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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Firefighters Provide Patriotic Welcome To The Islands

by Jeff Lysiak

Looking to arrange a spectacular greeting for Operation Open Arms honorary guests Lance Corporal Christian Brown and Brown's mother, Lyn Braden-Reed as they arrived at the Sanibel Causeway last Thursday afternoon, Tim Barrett, training officer for the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District, recalled how the arrangements were made to make a very patriotic and memorable welcome to the islands of Sanibel and Captiva.

"On March 20, I received a call from Capt. John 'GiddyUp' Bunch about the upcoming visit from two combat wounded Marines," recalled Barrett. "John is the founder of Operation Open Arms, a non-profit organization helping to provide U.S. service men and women visiting Southwest Florida every conceivable benefit during their two-week combat leave or return from a foreign duty station."

Bunch asked the Sanibel firefighters if
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Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Iona-McGregor Fire Department provide a hero's welcome

photo by *The River Weekly News*

Evening At Kentucky Derby To Benefit Restoration Of Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host An Evening at the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 4 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The Run for the Roses viewing party and fundraiser will be the second Dinner with Berne this season and will benefit the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's multi-million dollar building restoration project, as well as the continued operation of the center.

Guests will view the Run for the Roses pre-show followed by the "most exciting two minutes in sports" with traditional derby-style cuisine and mint juleps. Admission is \$125 and includes mint juleps, drinks and southern fare. Tables are avail-



Kate Davis

able for \$1,000. The evening includes a performance by critically acclaimed jazz singer/bassist Kate Davis and ensemble, including guitarist Gabe Schneider and pianist Noah Kellman.

Cited as a "talent not to be missed" by the *Herald Tribune*, Davis, singer/songwriter and upright bassist, is a multi-talented artist performing in diverse venues ranging from The Kennedy Center, The Blue Note (NYC), and Lincoln Center to Rockwood Music Hall. She is a rising star on the national jazz scene, with a tone and maturity beyond her 21 years. Her rich vocals and performance style recall jazz singers from the 1940s and '50s.

Davis began playing piano and violin at a young age, performing as first chair in youth orchestras and later winning in state solo competitions on both violin and bass. She received national recognition in high school for bass and singing as a Silver Winner through the National YoungArts Program. She is a recipient of four *Downbeat Magazine* Student Music Awards, a double invitee to the Brubeck Summer Jazz Colony, and bassist in the Grammy Jazz Ensemble. In 2009, she was selected as a Presidential Scholar of the Arts, which included a White House visit.

Davis has been featured at the Ringling International Arts Festival in Sarasota, Florida and at the University of Vermont as part of the Lane Series. She has been heard many times on radio and seen on TV including WBGO in New York and KATU's AM Northwest. In 2012, she participated in the National Arts Policy Roundtable in Sundance, Utah, where she joined Kerry Washington and Bob Balaban speaking to government representatives about the importance of arts advocacy. Davis recently spoke and performed at TEDx Portland. The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) selected her to attend the prestigious 2012 ASCAP Foundation Paul Cunningham writing workshop, and she emerged as the recipient of the Robert Allen award for her original song *Movie*.

Originally from Portland, Oregon, Davis moved to New York City to study at the Manhattan School of Music, supported by the Clement Meadmore and the Joseph McCrindle scholarships.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street, in the downtown Fort Myers River District. For tickets or more information, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.*

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Carl F. Roberts House

by Gerri Reaves



Before Carl F. Roberts acquired his house on First Street circa 1908, it was used as a parsonage by the First Methodist Church.

Located mid-block between Royal Palm Avenue and Fowler Street, it stood east of the church on the south side of the street.

The historic photo was likely taken about the time the Roberts family moved in.

None of people in the photo are identified, but it's reasonable to speculate they are the Roberts family.

The man resembles known photos of Carl Roberts. Also, the Roberts children, Esther Christina and Carl Rudolph, would have been about 5 and 2 years old, respectively, at that time.

Roberts made additions to the house, which eventually swelled to include 14 rooms and an outdoor sleeping porch.

In 1919, the Roberts house gained a new neighbor to its west, when what is now called the Langford-Kingston Home, was constructed down at the Fowler corner. (That house was relocated to the southeast corner in 2003.)

So, for decades to come, the Roberts house was bookended by the church and the modern graceful brick house on the other corner.

A true Fort Myers pioneer, Roberts was a native of Sweden, as was his wife, Emma Christina Frick.

Something of an adventurer, he first saw the settlement of Fort Myers in January 1884 at the age of 21.



The Carl F. Roberts family moved into this house on First Street (circa 1908) after buying it from the Methodist Church. Those pictured are unidentified, but evidence suggests they might be Carl and Emma Roberts and their children, Esther and Carl

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



The church bought the house back around 1970, after Mrs. Carl F. (Emma) Roberts died, only to later demolish it. Today, a school and parking lot are located on the site

photo by Gerri Reaves

He left the area for a time, but soon returned and put his carpentry and business skills to work building the new town.

He founded the Carl F. Roberts Company and the Seminole Lumber and Manufacturing Company.

His numerous civic activities included serving on the Lee Memorial Hospital Board, Lee County Board of Education, Board of Trade, and in several fraternal organizations.

He helped organize the town's first volunteer fire department and was instrumental in raising matching funds to build the Gwynne Institute, the town's first modern school.

As the owner of Fort Myers' first funeral home, established in the 1890s, he took great interest in making sure the grounds of the Fort Myers Cemetery were properly maintained.

As the appointed agent for the Fort Myers Cemetery Association, he cleared land, graded driveways, erected fences, re-platted the cemetery, and created a map of grave locations.

After Roberts died in 1937, his widow continued to live in the house. After she died in 1970, the church, by then renamed the First United Methodist Church, bought the house it had sold to the Roberts family decades before and subsequently demolished it.

Today, the site is part of a school complex and a parking lot.

Walk down First Street to the site where the Carl F. Roberts family lived for decades as Fort Myers grew from pioneer town to modern city.

Then walk a few more blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about the early civic and business leaders who walked First Street before you.

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

Be sure to visit one of the area's best research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can delve into the life and times of Carl Roberts.

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: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the *Passing Scene* by Marian Godown, and the *Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.*



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Fort Myers Public Art
Fire Dance



by Tom Hall

At its annual conference each year, the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals takes note of the public art projects completed throughout Florida during

the previous calendar year. In 2011, *Parallel Park*, the 30,000-square-foot Marylyn Dintenfass public art installation that has first-time visitors asking whether the Lee County Justice Center parking garage is a fine art museum, was included in FAPAP's Year in Review. This year, *Fire Dance* will be Fort Myers' featured entry in the association's much-anticipated statewide public art survey.

Fire Dance is the first commission awarded to an artist by the City of Fort Myers Public Art Committee under an ordinance enacted in 2004 that encourages developers to fund public art projects within the city. Located at the eastern edge of Centennial Park West, the 25-foot-tall Dupont red aluminum sculpture symbolizes the energy and vitality of the park during jazz festivals and other musical events.

The sculptor is David Black. He was chosen by the public art committee from

a field of 162 artists who responded to the city's national call to artists interested in submitting their qualifications. Black is a world-renowned monumental artist who's won 35 national and three international sculpture competitions. A professor of art at Ohio State University for 30 years, the Gloucester, Massachusetts native received his BA cum laude from Wesleyan University, where he was also Phi Beta Kappa, and his MA from Indiana University.

Jack Becker and Rebecca Martin Nagy are serving as jurors for FAPAP's Year in Review, and together they will single out and comment on the most exemplary public art projects completed in 2012.

Last year, the FAPAP held its annual conference in Fort Myers, marking the first time the conference was held in Southwest Florida since FAPAP began gathering in 1998. In May, FAPAP will meet in Clearwater for this year's annual conference.

The FAPAP arose out of an informal meeting in the spring of 1997 between Vincent Ahern, coordinator of public art for the University of South Florida, Jan Stein, public arts administrator for Hillsborough County, and Barbara Anderson Hill, who served at the time as the City of Tampa's public arts administrator. Together, Ahern, Stein and Hill perceived the need for public art administrators across the state to assemble annually to discuss the issues faced by all public art programs.

Since then, FAPAP has been working

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The installation of *Fire Dance* began on January 24, 2012 in Centennial Park

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Visitors viewing work at the Alliance for the Arts' gallery

Individual Artist Grant Recipients Display Work At Alliance For The Arts

Annually, the City of Fort Myers supports arts and cultural programming through a competitive grant process. Grants are awarded to artists who commit to make a cultural contribution to the cityscape and to enhance access by City residents and visitors to a spectrum of arts and cultural experiences.

The Alliance for the Arts' May exhibit will feature a variety of artwork created by recent grant recipients. The opening reception is Friday, May 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibit will run through Saturday, May 25. The public is welcome to come and view the work, meet the artists and enjoy the opening celebration.

Public Art Committee member Ava Roeder will lead a Gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, May 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. Artwork by members of the Pan American Art League will be on display in the Member Gallery throughout the exhibit.

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



Alliance for the Arts gallery

Edison Festival iBook At Estates



The Edison Festival of Light - Looking Back in Pictures iBook is available on iPad at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates and The News-Press Media Group will offer visitors a sneak peek of the first iBook produced by The News-Press, *The Edison Festival of Light - Looking Back in Pictures*, which features Thomas Edison and his Fort Myers estate through June 2013.

The iBook commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Edison Festival and features 220 images including the first and only complete gallery of every king and queen of Edisonia, historic and current videos, interactive quiz, and highlights from the 2013 Edison Festival of Light Parade.

Visitors can view the book at the Edison Ford Museum Store on iPads provided by The News-Press before they purchase the Edison iBook for \$2.99. To get a copy of the Edison iBook, download the free iBook app in the iTunes store, then search for "Edison Festival."

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 334-7419 or visit the website at www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.✪

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY - THURSDAY IN FORT MYERS!



Heights Elementary School students and their teacher, Lisa Alexander

Heights Club Participates In Estero Chess Tournament

Heights Elementary School's Chess Club, made up of 30 students, participated in the annual Estero Chess Tournament. The following students placed in their division: Andrei Petryk, second place, and Matt Einbinder, fifth place: 5th to 8th grade division; Rohan Shenoy, sixth place, and Alexandra Polk, eighth place: 4th grade division; Marcos Pertryk, seventh place: K to 3rd grade division. The Chess Club is sponsored by interested parents and community members.*

Piano Concert At Chapel

Young musicians will play piano in a concert on April 28 at Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church on Fort Myers Beach at 1 pm. Ranging in age from four to 14, these students are pupils of Michael and Elena Melnikov. Michael is the director of music at Chapel by the Sea and Elena is the organist at the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers.*

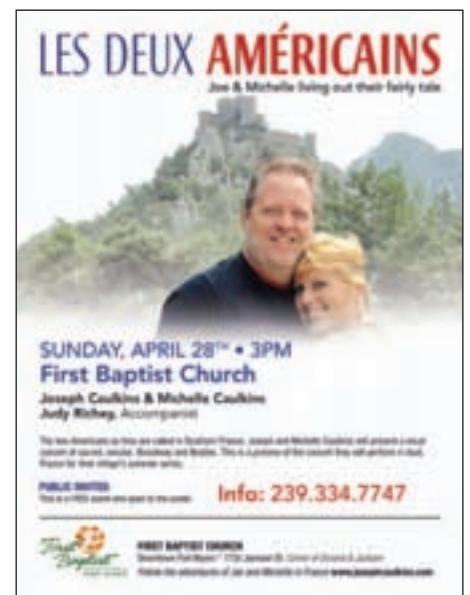
Joseph And Michelle Caulkins Present Concert

Vocal Artistry's Artistic Director Joseph Caulkins and his wife and soprano Michelle Caulkins will present *Les Deux Américains*, a concert of solos and duets from sacred to secular, Broadway to the Beatles and more on Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers in the River District. The concert is free, and all are welcome.

The two Americans, as they are called in their summer vacation village in Axat, France are presenting a special preview of a concert they will be singing in Southern France this July as a part of the *Les Amis du Haut Village (The Friends of the High Village)* summer series of events and concerts. The Caulkins spend their summers renewing and relaxing in Axat each year and are looking forward to their Fort Myers preview.

"It is such an honor to be asked to perform for our little village. They are such wonderful neighbors and have been so welcoming to Michelle and I, but we were shocked when they proposed the idea of doing a concert for our town," said Joseph.

The music featured in *Les Deux Américains* will be mostly American music with a little French as well.



Highlights include: Andrew Lloyd Webber's *All I Ask of You* and *Pie Jesu, Somewhere from West Side Story, Bring Him Home, Soon It's Gonna Rain* and *Eleanor Rigby*. Judy Richey, accompanist for Vocal Artistry will be playing for this program.

"We don't have many opportunities during the season for Joseph and I to sing together. We thought this would be a good way for us to say thank you to all our friends and patrons who have been so supportive for the 12 years we have lived in Fort Myers," said Michelle.

This is a free concert and all are welcome.*

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Abdul'Haq Muhammed To Speak At Democratic Women's Club Meeting

The Democratic Women's Club of Lee County will have Abdul'Haq Muhammed as its featured speaker at the Saturday, May 11 meeting. He is the founder of Quality Life Center and has served as its executive director since the organization was formally incorporated in 1992.

The Quality Life Center is based in the Dunbar community of Fort Myers and provides support for education, youth enrichment, personal development, community development and social services for at-risk youth and their families. Services offered include youth programs, social services, adult programs, workshops, scholarships for graduating high school seniors, community access partners and summer camp.

Muhammed has a vision for uplifting children and adults through confidence-building programs based on core values that will teach the tools of a rewarding life. He has more than 30 years of experience designing and providing positive workshops. He is a motivational speaker, conducting workshops on such topics as organizational development.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in South Fort Myers, located at the northeast corner of College Parkway and Summerlin Road. A lunch will be served following the meeting at a cost of \$18 per person. Visitors may make reservations for lunch by contacting Jim Helms at jimhelms@hotmail.com or by calling 432-0970.*

Karate Classes At Bay Oaks

Bay Oaks Recreation Center is offering karate classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. Youth classes (ages nine to 14) are at 5 p.m. and adult classes (ages 15 and older) are at 6 p.m. Students will learn dojo etiquette, basic punches, kicks, blocks and beginning forms. Classes will include physical conditioning and stretching. Emphasis will be placed on self control, discipline and respect for self and others. Sparring will not be taught to beginning students. All classes are designed

for boys and girls. No uniforms are required for beginning students.

The cost is \$45 per month for members and \$50 per month for non-members. To sign up, call 675-4222 ext. 183.

Bay Oaks is at 2731 Oak Street on Fort Myers Beach.*

Free Vessel Safety Checks

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron is offering free vessel safety checks for area boaters. The free inspections are authorized by the United States Coast Guard.

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Celebrate Mother's Tea

The Lake Kennedy Senior Center announces the inaugural Celebrate Mother's Tea on Friday, May 10. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the program begins at 2 p.m.

This is an opportunity for us all to appreciate those women who have touched our lives in more ways than one. She could be a friend, a family member and/or mentor; treat her to a special outing to show how much you care. Event activities include entertainment and dancing, a delectable lunch, an inspiring keynote speaker Robin Church from Shell Point Retirement Community and a Draper's and Damon's fashion show.

Gentlemen, bring the lady of your life, mother, friend or wife. Ladies, bring your mothers and girlfriends alike. Fancy tea cups and elegant big hats are encouraged but not required.

Lunch and door prizes are included in the \$5 per person price. Pre-registration is preferred; walk-ins are welcome.

The Lake Kennedy Center is located at 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral. Call 574-0575 for reservations or more information.*

the boat, the squadron inspector will present the boater with a 2013 Vessel Safety Check sticker, indicating that the boat has passed a safety check. In the event of a boat not passing inspection, no notice is given to law enforcement, it will be up to the boater to correct the infraction and contact the squadron for a new inspection.

To make an appointment for a vessel safety check examiner to come to your boat for this free service, call 466-4040.*

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Fire Dance

to encourage awareness of the social and economic benefits associated with public art programs and provide educational, informational and networking opportunities for individuals, institutions, governments and businesses involved in public art.

Today, there are more than 60 public art programs throughout Florida which, in the aggregate, possess and maintain over 4,000 works of art in public spaces. There are 45 separate artworks located at 23 different sites throughout the City of Fort Myers. Of these, 37 are administered and maintained by the Fort Myers Public Art Committee.

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.*

League Of Women Voters

The League Of Women Voters Of Lee County Florida will meet Saturday, May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the presentation Climate Change: Where Are We Now? Registration and networking begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the program at 10 a.m.

The keynote speaker is James Beever, principal planner of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC). Beever is an expert in natural resources and climate change in Southwest Florida. His responsibilities include implementing the environmental planning review for the SWFRPC.

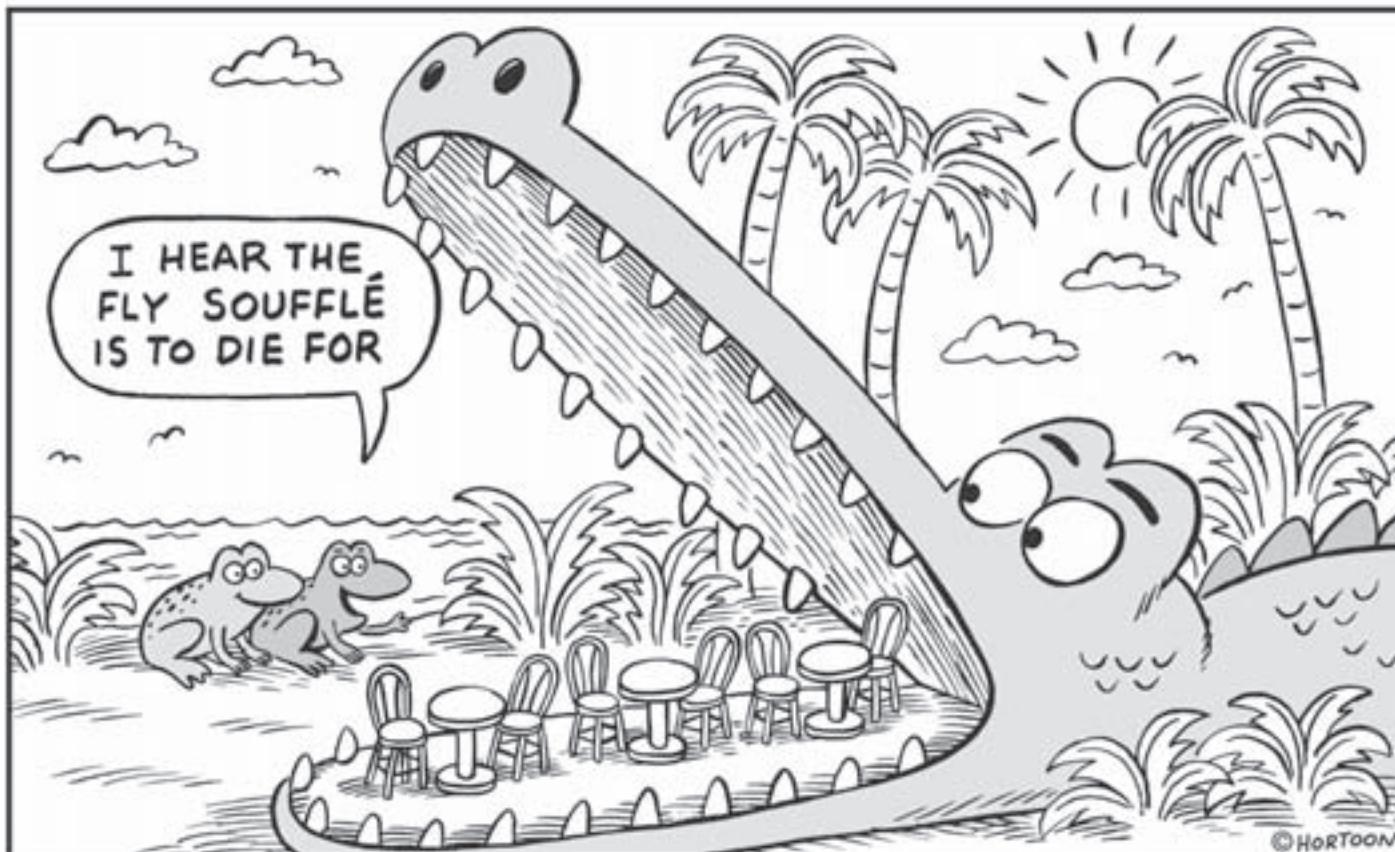
The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12600 University Drive in Fort Myers (northeast corner of Summerlin Road and College Parkway). Cost is \$10 for continental breakfast. Checks to LWVLCF are preferred. Student rates are available. For reservations, call 278-1032 or e-mail lwvlee@yahoo.com by April 30.*

Lee Republican Women Meeting

On Monday, May 13, the Lee Republican Women Federated will hold their monthly meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers. The guest speaker will be Florida House of Representatives District 77 Rep. Dane Eagle. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. with lunch and program to follow.

Cost is \$16 per person, all inclusive. To make reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindyignelli222@gmail.com.*

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Not Even for a Minute car decal

Kiwanians Lead Effort In Child Safety Campaign

The Lee County and Labelle area Kiwanis clubs have joined together in a child safety awareness campaign, called Not Even for a Minute, designed to educate the public on the dangers of leaving unattended children in the car.

Trinky Jarrett, a Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Beach member and wife of Division 19 Lt. Governor Robert Jarrett, organized the design and printing of 5,000 car decals and fact sheets with money from a fundraiser involving all 14 Kiwanis clubs in the area. The decals have been distributed to daycare centers, churches, nursery schools and children's healthcare clinics in Lee County and Labelle.

"Parents should place the decal either on their dashboards or on the car window by where the child's car seat is," said Trinky. She is looking for funds to print more

Letter Carrier Food Drive

United States Postal Service customers in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties are urged to participate in the 21st annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive on Saturday, May 11. This is the nation's largest one-day food drive. Letter Carriers will be collecting nonperishable food when they make their regular deliveries.

The annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive will assist in replenishing food banks and pantries. Food banks are notoriously empty during summer months and the need for food is even greater since many children no longer have the benefit of their school food program.

Collected food donations will be delivered to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and Wake Up America in Lee County, Collier Harvest in Collier County and other participating agencies. All food donated is distributed to at no cost to the participating agencies. Monetary donations are also accepted; checks should be made payable to the Harry Chapin Food Bank or Wake Up America in Lee County and Collier Harvest in Collier County.

Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non-breakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Individuals who won't be able to participate on May 11 (seasonal residents and visitors, especially) may drop off their food items in advance at any Post Office for inclusion in the food drive.

The Postal Service is also requesting volunteers to help make this the most successful food drive yet:

- Volunteers are needed to assist rural letter carriers who use their private vehicles for mail delivery on May 11. Contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638; and Jesse Costin in Collier County at 643-4716.

- Volunteers are also needed to assist with food sorting on May 11. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007, or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.*

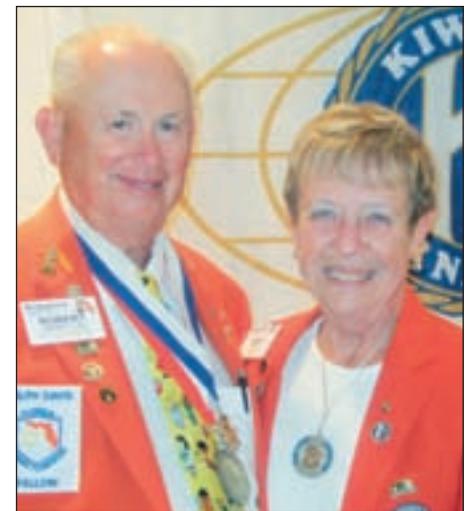
decals to keep up with demand. "We want to make the public aware that it is dangerous to leave an unattended child in the car - even if it's only for a minute," she said. "Kids are left unattended in cars every year. Too many of these children die. Others suffer thermal burns, severe dehydration, seizures, kidney damage and brain damage. One death is too many."

Statistics that are shared in the "Not Even for a Minute" campaign include:

- Unattended children may become entrapped in a trunk, set a vehicle in motion or be abducted.
- Even on cool days vehicles can heat up quickly, with the greatest increase occurring on the first 15 to 20 minutes.
- Metal vehicles (especially dark ones) act like solar ovens. When the outside temperature is 93 degrees, the inside of the car temperature can spike to 125 degrees in 20 minutes.

- If the outside of temperature is 75 degrees, the inside car temperature can shoot to 110 degrees in just minutes.

For more information on the Not Even for a Minute campaign or to contribute to printing expenses, contact Trinky Jarrett at 745-5455 or email her at trinkyj@gmail.com.*



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Every Saturday morning, The Alliance for the Arts' **GreenMarket** offers an exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. There is live entertainment by local musicians and activities for kids, gardening classes and cooking demonstrations by local chefs.

Eating locally grown and produced foods are good for the area economy and great for your health. Vendors at the GreenMarket offer chemical-free and organic produce, along with fresh baked goods, native plants and all-natural products.

Alliance for the Arts is at 10091 McGregor Boulevard near the Colonial intersection. It is open year-round from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

On Saturday, April 27, join Fort Myers car enthusiasts at the **Downtown Car Cruise-In** in the historic River District. Held on the fourth Saturday of every



Sanibel's Island Cow: Corona and crayons are a great combination

month, the event features vintage, modern and unique cars from 5 to 8 p.m. along with a DJ spinning classic rock tunes. All cars are welcome to the free event.

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

On Sunday, April 28, head to Old San Carlos Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach for tasty samples from local area restaurants as well as great live entertainment at the **18th annual Taste of the Beach**. More than 20 restaurants will participate while country rock recording artists Craig Campbell, Brett Eldredge and the Grayson Rogers Band perform live onstage. Gates open at 11 a.m. and food will be served until 6 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children over 12. Children under 12 are free. Food tickets are \$1 each with a \$5 average food serving price. A panel of celebrity judges will award Taste of the Beach Best Taste Awards on stage at 4 p.m.

For information, call 454-7500 or go to www.chamber.fortmyersbeach.org.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is Fort Myers Beach's liveliest destination offering food, drinks and live music daily from the area's premier talent. Check Nellie's website for a calendar of live performances. Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Happy hour specials are served all day, every day.

Nervous Nellie's and Ugly's are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. The GPS coordinates for Nellie's Snug Harbour Marina are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnelliess.net.

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The Fort Myers South Rotary Relay for Life team

Rotary Raises Funds For Relay

The Fort Myers South Rotary Relay for Life team exceeded its goal of \$2,500 by raising over \$4,000 at this past Saturday's Relay for Life event held at Hammond Stadium.

The Fort Myers Relay For Life's goal this year was \$175,000. As of noon on Saturday, they were at \$142,000. "Relay

season still has a few more weeks so we are confident the goal will be met," said Roger Mercado, Jr., president elect of Fort Myers South Rotary. "I am so thankful for all the Rotarians who came out and supported such a wonderful cause. Many contributed individually but also went above and beyond to raise funds."

Relay for Life is an annual event in which more than four million people in over 20 countries take part in to raise funds and awareness to save lives from cancer.

Fort Myers South Rotary meetings are held each Monday at noon at the Bell Crowne Plaza Select, located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive. Visit the website at <http://www.rotarysouthftmyers.org/>.*

Ultimate Water Games And Racing Exhibiton

The Ultimate Water Games will host a full day of racing exhibitions in outrigger canoe and paddleboard races within 150 feet of the shoreline of Fort Myers Beach all day on Sunday, April 28 in front of the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. A spring break crowd exceeding several thousand people is expected to watch the paddling competitions.

The event is 16.4 miles in length, racing in 4.1 mile legs, featuring Lemans-style beach starts on all four legs. Six member-crew outriggers will begin race for prize money over a course that parallels the shoreline of the northern point of Fort Myers Beach.

Two of the top outrigger competitor teams – Huki California from Sacramento, California and Kai Aniani from Clear Water Florida – are sending full teams in the hope of winning top honors among the many teams expected to compete in the four-hour program.

The competition will feature individual racing around a quarter mile oval on the Gulf of Mexico next to the Pink Shell beach. The race is 2.5 miles with obstacle challenges for paddlers. Six member collegiate teams will compete from regional colleges and universities.*

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Auction Nets Over \$40,000



Auctioneer Jay Sievert worked the crowd

Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA) held A Knight for the Kids on March 9. The annual auction and dinner, catered by Carrabba's, was a huge success as it netted more than \$40,000. Jay Sievert was the celebrity auctioneer and kept the program full of fun and laughter as he sought to increase the bidding. It took many volunteers to recreate an era of kings and knights. The proceeds will go toward SFCA's new Accelerated Reader program, technology and the school's financial aid program.*

MEMORIAL SERVICE



DOMINIC MANARITE

A memorial service for Dominic Manarite will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. on the Sanibel Causeway. Look for signs. A lunch reception will follow at the Sanibel Community Church's Fellowship Hall, with open microphone (see www.sanibel-church.com). Dress is casual.

After a 13-year battle with advanced, metastatic prostate cancer, Dominic Anthony Manarite left this world on April 12, 2013 and crossed over into Heaven. Dominic was best known on Sanibel and Captiva Islands in the '90s as Captain Dominic of Janice Too Charters at Castaway's Marina, and previously as a favorite bartender at Tween Waters Inn. He also worked at Bailey's liquor store,

The Grog Shop, in recent years after leaving the charter guide business.

Dominic leaves behind his wife Jan and their son Mico. He also leaves behind his son Tony and daughters Gina, Carla and Nicole of Springfield, Massachusetts, along with their respective families. He leaves his brother Michael and wife Simone, his sister Addie and her family in Texas, and his sister Toni and her family in Massachusetts. Dominic passed away peacefully in capable hands of the nurses of Hospice House in Fort Myers, Florida. He found great peace in his final months with short, simple prayers with his wife, being read to from books written by those who have had end-of-life experiences, and saying his rosary in private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation in Dominic's name to the Prostate Cancer Research Institute (www.PCRI.org) or send support to the Manarite family.

Condolences can be sent to: Jan and Mico Manarite, 411 Airport Way, Sanibel, FL 33957. For people who would like to sign his online guestbook, it can be found at www.horizonfunerals.com. For those who cannot make the memorial service, a DVD recording can be obtained by emailing Jan at JManarite@hotmail.com.*

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Great Fishing Is Here; Tarpon Being Sighted



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Fishing just keeps getting better and better as our water temperature is now up into the low 80s and right where it should be for this time of year. Live bait fishing for snook, redfish and

big trout was all going off this week. Every day's fishing also resulted in more and more tarpon sightings. Our tarpon fishing will really get into full swing within the next week or two. Live chumming mangrove islands and pot holes with live shiners really had the fish exploding on baits. Filling the livewell with hundreds of shiners made for easy fishing. Simply pulling into an area and throwing stunned live shiners into the hole quickly let you know if the

area was worth fishing. Watching snook, redfish and trout pop these baits right on the surface sure makes for some exciting action.

Catch-and-release snook fishing this week was the best I can remember since before the big snook kill of three years ago. Although our big snook of the week was only in the mid 30-inch range, we had several real monsters hooked up that just could not be tamed. Mangrove islands in the mouth of the river and south of Matlacha Pass held some of the bigger fish but almost every mangrove point, oyster bar and dock throughout the sound held good numbers of snook in the 24- to mid 30-inch range. It's great to see this fishery coming back strong as these fish are a blast to catch.

Redfish action on the higher stages of the tide was also a sure bet. The redfish were also responding well to live shiners and often mixed right in with the snook. Reds up to 31 inches were caught this week, along with the average size fish now in the mid 20-inch range.

During low water, sand holes out from oyster bars and deeper mangrove shorelines were a good bet to hook into a redfish.

April is always one of our best months for big trout. This proved true this week with some real giants caught. Shallow potholes out on the grass flats and around oyster bars held some of the biggest trout I have seen all year. Several 27- and 28-inch monsters were caught while throwing big shiners and pinfish. Lots of trout from 18 to 22 inches could be found on most any clear flat in the two- to four-foot depth range.

Spanish mackerel are also thick out along the beaches, along with all the other species that follow them. This is some easy fishing if you just want to bend a rod as they can be caught by either casting through the breaking fish or trolling spoons and small plugs around feeding birds gulfside. Have a big rod ready if you're going to do this as tarpon, sharks and cobia are right around these mackerel schools, too.

This week for me will mark the start of tarpon fishing this season. This hands down is my favorite fishing of the year. I'm really looking forward to switching it up to chasing tarpon after a long winter.

If you have never caught a tarpon, you probably have no idea of what all



Liz Reinemo of Cape Cod with a 32-inch snook she caught on her first cast of the trip while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

the hype is about. If you have caught tarpon, your gear is ready and you're ready to get that first fish of the season, too.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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- July 15: Loggerheads and Sea Stars (6 to 11 years old)

• July 22: Sea Stars (6 to 8 years old)
The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman's Wharf in Fort Myers Beach. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. seasonally. For information and registration, call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org.✪

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CROW Case Of The Week

Pileated Woodpecker



by Patricia Molloy

If you live in Southwest Florida, you are no doubt familiar with the rhythmic drumming sound created by the pileated woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*). At 15 inches in length, it is one of the largest woodpeckers inhabiting North America. The non-migratory bird is easily recognizable due to its bright red crest, long bill, zebra-striped head and neck, and beautiful white wing lining.

The enthusiastic drumming sound they create is similar to loud hammering and can be heard from a great distance. The behavior is a woodpecker's way of establishing its territory and to attract a mate. On occasion, an inexperienced woodpecker will hit a sour note when it mistakes a hard metal roof or light fixture for a softer hollow tree.

Carpenter ants are the favorite meal of this omnivorous woodpecker. It will forage for its food by digging sizeable holes in tree trunks or peel long strips of bark away to expose ant and beetle larvae. Additionally, these woodpeckers have been known to supplement their

diets with nuts and fruits found on the ground.

When a pileated woodpecker arrived at CROW last week, it showed signs of trauma. "It's very neurologic and for a woodpecker, it is very quiet," said Dr. Helen Ingraham, DVM intern. "We took radiographs, but they came back normal, even though it acts like it has a spinal issue." Dr. Heather prescribed meloxicam (a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug) and tramadol (a pain medication) to make the patient more comfortable.

The woodpecker showed little signs of improvement during the first 24 hours. "It doesn't flap his wings very much and his left leg isn't moving at all, so I started doing some physical therapy on the leg," said Dr. Helen. After nearly a week of critical care, the patient's condition improved and Dr. Heather relocated it to one of the outdoor flight cages. The woodpecker is flying normally but must fully regain its strength before being released back into the wild.

Be a good steward of the environment and help CROW continue its mission to save the lives of sick and injured wildlife. After all, gopher tortoises, exotic birds and mammals do not have health insurance to cover their bills. Donations may be used to help specific patients (such as this extraordinary woodpecker, patient #0872) or a specific species. Go to CROW's website for more information.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing



A beautiful pileated woodpecker after its daily weigh-in

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Watch For Wildflowers



Tickseed and oakleaf fleabane are visible from the road, narrowleaf blue-eyed grass not

by Gerri Reaves

Think twice before you refer to a field as empty or say there's "nothing there."

Wildflower lovers know different – especially this time of year – when even the most common blooms are in greater profusion along roadsides and in fields.

If you can safely catch a glimpse of these beauties while at a stop light, enjoy.

Or even better, pull over, park the car and yield to the temptation to explore a field on foot.

Some wildflowers are easy to see from a distance, such as swathes of yellow tickseed (*Coreopsis leavenworthii*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), and white-petaled Spanish needle (*Bidens alba*) and delicate oakleaf fleabane (*Erigeron quercifolius*).

Get a little closer, however, and you'll discover flowers and colors too small to perceive from the car.

In the field pictured here, for example, are hidden treasures like native star-rush whitetop (*Rhynchospora colorata*), yellow husk tomato (*Physalis pubescens*), narrowleaf blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*), and pink marsh fleabane (*pluchea rosea*).



Nature has already landscaped this roadside with Spanish needle, a larval and nectar food for butterflies



"Empty field" is a misnomer for this wildflower-laden area along U.S. 41

photos by Gerri Reaves

Also present are the non-native but Florida friendly red tasselflower (*Emilia fosbergii*), various bright-yellow members of the pea family and many others.

The fact that these wildflowers are unbidden, uncultivated, and uncared for – that they simply appear where they can and triumph over bulldozers and pesticides – makes them all the more enchanting and deserving of appreciation.

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Caring For Your Plants

Pool Cage Palms

by Justen Dobbs



Find a lot of homes in Fort Myers have screened in lanais with trees that have become way overgrown. Maybe this is you? Most landscapers and homebuilders install palms or trees in

pool cages not knowing their eventual height. Some of these palms include Christmas palms (*Adonidia merrillii*), areca palms (*Dypsis lutescens*) and solitaire palms (*Ptchosperma elegans*). These palms look nice when first planted and while the homebuilder or landscaper has long since been paid and left; years later, the trees begin to grow through the mosquito screen above. In other words, the original landscapers basically didn't care what the palms or trees would grow up to down the line. This can become a costly dilemma for you, the homeowner.

So, what can you do? Or what if it's too late? Typically, you can have a knowledgeable local landscaper come in and transplant the tree to your yard where it will have a chance to reach its full potential (make sure it is planted in the right amount of sunlight – too much full sun and it may burn, too little and it may stretch for light). This knowledgeable



Lady palms produce multiple canes and neat leaves with fingers. Notice the colorful bromeliads underneath

landscaper can then plant a new palm tree in its place that does not shed a lot of fronds and has a slower growth rate. You will notice that I used the adjective knowledgeable twice – this is because most local landscapers will not be able to make a good recommendation because they usually have a very small number of palm trees at their disposal. Make sure you shop around. You can also plant a new palm tree yourself to save some cost, but if it isn't planted correctly (amended soil, no air pockets around roots, proper watering, etc.) you risk losing it and end up paying more money in the long run



Ruffled fan palms have an exotic circular leaf and stay fairly short

for another replacement. I recommend staying with a palm tree because hardwood trees and bushes require trimming and drop dead leaves, which may fall into your pool or decompose on your pool deck causing stains.

I recommend the following palm trees because they are bushy, lush, tropical-looking, clumping, dwarf and low maintenance:

- Lady palm (*Rhapis excelsa*)
- Bamboo palm (*Chamaedorea seifrizii*)

- Cat palm (*Chamaedorea cataractarum*)
- Bottle palm (*Hyophorbe lagencaulis*)
- Pigmy date palm (*Phoenix roebelinii*) – male specimen if possible
- Ruffled fan palm (*Licuala spinosa*)
- Dioon cycad – not a palm, but looks similar

If your pool-side planters do not have irrigation in place, any of the above

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Fort Myers Miracle Begin Season With A Blazing 14-3 Record, Best In Franchise History



by Ed Frank

The torrid streak cannot last forever, but it's certain that the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team is enjoying while it can.

The Miracle began the week with a 14-3 (.823) season record – probably the best season start in all of professional baseball, major, minor or independent leagues.

Miguel Sano, the number one prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization, was leading the Florida State League in batting (.375), home runs (6) RBIs (16) and total bases (47). With those kinds of numbers, don't be surprised if it isn't long before the Twins move him out of Fort Myers with a promotion to

Double A New Britain.

The Miracle was atop the FSL in hitting, with a team average of .296. In addition to Sano, two other Miracle players were in the league's top eight – Adam Pettersen at .360 and Eddie Rosario at .352.

The feistiness of this Miracle team was evident last weekend in a game against the Palm Beach Cardinals in Jupiter. Although the Miracle lost the game 6-5 in 10 innings, there were plenty of fireworks earlier in the game.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Cardinals reliever Brandon Creath sailed his first pitch behind Sano's head. After working the count to 3-1, Sano launched a monster home run that cleared a training facility far beyond the left field wall.

Apparently as Sano rounded the bases, he spouted a few words at Creath and was ejected by plate umpire Fernando Rodriguez just after the home run.

That set off an argument that resulted in the ejection of Miracle manager Doug Mientkiewicz, and then field umpire Charlie Tierney tossed Stephen Wickens from the Miracle bench.

As the old saying goes, "There's nothing like fun at the 'ol ballpark."

The 14-3 start by the Miracle is the best in the team's 21-year franchise history. How long that pace continues is anyone's guess. But the first three weeks of the season has been great baseball.

Fort Myers is home this weekend opposing the Charlotte Stone Crabs tonight, Friday, at 7:05 p.m. and tomorrow at 6:05 p.m.

Everblades 1-1 In Conference Semi-finals

The Florida Everblades, the ECHL defending Kelly Cup champions, has advanced to league's American Conference semifinals after defeating the Elmira Jackals four games to two in the first round of the playoffs.

Fish Caught



Capt. Neal and mate Rob Holmes with the 42-inch gag grouper

Jim Arado caught a 42-inch gag grouper April 16 while fishing with Capt. Neal and mate Rob Holmes aboard the vessel *KUDO, Pure Naples*. The fish, weighing in at 36 pounds, was released. They were 45 miles out, heading from Port/Gordon Pass in Naples.✪

At this paper's deadline earlier this week, the Everblades had split the first two games of the conference semifinals against Reading. Those first two games were played at Reading.

The Everblades returned home to Germain Arena for games three, four and five of the seven-game series. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, in game four and 7 p.m. tomorrow for game five.

If a sixth and seventh games are necessary, the series will move back to Reading.✪

League Of Women Voters Monthly Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will conduct their next monthly meeting on Saturday, May 4 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Myers. Registration and networking begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start at 10 a.m.

The topic for the meeting is Climate Change: Where Are We? Among the subjects covered will be:

- Climate Change in Florida
- Sea Level Rising
- Renewable Energy Solutions

Guest speakers will include:

- James Beever, Principal Planner, SWFRPC (Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council) is an expert in Natural Resources and Climate Change in Southwest Florida. His responsibilities include implementing the environmental planning review for the SWFRPC.

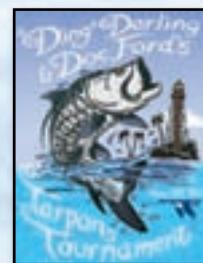
• Joy Hazell, Lee County Sea Grant Agent, UF/IFAS (University of Florida/

Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences) plans, develops, implements and evaluates comprehensive needs based marine and natural resource educational programs that focus on marine fisheries and habitat issues.

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Cost is \$10 per person, which includes a continental breakfast. Checks are preferred, made payable to LWV of Lee County FL. For reservations, call 278-1032 or e-mail lwvlee@yahoo.com by April 30. The meeting is open to league members and the interested public.

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The students and staff of The Sanibel School lined up outside to welcome Lance Corporal Christian Brown and his mother Lyn Braden-Reed

photo by Jeff Lysiak

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Patriotic Welcome

they could arrange something “special” for the veteran’s arrival to the islands.

“Nothing would give us a greater pleasure than to help honor a wounded serviceman,” said Barrett.

Members of both the Sanibel Fire & Rescue District and Iona-McGregor Fire Department gathered on Causeway Island A with a pair of ladder trucks. Borrowing a 30-foot American flag from the City of Fort Myers Fire Department, the two companies planned to hang the stars and stripes across the causeway road. But that task may not be as simple as it sounds.

According to Barrett, it’s a rather com-

plicated process:

Step 1 – Park two 75-foot ladder trucks on each side of the road just past “A” span

Step 2 – Rig ropes to the top of each ladder truck (for raising 30-foot flag)

Step 3 – Stop traffic

Step 4 – Raise flag without letting it touch the ground and secure top of flag

Step 5 – Realize flag needs to go up a lot higher to keep away from big trucks

Step 6 – Stop traffic (again)

Step 7 – Secure additional lines to bottom of flag and raise ladders to their maximum height

“After dozens of supportive honks, cheers, and pictures from cars, trucks and bicycles, we were ready for our honored

visitors,” said Barrett.

Both fire departments lined up by their ladder trucks, snapped to attention, and saluted our guest as he passed. Preceded, of course, by a large contingent of civilian motorcycles, a Lee County Sheriff’s Office motorcycle escort, and several fire department and law enforcement vehicles.

The experience left Barrett, and all those who witnessed the huge American flag hanging above the entrance to the islands, with a warm and patriotic feeling.

“It left me with a great sense of honor and pride,” he said. “It’s the least we could do, considering all he has done for our country. We should all be saluting our troops.”**

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Founder Of Operation Open Arms Praises Islanders’ Efforts

by Jeff Lysiak

On the same day that combat-wounded United States Marine Corps veteran Christian Brown was spending his first full day of vacation on Captiva Island, Operation Open Arms – a nationally acclaimed military outreach program based in Southwest Florida – was celebrating its eighth anniversary of providing much deserved time off and R&R benefits to active duty U.S. military service people and their families.

Capt. John “GiddyUp” Bunch, founder of Operation Open Arms (OOA), greeted Brown and his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, at Southwest Florida International Airport on April 18 from their home in Maryland. The pair was scheduled to spend five days on Captiva, with lodging provided by Jensen’s Twin Palm Resort & Marina.

“I greeted them at the airport,



Capt. John “GiddyUp” Bunch and his wife Jennifer

but I wanted them to enjoy the motorcade out to the islands by themselves,” said Bunch, referring to last Thursday’s patriotic outpouring of support displayed by the Sanibel and Iona-McGregor Fire Departments – which hung a giant American flag between two ladder trucks at the base of the causeway bridge – as well as students from The Sanibel School, who lined up along Sanibel-Captiva Road while waving red, white and blue banners, signs and flags.

“I got a text message from Christian’s mom... she said that she was very, very touched by the kids from the school who did that,” added Bunch.

Since 2005, OOA has provided more than 2,000 vacations (including 99 weddings) for combat-wounded veterans. It is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization founded when Bunch, a charter fishing captain, offered to take an army forward scout on leave out for a day of fishing – free of charge – with these words: “This fishing charter is about your service to our country. It will be free of charge. You deserve and have earned a free fishing trip with me.”

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the years, OOA has been supported by individuals and businesses on both Sanibel and Captiva every time that Bunch has called upon them to help support a visiting veteran. But head and shoulders above all, Bunch wished to thank the three Jensen brothers: John, Jimmy and Dave.

“Jensen’s has been a bigger part of OOA than any other group,” said Bunch. “I’m not sure that you could find three other men that are greater advocates for our troops than the Jensens. Honestly, I can’t think of any time that I’ve asked for something for our troops that they haven’t been there for us. They’re just amazing.”

Bunch also offered praise for other Sanibel and Captiva businesses, including Jeff Shuff and his staff at Tween Waters Inn, The Green Flash and Sandy Stilwell, for providing \$50 gift certificates to her restaurants.

And in the end, thanks to the Jensen brothers was reiterated.

“If they can’t do it, they’ll find somebody who can,” Bunch added.

Donations to Operation Open Arms can be made online at www.operationopenarms.org or by mail, payable to Operation Open Arms, PO Box 101, St. James City, FL 33956.**



Lance Corporal Christian Brown



Celebration on the beach at The Mucky Duck on Captiva



The Mullet Parade began at Jensen's Twin Palm Marina and proceeded down Andy Rosse Lane to The Mucky Duck



Lance Corporal Christian Brown, Dave Jensen, Capt. John "Giddyup" Bunch, Lyn Braden-Reed and Rev. Thomas E. Nyman

Marine Impressed With Outpouring Of Support

by Jeff Lysiak

It may be approximately 990 miles from Lance Corporal Christian Brown's home in Munford, Tennessee to Captiva, where the combat-wounded United States Marine Corps veteran was staying last weekend as an honorary guest of the Operation Open Arms program.

However, according to Brown, the people of the island made him feel like he was home.

"All of the locals have been really kind to me, especially the school kids," said Brown, referring to the welcoming reception he and his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, received upon their arrival to the islands on April 18: students from The Sanibel School greeted his motorcade with a patriotic salute of banners, signs and flags.

"They made me feel like I was from here," he added.

In December 2011, while in Kajaki, Afghanistan, conducting combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom, Brown was leading his squad on foot patrol when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) and was

seriously injured.

Operation Open Arms arranged for Brown and his mother to spend five days enjoying some R&R on Captiva. On most days of his vacation, the 29-year-old has opted to spend them on the water – fishing, his favorite activity – thanks to the generosity of several local businesses and individuals. For instance, the pair was lodged at Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina, courtesy of the Jensen brothers themselves: Dave, Jimmy and John.

"The Jensens really opened up their place to me – they fed me, clothed me, gave me fishing gear to use, all the tackle and bait I needed," said Brown. "Plus, the boats were taken care of, too. I couldn't ask for anything more. Any time I've tried to pay for something, they say everything's been taken care of."

Another surprise awaited Brown when he got to his room.

"There must've been 40 pints of Queenie's Ice Cream in the freezer!" he added with a laugh. "And that's good ice cream, too. She's a really nice lady."

Brown also said that he and his mother have received VIP treatment wherever they've gone on the islands.

"We went to dinner at the Keylime Bistro. We were standing in line on Friday night, because it was pretty crowded, and these people stood up and gave us their table," he recalled. "And the food there was really good, too."

Another bonus for the vacation to



Christian Brown, an Operation Open Arms visiting veteran, and local charter fishing captain Doug Mallon following Monday's fishing excursion around Sanibel and Captiva

photo by Jeff Lysiak

Southwest Florida for Brown was that he was able to spend time with Nicholas Del Campo, a fellow Marine whom he served with in Afghanistan who lives in West Palm Beach. Del Campo drove over from Florida's east coast in order to spend time with his former platoon mate.

While Brown and Del Campo went fishing on Monday with local charter fishing captain Doug Mallon – himself a vet-

eran of the marine corps from 1967 to 1969 – Braden-Reed was trying her hand at parasailing.

"She takes care of me full-time, so it was good for her to be able to get away and try something new," said Brown. "She needed a break... this vacation was good for her, too."

During their fishing excursion, Mallon took the veterans around both islands, landing only one keeper-size trout. However, Brown enjoyed seeing a herd of manatees congregate near the shallow waters around the Sanibel Lighthouse.

Other highlights of his stay on the islands included the Mullet Marching Parade last Friday evening on Captiva, a flight aboard a Lee County Sheriff's Office helicopter and a fish fry at American Legion Post 123.

And, of course, the people that he's met.

"Everybody's just been so, so kind," Brown adds.

On Tuesday, mother and son headed back to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, where Brown faces six more months of physical therapy before he will finally be able to return home to Tennessee.

Donations to Operation Open Arms can be made online at www.operationopenarms.org or by mail, payable to Operation Open Arms, PO Box 101, St. James City, FL 33956. ✪

Rush Gallery Opens New Exhibition



John Hoppner's *Portrait of Lady Jane Orde*, oil on canvas

A new exhibition of paintings adorns the walls of The Julia and Richard H. Rush Collections Gallery at Edison State College. The exhibition, entitled High Renaissance to Impressionism, features works from the early 1500s to the beginning of the 20th century. Paintings by world-renowned artists Luini, Bassano, Rembrandt, Hoppner, Manet, Renoir and more will be on view. The paintings

are on loan from the collection of Julia and Richard H. Rush for the next year.

"The exhibition gives us a glimpse of 500 years of painting," said Ron Bishop, director of Exhibitions and Collections, Edison State College. "We can see how painting has progressed and how it mirrors the changes in society and culture."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students in our art history, studio art, and humanities classes to see artwork from so many important artists in person and not solely in the pages of a book. It also provides them with a better understanding of the values of the time periods these pieces reflect," Bishop added.

The Julia and Richard H. Rush Collections Gallery is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about the gallery and exhibition, contact Ron Bishop at 489-9314.✪

Art League May Exhibit

The Art League of Fort Myers announces the exhibit Beautiful Color, a judged show, which will be on view May 3 through 31. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 1451 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. There is no admission charge.

The exhibit will feature two dimensional works created by members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida and affiliated organizations.

During the River District Art Walk on Friday, May 3 the Fort Myers Art League will host a reception for the artists and will be open until 10 p.m.✪

Edison Student Brings *One Last Drink* To Stage



Morgan Cox

On April 17, Morgan Cox, a 15-year-old freshman at the Edison Collegiate High School, served up a play about a father battling alcoholism to patrons of the arts in Punta Gorda. The play, entitled *One*

Last Drink, was written and directed by Cox. It tells the tale of a young high school student named Alex whose father is an alcoholic.

The idea originated when Cox was asked to write a short story in her psychology class. She took it to the next level and wrote a short play. It is loosely based on some bullying in her life that she had experienced and how certain friends and family helped her through all of it.

Alex, with the help of her friend Brett, overcomes the loss of her father and learns to smile again. *One Last Drink* offers insight into the world of coping with turmoil and family life while battling the everyday challenges of being a teenager. Cox lives by her own personal mantra of "Do what others don't expect." With the support of faculty sponsor, Paige Williams, the assistance of co-director Danae Corcoran and stage manager Sierra Magurczek, the play was a total eye-opening experience for people of all ages.

In addition to the student play, Amy Porter and Betsy Laskowski, photography instructors for the Collegiate High School, collected student art work and photographs for a great art and photo show that was also held on the same night before the premiere of *One Last Drink*. Patrons were able to enjoy the art show and get a first-hand look at arts at the Edison Collegiate School High School.✪

Society Exhibition Is May's Marvels

The Southwest Florida Pastel Society invites the public to an exhibit titled May's Marvels at The Von Liebig Center in honor of the Naples Art Association's 10th anniversary. The exhibition runs from May 2 to 30, with an opening reception on Friday, May 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This is an important showing of the pastel paintings of members of the society who have achieved local and national recognition. The organization continues to grow and influence an ever expanding audience on the use and creativity of soft pastels. It also sponsors student scholarships for furthering interest in pastel painting.

The Von Liebig Center, home of the Naples Art Association, is graciously hosting this exhibition in the Members' Gallery. The Von Liebig Center is located at 585 Park Street in Naples.✪

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Plant Care

palms will still work, but you will have to water them every two to three days for about two months while they develop a good root system. Or, just plant them in June when our summer rains begin and they will be completely self-sustaining. For low, groundcover plants around the palms, I recommend bromeliads, crotons or cordylines because they are colorful and low-maintenance as well.

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

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Opening Exhibit Artists Reception

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, on Friday, May 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and Art Walk for May 2013. This month, ACT Gallery will feature AQU, The Art Quilters Group's display of fiber art, "Ronda at Eye Level" documenting a 1980's streetwalker and addict, photographer George Mitchell and "Cupcakes and Tea Anyone" the whimsical art of Cassandra Schulz.

The Art Quilters Group AQU will be showing their works of fiber art, including hanging art quilts, and fiber jewelry, purses, clothing and more at the art gallery. This group of talented women come from Sanibel, Fort Myers, Matlacha, St. James City and the Cape Coral area are interested in expanding their knowledge and pushing the boundaries of their creativity with fiber art. The group ranges from the novice to the expert. They meet the second Saturday of each odd month at the Alliance for the Arts from 1 to 3 p.m. -

new members are always welcome. This is the second exhibit that ACT Gallery has hosted for the Art Quilters Group. Contact Lynn Lebeda at llebeda@me.com for more information.

Cassandra Schulz was born in 1987 and was raised in the paradise of Southwest Florida. Throughout her years at school, she developed a passion for art. During her collegiate years at Florida State University, she explored every type of technique and style available in the effort to find her voice. It was at Florida State that she earned her bachelor's degree in studio art, as well as a minor in art history and anthropology. Schulz continues to work to grow and develop her artistic career. She continues to discover and explore other creative outlets, such as most recently jewelry design.

Schulz's artwork developed from the simple idea of comfort. When pondering this concept the first thing that came to mind was food. Food is so much more than just providing nourishment. It is something that brings families together, bonds relationships and fosters happy memories. Everyone has that one iconic food from their childhood that transports them to happy times and lifts their spir-



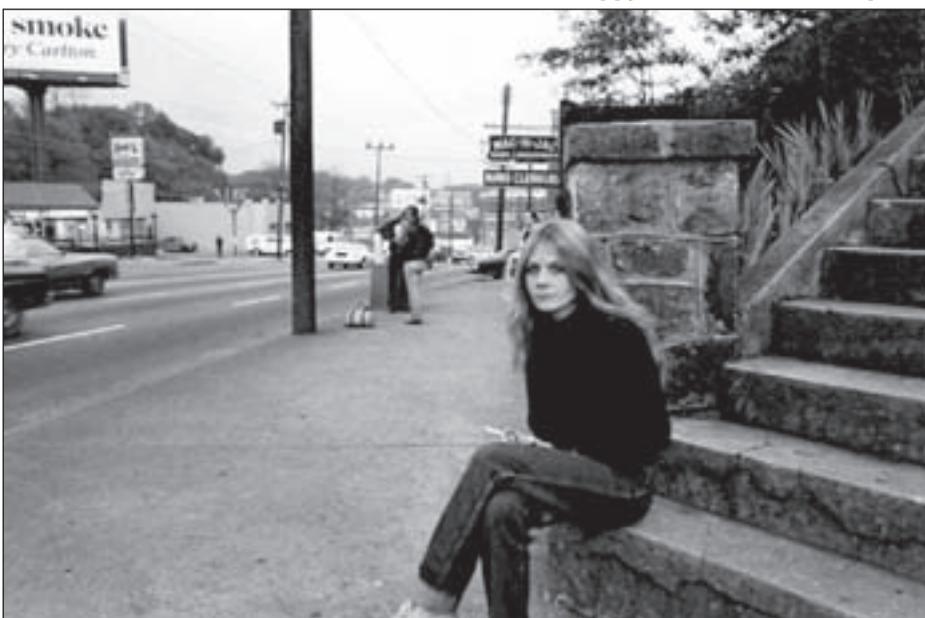
Art quilter's group detail of a quilt

its. Her "Cupcakes and Tea Anyone?" brought about the whimsy and fun of both past and present. Growing guests that may be at the Mad Hatter's tea party to a world all their own and full of dangers and perils, this exhibit will make you smile. The creation of these pieces begins and ends with feelings. Representing and experiencing them in the process, Cassandra is having fun with her art. Contact her at cassandra@gulfcoastcoin.com for more information.

George Mitchell is a professional photographer and author. He began photographing traditional blues artists in the early 1960s. He has worked as a reporter and photographer in Columbus, Georgia. He was the executive editor of the *Columbus Times*. He has taught both journalism and photography at the University of Minnesota before return-

ing to Atlanta. In Atlanta, he taught at four high schools for a total of 25 years. George authored six books of photography and interviews from the Atlanta area. This is the second exhibit for him at Arts for ACT Gallery. "Ronda at Eye Level," the story in pictures and words, will be shown. Ronda is a streetwalker and addict that Mitchell documented during the 1980s in Georgia. This moving and sometimes hard to view exhibit will take you from their first meeting on the streets to her at times happy moments and through her personal and dark struggles with her demons of addiction. Mitchell will also show some of his landscapes and landmarks of the Fort Myers area. Contact Mitchell at gmitchell991@yahoo.com for more information.

These exhibits continue through Monday, June 3.*



One of George Mitchell's photographs of streetwalker Ronda



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Local Resort Hosted National Energy Event

Lee County was the destination for the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) annual North American Waste To Energy Conference at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa from April 22 through April 24.

About 250 national and international waste-to-energy industry leaders attend this conference, which included technical sessions, presentations and a trade show. A tour of the Lee County Solid Waste Division's Waste To Energy facility campus and the county's integrated solid waste management system were included in the conference program.

According to SWANA, 89 waste-to-energy facilities currently operate in 27 states and generate the equivalent of 2,500 megawatt-hours of electricity while disposing of more than 29 million tons of trash. Enough electric power is generated from the combustion of trash to supply more than 2 million homes with clean, renewable energy. In Florida alone, 11 waste-to-energy facilities process about 20,000 tons of garbage each day; that's enough trash to fill a football stadium.

Waste-to-energy facilities eliminate 90 percent of the waste that once would have been disposed of using traditional disposal practices such as land-filling. They also eliminate millions of tons of

greenhouse gas emissions from the avoidance of methane caused from land-filling the waste, and they promote the waste hierarchy of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and then Recover.✱

Winter Visitors Rose In February

by Anne Mitchell

In February, the occupancy rate for Lee County hotels and motels – including Sanibel and Captiva – reached 83.6 percent. That's a 5.8 percent increase over last February, according to Smith Travel Research, which consults for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

RevPAR (revenue per average room) increased 11.4 percent during the same periods, from \$113.15 to \$126.08.

In line with those increases, 827,147 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in February, an increase of 8.5 percent compared to February 2012. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 6.5 percent from the same period last year, airport officials said.

TripAdvisor recently award Sanibel with a 2013 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Islands award. The awards recognize 100 islands around the world; Sanibel landed in the top 10 favorite island destinations.✱

Business Ethics Finalists Named

Three Southwest Florida businesses have been named as finalists for the 2013 Business Ethics Award presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation. They are the Harry Chapin Food Bank, Smart Companies and Ted Todd Insurance. The winner will be announced during the foundation's Uncommon Evening on Thursday, June 6 at Harborside Convention Center.

The finalists for this 8th annual award were selected from an original pool of nominees from all over Southwest Florida. The award is presented in recognition of the critical importance of ethical leadership in today's businesses and will be presented to the business that exemplifies the highest standards of ethical behavior. The nominations were reviewed by an independent panel of ethics experts from across the country.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida works with more than 150 partner agencies in Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, and Collier counties to provide emergency food to more than 30,000 Southwest Floridians in need each month. Established in 1983, this non-profit, led by a board of directors and Al Brislain, CEO and president, is committed to a set of community values including collaboration, advocacy, service, diversity, empowerment, stewardship, accountability and transparency.

Smart Companies manufactures, installs and services whole-house storm protection products, smart home technology systems, and solar and energy solutions for home and office. Established in 1996, Smart Companies has 97 employees led by Brian D. Rist, owner and principal executive. By incorporating Eight Principles of Quality Service, the company ensures the decisions made every day are ethically driven.

Ted Todd Insurance Agency, located in Bonita Springs, has 50 employees. The agency is committed to operating its business with honesty and integrity, embracing all aspects of Allstate Insurance Company's Code of Ethics as its bedrock foundation. Ted A. Todd is the agency principal.

Past recipients of the Business Ethics Award are HomeBanc Mortgage Corp., WilsonMiller, Inc., Bonita Bay Group, Shell Point Retirement Community, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., Conditioned Air, and Hope HealthCare Services.

Tables and individual tickets for the evening are available as well as sponsorships. Tables of eight are available for \$750; individual tickets are \$100. Information and reservations may be obtained by contacting the foundation at 337-9503 or aroth@uncommonfriends.org.✱

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Art Association Summer Schedule

Summer hours are now in effect at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery, open from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer and early fall. Stop in and watch the artists paint while enjoying the summer display of artwork, which is always available for purchase.

In October, the gallery will reopen on regular hours with the annual potluck and Fall Members Show. Check the website for information on upcoming classes, special exhibits, events and famous artist workshops. Pat Weaver will conduct the first workshop in November.

For more information, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyers-beachart.com.

Planning continues for the 4th annual Paint The Beach... Sandcastles To Shrimp Boats plein air festival in Fort Myers Beach, November 4 to 10. More information will be posted online in mid-July. There are sponsorship opportunities and can be discussed by contacting Michele Buelow at kzooartist@sbcglobal.net.

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery is located on the corner of Donora and Shellmound.✱



Professor Joseph van Gaalen

Edison Professor Receives Award

Edison State College Adjunct Professor Joseph van Gaalen is the recipient of the inaugural Outstanding Adjunct Faculty award for the Geo2yc Division of National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT). Recipients of this award are adjunct faculty who should be recognized for the work they do in supporting education in the geoscience area, and the efforts they put forth to contribute to the departments in which they work.

"Joe embodies all the characteristics of what we expect from our full-time faculty," said Dr. Rozalind Jester, professor of marine science at Edison State College. "He makes a point to participate in departmental projects, meetings and discussions, as well as contribute to curriculum development."

Dr. van Gaalen received his BS in environmental science in 2002, his MS in geological oceanography in 2004 and his PhD in geology in 2011. He has worked in the private sector for six years, and in the academic and research area for seven years, and has been published in various publications related to the field of geoscience.

Additionally, van Gaalen served aboard four research vessels while working on his MS degree. These included research vessels *Bellows*, *FG Walton Smith*, *Pelican* and *Suncoaster*. He also spent time in New Zealand working with the National Institute for Water & Atmospheric Research on beach morphology investigations, which produced a series of publications in the *Journal of Coastal Research*, *Geomorphology*, and *EOS*.✱

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son has a student in his third grade class that has emotional problems. Some of the children are mean to him and say he's "mental."

Fortunately, my son knows this is wrong but he is confused about why this other student has so many problems and acts out. How can I explain this to him accurately?

*Courtney L.,
Fort Myers Beach*

Courtney,

What a great question! It is especially fitting, since the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services had declared that Thursday, May 9 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

Kids are naturally curious and have questions about mental illnesses. Understanding mental illnesses can be challenging for adults as well as for children so before you begin your discussion, make sure that you have a basic understanding about mental illness. You may need to do some background reading to prepare for this conversation. Myths, confusion and misinformation about mental illnesses cause anxiety,

create stereotypes and promote stigma. Parents can help children understand that these are real illnesses that can be treated.

Here are some general tips for this discussion as well as age specific suggestions. When talking about mental illnesses, parents should:

- Communicate in a straightforward manner and at a level that is age appropriate for your child
- Have the discussion when your child feels safe and comfortable
- Watch your child's reaction during the discussion
- Slow down or back up your child becomes confused or looks upset

Pre-School Age Children

Young children need less information and fewer details because of their more limited ability to understand. Preschool children focus primarily on things they can see, for example, they may have questions about a person who has an unusual physical appearance, or is behaving strangely. They would also be very aware of people who are crying and obviously sad, or yelling and angry.

School-Age Children

Older children may want more specifics. They may ask more questions, especially about friends or family with emotional or behavioral problems. Their concerns and questions are usually very straightforward. "Why is that person crying? Why is that person talking to herself?" They may worry about their safety or the safety of their family and friends. It is important to answer their questions directly and honestly and to

reassure them about their concerns and feelings.

Teenagers

Teenagers are generally capable of handling much more information and asking more specific and difficult questions. Teenagers often talk more openly with their friends and peers than with their parents. As a result, some teens may have already have misinformation about mental illnesses. Teenagers respond more positively to an open dialogue that includes give and take. They are not as open or responsive when a conversation feels one-sided or like a lecture.

Students Receive American History Award

The Caloosahatchee Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution honored two students for their participation in the DAR American History Award Essay Contest for grades 5 through 8. Quentin Fairchild and Nick Mantz each received special recognition for their well researched essays at the DAR meeting and luncheon, held on April 12 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Participants were asked to write an essay on "Forgotten Patriots Who Supported the American Struggle for Independence." Fairchild chose the Oneida Indians as his subject while Mantz

Two excellent websites to visit for more information are www.samhsa.gov/children/index.asp and www.nasponline.org/resources/mentalhealth/mhtips.aspx.

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researched the role of African Americans in the American Revolution. The contest was advertised at libraries, local schools and home school agencies. Winners received a Certificate of Achievement and a bronze medal. The DAR chairman for the American History Essay Contest is Kathryn Wilbur.

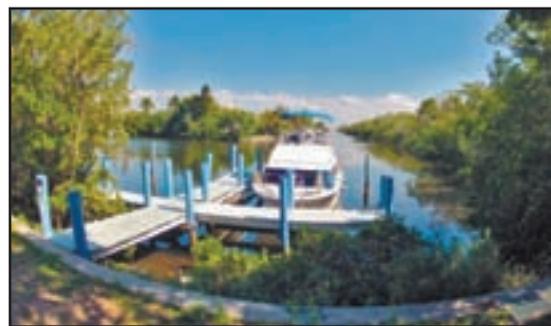
The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations.

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Financial Focus

Nourish The 'Roots' Of Your Investment Strategy

by Jennifer Basey



On Arbor Day, people across the country plant trees. Of course, trees provide us with many benefits, including beauty, fruit and oxygen, as well as protection against land erosion. But the act

of planting and nurturing trees can also guide our behavior in other areas of life – such as investing.

First of all, consider the vision and patience exhibited by tree growers when they plant their saplings. As an investor, you, too, need this type of perseverance and long-term outlook. When you invest, you should be focused on the long term yet be prepared for the inevitable short-term market downturns. How long is “long term?” Many investors hold quality investments for decades. It’s a long process, but the potential growth you seek will need this time.

What else can you, as an investor, learn from tree planters? For one thing, be aware of how they keep their orchards healthy. By providing proper irrigation and disease-prevention measures, they help their trees stay on the long path toward maturity. Similarly, you need to nurture your investment portfolio by continually providing it with the financial resources it needs to stay “healthy.” During periods of market volatility, it can be tempting to take a “time out” from investing – but if you do, you’ll miss out on the potential growth opportunities that may follow. Since no one can really predict the beginnings and endings of either “up” or “down” markets, you’re better off by staying invested.

Also, just as horticulturalists take steps to keep their trees from being subject to disease, you can keep your portfolio in good shape by periodically “pruning” it of investments that no longer meet your needs.

Here’s something else that tree planters can teach us: diversification. Consider an orchard that contains several different fruit trees; its commercial benefits may be greater than a comparable orchard that only grows apples. Plus, the presence of a variety of trees can prove beneficial if disease strikes one type. In some areas of the country, for example, Dutch Elm Disease wiped out thousands of trees, leaving entire streets treeless. If some other species had also been planted, these streets would still have had the benefits pro-

vided by mature trees, even if the elms were gone.

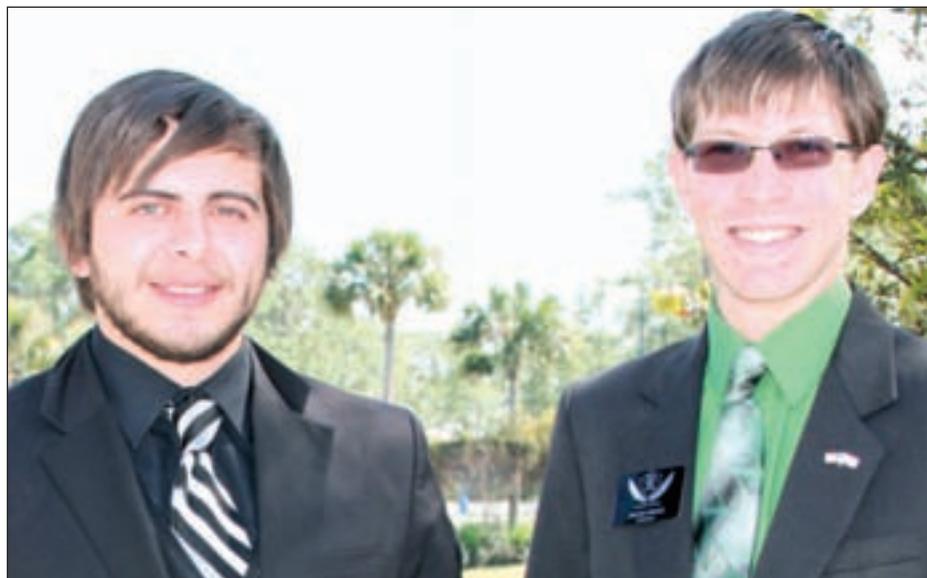
As an investor, you don’t want to own just one type of financial asset, such as growth stocks, because if a downturn hits this segment, your entire portfolio could take a big hit. A better strategy would be to populate your “financial orchard” with a variety of investments – such as stocks, bonds and government securities – that are suitable for your situation. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility,

it can’t guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

As an investor, you can learn some lessons from Arbor Day that could prove “tree-mendously” helpful to you as you chart your course for the future – and you won’t even have to “go out on a limb” to put these strategies in place.

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

Edison State Students Elected To State Offices



Joe Garita and Jacob Winge, who were elected president and vice president of the Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA)

Months of campaigning and hard work has paid off for Edison State College students Jacob Winge and Joe Garita, who were elected by their fellow students from Florida’s 28 state and community colleges to represent them as president and vice president of Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA).

“It’s a proud day at Edison State College,” said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, president, Edison State College. “Jacob and Joe have made college history by being the first students from Edison to be elected to president and vice president positions. Their commitment to the Florida College System is strong, and they will serve as great representatives for their fellow students at all 28 Florida state and community colleges.”

“I have never felt more humbled, honored, and optimistic,” said Winge. “The election proved that when students stand together, we can enact change. It showed that the students of FCSSGA believe in the power of dreams. My fire for the organization grows stronger every day as we continue to move Florida in the right direction. What Joe and I accomplished is nothing less than history. The excitement in the room the moment I won and the support of my fellow students was inspiring. I feel so privileged to be able to represent nearly one million students and look forward to getting things done.”

“It’s an honor to be chosen as the vice president for this extraordinary organization,” said Garita. “It is inspiring to be able to write history and it is inspiring to have received all of the support I did from my advisor, Sue Buntic, my campus, and my college.”

FCSSGA represents the nearly one million students enrolled in the Florida College System’s 28 colleges. It promotes legislative advocacy and training, leadership development, service learning, promotion of campus activities, and strong citizenship. The organization was created to unify the member colleges in order to best attend to the appropriate concerns of the students of the Florida Community College system and serve as a vehicle to communicate these concerns to the Florida Legislative Body.

Winge and Garita were elected and sworn in during the FCSSGA conference in Orlando on April 13. They will begin serving their terms on July 1.✱

Edison Students Win STEM Challenge

Edison Collegiate High School students Austin Ward and Laith Elrubaie were the overall high school division winners of the 2012-2013 STEM Challenge competition that encompassed four STEM tour events around Southwest Florida.

“We are so proud of Austin and Laith, and all the students who participated in the STEM Tour events,” said Brian Botts, PhD, principal for the Edison Collegiate High School Lee Campus. “Seeing the creativity to achieve solutions from all the students was amazing and we hope this program gets larger each year.”

This is the second year for the STEM Challenge program, which was created in conjunction with the educational and business communities of Southwest Florida. The goal is to work with the STEM team of Southwest Florida to weave STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) into the fabric of the community. The STEM Challenge is a coordinated series of events that give elementary, middle and high school students the opportunity to enhance their skills. Each event had its own registration, rules and prizes. Each event also allowed participants to accumulate transferable tour points that were used to declare the overall winner.

Austin and Laith participated in all four tour stops, with each stop presenting the participants with a unique challenge. Among their challenges were creating a solar boat with recycled material (all participants had to purchase solar panels and a motor), launching a ping pong ball to hit a desired target, safely transporting an egg across a zip line or a five-story fall and creating a rubber band boat. The winners received a prize bag full of goodies that included tickets to local attractions, pencils and water bottles. Their prize package also included a private behind-the-scenes tour with the JetBlue Park engineers to learn how this new and conventional structure was created.✱



Austin Ward and Laith Elrubaie

dearPharmacist

Calcium Supplements For Bone Strength



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I'm concerned about my bone density because I was told I have osteopenia. Are all calcium supplements the same? Do you have other recommendations?

AF, New York

Osteopenia, or lower-than-normal bone density, is frequently found in postmenopausal women but can affect men and women of all ages. Over the past few years, some questionable research suggested a connection between calcium supplements and atherosclerosis. But last November, Harvard researchers presented research showing no connection between calcium supplements and coronary artery calcification. If your doctor suggests calcium supplements for you, here's some information:

Calcium carbonate – The least expensive form of calcium to manufacture, calcium carbonate is also called bone meal

or dolomite. This requires lots of stomach acid to digest, so very little calcium goes to your bones where needed. Because it stays in the gut, you will find this compound also sold as Tums and Roloids, two products used to neutralize acid (not for bone growth).

Calcium citrate – The easiest form of calcium to find, calcium citrate is absorbed about as well as calcium carbonate but requires less stomach acid to digest, so it can be taken with or without food. But be careful, as this type of calcium can sometimes cause headaches. There's a bunch of brands for this.

Tricalcium Phosphate – Easy to absorb, this is a combination of calcium and phosphorous which your bones (and body) need as well. Nature Made makes adult gummies with this type of calcium.

Calcium aspartate or calcium gluconate – These intelligent forms of calcium offer your body aspartate or gluconate which is used in other metabolic pathways to produce energy. Sometimes this bioavailable form of calcium is combined with vitamin D, magnesium and/or zinc.

Calcium collagen chelate – Minerals that are ingested as chelates, or organic salts offer good absorption and that means less tummy upset. Life Extension and Swanson brands both make this.

Calcium as Microcrystalline Hydroxyapatite (MCHC) – This easily absorbed form of calcium is derived from freeze-dried calf bone. This provides other bone-builders like phosphorous, magne-

sium, zinc, and chromium that nourish your bones. Solaray and Xymogen brands both make this.

For people who don't drink milk, Hawaiian Spirulina tablets (a blue-green algae) may help. It actually contains 300 percent more calcium than whole milk, plus other minerals. Remember, minerals like calcium are best absorbed when taken in combination with other minerals like strontium, magnesium, and vitamin D.

Other important factors in bone health include adequate levels of vitamin K2 which is involved in clotting. And strontium. It has a two-fold effect on

osteoporosis meaning it prevents bone breakdown while also stimulating new bone growth. Medications only work one side of that equation. A 2004 study in *New England Journal of Medicine* concluded that strontium reduces risk of non-vertebral fractures by 41 percent over three years, and increases bone mineral density by about 14 percent. Eliminated processed and refined foods is a must.

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.

Letter Carrier Food Drive

Letter carriers in Lee and Collier counties are gearing up for the 21st annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive. The nation's largest single-day food drive, "Stamp Out Hunger," will be held on Saturday, May 11. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes.

Summer is coming, school will be out, and the need for food assistance will be greater than ever. Food collected in Lee County will be distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other agencies; food collected in Collier County will be distributed by Collier Harvest. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Northerners who are returning home prior to May 11 may drop off their contributions at any Post Office for inclusion in the May 11 food drive. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob's storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 4400 Solomon

Bld. or 6600 Industrial Drive in Fort Myers; 1320 River Road in North Fort Myers; or 800 Abrams Blvd. in Lehigh Acres.

Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers who may not be able to leave food by their mailboxes on May 11. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non-breakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups on May 11. Contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638; and Jesse Costin in Collier County at 643-4716. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting on May 11. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.

Additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.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 husband's doctor was a personal friend. When he was diagnosed with a terminal illness all three of us felt badly.

The doctor tried to help my husband all he could to relieve his suffering and also extend his life. My husband would not change his lifestyle, so his condition worsened. One day, the doctor called and said he wanted to drop by our house on his way home. This man stayed for over an hour and tried to convince my husband to help himself, but it didn't have any effect. Before the doctor was at the end of our lane, my husband was already

doing what the doctor had told him to stop doing. My husband died six weeks later.

While I miss him terribly, I'm really not the grieving widow. I'm still annoyed that he was so selfish not even to try and make a better life for both of us. I'd like your comments,

Gertrude

Dear Gertrude,

Most men don't seem to think it is important to care for their own health. Statistics are all around us to prove this is true and all the high percentage of widows in our country. Men will only seek medical care when their symptoms are so severe, the illness is frequently beyond a curable state. Health care (what we can do for ourselves), diet changes, the need for stress management, preventive screening and yearly or bi-yearly physicals seem to be beyond their comprehension. Men feel it is fine for their wives and children, but they will find all kinds of excuses not to do it for themselves.

Your husband did have a terminal illness and he knew it. He was probably a take-charge man and had decided months before what he was going to do and how he would manage his illness. He just did not want to talk about it with you or anyone else.

Try not being too harsh with his memory. He enjoyed himself and did what he wanted to do until the end.

Lizzie & Pryce

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

Ronald McDonald House Charities' Offshore Rodeo And Reggae Party

The inaugural Offshore Rodeo & Reggae Party will be making a splash in Southwest Florida the weekend of June 1 and 2.

A benefit for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, the fishing tournament launches at 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 1 from Port Sanibel Marina. Anglers will spend the day catching a variety of species and return by 6 p.m. Dinner will be served on site at the Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant.

The awards banquet, live music and brunch will be held on Sunday, June at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa. Spectator and guest tickets are available for both the Saturday and Sunday festivities.

"The Offshore Rodeo & Reggae Party is sure to be a great time for families and anyone interested in fishing," said Jeff Miloff, event organizer. "Best of all, it supports families in need at the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida."

Registration is \$200 per angler prior to May 15, and \$250 per angler thereafter. To register, visit www.rmhcswfl.org. For more information, contact Jeff Miloff of Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group at 565-0831. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

A special kick-off celebration and Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament is planned for Friday, May 17 at The Joint in Cape Harbour, with food, drinks and live reggae music. Ticket information is available at www.rmhcswfl.org.

Since 1996, more than 2,000 families from Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties, as well as other states and countries, have found a "home away from home" at Ronald McDonald House in Fort Myers while their children are undergoing medical treatment at Golisano Children's Hospital. Additional thousands are served by the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and by grants and scholarships awarded to deserving individuals and organizations in the five-county region.

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Kathryn Kelly and Casey Weston



Gene Smith and Mark Loren

Concert Benefits Heights Center

A private concert, co-hosted by three local couples, Georganne and Cliff Williams, Sheri and Mark Loren, and Daun and Peter Dessak, was held on April 6 at the Heights Center. The show featured four artists who came together from all over the United States to play on stage at the new 14,000-square-foot Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center. The event raised \$20,000 to benefit the Heights Center.

Zorki Nastasic, Jeff Pevar, Jeff Sipe and Casey Weston performed for the sell-out crowd. Nastasic travels the country with his upbeat grooves that favor folk rock and "world music" made popular by Paul Simon. Sipe is well-known in the Atlanta area for his musical engagements and in Nashville, where he is an accomplished studio musician. He brings a creative and eclectic approach to drumming and improvisation. Pevar is currently on tour with Ricky Lee Jones, has toured with hundreds of other renowned artists and recently released his first solo album. Weston is a singer-songwriter from Naples, Florida now living in Nashville. She was one of the eight finalists in the inaugural season for TV show sensation, *The Voice*. Weston wrote or



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co-wrote all the tracks on her second album, *Find the Moon*, which was released in February.

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- 1 tablespoon Florida honey
- 1 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
- Oil for cooking
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Lightly coat the shrimp with the corn starch. Preheat a large sauté pan over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the preheated sauté pan. Carefully add the coated shrimp to the sauté pan and cook until almost done, about 3 minutes.

Remove the shrimp from the pan and add the peppers and onions. Cook the peppers for 4 minutes.

Add the honey, orange juice and soy sauce to the pan. Turn the heat up slightly. Bring the liquid ingredients up to a boil. Turn the heat back down to medium high and add the shrimp back to the sauté pan. The sauce should thicken and the shrimp will be cooked after three minutes. Serve over brown rice. Garnish with sesame seeds.*



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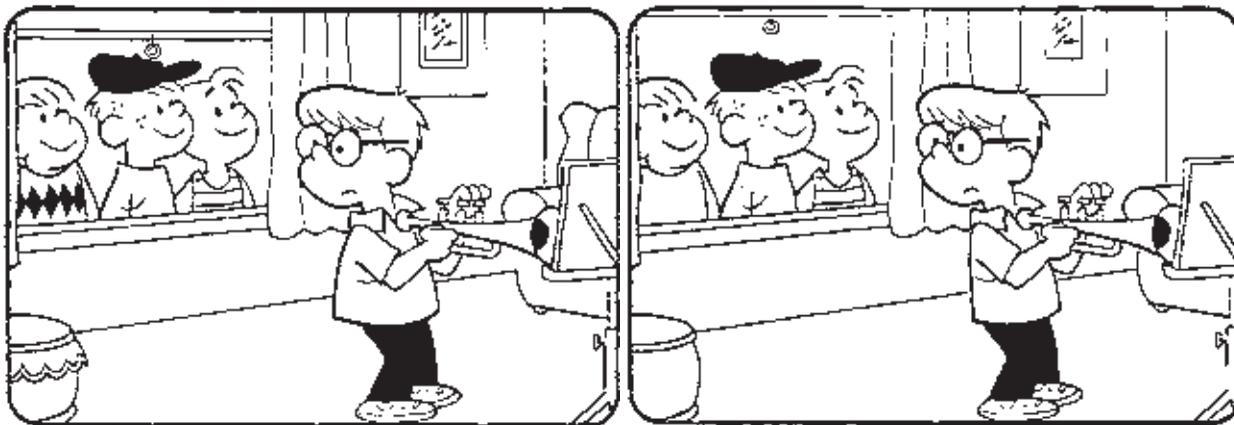
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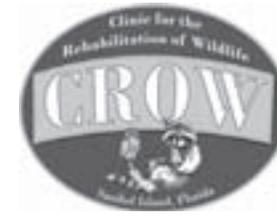
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answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week



Honey ID# 459426

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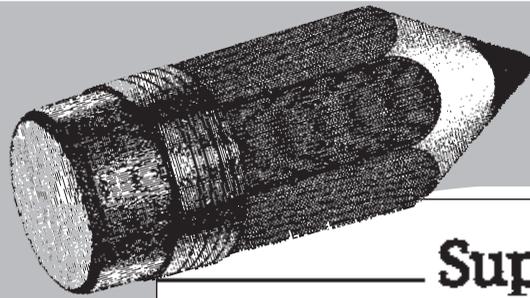
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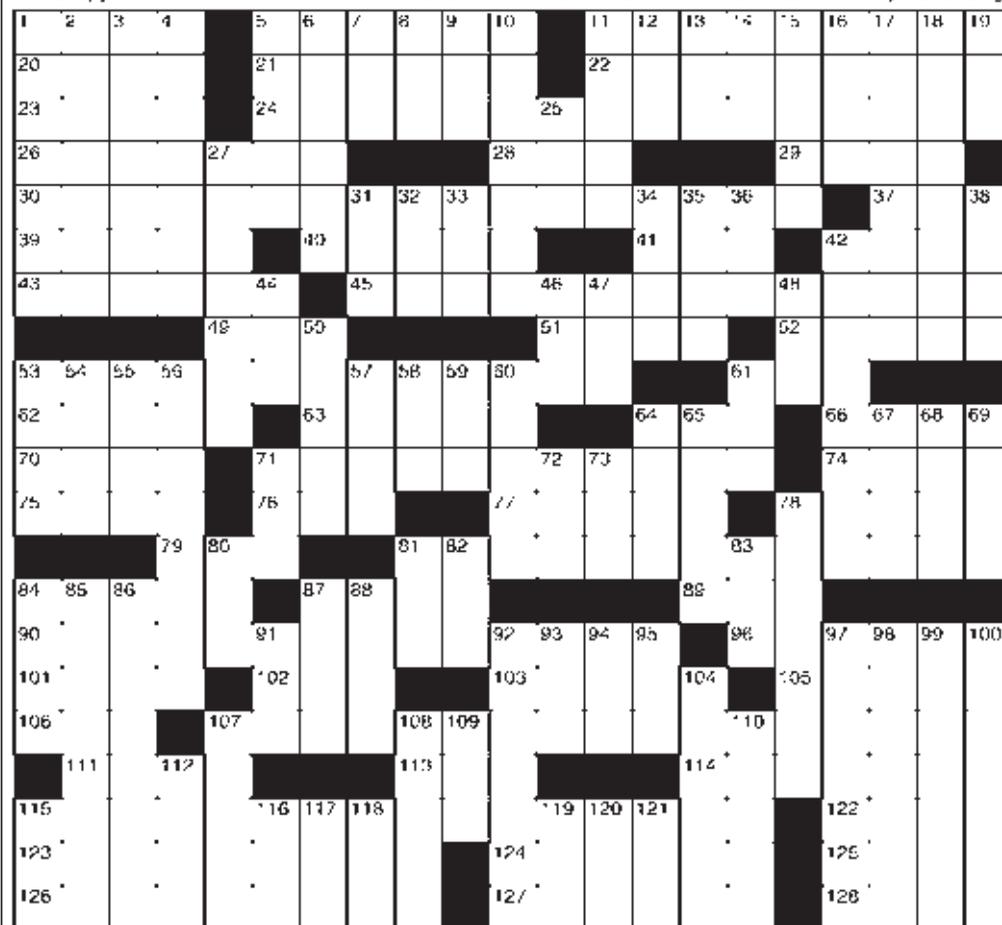
BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 25

Super Crossword

SQUARE SHARE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Non-PC computers
 - 5 Refuge
 - 11 Much more desirable
 - 20 Kauai, e.g.
 - 21 "Strut" singer
 - 22 Additional unspecified things
 - 23 Speefer's clarification
 - 24 Mets' division
 - 25 Clock's ancestor
 - 28 41, to Cate
 - 29 "humble opinion on ..."
 - 30 Choosing wisely
 - 37 Had been
 - 39 See 104-Down
 - 40 "The Red Shoes" star
 - 41 Greek letter X
 - 42 "The Hangover" co-star
 - 43 Rushlike plants
 - 45 20-hour-week worker, e.g.
 - 49 3 R's gp.
 - 51 Scapy water
 - 52 — nova (dance)
 - 53 Illogical recent things
 - 61 Fast Internet svc.
 - 62 Subtle glows
 - 63 "Harold & Go to Write Castle" (2004 comedy)
 - 64 "Te Ching"
 - 66 Writer Wister
 - 70 Strip of wood
 - 71 Spirit race
 - 74 Cry "Uncle!"
 - 75 Sentry's cry
 - 76 With one lit, musically
 - 77 Racial rights org.
 - 78 Hash house
 - 79 Rearward
 - 81 Immediately
 - 84 Hand-largest
 - 87 "— Lisa Smda"
 - 89 Hit mo
 - 90 Uncontrollable vibrations
 - 96 Arm muscle
 - 101 Circle bits
 - 102 "Dr." of rap
 - 103 Writer Joyce Carol —
 - 105 Part of Ovaria
 - 106 F ggy yuletide drink
 - 107 Former name of "PBS News-four," with "The"
 - 111 Writer Fmle
 - 113 — "Se-lung"
 - 114 12 to 14 year-old Girl Scout
 - 115 Webster's lexicon frst published in 1951
 - 122 Hoardros;
 - 123 French novelist
 - 124 River in a Steppen
 - Foster song
 - 125 Skater
 - Lysacek
 - 126 African bving in Kinshasa
 - 127 Dogmas
 - 128 Forest airs
- DOWN**
- 1 Poisonous vapors
 - 2 Relieve
 - 3 Sounded like dumping gasses
 - 4 Meeting out
 - 5 Hit — (get hung up)
 - 6 Hebrew "Hi"
 - 7 Deso to this
 - 8 Luau favor
 - 9 Cousin of crazy bights
 - 10 Tailless meow
 - 11 Genus of meowing mammals
 - 12 Nibbled on
 - 13 VCR brand
 - 14 Panhandle
 - 15 Sewing cases
 - 16 12th grader, e.g.
 - 17 Mine haulage tracks
 - 18 1930s-'40s serial radio comedy
 - 19 Tro before U
 - 25 — Baba
 - 27 Purposes
 - 31 "Alley —"
 - 32 Juan's "day"
 - 33 Act human
 - 34 Frozer
 - 35 Resistance units
 - 36 Itty-bitty wife
 - 38 Mets' former ballpark
 - 42 Pertaining to animals
 - 44 Spot
 - 46 Medit: nat on
 - 47 Spanish for "very"
 - 48 2.2 in a kg
 - 50 Actor Alar
 - 53 Kemong to
 - 54 Oahu dance
 - 55 Uttered
 - 56 Some recent appendages
 - 57 Far warmer
 - 58 First-hand pro
 - 59 Might
 - 60 Tailless ape, for short
 - 61 Cry on "The Simpsons"
 - 64 Dash gauge
 - 65 Go for (drive brrelly)
 - 67 Lush
 - 68 In a tie
 - 69 Oweo's kin
 - 71 Corruption
 - 72 Bit of cheer?
 - 73 "True"
 - 78 Dreamed up
 - 80 Thu. Sat linkup
 - 81 Protein making st. f
 - 82 "Take Me as —"
 - 83 Weep no sly
 - 84 Persian Gulf borderer
 - 85 Scoreless tie
 - 86 The Pogues' ironman
 - Shane
 - 87 Sable carmaker, briefly
 - 88 Yoked pair
 - 91 Recaler of "safty marks"
 - 92 Player of a game on horseback
 - 93 Port in Papua New Guinea
 - 94 Verb ending in the Bible
 - 95 Sun. church oral on
 - 97 Gambolled
 - 98 Arousing intense feeling
 - 99 Actress Natalie
 - 100 Lustrous cloths
 - 104 With 99 Across spy
 - 107 Traveler
 - Polo
 - 108 Comedy club host, e.g.
 - "Am ask?"
 - 110 Comic
 - Martha's family
 - 112 Yearn
 - 115 N.Y. Gants' gp.
 - 116 Internet giggle
 - 117 Conk out, as an engine
 - 118 Particular mag. printing
 - 119 Have a dobt
 - 120 Bread from a landoor
 - 121 Math- or prop- ending



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stacey hard
 - 5 Urduy group
 - 8 Oscar-winner
 - Kedrova
 - 12 Get up
 - 13 Yoko of music
 - 14 Soon, in verse
 - 15 "Zounds!" e.g.
 - 16 Obama, e.g.
 - 18 Tik
 - 20 Alternative to boxes
 - 21 Sidewalk catery
 - 23 Wager
 - 24 Turn to "ubble
 - 28 Discourteous
 - 31 Anger
 - 32 Acquit
 - 34 Capek play
 - 35 Ob., for example
 - 37 Outward behavior
 - 39 Work on the soundtrack
 - 41 Roof over hang
 - 42 Slowly, in music
 - 45 Durator
 - 49 Insanity
 - 51 Continental coin
 - 52 Pub orders
 - 53 Wall climb
 - 54 War god
 - 55 Fine spray
 - 56 Caribean or Coza
 - 57 Fat
 - 58 More hilly
 - 59 As part of an exchange
 - 60 Break unit
 - 61 P. on invaders
 - 62 Schere
 - 63 Lofly
 - 64 Cosmeticar
 - 65 Lauder
 - 66 Insult (Sl.)
 - 67 Historic time
 - 68 Partners of messieurs
 - 69 Everest, e.g.
 - 70 Twosome
 - 71 Blunder
 - 72 Actress
 - 73 Campbell
 - 74 Least minus cute
 - 75 Vigil hero
 - 76 Crisp
 - 77 Leading man?
 - 78 Sandwich shop
 - 79 Elevator name
 - 80 Mentor
 - 81 Genealogy chart
 - 82 Emcee
 - 83 "— been had"
- DOWN**
- 1 Ship's staff
 - 2 Latvia's capital
 - 3 Pronto, on a memo
 - 4 Physician
 - 5 Adapted
 - 6 Individual
 - 7 Top or

MAGIC MAZE ● STUFFED —



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

- Animal
- Crust
- Mushroom
- Pork chops
- Cabbage
- Cushion
- Olives
- Tomato
- Clam
- Drawers
- Pepper
- Turkey
- Closets
- Grape leaves
- Pillow



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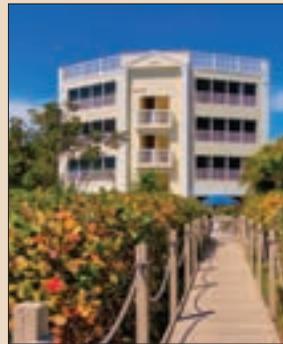
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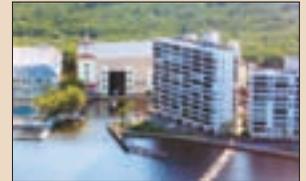
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