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Urban Farming can be fun for all ages

Urban Farming Workshop At GreenMarket

Every summer, the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket offers free farming and gardening workshops conducted by local growers, master gardeners, homesteaders and educators. Residents' support for these classes has been strong in the past, with many attending, taking notes and asking questions. The result has been an increase in local homes and communities growing food organically in the area. This year, in addition to a core of sound gardening practices, the GreenMarket is adding workshops on more specialized activities, like beekeeping and vermiculture.

The community is invited to visit the market at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays in June, July and August to participate in the 2013 Urban Farming

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Artist's rendering of the new pavilion at the Burroughs Home & Gardens

Uncommon Friends Foundation Announces Naming Rights For New Pavilion At Burroughs Home

A former Fort Myers resident has provided major financial support for an open-air pavilion to be built on the property of the Burroughs Home in the River District in Fort Myers. The pavilion will be named in perpetuity the Gale McBride Pavilion for Character and Ethics Education as a result of a \$350,000 contribution to the Uncommon Friends Foundation, manager of the Burroughs Home.

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Callie Atkinson

Young Artists To Perform At June 7 Art Walk

On Friday, June 7, Young Artists Awards will present two award winning performers at the Reverie & Rock Art Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. in conjunction with June's Art Walk



Haley Ondrejka

in downtown Fort Myers.

Vocalists Callie Atkinson and Haley Ondrejka will be featured. Callie will be attending Cypress Lake High School in the fall and Haley is a musical theater major at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Both performers have been honored as winners in the Young Artists Awards competition.

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Hibiscus Show And Sale

The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society will conduct its 62nd annual Hibiscus Show & Plant Sale on Sunday, June 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Araba Shriners Center, 2010 Hanson Street in Fort Myers. This free event is the oldest, largest and best attended of all Florida's hibiscus shows, attracting several hundred people annually.

This is the best opportunity Southwest Floridians have to add to their hybrid hibiscus collection. This delicate and beautiful plant grows abundantly in Florida's tropical climate.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:
View On Altamont

by Gerri Reaves



When Doug Bartleson snapped this photo looking south on Altamont Avenue at West First Street in 2003, he captured a scene that would soon be gone forever.

Ten years ago, what remained of the once thriving Edison-Ford Plaza (originally named Boulevard Plaza) was mostly vacant. Within a year or so after the 2003 photo was taken, all the buildings pictured would be demolished.

For more than four decades, the plaza occupied the area bound by West First Street and McGregor Boulevard on the north and south, and Clifford Street and Virginia Avenue on the east and west.

The two-section plaza was roughly bisected by Altamont, which was spanned by the arches seen in the photo.

When the Boulevard Plaza opened in January 1960, it was big news. Downtown had its first retail shopping center, and it brought major changes in downtown's economic dynamics.

The plaza not only introduced the age of the shopping mall to



In 2007, the first phase of First Street Village (left) opened on the eastern portion of the shopping-center site

photo by Gerri Reaves



Ten years ago, the arches still spanned Altamont at Edison-Ford Square (originally named Boulevard Plaza)

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Fort Myers, it helped to drain business from the center of downtown to the western outskirts of downtown. The change previewed of something that would have an even bigger impact several years later – the Edison Mall – which definitely moved business south.

Before long, downtown Fort Myers was suffering the malady that swept the nation in the 1960s and 1970s – the near-death of traditional downtowns.

But if you could zoom back 40 years and visit the plaza, you might be delighted to discover almost everything you need for everyday shopping and services.

Anchor stores such as FW Woolworth, Pantry Pride Grocery and Liggett Drugs stood alongside numerous local businesses, which included a beauty salon, barber shop, ice cream parlor, appliance store, coin laundry, shoe shop, jeweler, toy store, and even a yarn and antique shop.

Dental and medical offices, realtors, lawyers, clothing shops and restaurants, and a savings and loan were among the other plaza residents.

The South Plaza Cinema had opened recently at the corner of West First and Clifford Streets, just to top things off.

But the plaza went into decline, and by the mid-2000s, the site was slated for a New Urbanist development, First Street Village. The plaza structures were demolished in preparation.

In late 2007, the first phase of that development opened, giving downtowners a grocery store and other businesses. Oddly enough, the architecture resembles that of the old Boulevard Plaza.

As for the west side of Altamont... in the last few years, the vacant site has reverted a bit to its pre-shopping center history.

People who love an unobstructed view of the Caloosahatchee River from McGregor Boulevard have had something to be grateful for, while the large open space that was called League Field decades ago remains undeveloped.

The land's history as a multi-purpose public gathering place goes back a century or more.

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Fort Myers Public Art:

Tootie McGregor Fountain Repairs

by Tom Hall



One hundred years ago, plans were under way to install a fountain at Five Points intersection in Fort Myers in honor of Tootie McGregor Terry, the real estate financier who was responsible for converting McGregor Boulevard from a dirt cattle trail into the paved thoroughfare we enjoy today. As the 100th anniversary of the fountain's completion nears, the Fort Myers Public Art Committee would like to restore it to its original condition. But money stands in the way. Or, to be more precise, the lack thereof.

According to a report commissioned by the Public Art Committee from conservation experts Rosa Lowinger & Associates, returning the landmark to its original state could cost in excess of \$65,000. The committee only has \$15,000 in its coffers for repairs and maintenance, and that has to cover all 21 sculptures and more than two dozen paintings, prints and photographs contained in the city's portable works collection.

"We don't have the money," bemoaned chairwoman Ava Roeder during the committee's meeting on May 21. Noting the importance of Tootie McGregor's financial contribution and commitment to the city's early development, Committee member Jared Black deemed it appropriate to go beyond the city to the county and corporate sponsors to make the necessary repairs.

Installation of the Tootie McGregor Fountain began on July 10, 1913 and was completed in time for the first anniversary of its namesake's death on August 17. It resided at Five Points until 1952, when it was dismantled to make way for the crossover to the Caloosahatchee Bridge. The Fort Myers Beautification Advisory Board had North Fort Myers sculptor Don Wilkins reassemble the fountain at the Fort Myers Country Club between 1983 and 1984, but when Wilkins reinstalled it, he added a 40-foot wide reflection pool and made other changes that were not part of the fountain's original design.

PAC member Bill Taylor has been a vocal proponent of putting Fort Myers' first public artwork back in its original state by its centennial, but the scope and cost of the necessary repairs make this all but impossible - although the city's Public Works Department could take a step in this direction by removing the reflection pool and replacing it with landscaping and sod in time for the fountain's 100th anniversary.

As for the remaining repairs, they'll either have to wait until a public-private



The Tootie McGregor Fountain celebrates its 100th on August 17

partnership can be assembled to raise the needed funds or the Fort Myers City Council replaces the current voluntary public art ordinance with one that requires public art contributions from all new public and private development within the City of Fort Myers, which is how 35 cities and 13 counties through-

out Florida pay to maintain their public artworks.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District's public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to www.truetours.net. ✪

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Confederate Statue Installed In Buckingham Cemetery



The statue, *Sgt. Franklin*, was donated by Dr. Jack and Mrs. Jane Abel

submitted by Commander Robert Gates, W M Footman Camp #1950 Sons of Confederate Veterans

On May 27, a 46-inch high, 385-pound statue of a Confederate soldier was placed in the historic Buckingham Cemetery. The statue, named *Sgt. Franklin*, will overlook, guard and forever be a reminder of the sacrifice of the CSA soldier and to the 11 soldiers buried in the cemetery.

The statue was donated by Dr. Jack Abel and his wife, Jane, who brought the statue to Fort Myers from Macon, Georgia, and was given to the Major W.M. Footman Camp #1950 Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Fort Myers United Daughters of the Confederacy under the stewardship of Commander Robert Gates. Mrs. Abel hand-painted *Sgt. Franklin*.

The previous weekend, Tom Fyock and Eric Smith of the Major W.M. Footman Camp built a pedestal, using 18 bags of concrete. The pedestal was perfect in every way. Today I, Sean McFall and Weyman Edmunson delivered the statue and set it in place. The fit was beyond perfect. It truly brightens the cemetery and does so with honor. A plaque has been ordered and will eventually be installed as well.

I would like to thank each and everyone who assisted in this project, a special thanks to the Abels for giving us *Sgt. Franklin*.✱

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Altamont Avenue

In 1917, the large space hosted the three-day Conquista de Florida festival, a forerunner of the Edison Festival of Light.

The Fort Myers High School football team practiced there in the pre-Terry Park era. The land was used for revival meetings, clay-pigeon shoots, celebrations, a campground for the traveling circus, and as a public playground.

Take a walk to West First Street and Altamont and ponder the site where the trendy new shopping center started a new chapter downtown's commercial history.

Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History, where you'll find more information about the west side of

downtown.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to 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 photo documenting the history of League Field.

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.✱

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.✱

Lee Republican Women Meeting

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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Public Invited To Uncommon Friends Meeting

The public is invited to attend the annual membership meeting of the Uncommon Friends Foundation on Thursday, June 13 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Burroughs Home, 2505 First Street in Fort Myers. Non-members will have an opportunity to learn about the nonprofit foundation.

Coffee and conversation will be followed by the State of the Foundation by President Gray Davis. A regular Board of Directors meeting will follow the annual meeting. New board members and officers will be elected.

There is no cost to attend and there will be an opportunity for a mini tour of the historic home. Reservations are requested and may be made by calling 337-9503.✱

New Gates At Matlacha Park

New gates have been installed at Matlacha Park in Greater Pine Island. The gates near the park entrance are electronic and based on a timer, and they will replace the manually operated boat-ramp gate. Hours for ramp users and park patrons are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. The electronic gates began operation Tuesday, May 28.

The park, boat ramp, kayak launch, fishing pier and community center are located in the heart of Pine Island's hamlet of Matlacha at 4577 Pine Island Road Northwest. Park admission is free; parking for vehicles not towing trailers also is free. Trailer parking is \$10 daily, or boaters can purchase parking stickers for \$60. For more information visit www.leeparks.org or call 283-4110 in Matlacha or the main Lee County Parks & Recreation office at 533-7275.✱



A GreenMarket demonstration shares the benefits of organic soil

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Urban Farming

Workshop Series. Learn how to produce food in small areas around homes, businesses and community centers in cities and towns using organic, bio-intensive methods. Explore ways to contribute to your community's sustainability and long term food security. The series kicks off on Saturday, June 1 with The Kitchen Garden & Beyond. Other topics in the series include The Urban Chicken Coop, Intro to Organic Beekeeping and Earthworms, the Magic Garden Workers.

The complete schedule of presentations is as follows:

- June 1 – Introduction: The kitchen

garden and beyond

- June 15 – Fruit year-round: The right trees for the Southwest Florida yard
- June 29 – Permaculture: Designing long-term, self-sustaining food gardens (Extra date for the fifth Saturday)
- July 6 – The urban chicken coop: How To's for fresh, organic eggs
- July 20 – An introduction to organic beekeeping in yards and on rooftops
- August 3 – Earthworms, the magic garden workers: vermiculture in the Urban Farm
- August 20 – Preparing the Fall season Urban Farm in SWFL

Pre-registration is not required and the workshops are free, but a \$5 donation is appreciated and will help support the market and future educational programs.



GreenMarket workshops are held on the first and third Saturdays during summer months

The workshops will be conducted outside, under the shade of the trees, but in case of rain they will be moved into a classroom, so they are "rain or shine."

For more information, visit www.artinlee.org, search for Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket on Facebook or call 939-2787. While you're at the market, be sure to visit the Alliance Gift Shop and Gallery, both of which remain open every Saturday.

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

Independence Day Cruise

Lake Kennedy Senior Center in Cape Coral is offering a cruise along the Caloosahatchee aboard the *Captain JP* on July 3. There will be a buffet lunch, live narration, music and dancing. A cash bar will be available. The cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members and includes motor coach transportation. Arrival time will be 8:45 a.m. with departure at 9 a.m. Approximate return time will be 5 p.m. Call 574-0575 for reservations.✪

Area Leaders Go Behind Bars For 'Good' To Support MDA

More than 70 business and civic leaders from throughout the Downtown Fort Myers area were "arrested" and put "behind bars" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Lock-Up fundraiser on May 22 at Joe's Crab Shack. The event raised \$49,292.

Accused of having big hearts and being heavily armed with kindness, the "jailbirds" volunteered to be part of MDA's Lock-Up in order to raise "bail" by encouraging friends, family, co-workers and business contacts to make contributions to MDA that will directly benefit families in the greater Southwest Florida area living with progressive muscle diseases. Top bail-raisers included Cindy Martel of the Verdandah, Kristin Woolam of Liberty Mutual and Beth Wolt of Wolt & Associates.

MDA also assists jailbirds in creating personalized Lock-Up donation websites to help raise their bail ahead of time online. The links for these websites can be emailed to friends, family and co-workers who could make secure online donations.

"It's amazing how our community jailbirds rallied around MDA and did a great job raising bail," explained Kim Viquesney, Executive Director. "The Lock-Up was a fun celebration of the work each person did to help families who live right here in our community."

Lock-Ups are one of MDA's signature fundraising programs, benefiting local individuals living with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related progressive muscle diseases in the Southwest Florida area.

The event also will help send Fort Myers area youngsters to a special week at MDA summer camp at Rotary Camp in Brandon, Florida. Youngsters with muscle diseases, as well as the many volunteers who help create magic at MDA summer camp each year, enjoy a wide variety of activities designed specifically for youngsters with limited mobility. Some activities include horseback riding, swimming, football, and arts and crafts.

MDA is the nonprofit health agency dedicated to curing muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases by funding worldwide research. The Association also provides unparalleled health care services; advocates for the families it serves; and invests significant resources educating the medical and scientific communities, as well as the general public, about neuromuscular diseases affecting more than one million Americans.

MDA maintains a nationwide network of some 200 hospital-affiliated clinics – 38 of which are designed as MDA/ALS centers – that provide unparalleled medical and health care services to adults and children with neuromuscular diseases. Families in Southwest Florida are encouraged to visit the MDA Clinic at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.✪

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Ronald McDonald House Charities' Offshore Rodeo And Reggae Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

River District Ramble To Benefit Uncommon Friends Foundation

The public is invited to participate in the River District Ramble, held in downtown Fort Myers this Saturday, June 1. The 7 to 10 p.m. event will benefit the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

Check-in will be held on the Patio de Leon. There is no charge to attend the Ramble; a \$15 donation is suggested for wristbands, which allow participants to register for deals and specials provided by the participating River District partners. Raffle prizes will be awarded at 9 p.m. on the patio; they include massages, exercise classes, gifts, restaurant certificates and other similar items.

Free parking will be provided for the event by Crown Valet Parking. The Ramble

is an opportunity to support downtown businesses and the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation's mission is to promote character education in schools, business ethics in the workplace, and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives.

Additional information about the Ramble may be obtained by calling 437-3016 or by emailing sharon@shabroofficesolutions.com.*

Gulf Coast Humane Society Announces First Annual Duck Dash

The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS), 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers, announces the first annual Duck Dash on October 19 from 12 to 3 p.m., hosted by Bass Pro Shops in Gulf Coast Town Center.

"Adopted" rubber ducks will race in the pond behind Bass Pro for prizes. Ducks can be adopted for \$5 at the Gulf Coast Humane Society, all GCHS off-site events and online. This fun family day will also feature Gator Country 101.9, games, vendors, food, drinks and entertainment. Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are now available.

For more information, call 332-0364 or email: Courtney@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org or visit <http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/duck-dash.html>.*

Learn To Row Day Coming To Cape Coral

Stuck in the same boring workout routine? Tired of seeing the same faces day after day in your local gym? Try something new that could change the way you approach fitness for the rest of your life.

Cape Coral Rowing Club is inviting the public to experience the joy of rowing on Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their facility at Cape Harbour Marina. Interested participants will be

introduced to a sport which is enjoyed by people of all ages and fitness abilities; no previous rowing experience is necessary.

The free event will include:

- A tour of the facility and learn the parts of a rowing shell
- A Concept II Ergometer demonstration

• Experience the ergometer while learning the body movement in a rowing shell

- Learn basic rowing commands
- Have an on the water rowing experience in an eight-person shell with an experienced coxswain and rowers

• Enter a raffle for a free six-session Learn To Row program

National Learn To Row Day is the ideal opportunity for someone to learn about the sport of rowing in a relaxed and fun environment without the commitment of joining a club or purchasing equipment.

Why row? Rowing is commonly referred to as the ultimate total body workout, exercising several major muscle groups with low impact, rhythmic movements. It is a great workout for your legs, which are the main source of power in a rowing stroke, as well as your arms, back and abdominals.

New rowers will discover that it doesn't take long to feel comfortable in the boat, although improvement in skill and coordination will take time and effort to develop. It won't take long to see improved health while spending active time in the outdoors.

The program is open to age 13 and up. Contact ltr@capecoralrowing.com for more information and to register.

Cape Harbour Marina is located at 5828 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral.*

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Minister Bids Farewell To Congregation He Founded

On May 26, Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson delivered his last sermon to the congregation he founded back in February 2001, with a sermon fittingly titled, "Who Would Have Thought It... 12 Years Ago?"

As minister of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation for the past 12 years, from which he has retired, he preached the importance of inclusiveness, and celebrating diversity in all its forms in order to arrive at a world in which people are more humane, compassionate and accepting of their differences. As an expression of his belief in inclusiveness, religious leaders of other faith traditions were always a part of his social and professional circles.

In 2001, he led a group of people - wishing to be part of a congregation that respects and celebrates the world's religions to becoming an organized congregation (All Faiths) and acquiring a home of their own in 2010 at 2756 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

An ordained minister for more than 50 years, he began his ministry in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, then went on to serve in the United Methodist Church, and finally becoming a Unitarian Universalist (UU) minister in 1990, after



Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson

which he served congregations in his home state of Oklahoma, and then in Minnesota, Michigan and Florida.

His education includes a Bachelor of Theology, Southwestern College of Christian Ministries Oklahoma City; a Bachelor of Arts in journalism, Oklahoma City University; a Bachelor of Divinity, Southern Methodist University (SMU); a Master of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry, also from SMU. Before entering UU ministry, he served in a wide variety of nonprofit positions including television, radio, advertising and direct mail. He has ghosted more than a dozen books for others, and authored three of his own.

A frequent guest columnist for the Fort Myers News-Press, Rev. Robinson has always been willing to "speak truth to power" when he sees unjust policies and practices. He has been actively involved in many civil liberties and social justice issues and is known for helping to break down the walls of racial segregation in Southwest Florida by working with other community leaders in the organization once known as Lee County Coming Together.

In addition to his ministry at All Faiths, he served as an adjunct professor at FGCU, teaching a course in civic engagement, where he got his students involved

in social action projects.

Rev. Robinson plans to continue his lifelong spiritual journey by returning to his writing. A new endeavor that he's embarking upon is creating a weekly blog of religious commentary. His ultimate goal is to provide sermons for a global congregation.

He joined his congregants and friends in a Memorial Day BBQ after his final service on May 26. An interim Unitarian Universalist minister, Rev. Margaret Beard, will begin serving All Faiths in September after its summer program, from June 2 to August 25.✪

Reverend To Address Democratic Women's Club

Rev. Allison Farnum will be the featured speaker at the the Democratic Women's Club of Lee County meeting on June 8. Rev. Farnum has served the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers as its minister since 2008. She is on the executive committee of the interfaith justice ministry organization in Lee County, called LIFE. She also serves on the board of directors for the Lee County Homeless Coalition and on the board of Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida, the faith-based ally to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Rev. Farnum has her BS in speech from Northwestern University, and master of divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School.

Rev. Farnum's topic will be Call to Compassion - Immigration. She will explain how immigration is a moral issue, and why it is the duty of civic-minded people of conscience to call upon the government for compassionate immigration reform. You will learn about what is happening legislatively but also be invited to think from the heart about how this issue affects you and your community.

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

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Along The River



The Burroughs Home was host to Fort Myers' elite including Edison, Ford and Firestone

The Ostego Bay Marine Science Center is still accepting applications for its Marine Summer Camps. The programs are an exciting and educational experience for children ages 6 and older. All instructional materials are provided.

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

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

Ostego Bay Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-0181 or go to www.ostegobay.org.

If you appreciate the beauty of downtown Fort Myers' historic River District, take a tour of one of Fort Myers' oldest homes - **The Burroughs Home**. Walk among live oaks and lush gardens, relax in a rocking chair on the verandah as you watch the river roll gently by... but, first, join Mona and Jettie Burroughs as they share the history and colorful tales of living in the home. Built in 1901, this Georgian Revival mansion was the scene of many social events that hosted the Fort Myers' elite including the Edisons, Fords and Firestones. Antique furnishings, historical artifacts and delightful tales of growing up



Florida is a scuba diver's paradise. Scubavice in Fort Myers offers classes and dive trips

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Tours are offered on Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for children 6 to 12 years old. No need for reservations unless you have a groups of 10 or more. Box lunches are offered at \$10 and require 24 hour advance notice.

The Burroughs Home is located at 2505 First Street, Fort Myers in the historic River District. Call 337-0706 or go to www.burroughshome.com.

Southwest Florida is a great diving destination thanks to the recent sinking of the **USS Mohawk**. **Scubavice Diving Center in Fort Myers** offers day and night dive trips to the artificial reef located approximately 28 nautical miles west of Redfish Pass.

The **USS Mohawk** is a 165-foot Coast Guard cutter launched in 1934 and serving U.S. naval forces in the North Atlantic during World War II. It was sunk with a lifeboat and replica guns. The propeller, anchor, tackle, original decks and the stacks are intact, making it a wreck diver's dream. Starting around 35 feet, divers will see a wide variety of reef fish in a zone which still has enough natural sunlight to support phytoplankton. Dropping down to 90 feet, it provides numerous and changing environments for a multitude of specialized marine life.

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Scubavice Diving Center is located at 12600 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 481-4733 or go to www.scubavicedivers.com.

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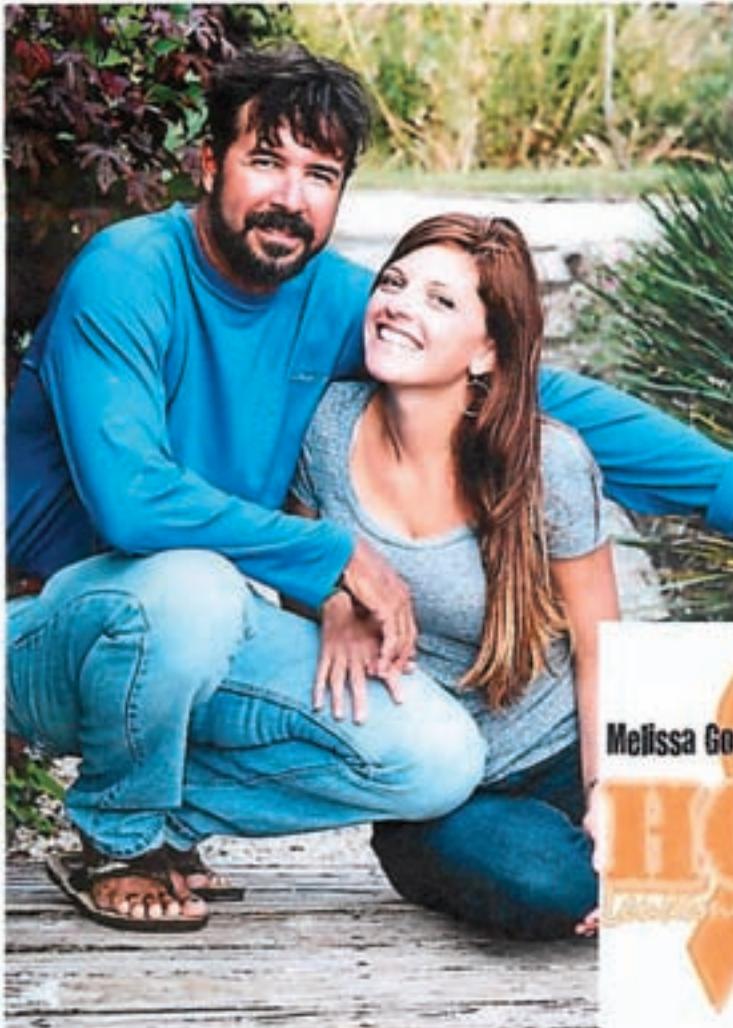
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Sunday, June 2nd

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Melissa and Dave were married April 13th of this year. Just a few short weeks afterwards Melissa was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. With no health insurance the hospital bills are adding up fast. Melissa has already endured blood transfusions, platelet transfusions, two bone marrow treatments and seven days of intense chemotherapy. Her treatment will continue over the next few years. Please come out on Sunday, June 2nd beginning at 2pm and help this family out.

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2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-332-1152, www.fumcftmyers.org
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Web site: www.tjswfl

Youth Choir To Perform

The 25-voice Youth Choir from The New Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach, Florida will be singing on Saturday, June 8 at 4 p.m. at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers. The choir is directed by John and Lisa Wilson and is comprised of talented and award-winning high school students from many schools in South Florida. This choir had the honor of being invited to sing this past December for the famous Christmas Candlelight Program at Walt Disney World in Orlando, and they were featured recently in an article on Youth Choirs in the National Journal of the American Choral Directors Association.

The songs they sing will include a wide variety of musical styles, from Classical to Gospel, including Spirituals and Contemporary Christian. The choir will also present a staged Christian musical, *Bright New Wings*, complete with costumes and choreography by prominent Drama Director Richard Briggs. This musical presents the life of Christ in a very dramatic and unique way.

In addition to the choir, there will be vocal solos as well as solo piano selections. A special feature is a choir of talented musicians who play English handbells using the difficult "four-in-hand" technique.

This Youth Choir sings in four-part harmony and is comprised of approxi-



Christ's Ambassador's Youth Choir

mately 25 High School Students who have been preparing diligently throughout the past year for this performance. Some of the music included will be favorite songs such as *In Christ Alone*, *Worthy Is the Lamb*, *Lord Most High*, *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*, *Let All the People Praise Thee* and traditional spirituals such as *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*, plus Peter Wilhousky's incredibly popular arrangement of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

This season's concert tour will be through Western and Central Florida from June 6 to 15, singing at prominent churches located in Naples, Fort Myers, Tampa, The Villages, Orlando and Vero Beach. The choir is directed by Dr. John L. Wilson, who is the full time Director of Music at the New Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach. He is a graduate of

The American Conservatory of Music in Chicago with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree, and the Sacred Music School at Union Seminary in New York City with a Master of Sacred Music degree plus an undergraduate degree from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, where he recently received a Distinguished Alumni Award. He was formerly Director of Music at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale and was featured weekly on the international television program, *The Coral Ridge Hour*, with Dr. D. James Kennedy. He studied conducting with Robert Shaw, Wilhelm Ehmann and Dr. Elaine Brown.

His wife, Lisa Blyler Wilson, is the co-director and accompanist of the group. She is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey and

has performed many organ concerts in the Mid-Atlantic area including Lincoln Center in New York City. She is presently the Director of the Rejoice School of the Arts in Wilton Manors, Florida. She was also the vocal music teacher for 14 years at Westminster Academy in Fort Lauderdale, where her school choir consistently won awards around the country. Accompaniment will be on piano and organ along with some solo instruments.

The New Hope Presbyterian Church is located at 3825 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. For further information, call the church office at 274-1230 or visit their website at www.newhopefortmyers.org

Admission to the concert is free, but a love offering will be taken at the intermission.✪

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Churches/Temples

THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX
5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers
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433-7708, E-mail: rabbi@chabadswf.org
Web site: www.chabadswf.org
Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon
Minyan: Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

THE NEW CHURCH
The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circ. #401, behind Zoomers. Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events are held on the beach in Fort Myers Beach. See our webpage <http://www.newchurchflorida.com/> or call for more information 239-481-5535.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978
Pastor: Douglas Kelchner
Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m.
Website: www.taecc.com

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FORT MYERS
13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)
Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum
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www.unityoffortmyers.org or 239-278-1511

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9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125
Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson
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11 a.m. Blended Worship
www.westminsterfortmyers.org

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH
2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881;
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi
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7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers,
481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert
Pastor Peter Weeks
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10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary;
11:30 a.m. Contemporary.
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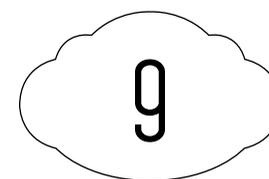
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Tarpon Time



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Southwest Florida tarpon season is now in full swing. May and June are the main months anglers from all over the world come here with one goal in mind;

to do battle with a hard fighting tarpon. If you are a fisherman and have never caught a tarpon, it is one of species of fish that should be on your bucket list. The strength and leaping ability of these fish are legendary.

Tarpon fishing this week was very consistent. Despite a few windy days, schools of rolling and free jumping tarpon could be found all throughout the area both on the beaches and in the bay. Although calm mornings give anglers the best opportunity to locate and sight fish, soak-

ing baits even during less than perfect conditions resulted in hook-ups this week.

When tarpon fishing is mentioned, most people think Boca Grande Pass. This pass does hold lots of tarpon but in my opinion is really not much fun to fish because of all the boat traffic and crowds. There are plenty of other places to catch tarpon without being involved in this stressful angling mess. With so many tarpon in our area, it's not hard to get away from the chaos and have tarpon all to yourself.

There are lots of different effective methods to fish for tarpon including live bait, cut bait and artificials. Anglers can generally be categorized by the method they use. When you see anchored up boats in the bay and out from Knapp's Point, these guys are generally cut bait fisherman. They set up a spread of multiple rods 360 degrees around the boat. Boats drifting and under trolling motor power are most likely the live bait fisherman. They are pitching threadfins, crabs and pinfish as they move through rolling fish.

Many local guides fish with what I like

to call the hybrid method, with a few live baits and cut baits put out while anchored. This method involves first locating tarpon and setting up on the anchor. Two heavy spinning rods are baited with large cut baits rigged on circle hooks, they are pitched out and placed in the rod holders. Then my anglers fish live baits under floats. These rigs are baited with crabs, pinfish or threadfins. I find this method most productive and with a wide selection of bait for the tarpon to eat, it lets you narrow down which bait the tarpon prefer that day.

Tarpon are without a doubt my favorite fish to catch and guide anglers on. No matter how many of these fish I hook or have clients hook, it's still an adrenaline rush that simply cannot be explained. If you have never tried it, you owe it to yourself to give it a shot.

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.*



Andy Lankton from Eureka, Illinois with his first tarpon caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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This year's state season is 44 days long and will be open through July 14 with the first day of the closure being July 15. The federal season off Florida will be 26 days long.

The state season was approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission (FWC) at its April 17 meeting in Tallahassee. State waters are from shore to nine nautical miles in Gulf waters; federal waters extend beyond that line to 200 nautical miles.

State and federal regulations require all commercial fishers and recreational anglers fishing for any reef fish species in the Gulf of Mexico to use circle hooks, venting tools and dehooking devices. In Gulf state and federal waters, the minimum size limit is 16 inches total length and the bag limit is two fish per person, per day, within a 10-fish snapper aggregate limit.

While the yearly quota for how many pounds of red snapper can be harvested has increased in recent years, the federal

season length has gotten shorter over the past few years because of more fishing effort and larger fish, according to federal fishery managers.

The FWC Commission chose to go inconsistent with the 2013 federal season based on reports that the upcoming federal stock assessment would likely show red snapper populations are doing better than previously thought and reports from anglers that the fishery is improving.

More information about red snapper fishing is available online at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and then "Gulf Red Snapper."*



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CROW Case Of The Week:

Baby Release Sites Needed



by Patricia Molloy

Imagine watching adorable ducklings frolicking in and around your pond or seeing an osprey sky-dancing above its treetop nest on your property. With the summer approaching, the clinic has a large

number of healthy babies ready to return to the wild, but not enough locations on which they can be legally released.

Most of the babies raised at the clinic from babyhood do not need to be returned to the exact location in which they were found, since they were too young to have established a territory. Off island is where space is most needed, as 85 percent of CROW's patients come from across the Sanibel Causeway. The clinic currently has a variety of native birds, Virginia opossums and raccoons that are ready to return to the wild.

It takes weeks or months for the babies to mature enough to survive in the wild. With baby season in full swing, the clinic's staff, students and volunteers are working around the clock to feed them.

Only a certain amount of animals can be released on one property in order to



This mottled duckling is playing with its food

avoid infestation and over-population. If anyone has private property with a lot of land and would be interested in having wild mammals, birds or turtles released on it, call CROW. The clinic will review the set of guidelines with property owners to determine if their place is suitable. Some of the questions include: Is the property wooded? Is there a pond? Is it safe from free-roaming dogs?

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and help CROW in its efforts to find a safe haven for our precious native wildlife.

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The evergreen yew plum pine has finely textured needle-like leaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

Plant Smart Yew Plum Pine

by Gerri Reaves

Yew plum pine's (*Podocarpus macrophyllus*) dense fine-textured foliage makes it a popular woody hedge in residential, commercial and urban landscapes in South Florida, especially in narrow spaces.

Also called yew-pine, Southern yew and Japanese yew, this evergreen tree is native to Japan and southern China.

It's rarely allowed to its reach full growth potential, which can be as high as 50 feet.

Because this tough plant can be repeatedly hedge-trimmed into any shape – cylinder, cone, box, or sphere – and survive, landscapers like it.

Its silhouette, spaces between

branches, and needle-like leaves give it a spruce-like appearance in maturity.

The yellow spring flowers are inconspicuous, the fruit fleshy, oval and bluish.

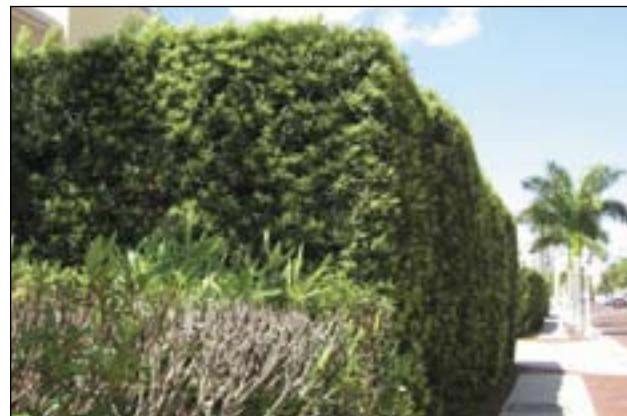
That fruit produced by the female tree explains the term “plum” in the common name. The fruit is a food source for birds.

The tree adjusts to various light conditions, even shade, but does best in full sun. Highly drought-tolerant, this plant will not do well in wet soil.

Yew plum pine works well as a buffer, screen or container plant. That tolerance for over-trimming makes it a good topiary plant.

However, if you want a low-maintenance evergreen that resembles a Christmas tree, consider a native species such as red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) instead.

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



Yew plum pine is common in urban landscapes



Left unshaped, the species will grow into a large tree

Caring For Your Plants

Shipping Plants



By Justen Dobbs

Did you know that many types of plants and trees are shipped all over the country... and even the world? I find that many people have the misconception

that plants will die if stuffed into a box with no sunlight or water. While this is true for some hardwoods and cuttings, there are many types of plants and even trees that can be shipped easily through the postal service or another courier.* I have personal experience shipping palms, cycads, ferns, flax, bromeliads, succulents, and some hardwood trees. Many Southwest Florida residents have a primary residence up north and have always wanted to take some of the pretty tropical plants they find here home with them. Don't drive plants home, just ship them!

The plants I listed above can survive in a box with no light, airflow or extra water for a week or more in most cases. Obviously, you want to check weather conditions between here and their destination so that they don't have to endure freezes. Also, make sure you know that there is going to be someone on the other end to receive them so they don't



Green moss keeps plant roots moist while aluminum foil secures the moss tightly

sit on a front porch in the sun for several days or weeks. Smaller plants and trees can be shipped for about \$8 to \$50 and arrive in as little as one to three days. Here are a couple of tips:

1. Remove the soil to save weight.
2. Wrap the roots with moist moss and aluminum foil.
3. Protect the leaves with shredded newspaper.
4. Make sure the plant is secured so that it can't slide around in the box.
5. Ship the plant by priority or third-day mail to make the trip as brief as possible.



Cut flowers provide color for a week, while bromeliad blooms last up to two months!

Another option is to ask the garden store or nursery if they ship. For a nominal fee you can save the trouble of driving or flying your plant home and have it waiting for you upon your arrival. If the store cannot ship, search for the same plant online and order it through mail-order. There are many companies that sell living plants online and ship around the country. Don't limit yourself to cut flowers which are going to die in a week when there are hundreds of house plants available with colorful blooms that should live for years. Make sure that you are familiar with the growing conditions and cold tol-

erance of any plants you send up north. Just because a plant grows in the ground here in Florida, doesn't mean it will survive outdoors in Michigan (and vice versa). If a plant cannot survive in cold temperatures, it will probably grow indoors up north if placed next to a south-facing window and watered correctly.

*Check with each state's agriculture laws and regulations before sending live plants in the mail.

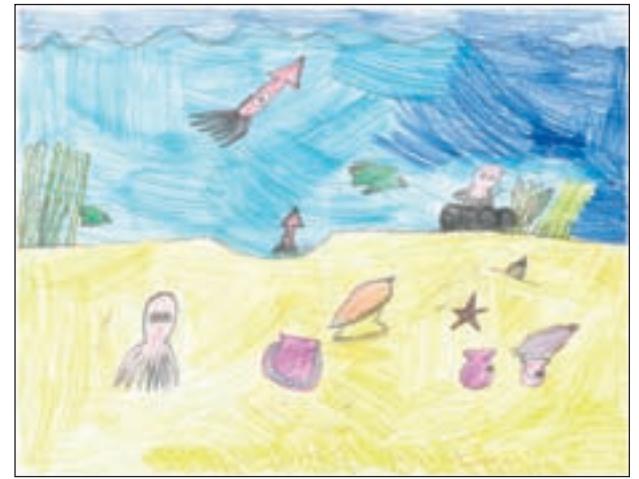
*Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.**



First place artwork by Peridot De Maio



Second place artwork by Karlyn Romero



Third place artwork by Samantha Lakomy

Mollusk Picture Contest Winners Announced

submitted by Ida Vaynberg

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum announced the winners of the 2013 Mollusk Picture Contest. Two Gulf Elementary fourth grade students and three Mirror Lakes Elementary fourth grade students were named winners.

All the fourth graders who had visited the museum with their classes were invited to enter the contest, where they were asked to draw a mollusk in its habitat. The rules were that it had to be an entirely free-hand drawing, with their chosen medium of colored pencil, crayon or markers.

Art teacher Tylor Stewart from The Sanibel School judged the entries. Local cartoonist Dave Horton served as a reserve judge.

Winning entries were submitted by:

- First place – Peridot De Maio, 9, Gulf Elementary
- Second place – Karlyn Romero, 10, Mirror Lakes Elementary
- Third place – Samantha Lakomy, 9, Gulf Elementary
- Fourth place – Emily Graf, 10, Mirror Lakes Elementary
- Fifth place – Schaana Louis, 10, Mirror Lakes Elementary.*



Fourth place artwork by Emily Graf



Fifth place artwork by Schaana Louis

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Upcoming dates for classes include June 19 and 24. Space is limited to nine people per class. You must be registered and paid in advance in order to attend.

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Special Needs Art Fundraiser

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. held their annual Breakthrough Awards luncheon on May 10. Displayed on each table (33 altogether) were hand-painted vases, filled with beautiful white and blue hydrangeas. What made these vases unique is that they were painted by the students of the Goodwill LIFE Academy, a charter school for students ages 11 to 22 with developmental disabilities. The vases were sold to event attendees with proceeds going directly to the school.

"Art projects provide the students with an opportunity to express themselves," said LIFE Academy Principal Lynn Pottorf. "Some of our students have limited ways of communicating. Creating an art piece allows them to show feelings and talents we might not otherwise see. Knowing their work has value and meaning to others was an extremely important part of this project."

The LIFE Academy focuses on academic, life and vocational skills to prepare the students for life after graduation. The proceeds from the vases, totaling \$1,290, will go directly to Community Based Instruction for the LIFE Academy students.

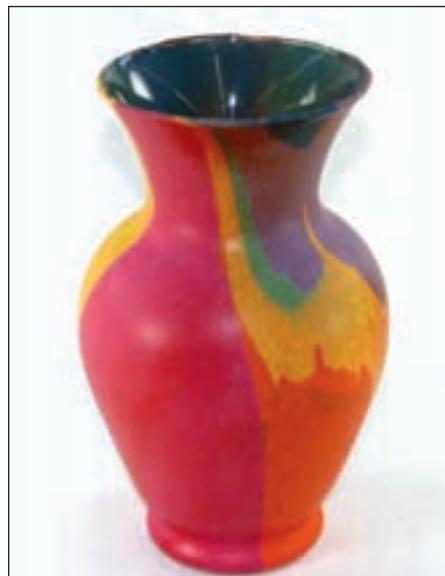
"Life skills lessons begin in the classroom," explained Pottorf. "However,



A hand-painted vase

they must be reinforced and practiced in settings outside of school. Taking students into the community provides opportunities to incorporate the skills into decision making, communication, and problem solving in real life situations."

The school is currently gearing up for its move to the future Goodwill Opportunity Center, which will feature larger classrooms, increased accessible technology, and more. The school is expected to be finished by the start of the 2013 summer.



A hand-painted vase

The Goodwill LIFE Academy is a tuition-free, open-enrollment school for students with developmental disabilities. The school's curriculum is designed to promote self-advocacy and develop life skills for independent living, by focusing on academic skills, daily life skills and vocational/workforce skills.

For more information about the Goodwill LIFE Academy, visit the school's website at www.GoodwillLIFEAcademy.org or call Principal Lynn Pottorf at 334-4434.✧

Theatre Conspiracy Shows To Benefit Local Charities

The Theatre Conspiracy performance of *Love Loss And What I Wore* opened May 9 at the Foulds Theater at the Alliance for the Arts. The play was written by Nora and Delia Ephron based on the 1995 book of the same name.

Each performance will feature a new cast and benefit a different Southwest Florida charity including Dress for Success, Adonis Autism Assistance Foundation, Junior Florida Everblades. And WGPU Public Media.

Made famous in its off-Broadway run, *Love, Loss* explores the lives of five women and how their wardrobes relate to pivotal moments in their lives. The late Nora Ephron, celebrated as a successful screenwriter, director and essayist, is most proud of this contribution to American theater. The show won a special Drama Desk Award and was nominated for two Drama League awards in 2010. Ephron, in an interview in *Huffington Post*, said, "Everybody associated their clothing with an important event in their life – their divorce, their marriage, falling in love, their prom nights. It's just so powerful for women."

The show plays through May 25, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling Theatre Conspiracy's box office at 936-3239 or online at www.theatreconspiracy.org. A complete list of casts and charities will also be posted on the website.✧

Le Van Wins Voices Of Naples Scholarship

Isabella Le Van of Cape Coral has been awarded the first place and only scholarship given by Voices of Naples for the 2013-14 school year. Her prize of \$3,000 will provide tuition assistance at Florida State University, where she will major in Vocal Performance with a minor in Music Therapy.

Le Van, daughter of Terris and Jayne Le Van of Cape Coral, received her award from Dr. Douglas Renfroe, Artistic Director of Voices of Naples at a recent Senior Night Awards Ceremony at North Fort Myers High School. She graduates as a Summa Cum Laude member of the class of 2013.

Le Van has been studying classical music for several years under the direction of her teacher, Dr. Ronald Doiron. Over the years, she has won several competitions singing art songs, arias, and operettas from some of the most famous works in classical music. She has won the Young Artists Awards competition twice, is the youngest member of the Southwest Florida Symphony Adult Choir, and has performed in several concert series and musicals. She had a Barbara B. Mann Hall debut singing and acting in *The Tenderland* with the opera stars of Julliard. Currently, she is in the Edison State College Choir and is an intern in the Bach Ensemble of Naples.

Besides being a musician, Le Van is



Isabella Le Van

dual-enrolled at Edison State College where she enjoys several activities such as the college choir and photography. She has recently received her black belt in Tae Kwon Do, loves to write and hopes to publish a novel. In her spare time, she performs at local elementary schools to expose young people to the pleasures of opera and classical music. Music has changed the course of her life at a very young age.

"Besides being one of the most enjoyable things I have done in my life, it has also been one of the most difficult," said Le Van. Because of it, she has been able to find her place in life.

Voices of Naples, a community chorus

of 80 members, has awarded scholarships to area high school seniors who plan to study music in college related to vocal performance. In the last eight years, they have awarded \$26,000.

For further information, visit www.voicesofnaples.org. Contributions to the scholarship fund or underwriting the expense of a concert are welcome.✧

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Alliance Exhibition Call For Entries

The Alliance for the Arts invites its members to submit artwork inspired by the theme Mask for its upcoming annual member exhibition. The opening reception is Friday, August 9 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Artwork in all mediums should be delivered to the Alliance wired, framed and ready to hang on Monday, August 5 during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entries that have previously been shown at the Alliance will not be accepted. Limit of one piece per member. Non-members are welcome to join so they can take advantage of this membership benefit.

Individual Alliance memberships are \$50 annually and offer benefits including additional exhibition opportunities, 20 percent discounts on all classes and workshops, and reduced ticket prices on theater shows and concerts. Become a member by visiting www.ArtInLee.org or visiting the Alliance campus on the corner of McGregor and Colonial boulevards in Fort Myers. The Mask prospectus is available at the Alliance, on its website or can be requested by mail by calling 939-2787. The exhibit will run through August 30. Artwork by Doug Patterson will be on display in the Members Gallery. Yvonne Remington's work will be in the theater lobby.

The Alliance for the Arts galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.✧

A Tribute To Patsy Cline At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau



A *Closer Walk with Patsy Cline* is a memorable musical tribute that chronicles and celebrates the life of one of the all-time legends of country music. Who can forget such hits as *Sweet Dreams*, *Walkin' After Midnight*, *I Fall To Pieces*, *Crazy*, twenty songs in all.

Heather J. Beck stars in the role of Patsy Cline and she portrays the singer with perfection. Her voice and personality reach out and fill you with emotion, making the audience feel they are actually attending one of Patsy's concerts. If you attended her concert in 1962 at the Palace Theatre in Little Rock Arkansas, admission was \$1.75 per person.

My, how times have changed. There is no question that Beck is the star of this show, but there are others who definitely add pizzazz to the production. Chuck Caruso plays Little Big Man, a disc jockey at WINC Radio in Winchester, Virginia, Patsy's hometown. As he spins Patsy's records, he tells people about her life story. His portrayal is great fun to watch as switches gears from DJ to sports announcer and even does the live commercials.

Remember the Mr. Clean jingle? Stage manager Jayar Garcia joins in for this one and the Ajax commercial. Laugh out loud moments for me. Caruso also serves as the warm-up comic for Patsy's concerts, telling really corny jokes, but he does it so well you can't help but laugh. The other stars of the show are members of the Loren Strickland orchestra, right on stage and full of life as they provide the fantastic music to accompany the



Heather J. Beck as Patsy Cline

singer.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline is one of only two select productions to be sanctioned by the Patsy Cline Estate. It's a real crowd-pleaser and is a tribute to her spirit and a celebration of the music of her life. Patsy's music is the number one jukebox play in the world and her Greatest Hits album has been in first place for over 200 weeks on Billboard's Top Country Catalogue Albums. In the show, you follow her climb to stardom from her hometown in Virginia to The Grand Ole Opry, Las Vegas and Carnegie Hall.

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline is first class entertainment. It lets you relive the passion, drama, glamour and songs of country music's greatest legend. It plays through June 22 at Broadway Palm, Southwest Florida's Premier Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, stop by the box office, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com or call 278-2013.✧

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 acrylics 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.✧

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center June Calendar

The upcoming June calendar of events at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center:

- Friday, June 7
Art Walk: Call To Artists Juried Show – The Art of Playing
6 to 10 p.m.
Free
- Thursday, June 20
Connect Networking Mixer
Expand your business and personal relationships. Get to know each other and connect in your community.

Raffle prizes, music and mingling
5:30 to 7:30pm
All tickets \$5

- Friday, June 21
Music Walk
7 to 10 p.m.
Free

- Thursday, June 27
Art & Poetry Networking Mixer
8 to 11 p.m.
\$5 admission
- Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, June 21

Theatre Kids Camp: "Alice, Chasing Rabbits, and Other Adventures"
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Young Artists' Performance

its 11th year of programming, is a not for profit education, performance, audition and scholarship program for students from throughout Southwest Florida. The organization is also a monthly partner with Art Walk.

Reverie & Rock Art Gallery is at 1528 Jackson St. in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

The performance is free and open to the public.✧

Annual Juried Exhibit At The Davis Art 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 incorporation/ 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



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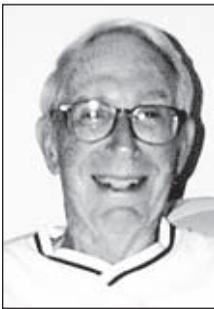
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College Football Headlines In The Midst Of Basketball, Hockey Playoffs



by Ed Frank

The 2013 college football season is months away, but two events the last week involving high profile collegiate teams already have tongues wagging even though we are in the midst of hockey and basketball playoffs and the baseball season is only two months old.

The first item stirred the passion of Florida fans when former Gator coach Urban Meyer once again issued his regrets over his departure from Gatorland three years ago. His leaving has left a bad taste in the mouths of Florida followers, particularly when he took over the Ohio State job a year later.

In an interview with CBSSports.com, Meyer said he would still be coaching in Gainesville if not for health-related issues. He retired briefly, but he said he called Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley early in 2011 to tell him, "I made a mistake."

"Once I felt like everything was under control, it was like, 'Oh my gosh, what did I do?'"

A few months later, however, he took the Buckeye job – a job he once said was his "dream job" even while coaching Florida.

In his first season, Meyer directed Ohio State to a perfect 12-0 record, although the school was banned from post-season play due to infractions by his predecessor.

You can bet the bank that Florida fans would like nothing better than to face Ohio State in the future in the national championship game. Just guess the reception Meyer would get from his former school.

The second college football headline was the suspension of Notre Dame quarterback Everett Golson for scholastic reasons. Although Golson said he intends to repair his classroom problems and hopes to return in 2014, his departure is one of many problems that have plagued the Irish since their 42-14 thumping by Alabama in the BSC title game in January.

First there was Irish coach Brian Kelly interviewing for the Philadelphia Eagles coaching job days after ND's humiliating loss to Alabama. Then there have been transfers to other schools by receivers Davonte Neal and Justin Ferguson and quarterback Gunner Kiel, recruited as the nation's top quarterback, although he didn't play a single down for the Irish last season. He left for Cincinnati, Kelly's former school.

And there are rumors that five-star defensive line recruit Eddie Vanderdoes is reconsidering his commitment to Notre Dame and may seek to get out of his national letter of intent.

With the turmoil at South Bend, Kelly will have to perform magic next season to repeat his perfect 12-0 regular season record last year.

First Place Miracle On Road This Weekend; Return Home Next Week

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team started the week with a 6-1/2 game lead in the Florida State League South Division as the season's first-half moved toward its final month.

A division title in the season's first-half 70-game schedule will qualify the Miracle for post-season play.

With a 35-14 (.714) season record, Fort Myers is on the road this weekend at Palm Beach before returning to Hammond Stadium on Monday for a four-game series against Brevard County. The Monday through Thursday games have 7:05 p.m. starts.

Miquel Sano and Eddie Rosario continue to pace the team with .341 and .309 batting averages, respectively.*

Lake Kennedy Center Grand Reopening

The Lake Kennedy Center repairs are complete. The waters gone, floors are fixed, the walls are painted, and we are ready to welcome everyone back.

Come see the new and improved Lake Kennedy Center, located at 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral, on Wednesday, June 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. Performances will be conducted by our dedicated members and instructors. Festivities include standup comedy by Betty Dentzau, ballroom dancing by Jeanne Esposito's team, a hula performance by the Turner Talents, jazz dancing by the Heart and Soles Dance Team, square dancing by Wes Morris's group, and clogging by the Suncoast Sunshine Cloggers.

Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be provided courtesy of our community partner, Heather Bowden and Mederi Caretenders. It will be a spectacular celebration you don't want to miss!

Admission is free, but pre-registration is required. Doors open at 2 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Lake Kennedy Center at 574-0575.*

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Hibiscus Show & Sale

Members of the society who are experts in the care and growing of hibiscus will be available to provide advice. Should members of the public have questions regarding how the blooms are judged, there will also be several senior American Hibiscus Society judges available to respond.

"The event will showcase hundreds of different hybrid hibiscus blooms in a variety of colors and forms which will be judged in several different classes including amateur, collector, open collector, commercial and seedlings," explained Wanda Schmoyer, chapter president.

This continuing show is made possible through the generosity of community sponsors Aterra Realty, Attorney Thomas C. Chase, Driftwood Garden Center, Edison National Bank, Dr. Jacob Goldberger, Greenscapes, Dr. John Kagan, Hooters, Orr Insurance Group, Advanced Pain Management & Spine Specialists, Riverland Nursery, Dr. Darrick Saunders, Storm Shutter Warehouse, Tim's Tree Service, Tropical Hardware, Victory Layne Chevrolet and Wilford & Lee.

In addition, more than 700 hybrid hibiscus plants will be for sale. Free raffle tickets will be given away every 30 minutes for gift certificates from Oasis Restaurant, Hooters, Cloyde's Steak & Lobster House, Hemingway's Island

Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Victory Layne Chevrolet, We're HAIR For You, Salon Nicholas, Unbelievable Hibiscus, Gavins Ace Hardware, Snyderman's Shoes, B&B Organics and more.

Anyone who desires to learn more about how to grow, graft and hybridize this attractive tropical flowering plant can do so by joining the James E. Hendry Chapter, AHS at the show. The show is the highlight of the year for the society and no further meetings will take place until they resume in October. The society meets at Eco-Living Center, 6490 South Pointe Blvd. on the second Sunday of each month. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend the next meeting on Sunday, October 13 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.hendrychapterahs.com.*

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New Pavillion

Edward and Gale McBride are former owners of WINK. The Edward and Gale McBride Foundation was established in 1989 by the late Edward McBride. Over the past 24 years, they have funded many educational charities, including being a significant donor to the Uncommon Friends Chair of Business Ethics at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Edward McBride and Jim and Ellie Newton Scholarships in Family Business are provided at Stetson University. Both of the McBrides are deceased.

The pavilion will enable the Uncommon Friends Foundation to offer a year-round, climate controlled facility to provide a venue for character education and business ethics conferences, corporate meetings, non-profit events, weddings and other special occasion meetings. The architectural intent is to be complementary to an existing pavilion while offering versatility and protection during inclement weather conditions.

Additional naming rights are being accepted.

- \$50,000 gifts provide being recognized permanently as the pillars and founders of the foundation's character and ethics society. Gates Construction has provided one such gift.

- \$25,000 gifts provide being named as a supporting founder of the foundation's character and ethics society.

- \$1,000 gifts will be recognized in the program of all character and ethics education events held in the pavilion.

- Walk of friendship commemorative bricks will be available at \$300 per brick or two bricks for \$500.

The pavilion committee includes Joseph Catti, Gray Davis, Todd Gates, Randall Henderson, Gary King, Rose O'Dell King, Gary Krueger, Ronald Reitz, Arlene Roth, Robert Simpson and Steven R. Whitley.

For more information about contributing to the pavilion project or activities of the Uncommon Friends Foundation, call 337-9505 or visit www.uncommonfriends.org.*

Luau In The Cape

The Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral will bring Tony Blake to the main stage July 26 for the Fun in the Sun Luau. There will be songs from yesterday and today plus a performance by The Turner Talents Hula Dancers.

Dinner will include pineapple chicken, fruit salad, rice pilaf, green beans and cheesecake. Cost is \$18 for members and \$23 for non-members. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show time is 7 p.m.

Preregistration is required by calling 574-0575. The Lake Kennedy Center is at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard.*

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Lee campus in Fort Myers

Open House At Edison State College

Edison State College will host an open house on Thursday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event will take place on all Edison State College campuses in Fort Myers, Punta Gorda, Naples and the center in LaBelle. Attendees are encouraged to register online for a fast-pass at www.edison.edu/openhouse.

"Fall semester is right around the corner and classes are filling fast," said Dr. Christine Davis, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "We encourage future students and their families to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and tour our beautiful campuses to learn how to turn academic goals into reality."

While at the open house, visitors will receive information about the admissions process, academic programs, financial aid, scholarships and additional funding information. The event will offer campus tours, free give-a-ways, snacks, entertainment, as well as the opportunity to meet with current students, faculty and staff. On the Fort Myers campus, visitors will also have an opportunity to visit Lighthouse Commons, the apartment-style student housing facility, which offers great access to the college and nearby amenities.

To preview the fall class schedule, visit www.edison.edu/academics/schedule/.

For more information about the open house and to register for your fast-pass through check-in, visit www.edison.edu/openhouse.



Collier campus in Naples



Charlotte campus in Punta Gorda



BB&T-OTC team, from left, Stacey Mercado, Jennifer Hammerstone, Kate Gilbert, Mary Walsh, Jill Martin and Tammy Leigh

Voices For Kids Of Southwest Florida Improved By Lighthouse Project

BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company employees recently participated in the Lighthouse Project, a company-wide community service program, to support Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida.

BB&T-OTC team members coordinated painting, reorganized and decorated the toddler and teen waiting rooms of Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida Guardian ad Litem Program at the Lee County Courthouse.

"The outcome of this improvement project is absolutely amazing. It's an uplifting and bright area for the children who are going through difficult circumstances," said Darlene Ann Grossman, Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida executive director. "We cannot thank the BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company team enough for their hard work and compassion."



Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida's new teen room

"We wanted to support Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida because of the great work they do for the children in Lee County," added Stacey Mercado, BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company's marketing/sales development specialist. "We're proud to team up and help in any way we can."

For more information about the Lighthouse Project, visit www.bbt.com/bbt/lighthouseproject.

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Pilot Club of Fort Myers members with IMPACT for Developmental Education recipients

Pilot Club Awards Grant

A \$5,000 matching grant was presented to IMPACT for Developmental Education, Inc. from the Pilot Club of Fort Myers. The funds will be used for multi-sensory equipment for preschool locations.

The sensory equipment increases children's awareness of the environment and encourages increased interaction and participation in everyday activities, improving gross and fine motor skills.

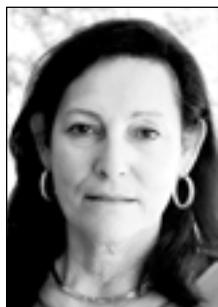
The focus of the Pilot Club is helping people with brain-related disorders and disabilities through volunteer activities, education and financial support.

IMPACT for Developmental

Education, Inc. was founded in 1979 as a private, not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate learning environment for all preschool-aged children as well as in-home instruction for the parents of infants and toddlers with special needs.

For more information about IMPACT, visit www.impactforkids.org or call 334-6160.*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I really liked what you said in a recent column about kids becoming self-advocates. I want to work on this with my daughter who has ADHD.

What are some things I can do?
Luisa G., Fort Myers, Florida

Luisa,

Self-advocacy is a very important skill for students to learn in order to be successful at all stages of their lives. Formerly, self-advocacy was a term applied for the most part to adults with disabilities but recent research suggests that learning to self-advocate is an important part of success for college and in the work force.

According to psychologist Jodie Dawson, "Self-advocacy is understanding your strengths and needs, identifying your personal goals, knowing your legal rights and responsibilities, and communicating these to others." Since your daughter has learning struggles, she must learn how to maneuver through life's challenges to make sure her needs are met. She must understand her strengths and limitations, know how they affect her performance, and be able to communicate this to other

people.

Dr. Dawson has shared some ideas for developing self-advocacy skills. She says that the young person must understand his or her learning difficulty and then understand how they learn best. The student should know his or her strengths and weaknesses and the strategies, accommodations and environments that help them learn best. Teachers and specialists at school can help with this and personal reflection on these issues is also important.

To self-advocate successfully, the student must be able to communicate this self-knowledge to others. Your child must be clear in her requests and prepared with explanations. The manner in which she communicates can either create supporters for her or push people away. Your daughter will probably need your help preparing ahead of time, planning what she will say. Role-playing is a great way to practice communication skills by helping her anticipate different situations, creating a script that she can use and thus raise her level of confidence for these encounters.

Throughout high school and beyond, your child will face many situations where she'll be required to inform and educate others about her learning disability. Friends may ask questions about her "special attention" at school and teachers unfamiliar with her needs will need more information about how she learns. On the job, she may require a specific work-related accommodation. At times, these situations may feel uncomfortable for

your child but the more self-knowledge she has, the better she'll be at advocating for herself.

It's important to help your child identify her support system early on. Who does she trust and feel comfortable talking to – parent, relative, teacher, administrator, counselor, mentor, tutor? She needs to have people she can turn to for help, especially once she leaves home. This way she won't have to feel so alone as she navigates through life.

By enabling your teenager to self-advocate, you'll help her develop skills necessary for success in learning and life. Talk with her regularly to reflect on what's going well for her and what isn't. Using a self-reflective questioning technique may also be helpful. Here is an excellent site for a list of questions a teen can use for this activity: <http://www.emotional-intelligence-education.com/self-reflection.html>. Self-evaluation is often where the greatest learning takes place.

*Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.**

Essay Contest For Father Of The Year Award

In conjunction with its annual Father's Day festivities, the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers will be holding an essay contest for youth who want to nominate their fathers for the organization's Father of Year Award.

Explaining why their father should be Father of the Year, all participating students should include with their essay a cover page with their name, age, grade and the name of their father. Essays should also be typed, doubled spaced and stapled in the upper left-hand corner.

The contest is open to all students in Lee County between first and 10th grade. Students in grades 1 through 5 should submit a 100-word essay, while grades 6 through 8 should submit 150 words and 9 through 10 submit 200 words.

Please submit essays to the HACFM's CSS office suite #103, located at 4224 Renaissance Preserve Way in Fort Myers, on or before Saturday, June 1.

This year's Father's Day Event will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clemente Park located at 1936 Henderson Avenue in Fort Myers. The event will be filled with a variety of fun and entertainment for the entire family including a BBQ cook-off, a youth basketball tournament, youth games, live entertainment and more. All children interested in playing in the youth basketball tournament must be between 8 and 13 years old and register to participate.

As part of President Obama's Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, the HACFM's annual Father's Day Event is a nationwide day of events encouraged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative partners with the Administration for Children and Families, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse, fathers, mothers, family-serving organizations and other leaders from across the country who wish to be positive role models and mentors for the children in their lives and communities.

Federal partners of this year's Father's Day Event include the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Justice.

Currently, the HACFM serves more than 3,500 low-income families throughout the greater Fort Myers community. The HACFM provides high quality, stable and sustainable housing and related services to people in need. In addition, the staff works diligently in providing programs such as Resident Services/Family Self-Sufficiency and HOPE VI Community Supportive Services. The goal is to help families become self-sufficient, therefore strengthening the communities that use public and private resources efficiently and effectively.

The HACFM serves as a catalyst for increasing access to safe, affordable housing, and helping develop, preserve and revitalize communities through affordable rental housing. The agency is dedicated to empowering families with the means to become as self-sufficient as possible, encouraging and facilitating movement toward financial independence beyond the need for HACFM services, while recognizing the needs and limitations of the mentally and physically disabled, aged and infirmed.

For more information or for assistance, call 332-3825.*



Lynn Scott (assistant math coach), Jaelyn Jenkins, Bradley Jackson, Scott Adema, Andrei Petryk, Angelina Durazzo and Charles Hassen (math coach)

Krohn Named To Dean's List

Kaylee Krohn, a resident of Fort Myers, was among 90 students who made the Spring 2013 Dean's List for scholastic achievement at Georgia Southwestern State University.*

Wallace Graduates

Mackenzie Wallace, a resident of Fort Myers, graduated on May 12 from Heidelberg University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication & Theatre Arts.*

Heights Math Team Competes

Heights Elementary IB World School fifth grade math team students recently competed in the Lee County School District Elementary Math Competition. Various awards were presented.*

Trower Graduates

Jennifer Elise Trower recently graduated from Valdosta State University with a Education Specialist Curriculum & Instruction. The Fort Myers resident is one of over 1,200 students recognized for meeting the qualifications for graduation during the Spring 2013 Commencement.*

Hodge Earns Degree

John-Michael Hodge, a resident of Fort Myers, received a BS degree in Public Communication within the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences during commencement ceremonies on May 19 at the University of Vermont.*

George Named To Dean's List

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announced that Nathan George of Fort Myers, a freshman majoring in robotics engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the spring 2013 semester.*

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Shell Point Academy Classes In June

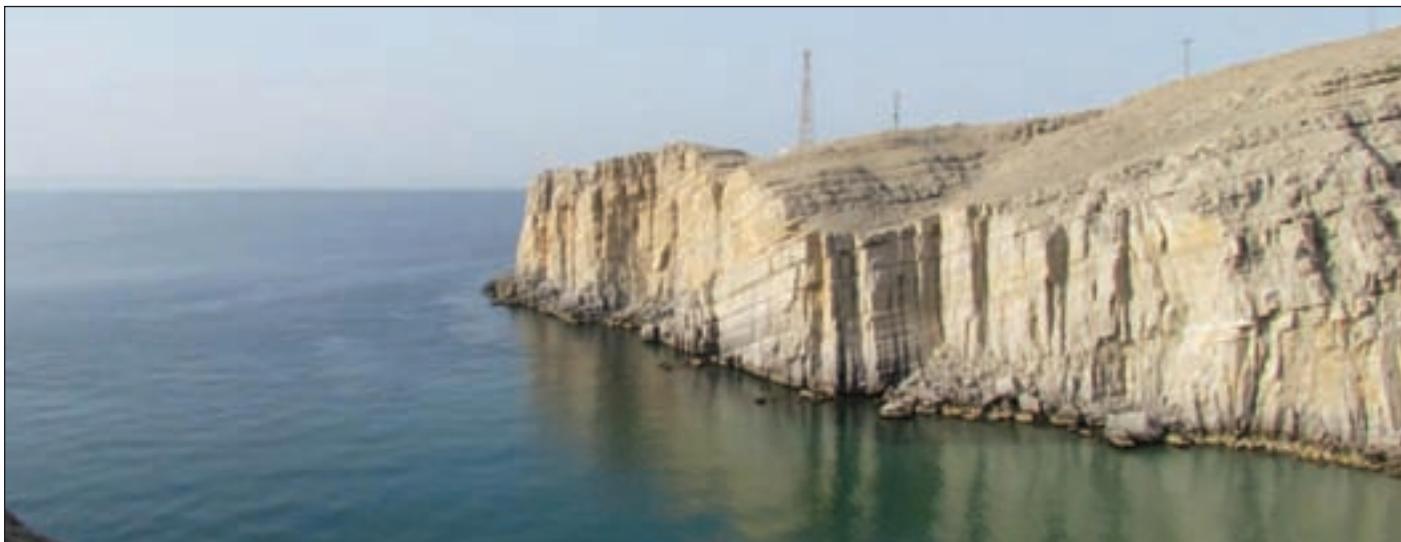
The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point welcomes Professor Adrian Kerr to its Summer Academy for three classes in June. The classes are scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room of The Woodlands at Shell Point Retirement Community. Tickets for classes are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling 489-8472.

June 4: Khasab – The Norway of Arabia. Located at the northernmost tip of Oman separated from the rest of the Sultanate by the United Arab Emirates, Khasab has a rugged coastline that is often called the “Norway of Arabia.” With a rocky headland that juts into the Strait of Hormuz, Khasab has one of the most strategic shipping lanes in the world.

June 18: Muscat – Jewel of the Persian Gulf. Muscat, the beautiful historic capital of Oman, has been an important trading port since Roman times. Unlike other Gulf capitals, Muscat has truly retained its old world charm.

June 25: Salalah – Ancient Capital of Incense. Oman’s ancient incense capital is an oasis with lush vegetation resulting from seasonal monsoons. Marco Polo visited in the 13th century, and even the Queen of Sheba fell under the spell of the area and sent frankincense to impress King Solomon.

“We are delighted to welcome



Learn about Khasab, called “The Norway of Arabia,” during a June 4 Shell Point Academy class

Professor Adrian Kerr back to The Academy,” said Teri Kollath, manager of Volunteer Services and The Academy at Shell Point. “He has a wonderful way of making history come alive for us in his informative and interesting presentations.”

Kerr is the author of *Ancient Egypt and Us*, a review of 3,000 years of history that focuses on how our modern religion, literature, art, architecture, medicine, cosmetics, warfare, peace treaties, mathematics, government, women’s empowerment and science all have their roots in ancient Egypt.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point is an educational initiative for the residents of the retirement communi-

ty. The Academy provides approximately 80 classes each semester that encompass a well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults.

The classes are scheduled from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room of The Woodlands at Shell Point Retirement Community. Tickets for classes are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling 489-8472.*

Wagner Named As Candidate For Degree

The names of more than 4,500 candidates for degrees at the University of Kansas this spring – representing 95 Kansas counties, 41 other states and the District of Columbia, and 42 other countries – have been announced by the university registrar. Among the candidates is Madison Wagner of Fort Myers. She received a bachelor of science in journalism and communication studies minor.*

Family Medicine Residency Program Receives Full Accreditation

The Florida State University College of Medicine and Lee Memorial Health System received news that their family medicine residency program has received full accreditation for the maximum initial interval of three years.

“This is exciting news and something we had been anticipating. With this announcement, we can begin interviewing fourth-year medical students this fall in order to choose the top candidates to become our first class of residents,” said Gary Goforth, MD, director of the Florida State University College of Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program at Lee Memorial Health System.

The program, expected to produce six new family medicine physicians a year, will be the first residency program in Southwest Florida approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Among the fastest-growing regions in the state, the area needs more physicians to take care of a population that grew by more than 40 percent in Lee County between 2000 and 2010.

The Family Medicine Residency Program is intended to help combat a growing shortage of primary care physicians. Numerous studies have shown that most physicians end up practicing near where they completed residency or fellowship training.

Residency program faculty physicians already are seeing patients in the Family Medicine Center at Lee Memorial Hospital to build the patient base needed for the arrival of the first class of residents in 2014.

The announcement came during the May 20 to 22 meeting of the family medicine review committee of the ACGME, the sanctioning body of graduate medical education in the U.S. and Canada.*

Cattanach Presents Work At Armstrong

Armstrong Atlantic State University announced Student Scholars for the 2012-13 academic year. Rehabilitation Science major Emily Cattanach, a resident of Fort Myers, presented “The neurological effects of concussion in soccer” at the university’s 19th annual Student Scholars Symposium.

Armstrong has a proud tradition of student involvement in various scholarly and creative endeavors. Whether it’s turning a ceramic vase or synthesizing chemical compounds, students are working side-by-side with faculty making valuable contributions to their fields of expertise.

The Scholars Symposium provides a venue for the campus and the community to come together to celebrate these accomplishments and to recognize the outstanding scholarly achievements made by Armstrong Atlantic State University students.*

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,

When my daughter was in her early 20s, she married a man 20 years her senior. My husband and I were not pleased, but he was her choice.

The years have passed, and now I am a widow. My son-in-law and I have more in common with each other than he has with my daughter. This is compounded by my daughter telling me that she has been having an affair for the last five years with a married co-worker in her office (who is her own age). Of course, her husband

does not know and I feel dreadful keeping her secret.

I am not financially dependent on my daughter, but emotionally I am very dependent. I feel terrible being in the middle, living such a lie and being so deceitful to a kind, caring husband. What shall I do?

Hazel

Dear Hazel,

You certainly are in the middle, straddled between a daughter with poor judgment and a son-in-law who is being deceived by your daughter’s poor judgment. As much as you may want to correct the situation, it is not your business. Whether you are dependent on your daughter or not, your daughter’s life with her husband is not your business.

You can encourage her to rethink her behavior, but to “tell on” her is not a good choice. The best position for you is to be neutral.

Pryce

Dear Hazel,

Your daughter seems to have you all held hostage to her lifestyle. Pryce, if you ever acted like this, I would be furious and very hurt. I would talk to you privately and discuss this problem and tell you how I feel and ask for your solution. This would be a very difficult meeting for me because I would be disgusted and appalled at your behavior.

Lizzie

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

Dr. Dave

Super Kryptonite

by Dr. Dave Hepburn



Doctors have nightmares. They're not the usual nightmares of sitting naked in grade 12 math class being taught by a stegosaurus as your teeth slowly fall

out. Nope. We have nightmares about taking out the wrong kidney, taking out night nurses or ordering take out with a side of bacteria gone wild. Fortunately, there are very few stegosauri left in schools. But ladies and gentlemen, start your engines and get out of dodge. There now is a new superbug, a rogue bacteria gone wild. This one isn't just super... it is super super kryptonite-resistant. Welcome to my nightmare bacteria, Alice. The one we didn't ever want to see, the one that NO antibiotic can touch.

Up to now, the superbugs you have heard of like MRSA, the NDM-1 plasmid of New Delhi, *C. difficile*, etc., were not completely 100 percent resistant to every antibiotic. But this new one is and if you're not scared, get scared. It's called CRE and it does CRE stuff but really, there are two things you should know about CRE:

1. If you catch it, you only have a 50 percent chance of surviving.
2. It is here.

Why is it here?

1. Antibiotic overuse. This is normally where I tee off and berate you, the patient, for coming to the clinic for antibiotics for a cold or flu or earache. But most of you folks have figured it out. In the past several years, I've noted fewer requests for antibiotics and fewer people demanding treatment for a cold. There are still a few who do, of course. They apparently don't think they should suffer with a cold while everyone else should. They want the instant magic cure we've been keeping to ourselves, often coming up with brilliant statements like:

"I simply can't be sick, doctor. I have to go on a trip to Drumheller to see the stegosaurus festival."

"It starts in my head but it always goes to my chest." Yes, Bloggins, that's what a cold does. But it's still just a cold, so get a gripe.

"Well, my doctor always gives me antibiotics." In the past, weaker doctors may have given antibiotics for ear infections and coughs, but competent doctors do not.

2. As the world shrinks the medical problems expand. In third world countries where antibiotics are plentiful and education is not, antibiotics are being doled out like Kleenex at a Flames game. Compounding this is medical tourism. Folks scamper off to East Sunilolroniastanya for a really cheap tummy tuck or facelift or a tummy lift into a face tuck, when they're on sale. While on this trip, they pick up a few falafels and a little CRE, bringing both back to North Americastaya. Though they may be asymptomatic they might still be colonized with CRE and falafel crumbs.

British Columbia already has special protocols in place to deal with sick patients who've come from places like Greece, the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent. But here is the scary part. There are now actually protocols in place for patients who have been in hospital in... the USA! A couple of hundred hospitals in 41 U.S. states now have confirmed cases of this deadly CRE.

The countermeasures include keeping patients isolated/quarantined as CRE is shed in the feces of patients who are infected or carrying the bacteria. Yet another good reason to stay away from hospitals and clinics unless you have to. Apparently, there are sick people there. Can you catch something in the waiting room? Absolutely! If you use doorknobs, touch a chair or run your hands through the hair of the patient sitting beside you, you could catch a nasty bug. I recently had a patient lick the face of another patient sitting in the waiting room!

The blockbuster movie *Contagion* showed the entire world, or at least Toronto, grinding to a halt as an unstoppable microbe destroys the Argonauts, the Blue Jays and most of the Leafs' defensemen. Could this actually occur? Possibly. This would mean that the Leafs will never again win Lord Stanley's Cup, prolonging the nightmare of those of us of Leaf Nation. Unless, of course, this year we happen to trade for a stegosaurus. That would be a dream come true.

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dearPharmacist

Lyme Disease And Bartonella: More Common Than You Think

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



Dear Pharmacist: On Facebook, you said people catch Lyme disease from their pets, which tote ticks. That's how I got Lyme, and I have Bartonella too. I found out because

of you, and it explained my symptoms of joint pain, confusion, memory loss and seizures. I owe my life to you! I love you, don't take that the wrong way.

DC, Des Moines, Iowa

Thank you. Lyme is the fastest growing epidemic in the United States. It's been a focus for me ever since my first column which sparked thousands of "atta girl" emails from 27 countries. Few medical journalists tackle Lyme because it's extremely controversial. You see, some physicians don't believe chronic Lyme exists, and there's a huge divide about

treatment protocols. So while the docs are busy arguing about whether it's real, and how long to treat, most Lymies are misdiagnosed. They bounce from doctor to doctor, suffer beyond belief and some die. Others want to.

There are 30 Bartonella-like or "Bart" species; you can get infected from cat bites/scratches, mites, fleas, mosquitoes, biting flies and ticks. Sadly, antibody blood tests only detect a few strains. So your test result may say negative for Bart (and Lyme for that matter) but you still have it. Physicians unaware of the limitations of standard ELISA blood tests mistakenly accept a "negative" result and diagnose you with a neurological or autoimmune disease, fibromyalgia, CFS or any one of 300 diseases that Lyme mimics. It's a terrible oversight because you might really have Lyme and co-infections like Bart, Babesia or Ehrlichia.

I'm sure you are alarmed by now, but do you realize there's no conclusive test for fibromyalgia or CFS? These are diagnoses of "exclusion," meaning your doctor tests you and rules out every other disease before stamping you with fibro/CFS. But you must ask if Lyme and Bartonella have been ruled out properly by capable, specialized laboratories. For Lyme, I recommend Igenex Labs. For Bartonella, I recommend either Igenex or Galaxy Labs. With all their limitations, they're still more reliable than standard ELISA tests, which are frequently wrong.

I interviewed a Lyme-literate medical

doctor, Marty Ross MD who said, "I often make my decision to treat Bartonella based on symptoms. If you have enough Bartonella symptoms, you should be treated for the infection regardless of testing." I suggest you get Dr. Ross's free treatment manual from www.TreatLyme.net.

Bart symptoms include chronic fatigue, pain, muscle twitching (fasciculations), anxiety, depression, abdominal pain, vomiting, fever/chills, autistic-like symptoms, hallucinations, neuropathy, tinnitus, joint pain, skin rash, stretch marks, memory loss, brain fog, cystitis or excessive day sweats. Bartonella affects the brain, and vision causing conjunctivitis, foreign

body sensation, vision loss, optic neuritis, redness, blurriness and light sensitivity.

I have more to say. To receive an extended version of my article, sign up for my free newsletter at www.DearPharmacist.com. I also recommend an excellent book by Stephen Harrod Buhner, called *Healing Lyme Disease Co-infections* available at Amazon.

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.

Support Group For Adult Children Of Alzheimer's Persons

A support group specifically for adults who have a parent with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder will meet at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers. Interested caregivers can attend on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:15 p.m.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns and questions adult children face as they provide care to a parent with memory loss or strive to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. The group is open to all interested individuals at no charge.

Meetings are held each month on the first Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. The meetings are sponsored by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.

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

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

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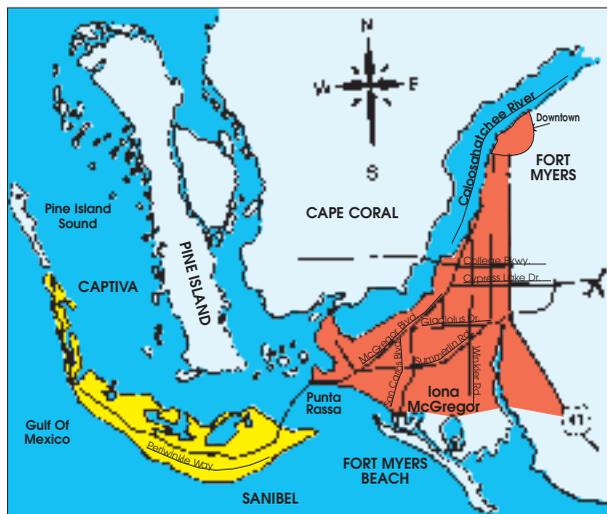
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- BUSINESS:** What company's slogan is, "Don't leave home without it"?
- ASTRONOMY:** What is our solar system's sun composed of?
- HOLIDAYS:** When was Mother's Day declared a national U.S. holiday?
- THEATER:** What city was the setting for the original "The Phantom of the Opera"?
- COMICS:** What comic strip had an imaginary character called "Stupendous Man"?
- WAR:** What was the last former Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War?

ANSWERS

1. Mikhail Gorbachev 2. Anton Chekhov 3. Columbia 4. Dingoes 5. American Express 6. 98 percent hydrogen and helium 7. 1914 8. Paris 9. Calvin and Hobbes 10. Georgia

SPORTS QUIZ

- Name the only two players to record 17 consecutive major-league seasons of at least 150 hits.
- When Angels pitcher Nolan Ryan notched 383 strikeouts in 1973, whose American League record did he break?
- In 2012, Arkansas had the second-biggest fall in the AP college football poll, going from No. 8 to out of the top-25 rankings. Who had the biggest drop?
- Entering the 2013 playoffs, Jason Kidd was third on the list of NBA postseason career assists (1,239). Name the players in the top two spots.
- In 2013, Jaromir Jagr became the 12th NHL player to reach 1,000 career assists. Who was the 11th to do it?
- When was the last time an American driver won a Formula One Grand Prix race?
- Serena Williams, in 2013, became only the fourth woman to win a WTA tennis event six times. Name two of the other three to do it.

ANSWERS

1. Hank Aaron and Derek Jeter 2. Rube Waddell of the Philadelphia A's, with 349 in 1904 3. The University of Michigan went from No. 5 to out of the poll in 2007 4. Magic Johnson (2,346 assists) and John Stockton (1,839) 5. Colorado's Joe Sakić, in 2008 6. Mario Andretti, in 1978 7. Chris Ever, Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova

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FOR WEEK OF JUNE 3, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So calm down and cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted might have failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce those previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

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

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in your ongoing pursuit of your goals. You might now want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving people you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a

position you feel sure you can defend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. Time to stop making excuses and to start moving ahead toward your goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You would not only be a fine artist, but also a successful one.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On June 4, 1896, Henry Ford unveils the "Quadricycle." The 500-pound vehicle had two driving speeds, no reverse, no brakes, rudimentary steering ability and a doorbell button as a horn. It could reach about 20 mph.

- On June 7, 1913, Hudson Stuck, an Alaskan missionary, leads the first successful ascent of Mt. McKinley, the highest point on the American continent at 20,320 feet. Stuck and two others began the climb in March and faced challenges of difficult weather and a fire at one of their camps, which destroyed food and supplies.

- On June 6, 1933, eager motorists park their automobiles on the grounds of the Park-In movie theater in New Jersey, the first-ever drive-in movie theater. Inventor Richard Hollingshead had come up with the idea in the driveway of his own house, where he perfected projection and sound techniques.

- On June 8, 1949, Hollywood figures, including film stars Frederic March and Edward G. Robinson, are named in a FBI report as Communist Party members. The FBI report relied largely on accusations made by "confidential informants," supplemented with some highly dubious analysis. Helen Keller also was on the list of radicals.

- On June 5, 1968, U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy is shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after winning the California presidential primary. Kennedy was shot by 22-year-old Palestinian Sirhan Sirhan, and died a day later.

- On June 9, 1972, a flash flood hits Rapid City, S.D., when 15 inches of rain fall in only six hours. The spillway for the Pactola Dam got clogged with debris, leading to the collapse of the dam and a devastating wave of water that crushed most of the nearby buildings and swept away 238 people.

- On June 3, 1989, with protests for

democratic reforms entering their seventh week, the Chinese government authorizes its soldiers and tanks to reclaim Beijing's Tiananmen Square. By nightfall on June 4, Chinese troops had forcibly cleared the square, killing hundreds and arresting thousands of demonstrators and suspected dissidents.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them."

- According to some Native American tribes, all you have to do to make a wish come true is to catch a butterfly, whisper your wish to it and set it free.

- If you drive a white automobile, you have a lot of company. There are more white cars in the United States than any other color.

- You probably are aware that the names that foreign places are known by in the English language are not always the same as the names of those places in the local tongue. The capital of Russia is called Moskva in that country, and to Italians it's not Venice, but Venezia. Not all names sound so similar, though; if you didn't know the language, it would be nearly impossible to figure out that Ellinki Dimokratia is what Greeks call their country, and that Konungariket Sverige is Sweden to the Swedish. South Korea is known locally as Han Kook, China is Zhonghua Renmin Gonghe Guo, and Finland is Suomen Tasavalta.

- When Hernan Cortes reached the New World in the 1600s, he found the Aztecs drinking hot chocolate at their banquets.

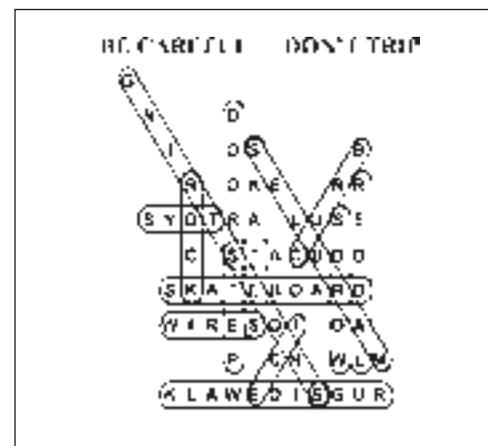
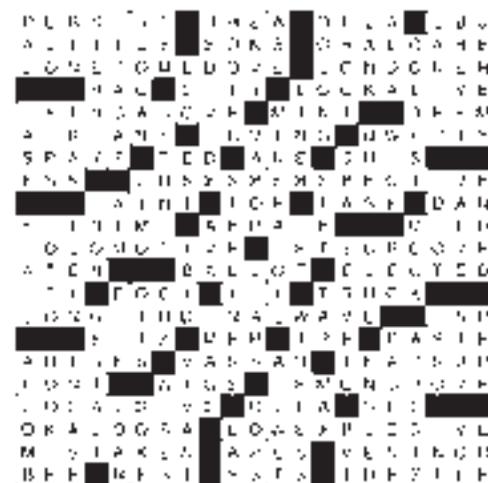
- President Franklin Delano Roosevelt added both a swimming pool and a movie theater to the White House.

- You probably knew that cats were revered in ancient Egypt, but did you know that when a domestic cat died, the family went into mourning? Yep. People would shave their eyebrows to demonstrate their grief over the passing of their beloved pet.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The nice thing about being a celebrity is that if you bore people they think it's their fault." -- Henry Kissinger

PUZZLE ANSWERS





Family Pizza

- 1 prepared pizza dough
- 1 cup prepared pizza sauce
- 1 cup tomatoes, chopped
- 1/2 cup zucchini, chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried ground oregano
- 1 teaspoon fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 12 ounces low fat, grated mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup parsley, chopped

Spread dough evenly on a baking sheet.
 Cover top of dough with the sauce.
 Sprinkle oregano and basil over sauce and bake dough on 400 F for 5 to 7 minutes or until dough starts to brown on edges.
 Remove from oven and add tomatoes and zucchini.
 Top with cheese, add parsley, return to oven until cheese melts and begins to brown, about 10 to 12 minutes.
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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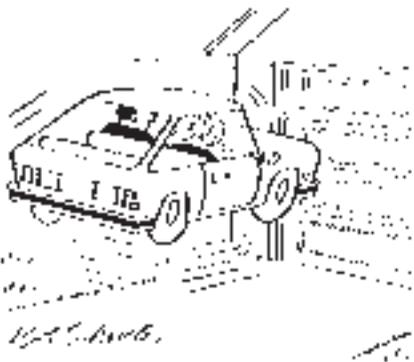
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1. Split;
2. Delete;
3. Gentle;
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SUDOKU

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



Daisy ID# 530105

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Woof, my name is Daisy and I am a 2-year-old spayed female tan Florida Cur. I am a multi-talented canine! Besides being beautiful and extremely sociable to both people and pets, I am an excellent athlete. I like to play fetch and retrieve, but playing Frisbee is my absolute favorite pastime... I can leap straight up into the air to catch it! If you adopt me, we could have tons of fun at Dog Beach!

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

Meow, my name is Samwise and I am a 1-year-old male brown tabby domestic short hair. I'm a very handsome young man who has personality as well as looks. I get along well with other pets, I'm playful and very affectionate to people. If you are looking for the total package, I'm your man.

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

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



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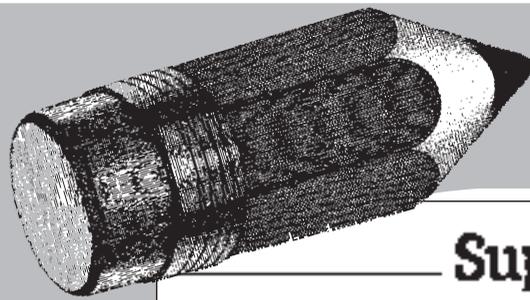
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Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614.....	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869
Lions Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
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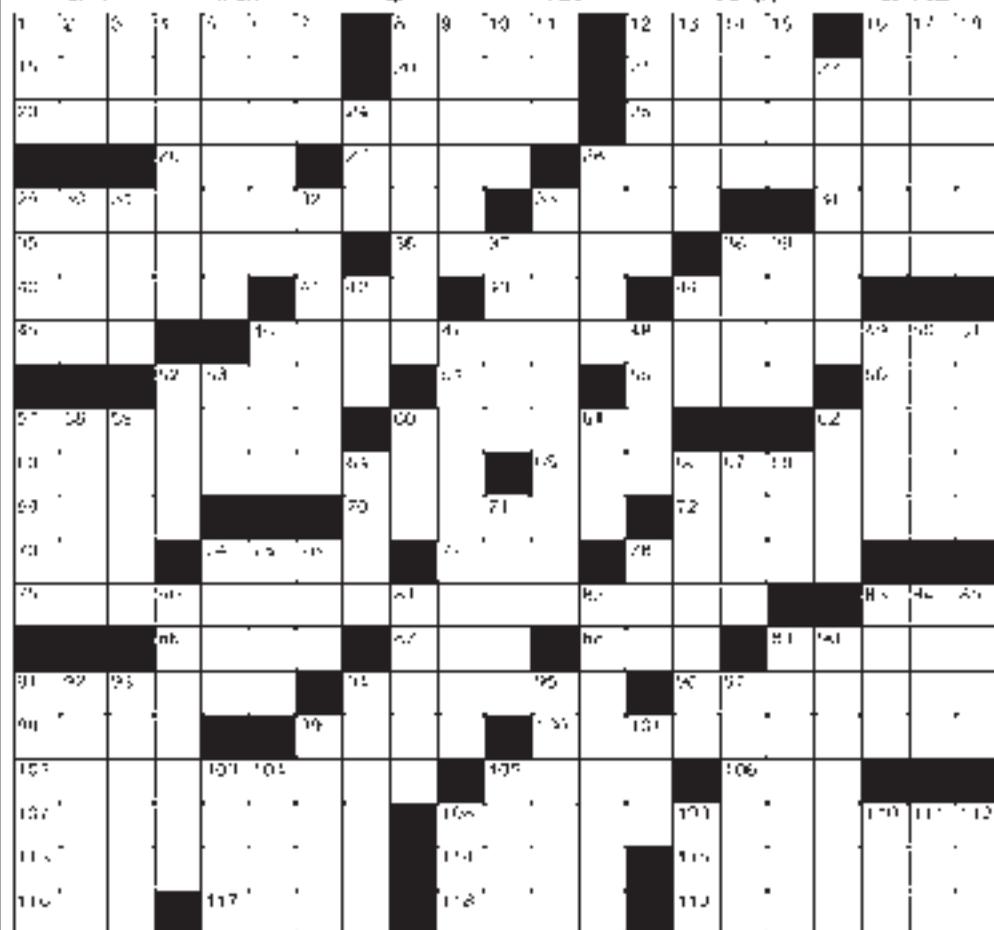
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Put on my
- 2 ... per
- 3 ...
- 4 First

Ostego Bay Marine Science Center Continues Commercial Fishing Tours

The popular San Carlos Island Commercial Fishing Fleet Tour begins every Wednesday at 9 a.m. This three-hour guided tour includes: a 1.5 hour tour of the Marine Science Center and a 1.5 hour guided tour of the commercial fishing industry, including the Erickson & Jensen Supply House, Trico Shrimp Company and Beach Seafood. Experience firsthand how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed and other important factors used in this unique industry.

The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 per student over 6 years of age. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 765-8101.

Ostego Bay Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. The Marine Science Center provides many different interactive educational experiences for children and adults throughout most of the year.

2013 Marine Science Camp

The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is accepting applications for the 2013 Marine Summer Camps. We have an exciting and educational season set up for our Summer Camps for children ages 6 and up. All instructional materials are provided plus a graduation luncheon will be held on Friday.

Our campers will explore some of our beautiful Barrier Islands and the waters of Estero Bay. Scheduled field and beach trips will introduce campers to sea grass communities; plankton populations, mangrove tangles, and bird nesting areas. Our staff of State certified teachers offers a wide diversity of expertise providing highly personalized instruction. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The schedule is as follows:

June 10 to 14 – Sea Stars (6 to 8 years)

June 24 to 28

July 22 to 26

July 15 to 19 – Sea Stars/Loggerheads (6 to 11 years)

July 8 to 12 Tiger Sharks (12 years and up)

June 17 to 21 – Loggerheads (9 to 11 years)

We welcome and need volunteers at this time; the positions available are docent, aquarium maintenance, office help and fundraising, publishing and distribution plus some work outside in our local “forest.” If you can spare a few hours a week, call the Marine Science Center at 765-8101.

We are also available for birthday parties and provide some delightful souvenirs for your guests. For further information, contact us Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 765-0181.

For further information, contact the Marine Science Center through our website at www.info@ostegobay.org.

Free Nature Walk

Take a morning nature walk at Lakes Park on Saturday, June 1 at 8:30 a.m. This easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30. Wear comfortable shoes and dress. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars. There is no charge for the tour but parking is \$1 per hour or \$5 for all day.

Lakes Regional Park is at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Meet at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus. Turn right. Drive to end of road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the train station.

For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576. The tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.



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