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Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Honored With Breakthrough Award

On May 10, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center was honored at Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's Breakthrough Awards Luncheon. The annual event honored businesses and members in the community who have assisted others, or themselves, in overcoming disabilities or barriers on their path to employment and independence. The art center received the Breakthrough Business Award.

For the past seven years, Goodwill has held its annual Festival of Trees at the art center. The event, which draws thousands of people each year, has created a strong partnership between the art center and the organization.

"It brings the community in and allows community partnerships to foster and grow," said Devon Morreale, assistant director of the art center. "We really benefit from the extra exposure, and we love to see the tons of visitors that come each year."

The art center was originally built in 1933 as a post office and its neoclassical revival architecture is unique to Southwest Florida. The facility was converted into a Federal courthouse in the 1960s, but had sat dormant for 15 years before it began its third life as a center for the arts.



Jim Griffith and Devon Morreale

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Lee County Courthouse Oak Tree Legacy Lives On

It will be two years since the Lee County Old Courthouse oak tree had to be removed and was carved into an eagle by artist Marlin Miller. Prior to that, a Lee County Department of Transportation (LCDOT) employee picked up some of the acorns, knowing the importance of the tree's history and took the time to plant them. Some of those saplings have now become part of Lee County's landscape providing the legacy of the great tree.

Approximately 200 saplings have been growing over the last two years at the DOT Operations Nursery. In April 2013, LCDOT staff felt that the saplings were ready to leave the nursery and gave away 145 of the saplings to be planted throughout Lee County. The majority of the trees were donated to Yvonne



The new tree was planted near the eagle sculpture created by Marlin Miller from a 100-year-old oak tree

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AKC-Sanctioned Dog Show Coming To Lee Civic Center

More than 1,000 registered exhibitors will converge at the Lee Civic Center in North Fort Myers to showcase 150 breeds of dogs at the annual Greater Fort Myers Dog Club event on May 25 and 26.

The American Kennel Club-sanctioned dog show is among the longest running in Southwest Florida and features exhibitors from throughout the U.S. Southeast. The show includes conformation, obedience, rally trials and junior handling as well as vendor booths filled with treats, toys and trinkets for dogs.

"A goal of the Greater Fort Myers Dog Club is to promote responsible dog ownership," show chairman Bill Paglivanti said. Saturday's show will feature a Parade of Rescue Dogs, a non-profit competitive event that recognizes and honors work done by purebred rescue groups.

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Lee County Tourism On The Rise

by Anne Mitchell

Lee County's lodging industry experienced increases in average occupancy rate and average daily rate for the winter season year-over-year. In March, lodgings had an 85.9 percent occupancy rate, compared to 84.4 percent in March last year, according to Smith Travel Research, which compiles data for The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel. Revenue per available room increased 9 percent.

For the winter season, January through March, Lee County hosted 1.398 million visitors who spent an estimated \$1.05 billion while visiting, according to Davidson-Peterson Associates, consultants to the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. Visitors staying in paid accommodations spent an estimated \$737 million (70 percent of the total) during the quarter.

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Commercial Fishing Fleet Tour

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

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

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

Volunteers are needed at Ostego Bay. Positions include: docent, aquarium maintenance,

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Take a tour of the area's million dollar shrimp industry on Fort Myers Beach

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Patio's Early Days

by Gerri Reaves



If you walked into the Patio de Leon in the late 19-teens or early 1920s, you'd find banana plants at the spot where a fountain is located today.

That spot lies at the center of the historic photograph and marks the convergence of the three street entrances. In the distance and behind the plants is Main Street.

That patio, which was named Tonnelier Court all those years ago, turns 100 this year.

It was built by Peter Tonnelier between 1913 and 1915, soon after he bought the Stone Block. That 1905 building on the southwest corner of First and Hendry is known today as the Leon Building.

In partnership with his brother Edward, Tonnelier subsequently built the other structures that surround the court and created entrances on First, Hendry and Oak Street (Oak was renamed Main Street several years later.)

Tonnelier's vision for the business court has stood the test of time, for it embodies the pedestrian-friendliness and mixed-use so crucial to a thriving downtown.

Pictured on the right is the Court Theatre, its entrance surrounded with placards announcing the silent motion picture playing inside.

The Tonnelier brothers announced the plans for the entertainment venue in late 1913. Advertisements during its first years urged the public to come to the "Court Photo Play Theatre" for "clear white light pictures."

At left stands the Graystone Building, whose upper floors were the Graystone Hotel and whose entrance was on Hendry. Located on the ground floor were various business and shops.

Notice the sign pointing the way to the Leon Hotel around the corner on the upper floor of the former Stone Block.



Plantings and potted plants interrupt the southward view in Patio de Leon today. The Graystone Building still stands at left, and the Morgan House is located in the historic building on the right. Only the theatre has been demolished

photo by Gerri Reaves

The last building completed in the patio was center-court on the west side. Just outside the photo frame on the right (near the bench and tree) stood the building where Morgan House Restaurant is located today.

Around 1925, George R. Sims undertook the redevelopment of the Tonnelier Block. In keeping with the boom-time architectural fashion, he added Moorish flourishes, tiled arches, vividly colored medallions, and retreating entrances.

Besides acquiring the Mediterranean architectural features still in evidence, it also acquired a new name, Patio de Leon.

The Court Theatre, which had been sold early in 1924 and closed for renovations, reopened as the more exotically designed Omar Theatre.

Still later, it became the Ritz Theatre, and lastly, the Little Theatre, which staged live productions. It was demolished in 1960s.

The banana-plant spot has a varied history in its own right. For many years, an alligator pit was located there. What a way to attract pedestrians, especially those tourists who inevitably ask where to see an alligator.

Then, in 1946, Trent Bowen opened the Patio Pauseway, a fresh citrus-fruit stand.

Today, the fountain on that spot pays tribute to the patio's history.

Walk down to Patio de Leon, say "happy one-hundredth birthday," and imagine live alligators in the fountain.

Then stroll a few more blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about the many patio tenants who set up shop over the century, including a famous candy store, numerous real estate offices and restaurants, beauty shops, a dentist office, barbershops, and even a pool room.

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 see photos of historic patio businesses.

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 and the Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.*



Circa 1920, banana plants grew at the center of Tonnelier Court. In the distance and behind the plants is the Main Street entrance

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society (Sara Nell Hendry Gran Collection)

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Fort Myers Public Art:

The Harborside Collection



by Tom Hall

More than a year ago, researchers at Florida Atlantic University announced they'd developed a computer algorithm capable of creating 3D models of faces from 2D images

like a photograph. Local sculptor D.J. Wilkins did that in his head more than 20 years ago in order to create busts of seven local legends in 1989 for the newly-built Harborside Event Center.

The north Galleria of the Event Center has seven alcoves that were originally designed for wet bars that would serve guests using the opposing convention space and meeting rooms. But planners had a change of heart and decided instead to display public artworks in the niches that would draw attention to the local legends responsible for making Fort Myers the city it is today.

Included within The Harborside Collection are Chief Billy Bowlegs, whose Seminole tribe was the reason a fort named after Colonel Abraham C. Myers was built on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River; Capt. Francis

Asbury Hendry, the man responsible for naming our county after Confederate General Robert E. Lee; Tootie McGregor Terry, who helped convert the dirt cattle trail that cut through town into the paved, palm-lined thoroughfare known today as McGregor Boulevard; Thomas Edison, our most famous winter resident; James D. Newton, the developer responsible for Edison Park, *The Spirit of Fort Myers* sculpture and the book, *Uncommon Friends*; Paul Laurence Dunbar, the first black poet to be published in the U.S.; and Connie Mack, who established Fort Myers as a major league baseball spring training center.

But by the time Wilkins was commissioned to cast their busts, all but Newton had died. "To make the cast for each bust," relates Wilkins, "I had to work from black and white photographs." To complicate matters, he not only needed photographs of the front, back and both sides of each face, all the images had to be from roughly the same time interval, "typically their mid to late fifties."

Wilkins was able to dig up the images he needed in all but one case. "I could only find one little black-and-white picture of Tootie McGregor, and it was downright unattractive," says Wilkins. "Since I couldn't express beauty, I decided to portray the dignity for which she was known."

Some years later, one of Tootie's grandnieces visited Fort Myers. "She looked me up to tell me that I'd nailed her great-aunt's likeness," Wilkins recounts with deserved pride.



Tootie McGregor grouping is part of The Harborside Collection

The Harborside Collection is on display in the north Galleria of the Harborside Event Center on Monroe Street and Edwards Drive in the heart of the downtown Fort Myers River District.

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 www.truetours.net.

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Three New Beach Projects Starting This Summer

Lee County is launching three beach nourishment projects this summer thanks in part to federal funding that came early to the county because of last summer's Tropical Storm Debby.

Among the projects:

- Captiva and northern Sanibel: 6.4 miles of beaches from Redfish Pass to Bowman's Beach will be nourished. Local partner Captiva Erosion Prevention District will work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Lee County Natural Resources. Federal and state dollars will cover about 50 percent of the project's \$21 million cost. Work is expected to begin in early August and be completed by year's end.
- Gasparilla Island/Boca Grande: 3.1 miles of shoreline from 17th Street to Boca Grande Pass will be nourished. The corps, DEP and Lee County Natural Resources will handle the \$10.5 million project, with 79 percent of the funding coming from the state and federal government. Work is expected to span Labor Day to Thanksgiving.
- Lover's Key and Bonita Beach:

a mile at Bonita Beach and a mile at Lover's Key State Park will be put under the same project, which is being done by the DEP, Lee County and the City of Bonita Springs. Combining projects is estimated to save taxpayers \$1 million; total cost will be about \$5.2 million, with work starting in September and ending in early 2014.

The three new projects were in the planning phase when in June 2012 Tropical Storm Debby brought storm surge and high waves to Lee County's shoreline for three days. It caused extensive damage to dunes and the high-beach area. Documentation of the impact was used to expedite project schedules and justify increased federal and state funding.

Additionally, a \$1 million Blind Pass project has just been completed. The pass straddles the north end of Sanibel and south tip of Captiva and was dredged for environmental purposes. The dredged sand was used to nourish a half mile of critically eroded shoreline on northern Sanibel. DEP and Lee County handled the project, with nearly 20 percent of funds coming from the state.

Taking care of its beaches is a priority for Lee County, which has 4.7 million visitors a year. Nourishment projects such as these ensure the beauty of the beaches, as well as their environmental health for protected species such as sea turtles and nesting shorebirds.✽

Tribute To America's Heroes

Join the Fort Myers Recreation Division, The Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and American Legion Post 38 on Sunday, May 27 at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. Recognition for "A Tribute To America's Heroes" will begin at 11 a.m.

The tribute will be hosted by meteorologist and Navy veteran Robert Van Winkle from NBC-2 and will feature performances by local singers including recording artist Dallas and the 4HTU singers.

Lee County Sheriff's Office will provide a Rifle Salute and Fly Over. The Fort Myers Police Department will present the colors. The United States Coast Guard will be laying a wreath on the Caloosahatchee River.

The American Red Cross will be accepting items for "care packages" for deployed troops, such as individually-wrapped pieces of hard candy (including Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Pops, bubble gum, Skittles, lollipops and Life Savers). Other items may include microwave popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, Kool-Aid, drink mixes and other snack foods. Other non-perishables may include travel size wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm, foot powder, toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shower soap/gel. Also, entertainment activities such as playing cards, puzzle books and reading material will also be accepted.

The Veteran's Administration will be onsite to provide information to veterans

regarding benefits. Concessions will be available. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.✽

Memorial Day 5K Run On The Green May 27

Here's your opportunity for a one-of-a-kind trip through one of the City of Fort Myers' finest golf courses. The route will take you through the "Back 9" and finish at the clubhouse.

Join the Fort Myers Recreation Division for the 5K Memorial Day "Run On The Green," which will be held at Eastwood Golf Course, located beside the Calusa Nature Center at 4600 Bruce Herd Lane in Fort Myers, just off of Ortiz Blvd. on Monday, May 27. Check-in is at 6:30 a.m. and the event starts at 7:30 a.m.

Registration fees:

- Adults (18+) - \$20 (prior to May 26)
- Under 18 - \$10 (prior to May 26)
- Adults (18+) - \$30 (on race day)
- Under 18 - \$20 (on race day)

Pre-registration by mail must be received no later than Friday, May 24.

Medals awarded for first, second and third place finish in each age group. Registrants will receive race T-shirt, post-race refreshments and will be eligible for door prizes if present after the race.

Online registration at www.ftmyer-trackclub.com. Registration forms are available at all Fort Myers Recreation Division facilities.

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Fitzenhagen To Be Featured Speaker

Florida State Representative Heather Fitzenhagen will be the featured speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club on Tuesday, May 21. She will discuss actions taken during the 2013 Legislature and will take questions from the audience.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings in South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting and program will follow. The luncheon cost is \$16 per person. Reservations are required by Thursday, May 16 and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Gaile Anthony, at 292-5212.✽



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From page 1 Breakthrough Award

Art Center Executive Director Jim Griffith has been leading an intensive building restoration project since leasing the facility in 2003.

In addition to the Festival of Trees, Goodwill and the Art Center also partner in another way. For more than two years, the Art Center has utilized Goodwill Services for its floor cleaning and janitorial services.

"Community partnerships are our life blood," said Morreale. "As nonprofits, it's very important to maintain these strong partnerships. They're how we sustain ourselves."

Other winners include Breakthrough Employer Darden Restaurant's LongHorn Steakhouse, Breakthrough Achiever Jean Edmond, and Breakthrough Graduate Daniel Rosenfeld. Goodwill will also be celebrating volunteer of the year Renee Ludwig, as well as showing a preview of the future Goodwill Opportunity Center.

The event, sponsored by SunTrust Bank, will take place at 11:30 a.m. at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets to the Goodwill Breakthrough Awards Luncheon are just \$50 per person or \$750 for a table sponsorship.

To RSVP for the event, or if you are interested in sponsorship, call Madison at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or email MadisonMitchell@goodwillswfl.org.

From page 1 Lee County Tourism

Also in March, 1,115,937 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, making it the busiest month in the airport's history. Figures represent an increase of 8.9 percent compared to March 2012 and a year-to-date increase in passenger traffic of 7.5 percent over the same period last year.*

From page 1 AKC Dog Show

The show will be held Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at the Lee Civic Center, which is a Lee County Parks & Recreation facility managed by the Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association. The 2012 event generated 1,673 hotel room nights and \$446,000 in direct visitor expenditures in Lee County.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 25 and May 26. Judging begins at 8:30 a.m. daily. Attendees pay \$10 per vehicle for parking and are admitted to the event for free. The Lee Civic Center is located at 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers, at the junction of State Road 31 and S.R. 78.

For specific breed information, visit www.fortmyersdogclub.com or call Paglivanti at 229-5813. For more

information about Lee County Parks & Recreation's sites and facilities, visit www.leeparks.org.

Art Therapy Workshop And Film At Alliance

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Alliance for the Arts and Angel C. Duncan, from the Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida, have partnered to present a workshop for mental health-care professionals, artists and others. The workshop is for those interested in learning about dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) and art therapy on Wednesday, May 29 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door.

Duncan has more than 10 years experience in DBT and art therapy, coming from Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute at the University of California-San Francisco. There, she worked in the adult inpatient and outpatient departments to help individuals with depression, anxiety, substance abuse and personality disorders.

She teaches DBT and expressive art therapies in graduate psychopathology and art therapy courses in California and Connecticut, and is a published author.

This workshop will provide an overview of the DBT's four modules and include case studies of artwork from various symptoms that demonstrate the effectiveness of utilizing art.

The workshop is followed at 7:30 by a screening of *Art Therapy Has Many Faces*, directed by Sanibel resident and art therapy pioneer Judith Rubin.

After the film there will be a panel discussion with Angel Duncan, art therapist Reina Lombardi and play therapist Tara Moser from Delta Family Counseling. The panel will discuss the importance of expressive therapies in mental health.

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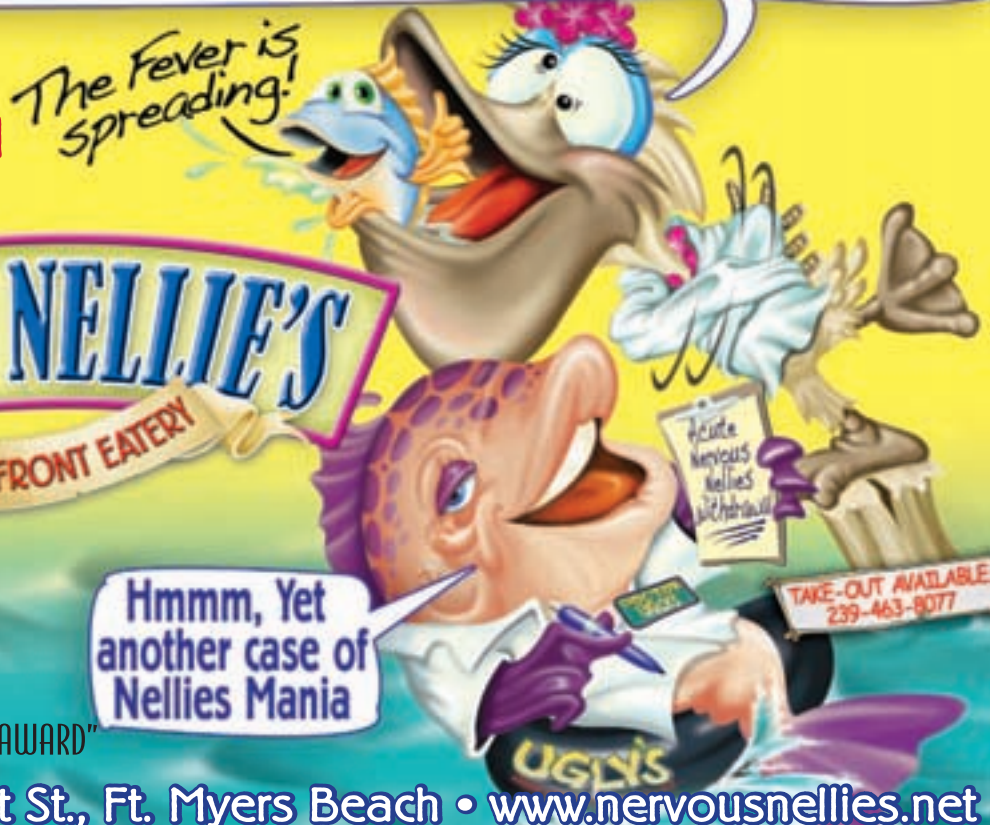
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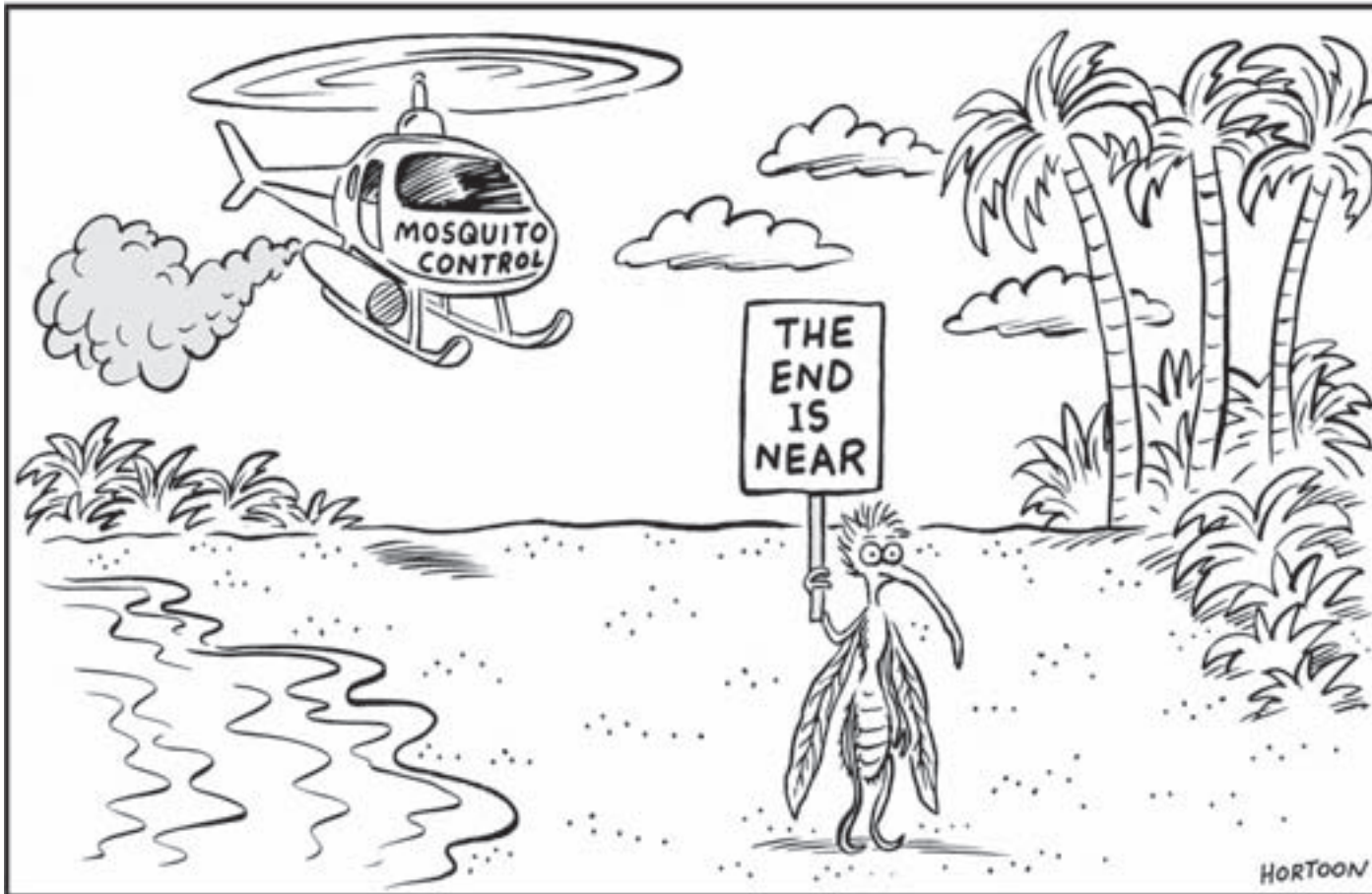


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Although the final results won't be known for several days, preliminary reports indicate that the 21st annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive was a resounding success, having collected more than a third of a million pounds of food in Lee County, Bonita Springs and Immokalee.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank will distribute food collected at no cost to their agencies; the remainder will be handled by several charities, including Lehigh Community Services, Interfaith Caregivers, Wake Up America, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, the Pine Island Food Pantry, and the Cafe of Life.

We extend our thanks to all of our letter carriers and community volunteers – those who assisted mail carriers with picking up food and to those who participated in preliminary food sorting. It's a lot of work, but the annual event is well worth the effort. Most of all, we want to thank our local residents whose generosity and caring make this such a success by donating nonperishable food. Our food banks depend upon us every year to fill their shelves and it couldn't happen without you.

Congratulations and thanks to all.
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Farmers Market At Cape Harbour

Succulent fruits, garden-fresh vegetables, seafood delights and homemade breads and desserts are just some of the mouth watering treats that will be offered at this season's Farmers Market at Cape Harbour. The market begins on Saturday, May 25 and will be held from 8 a.m. until noon and continue every Saturday until early October.

A host of quality vendors have been chosen to offer an array of locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as freshly made breads and pastries, honey, jelly, potted plants, hand made soaps and much more.

The market vendors will include the Acupuncture Clinic, Andy's Seafood, Artisan Bread Company, Bark Street, C & J Produce, Carefree Boat Club, Ceramic Graters, Classy Q-Z Covers, Edward Jones Co., Green Leaf Worm Farm, Happy Pickle, Hawaiian Kettle Corn, Heritage Honey, Jerad's Palm Trees, Nature Source, Nerium, Pampered Chef (once a month), Paradise Gourmet, Paradise Handmade Soaps, PowerFX, Pretzel's, Rustic Bliss Organics, Sea Shell Cupcakery, Signature Laser Imaging & Gifts, Simply Beachie, State Farm, Tupperware, Turtle's Tomato Patch, Two More Pockets, Vitamin Outlet plus the Shriners will be selling Vidalia onions. Seasonal fruits and vegetables including peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, lettuce, peaches, mangos, papayas and pineapple

are among the delectable offerings.

In addition to the Farmers Market, the merchants at Cape Harbour will open their doors to offer shoppers a host of treasures and treats. Guests are invited to browse the shops and enjoy breakfast, lunch, a cool gelato or cocktail while relaxing near the water. We have four restaurants; Rumrunners, The Joint, Pignoli on the Harbour and Run Agrounds Coffee Shop.

Cape Harbour is located at 5828 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral. For more information about the Cape Harbour Farmers Market, call 470-2746 or visit www.capeharbour.com.

Greeters Club

All are welcome to attend the Thursday, June 20 luncheon meeting of the Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The June speaker will be Kevin Farrell, a fraud specialist from the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

The cost is \$20. Call to make a reservation and to find out more about joining this group of Lee County women. Contact Marie Gaither at 791-8966 or email wmgaiter@aol.com. Find the club on Facebook at Greeters of Fort Myers.



Junior League of Fort Myers at Brightest Horizons

Junior League Helps Spruce Up To Center

On April 20, the Junior League of Fort Myers' spring provisional class came together at the Brightest Horizons Child Development Center in the Harlem Heights community to help give the nationally accredited child development center some much-needed upgrades to its facility.

For more than 38 years, Brightest Horizons has offered a secure and enriching environment for a diverse population of children. The center provides educational and developmental childcare for children of low income working families and strives to provide for the social, emotional, economic and the developmental needs of those children and families.

The 22 ladies who comprise the incoming class of the Junior League of Fort Myers gathered early on that Saturday morning, ready to work. The project entailed

planting interactive plant and vegetable gardens for the children, painting and upgrading fixtures in the bathrooms and refurbishing the playground with mulch and equipment.

"Wow! The children, staff, parents and volunteers were so impressed with the impact the Junior League made during their time here," said Brightest Horizons Executive Director Tina Parsons. "Everything looks great, and seeing the spark in the eyes of our children and families has really put a boost in the morale here."

"The sense of accomplishment has remained at an all-time high following the completion of the provisional class project," said Junior League of Fort Myers President Nicole Brenner. "It's not just how much of an impact we were able to have, but the feeling that we came together for a great cause and in the process discovered each other's talents."

The Brightest Horizons Project was successful due to the support of many community sponsors including Target, Dunkin Donuts, Pizza Hut and Home Depot. ✨



Planting the gardens



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Along The River



Aiyb Dieng, who has a loyal following in Southwest Florida, is performing with friends during Music Walk on Friday

On Friday, May 17, internationally-acclaimed percussionist **Aiyb Dieng** and friends are playing at **The French Connection** during Music Walk in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District.

Originally from Senegal, Dieng has gained international fame by collaborating with legends such as Brian Eno, Mick Jagger, Herbie Hancock, reggae star Bob Marley, beatnik author William S. Burroughs, Emmy Award winning flutist Kat Epple, jazz rock drummer Ginger Baker and prolific bassist/producer Bill Laswell. He has performed live at Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall with Karl Berger. He has also recorded a



Paul McCarthy, owner of Captiva Cruises, shares the history of Pine Island Sound during a trip along the Caloosahatchee to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers

solo album entitled *Rhythmagick*. Dieng is back in Southwest Florida to perform select live shows.

The French Connection is located at 2282 First Street, Fort Myers on the corner of Jackson Street. Call 332-4443 for details.

Beginning Friday, May 17, **The Laboratory Theater of Florida** presents **The Rimers of Eldritch**.

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The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets and showtimes, call 218-0481 or go to www.laboratory-theaterflorida.com.

Also on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m., **Fort Myers Wild Pottery** presents a Wild Pottery class at the Riverside Community Center. Pay as you go at \$10 per class. The first class is \$20 and includes 25 pounds of clay, eight pottery tools and glazes. Pieces are fired on site. Class is beginner to intermediate level of instruction. Focus is on sculptural techniques and hand building. Some wheel throwing.

The Riverside Community Center is located at 3061 East Riverside Drive, Fort Myers. For more information, call Joel Loeper at 574-8400.

Through the month of May, the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** presents **Viva Florida 500 Time Capsule**.

The Lee County Viva Florida 500 Time Capsule will be on display in the Edison Caretaker's House along with discovering Southwest Florida with Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, an exhibit featuring historic photographs and artifacts celebrating Southwest Florida's history during the Edison Ford era. The Lee County Library system in conjunction with the Florida Department of State has launched the snapshot time capsule project in honor of viva Florida 500, a year-long commemoration of Florida's 500th anniversary dating back to Ponce De Leon's landing in Florida in 1513. The items chosen reflect Lee county's unique community and represent what future generations should know about Lee County. The snapshot Time Capsule will travel around Lee County until September 2013. For dates and times, call 334-7419.

On Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, take an exciting boat cruise from Captiva to the Edison & Ford Estates with **Captiva Cruises**. The tours take visitors from Captiva Island to Fort Myers along the Caloosahatchee. The cruise tour highlights the importance of the Caloosahatchee ecologically and culturally, includes a view of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates from the water, lunch at the Royal Palm Yacht Club and guided tour of the Edison Ford estates.

Tickets are \$75 adults, \$65 children (ages 12 and under) plus tax and includes cruise, Edison Ford admission and lunch. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300, which is located at McCarthy's Marina, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island.

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Oak Tree Legacy

Murray Lewis, senior program specialist for Caloosahatchee Regional Park, which held an Earth Day presentation with the second grade class at Alva Elementary School. The children were given a lesson on how and where to plant them properly, and the importance of trees in the environment. Some of the trees were planted at the school while the others were taken home by the students.

Another 30 trees were planted by students as part of an Earth Day event, with a goal to plant 100 trees in the median in front of the Oasis Middle School in Cape Coral. Other trees were planted in Moody Park, Estero Community Park and the Edison Home/Allen Park area, to name a few.

Commissioner Frank Mann has also participated in guaranteeing the legacy of tree lives on.

"My aide and I gathered and planted several hundred acorns from the mighty tree," said Mann. "About half of them germinated and I continue to give them away. Several weeks ago, I distributed about 50 to community leaders in Lehigh Acres. So the Court House Oak legacy continues all over that great community as well."

LCDOT has a few of the saplings available. If anyone is interested, they can call Mike Williams or Bob DeBrock at 533-9400.*

Sanibel Named Top 3 'Happiest Seaside Town' By Coastal Living

Sanibel Island can now add "happiest" to its impressive list of honors. *Coastal Living* readers voted Sanibel Island one of the top three "happiest seaside towns" in America for 2013.

The magazine's editors unveiled their list of the 10 "Happiest Seaside Towns" in the February 2013 issue and invited America to vote for their favorite. Consumers voted hourly from January 10 to February 28. Fans rallied around their favorite towns and voted often. Beaufort came in first place followed by Harwich Port, Massachusetts. Sanibel scored the third spot.

"It was incredible to see such enthusiasm from our readers," said *Coastal Living* Editor-in-Chief Antonia van der Meer. "People take great pride in their home towns and we at *Coastal Living* are thrilled to share their happy little secret with the rest of America."

It's no secret at the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) that Sanibel Island makes people happy.

"Who wouldn't be happy walking along world-renowned beaches, looking for shells, watching dolphins surf in the waves and pelicans dive for their breakfast," said Tamara Pigott, VCB executive director. "The accommodations, attractions and restaurants make our residents and visitors very happy."

The complete list of the 10 best places to live by the sea, as ranked by consumers, will be featured in the June 2013 issue of *Coastal Living*, which will be on newsstands May 17.

Coastal Living chose its 2013 "America's Happiest Seaside Towns" finalists based on criteria that included ranking on the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, percentage of sunny days, healthiness of beaches, commute times, walkability, standard of living and financial well-being of the locals, geographic diversity and an editorial assessment of "coastal vibe."

For the full list of towns, visit www.coastalliving.com/happytowns2013.*

Read us online at IslandSunNews.com

June Meeting Of Lee Republican Women

The next dinner meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, June 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow.

The guest speaker will be Heather Fitzenhagen, Florida House of Representative District 78. Cost is \$20 per person, all inclusive. A cash bar will be available.

To make reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindyignelli222@gmail.com. For more information, contact Michele Duryea via email at michelemduryea@embarqmail.com or call 280-7653.*

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Fishing Fleet

office help, fund-raising, publishing and distribution plus some work outside in our local area. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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Local Church Votes To Welcome All

Members of the Fort Myers Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) recently voted to become an "Open and Affirming" church. Fort Myers Congregational UCC is the 1,090th church within the denomination to adopt the Open and Affirming designation. That designation, according to the UCC denomination, means the church is open to all people regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

The statement that the Fort Myers church adopted, however, goes much further and reads as follows: "Enriched by diversity, we embrace all people of any heritage, culture, race, sexual orientation, gender, identity and expression, age, marital or economic status, or varying mental and physical abilities. Everyone is welcome into all aspects of church life as we celebrate the image of God in every person." This statement is intended to make it clear to everyone in the community that they will not be merely tolerated, but warmly welcomed as a participating member of the church.

Although the vote was taken at the annual congregation meeting on March 17, the process began two years ago when the congregation voted to begin an investigation into, and educational campaign in support of, the Open and

Affirming process. A committee was formed to implement a program to educate the congregation on what it means to be an Open and Affirming church.

Over the past two years, the committee held various events to both educate and gain feedback from the congregation. Some of the activities included: a lesbian couple, Ruthie Berman and Connie Kurtz, who spoke about their work for equality; PFLAG members from a neighboring community; a lawyer, Valerie Eastwood, who spoke on legal issues facing the LGBT community; representatives from other churches who have gone through the ONA process; movies, books and articles about various social issues; sponsored the World AIDS Day Remembrance Service with other community churches.

For more information about the church, visit www.fmcucc.org, call 482-3133 or email fmcucc@juno.com*

Grant For School Improvements

The Gulf Harbour Memorial Foundation recently awarded Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. a \$12,500 grant.

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The Month Of May Has It All



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

What a week this was, no matter what you wanted to catch. For inshore anglers, it was going on. From tarpon to snook, redfish and even big trout, it was all

happening. Big daytime high tides had the redfish chewing along with the snook and calm mornings with super light wind made the perfect set-up for tarpon, which could be found in good numbers in all the usual places both bay and gulfside.

While tarpon fishing in the bay this week with long-time client Jerry Raffa from Sea Isle City, New Jersey, we got on the best tarpon bite I have found so far this season. Having had Jerry out tarpon fishing several times without success due to the weather conditions, I was thrilled we had a slick calm morning and I had been on fish all week long. Within 15 minutes of anchoring up in a favorite middle sound deep sand hole, we were hooked up. Jerry's buddy from Stuart, Florida had the the first tarpon, roughly an 80-pounder, which was good for about a 25-minute fight. For the next hour or so, we jumped one more fish and had a couple of takes on live crabs that just never came tight on the hook.

Right around 9 a.m., things really

started to go off. The next tarpon hooked ate a cut chunk of cut mullet and made one huge jump while coming toward the boat. I was reeling as fast as humanly possible to pick up all the slack line before I handed off the rod. Right as the line came tight, the fish jumped again hitting the transom of the boat. The 120-pound-plus tarpon's head was over the transom and if not for the motor and jack plate being in the way, it would have come inside.

Our next hook-up was a 50-pounder, which came boatside within 15 minutes before the hook pulled out. These 50-pound fish are the perfect size tarpon as they jump high and often, along with the fact you are not in for an hour-long tug of war. Within 10 minutes of resetting the lines, we jumped another full sized, 150-pound-plus fish which, after two huge jumps, parted ways. Right around 10 a.m., we hooked again and had a leader touch on another roughly 50-pound tarpon, Jerry's first. By 11 a.m., it was all over. We had gone 2-for-6 and were heading for the dock. Now that is how I wish every tarpon trip went.

This week, I also had a few trips that were not for tarpon. Redfish action on the big afternoon high tides was also happening. Southwest winds and a big high incoming tide is the ideal set up for redfishing. It was great to not have to go far from home as mangrove shorelines in the southern sound held some real bruiser reds up to 32 inches, along with good numbers of slot-sized redfish for clients looking to take home a fresh fish dinner. Tail hooked medium to medium-large pinfish thrown up under the trees quickly got inhaled. If you're more of a cut bait red fisherman, grass flats in the mouth of the river just off the Miserable Mile were a good bet along with oyster bars in the middle sound. Reds up to 29 inches where caught with soaked chunk baits.

Catch-and-release snook action was good this week, too. Sand potholes out from the mangroves and oyster bars on lower phases of the tide held lots of snook of all sizes along with some big gator trout up to and over 27 inches. Both shiners and pinfish did the trick for the snook but it was hard to beat throwing a few dozen stunned live shiners into



Melissa Russell with a 26-inch redfish caught fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

a sandhole with the chum bat to see if the fish were hungry. If the snook popped, we would quickly throw a hooked shiner in for an instant hook up.

Some of the bigger snook caught this week came while throwing pinfish under the trees for redfish during the higher tides. Snook action in the passes and on the beach is also picking up.

With so much going on this week, it's been awesome. My mornings have been spent tarpon fishing, then my afternoons chasing snook and reds. Simply put, May can be one of the most enjoyable months to guide here in Southwest Florida.

*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.**

Ostego Bay Marine Science Summer Camp

The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is accepting applications for its annual Marine Summer Camps. Each session includes exciting and instructional materials in addition to a graduation luncheon held on the final day.

Campers will explore some of the local barrier islands and the waters of Estero Bay. Scheduled field and beach trips introduce campers to sea grass communities, plankton populations, mangrove tangles and bird nesting areas. The staff of state-certified teachers offers a wide diversity of expertise providing highly personalized instruction.

The camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday:

- June 10 to 14: Sea Stars (6 to 8 years old)
- June 17 to 21: Logger Heads (9 to 11 years old)
- June 24 to 28: Sea Stars (6 to 8 years old)
- July 8 to 12: Tiger Sharks (12 years and older)
- July 15: Loggerheads and Sea Stars (6 to 11 years old)
- July 22: Sea Stars Camp (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

Mottled Ducklings



by Patricia Molloy

Baby animals are frequently brought to CROW by well-meaning citizens who discover what they believe to be "abandoned" birds and mammals. While it is easy to understand the

desire to help a seemingly defenseless little creature, resist the urge. Instead of scooping up a wild infant and rushing it to the clinic, first contact CROW's call center and speak with one of its knowledgeable first responders. As Dr. Heather noted, it is very likely that its mother is nearby and will return within 24 hours.

Take for instance several young Florida mottled ducks (*Anas fulvigula fulvigula*) that arrived around the same time at the clinic. "We are trying to pair the two smallest ones from different groups and it's not going that well," said Dr. Helen. "We tried again the next day when we reintroduced them in a tub. The larger one was still going after the smaller one, and it's even worse when food is introduced."

The Florida mottled duck is a non-migratory bird found only in the Sunshine State and lives its entire life in freshwater and brackish marshes. A close relative of

the mallard, the Florida mottled duck has inhabited the state for thousands of years.

As the two ducklings no longer have their mothers from which to learn natural duck behavior, Dr. Heather often tries pairing little ones of the same species together to encourage healthy development until they are old enough for release. After keeping the two in separate cages overnight, the need for companionship outweighed the larger one's competitive instinct for food. "Now they seem to like each other better," beamed Dr. Helen.

It will require around the clock feedings and careful monitoring before Dr. Heather will deem the ducklings old enough to survive on their own in the wild.

Like all other patients at CROW, these adorable ducklings are not covered under the protective wing of the mythical Aflac Duck. Donating to CROW allows the clinic to provide critical care to sick, injured and abandoned wildlife. You may request that your donation to be used to help specific patients or a certain species. Go to CROW's website for more infor-



These two mottled ducklings required supervised tub time together for several days before they got on well enough to share food. The brick in the tub allows them to take a break from swimming if they should tire.

mation.

If you are interested in a more hands-on approach, volunteer your time. Four-hour shifts are available in the mornings and afternoons and allow animal lovers an opportunity to assist the medical staff with things such as feedings, patient transportation and rescues. Call Kathy Boone, CROW's volunteer coordinator, at 472-3644, ext. 229 or email her at volunteers@crowclinic.org. Training is

provided.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: www.crowclinic.org.

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Nervous Nellie's Goes Fishing Tournament Crazy

On Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery in Fort Myers Beach welcomes back the Saltwater Classic Series fishing tournament. On Sunday, it is hosting the Spearfishing Spring Challenge.

- On-site registration 3 to 8 p.m. (Friday)
- Live entertainment begins 5 p.m. (Friday)
- Captain's meeting 7 p.m. (Friday)
- Fishing times: 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Saturday)
- Lines in the water at 6:30 a.m. (Saturday)
- Weigh-In opens at 3 p.m. (Saturday)
- Weigh-in line closes 5 p.m. (Saturday)
- Awards ceremony at 7 p.m. (Saturday)
- Registration and itinerary available at www.saltwaterclassicseries.com
- Tournament site is Nervous Nellie's at Snug Harbor (Call 463-8077 for information)

Sunday, May 19 is the Spearfishing Spring Challenge. Shoot and weigh-in is from 3 to 6 p.m. Price is \$200 per team. The general spearfishing tournament will be a 50/30/20 split of total entry fees. There is also a free-diving division, with a \$20 buy-in, winner take all. It will be based on the weight of one (mangrove) snapper and one hogfish (total weight).

Live entertainment this weekend features Harrold Antoine, Dave Collaton, Rich Lancaster, Smokin Bill and High Tide.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street in 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. For more information, call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnellies.net.✪



Book Signing With Schley At Humane Society

The Gulf Coast Humane Society, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, will be hosting a book signing with author Allison Schley, MEd., author of *Forever Friends*, on Saturday, May 25 from noon to 4 p.m.

"It is a poignant story about a deaf dog who lives in the Humane Society, waiting to be adopted. It is also about a deaf boy who is searching to be liked, even though he has a hearing loss," said Schley. "The two meet up and show people that deaf kids and deaf dogs are great."

Books can be purchased at the event for \$15 or pre-purchased online by including a message that the book is for the Florida signing.

Schley, a native of Beachwood, Ohio but coming from Waukesha, Wisconsin, was inspired to write this book after 20 years of working in the hearing loss field. She is fluent in American Sign Language as well as experienced in teaching children who choose listening and spoken language.

For more information about the book signing at Gulf Coast Humane Society, call 332-0364, email courtney@gulfcoasthumansociety.org or visit www.gulfcoasthumansociety.org/events.html.✪

Conservancy Opens Newly Renovated 21-Acre Nature Center

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida officially reopened the new 21-acre Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center during a two-day grand reopening weekend festival on April 20 and 21. The newly renovated nature center, located off of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of the Naples Zoo, is designed to raise awareness of the importance of protecting the water, land and wildlife in the region. Over 2,200 visitors attended to learn more about the conservancy mission.

The festival included exhibits, live entertainment, educational programs and speakers, including renowned oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle from *National Geographic*, who served as keynote speaker. Named as *Time Magazine's* first Hero for the Planet and a Living Legend by the Library of Congress, Earle shared the depths of her experiences as an oceanographer and explorer to attendees inside the new Eaton Conservation Hall and the Jeannie Meg Smith Theater. The festival was sponsored by Wells Fargo, with supporting sponsors Bank of America, *Florida Weekly*, Clear Channel and D'Latinos/Azteca America.

The \$20 million in sustainable renovations at Conservancy of Southwest Florida included a new entrance, four additional acres of nature preserves, new filter marshes, three new buildings and three renovated buildings. Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center offers a variety of new programs and experiences for the public and its members. For information, call 239-262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.✪

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The feathery foliage of bald cypress returns in spring

photos by Gerri Reaves

Plant Smart

Four Trees In Spring

by Gerri Reaves

Sometimes, newcomers to South Florida lament at the supposed lack of seasonal changes. But any observant person in residence for a while knows otherwise.

Signs that spring is in full swing abound. Test your familiarity with the local landscape with these four “tree signs.”

Three of them are good news for people and wildlife, but one reminds us to be vigilant about invaders in our midst.

That tall tree against the blue spring sky is the native bald cypress (*Taxodium*



Seagrape sports new leaves and prepares to produce more fruit

distichum). Although bare during the colder months, it regains its vivid green feathery foliage as the weather warms and the rainy season approaches.

This majestic, fast-growing conifer prefers a moist location but will adapt to drier sites, easily reaching up to 80 feet and more than 100 in wetlands and marshes.

Help to preserve this ecologically valuable species by using environmentally responsible mulch such as pine straw or bark, or mulch made of melaleuca or eucalyptus trees.

No sooner have the thick papery seagrape (*coccoloba uvifera*) leaves dropped and the last of the fruit consumed by birds, than the tree erupts in new round red-veined leaves.

Stalks that will eventually be draped with the next batch of grapes appear – a welcome sight for wildlife or people who



Red maple's spring colors can mimic those of fall

love seagrape jelly.

This native species is protected by law because it prevents coastal erosion.

Wildlife friendliness, beauty and low maintenance make it an excellent addition to almost any landscape.

Those deep burgundy leaves against that tree trunk might seem to signal fall, not spring, but the native red maple's (*acer rubrum*) new growth can be as autumnal in color as its fall displays.

This native fast-grower is a good choice for a pest- and disease-resistant shade tree. A moisture-loving nature makes it suitable for planting in drainage areas and swales or by ponds.

Speaking of shade trees, the bright yellow-orange fruit and red encrusted black seeds are appropriate colors for carrotwood (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*)



Carrotwood's bright fruit alerts homeowners that it's time to eliminate this invasive and destructive species before more seeds are dispersed by birds

– yellow and orange signal caution, followed by an alarming red when the fruit splits open.

The appearance of fruit warns homeowners to eliminate this harmful tree from the landscape before the seeds are eaten and dispersed by birds.

Carrotwood is listed as a category-1 invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and as a noxious weed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

This all too common residential shade tree was imported in the 1950s and 1960s. It's time to replace them... maybe with a seagrape or red maple?

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

Caring For Your Plants

Organic Pesticides

by Justen Dobbs



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

are a few simple tricks that you can use to reduce your insect, bacterial and fungal friends in your garden or landscape. I think it's safe to say that most people would rather use a safe, organic agent rather than a harmful chemical in their garden, especially with pets and grandchildren running around.

If you have small white flakes on your plants, they are likely mealy bugs. Or, you may have even smaller brown or beige lumps covering your plants' leaves or stems – this is likely scale. Insects lay these eggs, which hatch on your plants' leaves and then eat them. Both of these

infestations can usually be treated with coffee grounds. Whether you use fresh grounds or used ones, simply sprinkle them generously around the base of your palms and plants. This will create acidic soil conditions which deter pests and alter your plants' pH (systemic agent). While healthy for the plants, it is not preferred by most insects and they will soon leave. Or, you can add coffee ground to tap water and spray the solution on your plants' leaves. This also helps deter pests, but only after several applications.

Many plants in Southwest Florida (especially on Sanibel) are becoming more and more susceptible to sooty mold, which is dirt and dust that clings to urine deposited by insects. This sooty mold can quickly spread and greatly affects the health of the plants it covers. You will often find it on plants that are in too much shade or have too little airflow. This sooty mold can be removed with a mixture of organic soap and water. All it takes is a bucket, sponge and a little elbow grease. Recently, I witnessed a rare palm tree on Sanibel get butchered down to its center spear (i.e. they removed almost all its leaves) because it was covered in sooty mold. This was quite a tragedy! The palm will take years to recover (if it survives) for a simple coating of dust on its leaves that could have been treated



I DO NOT recommend that you use fire to treat your plant's pest problem

with soap and water! I blame ignorant landscape maintenance crews, which is why I am trying to educate the public.

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

summer months.

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

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

Black Box Theatre Gets New Lighting With Foulds Foundation Grant



William R. Schroeder, Foulds Foundation representative, was treated to a recent performance of *The Government Inspector* by the Edison State College Fine Arts Department as a thank you for the grant the foundation provided for new theater lighting.

Edison State College's Black Box Theatre recently underwent a lighting renovation with the help of a \$23,000 grant from the Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation. The new LED spotlights replace the old lamps, which ran between 500 and 1000 watts and used up the majority of the electricity the theatre could run.

"Before we were running 16 conventional lighting fixtures and using a large amount of power to air-condition the room from the heat the lights created," said Stuart Brown, professor, Theatre, Edison State College. "The new LEDs have almost doubled our inventory and require much less power, running at approximately 100 watts. They use less heat energy, allowing us to use less air conditioning, and they are much safer for our students to run. They are also more high-tech, allowing us to use lenses for projections and color changes."

"With the grant from the Foulds Foundation, not only have we been able to become more environmentally-friendly, we are the only theatre in the area to have this state-of-the-art equipment," Brown said.

"During the 1930's, Mrs. Foulds was a Broadway star known on the stage under her maiden name, Claiborne Foster," said Foulds Foundation representative William R. Schroeder. "With her background in the theatre, I'm sure Mrs. Foulds would have enjoyed seeing what a difference the new state-of-the-art lighting makes during performances."

The Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation was established in February of 1981. In recognition of the achievements of Mr. and Mrs. Foulds, they left their estate in trust to be administered by U.S. Trust, Bank of America, N.A. as a 501(c)3 Foundation in perpetuity to benefit charitable causes which they had supported during their lifetimes.*

New Exhibition Opening At Rauschenberg Gallery



Super Strat by Lawrence Voytek

Works by Lawrence Voytek will be on view at the Robert Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College from May 17 to June 22. Voytek was the director of art production for Robert Rauschenberg for over 28 years, and has consulted for art installation, fabrication and restoration with renowned national and international museums and galleries. Voytek studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and the San Francisco Art Institute. Voytek's work can be found in many corporate and private collections.

There will be an opening reception for the artist on Friday, May 17 from 6 to 8 p.m., with a gallery talk at 7 p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Sunday and holidays. For more information, call 489-9313.*

Fleamasters' Watermelon Festival

Fleamasters' Watermelon Festival, returning on the weekend of June 8 and 9, offers a weekend of live music, action-packed speed eating and seed spitting competitions, enticing shopping, and plenty of sweet, juicy Florida watermelon. This family-friendly event will be held on the grounds of Fleamasters Fleamarket, 4135 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Fort Myers.

"Sometimes it's tricky to time the event perfectly with the local watermelon harvest," said Linda Steele, Fleamasters Marketing Director and one of the festival organizers. "But this year we think we have the Festival scheduled at the peak of Florida Watermelon Season."

Since its debut, the festival has averaged annual attendance of 15,000.

During the Watermelon Festival, one aisle of the market will be reserved exclusively as a Community Exhibition



"Way Too Tall Torrie" will be at this year's Watermelon Festival

Area. There, artists may display and sell paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photos, fabric, jewelry and art in all mediums for less than \$25 a day.

"This is a good opportunity to reach art show-sized crowds without having to pay the high costs associated with a juried event," added Steele.

The exhibition area will also feature local non-profits and organizations that celebrate the outdoors. Fleamasters is offering complimentary display space for 501(c)3 organizations at the 2013 Watermelon Festival.

Musicians take the stage beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Country artist Colton James will open the day, followed by local favorites Deb and the Dynamics at 1 p.m. The Watermelon Festival also features performances by Scott McKean, Fleamasters' Dixie Five, The Hot Flashz Dancers and Just Country Band.

Youth will enjoy a game and craft area. And the stilt walker and balloon artist, "Way Too Tall Torrie," will spread cheer throughout the market Saturday and Sunday.

Seed Spitting and Speed Eating competitions continue to highlight the Watermelon Festival. For Seed Spitting and Speed Eating, medals, prizes and bragging rights will be awarded for each of three age groups: 10 and under, 11 to 16, and 16 and over. If anyone breaks the seed-spitting world record (68 feet, nine and 1/8 inches), they'll win \$500 cash from Fleamasters Fleamarket. Folks of all ages can also play "Win It In A Minute," a skill game with chopsticks and watermelon seeds.

See the Watermelon Festival schedule and get more information on Fleamasters' website at www.fleamall.com.*

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Peony Bouquet

The Art League of Fort Myers announces the winners for their May show, entitled Beautiful Color.

First place was awarded to Anne Lieberman for her watercolor *Far Away*.

"Strong composition. Exquisite line drawing with select painting drew my eye," were some of the judges comments. "The contemplative nature of the figure added mystery and intrigue and filled the space metaphorically as well as physically.

Well done."

Second place was given to the watercolor submitted by artist Susanne H. Brown, entitled *Autumn Leaves*.

"Lyrical landscape with beautiful colors skillfully painted, and capturing the rhythm of nature," were the judges' comments.

John Swank's photograph, *The Damsel & the Dragon*, was awarded third place. Judges commentary included, "Dramatic composition with unique viewpoint."

Merit awards were given to Dianne Kraft Barry, Gretchen Johnson and Ellie

Schneider.

Honorable Mention Awards were given to Vicki Baker, Julie Siler Olander and Peg Roehm.

The People's Choice was awarded to Dianne Kraft Barry for her oil painting, *Lovers Key Lane*.

The Art League of Fort Myers is located at 1451 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. The show will run through May 31. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

The Art League of Fort Myers is open to the public with no admission charge. ✨



Close My Eyes



Manatee Park



Lovers Key Lane



Summer Blossoms I

Rimers Is A Winner At Lab Theater



by Di Saggau

A challenging play for actors, directors and audiences is *The Rimers of Eldritch* by Lanford Wilson. It's now playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida, where everyone proves

of hymn singing by the townspeople as they cling to a sanctimonious hellfire and damnation faith. The Preacher/Judge (Michael McNally) criticizes his congregation for "the laxity with which we met the obligations of our Christian lives. The blindness from which we allowed evil in our lives." A great deal of hypocrisy exists in this small town but, as it unfolds, we are reminded that it exists everywhere, in towns of all sizes.

The script is daunting, much like a choral reading. Wilson was careful to give the audience enough information for us to put things together, but it takes a while for everything to sink in. Artistic Director Annette Trossbach told me there are three people in the play who always tell the truth; two women and one man. You will eventually figure that out.

There is a murder mystery and a trial taking place involving Nellie Winrod (Anne Dodd), who cares for her dementia-ridden mother Mary (Louise

they are up to the challenge.

I highly recommend you put it on your list of "must sees." Wilson was a Pulitzer Prize winner for *Talley's Folley* and is credited for helping to advance the Off-Off-Broadway theater movement. He was only 30 in 1967 when he wrote *Rimers*, which deals with hypocrisy and narrow-mindedness in a small rural Midwestern town.

The play resonates with its dialogue and its take on life in a decaying town in the American Bible belt. There's a lot of talk about crops, the weather and everyone in the town. Two gossips, Martha (Angie Koch) and Wilma (Patti Chamness), offer condescendingly sympathetic condemnations of their neighbors. "Ours is not to judge," "People don't care," "The evil in this world," and their comments fly as fast as their knitting needles.

There is also a lot



Ken Bryant as Skelly

2013 Festival Of Dance

Dance Bochette and Gulfcoast Dance present the 2013 Festival of Dance on Sunday, May 26 at Bishop Verot's Anderson Theater. One of the area's oldest family-owned dance studios, Dance Bochette is celebrating its 63rd season. The festival will showcase dancers spanning a large range of ages and genres including ballet, tap, jazz and modern.

Young dancers will celebrate nature through a series of ballet dances built on a picnic theme, including dancing fireflies, bumblebees, flowers, wood sprites and children as picnickers. Pre-teen and adult dancers will showcase a new interpretation of Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*, inspired by Michel Fokine's original choreography for the *Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo*.

The show will include professional dancers, courtesy of Gulfcoast Dance, a local non-profit dedicated to furthering dance education, awareness and appreciation. Special guests André Valladon and Carla Amancio of Dance Alive National Ballet will perform the classic *Grand Pas de Deux* from *Don Quixote*, choreographed by Marius Petipa with music by Léon Minkus, and a contemporary ballet *Folia*, choreographed by Cristina Helena with music by Heitor Villa-Lobos. Dance Alive National Ballet consists of 15 full-time professional dancers and is based in Gainesville.

Tickets are \$12 and available at the door or for pre-purchase at the studio. The box office will open 2 p.m. and the show begins 3 p.m. Bishop Verot's Anderson Theater is located at 5598 Sunrise Drive in Fort Myers.

For more information, visit www.dancebochette.com or call 334-3274.✪

Wigglesworth). Nellie is on trial for killing someone who lives in Eldritch. The actual murder does not take place until the end of the play, but fragments of conversations before the event might solve the mystery for you.

One of the more sympathetic characters is Cora (Kathleen Taylor) who runs the town cafe and, in her loneliness, tries to seal a relationship with a younger man, Walter (Ty Landers) who has a roving eye for younger girls. The derelict and ostracized Skelly is at the center of the play. Ken Bryant gives a remarkable performance in this role.

There are too many characters in this production to list by name. All do a terrific job. My hat is off to Louise Wigglesworth who also serves as director. She has choreographed everything into one tightly structured experience that stays with you long after the curtain call.

The Rimers of Eldritch plays through May 25 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Avenue in Downtown Fort Myers. For tickets call 218-0481.✪

Call For Artists

Arts for ACT Gallery, owned by Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., the domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault center serving Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties, hopes they can count on all artists to enter their juried themed group exhibit. The money we raise supports ACT, a

non-profit agency that provides safe shelter, counseling, a 24-hour hotline, information and referral, forensic examination, advocacy and education.

This year, the themes for the group exhibit are "Storybook Magic," "Far Away Places" and "Silhouettes and Shadows." Artist may submit two- or three-dimensional works in any media. The art must represent or evoke the artists interpretation of the three themes, use your imagination and creativity to express the themes.

A non-refundable fee of \$8 per entry, two entries for \$15 or three entries for \$20 will be charged. Artists have the choice of any and all themes. The artists can mix the themes when submitting their works.

Cash prizes will be awarded: first place \$100 – second place \$75 – third place \$50 and Honorable Mention of \$25 will be awarded. Judge to be announced.

Art drop off days are Saturday, June 22, Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Non-accepted art must be picked up on June 28 or 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit opens on July 5.

We need artists to make this exhibit a success.

Contact Claudia at 939-2553 or cgoode@actabuse.com with any questions about participating in this exhibit. Forms may be downloaded from our gallery website at www.artsforactgallery.com.✪

Tiller's Artwork On Display In Commissioner's Office

Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall is supporting local artists by giving them an opportunity to display their artwork in her Fort Myers office on the first floor of the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Allen Tiller will show his artwork in the District 4 Office until June 14.

"It is my desire to share with the viewer the beauty that I see in the world, and to take them to details that might otherwise be overlooked," said Tiller.

From the age of 10, Tiller knew he would be an artist, and in 1978 graduated from the Art Institute of Philadelphia. He launched a career doing magazine illustration in the Philadelphia area, winning several awards for excellence. In 1981, the Art Institute asked him to return, to create and teach a new course, airbrush. For two years, he joined the faculty of his alma mater. An exhibition in 1983 showcased his love of nature and portraits, both of which continue today.

In 1984, Tiller was attacked by a series of unexplained pains, weakness and numbness affecting all his limbs. After a year of total debilitation, ultimately the problems remained in his hands and arms. The outcome of this medical mystery was a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis. Although personally devastated, the creative spirit always found expression. Unable to paint or draw as before, Tiller spend the remainder of the 1980s photographing the Delaware Valley and Chesapeake Bay areas. He also explored texture and pattern, evolving into a series of large acrylic abstracts.

A move in 1990 allowed an interest in flowers to grow into a passion for gardening, creating an opportunity to bring together the photographic skills and the abstract eye.

His physical abilities continuing to degenerate, in 2003 a longstanding desire to relocate to Lee County was realized. Since then, the beauty of Southwest Florida has added to the sources of inspiration that keep this creative spirit alive. Currently when the MS allows, Tiller enjoys adding to his photos or the occasional drawing; when it does not, he uses the computer to create something fresh from all experiences of life.

The public is welcome to stop by and view the 10 framed pieces by Tiller and learn more about the artist. Call 533-2226 to confirm office hours for viewing the artwork.✪

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Sandy Stilwell joined members of the Iona-McGregor Fire District prior to their rescue training exercises at the Shack Baits property, located at Punta Rassa in South Fort Myers on May 7, 8 and 9 photos by Jeff Lysiak

Iona-McGregor Firefighters Train At Shack Baits Property

by Jeff Lysiak

Members of the Iona-McGregor Fire District spent three days last week training on the former Shack Baits property at Punta Rassa in South Fort Myers, staging simulated search-and-rescues in the now vacant building, which by next season will be replaced by an elevated, Key West-style restaurant and fish market.

Teams of firefighters used artificial smoke machines as well as wet bales of hay, ignited inside metal drums, to create a hazardous, smoke-filled simulation inside the single-story structure. According to Seth Cromer, Iona-McGregor's chief of training, each staged rescue drill would be different, presenting a variety of challenges for his crews to face.

Sandy Stilwell, who purchased the property with plans to open a new restaurant on site, came up with the idea of donating the structure for the local fire department to use for training purposes.

"If we were just going to raze the building, it would've been too costly," said Stilwell. "I knew that if these firefighters had an opportunity to do some simulations in the building, it's better for their training, so I'm very excited to be able to help with that."

Stilwell plans to construct a 5,000-square-foot restaurant overlooking Sanibel and San Carlos Bay, called SS Hookers, on the former Shack Baits property. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the eatery will offer outdoor decks, a bar and lounge area, a fish market and gift shop. No opening date has been announced.

During the rescue drills, fire personnel entered the building, searched for "victims" (rescue dummies placed inside the structure beforehand), extinguished the source of the smoke and/or fire, established viable exit points, kept in regular communication with all team members and provided a post-event recap of each simulation.

Staged rescue simulations help keep Iona-McGregor personnel sharp and ready.*



Todd Barber recovers the first "victim," a rescue dummy



Rescue teams cut a hole in the side of the building to allow smoke to escape



The Iona-McGregor Fire District squad goes over a game plan prior to the first rescue training simulation



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Coral Oaks Golf Course will host the 3rd annual Goodwill Golf Classic

Goodwill Golf Classic To Be Held At Coral Oaks Golf Course May 19

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's 3rd annual golf fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 19 at Coral Oaks Golf Course in Cape Coral. Last year's tournament successfully raised \$15,000 in gross proceeds to benefit the agency's programs and services and Goodwill is hoping to raise even more at this year's event.

"This is such a fun way to give back to the community," said Goodwill's Community Relations Coordinator Madison Mitchell. "Not only do participants get to play on a beautiful course but, the proceeds raised go right back into Southwest Florida through Goodwill's programs and services."

The Goodwill Golf Classic will feature a raffle, and multiple contests such as Closest to the Pin, 50/50 raffle, and a longest drive competition. If the Hole In One challenge has a winner, he/she will receive a Pebble Beach golf getaway vacation for two, including roundtrip airfare, valued at \$7,500.

The cost to play is just \$60 for a single player, \$240 for a four-person team and \$100 to sponsor a hole.

"It's because of events like this one, and because of our donors and shoppers that we were able to assist over 30,000 people with disabilities and disadvantages in Southwest Florida last year," explained Mitchell. "We wouldn't be able to do that without the support of the community."

To RSVP or for more information on the Golf Classic, call Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or email madisonmitchell@goodwillswfl.org.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. helps people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome their barriers to employment and independence. Supported programs include Job-Link employment resource centers, the Four Wheels For Work vehicle assistance program, L.I.F.E. Academy, and the Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise program.

For more information about Goodwill's programs in Southwest Florida, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.

Florida High School Baseball Teams Competing In Lee County

More than 30 of Florida's best high school baseball teams are competing for their respective class titles at JetBlue Park, a Lee County Parks & Recreation facility and spring training home for the Boston Red Sox.

The tournament showcases 32 teams from the Florida High School Athletic Association Baseball Finals, including the contenders for the state championships in 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A and 8A.

Lee County has not hosted one of the state baseball finals since 1967. Bringing the event to Lee County was a combined effort of the Lee County Sports Authority, Lee County Parks & Recreation, the Red Sox and the Lee County School District. The Florida High School Athletics Association's event has an estimated economic impact of \$1.8 million.

Play began Wednesday, May 15 and runs through Thursday, May 23, with the exception of Sunday, May 19. Parking is \$8 daily; admission is \$9. For a complete schedule, visit www.fhsaa.org/sports/baseball.

This event is just one of many at JetBlue Park, which saw 349 days of action in 2012, including 80 days of amateur baseball and more than six months of nearly daily youth soccer play. So far this year, the site also has been used for a sports expo, a rock music festival, a women's collegiate rugby championship and an auto-sale event.

There's A Disaster In Miami And It's Not The Weather

by Ed Frank



Storm clouds are gathering over Miami... and we're not talking about the weather.

What we are talking about is the pending disaster of the Miami Marlins baseball team – a disaster both on the field and in the brand new \$634 million Marlins Park.

Just six weeks into the 2013 season, the Marlins were 11-27 (.289), the worst record in the National League and only slightly better than Houston, 10-28, that trailed all the other 29 teams in Major League Baseball.

Already 10-1/2 games behind first-place Atlanta in the National League's Eastern Division, the Marlins are likely to lose more than 100 games this season and attendance is likely to fall even more. It could be even worse than last year's 69-93 record when the Marlins finished 29 games out of first.

The early season misery of the Marlins should not be a surprise considering that ownership in the off-season traded away the nucleus of the team – Jose Reyes, Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle, Emilio Bonifacio and John Buck – for seven players, mostly prospects.

That left Miami with a season-opening payroll of \$36.3 million, ranking 29th of 30th, just like their on-field performance this year.

Attendance is so bad at Marlins Park that the team announced they will be closing the upper deck of the stadium for several games, reducing capacity from 37,442 to about 27,000. Attendance is near the bottom of Major League Baseball, not the case for most teams when playing in a new ballpark.

The Marlins are averaging about 18,000 fans per game, about 50 percent of stadium capacity.

The year-old stadium in Miami's Little Havana features a retractable roof, aquariums, a swimming pool and other modern amenities. Taxpayers are on the hook for \$475 million of the stadium's cost.

The new facility was intended to spark an economic boom to the area, but now, more than a year after it opened, not a single business has opened in the prime retail space that was created in the adjacent parking garages – garages also paid for by the taxpayers.

Several firms apparently showed initial interest, but have backed away due to meager attendance at Marlins Park. The city had counted on rentals to help retire the \$120 million debt on the garages.

The failure in Miami again opens the age-old controversy whether taxpayers should be funding construction of professional athletic facilities.

If a vote was taken in Miami, you know what the result would be.

Miracle Remain Atop Florida State League

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team started the week with a 4-1/2 game lead in the South Division of the Florida State League with a 27-8 record (.771).

The Miracle won two of three from Jupiter last weekend before beginning a four-game home stand this week, Monday through Thursday against Dunedin.

The local baseball team is back on the road following this series for a seven-game road trip to Charlotte and Lakeland. The Miracle returns home to Hammond Stadium next weekend to again face Charlotte.

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Edison State College Announces Its First \$10K Bachelor's Degree

If you have an interest in teaching and a passion for science, Edison State College has the perfect degree for you! Edison State College offers degrees in Secondary Biology Education and Middle Grades Science Education with tuition under \$10,000. In Edison's transformational approach to teaching, students will complete both ground and online innovative coursework.

"Both of these degrees are designed to meet critical shortage areas in the state of Florida," said Christy Duda, Director of Field Experience at Edison State College. "So, not only are we accepting Governor Scott's proposal, we are also responding to our community's need for highly qualified educators in the areas of secondary and middle grades science. To date, most of the science educators in the state of Florida are alternatively certified or teaching out of area."

In November, 2012 Governor Rick Scott challenged the state colleges of Florida to offer programs for those who want to obtain a college degree without going into debt.

"Higher education is key to helping our students succeed in the 21st century economy and to grow jobs in Florida," said Scott. "It is important our students can get an affordable education, and our state colleges have stepped up to the challenge to find innovative ways to provide a quality education at a great value. Our goal should be that students do not have to go into debt in order to obtain a degree – and today's announcement of nearly all of our state colleges meeting this challenge puts us closer to achieving that goal for our students and families."

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Thomas Admitted To St. Augustine's University

Jacques Thomas, a resident of Fort Myers, has been admitted to St. Augustine's University for the fall semester. Established in 1867, St. Augustine's University is a four-year liberal arts university in Raleigh, North Carolina.✪

McCranie Graduates

Colin Andrew McCranie, a resident of Fort Myers, was among more than 2,750 students who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at commencement exercises May 3 and 4. McCranie received a master of business administration degree from the graduate college.✪

School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP



Dear Readers,

Here is the third and final column presented in this series on IEPs. It's a checklist that will help you make sure that your child's IEP is both

individualized and addresses the content and regulations required by federal law. It is adapted from Wrightslaw: All about IEPs and the Model IEP Form published by the US Department of Education.

IEP Checklist

Does the IEP include accurate information about your child's present levels of academic achievement and functional performance? Does the IEP identify all your child's needs that result from the disability?

Does the IEP include measurable goals? Are the measurable goals based on your child's present levels of academic achievement and functional performance?

Does the IEP describe how and when the school will measure your child's progress toward the goals? Does the IEP specify when you will receive reports on your child's progress toward the annual goals?

Does the IEP include a statement of the special education services, related services, and supplementary aids and ser-

vices that the school will provide?

Does the IEP allow your child to make progress in the general curriculum, and participate in extracurricular and other nonacademic activities? Does the IEP include an explanation of the extent to which your child will be educated with children who are not disabled?

Does the IEP include the projected date services will begin? Frequency? Location and duration of services?

As you preview your child's IEP and find that can't answer one or all of the above questions or have comments or concerns, make sure to write them down and send them to your child's case manager. The case manager should be able to answer your questions or investigate the concern so that you are confident about what is written in the IEP.

For further information on IDEA, IEPs and learning disabilities make sure to visit <http://nichcy.org/laws/idea>, the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities. It is an excellent website with wonderful information, including online video training modules where you can learn more about special education.

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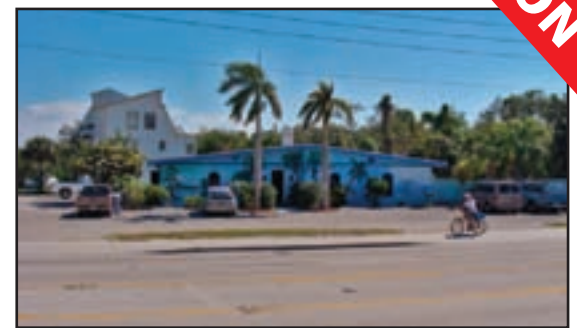


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Financial Focus

Study Up On College Savings Vehicles



by Jennifer Basey

Another school year is drawing to a close – so if you have young children, they're one year closer to the day when they head off to college. And both you and your children need

to prepare for that day. Your kids can do so by developing good study habits. As for you, it's never too soon to start preparing for the high costs of higher education.

Just how costly is college? According to the College Board's figures for the 2012-13 academic year, the average cost for one year at an in-state four-year public school is \$22,261; for a private school, the comparable expense is \$43,289. And if college costs continue rising faster than the general inflation rate, these figures will increase substantially in the years ahead.

Of course, it's entirely possible that your kids will receive some scholarships or grants, which can significantly lower your out-of-pocket price tag. Nonetheless, it's probably a good idea not to count on your offspring getting a "full ride" to school – which means that you may want to start exploring college-savings vehicles.

Fortunately, you have some attractive options, one of which is a 529 plan.

When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (Keep in mind, though, that 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10

percent IRS penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. However, 529 plans vary, so be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

A 529 plan offers other benefits, too. For one thing, the lifetime contribution limits for 529 plans are quite generous; while these limits vary by state, some plans allow contributions well in excess of \$200,000. Plus, a 529 plan is flexible: if your child, grandchild or other beneficiary decides against college or vocational school, you can transfer the unused funds to another family member, tax and penalty free.

While a 529 plan may be a good choice for building resources for college, it's certainly not the only choice. For example, a Coverdell Education Savings Account, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. However, you can typically only put in a maximum of \$2,000 per year to a Coverdell account.

Another college-savings possibility is a custodial account, known as an UGMA or UTMA, which offers some tax benefits, no contribution limits, and may have an impact on financial aid. You might also consider investing in a zero-coupon bond that matures just when your child is ready for college. Unlike other bonds, you won't receive regular interest payments with a zero-coupon bond, but you purchase it at a deep discount, so you might find the affordability factor to be worth considering. (Be aware, though, that even though you don't actually receive the interest payments annually, you'll still be liable for the taxes on them, so before purchasing a zero coupon bond, consult with your tax advisor).

Whichever college-savings vehicles you choose, try to put them to work as early as you can. Before you know it, today's first-graders will be tomorrow's college freshmen.

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Flood Insurance Rates To Skyrocket For Older Homes

submitted by Chris Heidrick

Last July, Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW12), which provided for a sorely needed five-year re-authorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). However, FEMA has just recently started to release details of other provisions of the Act that will have significant financial impacts on local homeowners, commercial property owners and condominium associations.

Sanibel-based Heidrick & Co. Insurance and Risk Management Services was one of just 40 agencies throughout the United States in attendance with FEMA officials at the National Flood Insurance Conference in Anaheim, California last week, where details were released and clarified.

The most significant section of the Act immediately eliminates rate subsidies on structures built prior to 1979 on Sanibel and 1984 in Captiva, Fort Myers Beach and many parts of mainland Lee County. Rates for these structures have been artificially low since the inception of the NFIP in 1968. Premiums for these policies will increase from a range of \$1,200 to \$2,400 to at least \$3,000 and in many cases to well over \$10,000 per year. While the new rates have not yet been released, indications are available. Government and industry leaders all agree on the enormity of the increases.

Residential, commercial and condominium association policies that were in effect prior to the Act (July 6, 2012) will have the increases phased in over the next several years through annual increases of 20 to 25 percent per year. However, policies that were purchased

on or after July 6, 2012 will require owners to obtain an Elevation Certificate and will be re-rated at the new, higher rate at the first renewal after October 1, 2013. Buyers of older, ground-level homes/buildings should have an Elevation Certificate done by a surveyor now and ask their agent how their premiums may be impacted at the next renewal. Some people may struggle to pay premiums that increase as much as 500 percent at their next renewal. Owners of all structures located in a Special Flood Hazard Area and having a mortgage are required to maintain flood insurance.

Selling impacted properties may also become more difficult as buyers who require a mortgage may be reluctant to purchase a property that requires a \$10,000 per year flood insurance policy. In some cases, the only way to escape the impact of BW12 may be to elevate the building.

And, as if these increases are not painful enough, there are several other provisions in the law that will further increase flood premiums today and in the future.

Any building that has been "substantially improved greater than 30 percent of its fair market value" will immediately be subject to the new, higher rates. This threshold is lower than the "50 percent of fair market value" threshold that triggers conformance requirements under FEMA construction guidelines. However, if the improvement elevates the building above Base Flood Elevation it could result in a decrease in flood insurance premiums.

Building and community officials should be advising citizens that there are significant credits provided for exceeding FEMA requirements. Often, buildings are constructed to meet FEMA requirements, which are a minimum standard. Exceeding those standards by elevating just one additional foot could decrease flood premiums over 50 percent.

Further, the practice of "Grandfathering" will also be phased out beginning in late 2014. Grandfathering

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
No Subdivision	Captiva	1970	8,353	4,895,000	4,300,000	71
Grand Ole Man	Fort Myers Beach	2011	3,532	2,495,000	2,340,000	88
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	1957	2,645	1,498,000	1,475,500	9
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	4,591	1,395,000	1,340,000	68
Summerfield	Bonita Springs	2001	3,168	1,075,000	1,003,000	97
Shadow Wood Preserve	Fort Myers	2007	3,126	895,000	850,000	87
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2003	2,781	799,999	750,000	159
Town & River	Fort Myers	1973	2,332	769,000	685,000	61
The Forest	Fort Myers	1990	3,436	639,000	615,000	26
Villa Grande	Estero	2006	2,682	595,000	570,000	18

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Dr. Dave

Enticing Camouflage



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Recently, my wife and I wandered off into Arizona's Sonoran desert, she in search of adventure, me thinking she said, "Let's wander off for some dessert."

Not too far into the hike, we came across a soft, cute, fuzzy baby lying on the desert floor. It looked so inviting, it could have been a dessert, I pointed out. But to make it even more appealing, why not call it a "teddy bear" and then add a romantic "cholla" to its name. We had not only come across a teddy bear cholla plant, but a baby, innocently lying on the ground, no less. Who wouldn't want to cuddle a million of them? My wife certainly would. A perfect storm for a gentle "ahhh" photo op. But this plant's nomenclature should have included "vicious attacking maiming *Godzilla cactusi*."

The "ahhh" moment turned in to an "owww" moment when the cuddly little cholla she had picked up so gingerly decided it didn't want to be let down and suddenly shot hooks out of its arms like Wolverine on Red Bull. The attack of the

jumping teddy bear cholla was on!

"DAVID! COME GRAB THIS THING OFF ME!" Although what I'm sure I heard was "Run the other way, I'm being attacked!" So her plea for me to manually remove this vicious beast of the Sonoran from her carcass went unheeded for self preservation purposes. (One of us had to make it out in order to return the rental car so we didn't get dinged an extra day.) But as I looked around for a rock or stick or a stiff lizard to knock it off her, she made the fatal mistake ("fatal" added here to make this story even more "gripping" and hey, in the end, we all die anyway) of grabbing it with her free hand, to which the cholla leaped on with apparent cholla glee. By the time we finally extricated her from this spawn of Satan succulent, she had several broken barbs sunk deep in to her hand. Later back at the hotel I removed them with a Black and Decker, mucho tequilla, earplugs and a hatchet.

That this happened to her is no surprise to either of us, as in the last two years, she has been kicked by a horse, attacked and stung by jellyfish, been tossed like a rag doll onto a seashell beach by a rogue wave, pranced on the side of an exploding volcano and actually set off alarms in Sigmund Freud's house. I can't wait to take her on safari in Africa.

Nature and marketers both camouflage



Beware of the barbs from the teddy bear cholla plant

themselves to try to attract us to things that look so inviting but are anything but. In fact, are not some of the most enticing things we partake of the most dangerous?

Sun: Enticing scenes of lounging on a tropical beach while your wife chides you for ogling as she steals your Corona. You roll over so as to brown evenly like a marshmallow on a campfire before it bursts into flames. Sun beaming, waves lapping, rays absorbing, DNA changing, skin wrinkling, chemo starting.

Booze: Cold drink, hot day, cold ice, hot girls. Enticing, yet I will never forget the comment of one ER doctor struggling to jam a compression balloon-on-a-tube down the gullet of a "partier" who was thrashing about as he was throwing up buckets of blood. "I don't believe they showed this part in the commercials."

Vitamins: Hunkered between booze and cigarettes are vitamins? Isn't that kind

of extreme? But call anything a "vitamin" or "natural" or "all-natural" and the gumboots will come a stompin' like flies to scorpion poop. Though some vitamins have been shown to be counterproductive to our health, who wants to let science interfere. The word "vitamin" is just too lovely to ignore and of course if it's natural, it's got to be like really, really good for us, like hemlock and chollas.

Cigarettes: Skulls and crossbones are just too tempting for the Jimmy Dean wannabes. Can't resist getting that bad boy image to go along with that bad boy breath and bad boy cough. And speaking of green...

Green stuff: A recent study found that people tend to think a candy bar with a green calorie label is healthier than ones with red or white labels, even when the number of calories is the same. I would call this "cholla" chocolate. This effect was strongest among people who place high importance on healthy eating, the moral being therefore not to care about healthy eating so you won't be fooled.

So, no more desserts for us. "WHAT?"

Whoops, very, very bad typo. "Bad fingers!" My wife and I are out of the deserts and are back hiking in the good ol' Pacific Northwest rainforest, where my wife just found these really cute, colourful mushroomy things...

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dearPharmacist

Finding The Cause Of Migraine Headaches



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I've had migraine headaches for 11 years and live on triptan drugs and ibuprofen. There must be something else I can do. Please lend some sensible "Suzy" insight. I'm

desperate.

JC, Tuscon, Arizona

The sensible thing for me to do is help you determine the cause of your headaches, rather than list supplements you've probably already tried. Migraines can steal the joy from your life, making you nauseous and sensitive to sounds, perfume and light, not to mention the pain. There are 50 other symptoms, too.

Even though your odds increase if a family member has migraines, I still think you can overcome them if you know the cause, that's the hardest part. Women are three times more likely to get migraines, compared to men, which speaks to an estrogen connection. A sudden drop in estrogen (like at the beginning of your natural cycle or when coming off "the

pill" for a week) can trigger a headache.

Food sensitivities are common triggers so I'd avoid foods that contain gluten, wheat, dairy, soy, eggs, corn, processed cold-cuts, wine, sulfites and chocolate. Give it three months to be fair. Avoid food additives at all costs, such as artificial colors, sweeteners or MSG. Don't freak, it's not that hard to do if you choose to eat nothing from a box or can.

Have you considered nutritional deficiencies? Magnesium deficiency is a common cause for headaches, depression, cramps and body aches. For the complete list of medications that rob you, refer to my book *Drug Muggers*.

How crazy would you think I was if I told you that *H. pylori* (the same bug associated with ulcers) is tied to migraines? A randomized, double-blind placebo controlled study proved it in 2012, and that was not the first study tethering bacteria, parasites, worms and viruses to migraines.

Experts cannot agree on why migraines occur. Some think there are arterial changes which create more blood flow to the head. Drugs like Imitrex, Zomig and Maxalt work by constricting blood vessels and should be taken immediately. Medicine won't prevent future attacks, that's why I stress the importance of finding the triggers. Speaking of stress, minimize it.

Other experts including myself, think migraines have more to do with mitochondrial (mito) dysfunction and pain-causing cytokines than with inflamed

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I never thought retirement would be like this; I thought it would be much better.

My husband, who always seemed like an organized person, just doesn't function that way anymore. I make out a list for him - the cleaners, a little grocery shopping, the pharmacy and a bank deposit. He is very willing to go and all this could be done in one trip in a very short time, but he insists on doing it his way.

He goes to the cleaners, then comes home and has coffee. Then, he drives to

the bank, then comes home for lunch. He has his nap, then goes to the pharmacy and forgets to go to the grocery store. He is driving me crazy, but other women I talk to complain about their husbands watching endless TV.

Some talk about writing a book, but it never gets started and others spend hours and hours at their computer. They know that daily exercise is important, but the only exercise they get is the five minute hike to their mailbox. How can I improve on his chore schedule?

Melvina

Dear Melvina,

You can't make anyone do what they don't want to do themselves. It sounds as if your husband is bored, and to fill in the time, he makes what he did formerly in an hour stretch out for a day.

This man is having retirement adjustment problems and he needs some meaningful activity. Is there a friend or former business associate who you know is involved who could call and meet him and introduce him to other involved men. Your husband needs your help - not your criticism.

Lizzie

Dear Melvina,

A lesson in life I have learned is that I cannot change someone else. The only person I have true control over is myself, my feelings, my thoughts, my behavior. Sometimes I doubt it, but that is a different story.

Back to you. In trying to find a solution to your current challenge, you can

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Edison State College Offers Neonatal Intubation Program



A Neonatal Intubation program will be offered at Edison State College

Edison State College is offering a Neonatal Intubation course through the Continuing Education program to help practicing Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRT) learn the correct steps for successful intubation on infants.

"This course allows participants to learn the proper procedure for neonatal intubation, in a safe environment through the simulation labs," said Dr. Jeff Elsberry, Associate Dean of the School of Health Professions for the department of Cardiopulmonary and Emergency Care Programs at Edison State College.

Course developer and faculty member, Sindee Karpel, MPA, RRT commented, "There are many obstacles to using live infants for clinical practice. This course provides a unique simulated experience for Respiratory Therapists to develop and enhance their skills in a setting that enables focus on the clinical procedure. When faced with a real-life scenario, Respiratory Therapists who complete this course will have greater competence in providing intubation for small children."

This course is designed through eight hours of online study, available anytime day or night, and two hours of clinical preparation and practice which can be scheduled at the convenience of the participant.

Upon completion of this course, participants are able to identify the need for endotracheal intubation, identify the anatomical structures encountered for a neonate during

Food Bank Receives Grant Thanks To Community Support

The adage "every vote counts" was true in the recent nationwide Walmart voting for funds to help alleviate child hunger. The vote was close but the Harry Chapin Food Bank received enough votes to place it in the top 40 organizations and will receive a \$45,000 grant. As a result, the food bank will be able to distribute \$270,000 to children in need. Walmart's Fighting Hunger Together voting took place during the month of April.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank asked for the public's assistance in voting in order for it to receive the grant for its innovative and effective child hunger programs, and the public (both locally and nationwide) came through with their votes. Visitors to the food bank's website were able to vote once each day during the month. Walmart is distributing \$3 million to those organizations receiving the most votes.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank will use the grant money to fund The Kid's Corner school pantry project. This project will increase food access by 80,000 pounds for 1,322 children whose families struggle to put food on the table by establishing two in-school pantries in Lee and Charlotte counties.

As a member of Feeding America, the Harry Chapin Food Bank had the opportunity to receive one of the 40 grants available. More than 300 hunger relief organizations across the country were in competition for votes. The child hunger projects submitted through this grant opportunity were voted on by the general public as part of the Walmart Fighting Hunger Together program. Funds received must be used for national child hunger programs such as BackPack, School Pantry, Summer Food Service, Kids Cafe, and Afterschool Snack, and/or other initiatives that have a clear, direct, and measurable impact on reducing child hunger in the communities served.

"Walmart has come up with a way to engage the community in the fight against hunger. Coming into summer, this support will make a real difference in the lives of so many children in need," said Al Brislain, Harry Chapin president and chief executive officer. "Together, Walmart and the Harry Chapin Food Bank are fighting hunger and helping families in their struggle towards self-sufficiency. We thank our community for their participation in this voting program."*

intubation, select and prepare equipment needed, insert and determine placement of the endotracheal tube, and perform as many intubations as their institution requires in the simulation hospital under physician supervision.

One third of the 40 participants from the first class of Respiratory Therapists, who regularly respond to high risk deliveries within the Lee Memorial Health System, have completed this new certification program.

For more information, visit www.edison.edu.*

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\$10K Bachelor's Degree

"There is a high demand in Southwest Florida for secondary biology teachers as well as middle grades science teachers," added Dr. Erin Harrel, Dean, School of Education at Edison State College. "The added incentive for students is to offer them the chance to earn a bachelor's degree for \$10,000 and be in a position to fulfill a local, workforce demand."

For more information about Edison's degree programs, contact Dr. Christy Duda at cduda@edison.edu or call 489-9366.*

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blood vessels. Your mito are energy generators and normally pump out ATP (energy molecule) but something goes awry.

Restoring mito health and reducing cytokines should become every migraine sufferer's goal. Eradication of infection can help while supplements that support mito health are critical. CoQ10 (or ubiquinol) is among the best. A 2002 study (Cephalalgia) concluded that 61 percent of participants found at least a 50 percent reduction in the frequency of migraine attacks over four months with CoQ10.

Migraineurs could also benefit tremendously from magnesium, riboflavin and lipoic acid. Wrap your head around this type of thinking because my new ideas might help you reach your ultimate goal, a pain free life!

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

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Flood Insurance

allows a property owner to continue to pay lower rates after a revision to flood maps indicate an increased hazard for that property, saving some property owners thousands of dollars.

For owners of properties impacted by BW12 there is one glimmer of hope that has recently surfaced. On May 7, 2013, Sen. Mary Landreiu of Louisiana introduced an Amendment to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) that would stop premium rate increases for NFIP coverage until FEMA conducts an affordability study and there is adequate time to act on the findings. Homeowners and citizens should contact Sen. Bill Nelson and Sen. Marco Rubio to express their concerns about Biggert-Waters

and ask for support of Sen. Landreiu's Amendment to the Water Resources Development Act.

*Chris Heidrick, CPCU, ANFI, CFP, has over 20 years of insurance industry experience, having served in senior executive roles with some of the world's largest insurers and brokers. For more information, visit www.sanibelinsurance.com.**

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Mom And Me

try to work with your husband and yourself. You can provide options, directions and or scheduling suggestions to your husband, but he needs to see a need for change and choose to change. You cannot change him. If he chooses not to take your suggestions, you will need to change how you think and feel about his schedule and learn to work around it.

People, men mostly, in my experience refuse to ask for directions. You know the world-wide jokes about men accepting being lost for hours before stopping to ask for directions? This seems to occur in retirement. They refuse to ask for directions in their new journey into retirement and more times than not get lost similar to how they got lost going on the family vacation.

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

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Grant For School

score the lowest in print knowledge and phonological awareness," said Community Montessori Directress Cindy Venezia. "This grant will allow us to enhance these areas in the classroom, thus greatly impacting the children's academic levels. The donation will also be used to improve the school's building and regular maintenance."

The Community Montessori School is an APPLE accredited early-learning program that provides quality early-childhood education to 40 children, ages two to five, from families who are working or in school and at 150 percent below the poverty level. The program prepares its students for elementary school by focusing on the development of the whole child – physical, social, emotional and cognitive. Its graduates enter kindergarten better prepared for future academic success.

The fully licensed facility is open to the community and offers a quality, affordable pre-school education in a safe environment to families who are committed to their children's learning. Tuition rates are based on the family income.

For more information, call 332-7687 or visit www.cc-mileecounty.com.*

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. SCIENCE: What is the conversion of water vapor to liquid called?
2. PSYCHOLOGY: What is gymnophobia?
3. LITERATURE: What was the name of the centaur in "Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone"?
4. MOVIES: What does Cruella De Vil want to make out of the puppies in "101 Dalmatians"?
5. TELEVISION: Where does the show "The Gilmore Girls" take place?
6. MUSIC: In what year did the Beatles make their first visit to the United States?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Iceland?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is a macaque?
9. MEDICINE: What is the chief cause of cholera?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the biggest snake in the world, in terms of weight and girth?

ANSWERS

1. Condensation
2. Fear of nudity
3. Firenze
4. A fir coat
5. Stars Hollow, Conn.
6. 1964
7. Reykjavik
8. A monkey
9. Contaminated water
10. The anaconda

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What was R.A. Dickey's career high for wins in a major-league season before he won 20 games with the New York Mets in 2012?
2. Who is the winningest manager in major-league history whose last name begins with the letter "Q"?
3. Name the first SEC player to win a Heisman Trophy.
4. In the past 25 years (1987-2012), eight coaches have taken a team to consecutive appearances in the NBA Finals. Name five of them.
5. Entering 2013, when was the only season that the Columbus Blue Jackets made the NHL playoffs?
6. Two women have tallied 30-plus goals in a season for the U.S. national soccer team. Name them.
7. Who did Sugar Ray Robinson defeat to win back the middleweight boxing crown in 1957?

ANSWERS

1. Eleven, in 2010
2. Frank Quilich, with 280 wins in four seasons with the Minnesota Twins
3. Georgia's Frank Sinkwich, in 1942
4. Phil Jackson, Pat Riley, Larry Brown, Byron Scott, Rudy Tomjanovich, Jerry Sloan, Chuck Daly and Eric Spoelstra
5. It was the 2008-09 season
6. Michelle Akers (39 goals in 1991), and Abby Wambach (31 in 2004)
7. Gene Fullmer

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FOR WEEK OF MAY 20 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or

friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 24, 1844, in a demonstration witnessed by members of Congress, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse dispatches a telegraph message from the U.S. Capitol to a railroad station in Baltimore. The message -- "What Hath God Wrought?" -- was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later.

- On May 22, 1859, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, is born in Scotland. His first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in Beeton's Christmas Annual in 1887.

- On May 25, 1927, Robert Ludlum, author of 25 thrillers, is born in New York City. Although he never earned a reputation as a masterful prose stylist, his suspenseful stories such as "The Bourne Identity" gripped a wide readership. As a critic for The Washington Post noted about one Ludlum novel: "It's a lousy book. So I stayed up until 3 a.m. to finish it."

- On May 23, 1934, notorious criminals Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are shot to death by Texas and Louisiana state police while driving a stolen car near Sailes, La. All told, the Barrow Gang was believed responsible for the deaths of 13 people, including nine police officers.

- On May 26, 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt makes a radio appeal for the support of the Red Cross. Belgian and French civilians were "running from their homes to escape bombs and shells and machine gunning, without shelter, and almost wholly without food," broadcast FDR.

- On May 20, 1956, the United States conducts the first airborne test of an improved hydrogen bomb, dropping it from a plane over the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. Observers said that the fireball caused by the explosion measured at least 4 miles in diameter and was brighter than the

light from 500 suns.

- On May 21, 1978, 21-year-old rookie golfer Nancy Lopez defeats her childhood hero, JoAnne Carner, on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to win the Coca-Cola Classic in Jamesburg, N.J. The next year Lopez beat out 44-year-old Mickey Wright, to repeat as Coca-Cola champion.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was French Enlightenment author Voltaire who made the following sage observation: "Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers."

- If you're like the average American, you laugh 15 times every day.

- Have you ever heard of an artist by the name of John Banvard? You're to be forgiven if the name is unfamiliar; few people these days remember him. In the mid-19th century, though, he was something of a phenomenon. In 1840, the then-25-year-old man set off on a skiff down the Mississippi River. He spent more than a year on the river, sketching steadily along the way. After he completed the voyage, he spent another five years painting his "Panorama of the Mississippi," an ambitious work that was 12 feet wide and more than 3 miles long. When completed, the painting was mounted on two upright revolving cylinders and displayed for the paying public throughout the U.S. and Europe, earning him \$200,000 along the way.

- In the 1960s, the miniskirt was still controversial. Both the Vatican City and Disneyland refused entrance to women wearing the short skirts.

- If you're a fan of the TV series "Dr. Who," you probably know that the title character, a Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey, has two hearts. This may seem like science fiction (and, of course, it is), but it's not unknown for a human to be born with two hearts. One such example was Giuseppe de Mai, born in Italy in the 19th century. The condition is rare, though; so rare, in fact, that the London Academy of Medicine offered de Mai \$15,000 under the condition that it receive his body after his death.

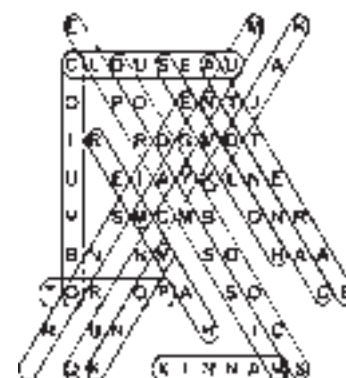
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Women are like elephants to me. I like to look at 'em, but I wouldn't want to own one." -- W.C. Fields

PUZZLE ANSWERS



FICTIONAL SLEUTHS





Chicken, Avocado and Swiss Wrap

Chicken, Avocado and Swiss Wrap

- 4 Florida chicken breasts
- 1 large Florida avocado, peeled and sliced
- 4 whole wheat flat breads
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- Olive oil for cooking

1. Preheat a large sauté pan over medium high heat. Lightly season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper.

2. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil to the preheated sauté pan. Carefully add the seasoned chicken breasts to pan and cook for 3 minutes on each side or until the chicken is completely cooked throughout. Remove the chicken from the pan and set aside.

3. In a small mixing bowl combine yogurt, dijon mustard and lemon juice. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

4. To assemble wrap, place a slice of cheese on top of each of the flat breads. Place on a cookie sheet and broil them in the oven until the cheese has melted and the bread is slightly toasted. Remove the bread from the oven. Add a chicken breast to each of the flatbreads. Add the yogurt sauce to the top of each chicken breast. Next,

add the sliced avocado. Fold over the flat bread to create a sandwich.*

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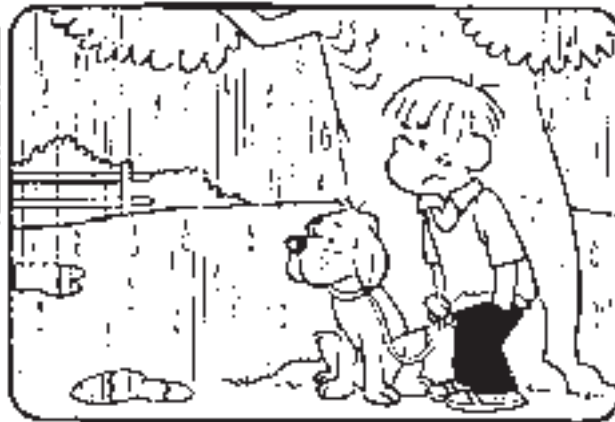
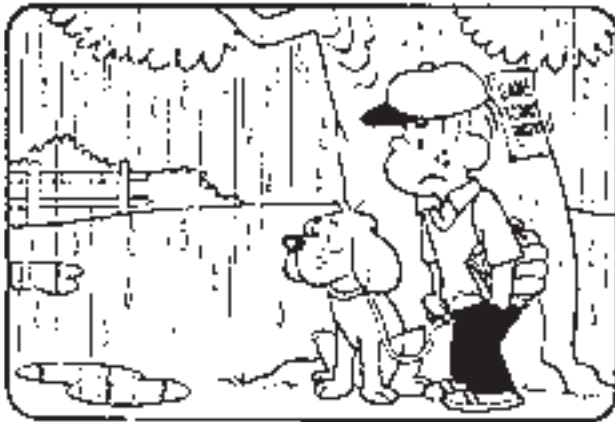
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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

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

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Steal; 2. Pacify;
3. Allow; 4. Design

Today's Word:

SECOND

SCRAMBLERS

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

Take

LASTE

Gain

FAYPIC

Grant

LOWAL

Layout

SIGNED

TODAY'S WORD

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"I know I said I'd give you a raise, Baxter, but I asked for a opinion and my wife said "no!"

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Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 – 3:15 pm call Linda Reynolds 472-1617
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
At The Sanibel School
Call Michelle Wesley
239-910-8000
*RS 1/4 NC TFN

HELP WANTED
Volunteers needed for Independence Day parade on Sanibel. Help needed prior to and during the parade. Various duties. If you can help out, call Trish Phillips at 246-2981 or email trishphillips@mysanibel.com.
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HELP WANTED



HELP WANTED
We are looking to add somebody fresh and fun, professional and courteous to our team! if you fit the description, come in and meet us!
Sanibel Beauty Salon
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472-1111 * email sanbeautys@aol.com
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.
We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm.
If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.
*NS 2/8 CC TFN

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND
Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday, February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or call 395-1213.
*NS 3/8 NC TFN

LOST AND FOUND
Lost Ladies Watch
Make: Brighton
Area of Mucky Duck on Captiva Island
Lost on Dec. 10, 2012 around noon
If found call: 941-639-5395
*RS 1/4 NC TFN



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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week



Harley ID# 562632

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Hello, my name is Harley and I am a 3 year old male brindle Staffordshire Terrier Mix. I'm a real cutie with tons of potential. Enthusiastic best describes my outlook on life. Everyone laughs at my antics when they let me out to play. Go ahead and teach me anything you want - I'm very motivated to be the best dog I can be. If you love to run and play ball, we could have years of fun together!

My adoption fee is \$30 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Spring Fever Adoption Promotion.

Hi, my name is Raksha and I am a 1 year old female brown tabby domestic short hair. If you want a loving lap cat, look no more. I'm a very shy kitty, so don't pass me by. I will curl up and stick to you like Velcro and I love, love, love to cuddle and have my head and ears scratched. I'd love to be your one and only because I'm a kitty that loves humans more than other cats.

My adoption fee is \$30 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' Spring Fever Adoption Promotion.



Raksha ID# 558527

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery.....	332-5055
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614.....	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

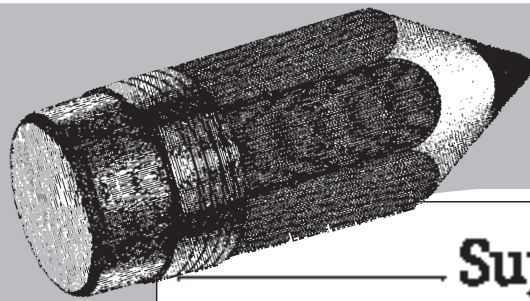
Lions Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 25

Super Crossword

REACHING THE FRESH HOLD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flood
 - 2 Monthly bank
 - 3 Deafness
 - 11 Easy to
 - 16 Greek
 - 19 "ghosting"
 - 20 Proofreaders symbol
 - 21 Mutual fund
 - 22 Skeptic's
 - 23 Breadth of scientific discovery?
 - 26 Sarcasm
 - 27 Allack
 - 28 With 10-
 - 29 Fabrication
 - 30 See 28-
 - 31 High
 - 32 Let baby
 - 36 Kicker's
 - 39 Mystery
 - 41 "L.A. Law" in house
 - 42 Personal
 - 47 Nat'l park
 - 50 Yellowed
 - 51 "G.I. Joe"
 - 52 Musical
 - 54 Great Plains
 - 55 Steamed for
 - 58 Wash's
 - 60 Prosaic
 - 61 "G.I. Joe's"
 - 65 Hidden part of a car's
 - 67 L. de la
 - 68 Admiration
 - 69 Yo-yo's
 - 74 In a shark
 - 79 Actor's
 - 80 Spentage
 - 82 "Night"
 - 83 "M.A." play
 - 84 Historical
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 - 89 Repetitive
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 - 92 Hat's
 - 95 Large artery
 - 98 Peaks
 - 99 Motor units
 - 100 Study of
 - 105 Skeleton
 - 107 Gurgles
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 - 119 "The
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 - 9 Hearing
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 - 17 Top hat
 - 18 People's
 - 24 Address
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 - 32 In the night
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 - 34 Jack the
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 - 43 Sex partner
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 - 95 Least
 - 97 M.A. play
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 - 101 Throat
 - 102 Clack
 - 103 U.K. poet
 - 104 M.A. play
 - 106 Western
 - 110 "G.I. Joe's"
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Vanilla
- 2 Wild
- 3 Cakes
- 4 Cream
- 5 Number
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Baretta
- Hammer
- Magnum
- Poind
- Cannon
- Holmes
- Mannix
- Quincy
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2013 Summer Concert Series

THE NAPLES JAZZ ORCHESTRA

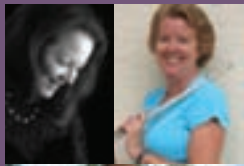
Tuesday, June 11

A big band in the tradition of the legendary bands of jazz history like Count Basie, and Duke Ellington.



THE SUNSHINE TRIO

Thursday, July 11



Enjoy an evening of light classical and popular favorites with the sounds of the Sunshine Trio.



THE BUZZ SWEET ADELINES BARBERSHOP QUARTET

Friday, August 9

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The Summer Concert Series will be held in the Village Church Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Shell Point is located in Fort Myers, 2 miles before the Sanibel Causeway.



The critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle recovering at CROW

CROW Releases Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle

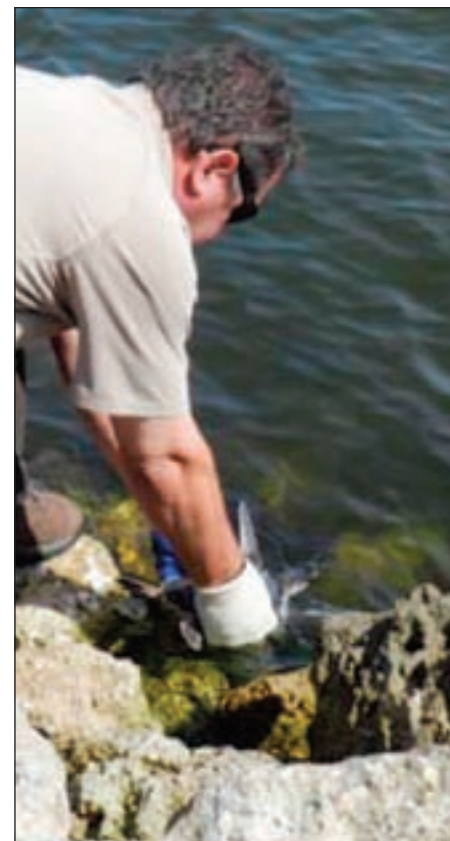
CROW has successfully released a critically endangered Kemp's ridley sea turtle back into its natural environment: the Gulf of Mexico. The turtle was seriously ill from exposure to red tide before being rehabilitated successfully at CROW's hospital and released with assistance from the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

CROW has cared for 12 sea turtles already this year, having treated 20 in 2012. They stay at CROW for an average of 45 days per admission.

The only facility on the Gulf coast between Sarasota and the Florida Keys that is licensed to provide medical care to sea turtles, CROW operates three outdoor tanks and can accommodate about four to six turtles simultaneously, depending on the animal's size.

The most common reasons sea turtles arrive at CROW include boat strikes or other trauma, brevetoxicosis (from red tide exposure), loggerhead anemia syndrome and fishing line or net entanglement.

CROW's sea turtle program is funded in part by a grant from the Sea Turtle Grants Program. The Sea Turtle Grants Program is funded from proceeds from the sale of the Florida Sea Turtle License Plate. Learn more online at www.helpingseaturtles.org.



Paul Tritaik, refuge manager at JN "Ding Darling" NWR, prepares to release the fully recovered Kemp's ridley back to its natural habitat

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