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A happy camper shows off her puppet creation



Last year's Pirates, Parrots & Treasure activity

Alliance Summer Camp Begins June 3

Time is running out to register your child for the Alliance for the Arts' 25th annual Summer Arts Camp. This award winning camp offers eight themed weeks that engage first through sixth graders in the visual and performing arts in a fun and interactive environment. Weekly themes include Animal Palooza, Outer Space and Rock On!

Week one begins on June 3.

Every week ends with an art exhibit and final stage performance on Friday. Multi-week discounts are available. Early drop off is available at 8 a.m., and late pick up until 5 p.m. Space is limited. Register your child online or call 939-2787 for more information about camp or the summer art classes offered at the Alliance.

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

Operation Open Arms Visitor Receives Silver Star



Lance Corporal Christian Brown receiving the Silver Star

by Jeff Lysiak

Only 10 days after Lance Corporal Christian Brown was getting some well deserved rest and relaxation on Sanibel and Captiva as the honorary guest of Operation Open Arms, the combat-wounded United States Marine was being honored with a Silver Star at a ceremony held at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

According to a report in the *Jacksonville Daily News*, Brown was awarded the Silver Star on May 3 for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity for his actions on December 7, 2011 in Kajaki, Afghanistan. The award citation credits Brown for carrying a marine casualty more than 300 meters under heavy volumes of enemy fire so the wounded marine could be evacuated.

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All Florida Juried Exhibition Opens Next Week

More than 100 artists submitted nearly 300 pieces for consideration in the Alliance for the Arts' 27th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition. This year's juror, Frank Verpoorten, has narrowed the list to 51 pieces and they will be unveiled during an opening reception on Friday, May 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Winners will be announced during the reception and prizes will be awarded, including \$750 for Best in Show, a \$250 gift certificate for second place (provided by Golden Paints), \$100 cash prize for third place, and a Jurors Choice award. The exhibition includes oil and acrylic paintings, drawings, mixed media pieces, photographs and sculptures. Artwork from Alliance youth programs will be on display in the Member Gallery.

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In *Singing Not to Sing The Ovenbird* by Megan Kissinger

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Foxworthy Furniture On Jackson

by Gerri Reaves



Boyd Clifton "BC" Foxworthy's Furniture Store was downtown mainstay for decades.

Pictured in the circa 1956 photo is the store's final location – on Jackson Street at the Main intersection. Visible over the roofline (left center) is the top of the Franklin Arms Hotel.

Foxworthy, one of four brothers who settled in Fort Myers, arrived in Fort Myers from Kentucky in the winter of 1899 to 1900.

He returned to Kentucky for a time, resumed working in his father's mercantile business, and became postmaster of Mount Carmel. He was the third generation in his family to serve as postmaster in Kentucky.

In 1909, he returned to Fort Myers for good, subsequently marrying Mary Norwood Turner.

He worked in Foxworthy & Company Clothing, his brother James' store on First Street, served as assistant postmaster in Fort Myers from 1909 to 1913, and then took charge of the collections department of the Bank of Fort Myers.

He served as postmaster from 1922 until 1924, but resigned from that position to partner with Wiley Lee in the furniture business.

Foxworthy & Lee Furniture Company was the result, the beginning of what evolved into Foxworthy Furniture.

The partners' business grew to eventually occupy the entire ground floor of the Fort Myers Bank Building at First and Jackson.

But in 1933, the furniture store fell victim to the Great Depression and dissolved. Foxworthy soon bounced back, though.

By 1935, he had opened Foxworthy Furniture Company on Hendry Street, just south of Main. It remained at that location only a short time, however.



Today, the building at the head of Main Street is an office building

photo by Gerri Reaves

In the late 1930s, he built a new store at the location pictured in the historic photo.

That building was only half of the structure we see today.

About 1949, Foxworthy built a \$20,000 addition joined to the south side of the existing building, where warehouse space had been.

Interior and exterior remodeling over the years gives the structure the appearance of always having been one unified building.

The circa 1956 photograph captures the furniture store's moderne architectural phase. Note the sheets of glass blocks and geometric accents.

Today, the historic Foxworthy Building is occupied by offices.

Walk down to the head of Main Street to see where one of downtown's longest-lived furniture stores was located.

Then continue a short distance south to the Southwest Florida Museum of History, where you'll find more information about the early business people who built downtown Fort Myers.

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 many historic 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.✱



Foxworthy Furniture Company, pictured circa 1956, moved to Jackson Street in the late 1930s

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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Fort Myers Public Art

Fort Myers Recognized For Public Art



by Tom Hall

Manhattan-based cultureNOW has chosen Fort Myers as its featured public art collection for the month of May. The selection is yet one more sign that people around

the country are taking notice of the strides the city has made since 2004 to reinvent itself as an arts and cultural destination.

CultureNOW is one of the country's largest and most comprehensive online public art registries. Its "museum without walls" website contains more than 10,000 sites, 15,000 images and 750 podcasts recorded by artists, architects, historians and curators. All 46 of the public artworks located in Fort Myers have been entered on the site together with more than 20 artist profiles and over 200 photographs. Work is under way thanks to a grant from the City of Fort Myers to supplement these entries in the coming months with both podcasts and music videos.

"Fort Myers Public art collection is split between downtown in the River District and the Edison Ford Winter Estates where Thomas Edison and Henry Ford wintered at the turn of the century," notes cultureNOW in its May online newsletter. "Edison worked at the lab which has been accurately restored; there are many sculptures of the former residents dotting the estate."

The New York based online registry celebrated its 10th anniversary on January 17, 2013.

The registry singled out Fort Myers newest public artwork, *Fire Dance*, the Dupont red proto-architectural tribute to the vibrancy and vitality of Centennial Park that was installed by Ohio sculptor David Black last year.

"But, it is really *Parallel Park* that has put Fort Myers on the map as a cultural destination," notes cultureNOW. "Dedicated on December 9, 2010, the 30,000-square-foot Marylyn Dintenfuss installation has converted the mundane and utilitarian five-story Lee County Justice Center Parking Garage into a work of fine art. In fact, a number of out-of-town visitors have confused the facility for the fine art museum."

A key factor in cultureNOW's decision to nationally recognize Fort Myers' public art collection were the numerous accolades that *Parallel Park* has received since the installation of the 23 abstract expressionist panels on the Justice Center parking garage. "*Parallel Park* has become the subject of a monograph by Aliza Edelman, articles in *ARTNews*, *NY*

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CultureNOW President Abby Suckle, right, toured Fort Myers public artworks with Fort Myers Public Art Committee Chairwoman Ava Roeder in March

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Fort Myers Public Art

Arts and even *Parking Professional* magazines and a solo exhibition [at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery]. It was also the recipient of the Americans for the Arts Public Art Network 2011 Year in Review Award.”

But compared to other locales, Fort Myers’ public art collection is admittedly modest. For example, Fort Lauderdale has 244 artworks installed at more than 90 locations and Miami’s collection includes more than 600 public artworks. So why else did cultureNOW choose to shine a spotlight on Fort Myers’ nascent efforts to establish itself as an arts and culture destination?

“The city’s public art program finds itself in transition,” notes cultureNOW President Abby Suckle, who toured the River District and the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in March. “[In June] the City Council will consider replacing Fort Myers’ voluntary public art ordinance with one that mandates a percent for art on all municipal and private development projects. If adopted, [the new ordinance] will provide a renewed commitment to public art at a time when the city is seeking to convert itself from a quaint, historical town into a historical-based convention destination built around a spectacular river basin that serves as a visual, cultural and social hub for both residents and visitors alike, which [would truly be] transformative for that city.”

Not familiar with the city’s public art collection? CultureNOW has you covered. You can learn all about Fort Myers public artworks, and the artists, architects, groups and organizations that had a hand in their creation and installation, by visiting www.cultureNOW.org. Even better, you can now access all that information on your iPhone or Android while you are standing right in front of the artwork! Simply go to the apps store on your phone, download the cultureNOW/Museum Without Walls national app (it will cost you a whopping \$1.99) and the GPS technology incorporated in the app will immediately bring up the artwork you’re standing in front of.

The information contained on the cultureNOW registry is also available on www.MyRiverDistrict.com, *Art Southwest Florida* and the Public Art Archive.

Find out today what one of the leading public art registries in the nation has singled out Fort Myers’ public art program for special recognition.

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.*



Children examine the live juvenile sea turtle at Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center photo by Dennis Goodman

Conservancy Honors Veterans During Memorial Day Weekend

Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center is offering free admission on Memorial Day weekend to all active and retired military on May 23, 24, 25 and 27. Conservancy Nature Center is closed on Sundays, including May 26. Valid military ID is required. Regular admission prices apply to all guests. Visit www.conservancy.org

“This is just one small way we can express thanks to those who are serving or have valiantly served this country,” said conservancy president Andrew McElwaine. “We invite all veterans to enjoy the amenities of the \$20 million in renovations made to the conservancy nature center.”

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Customers Were Generous During Food Drive

Postal customers in Lee and Collier counties were once again generous in making donations during the 21st annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive, Stamp out Hunger, on Saturday, May 11. Lee County donated 325,125 pounds of food and Collier County donated 294,000 pounds.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank, along with other agencies, received the food in Lee County. Food in Collier County is distributed by Collier Harvest. All food collected in the food drive will be distributed to participating agencies at no cost. The post office, Harry Chapin Food Bank and Collier Harvest rely on a large contingent of volunteers to assist mail carriers in picking up food and completing pre-sorts of food prior to taking to warehouses.

Those who were not able to participate in the May 11 food drive may still do so by taking nonperishable food items to any post office or Uncle Bob's Storage locations. Checks can also be made payable to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and sent to 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.✳

Uncommon Evening Tickets Available

There's still time to make reservations for individual and table sponsor tickets for the Uncommon Evening, an annual event sponsored by the Uncommon Friends Foundation. The gala evening will be held on Thursday, June 6 at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street, Fort Myers.

Steve Shimp, who established Owen-Ames-Kimball in 1982, will be presented an honorary life membership in the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

The 2013 Business Ethics Award will be presented to one of three area businesses which have been named as finalists. The eighth annual Business Ethics Award finalists are Harry Chapin Food Bank, Smart Companies and Ted Todd Insurance Agency.

Other features will be the presentation of a Character Education Teacher Award and scholarships to 17 recipients.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. Individual tickets are \$100. Tables of eight and sponsorships are available. Contact Arlene Roth at 337-9503 or email aroth@uncommonfriends.org.✳

Water Safety Day Summer Kick-Off

The City of Fort Myers Aquatic Center will have a kick-off to the summer season Saturday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be water safety stations set up to promote summer safety, free ice cream with the purchase of a child admission and several chances to win prizes in the family membership raffles. Receive 15 percent off when you purchase a family membership during Memorial Day weekend.

The aquatics center is at 1750 Matthew Drive. For more information, call 321-7553.✳

Mentoring Volunteers Needed

Seniors age 55 and over are needed to mentor children in elementary schools, Head Start Centers, after school programs, and camp for The Foster Grandparent Program of Southwest Florida. Volunteers serve 15 to 20 hours a week and receive a tax-free

stipend of \$2.65 per hour, transportation reimbursement of 40 cents per mile, a free physical and earn vacation, sick and holiday pay, plus many more perks.

Help make a difference in your community. Enroll now; space is limited. Call Joan Willoughby at The Dr. Piper Center at 332-5346.✳

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 Fitzhagen, 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 cindylignelli222@gmail.com. For more information, contact Michele Duryea via email at michelemduryea@embarqmail.com or call 280-7653.✳

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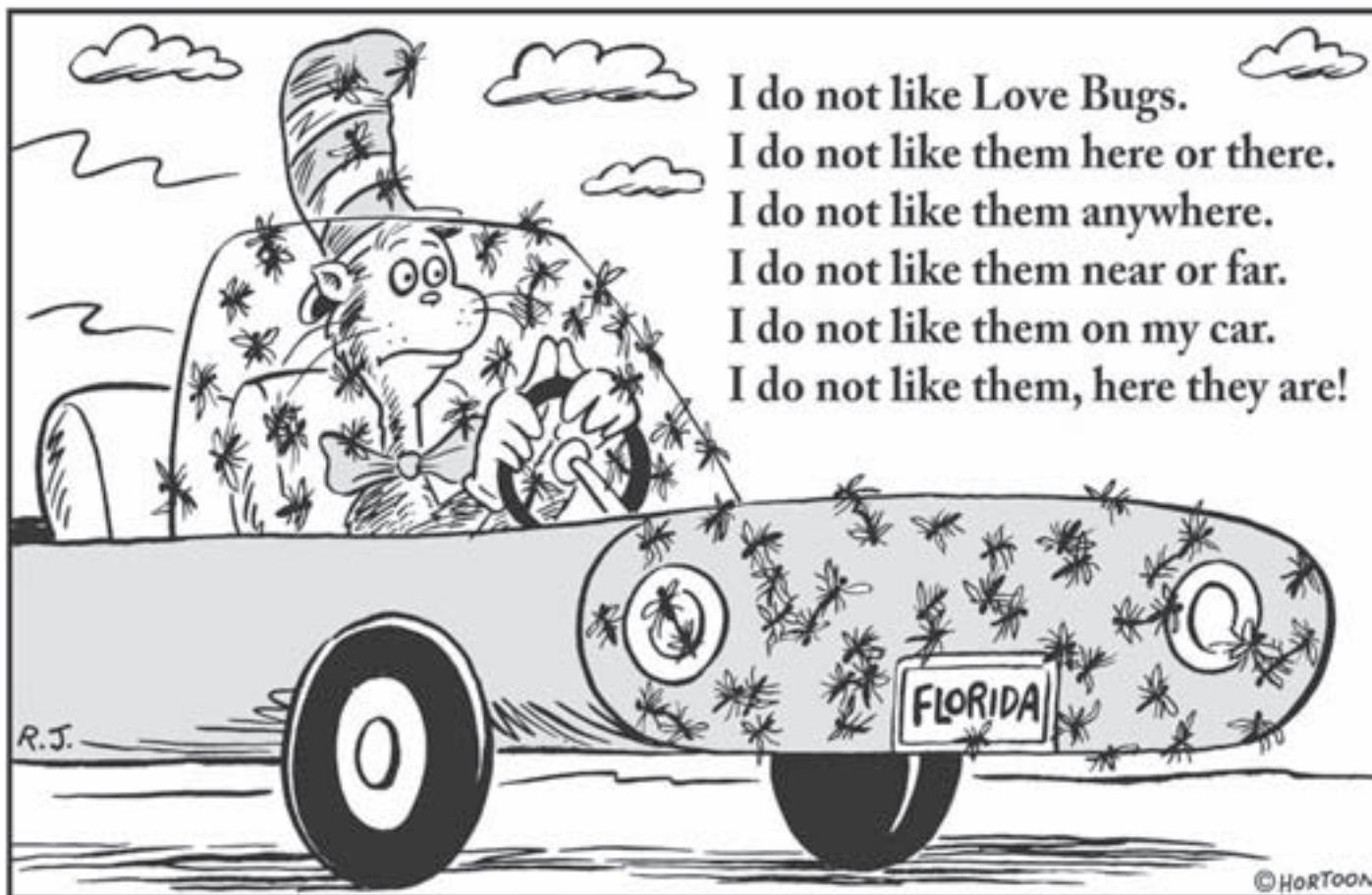
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Conservancy Honors Veterans

The recently completed \$20 million renovation offers abundant learning opportunities for the entire family and is designated as Site #69 on the Great Florida Birding Trail. In addition to the new entrance, Smith Preserve Way, just south of the Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road, features the Dalton Discovery Center, von Arx Wildlife Hospital nursery viewing area, Windfeldt Shorebird Pool viewing area, Shotwell Wavering Filter Marsh, Christopher B. Smith Preserve, Eaton Conservation Hall with Jeannie Meg Smith Theater, electric boat rides up the Gordon River from the Allyn family dock and lagoon, and Ferguson Learning Lab.

Kayak rentals and excursions are available for a fee. No visit is complete without a visit to the Bradley Nature Store to select from nature-inspired gifts, toys, jewelry, hats, art, cards, and one of the best selections of environmental books available locally. Other features include a live sea turtle display and touch tank. Electric boat ride schedule changes seasonally and are subject to weather and tide conditions.

The new entrance to Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center, Smith Preserve Way, is located just south of the Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road. The old entrance is off 14th Avenue North, 1450 Merrihue Drive, Naples. Conservancy Nature Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Adult admission is \$12.95. Admission for children ages three to 12 is \$8.95. Admission for conservancy members and children under the age of three is free. More information is available at www.conservancy.org or by calling 262-0304.*

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Boating Safety Special Event

In recognition of National Boating Safety Week, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Fort Myers Power Squadron and the Fort Myers Fire Department are partnering with the Fort Myers Yacht Basin to host a hands-on event for adults and children at the Centennial Park Boat Ramp on Saturday, May 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free vessel safety checks will be performed for any interested boat owners at the Yacht Basin docks, and boaters can register for free inspections at their own home or dock at a later date.

"We'll show how to safely fire flare guns and set off flares throughout the day, with fire extinguisher demonstrations at 11 a.m. and water rescue demonstrations at 12 p.m. And we're bringing our Rescue Boat for display and to demonstrate its marine firefighting capabilities at 12:30 p.m.," said A.J. Smith, Battalion Chief of the Fort Myers Fire Dept. "This is a great and important family event for all."

Free stickers, boating safety handouts, boating and marine regulations and

related brochures will be available to all. Refreshments will be served at this event, which is free and open to the public.

"The Coast Guard responded to nearly 5,000 accidents in 2011, with 758 fatalities, a 15 percent increase from the year before. Seventy percent of the deaths were from drowning, and in 84 percent of cases the victims were not wearing life jackets. What we want people to know about those tragedies is that only 11 percent of those deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety training," said Robert Moro, Fort Myers Power Squadron Safety Officer. "We have a bounty of relevant information and education available to boaters, and we want to use this event to help get the word out."

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla Commander Scott Brenner agreed, adding, "The fastest growth in water craft usage is kayak and paddle boards enjoying the new Lee County Blue-Line waterway trails. We and the Power Squadron offer training and education to become certified safe boaters, and we will provide information on classes at this event."

For more information about this event, contact Bob Moro at 437-4075 or Scott Brenner at 671-5929.*



Trailways campers took part in many new experiences and developed lifelong friendships

Trailways Camp Held For Special Needs Adults

Twenty Southwest Floridians with special needs made lifelong friends during the second session of Trailways Camp in LaBelle. Trailways Camp is a partnership between Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and The Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund.

"Our vision when we created the Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund was to honor our sons by developing camp experiences that turn life into living for adults with disabilities," said Sharon Miller of the Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund. "Our relationship with Goodwill has begun to make this happen. We love working with the Goodwill team and we are filled to the brim with peace and satisfaction when we see the joy and hear the laughter of our campers."

The session, which ran from May 6 through May 9, included fishing, campfire roasts, a visit by Special Equestrians, swimming, a talent show and a luau. The camp was held at the Riverside Retreat Center in LaBelle.

"Many of our campers had never flown a kite, held a fishing rod, danced on stage, or won an award in their lives," said Jesi Cason, camp counselor and skills trainer at Goodwill. "At camp, everyone got a chance to create unforgettable experiences and make lifelong friendships with people who understand what it is like to have a disability."

The Trailways Camp mission is to remove the social isolation often felt by people with disabilities by providing opportunities for fun, friends and support. Through outdoor activities, group exercises and crafts, campers have the opportunity to develop recreational skills and build relationships.

"An act as simple as sitting

down for a meal with friends or roasting marshmallows over a campfire can, and has changed lives for people who otherwise would not have the opportunity," said Cason. "The campers will always remember the feeling of accomplishment and acceptance they experienced when they lead a group of campers in song or challenged their friends to an epic water noodle fight!"

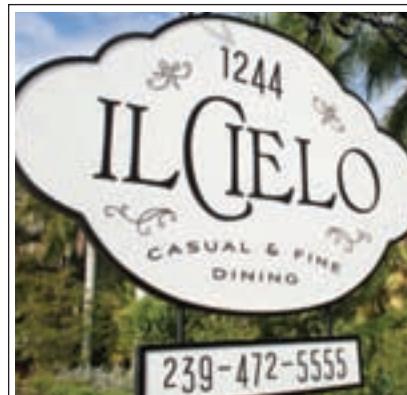
Trailways Camp will host another session October 7 through 11. For more information, visit www.goodwillswfl.org/trailwayscamp/ or contact Todd Ryan at 995-2106 ext. 2285.*

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Learn about The Owls of Southwest Florida at CROW on Sanibel on Saturday. Pictured are Eastern screech owlets who were treated and released back into the wild

There are many family-friendly events taking place this Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday, May 25 the **Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW)** presents The Owls of Southwest Florida as part of its WOW, Wonders of Wildlife series. Learn about our local owl species – the Great horned owl, Eastern screech owl and Barred owl – including their adaptations for hearing, sight and hunting. Find out what makes these species so unique. The presentation begins at 11 a.m. in CROW’s Visitor Education Center.

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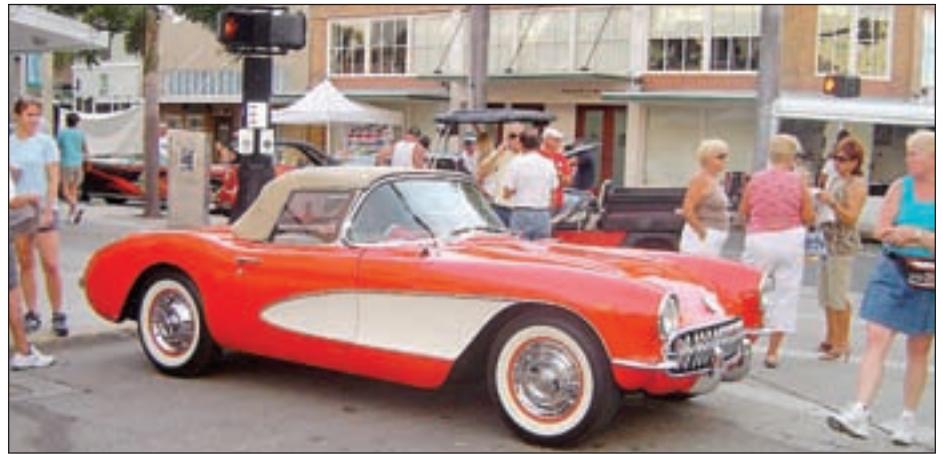


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See classic cars in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District on Saturday

Also on Saturday, join Fort Myers car enthusiasts at the **Downtown Car Cruise-In**. Held on the fourth Saturday of every month, the event features vintage, modern and unique cars from 4 to 8 p.m. while a DJ spins classic rock with trivia. All classic cars and show cars are welcome.

For more information, call 1-855-732-3836.

While downtown, enjoy Chinese and Japanese cuisine at **Ichiban**, located in the mosaic-tiled Post Office Arcade. A local favorite, the restaurant offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for nine years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

Sit at Ichiban’s sushi bar and watch the chefs expertly prepare sushi and sashimi along with sushi favorites like the California roll, spicy tuna roll and green dragon roll. Warm up first with a little hot sake and cup of miso soup. If you prefer, select a table inside the restaurant or outside in the roofed-in gallery.

For a fast, fresh lunch, try the combination Sweet and Sour Chicken served with fried rice and egg roll for \$6.95 or choose from a selection of stir fry meats and vegetables, house specials and vegetarian dishes (including General Tso tofu). Ichiban also has an extensive dinner menu that includes Bento boxes served with shrimp and vegetable tempura and Japanese rice. Just need a quick late-night snack? Order the sweet and smoky BBQ Ribs or fried shrimp appetizer, best enjoyed with an ice-cold Kirin Ichiban beer.

There are multiple ways to get to Ichiban: enter through the main Post Office Arcade entrance on Broadway, through the lobby of Hotel Indigo on Main Street, or from First Street courtyard across from the City of Palms parking garage.

Ichiban is located at 1520 Broadway, downtown Fort Myers, in the historic Post Office Arcade. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Free delivery is available within the River District. For more information, call 334-6991.

On Monday, May 27, celebrate Memorial Day with the entire family at the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates**.

Edison Ford is offering free admission to United States Veterans and their families. Free admission includes a tour of the historic homes, botanical gardens, museums and Edison research lab. Veterans must present VA identification card or their DD214 papers to receive free admission. The estates are open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates are located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 334-7419 or go to www.efwefla.org.

Live life in the raw at **The Lazy Flamingo**. As local seafood lovers know, The Lazy Flamingo is a great place for grouper sandwiches, raw oysters on the half-shell, conch chowder and mussels marinara served in a nautical-themed atmosphere. The Lazy’s motto is “If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it underwater.” The restaurant is also known for its secret recipe Flamingo garlic bread, buffalo wings and giant burgers.

For family outings, the “little grown ups” can choose from kid-approved dishes such as chicken fingers, pasta and hot dogs. All items on the children’s menu include a Lazy Flamingo flying disk and collectors cup.

Don’t have time to drive to Sanibel or Bokeelia for a Lazy fix? Stop by the Fort Myers location in the Bridge Plaza near the College Boulevard intersection. Happy hour is served daily from 3 to 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to midnight.

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

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City Of Fort Myers Observes Memorial Day

On Monday, May 27, the City of Fort Myers will observe Memorial Day. All city government offices will be closed, including the Solid Waste and Utility Billing offices.

There will be no garbage, recycling, horticultural brush, yard waste, junk and appliance collection on Monday, May 27 for all residential and commercial customers. Residential and commercial customers will be serviced one day later for collection the entire week. The regular collection schedule resumes Monday, June 3.

If you have any questions concerning your service, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050.✱

Golfview Pool Closed For Repairs

The City of Fort Myers Recreation Division has officially closed Golfview Pool for emergency repairs through Sunday, June 2. The Golfview Pool will resume normal operating hours on Monday, June 3. Please take this opportunity to visit the Fort Myers Aquatic Center, located at 1750 Matthews Drive in Fort Myers.✱



During the 2012 Hunger Summit, Harry Chapin Food Bank CEO Al Brislain leads a discussion during a workshop. The 2013 Hunger Summit will be held on May 31 at Hodges University in Fort Myers

Hunger Summit To Include Diversity Panel

Hunger continues to be evident throughout Southwest Florida, and the 2013 Hunger Summit will focus on that face. All Harry Chapin Food Bank partner agencies in Southwest Florida, their guests and the public are invited to participate in the Summit on Friday, May 31 at Hodges University, located on Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, to develop col-

laborations and new ways to help our neighbors in need.

The day of learning will include sharing best practices. The summit will feature a diversity panel, which will be moderated by Gail B. Williams, MBA. Workshops will include information on addressing burnout, choice pantries, school pantries and food bank 101.

The summit is being offered through the auspices of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The one-day event begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m.; the program begins at 8:45 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. A box lunch will be provided on the premises.

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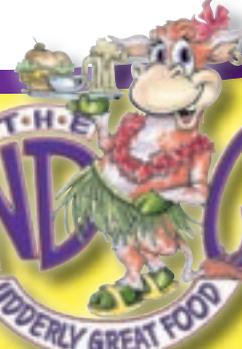
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Pink Smoke Over The Vatican Debuts At Fort Myers Church

The 2011 documentary, *Pink Smoke Over The Vatican*, about the margin-
alization of women in the Catholic Church – in particular those who have
been ordained as priests, but have been excommunicated – will make its
debut in Fort Myers on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 pm. It will be shown at All Faiths
Unitarian Congregation in Fort Myers, which is located at 2756 McGregor Blvd.

Two local female priests, Pastors Judith Beaumont and Judith Lee of Good
Shepherd Inclusive Catholic Community of Fort Myers, who have been excommuni-
cated from the Catholic Church, will lead discussion and answer questions about the
Roman Catholic womenpriest movement, and its growth in the United States, Canada
and Latin America. They are ordained priests within the Association of Roman
Catholic Women Priests.

Pink Smoke Over The Vatican chronicles events since June 2008 when The
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a sweeping order of excommuni-
cation for “the crime of attempting sacred ordination of a woman.” Those events have
focused on telling the stories of the determined women and men who, through the for-
bidden path of women’s ordination, are working to end what is seen by many as the
underlying misogyny and outdated feudal governance of the Roman Catholic Church.

The female priest featured in the film, Janice Sevre-Duszynska, was in Rome in
March when the new pope was elected to lead the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics.
Joined by supporters, she and others from the Women’s Ordination Conference
released real pink smoke to protest the exclusion of female priests.

The color pink is a play on the smoke signals sent from the Sistine Chapel to indi-
cate when the cardinals assembled to vote have agreed on a new pope. Black signifies
an inconclusive vote; white smoke means that they have agreed, as was the case on
March 13th with Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s election to the papacy (known to
the world as Pope Francis).

Of her excommunication, Pastor Beaumont said, “We are not leaving the church,
we are leading the church in following the model of inclusion, compassion, and equal-
ity taught us by Jesus Christ.” And, of her expulsion, Pastor Lee said, “Rome can
impose all the rules it wants on women, divorced people, and gay people. But it can’t
stop us.”

Bishop Bridget Mary Meehan of the Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests
said,

“We’re the Rosa Parks of the Catholic Church; we no longer accept second-class
status in our own religion.” The Roman Catholic womenpriest movement began in
2002 with the ordination of seven women on the Danube River. Since then, over 150
women have been ordained in more than 20 American states, Canada, Europe and
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For more information on the showing of the documentary, call Regina Kilmartin,
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Biggest Snook Of The Year On My Boat



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Even though we had a terrible week of slow moving day-time tides, action was still great with some very memorable days on the water.

Tides were almost non-existent, so to find snook so fired up was really a surprise to me. Most of my week was spent chasing snook and redfish with only a few tarpon trips. Although the redfish bite was not that great, catch-and-release snook fishing action was awesome. While targeting snook, we also caught some very good sized trout.

Tarpon action slowed a little after a front passed through early in the week, bringing strong winds and a few cooler mornings. As things got back to normal and the water cleared up, we had a few slick calm mornings that made locating tarpon easy. In the sound, tarpon were eating well once you found them. Cut baits on the bottom and live crabs fished under a float were the baits of choice for me this week.

While tarpon fishing, we caught the attention of sharks. Blacktips, small bull sharks and bonnetheads could not resist

the easy meal of a soaked chunk of fresh mullet. Although sharks have not been my target species, they help pass the time while waiting for that tarpon bite. A few four- to six-foot blacktips almost had us fooled a few times into believing we had a tarpon on. Good numbers of tarpon can be found throughout the sound along with pods moving up and down the beaches.

Fishing with Jim White from Stanford, Florida during his annual business trip to Tween Waters Inn this week, we had a great day of catch-and-release snook action. Starting our trip out in the passes, we quickly had the rods bent. Live chumming the edges of the passes, we had snook exploding on live shiners all around the boat. Though most were on the small side, the action was crazy hot. After a few hours of catching snook after snook, we decided to go after a larger linesider or, as Jim put it, a "picture fish."

Our first stop was a deep mangrove key in the sound that had some moving tide. After a few big hits where the fish quickly ran back into the structure and broke us off, I had one more stop in mind. Jim has been a client for six or seven years and has caught lots of slot-sized snook with me, just never a real monster. Moving on to the next stop, I had my fingers crossed that today would be the day.

After anchoring up for 15 minutes on the spot I had been catching good-sized snook all week, our baits were not even touched. Moving down the shoreline on the trolling motor while perched up on the tower, I kept my eyes open for the big snook that have been laid in here all week. Not 50 yards down from the usual spot, there they were.

The group of a dozen-plus big, fat female snook were laid way out from the bank on a sandy drop-off. Staying way off the fish, I came back around and set up the boat as far from them as I could while still able to reach them with a long cast. Throwing our live shiners to the sandy edge, it did not take long. Jim's line just barely twitched as he wound tight and set the hook. Once this fish was hooked, all hell broke loose as the big snook screamed the drag, first running out into the deep water then making the turn back towards the barnacle-crust mangroves.

Pumping the rod and trying to turn the big fish, Jim just could not gain any line to change the course of the charg-



Jim White from Stanford, Florida with his trophy-size snook, caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

ing snook. I really thought it was all over as the fish made it five feet up under the roots. I raced the boat in at the trees on the trolling motor as Jim kept the rod tip down in the water. As the boat came in close, the fish pushed out from under the trees then right around a mangrove-crust piling.

Holding the boat against the piling gave us our first look at how big this fish really was. Jim opened the bail of the reel as the line was hung tight around the piling. As the fish felt the line go limp, it relaxed and the line fell off the piling. The snook made a few more runs, almost making it back around the piling before it wore out. What a fight this fish was and, as always with big snook, you have to get a little lucky to land them.

After carefully bringing the snook in for a few quick pictures, we could only sigh and then laugh as we watched this big female swim off unharmed. We had been so lucky, everything had gone just right, from spotting the fish and setting up just right to getting the fish out from the piling and mangroves. Talk about teamwork. At 40-plus inches and over 20 pounds, this was the biggest snook of the year caught on my boat. Way to go, Jim!

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Peninsula Cooter



by Patricia Molloy

As one of the most common freshwater turtles in Florida, the Peninsula cooter (*Pseudemys peninsularis*) can often be seen near fresh bodies of water like lakes and slow moving streams. These environments provide soft sandy bottoms,

ample basking sites and abundant vegetation on which to feed. They will, however, occasionally enter brackish water. While Florida cooters (*Pseudemys floridana*) are found throughout the southeastern coastal plain, the subspecies *peninsularis* is only found in Florida.

Reaching nearly 15 inches in length as adults, the body and shell are darkly colored with bright yellow lines. One of the most interesting facts about these freshwater turtles is that while primarily omnivorous (youngsters have been known to eat some fish and insects), they become more vegetarian with age.

It is a common sight for drivers in Southwest Florida to see a turtle slowly, but determinedly, crossing a road. Be patient. These gentle terrestrial beings have survived on this planet for millions years; a few minutes of your time pales in comparison. If you feel compelled to accelerate its journey and protect it from less attentive drivers, please relocate it in the direction it is traveling. If you return

a turtle to its point of entry, it will simply try to cross again once you have driven on your merry way.

A Peninsula cooter was admitted to CROW after being hit by a careless driver. "She came in with a flattened front paw, which we amputated," said Dr. Helen Ingraham, DVM intern. During the amputation surgery, an esophagostomy tube was inserted so that the turtle received sufficient nutrients; Peninsula cooters generally do not eat well in captivity. "We also use the e-tube to flush her with fluids in the mornings and afternoons," Dr. Helen continued. "She's being fed reptomin pellets [a turtle supplement], so she should be receiving plenty of fiber," stated Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director. "She's also being fed plenty of greens," added Dr. Helen.

Dr. Helen warned the staff and students, "She is still to be grazed outside, but if you see the bandage come off, please bring her back inside. A few days ago, her bandage came off within a few minutes of being outside and we had to clean the wound immediately."

The surgical site is healing well after approximately one month at the clinic. Nonetheless, it takes several months for a cold-blooded reptile's wounds to heal. If you would like to sponsor this Peninsula cooter on its long road to recovery, go to CROW's website and donate to patient #0761.

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This Peninsula cooter, patient #0761, underwent surgery on her flattened paw during which time an esophagostomy tube was inserted to ensure she receives plenty of fluids and nutrients

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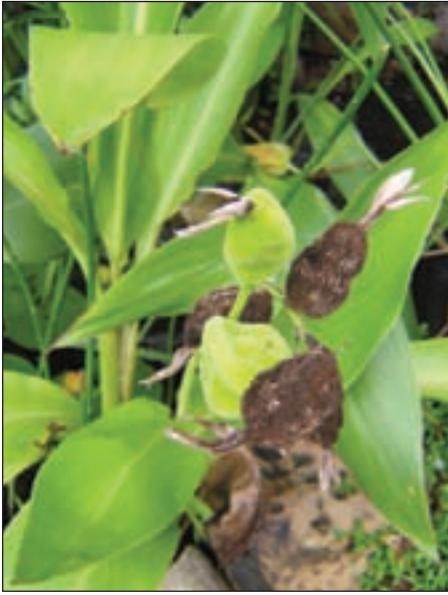
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This native of Florida has rough seed capsules and banana-like leaves
photos by Gerri Reaves

Plant Smart
Bandanna-Of-The-Everglades

by Gerri Reaves

Bandanna-of-the-Everglades (*Canna flaccida*) grows in the wild in marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes and ditches. A native emergent plant, its thick stalks usually reach about four feet tall.

It is also called golden canna because



Bandanna-of-the-Everglades grows in moist sunny areas

of the bright yellow flowers that cluster at the top of the stalks. Flowering peaks in spring and summer.

The flowers measure several inches across and typically open late in the day. Their floppy, or flaccid, appearance the next morning explains the term flaccida in the Latin name.

The leaves are thick, succulent and up to six inches wide and two feet long. Lance-shaped or oval, they resemble banana leaves and attach in a spiral along the stems.

New stalks spread via thick under-

ground rhizomes. Nutrients stored in those rhizomes enable the plant to survive drought and cold.

Plant bandanna-of-the-Everglades by a pond or in a boggy area or water garden. Give it full sun for maximum bloom.

Thinning the stalks and removing the seed capsules are optional maintenance.

Propagate it by rhizome division or with the seeds inside the rough-textured three-part capsule.

Hybrids of this showy plant come in a variety of colors.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by

Roger L. Hammer, *National Audubon Society's Field Guide to Florida, A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, plants.ifas.ufl.edu and floridata.com.

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The panther is getting sleepy from the sedative she was given

FWC, Partners Rescue Injured Panther Kitten

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and partners rescued an approximately 9-month-old female Florida panther in the Golden Gate Estates area of Collier County on May 13.

The FWC received a call about a panther kitten dragging its rear leg. A homeowner noticed the injured panther earlier that morning as he was leaving for work. When he returned home and saw the panther a second time, he notified



A vet tech watches over the injured panther

law enforcement.

FWC panther biologists and law enforcement officers, deputies with the Collier County Sheriff's Office and staff from the Golden Gate Animal Clinic responded to the area where the panther was last seen. They located the panther



Panther after surgery

in thick brush and sedated it.

After an on-scene assessment of the panther's condition, FWC biologists transported the panther to the Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida. Veterinarians at the hospital determined that the panther had a compound fracture in her rear right leg, rib fractures and bruising around the lung, all of which were likely caused by a vehicle collision. That evening they performed surgery, using a steel plate to mend the bone together.

With the help of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the panther was taken to the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, where she will receive care until she has fully healed from her injuries and is ready for release.

"We are pleased with what appears to be a successful surgery with no complica-

tions," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader. "Thanks to the help of our partners, this panther has a very good chance of returning to the wild. With only 100 to 160 adults and subadults remaining in south Florida, every panther plays an important role in the population."

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of injured or orphaned panthers by purchasing a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

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

For more information on Florida panthers go to www.FloridaPantherNet.org.*

Caring For Your Plants

Palm Trees: What Size To Start With



by Justen Dobbs

For all the do-it-yourself homeowner-landscapers out there, this article is for you. If you are from up north and not knowledgeable on Florida landscape material, it is prudent to enlist

the services of a local landscaper for help and ideas on the layout of your new landscape. If you have some experience with local Florida natives and exotics, it is possible to come up with some type of plan for your landscape. While the initial step is figuring out what type of plants and trees you want where, the next step is deciding what size material to use. Here in Southwest Florida, we are spoiled due to our warm climate and fast growth rate of most native and exotic palm trees. This allows us to fit more trees into the budget than other northern and western states that have to have their trees imported from, you guessed it, Florida!

There are advantages and disadvantages to starting with larger trees in the landscape. Larger palms will make more of an impression right away and will also be more drought-tolerant and sun-tolerant



Try to avoid landscaping with three gallon palms or smaller. It's better to save up for the next larger size

in most cases. However, larger palms will cost a bit more money initially, so this may mean that you have to utilize fewer trees in the landscape. So, this leads to our primary dilemma – fewer large palms or more small palms? One way to tackle this dilemma is to research the palms (or hardwood trees) to find out how fast they grow.

Bottle palms (*Hyophorbe lagencaulis*), for instance, are very slow growing, even in a tropical climate, so you should always seek the largest specimens you can afford. Royal palms (*Roystonea regia*) are very fast growing, so it is sometimes OK to begin with a four to eight foot size. With regular water and fertilizer, these will turn into trees with trunk in just a year or two.

If you have a large yard with a lot of real estate to cover, you may need a greater number of palms to fill it, which means that you may need to begin with smaller, less-expensive trees. In this case, it may be wise to stick with fast growers such as Royal palms, Royal Poinciana, Washingtonia palms, Areca palms, etc. Make sure you don't start with trees that are too small because they can be prone to small animal attacks, frost, disease, wind, etc.

Also, planting small one gallon palms out in your landscape can sometimes make you look like a cheapskate to neighbors and passersby (no offense).

Lastly, I have made the point before but I'll make it again here – just because your neighbor down the street claims to have been a landscaper for 20 years up in Ohio, doesn't necessarily mean he or she has any idea what they're doing here in Florida. It's a different ballgame down here. Seek professional advice when needed.

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



Bottle palms are one of my favorites. Start with larger ones like these (which are fairly affordable)

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Steve Chase

Edison State Stars At Cannes Film Festival

Film buffs from around the world will soon convene in France at the Cannes Film Festival, held May 15 to 26, and when they do, Edison State College will be one of the stars.

Edison State College Fine Art Photography Adjunct Instructor Steve



Movie still from *When You Feel Love*, featuring Willie Filkowski, left, and Jed Krause in the Rauschenberg Gallery

Chase will present his short film, *When You Feel Love*, during the international film festival this month. The 25-minute film, shot in various locations throughout Fort Myers, including the Rauschenberg Gallery at the Edison State College Lee Campus, tells the story of a young man following his breakup with his girlfriend.

The film stars current Edison State College student Jed Krause and former Edison student Willie Filkowski. Edison State College alumnus Michael Grodum worked as the film's cinematographer

and Edison Library Learning Resources Assistant Chris Ludvigsen composed the film's music.

Chase had been working on another film when the idea for *When You Feel Love* came to him, and he pulled together this select group of cast and crew.

"I'd known all of these guys from their performances and work at the college and was impressed by their abilities," Chase said. "I knew it would be a great group to work with."

Chase is the creator of *Mind's Eye*

Films, in which he has produced narrative and documentary films for various organizations. Some of his work has been screened at various film festivals in the past, but this is the first time he's entered the prestigious Cannes Film Festival.

"I am happy it is being considered," Chase said. "I entered because I thought it would be interesting just to see what would happen. I was really surprised when I received the email saying it had been accepted."

Ludvigsen, who composed the music for the film in his living room, is also surprised at the film's success.

"It's amazing," he said. "I came on before there was any talk of film festivals, and I was just doing something fun with a friend. It all happened so quickly. I don't think I've really processed it yet, being a part of something that's become so big."

When You Feel Love will be showcased in the Cannes Film Festival's Short Film Corner, a special grouping that allows festival attendees to view the films through a digital film library, exposing the films to industry professionals and film buyers.

Chase and Ludvigsen will attend the festival, and Chase hopes he can gain some industry interest.

"My ultimate goal for this film is to stream it on an online film outlet so that it is available to an even greater audience," Chase added. "But whatever may come out of this, it is still an incredible experience for all of us involved."✱✱



Cleverly designed bow ties will be worn by the artists

Arts For ACT Sneak Preview

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. and Robb and Stucky International are teaming up for the kick off reception and preview of the live art from the annual fundraiser, Arts for ACT 2013, An Evening at the Cabaret. The reception, called Tie One On, will be held Friday, June 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Robb and Stucky International, 13170 South Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

Jenna Persons is the chair for this year's event and there will be 50 live auction items to preview. Local artists have created bow ties for the kick off reception

and will wear them that evening. They may not all be made to be worn around your neck either. They might be wearable jewelry, garters, even purses. The viewers will have the option of buying the bow ties right from the artists with the proceeds benefitting ACT, the domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking center serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. There will be music and light refreshments.

Sponsors for this year's Arts for ACT fine art auction are *Florida Weekly*, NBC-2, *Naples Guide*, Robb & Stucky International, Rauschenberg Gallery, Pulse Business Solutions, Stilwell Enterprises, Chico's, IBERIABANK, Scanlon Auto Group, *The Happenings Art & Entertainment Magazine*, and Dr. and Mrs. Mark Mintz.

This event is free and open to the public.✱

Annual Juried Exhibit At Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will hold their annual juried art show in June. This year's theme is The Art of Playing. The opening reception begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 7 during the downtown Fort Myers monthly Art Walk. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street, in the River District.

This year's juried exhibit asked artists to explore all things games and playing, and the nostalgia these memories bring. The curator encouraged the incorpora-

tion/ reuse of toys and games in an inventive way or the creation of original toys and games. While there were no specific guidelines for dimensions or sizes of the pieces that were accepted for exhibit, the curator encouraged innovative and unique installations – artwork of immense proportions that could be hung from either its massive walls or from its 20-foot ceiling, or displayed on its magnificent granite floors. The exhibit is open to the general public, and the art work is appropriate for all audiences.

Works in The Art of Playing range from pieces in traditional media like acryl-

ics and photography to mixed media pieces that incorporate such unconventional items as duct tape and various household items. Kathy Robinson, photographer and longtime staff member of the Davis Art Center, will head up the judging. The other exhibit judges will be artists Marcus Jansen and David Meo, and arts benefactor Terry Tincher. Prizes will be awarded for People's Choice, Berne's Pick and Overall Best of Show.

The Art of Playing will be on exhibit through June 28. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.✱

2013 Festival Of Dance To Open

Dance Bochette and Gulfcoast Dance present the 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 each and available at the door or for pre-purchase at the studio. The box office will open at 2 p.m. and the show begins at 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.✱



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Community Foundation Holds Women's Legacy Fund Luncheon

The Women's Legacy Fund (WLF) of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation held its 6th annual spring luncheon on Thursday, May 9 at Fiddlesticks Country Club for more than 125 contributors to the fund and women who are interested in making a difference in their community.

A cornerstone of the WLF is contributors taking an active and engaged role in choosing their annual grant focus area each year. At the spring luncheon, contributors also voted for the next focus area from the issues of mentoring high school seniors for post-secondary opportunities and career planning, funding a regional online scholarship and financial aid hub and funding high school STEM initiatives.

Local philanthropist Betty Bireley was announced as the foundation's newest Prima Donor.

Prima Donors are local women who have contributed \$10,000 or more to the WLF and are committed to making an impact in their community through charitable giving. Prima Donors meet twice a year for educational dinners with good food and great conversation about issues that affect Southwest Florida.

The newest WLF Angel was also announced during the event. Robbie Roepstorff, Liz Abbott and Melinda Isley honored Nicki Davis, mother of local freelance writer and *Florida Weekly* columnist Stephanie Davis, posthumously.

The Angel honorary designation is for mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, grandchildren, friends, loved ones and community leaders, either living or deceased, who have had a special impact on the lives of those around them. WLF members can make the special women in their lives a WLF Angel with a minimum contribution of \$1,000 in their name.

Before moving from Fort Myers Beach to Tipp City, Ohio, Nicki Davis had a long career in banking on Fort Myers Beach, where she also owned the gift shop *The Crazy Lady*.

"I had the pleasure of working with Nicki and seeing her through the eyes of her co-workers," said Roepstorff, who worked with Davis in the 1980s at First Independence Bank. "Nicki always had a sense of humor and was known for her spunk, and if you only spoke with Nicki on the phone, you would think she were 10 feet tall; yet, she was all of 4'10". Nicki was just the type of person who would do anything you asked her to do, and if you were her friend or co-worker, you wouldn't even have to ask her to do it... it would already be done."

In just five years of existence, the WLF has been able to provide \$75,000 in grants to benefit people and communities in Southwest Florida.*



Madeleine Taeni and Tracey Galloway



Sarah Owen and Jacqueline Ehlers



Flats by David Belling

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All Florida Exhibit

The All Florida Exhibit is sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust. FineMark spokeswoman Jessica Stillwell said, "FineMark National Bank & Trust is committed to supporting the arts in Southwest Florida. We believe art has the power to educate, energize and unite people. We also recognize the socio-economic value of living in and supporting

a strong arts community." The opening reception is supported by Cristof's on McGregor.

There will be a Gallery Walk and Talk with the juror on Saturday, June 4 from 10 to 11 a.m., which is free and open to the public.

The Alliance galleries are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard.*



Play That Junkie Music by Dorita Lanzo

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Silver Star Recipient

Brown is the 42nd United States Marine to receive the Silver Star for heroic actions in Afghanistan.

Brown and his mother, Lyn Braden-Reed, visited Southwest Florida for five days in April thanks to Captain John "GiddyUp" Bunch's non-profit organization, Operation Open Arms. During their stay on the islands, Brown and Braden-Reed went fishing, took part in the Marching Mullet Parade on Captiva and a fish fry at American Legion Post 123 on Sanibel.*

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 wmgaither@aol.com. Find the club on Facebook at Greeters of Fort Myers.*

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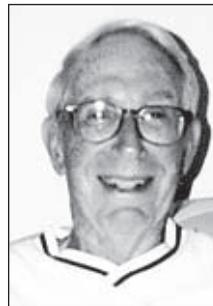
The Calendar Girls with Tucker Carlson

A Spirited Performance

The Calendar Girls added some glitz and glamour to the Lincoln Reagan Dinner held at Harborside Convention Center on Thursday, May 16. They sang *Happy Birthday to You* to FOX News correspondent Tucker Carlson, the keynote speaker.✪

Miracle Team Loaded With Talent As Squad Posts Runaway Record In FSL

by Ed Frank



In the 22-years that the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team has called Hammond Stadium home, there most certainly has never been a squad as promising and as winning as this 2013 team.

And that's saying a lot for as you know, dozens of previous Miracle players have become Major League stars. With the Miracle tearing up the Florida State League, you had better get out to Hammond Stadium quickly as undoubtedly several current Miracle players will be moved up to Double A New Britain when the first half-season ends next month.

You have that opportunity this weekend when the Miracle hosts the Charlotte Stone Crabs for three games starting tonight, Friday.

As the week began, Fort Myers was 31-11 (.738) with a runaway seven game lead over the St. Lucie Mets in the South Division of the FSL.

Perhaps it's no surprise that the Minnesota Twins No. 1 prospect, Miguel Sano, is leading the league with a .354 batting average along with 11 home runs and 34 RBIs. Another top Twins prospect, Eddie Rosario, is among the league's top 10 in hitting at .318. The biggest Miracle surprise, however, is a 10th-round draft pick in his first full professional season, right-handed pitcher D.J. Baxendale.

You don't expect a 10th-rounder to be compiling the record he has in his first year. The 6-2, 195-pound Baxendale was a perfect 6-0 with a miniscule 1.07 ERA as of Monday. That also was the best in the FSL.

In April, Baxendale, out of the University of Arkansas, was 4-0 and named the Twins Minor League Pitcher of the Month.

"That was a huge confidence booster," he said recently. "To be recognized by your professional organization in your first full season, it was a great honor."

Baseball experts had expected Baxendale to go much higher in last year's draft – as high as the second or third round. But his stock dropped when he suffered some rough outings against some tough Southeast Conference teams.

He fell to the 10th round when the Twins grabbed him in what appears to be a major steal.

And don't be surprised if Baxendale joins Sano, Rosario and others when the first half season ends (70 games) on the promotion train to Double-A New Britain.

Another Top Twins Prospect Tosses No-Hitter Into Eighth Inning

We've written before about flame-throwing right-hander Kyle Gibson, who many expected to land a starting role for the Minnesota Twins this season.

The lanky Gibson instead started the season with Triple-A Rochester, but could be wearing a Twins uniform soon as the result of his recent pitching performances with Rochester.

Last Sunday, Gibson took a no-hitter into the eighth inning in a complete game 11-0 victory over Leigh Valley. It was his second complete game shutout in 11 days. On May 8, he tossed a four-hit shutout over Toledo.

Gibson is ranked as the No. 4 prospect in the Twins organization. He returned to action late last season after recovering from Tommy John surgery.✪

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSLP

Dear Shelley,
My child will be going to kindergarten in August. He has had some problems getting along with the other children at his pre-school. Are there

some things that I can do this summer that might help him get along better next year?

Tiffany B., Fort Myers

Tiffany,

Children often have a difficult time communicating with others. It may be because of more slowly developing language skills, low self-esteem or it could be that they have a hard time interpreting facial expressions that other's use. Whatever the reason, there are ways to help your child develop communication skills and have fun at the same time.

Below are several games and activities that you can play together to help develop their ability to communicate and socialize with other children.

Telling Stories – Cut out pictures from magazines and place them in a box. Take turns pulling out one picture and tell a story of what you think is happening in the picture. For older children, have the stories become more complicated.

Play Feeling Charades – Make up cards with as many different feelings as you can think of: Happy, Sad, Angry, Excited, Bored, Scared, Nervous, Unhappy, Tired, Pleased, Interested, Uninterested, etc. Each person takes a card and acts out the feeling without

saying anything. This is great for those that may have a hard time reading facial expressions.

Play Action Charades – Make up cards with as many action words as you can think of: Run, Jump, Walk, Hopped, Ran, Skipped, Hurried, Tiptoeed, Stir, Stretched, Rolled, Hit, etc. Have each person take one card from each pile and put the sentence together to act it out. Have him and the rest of the family guess what he is doing.

Use Puppets – Sometimes children find it easier to talk if they are doing it through a puppet. Have a variety of puppets, some happy, some sad, some silly. Have your child use the appropriate puppet to tell you about their day.

Finish The Story – Use pictures from magazines and tell a short story about the picture. Stop the story so that your child can continue it and make his own ending. You can also use this with your child's books. Stop the story a few pages before it ends and ask him how they think it should end. Let him know there is no right or wrong way for it to end, each person might have a different ending.

How Do You Feel? – Make up cards for feelings, for younger children, draw pictures and have them hanging up somewhere your child can reach. Several times during the day have him use the cards to let you know how they are feeling.

Conversation Ball – If your child continuously interrupts during other people's conversations, use a conversation ball. During discussions, have the person that is talking hold onto a ball. No one else can speak. Once the first person is done, they hand the ball to the next person that wants to add to the conversation. Only the person holding the ball can speak.

Daily practice with one or more of these games over the summer should

help to increase your son's social skills by the time he enters kindergarten.

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Student Receives Scholarship From Foundation

Mikayla Hetherington, a student at Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA) received a scholarship from Florida Realtors' Education Foundation to further her education at the University of Central Florida.

Members of the foundation believe that a higher education is vital. As a 2013 scholarship winner, Hetherington will receive \$1,300 to defer her educational costs.✧



Mikayla Hetherington

Edison State Student Receives AFC Award



Jason Cooper receives an academic award from Dr. Erin Harrel, dean, School of Education, Edison State College

Edison State College student Jason Cooper was recently selected as the recipient of the Association of Florida College's (AFC) Student Leader Connection Award. The annual award honors a student from one of Florida's 28 state and community colleges who has contributed to the work of student development activities on his or her campus.

"Jason is an extremely dedicated and industrious individual," said Sue Buntic, Student Life Coordinator, Edison State College Collier Campus. "There have been many times I have witnessed his selfless and kind nature. Jason's dedica-

tion and commitment to his education, student development, the Student Government Association, and the community have been truly inspiring not only to me, but to others on our campus. Edison State College is a better place because of Jason's dedication, loyalty and hard work."

Cooper has completed over 400 volunteer service hours with various organizations including the Student Government Association (SGA), the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and Naples Free-Net.

As a cancer survivor, Cooper is dedicated to educating others about the disease. He helped create the Collier Campus' Relay For Life team and serves as team captain, organizes team meetings and fundraisers, and organizes activities during the Relay For Life event.

At the beginning of each semester, Cooper volunteers to welcome new students and provide them with tours of the Collier Campus. He also volunteers at the annual GreenFest Expo and serves on the Edison's College Wide Student Government Association, all while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

"Volunteering is an important aspect of my life," Cooper said. "Volunteering both at school and in the community can be fun – performing activities that interest us and working with like individuals, each with a different purpose. Volunteering is about belonging to a family with a common goal, which often allows us to utilize our skills and strengths where they best fit. Even so, volunteering is about how we can grow – individually and socially. Such growth and involvement allows us to become proactive and productive citizens of our community – and this defines quality."✧

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament To Benefit Boys & Girls Clubs

The 2nd annual No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County will be held Saturday, June 8 at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers.

The presenting sponsor of this year's tournament is Scanlon Acura. Additional sponsors include Ted Todd Insurance, Universal Vacations, Total Electric, Bagel Bagel Café, John Santoro and the Crowne Plaza, the event's host site. Limited sponsorships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 are still available.

"Because last year's event sold out, we decided to add an additional 50 spaces," said Justin Stockman, chairperson for the event and Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County board member. "We are very thankful to all of our sponsors who have been a supporting role in the lives of the at-risk youth of the Boys & Girls Clubs and have signed on to help their cause."

The evening will include a cocktail reception with complimentary food and beer. Prizes include \$2,000 for first place, \$750 for second and \$250 for third.

Now in its 39th year of providing quality youth programs in Lee County, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County will use the funds raised to provide more than 300,000 hours of service to more than 420 young people in the community. More than 1,300 youth demonstrated academic success, character, leadership and healthy lifestyles last year from the agency's programs.

"These youth rely on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County to provide a safe place to explore their interests and learn valuable life skills," said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County. "This cannot be accomplished without the generous support of businesses and individuals in our community."

The tournament entry fee is \$100 per person. Registration is available online at www.bgclcpoker.eventbrite.com and is first-come, first-served.

The Crowne Plaza is located at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, contact Justin Stockman at 334-9500 or email Justin@7-litagators.com.✧

Financial Focus

'Rules Of The Road' For Investors



by Jennifer Basey

As an investor, you may sometime wonder what on earth is going on in the financial world. One day, the stock market is down 200 points; the next day, it's up 300. One day,

a scandal rocks a company; the next day, another firm declares a poor earnings report. Isn't there any completely smooth route for you to follow as you pursue a comfortable retirement and other key objectives?

Actually, there isn't. But you can help smooth out your journey by following a few basic "rules of the road." Here are a few to consider:

- **Create a plan** – You can waste a lot of time, effort and money through haphazard investing. That's why you need to create a plan that defines your long-term goals and establishes a strategy to achieve them, taking into account your individual tolerance for risk and your time horizon.

- **Take action** – The best plan in the world is useless unless it's implemented. Once you've set a course of action for yourself, follow through on it. Don't wait for the "time to be right" before you invest because you can always find excuses to delay. The best time to get started is right now.

- **Stay invested** – When the market is "hot," it's easy to for people to keep on investing. After all, everyone else is doing it, with apparent good results. But it takes far more courage to continue investing during a long bear market, when so many people head to the "sidelines." And yet,

it's essential that you do stay invested, through good times and bad. Ultimately, the long-term performance of the investments you have chosen will have far more impact on your portfolio's success than the daily price fluctuations that are an inevitable part of investing.

- **Look for quality** – Persistence in investing, by itself, isn't enough to help you reach your long-term goals. You also need to be investing in quality. Look for the stocks of those companies that have solid track records, strong management teams, competitive products and well-defined business plans. Of course, you'll experience ups and downs even in quality stocks, but if you hold them over time, you'll greatly increase your prospects for success.

- **Diversify your holdings** – During any given market environment, some investments will be doing well, while others will not. You could try to pick the winners, but that's almost impossible to do with any degree of consistency. You'll be much better off by diversifying your dollars among a wide range of high-quality stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and other vehicles. By staying diversified, you'll help cushion yourself against downturns affecting just one type of investment - and you'll multiply your opportunities of benefiting from assets that are performing well.

- **Review your plan** – You should review your investment plans and strategies at least once a year. Your life will constantly be evolving – new job, new house, new children, etc. – and you may need to adjust your plans to accommodate these changes. If some of your investments no longer suit your needs, you'll need to find other opportunities. A qualified financial professional can help evaluate your situation and make appropriate recommendations on rebalancing your portfolio.

As you can see, there's nothing magic, or even terribly complex, about any of these "rules for the road." However, to follow these guidelines, you'll need patience and perseverance. If you've got

these traits, then you're well prepared for a fulfilling investment journey.

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Informational Meetings At Shell Point

Residents of Southwest Florida who would like to learn about resort-style retirement options and lifecare are invited to attend one of several informational meetings at Shell Point Retirement Community. One of Shell Point's experienced retirement counselors will explain the numerous benefits of becoming a Shell Point resident.

The meetings will be held at 10 a.m.

in the main Commons located in The Woodlands neighborhood at Shell Point on the following dates:

- June 4, 12, 18, and 26
- July 2, 10, 16, 24, and 30
- August 7, 13, 21, and 27

During the casually-structured meeting, guests will learn about lifecare and the retirement options and amenities available at Shell Point. Guests can also tour two of the three Shell Point neighborhoods, The Island and The Woodlands, and see a model residence.

Admission to these sessions is free, however, seating is limited so reservations are required and may be made by calling Maureen Thomson at 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.

Shell Point Retirement Community is located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.✪

Renaissance Academy Announces Lecture And Life Enrichment Program

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) announces its summer 2013 schedule of adult lifelong learning and life enrichment programs featuring an extensive and diverse curriculum of single lectures and short courses.

The summer program begins on Sunday, June 2 at 1 p.m. with the launch of a Summer Foreign Film Festival to be held at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 5th Avenue South in Naples. This series of nine films offers participants the opportunity to view award-winning foreign films followed by an engaging and insightful discussion afterward. Refreshments will be served.

A free, complete catalog of the Naples, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers program offerings may be found at local libraries or by calling 425-3272. Online registration is available at <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>, where participants may browse and register for courses safely and securely online.

Among the Renaissance Academy's offerings are affordable, non-credit single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment classes, writing workshops, travel abroad programs, and other special events. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers. Course fees are typically \$25 per lecture, and provide access to Academy programs located at various sites throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.✪

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
No Subdivision	Sanibel	2007		5,995,000	4,650,000	537
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2001	3,360	1,085,000	1,055,000	29
Compass Point Condo	Sanibel	1979	1,339	1,095,000	1,000,000	61
Gulfside Place	Sanibel	1981	1,802	955,000	940,000	50
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2011	3,359	899,000	825,000	132
No Subdivision	Fort Myers	1954	2,537	815,000	795,000	101
Edgewater At Gulf Harbour	Fort Myers	1997	3,124	869,000	760,000	178
Cedar Glen	Bonita Springs	2000	2,802	738,500	705,000	391
Palmas Del Sol	Fort Myers	2002	3,437	679,900	685,150	9
Sandpiper Point	St. James City	1997	2,520	899,000	650,000	263

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Dr. Dave

Exercise, Mental Performance



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I have an imaginary photo of Barack Obama in my home gym/garage. The prez pounds a treadmill every day, prior to his popping into the boy's room for a couple of smokes

(yes, he smokes). If a guy, whose job description includes: Run The Free World, Clean Up Dog Poop, Declare War (usually after cleaning up dog poop), can take time out of his schedule to exercise, then so can a guy who runs the free world of Hepburn (not a planet sane folks would ever want to visit without serious shots, including whiskey).

So I climb on to my elliptical, crank up the iTunes and pound away, knowing Barack is doing the same, a virtual mirror image... with slight colour variation. But something happens about the 13.468 minute mark. I quit singing *Pop Goes The World* and my brain waves change. Ideas start pouring in. "...the cure for cancer has to be... the best way to rob TD Bank... Sealey's diagnosis is (granted that might take an ultra-marathon)." So I keep a pad of paper and a pen on

the dash of the elliptical. When an idea strikes, I go to grab my pen. On cue, the pen falls off the dash onto the floor. I reach down to retrieve it while trying not to miss a beat but, 110 percent of the time, my headphone wires loop around the pedals, which causes the iPod to fall, which in turn yanks the earbuds out of my ears like a rocket, taking with it parts of my ear canal and possibly a bit of grey matter from my frontal lobe. But this is still where my best ideas come from every time.

Last year, when I cycled from Comox to Victoria with Boomer's Legacy, I was asked to give a talk, upon arrival. I had nothing prepared but, while cycling, I wrote the thing in my head. On arrival, I jotted down the ideas I could remember onto a rain soaked napkin and then gave a talk for the ages (ages 2 to 5, some said).

Can exercise make us smarter? If so, is more necessarily better? Research has looked at how well people perform mentally, both while exercising and immediately after an exercise session. Other research has examined the association between fitness level and age-related cognitive decline. Both show positive correlations.

During a session of moderately intense aerobic exercise, mental performance improves in several measurable ways including:

- Reaction time (except in grabbing falling iPods)
- Executive control processes, such as: planning, scheduling, working memory –

the brain's ability to temporarily store and manage information, and inhibition – the ability to block out unnecessary distractions such as painfully losing a portion of your ear canal.

Improved cognitive function actually begins to show at about 20 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic exercise and will be maintained for about another 40 minutes. The positive cognitive effects of exercising for 20 to 60 minutes are primarily related to increase in blood flow to the brain and stimulation of nerve cells to release more neurotransmitters (chemicals that send signals between brain cells). But beyond 60 minutes of exercise, fatigue is likely to become a factor as evidenced, I noticed, by me lying prostrate on the ground. This is when Leo, my Havanese pup, comes to the rescue, thinking he's performing CPR by licking salt off my chest and face. Mental performance is trumped by exhaustion after 60 minutes. Once fatigue sets in, you start to lose the mental edge you have gained. If exercise continues, then mental performance actually will decline to a level lower than where you started.

OK, my workout is done, ideas wrangled, article written, Barack back on the wall, dog happy. Time for a smoke.

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I was invited to a very special birthday party for a lady who lives down the other end of the hall from me at our retirement village. As I walked in, the lady in front of me said to the honoree, "Gladys, you look so wonderful. I never would have dreamed you were 80. I don't think you look a day over 78."

I chuckled to myself, then enjoyed all of the marvelous food and the magnificent birthday cake. When we were grouping to leave, a couple of them said to me,

"Now Martha, don't forget to invite us to your 80th when it rolls around," and I said, "I will give you lots of warning." I didn't tell them that I had celebrated my 80th seven years ago. I went by myself to an old-fashioned ice cream parlor and had a chocolate sundae with a cherry and nuts on top. As a child, my father had always taken me for a sundae on my birthday.

My family does not know how old I am and I am not telling. Just passing along my secret... and don't you tell.

Martha xzy

Dear Martha xzy,

Thanks for telling us your secret... and we won't tell a single soul.

Many people have lived a lifestyle that seems to have slowed down the aging process and others were smart enough to choose the right parents. You may have done both. Continue to play your little game, have fun and enjoy the chocolate sundaes with cherries and nuts.

Lizzie

Dear Martha xzy,

I do not know who coined the phrase, "Age only matters if you are fine wine or a piece of cheese," but I whole-heartedly subscribe to it. To me, chronological age is not as important as functional and emotional age. I have seen 40-year-olds acting like 80-year-olds, and 80-year-olds acting like 40-year-olds. So age is how you feel, act and how well you care for yourself.

I consider age very private information, information I – like you – do not share with anyone. And in today's world

of identity theft, where personal information is asked for in the same blasé manner as asking someone their shoe size, it is not wise to share. I will object, complain and refuse to share my birth date as a means of identification whenever I can.

Pryce

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

dearPharmacist

Why I Disagree With Angelina Jolie's Decision

by Suzy Cohen, RPH



Dear Pharmacist: Do you agree with Angelina Jolie's decision to remove her breasts to prevent cancer?

SI, Atlanta, Georgia

When I heard about her double

mastectomy, my heart sank for her because I'm sure she was paralyzed by fear. After all, nobody wants to hear the "C" word leave their doctor's lips. Her decision was based on the doctors she trusts but I disagree with it.

She's supposedly removing her ovaries

next. Should we tell her the BRCA1 gene increases risk of pancreatic cancer? She'll yank it. In men, the BRCA1 and BRCA2 gene increases risk of testicular and prostate cancer. Poor Brad, do you think he'll humor his wife?

These surgeons are going to dissect her while she's still alive and thriving. Good grief! She won't be thriving very long if they take out her ovaries and begin drug therapy to replace progesterone and estrogen. Certain hormone replacement medications increase risk of breast cancer (a tragic irony) as well as depression, gallstones, blood clots, uterine cancer, heart attack and stroke. And she pays her doctors to keep her healthy.

Preventive breast removal is a disturbingly popular trend that is being hailed as a reasonable, if not celebrated choice. Saline or silicone implants make it harder to detect breast cancer and according to the *British Medical Journal*, increase a woman's risk of dying should she happen to develop breast cancer.

Angelina's story makes me admire Suzanne Somers even more. I know her from medical conferences and book signings because we share the same circle as authors of health books. I love her, everybody loves her! She was diagnosed with breast cancer years ago, and forced to make a life or death decision. She chose well. The *Bombshell* author still thrives today and is just as vivacious as Chrissy from *Three's Company*. Angelina could have peed in a cup and learned more about her breast cancer risk than taking a genetic test which cost her several thousand dollars! I'm talking about a 24-hour urine collection test that provides metabolite levels of your hormones, kind of like glimpsing inside your cells. For example, a naturally-occurring estrogen metabolite called "2-methoxyestradiol" protects you from breast cancer. If you're low, you can increase levels with natural supplements such as DIM, B vitamins, magnesium and others. Detoxifying poisons is critical. I have more information about this in my e-book *Breast Cancer Protection* sold at my website.

Since when is conventional medicine genuinely interested in preventing disease? Mastectomies and breast implantation generate trillions of dollars for surgeons, radiologists, hospitals, pharmacies and drug companies. Lifestyle factors, diet, persistent organic pollutants (POPs), vitamin or mineral deficiencies and your body's innate ability to detoxify poisons all play a role in developing cancer. Common sense will tell you that if you remove your breasts, or ovaries, or whatever... you're still a delicious host to cancer in your lungs, uterus, pancreas, wherever. It's a dangerous trend. Don't remove body parts to prevent cancer, make your body an inhospitable host!

*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.* ✨

Special Needs Charter School Class Of 2013

It may have been one of Southwest Florida's smallest graduations, but that didn't diminish the achievement or the occasion for the five 2013 graduates of the Goodwill LIFE Academy. The LIFE Academy is a Lee County charter school for middle and high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The graduation was held at the auditorium of neighboring Edgewood Academy on May 16.

Janette Gomez, Kenya Hunt, Brandon Jolicoeur, Joshua Rohloff and Jennifer Williams each received their Special Option 1 diplomas from Don Armstrong, vice chairman of the School District of Lee County. A sixth student who would have graduated with the class of 2013, Laura Jara, was posthumously recognized at the ceremony. A vase of flowers rested on the stage in her memory.

"This year's graduation was especially meaningful to us because two of our graduates have been here since the school's first year," said LIFE Academy Principal Lynn Pottorf. "All of our graduates have spent six to eight years with us, and we have watched them grow from teens to young adults. They are now equipped with the skills to confidently begin the next phase of their lives."



The Class of 2013: Jennifer Williams, Josh Rohloff, Janette Gomez, Kenya Hunt and Brandon Jolicoeur

In the school's eight-year history, the academy has awarded Special Option diplomas to 29 students.

The academy's curriculum is designed to help transition young adults with developmental disabilities into post-school adult living. The curriculum provides training

in life skills, functional academics and vocational/workforce skills. The school also offers a vocational training program, which promises its graduates employment after graduation, either with Goodwill or a community-based employer.

The school is currently accepting stu-

dents for fall enrollment. For more information, call 334-4434 or visit the website: www.GoodwillLifeAcademy.org.*



Volunteers were kept busy on May 11, assisting with unloading food brought in from cars and mail trucks that picked up food on the 21st annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive. Each orange mail tub included approximately 130 pounds of food

Food Bank Thanks Community For Food Donations

The 21st annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive on May 11 collected 319,935 pounds of food in Lee County, a five percent increase over last year, when Lee residents donated 304,487 pounds. Lee County residents also donated \$232 in cash.

The Stamp Out Hunger one-day food collection drive benefits the Harry Chapin Food Bank and other agencies in Lee County that operate pantries and other

feeding programs. The food bank will distribute the food collected from the drive to participating agencies at no cost.

In Lee County, 348 Harry Chapin Food Bank volunteers sorted donated food at eight collection points, and 150 postal service volunteers helped letter carriers collect food left by mailboxes on various routes. George Sciascia coordinated postal volunteers and the United Way assisted in soliciting and assigning other volunteers. Lee County letter carriers conduct one of the most impressive collections each year in the nation through their active participation and dedication.

Al Brislain, CEO and President of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, commented,



Publix volunteers from stores 864, 59 and 1303 took time out from completing preliminary food sorts at the Page Field Post Office to pose for this picture. They were part of the 348 Harry Chapin Food Bank volunteers who assisted with the event on May 11

"This food will go a long way in helping our agencies feed families during the summer months when children don't have access to regular school feeding programs. Our community, once again, stepped up to assisting with this important annual food collection."

Those who were not able to participate in the May 11 food drive may still do so by taking nonperishable food items to any post office or Uncle Bob's Storage locations. Checks can also be made payable to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and sent to 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of 150 nonprofit agencies in Lee,

Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties that provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over 1 million pounds of food are distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank monthly. For each \$100, the food bank can distribute \$600 worth of food and supplies. In the past fiscal year, the Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 15.1 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$25 million. This is roughly the equivalent of 12.5 million meals to people in need.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or visit www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: By what other name are a cat's whiskers known?
2. ANCIENT WORLD: Where is the Acropolis?
3. HISTORY: Who was the commanding Union general at the Battle of Gettysburg?
4. MEDICINE: What is scoliosis?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What two countries share Niagara Falls?
6. MOVIES: What was the name of Gary Cooper's character in "High Noon"?
7. ENTERTAINMENT: What kind of horse was Trigger, Roy Roger's trusty steed?
8. SCIENCE: What metal is liquid at room temperature?
9. ANATOMY: Where is the medulla oblongata located?
10. LITERATURE: Who created the "Tom Swift" series of novels?

ANSWERS

1. Vibrissae, or "tactile hairs".
2. Athens
3. George Meade
4. Curvature of the spine
5. U.S. and Canada
6. Will Kane
7. Palomino
8. Mercury
9. Lower part of the brain stem
10. Edward Stratemeyer

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first second baseman to win back-to-back National League MVP Awards?
2. Name the catcher who holds the modern major-league record for most passed balls in a season.
3. In 2012, Steve Weatherford of the New York Giants became the third punter in NFL history to receive a franchise-player tag. Name the other two.
4. Who was the first player in NCAA men's basketball history to have a quadruple-double in a game?
5. In 2013, Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos became the fourth-youngest player to score 200 career goals (age 23). Who did it at a younger age?
6. Who was the last U.S. man before David Boudia in 2012 to win a gold medal in Olympic diving?
7. In 2013, Tiger Woods tied the mark for most career victories at one PGA event (eight). Who else holds the record?

ANSWERS

1. Joe Morgan of the Cincinnati Reds, 1975-76.
2. Texas
3. Todd Sauter and Dale Gribble
4. Tennessee-Martin's Lester Hudson, in 2007
5. Wayne Gretzky (age 21), Mario Lemieux (22) and Dale Hawerchuk (22)
6. Mark Lenzi, in 1992.
7. Sam Snead

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 27 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurine tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-

cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On May 30, 1431, in Normandy, Joan of Arc, the peasant girl who became the savior of France, is burned at the stake for heresy. Her most serious crime, according to the tribunal, was her rejection of church authority in favor of direct inspiration from God. She was 19 years old.

- On May 31, 1889, the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pa., collapses, causing a flood that kills more than 2,200 people. It was the largest earthen dam (made of dirt and rock, rather than steel and concrete) in the United States. Reportedly, a baby survived on the floor of a house as it floated 75 miles from Johnstown.

- On May 29, 1914, heavy fog on the St. Lawrence River in Canada causes a collision of boats -- the Empress of Ireland and the Storstad -- that kills 1,073 people. Caused by a horrible series of blunders, it was one of the worst maritime disasters in history.

- On June 2, 1924, with Congress' passage of the Indian Citizenship Act, the government of the United States confers citizenship on all Native Americans born within the territorial limits of the country. Before the Civil War, citizenship often was limited to Native Americans of one-half or less Indian blood.

- On May 27, 1937, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opens to the public after five years of construction. On opening day -- "Pedestrian Day" -- some 200,000 walkers crossed the bridge, which spans the Golden Gate Strait at the entrance to San Francisco Bay and connects San Francisco and Marin County.

- On May 28, 1957, National League owners vote unanimously to allow the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers to move to San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, at the mid-season owner's meeting in Chicago.

- On June 1, 1980, CNN (Cable News

Network), the world's first 24-hour television news network, makes its debut. Today, CNN is seen in more than 89 million American households and more than 160 million homes internationally. In its first years of operation, CNN lost money and was ridiculed as the Chicken Noodle Network.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was ancient Roman dramatist, philosopher and statesman Seneca the Younger who made the following sage observation: "While we are postponing, life speeds by."

- You might be surprised at some of the seemingly innocuous things that arouse passions in a group of people. Take the venerable 1960s television show "Mr. Ed," for example. Evidently, an evangelist named Jim Brown took issue with the show's theme song, claiming that when played backward, the tune contains the message "the source is Satan" and "someone sang this song for Satan." His preaching on the subject was so persuasive that members of a church in Ironton, Ohio, made a bonfire of recordings of the song.

- If you're planning to visit the Hawaiian island of Kauai, you might want to trek up to Mount Waialeale. If you do, though, be sure to take an umbrella, as that mountain holds the distinction of receiving more rainfall than any other place on Earth, with an average of about 40 feet -- yes, feet -- of rain annually.

- A recent national survey of adult children with living parents found that a whopping 70 percent of respondents are against the idea of a parent moving in with them. If it became necessary for one parent to move in, though, two-thirds would choose Mom over Dad.

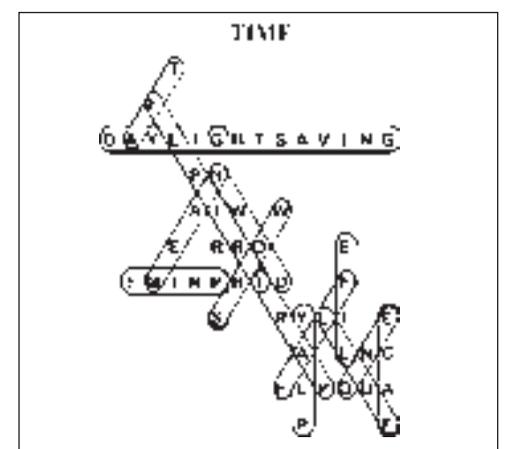
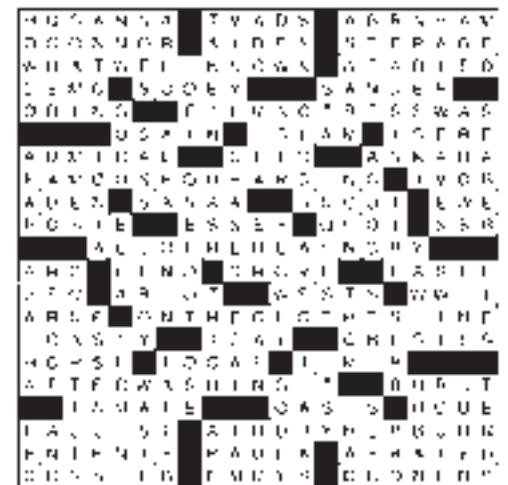
- It was noted wit Ambrose Bierce who, in his "Devil's Dictionary," defined faith as "Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel."

- Those who study such things say that an ordinary human being can live four weeks without food, four days without water and four minutes without air.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Most people would sooner die than think; in fact, they do so." -- Bertrand Russell

PUZZLE ANSWERS





Latin Spiced Florida Chicken with Cilantro and Lime Butter

4 medium sized Florida chicken breast cutlets (pounded thin or cut into thin even portions)

Latin spice mix for sprinkling (1 teaspoon cumin, 1 teaspoon chili powder, 1 teaspoon dried oregano, salt and pepper to taste)

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
2 limes, juiced
Canola oil

Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Make sure your chicken cutlets are thin and even in thickness. Lightly dust both sides of the cutlets with the Latin spice mix.

Preheat a large sized sauté pan over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon canola oil to preheated sauté pan. Add the spiced cutlets to the pan carefully without crowding the pan. Cook chicken for 2 to 3 minutes per side. The chicken should be golden brown and cooked completely through. Insert a internal cooking thermometer into the chicken cutlet, it should read 165 degrees for correct doneness. Remove from pan and let cool slightly.

Turn the heat on the pan down to medium low. Add 1/2 cup of water to pan and stir to remove any bits of flavor from the bottom of the pan. Reduce the water in the pan by half (this should only



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take a minute or so). Add lime juice to the pan and continue to stir. Add the butter to the pan sauce while stirring constantly. The butter should blend with the pan sauce to form a thicker pan sauce.

After the butter is combined to make the sauce, remove from heat and add cilantro. Taste pan sauce and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

Serve the chicken with rice and fresh vegetables for a complete meal. Spoon the pan sauce over the chicken. Garnish with extra cilantro and lime wedges.*

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4	5	7	1	2	3	8	9	6

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Grace; 2. Delight;
3. Regard; 4. Slump

Today's Word:
LUGGAGE

SCRAMBLERS

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

Charm

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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27



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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



Toury ID# 562632

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My name is Juliet I'm a grown up girl but I'm so petite you might think I'm still a baby. Maybe that's because I have a baby-like personality too. My favorite thing is to lay my little head in your hands so you can rub my ears. If you have other kitties, I would like to have another feline friend in my new home. If not, you can adopt another kitty along with me. All cats and kittens are two for one during Animal Services' Spring Fever adoption promo.

For information about this week's pets, call



Juliet ID# 563556

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Kiwanis Clubs:	
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Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
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AREA ATTRACTIONS	
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Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
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