, human trafficking case management, immigration services and adult education programs.✪

Night Out For Calendar Girls



The Calendar Girls at Harley-Davidson of Fort Myers

photo by Ronald A.Co

Clad in leather, The Calendar Girls showed up at Harley-Davidson of FortMyers on March 1 for a Girls Night Out performance for the benefit of Blessings In A Backpack, a program that provides children with meals on the weekend when school lunch programs are closed.

In Lee County last year, Blessings In A Backpack provided meals for more than 4,000 children.

For more information on how you can have The Calendar Girls at your next event, go to www.calendargirlsflorida.com or call 850-6010.✪

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I have 10-year-old fraternal twins, a boy and a girl. My daughter seems to do so much better in school than my son. I have raised them

the same plus they are twins; shouldn't they be achieving at school in the same way? Is there something else I should be doing for my son?

Scott R., Fort Myers Beach

Scott,

Twins are uniquely similar in so many ways, but they have differences as well, and especially with fraternal twins. As a recent study points out, the differences you are seeing may be gender based rather than reflect a parenting difference.

This study that included 5,800 students from kindergarten through fifth grade may shed some light on these differences for you. Researchers from Columbia University and the University of Georgia evaluated students' performance in reading, math and science. They then linked these scores to the teachers' assessment of the students' performance. Study results that even though boys' test scores were higher, they received lower grades on teachers' assessment.

"The variation in school grades between boys and girls may be because girls have better attitude toward learning than boys was the main conclusion from this study. The skill that matters the most in regards to how teachers graded their students is what we refer to as 'approaches toward learning,'" said Christopher Cornwell, head of economics in the UGA Terry College of Business and one of the study's authors. "You can think of 'approaches to learning' as a rough measure of what a child's attitude toward school is: It includes six items that rate the child's attentiveness, task persistence, eagerness to learn, learning independence, flexibility and organization. I think that anybody who's a parent of boys and girls can tell you that girls are more of all of that."

Additionally researchers say that non-academic or classroom behavior skills may explain why boys receive poor grades. Behavior such as "how well each child was engaged in the classroom, how often the child externalized or internalized problems, how often the child lost control and how well the child developed interpersonal skills" were clearly related to the grades the students received.

This is not really new information as it replicates much of what was found in research in educational studies from the 1980s and 1990s. What is new however is the trend we are now seeing that fewer young men are going to college, or staying in college - the lack of educational attainment. The hypothesis set forth from the UGA/Columbia study is that

these lower grades that the boys receive discourage them during their elementary school years from setting high academic expectations for themselves. To date, no conclusions can be made.

What this study points out, however, is how very important it is for families to have clearly stated goals and expectations for their children. Research has shown that parental expectations for children's academic achievement predict educational outcomes more than other measures do of parental involvement, such as attending school events. Parent encouragement and support go well beyond tests and grades and can set the stage for their children to achieve at their highest levels.

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Cattanach Joins Phi Kappa Phi

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi announced that Emily Cattanach, a resident of Fort Myers, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi - the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Cattanach is pursuing a degree at Armstrong Atlantic State University.*

Named To Dean's List

Steven Clarke of Fort Myers and Keith Cute of Cape Coral have earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Berklee College of Music. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a full-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or above; a part-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or above.*

Garrett Named To Dean's List

Taylor Garrett, a senior and a resident of Fort Myers, was named to the Dean's List of Mercer University's College of Liberal Arts for the fall 2012 semester.*

Annual Scholarship Fundraising Event

Canterbury School will present its annual fundraising gala, Dream Big - the Sky's the Limit, to support the school's need-based financial aid program, provide curriculum enrichment and classroom enhancements on Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m., at the ACI Hangar at Page Field. The event is presented by FineMark Bank.

More than 25 percent of Canterbury students receive some form of need-based merit scholarship and/or financial aid support. "We recognize that the full cost of an independent education is beyond the means of some outstanding students and families," said Tony Paulus, head of the school. "The financial aid program at Canterbury School is designed to help make a Canterbury education accessible to qualified students who could not otherwise afford the cost of attending."

This year, Canterbury is providing approximately \$1,460,000 of financial assistance. The school adheres to the National Association of Independent School's Principles of Good Practice for Financial Aid in its granting processes.

In addition, students of promise can apply for need-based merit scholarship opportunities for students entering 6th and 9th grades. The students must apply and meet certain academic requirements, demonstrate leadership qualities and take

a qualifying test at Canterbury School.

The net proceeds from the Dream Big event will benefit the scholarship and financial aid programs. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$300 per couple, or \$100 for Canterbury alumni. Sponsorships are available. For more information, contact the development office at 333-3294, or email LOzboyaci@canterburyfortmyers.org.*

Scholarships For Creative Students

TopNotch Records pop artist, songwriter and pianist Whitney Wolanin of Sanibel has always been passionate about education and feels so lucky to have attended her dream school, Vanderbilt University, and wants to give other creative students the same opportunity.

To apply for the \$25,000 worth of scholarship awards, students will create a music video or short film, as telling the story of, and including, Wolanin's new hit single, *Wrong Guy (I Did It This Time)*.

The deadline to apply for the 10 scholarship award shares is May 15.

To read more details regarding the scholarship information, visit www.whitneywolanin.com/Scholarship/.*

Grant Workshops

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation will host grant workshops across the five-county area it serves the week of March 18. The grant workshops are meant to inform nonprofit agencies about the various grant opportunities available through the foundation.

According to the Community Foundation's Director of Programs Anne Douglas, the series will address changes to the foundation's current grant programs and updates on the 3D initiative.

"Grants can be a considerable source of frustration for nonprofits," said Douglas. "These informational workshops are meant to breakdown the confusion and questions and make the process as simple and pain free as possible so that we are able to get funds into the hands of the community organizations that need them."

Sessions include:

- Monday, March 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Alliance of the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers.

- Tuesday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Clewiston Museum, located at 109 Central Ave. in Clewiston; and from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hendry County Economic Development Council, located at 644 S. Main Street in LaBelle.

- Wednesday, March 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Naples Daily News, located at 1100 Immokalee Road in Naples.

- Friday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cultural Center of Charlotte

County, located at 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte.

The SWFLCF is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. With assets of more than \$64 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$54 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

Reservations are required by Friday, March 15. For more information, call Anne Douglas at 274-5900, visit www.floridacommunity.com or RSVP to jremmel@floridacommunity.com.*

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New Report Spotlights Coast's Value In Jobs, Trade And Tourism

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

Many understand that beaches are business generators, an attractor for visitors and residents (and the businesses that follow them). But a major player in our trade balance? A stalwart source of U.S. jobs that can't be sent overseas? A key to our country's international competitiveness in tourism?

Yes, our coast is all that and more, according to an article in the newly published issue of *Shore & Beach*. Author James Houston, director emeritus of the Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center, has looked into the economic value of America's beaches in the past, but this latest update of his research delves deeper into the international aspects of that economic energy.

His view is positive: "Few Americans are aware that the travel and tourism (T&T) industry is among America's largest industries, employers and earners of foreign exchange – and beaches are its leading tourist destination.

"In an era where the availability of jobs is a major issue and their offshoring a significant concern, the T&T industry is the largest employer in the U.S. and its jobs are difficult to offshore. U.S. economic competitiveness is of concern, since it runs large trade deficits, but its largest trade surplus is in T&T, where it runs a multi-billion dollar surplus even with China."

After giving us the good news, Houston follows with the kicker: Our coastal economic engine won't continue to run as strong if our coast is not maintained.

"Survey after survey finds that beaches are the leading U.S. vacation destination. However, beach erosion is a major concern for many beaches. As beaches ... decrease in width, tourists head to other destinations, including foreign beaches.

"Beach nourishment has been shown to increase tourist numbers and provide a good return on investment, in particular to the federal government through taxes. However, the U.S. lags much of the world in the growth of tourism infrastructure investment including restoration of beaches. As a result, the growth of U.S. tourism is projected to lag much of the rest of the world.

"Renewed U.S. investment in tourism infrastructure is important to grow the economy and number of jobs and to reduce the U.S. trade imbalance."

Houston concludes with this sobering note: "Without a paradigm shift in attitudes toward the economic significance of travel and tourism and necessary infrastructure investment to maintain and restore beaches, the U.S. will continue to relinquish a dominant worldwide lead in its most important industry."

Galloway, Jr. Named Luminary Of The Year

A committee of past Hodges University Luminary Award recipients announced last week that it has selected Fort Myers businessman and philanthropist Sam Galloway, Jr. as its 2013 Luminary of the Year award recipient. The annual award will be presented during a luncheon on Thursday, March 28 at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The Luminary Award recognizes local citizens who personify society's most valued human characteristics and thus have moved society in a positive way, serving as distinguished examples of the virtues of perseverance, honesty, moral character and charity.

"Sam Galloway, Jr. is one of the area's most respected community leaders, demonstrating extraordinary integrity, character and civic-mindedness," said Philip M. Memoli, Vice President of University Advancement for Hodges University. "Over the years, he has established a legacy of philanthropy and community service in Lee County. He is a true Luminary in our community and we are honored to recognize him for all that he has achieved."

A Fort Myers native and graduate of Fort Myers High School, Galloway, Jr. currently serves as president of the Galloway Family of Dealerships, one of the oldest and most respected businesses in the Southwestern region of Florida. The dealership was started by his grandparents in 1927 as Lee Motors in downtown Fort Myers.

Galloway, Jr. has received numerous business honors including being named to the Ford Motor Company's Salute to Dealers Program. He gives back to his community by working for numerous charitable causes and with many civic organizations, serving as Chairman Emeritus for the Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI), an organization working to end homelessness and hunger in our community. He has served in many other community organizations including the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Edison-Ford Winter Estates Foundation, Edison Festival of Light, The Salvation Army Board, American Cancer Society, Lee County Sheriff's Office Walkie-Talkie Walk, Holiday Sing-a-Long and Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Mr. Galloway joins a growing list Luminary Award recipients including Wayne and Mavis Miller (2012), Francis and Sam Bailey (2011) and Dr. Veronica Shoemaker (2010).

For his outstanding involvement and dedication to our community, and for making significant contributions of leadership and service which have improved and enriched the lives of so many residents of our community, Hodges University is pleased to honor Sam Galloway, Jr. as its 2013 Luminary of the Year. He will be formally recognized at a luncheon on March 28 at Harborside Event Center. The event is sponsored by the John E. and Aliese Price Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, CenturyLink and the Bireley Family Foundation.

For more information on ticket reservations or sponsorship opportunities, call Alyssa DeLora at 938-7826 or visit www.hodges.edu.

Shore & Beach is a peer-reviewed technical journal published quarterly by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association. Issues are sent to members (including libraries) only, but an index of past issues is available online at www.asbpa.org.

Shoreline Strengths

- Travel and tourism accounts for one in every 10 U.S. jobs – more than all U.S. manufacturers combined.
- In 2011, while the U.S. ran a trade deficit overall of \$727 billion, travel and tourism resulted in a \$43 billion surplus due to the international tourists drawn to this country's numerous assets (including beaches).
- Some 85 percent of all the U.S. tourist-related revenues are generated by the coastal states.
- Beaches drew an estimated 2.2 billion visits in 2010 – more than twice the number of visitors to all our federal and state parks.
- One estimate is that beaches contribute about \$225 billion annually to the U.S. economy.
- After Miami Beach was initially restored, the jump in tourism income was more than five times as much as the cost of the restoration project itself.
- Now, it is estimated that international tourists alone make an annual contribution to Miami Beach's economy 50 times greater than the cost of the beach restoration.
- For every \$1 the federal government spent on beach restoration in 2012, it collected an estimated \$570 in beach tourist tax revenues.
- International tourists generate about \$215 in tax revenues for every \$1 the federal government spends on beach restoration.
- Coastal countries such as Spain, Germany and Japan (with far less coastline than the U.S.) routinely can spend more on maintaining their beaches annually than the U.S. spends on its coastlines in a decade – or more.

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Financial Focus

Be Aware Of Risks Of Not Investing



by Jennifer Basey

You've no doubt heard about the risks associated with investing. This investment carries this type of risk, while that investment carries another one. And it is certainly true that

all investments do involve some form of risk. But what about not investing? Isn't there some risk associated with that, too?

In fact, by staying on the investment sidelines, or at least by avoiding long-term, growth-oriented investments, you may incur several risks. Here are some to consider:

- You might not keep up with inflation. If you put all your money under the proverbial "mattress," or, more realistically, you keep it all in "cash" instruments and very short-term investments, you might think you are "playing it safe." After all, you might reason, your principal is protected, so even if you don't really make any money, you're not losing it, either. But that's not strictly true, because if your money is in investment vehicles that don't even keep up with inflation, you can lose ground. In fact, even at a relatively mild three percent annual inflation rate, your purchasing power will decline by about half in just 25 years.

- You might outlive your money. For a 65-year-old couple, there's a 50 percent chance that one spouse will live past age 90, according to the Society of Actuaries.

This statistic suggests that you may need your investments to help provide enough income to sustain you for two, or even three, decades in retirement.

- You might not be able to maintain your financial independence. Even if you don't totally run out of money, you could end up scrimping by – or, even worse, you could become somewhat dependent on your grown children for financial assistance. For most people, this prospect is unacceptable. Consequently, you'll want to make appropriate financial decisions to help maintain your financial independence.

- You might not be able to retire on your terms. You would probably like to decide when you retire and how you'll retire – that is, what sort of lifestyle you'll pursue during retirement. But both these choices may be taken out of your hands if you haven't invested enough to retire on your own terms.

- You might not be able to leave the type of legacy you desire. Like most people, you would probably like to be able to leave something behind to your family and to those charitable organizations you support. You can help create this type of legacy through the appropriate legal vehicles – i.e., a will, a living trust and so on – but you'll still need to fund these mechanisms somehow. And that means you'll need to draw on all your financial assets, including your investments.

Work with your financial advisor to determine the mixture of growth and income investments you need during your working years and as you move toward retirement to help you meet your retirement goals. However you do it, get into the habit of investing, and never lose it – because the risks of not investing are just too great.

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



Nancy Merolla, VP, CRA officer; Kent Ellert, president and CEO; Irene Marshall, SVP, commercial and industrial credit director

Women's Fund Receives Grant

The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida has received a \$20,000 commitment from Florida Community Bank to support BEST – Becoming Economically Successful Together, a pilot program that combines a direct loan and matched savings account program to offer financial support to qualifying women-owned businesses in Southwest Florida. The grant will be paid over a two-year period.

"Florida Community Bank is proud to support The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida. I am proud to be a partner with this organization as they move forward to assist women in starting or expanding their own business and building their financial assets," said Kent Ellert, president and CEO.

"We are grateful to Florida Community Bank for their generous gift that will help us move BEST forward," said Brenda Tate, president of The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida.

BEST will provide financial services to women-owned businesses and low-moderate income earning women in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The program will facilitate savings and borrowing in order to purchase assets such as a first home, starting or expanding a small business, and education/training for use in getting a job that brings in livable wages. The Women's Fund is collaborating with other key organizations in the region to share the critical responsibilities of BEST to achieve collective impact.*

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Tarpon Bay	Captiva	2010	6,000	4,998,000	4,735,000	
Bay Woods	Bonita Springs	1999	13,000	3,700,000	2,800,000	187
Seaspray	Sanibel	1990	3,931	2,348,000	2,200,000	94
Oak Knoll at Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1994	8,904	2,330,000	2,180,000	25
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2009	4,175	2,200,000	1,900,000	80
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2005	8,649	1,299,000	1,150,000	49
Bellagio At The Colony	Bonita Springs	2007	7,473	1,495,000	1,000,000	390
Laguna Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1968	4,315	1,100,000	940,000	132
Gumbo Limbo	Sanibel	2004	9,058	1,099,000	910,000	119
Harbour Preserve	Fort Myers	2000	2,615	924,900	875,000	20

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

Larsen Pavilion At Shell Point Receives Five Star Rating

Larsen Pavilion, the skilled nursing center at Shell Point Retirement Community, has received the highest possible overall rating of five stars in *U.S. News & World Report's* fifth annual Best Nursing Homes, available exclusively at www.usnews.com/best-nursing-homes.

The Best Nursing Homes 2013 ratings highlight the top nursing homes in each city and state, out of nearly 16,000 facilities nationwide. *U.S. News's* goal is to help users find a home with a strong track record of good care.

Best Nursing Homes draws on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, a federal agency that assesses homes in three categories – health inspections, level of nurse staffing, and quality of care – and gives each an overall rating.

U.S. News awarded the Best Nursing Home designation to homes that earned an overall rating of five stars from CMS in January 2013.

Along with the ratings, *U.S. News* has published a series of articles and a step-by-step video to guide users in choosing the right nursing home. The articles and ratings are exclusive to the website and aren't expected to appear in print.

"Fewer than one out of every five nursing homes got an overall rating of five stars," said Avery Comarow, *U.S. News* Health Rankings Editor. "All seniors deserve the best nursing care available, and these are homes that merit their consideration by demonstrating such high quality."

"We're obviously very thrilled," said Sherry Brown, director of long term care and Larsen Pavilion administrator. "The five star overall rating is a major achievement and one that is not easy to obtain; we're very pleased to be given us this recognition and to be listed in this prestigious report."

More than one year ago, Shell Point completed a seven-year, \$32.3 million major renovation of the Larsen Pavilion that included the addition of a free standing state-of-the-art rehabilitation center, activity spaces, waterfront walkway and deck, chapel, dining room, reading area, administrative building, and a complete remodeling of each residential room and bathroom.

However, Brown insists that it isn't just the newly modernized building that achieves these high standards.

"I am extremely proud of our staff, as well for the special effort they make each day to care for our residents," she said. "Our goal is to provide an individualized, person-centered approach to patient care. We really look at the specific needs of each resident to create as much of a homelike setting as possible."

Located in the Waterside Medical Complex near the center of Shell Point's Island



Larsen Pavilion at Shell Point Retirement Community

community, the Larsen Pavilion is comprised of four floors with 219 beds.

"The Pavilion provides residents with a unique peace of mind, that if they need to stay in the facility – whether it's for a week or two to recover from surgery, or a long-term stay – they know the quality of care offered is the best available," said Brown.

"More than 60 percent of Pavilion admissions are individuals who experience successful recoveries and are able to return to their homes in a relatively short period of time," she said. "Our goal is to welcome people, get them healthy, and get them back to the best quality of life possible, which ultimately means the most independence possible."

The Larsen Pavilion's on-site medical facilities, rehabilitation center, and physical therapy programs have proven to be great successes. The Larsen Pavilion also provides superior memory care for conditions such as Alzheimer's or stroke-related dementia.

According to Brown, "We dedicate multiple resources to this group, including an entire floor of our facility, a specialized activities staff, and an on-staff behavioral health team."

The Larsen Pavilion welcomes individuals from anywhere in Southwest Florida and is Medicare-approved.

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Dr. Dave

Gilmore Groin

by Dr. Dave
Hepburn

After a rewarding summer of safe sexy cycling (Spandex completes me), I was ready to start hockey season in the best shape I've been in since my days in the NHL

(Sect. 16 Row L).

First game: October 1.

First period: Wow, no need for oxy-gen/Dilaudid/EMT.

Second period: Still with great wind, so to speak.

Third period: The game is a barn burner. I'm skating hard while others start to fade. Sean Gorman, a bad guy (other team), takes a shot. I make a stupid decision to knock down the aforementioned bad guy's shot with my little finger, snapping it like a 27-year-old pretzel in the Gobi in July during a drought around a very intense bonfire. Finger instantly turns 50 shades of Minnesota Vikings, so I go to the bench, wipe some snow off my skate blade and pack it around my busted pinky. But we have only three D-men so there's no pulling the chute today. My next shift, the very same Mr. Gorman comes down and dekes to the right. I bite like a starving mackerel. It would be the last bite for me in a while. Catching an edge, my entire body hyperextended, bent backwards at the hip like a breaching humpback, a slim well-conditioned whale, I might add.

I felt a tearing on the left side of my

body from my rib cage to my left knee. No ice will fix this. I came out for the next shift very uncertain and sure enough, I tried to pivot and nothing moved. In addition to tearing most of my abdominal muscles and my groin, I had also severely herniated myself. Gorman, you destroyed my entire hockey season in one game. I know where you live and I have large syringes. Try to get some sleep.

After a couple of months of physiotherapy, parts of me were improving, but the hernia, as pointed out by the astute physio, was preventing me from getting there. So I went to see Al Hayashi, one of the most skilled surgeons this town has ever seen. More importantly, he does pediatrics and, given my failure to ever seem to mature, he can help my booboo.

I had a sports hernia, a Gilmore groin hernia named after the doctor who described it, Dr. Hernia. So I was booked for a Gilmore repair, which today, two days after the surgery, feels like a Gary Gilmour repair.

Surgery day and, after a little manscaping, I was wheeled down the hallway to the OR, my gown seductively flapping in the wind. Me and my less-than-happy Gilmore shifted onto the table in a demure and modest fashion (why bother), looking forward to the new anesthesia. Come for the surgery, stay for the gas. Anesthesia a few decades ago meant counting to ten, but this time it was "Take a deep..." I woke up in recovery with Dr. Hayashi leaning over the bedrail saying that it was one of the biggest ones he'd seen. My groggy "What about the hernia?" earned me a wife-slap and I was out again.

Hernias are those lovely pesky bulges that can pop out of our groin, our navel and several other places in our abdominal wall. Due to a weakening or tear

in the muscle, the innards tend to pop out at the most inconvenient times and places like Dairy Queen during a Peanut Buster Parfait sale. Often we can pop them back in, only to have them pop out again, potentially providing entertainment for hours. On rare occasions, they may not be pop-backable and may get stuck and incarcerated or strangled, neither of which are pleasant-sounding words like petunia and playoffs. 27% of men and 3% of women will get a groin (inguinal) hernia. Repair of these is one of the most commonly performed surgeries in Canada. While there has been some debate about the need for every asymptomatic hernia to be repaired, eventually most will become an issue and need repair. Most will enlarge in time.

While many surgeries these days can be done via keyhole (hernias included) often the most successful approach for a hernia is to do it externally. A mesh, like a netting, is usually inserted to help strengthen the repair, prevent recurrence and possibly allow you to catch shrimp in an emergency. More importantly it prevents the bowel from spilling out of your crotch, getting stuck in the spokes of your bike, all the while absolutely ruining the whole come-hither purpose of wearing Spandex...in the first place.

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

Board Of Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Southwest Florida, Inc. announced the appointment of Jennifer Varoski to the RMHC Board of Directors. Varoski is the marketing manager at Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida.

RMHC also welcomed Carey Randall and Eric Sandberg to the Board of Directors. Randall and Sandberg are both longtime supporters and past board members of RMHC.

Board officers for 2013 include President Jeff Miloff, Partner/Owner, Team Aubuchon Companies; Vice President Justin Einstein, Director of Operations, Aubuchon Homes Inc.; Vice President Garey Butler, Attorney,

Fowler White Boggs P.A.; Treasurer Robert Atkinson, Investor Relations and Corporate Communications Executive; Secretary Tina Millette, Fewster Enterprises, McBLT Ventures; and Past President Carey Randall, Associate Publisher/CFO, Smithsonian (retired).

The Charities' Annual President's Award went to Robert Atkinson in recognition and appreciation of his dedicated service to the organization.

The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida is to create, fund, and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of children in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. RMHC of SWFL supports the Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, grants and RMHC U.S. Scholars Programs.

For more information, visit www.rmhcswfl.org.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My mother-in-law is causing problems in our home.

My wife was very close to her father, but she and her mother never seemed to be able to get along. Her brother and sister were much closer to their mother than

their father.

When my wife's father was dying, he made a death bed request that my wife would always look after her mother, and she said yes. After several years, she came to live at our house. It has been difficult and compounded by a dreadful tragedy in our family. Our 16-year-old son was recently killed in a car accident.

We are doing our very best but still grieving, and all her mother can say is, "Get over it, things like this happen." My wife is constantly reminded by the promise she made to her father and all her brother and sister do is criticize. Please give us your advice.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Please accept my deepest sympathy at the loss of your teenage son. Your mother-in-law, in my judgment, is a very cruel woman, unable to show compassion at the time of great need.

When your wife was asked to "look after your mother," it was done by a man who was showing his love for his wife, but he was making an unreasonable request. "Looking after your mother" does not necessarily mean bringing her into your home. She is acting in a dreadful manner, and I would suggest you make other living arrangements for her. I would start with her brother and sister,

and if that doesn't help, consider moving her to some kind of assisted living.

Lizzie

Dear Alvin,

Where do you begin? First, I am very sorry about your son, a loss that I cannot even begin to understand. Second, your mother-in-law... since she is living with you, I assume she is having some difficulties with her activities of daily living and her memory. Commonly associated with your mother-in-law's situation is a decrease in insight and abstract thought. If this is true for her, her comments

about the loss of your son are not meant to be cruel, they are a symptom of her decreased functioning. Also, something most of us are guilty of is being uncomfortable with seeing the pain of others. Our response is to want it to go away because it is uncomfortable. Either case may be true for her.

The above aside, it does seem that the current arrangements are not working for the whole family and a change is needed.

Pryce

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

Health System Announces New Security Measure

Visitors to Lee Memorial Hospital will encounter a change when they enter the hospital starting in March. To enhance security, a Fast Pass identification system is being installed at the three public entrances and visitors will be issued a photo name badge to wear while in the hospital. Security will also have a more visible presence with security officers stationed in each entrance lobby.

Fast Pass is an identification system that rapidly prints an adhesive photo badge. Similar systems are often used in school systems and by cruise lines.

"We continually evaluate our security protocols to provide the safest environment possible for our patients and visitors," said Lisa Sgarlata, chief administrative officer for Lee Memorial Hospital. "This system will allow us to know who is coming into the hospital and the reason for their visit." The badges are each good for just one day.

LMHS is enhancing security system-wide. Lee Memorial Hospital will be the first hospital to implement the Fast Pass

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dearPharmacist

Linden Lowers Blood Pressure, Helps You Sleep

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: At one of your lectures, I heard you say you drink linden tea at night, but you never said why. What is it and why is it something you like?
LP, Jacksonville, Florida

as a great natural way to break a fever and release toxins from your body. It has natural antiseptic properties, so it could ward off infections. Having both expectorant and anti-inflammatory properties, linden can help thin mucus and this could be very soothing for some people, especially those with bronchitis, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or asthma.

Linden supports liver health and enhances bile secretion and these actions help you eliminate toxins better. Linden is not that popular (yet), so if you want it, these are only a few options: Dried herb is sold online and some health food stores, just make tea like I do (one tablespoon herb per cup of water); for a stronger effect, buy a pure extract made

by Herb Pharm or capsules made by Nature's Way.

Linden grows all over Colorado and it's a gorgeous tree. If you have one, be careful harvesting because of skin reaction. Also, too much linden can adversely effect the heart. Because it has widespread effects on the body, head to toe, it could interact with medications, especially lithium and diuretics. It's important to ask your doctor if new herbs – even great ones like linden – are appropriate for you.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

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Security Measure

system, followed by Gulf Coast Medical Center. Eventually all of its hospitals will have enhanced security measures with the specific methods customized to the needs of each facility.

"The Fast Pass system is easy to use and produces the badge in seconds, but we expect there may be some temporary delays in entering the hospital when we first get used to the new process. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes and appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding," added Sgarlata.

Visit www.leememorial.org for more information.*

Linden herb is so awesome and because it has so many health benefits, I incorporate it into many home-made herbal teas. You may not have been heard of it before but this centuries-old herb has been historically used as a non-narcotic treatment to help with sleep and anxiety and it lowers blood pressure.

Linden herb is chock-full of antioxidants and ingredients that impact your cardiovascular, digestive and respiratory tract. Linden is best known to help with mild insomnia and anxiety. One of the active ingredients in linden is an essential oil called farnesol, which helps relax the cardiovascular system. This may have a positive impact on arrhythmias while also curbing stress. Most people report feeling relaxed, and even drowsy. Linden can also help with indigestion as well as nausea and vomiting.

This is interesting. Linden mildly reduces blood pressure because the farnesol it contains acts like a natural calcium channel blocker (drugs that are in this category include amlodipine, nifedipine and diltiazem, among others). Linden also is a mild diuretic and gently dilates blood vessels allowing blood to flow more freely. Sweet, if you have high blood pressure!

That said, don't give up your medication; I don't think it's as strong as medicine unless you combine it with other antihypertensive herbs.

This is a good time of year to mention that linden is capable of soothing the upper respiratory tract, great if you have a cold or flu. It promotes sweating, so this



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Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library Programs

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

Adults

Make a Pop-Top Bracelet

9:30 a.m. Friday, March 8

Create a stylish pop-top bracelet and enhance it with beads. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Problem Solving in German Research

9:30 a.m. Monday, March 11

Speaker: Ms. Joanne Ryder,

Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Charlotte County Genealogical Society

"I can't find him anywhere. There are no records." If this sounds like the situation or roadblock that you are encountering, then this seminar is for you. Learn some tips of where and how to crumble the brick wall of your German ancestry. Registration is required.

Cigar Box Craft

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 12

You loved those boxes as a kid, now play with them as a grownup. Make a purse, a treasure box or anything else you wish. Your imagination is the only limit. Basic materials will be supplied. Feel free to bring extra items. Registration is required.

An Evening With The Authors Tickets On Sale

A unique evening comes once a year to Fort Myers – the Evening With The Authors, where people can enjoy meeting and dining with their favorite best-selling authors. The event will take place Friday, March 15 at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in downtown Fort Myers, beginning with the reception at 6 p.m.

"We do not assign seats and the authors mix and mingle during the reception," said Margie Byers, Southwest Florida Reading Festival Coordinator. "We have people who come back year after year and that says something about how wonderful the evening is."

The event includes a cocktail reception and plated dinner with the 20-plus authors who will headline the Southwest Florida Reading Festival the following day.

The ticket price is \$45 per person, and reservations are required. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 8 at 5 p.m. Go to www.readfest.org and select Evening With The Authors to make a reservation.

The dinner will honor author Dorothea Benton Frank, with the 2013 Distinguished Author Award for her unique contributions to the communities where she has lived. The evening is sponsored by Books-A-Million.

Introduction to the Internet

9:30 a.m. Friday, March 15

Discover the basics of the Internet, the various Internet browsers, and Internet security. Learn how to narrow your Internet searches for better results. Time will be provided to perform actual Internet searches on topics of your choice. Registration is required.

Card Crafts: Birthday Cards

10 a.m. Friday, March 15

Wow friends and family with gorgeous cards you create. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Small Business Series: Securing a Business Loan

2 p.m. Monday, March 18

This seminar is geared to small businesses. Learn the process of applying for a small business loan, how to make a good impression with lenders and what criteria lenders use in deciding on your application. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: *Killing Mister Watson* by Peter Matthiessen

Noon Wednesday, March 20

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

Beginners Genealogy Seminar

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23

Speakers: Carolyn Ford, Lee County Genealogical Society; Bryan Mulcahy, Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library

This one day seminar will introduce the concepts of genealogical research in a concise manner. Attendees will have the

To see the list of outstanding authors attending the festival and dinner, to make a secure online donation or for more information, visit www.readfest.org or call 337-READ (7323).*

Long Term Care Support Group

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

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

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

opportunity to begin the process of filling out forms, charts and how to compile family information. We will also discuss the process of learning historical details about the lives of our ancestors. Knowing the historical context often plays a key role in understanding why certain life decisions were made. While the research will involve compiling lists of people, places and dates, the total experience of learning about their daily lives can help broaden our knowledge about our ancestors. Attendees will have the opportunity to fill out basic research forms such as Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts. We will discuss the 10 main steps involved in successful research. Participants are encouraged to bring information already collected about their family history. Registration is required.

DNA and Genealogical Research

9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30

Speaker: Kathleen Callahan, Lee County Genealogical Society

Lectures will discuss the latest information and developments as DNA testing continues to influence genealogical research in multiple ways. The number of people participating in the testing process has increased dramatically within the past three years. The increased participation has opened up many new options and scenarios that may impact personal research for many genealogists. Registration is required.

Family

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, March 14, 21

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

Children

Come Play With Us by Gulf Coast Symphony

11 a.m. Saturday, March 9

Listen and interact with orchestra members and their instruments. The Gulf Coast Symphony will feature duos and small groups of performers. Children will receive hands-on experience with the instruments after the program. A fantastic family program. Registration is required.

Kids Read Down Fines

6 – 7 p.m. Monday, March 18

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

Weaving with a Loom

3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26

Learn how to weave with a loom with the Weavers of Char-Lee. Teacher Ricki Howie will give children the opportunity to weave a small project at the library. All supplies are provided. Seating is limited so registration is required.

Wacky Wednesday: 11th Annual Kite Flight

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27

Wacky Wednesday presents the 11th annual Kite Flight. Learn about kite history and safety before flying a kite of your very own. This event is for children ages six and up. The program will be limited

to 30 participants. Subject to cancellation because of severe weather. Registration is required.

Basics of Archaeology/Florida's Prehistoric Pots

3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28

Participants will learn about the art and stylings of Florida's prehistoric ceramic makers. Each child will be given clay to make either a coil or pinch pot. Supplies will be provided. Presented by the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Registration is required.

Teens

Teen Tech Week – YouTube It

5 p.m. Wednesday, March 13

Come to the library and laugh out loud at some crazy, funny videos. Download magazines using the new library website link Zinio and download music the legal way using Freegal. Laugh and learn. Registration is required. Sign up online today.

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

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

Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library Program

The Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library is offering the following free program for children and teens in March:

Kids Read Down Fines

2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays, March 9, 23

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

The Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library is at 3095 Blount Street in Fort Myers. For more information call the library at 533-4150. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff. Assistive listening system are available; request at desk.

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

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the estate in the gothic soap opera "Dark Shadows"?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eyes does a bee have?
3. ENTERTAINMENT: Which actress was married to Mickey Rooney, Artie Shaw and Frank Sinatra?
4. INVENTIONS: When was the first coin-operated pinball machine invented?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be born an American citizen?
6. QUOTATIONS: Who said, "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens."
7. U.S. STATES: What does the name of Hawaii's capital, Honolulu, mean?
8. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays contains the line, "The course of true love never did run smooth."
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of cowboy actor Roy Rogers' dog?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a gherkin?

ANSWERS

1. Collinwood 2. Five -- two compound eyes and three simple eyes 3. Ava Gardner 4. 1931 5. Martin Van Buren 6. Woody Allen 7. Sheltered bay 8. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 9. Bull Terrier 10. A type of pickled cucumber.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the pitching record for most consecutive batters struck out?
2. Name the last major-league team before the 2011 Philadelphia Phillies to win more than 100 games in the regular season and not reach the World Series.
3. When was the last time before 2010-12 that Notre Dame won at least eight games for at least three consecutive seasons in football?
4. Who was the last NBA rookie before Detroit's Brandon Knight in 2012 to have at least 20 points and 10 assists with no turnovers in a game?
5. How many times has Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin been the runner-up for the Hart Memorial Trophy (NHL MVP)?
6. Who was the last NASCAR Cup season champion to drive a Dodge before Brad Keselowski in 2012?
7. Who was the last teen to win a singles title in a Grand Slam women's tennis event?

ANSWERS

1. The New York Mets' Tom Seaver struck out 10 San Diego batters in a row in 1970. 2. The 2004 New York Yankees won 101 games. 3. It was 1987-93. 4. Houston's Steve Francis, in 1999. 5. Twice (2008, 2009) before he won it after 1974-75. 7. Maria Sharapova won the U.S. Open in 2006 at the age of 19.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could have some problems with doubters who don't share your enthusiasm for that new project you're supporting. But use the facts to win them over to your side.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone is impressed by how you managed to get your case to the right people, despite attempts to keep you on the outside looking in. Expect to hear more about this.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good for you -- your gift for seeing both sides of a dispute helps cool down a potentially explosive workplace situation. Some family-related tensions also begin to ease.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your determination to prove yourself is put to the test by midweek. Counting all the positive factors you have going for you will help you get over your self-doubt. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Several co-workers are still determined to resist coming over to your side. But don't let that stop you from presenting your proposal to the people who count. Stay the course.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might prefer to be taken on faith and not have to prove yourself. But the truth is, you need to offer more facts if you hope to persuade people to accept what you say.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family situation takes an unwelcome turn. While others might be looking around for answers, you'll soon sort it all out logically, and the matter will be resolved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might try to create doubt about your reliability for his or her own agenda. But your reputation and your colleagues' long-standing faith in you saves the day.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change of plans forces you to come up with an alternative by the end of the week. Look for colleagues to offer valuable suggestions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nothing upsets the Goat as much as broken promises. But before you vent your anger, consider that this could ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old workplace problem you thought

you had solved for good resurfaces. But this time, co-workers will take a more active role in helping you deal with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful not to be misled by a negative reaction to one of your more important projects. If you believe in it, then it has worth and is, therefore, worth staying with.

BORN THIS WEEK: Everyone appreciates your gift for finding beauty, even where it seems least likely to exist.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 17, 1762, in New York City, the first parade honoring the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army. Early Irish settlers to the American colonies, many of whom were indentured servants, brought the Irish tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's feast day to America.

- On March 11, 1818, "Frankenstein: or, The Modern Prometheus," is published. The book, by 21-year-old Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is frequently called the world's first science-fiction novel.

- On March 12, 1933, eight days after his inauguration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gives his first national radio address, or "fireside chat," broadcast from the White House. Roosevelt made sure each address was understandable to ordinary Americans.

- On March 13, 1944, Britain announces that all travel between Ireland and the United Kingdom is suspended, the result of the Irish government's refusal to expel Axis-power diplomats within its borders. Ireland stood its ground.

- On March 14, 1950, the Federal Bureau of Investigation institutes the "Ten Most Wanted" list in an effort to publicize particularly dangerous fugitives. The creation of the program arose out of a news story in 1949 about the "toughest guys" the FBI wanted to capture.

- On March 15, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson addressed a joint session of Congress to urge the passage of legislation guaranteeing voting rights for all. On Aug. 6, 1965, Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

- On March 15, 1972, "The Godfather" -- a three-hour epic chronicling the lives of the Corleones, an Italian-American crime family led by the powerful Vito Corleone

-- is released in theaters. "The Godfather" was adapted from the best-selling book of the same name by Mario Puzo.

- On March 16, 1985, in Beirut, Lebanon, Islamic militants kidnap American journalist Terry Anderson. On Dec. 4, 1991, Anderson's captors finally released him after 2,455 days. Anderson spent his entire captivity blindfolded.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was screenwriter, playwright, novelist, director and producer Ben Hecht who made the following sage observation: "Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock."

- Those who study such things say that the Earth spins faster on its axis in September than it does in March.

- When the TV show "Bewitched" first started filming, the star, Elizabeth Montgomery, was just a month away from giving birth to her first child, so the first five episodes were shot almost in their entirety without her. It wasn't until the baby was a few weeks old that she was able to go on the set to film her scenes.

- If you're a fan of the Beatles, you probably won't be surprised to learn that during the decade of the 1960s, they had more top 10 hits and more No. 1 records than any other recording artist.

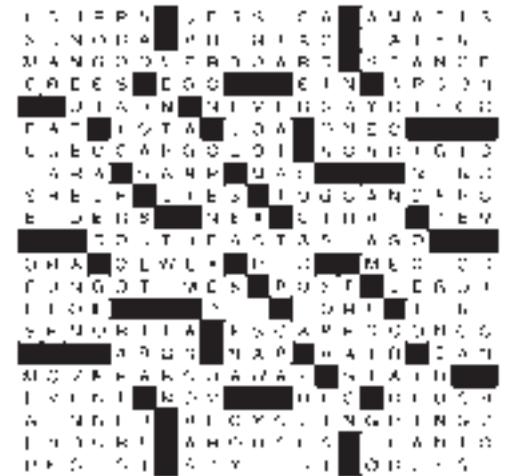
- Before the June 1944 invasion of Normandy, a crossword puzzle that was printed in the London Daily Telegraph contained the words "mulberry," "Neptune," "Omaha," "overlord" and "Utah." That may not seem to be a fact of much interest, but it turns out that those were all secret code words used by the Allied military in planning the upcoming offensive. The puzzle's author, a schoolteacher, was tracked down and interrogated, but the puzzle's content was ultimately chalked up to coincidence.

- The country's first pay phone was installed in a bank in Hartford, Conn., in 1889. It cost 5 cents to place a call, the equivalent of \$1.25 today.

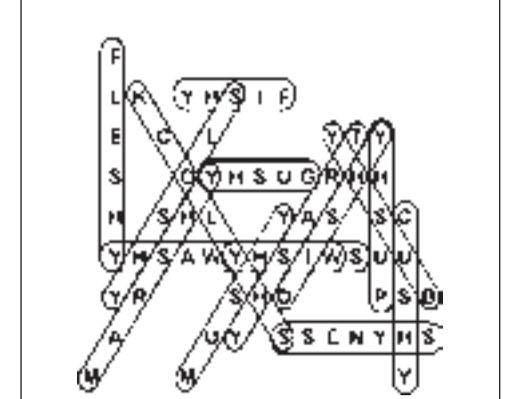
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters." -- Albert Einstein

PUZZLE ANSWERS



START WORDS





Honey Citrus Stone Crab Claws With Hearts Of Palm Salad

- 3 pounds medium stone crab claws, cooked and chilled
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup orange or tangerine juice
- 8 hearts of palm, fresh or canned
- 1/4 cup red onions, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup yellow bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced
- 2 medium oranges or tangerines, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup fresh tarragon leaves, chopped
- 2 cups fresh spinach, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped

Crack claws; remove shell and movable pincer, leaving the meat attached to the remaining pincer. Set aside. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, vinegar, honey and orange or tangerine juice. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened to syrup. Remove from heat, cool and set aside. Slice hearts of palm into thin strips. In a bowl, combine the hearts of palm, onions, peppers, orange or tangerine segments, tarragon and spinach. Dress salad with olive oil and vinegar; toss until moistened. Serve salad in the center of

Honey citrus stone crab claws with hearts of palm salad

each plate with stone crab claws arranged around. Drizzle the honey citrus sauce over all and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve extra honey citrus sauce on the side.

Yields 4 servings

Nutritional value per serving: (4 medium claws with salad) calories 499, calories from fat 247, total fat 29g, saturated fat 4g, trans fatty acid 0g, cholesterol 190mg, total carbohydrate 51g, protein 15g, omega-3 fatty acid 0.05g

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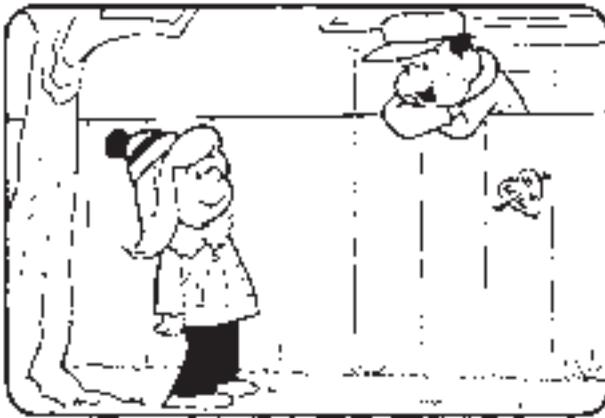
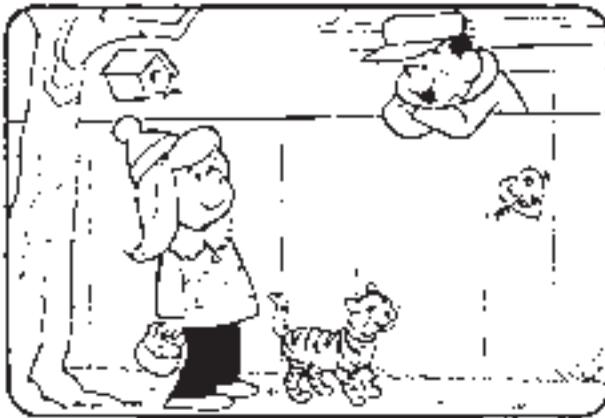


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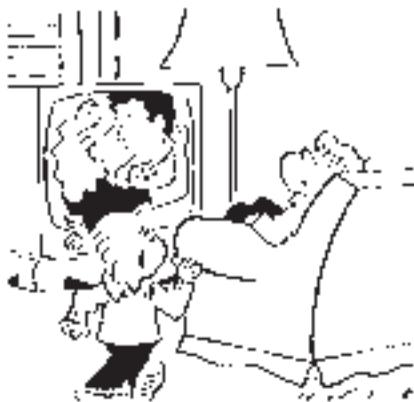
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

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SCRAMBLERS

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Spectacular 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath furnished Villa Home in great location with lovely views of lake and 18th fairway of Sanctuary Golf Club. Courtyard entrance with separate mother-in-law suite. Dramatic great room featuring 15 ft. tray ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace, & 8 ft. doors leading to brick terrace & pool area. Custom kitchen with granite island, 2 pantries, built in desk. Master suite features 11 ft. tray ceilings with crown molding, fire place, and oversized walk-in closet & luxurious marble master bath. 3rd bedroom is furnished as library. Offering carefree living with yard & pool maintained by association. Just steps to the clubhouse and tennis / fitness facility. **Offered for 995,000. Contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602**



PUNTA RASSA 1103

Absolutely smashing high elevation unit with breathtaking views of San Carlos Bay. Brand new Kraftmaid kitchen, granite counter tops, Moen faucet, Maytag washer and dryer. This unit comes with a deeded parking space and brand new furniture. **Offered for \$364,900. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.**



SUNDIAL SPECIAL

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Direct Gulf Front. Beautiful condominium at Sanibel Island's only resort. Two bedrooms, 2 baths and fully furnished with everything you need for a fabulous vacation residence. Currently doing extremely well in Sundial's on-site rental program. Sparkling second floor gulf views from the family room, kitchen and master bedroom with sliding glass doors to the screened in lanai. Has updated kitchen and baths and is the least expensive direct gulf residence in Sundial Resort. Enjoy glowing sunsets, walks on the beach or a dip in the pool just steps from your home. Don't miss out on this opportunity! **Offered for \$744,500 Contact Brian Murty 239/565-1272**

