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Taste Of The Garden

A Taste of the Garden will showcase vegetables, fruits and herbs harvested at the Roots Heritage Urban Food Hub (RHUFH) Farm and Garden. Family favorite recipes from Caribbean, Creole/Cajun and deep south traditions will be featured in cooking demonstrations by gardeners graduating from the RHUFH Urban Farmers In Training (UFIT) program. The recipes were donated by UFIT participants and garden patrons, who will be on hand to share samples and recipes.

The public is welcome to attend the event on Saturday, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at RHUFH, located at 3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard, two miles east of Fowler Street. The farm's produce stand is open daily.

RHUFH was established three years ago to make produce more accessible in a food desert area of Fort Myers so that community residents could eat more healthy. Gardeners are able to sell what they grow at an on-site farmers' market produce stand, which they help operate.

The young people now graduating from the Roots Food Hub UFIT program
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Owls Head, oil painting by Laura Waller, which was selected Best in Show

Alliance Announces Winners In 27th Annual All Florida Juried Exhibition

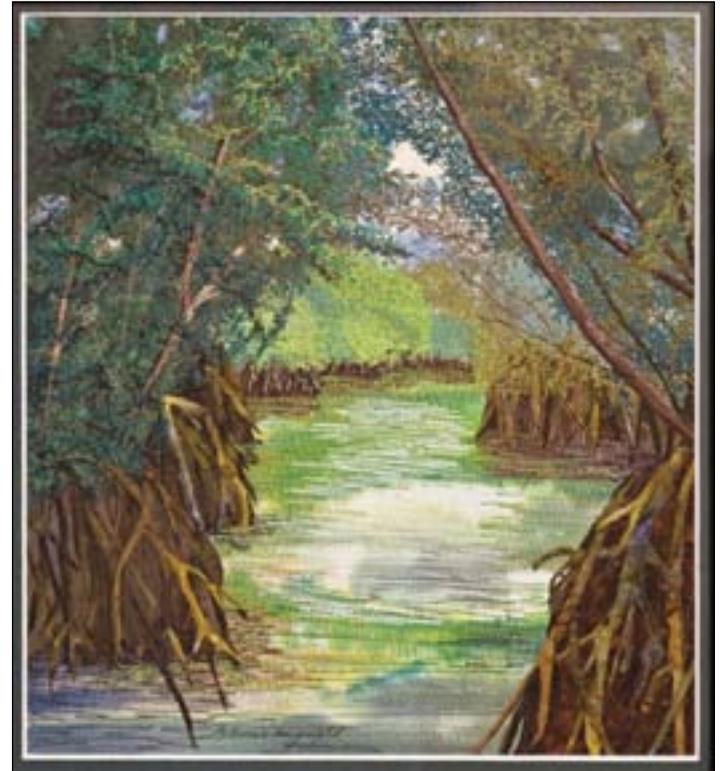


Elephant I, mixed media by Deborah Martin, was a jurors' choice

More than 100 artists submitted nearly 300 pieces for consideration in the Alliance for the Arts' 27th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition. This year's juror, Frank Verpoorten, director and chief curator at The Baker Museum of Arts in Naples, narrowed the list to 50 pieces which were presented to the public on May 31. Winners were announced during the reception and prizes were awarded.

Laura Waller was awarded \$750 for Best in Show for her oil painting *Owls Head*. Bonnie Langenfeld won a \$250 Golden Paints gift certificate for her second place fiber art piece *Everglades Avenue*. Megan Kissinger won \$100 for her third place acrylic painting *In Singing, Not to Sing - The Oven Bird*. Judith Anderson and Deborah Martin both won Jurors' Choice awards for *Whaleback Light* (paint/fiber) and *Elephant I* (mixed media on Kozo paper), respectively. The juror led an hour long gallery walk on June 1, which was attended by more than 60 people.

The All Florida Exhibit is sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust. It remains on display in the Alliance Main Gallery through Friday, August 2 during normal business hours (Monday



Everglades Avenue, fiber art by Bonnie Langenfeld, was awarded second place



Singing, Not To Sing - The Oven Bird, an acrylic painting by Megan Kissinger, took third

thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during GreenMarket).

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



Whaleback Light, fiber and paint by Judith Anderson, was a jurors' choice

Taste Of Lee Event Returns To Fort Myers

More than 1,200 people are expected to flock to downtown Fort Myers on Saturday, June 29 for the annual Taste of Lee. This event is a collaboration between UF/IFAS Lee County Extension and the Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange.

It is a display of locally-grown tropical fruits and vegetables. An emphasis is placed on the unusual fruits that many people have not seen or tasted. There will be free tastings of locally grown fruits and vegetables and freshly caught sea food. Farmers and fishermen will also bring their edibles for sale including cheese, honey, herbs, fruits, vegetables and seafood.

Tropical fruit trees will also be for sale. Taste and buy what local farmers and your neighbors are growing. Free classes will be offered by experts in herbs, making teas, growing tropical fruits, food preservation, growing tropical fruit trees and edible natives.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, 1735 Jackson Street. General admission is \$2 and children 12 and

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Hugh MacDonald House

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



In 1900, Hugh McDonald, Jr. built a modern, well-appointed house on the Caloosahatchee. It was an era when that section of First Street east of Fowler began to gain a reputation as “Millionaires Row,” as wealthy out-of-towners discovered Fort Myers and built winter homes.

Just east of the D. Augustus G. Floweree home and two doors down from the John T. Murphy (now Murphy-Burroughs) home, McDonald’s two-and-one-half story wooden house stood on a river lot at the foot of Woodford Avenue.

The undated historic photo taken from a boat or pier pictures the rear view of the house probably only several years after it was constructed. Although citrus trees are established, there’s no sign of the auto garage or planked wharf of the 19-teens. Nor is there a seawall, which property owners in that area completed at their own expense by 1912.

The historic photo of the home’s interior reflects the somewhat fussy Victorian style prevalent at that time – like that of the public areas in the Royal Palm Hotel, which opened in 1898 only a short walk from McDonald’s house.

Notice the wicker furniture, elaborate piano, intricate electric-lights fixtures, shelves laden with knick-knacks and dark wallpaper.

Underneath that parlor rug is the parquet floor, which was installed in the new house in July 1901, according to the local press.

McDonald was a well-respected transplant from Kentucky. Like many newcomers with time and know-how to spare, he threw himself into a flurry of civic activity after settling in Fort Myers.

He served on the Board of Trade and perhaps was a founding member in 1903. He remained in that organization as late as 1913. The board’s initial goal was to secure an Atlantic Coast Line Railroad extension from Punta Gorda, which was achieved in 1904.

McDonald also was a trustee for the Fort Myers Association Packing House, which was located on the river at the foot of the railway.



Caloosa Harbour now stands on the former McDonald property

photo by Gerri Reaves

McDonald also entered the land-development business early on. In 1909, he advertised large lots “for developing” along Woodford Avenue between First and Second.

His land extended from the river to south of Second Street, encompassing what eventually became the Hugh McDonald subdivision on the west side of Woodford and Woodford Park on the east side.

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Hugh McDonald, Jr. built this house on the Caloosahatchee in 1900
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



This interior décor reflects the Victorian aesthetic of the day
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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Fort Myers Public Art:

Museum Without Walls App Now Available



by Tom Hall

There are 46 public artworks interspersed throughout the City of Fort Myers. The local Public Art Committee has put together a map identifying where each can be found,

but there is not much information in it about the artists or the history of each piece. Both www.MyRiverDistrict.com and Art Southwest Florida (www.artsfwl.com) provide photos and information about the artworks, but that doesn't help much when you're in Centennial Park looking at *Fire Dance*, *Uncommon Friends* or the *Buckingham* and *Page Army Airfields Memorial*.

Well, thanks to a grant from the City of Fort Myers, you can now access information about our public artworks on your smart phone – while you are standing right in front of the piece!

The enabling apps are furnished by two online public art registries. One is Manhattan-based cultureNOW; the other is the Public Art Archive in Denver. By partnering with cities across the nation,

these cutting-edge registries have created a national digital public art gallery.

It's amazingly simple. If you have an Android or iPhone, go to your apps store right now. Locate cultureNOW, Museum Without Walls, and choose the national option. It will cost \$1.99 to download the app.

Because of the app's embedded GPS technology, it will automatically bring up Fort Myers' collection. You now have at your fingertips detailed information about our entire public art collection, including location maps, tour routes, and historical data. Soon, it will even be possible for you to listen to podcasts recorded by the artists, architects and public officials involved in commissioning, creating and installing each artwork.

These apps propel Fort Myers into the modern age. Because they know where you are, the apps do away with the expense of placing QR Codes (those cryptic black-and-white square labels you see everywhere) on the artwork or a nearby plaque.

They also do away with the need for hotels, restaurants and retailers to purchase and display brochures, maps or other hand-outs. And when winter residents and tourists go back home, the same apps will enable them to learn about the public artworks where they live, work and play as there are already more than 12,000 public artworks from Boston to Los Angeles and New Orleans to Minneapolis in each registry's growing database.

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The Museum Without Walls app is now available to smart phone users. Pictured is Barbara Hill and Lydia Black, executive director of Lee County Alliance for the Arts

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Residential Garbage Rates Decrease

Lee County garbage rates are recommended to decrease next year by nearly 1.5 percent.

The average household is expected to pay about \$2.50 less in fiscal year 2014 for weekly curbside garbage, recycling, yard waste and electronics disposal service if approved at a Board of Lee County Commissioners public hearing, to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25.

The hearing will be held in the Lee County Commission Chambers at the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

The reduction would affect homeowners in unincorporated Lee County, the City of Bonita Springs and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. The proposed reduction rate is 1.44 percent. Combined with the fiscal year reductions since 2009, homeowners will pay \$48 less annually, if the new rate is approved. The average household rate is \$176.50.

The reduction in part is due to operational savings, increased revenue through recycling and electrical production and sales from the Waste To Energy Facility.

Commercial customers also likely will see reduced garbage bills because the Lee County Solid Waste Division is recommending that the municipal solid waste disposal gate fee be decreased by 6.25

percent. But some commercial customers often change their garbage service level at various times during the year.

Solid Waste is recommending that commissioners approve a 1.8 percent increase to the franchised hauling contractors for collection fees only (not disposal cost), as franchise haulers have experienced higher costs from equipment and fuel expenses.

"The Solid Waste Division provides a local full service system for residents and businesses that continuously meets operational and regulatory requirements," Director Lindsey Sampson said. "The cost to residents and businesses for this system has remained stable even when major facility development and upgrades have been installed. It's the division's goal to maintain this stability to the extent reasonable."

For more information, visit www.lee-county.com or call 533-8000. ✪

Dominican Boy To Visit Sponsors Following Surgery

submitted by Colleen Howe, President, Rotary Club of Cape Coral North

Five-year-old Dominican Republic native Said Menard recently underwent lifesaving open-heart surgery, thanks in part to the efforts of Rotary Club Cape Coral North. Said

is a beneficiary of the Rotary Gift of Life International program. He and his mother, Sumergris Vargas, planned to visit club members on June 19 at the Palmetto Pine Country Club in Cape Coral.

Said was born with a life-limiting congenital heart condition. Known as a "blue baby," his heart didn't pump the oxygen needed to thrive. Discovered during a Rotary Gift of Life International medical mission to the Caribbean country, Said and his mother were issued emergency visas to come to the United States for lifesaving open-heart surgery at Holtz Children's Hospital in Miami. The local Rotary Club provided housing, transportation and financial support.

Given her son's grave prognosis and Rotary's offer, Sumergris and Said boarded an airplane and left their country for the very first time. Under the care of Rotary, they have stayed in member homes, traveled with them to and from Miami, shared meals and attended doctors' appointments. Everyone involved experienced the pre-surgery nerves, complication stress and finally recovery joy, right along with Sumergris and her family. They have become part of the Rotary family.

"The Rotary Club of Cape Coral North not only helped save the life of Said with their generosity and compassion, but greatly impacted the lives of Said's family, relatives and friends. They truly have exemplified Rotary's motto of Service Above Self," said Steve Agius, President of the Rotary Gift of Life of

Florida.

Said continues his recovery and prospects are good for a healthy future. He and his mother will return home to the Dominican Republic soon. ✪

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Taste Of Lee

under are free. There is no pre-registration, parking is free and hourly raffles are planned. Also, a Carmen Miranda look-alike contest is slated for noon. The adult prize is \$50 and the youth prize is \$25.

The event present a wealth of knowledge provided by UF/IFAS Extension Agents as well as numerous Caloosa Rare Fruit members and UF/Extension Master Gardeners who will be on hand to answer your questions.

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The Roots Heritage Urban Farm Hub is a 501c3 Non-profit organization

Arts For ACT Gallery Exhibit Opening



Starry Skies by Lisa Friedus

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, July 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and Art Walk for July 2013. This month, ACT Gallery will feature over 75 artists who entered the annual open themed show. Artists were given three creative themes to choose from: "Story Book Magic," "Far Away Places" and "Silhouettes & Shadows." Over 100 artists competed in the exhibits. The to be announced judge

will pick the first, second, third and honorable mention prizes before July 5.

You can expect to see eclectic, whimsical and endearing paintings and sculptures of storybook magic and far away place done in acrylic, watercolors, collage, oils and photography. "Silhouettes and Shadows" entries proved to be very thought provoking and imaginative. Entries ranged from professional to emerging, self-trained and "outsider" to highly skilled. These creative artists came together to share these special group exhibits and to support the Arts for ACT Gallery.



Unfilled by Alisha Koynai

This exhibit continues through Monday, July 29. For more information, call the gallery at 337-5050 or visit www.artsforactgallery.com.

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- July 22: Sea Stars Camp (6 to 8 years old)

The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman's Wharf in Fort Myers Beach. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. seasonally. For information and registration, call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org. ✨

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Greeters Club July Meeting

Do you enjoy meeting new people, attending interesting events and activities and engaging conversation? Then search no further! You are welcome to attend the Thursday, July 18 luncheon meeting of the Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers. It is held on the third Thursday of the month at the Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers.

There will be an opportunity to find out about our activities, meet members and enjoy an interesting program. Call today to make a luncheon reservation (cost is \$20 per person) and to find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women.

Contact Marie Gaither at 791-8966 or email wmgaither@aol.com. You can also check us out on Facebook at Greeters of Fort Myers. ✨

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Museum Without Walls App

The registries are already at work connecting the world to Fort Myers. For example, cultureNOW recently chose Fort Myers as its featured collection for the month of May. Subscribers around the country are this very minute learning for the first time that historic Fort Myers is a hip cultural destination with an emerging public art presence.

Who knows? One of those readers may even be an executive looking for a place

to hold their next corporate convention.

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. ✨

Florida Aquarium Tropical Fish Expo

The Florida Aquarium Tropical Fish Expo will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport at Town Center in Fort Myers from Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23.

The show will feature vendors, guest speakers and exhibitors displaying tropical fish. In addition, a giant fish auction will be held on Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until the final fish is sold.

For more details, show hours and registration information, visit www.flafish-show.com. ✨

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9828 or email fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com. Also, visit <http://dancefl.us/ecd/FtMyersECD.shtml>.

Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center is located at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Call 432-2154 for more information. ✨

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McDonald House

Although little is known of McDonald's time in Fort Myers, which seems to have been about 25 years, sources indicate that his house lasted into the mid-twentieth century before being demolished.

Today, Caloosa Harbour Sunrise Senior Living exists on the land where McDonald settled as Fort Myers entered a new century, although infill has enlarged the original parcel.

Take a stroll down First Street to the neighborhood where many early citizens built spacious riverside houses. Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History, where you can learn more about the people who visited downtown more than a century ago and liked it so much they came back to stay.

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

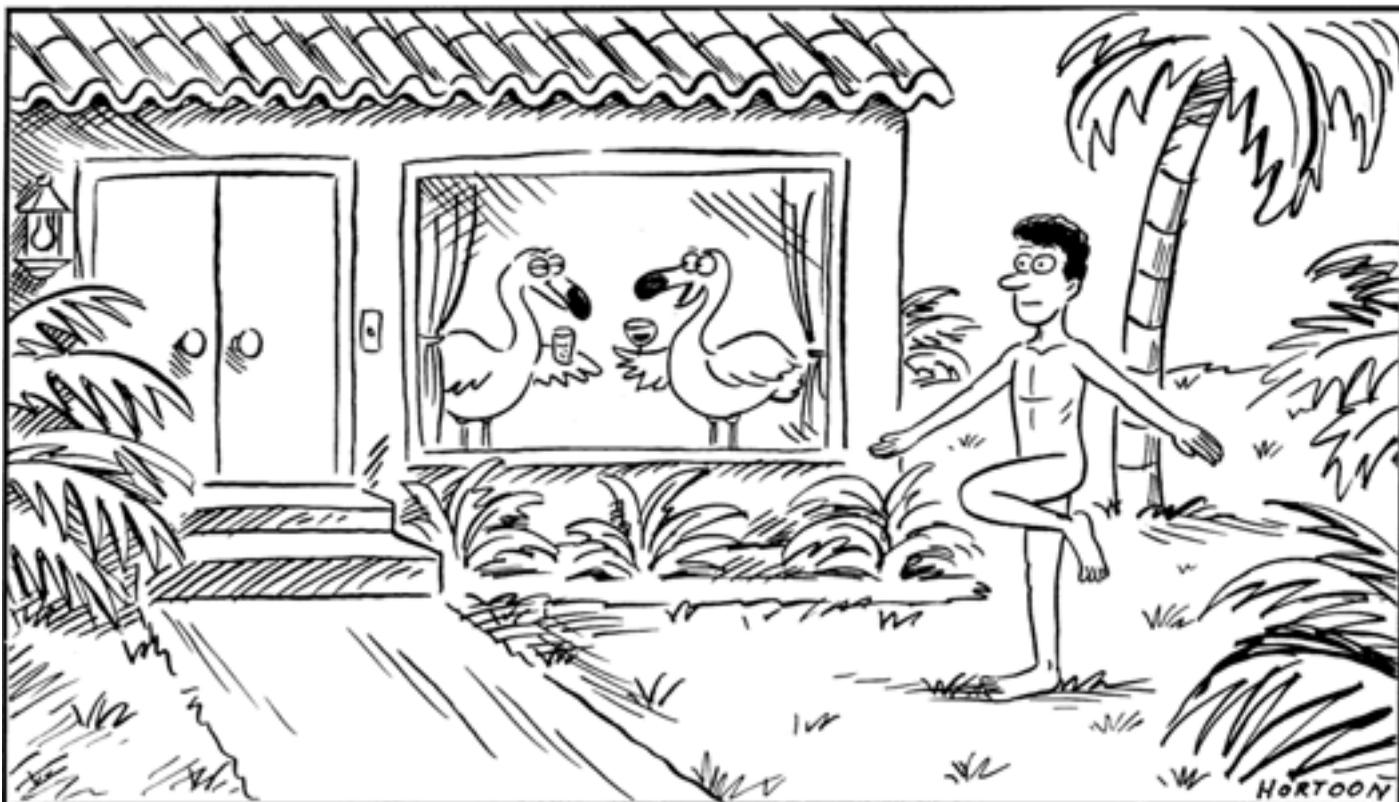
Be sure to further indulge your curiosity about the people and places in local history at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center.

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

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

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *The Story of Fort Myers*, and the *Fort Myers Press*. ✨

HORTOONS



Extreme Mailbox Makeover Winner Announced

James Shelak of Cape Coral has been named as the winner in the U.S. Postal Service's "Extreme Mailbox Makeover" contest, which was held during May. Shelak, a retired Signal-Construction foreman for Norfolk Southern Railroad, said he "wanted a mailbox different from everybody else but something that reflected back to me." Shelak hand built his contest winning battery operated train mailbox. When the mailbox door is opened, the lights flash, bells ring and a train whistle blows.

Postal customers had the opportunity to "spiff up" their mailboxes and enter the competition. The winner was selected by the Postal Service's Consumer Advisory Council based on creativity and compliance with postal regulations.

Shelak will receive two sheets of First-Class mail customized photo postage stamps. In addition, photos of his mailbox will be on display during July at the Page Field Post Office, located at 2655 N. Airport Road, and the Cape Central Post Office, located at 1030 SE 9th Avenue. ✨



The new Goodwill LIFE Academy, still under construction

New Goodwill LIFE Academy Construction Nears Completion

When Lee County schools open for the 2013-14 school year on August 8, the Goodwill LIFE Academy will open in a new location. Construction is nearing completion at the school's new facility at 5100 Tice Street in Fort Myers.

The eight-year-old school, which had previously been located at Tarpon Street and Seminole Avenue in Fort Myers, will relocate in late June. A ribbon-cutting and "school-warming" celebration is planned for July 10.

The Goodwill LIFE Academy is a Lee County charter middle and high school for students with intellectual disabilities, ages 11 through 22. The new location will feature seven classrooms, a bus ramp area, a large kitchen, dedicated library and computer lab, and other accommodations.

The new location is part of the future Goodwill Opportunity Center, a 130,000-square-foot facility which will house Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's administrative offices, retail headquarters and mission-based operations.

LIFE Academy principal Lynn Pottorf, her faculty and staff have spent the last several weeks packing up the school in preparation for the mid-June move.



Artist's rendering of the completed facility

"This is the next phase in the LIFE Academy journey," said Pottorf. "And it's filled with new opportunities for growth and expansion of our programs."

LIFE Academy students have been integral in the moving process as well. In February, students traveled to the new location – a then-vacant warehouse – to perform a ceremonial demolition. Several students, along with staff and board members, swung a sledgehammer at the walls to mark the start of construction.

"The students have been very excited because they've been a part of it," added Pottorf. "They got to see the drawings and even break the wall. Everybody's just excited."

Students have also been preparing items for a time capsule, which will be buried at the new location after the Fall 2013 semester begins.

The new Goodwill LIFE Academy location was designed by Lawson Group Architects and built by Owen-Ames-Kimball. Interior design consultation was provided by Norris Home Furnishings.

The Goodwill LIFE Academy is a tuition-free, open-enrollment Lee County charter school. 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 334-4434.✪



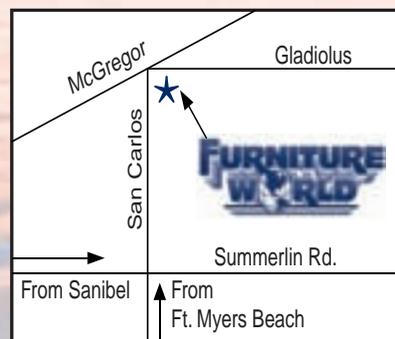
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Along The River



See classic cars in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. The event is free

There are a lot of local activities to entertain and educate children (and adults!) during the summer months.

On Saturday night, join Fort Myers car enthusiasts at the **Downtown Car Cruise-In** in the historic River District. Held on the fourth Saturday of every month, the event features vintage, modern and unique cars from 4 to 8 p.m. along with a DJ spinning classic rock with trivia. All cars welcome to the free event.

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

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The Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. seasonally. For information and registration, call 765-8101 or go to www.ostegobay.org.

On Tuesday, June 25 from 5 to 7 p.m., the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** presents **KIDDING AROUND WITH EDISON FORD WILD WIZARDS**. The topic is Engineer Like Ford. Kids will design, test and build a balloon car.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. It is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

On Wednesdays beginning on June 26, **The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC)** is offering **African Drumming - Learn To Play The Djembe Drum** at 5:30 p.m. All levels are invited and drums are provided. Also on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., the SBDAC offers **African Dance** workout classes. The cost is \$120 for six week or both classes for \$180. Single classes are \$25 or \$35 for both. Advanced registration is required and classes are taught by Ndakhte Ndiaye.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the heart of downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. For more information, call 283-7885, email sharingafrica@yahoo.com or go to www.sbdac.com.

On Thursday, June 27, the **Gulf Coast Symphony** presents a special program for kids and their families at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The Summer Family Concert series offers children of all ages the chance not only to experience live symphonic music, but also to interact with the musicians and their instruments in a Musical Discovery Zone. The fun begins at 1 p.m. with activities in the lobby; the concert begins at 2 p.m.

The Summer Family Concert features Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The narrated composition tells the story of a young boy and his adventures with some animal friends -- and a big, bad wolf. Different characters in the story are represented by different instruments in the orchestra and different musical themes, making for an exciting interplay of story and music.

In the Musical Discovery Zone prior to the concert, kids can meet musicians from the orchestra and can try their own hand at playing some instruments. Games, interactive presentations, and special treats provide both entertainment and insight that help kids enjoy and appreciate the concert that follows even more.

The Summer Family Concert series continues with musical versions of Aesop's *Fables*, including *The Tortoise and the Hare*, *The Fox and the Grapes* and *The Ants and the Grasshopper*. Different characters in the stories are represented by different instruments in the orchestra and different musical themes, making for an exciting interplay of story and music.

Tickets are \$7 for kids (under 18) and \$10 for adults. Discounted rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

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Goodwill's Annual Teddy Bear Drive



Last year's Festival of Trees at the Sindy & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. is seeking local businesses to hold teddy bear drives for Goodwill's 7th annual Festival of Trees. Imagine a magnificent nine-foot tree with 200 cuddly teddy bears covering every inch it, with even more bears in baskets surrounding it. Then, imagine the joy on the

faces of countless children when that tree is delivered to them.

Join Goodwill in collecting new, stuffed bears for its annual A Very Beary Christmas Tree. Goodwill's bear tree has been a staple of Goodwill's annual Festival of Trees since the event's inception in 2006. Made up from bears donated by the community, the tree is one of 25 beautifully decorated trees that is auctioned off at the Festival's signature event, the Tux & Trees Gala, on December 7. Auction guests gather around this special tree to raise money for The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The tree is then traditionally donated to a children's hospital.

"The bear tree holds a special place at the festival," said Madison Mitchell, spokesperson at Goodwill. "We wouldn't be able to do it without the support of local businesses and individuals. Seeing the tree come into the hospital, with all the bears donated by the community, it really brightens up the holidays for the families there."

Goodwill's goal is to collect 300 bears by November, in time for the start of the Festival of Trees on November 29 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers.

If you are interested in hosting a teddy bear drive, or have new bears that you would like to donate, contact Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or email MadisonMitchell@goodwillswfl.org.

For more information on the Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala, visit www.tuxandtrees.com.

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Texas Hold 'Em Tournament Raised \$19,000

Held on June 8, the 2nd annual
No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em
Tournament raised more than
\$19,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of
Lee County.

The money raised will help provide
more than 300,000 hours of service to
more than 420 students in our communi-
ty, primarily helping to fund the summer
youth programs at the five Boys & Girls
Clubs locations in Lee County.

"We have been in Lee County for
nearly 40 years, and at no time has the
need for our services been greater," said
Shannon Lane, chief professional offi-
cer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee
County. "This support allows us to keep
our annual membership fees low and
continue to provide recreation and com-
panionship to young people, especially
those from disadvantaged circumstances.
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County
offers the support they need and contin-
ues to build good citizens through every-
day leadership and guidance."

More than 120 guests enjoyed com-
plimentary food and beverages from
Domino's Pizza, Citrolla's and Shoeless
Joe's Sports Café. Premier sponsors of
the event were Scanlon Acura, Ted Todd
Insurance and the Crowne Plaza Hotel in
Fort Myers. Additional sponsors included
Universal Vacations, Total Electric, Bagel
Bagel Café and John Santoro.

"This year's tournament was a great
success, and thanks to the wonderful
support of our community, we were able
to raise more than \$19,000, a \$5,000
increase from last year's inaugural event's
funds," said Justin Stockman, chairperson
for the event and Boys & Girls Clubs of
Lee County board member

Now in its 39th year of providing qual-
ity youth programs in Lee County, the
Boys & Girls Clubs works to inspire and
enable young people to realize their full
potential as productive, responsible and
caring citizens. Membership dues are \$10
per school year so that all children can
have access to our programs. The Boys
& Girls Clubs of Lee County relies upon
the philanthropic support of individuals,
corporations and foundations in order to
sustain and grow its services.

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

Tropical Fruit Fair At First Baptist Church June 29

The Lee County Extension Office
and The Caloosa Rare Fruit
Exchange present a Tropical Fruit
Fair on Saturday, June 29 from 9
a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church's
Community Room, 1735 Jackson Street
in the Fort Myers River District.

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CCMI Receives Gold Plus Award From Meals On Wheels

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. received a \$2,000 Gold Plus Award
from the Meals On Wheels Association of American for its recent March For
Meals campaign efforts including Cape Coral Mayor John Sullivan's participa-
tion on Mayors For Meals Day.

March For Meals is a national campaign during the month of March, initiated by
the MOWAA, which seeks to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage
action on the part of the local community. This year, the MOWAA awarded 199
programs' campaigns for their success, awarding more than \$150,000 in grants for
exemplary efforts, with just six of those programs receiving the Gold Plus Award.

"March For Meals is an exciting time for CCMI, as we get to highlight our Meals
On Wheels program and share its efforts with the rest of the community," said Tracey
Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "This award will go toward those efforts and help us reach
out to more homebound seniors in need."

Senior Nutrition Programs across the United States, like CCMI, promote March For
Meals in their local communities through public events, partnerships with local busi-
nesses, volunteer recruitment and fundraising initiatives.

"For many of our senior clients, the delivery they receive from their Meals On
Wheels drivers may be the only social interaction they have during the day, which is
another reason why it's important we keep this program available and are extremely
thankful for the continued support," added Galloway.

The Meals On Wheels Association of America is the only national association
and network dedicated solely to ending senior hunger in America. It is the oldest and
largest organization composed of and representing local, community-based Senior
Nutrition Programs in all 50 states and U.S. territories. The vision of Meals On Wheels
is to end senior hunger by 2020.

CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita
Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. CCMI works in partnership with United Way
of Lee, Hendry and Glades, Harry Chapin Food Bank and regional community founda-
tions as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups including
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Snook Season To Reopen; New Regs For Tarpon



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The big news on the water this week is the September 1 reopening of the Gulf of Mexico for snook season. The harvest of snook has been closed on our coast of Florida

since 2010 when a major cold snap really impacted the population. When season reopens September 1, all bag limits and size restrictions will be the same. This is the one fish per person per day bag limit with the total length slot limit of 28 to 33 inches. The season will still have the two annual closures of December 1 through February 31 and May 1 through August 31.

Even though I personally think snook season on our coast of Florida should stay closed for a few more years, this opening should really bring a big economic impact to us during September, which is usually one of our slowest months of the year. Many of my long-term clients have already begun to book September snook charters.

I do think the snook population can handle the opening, but another year or two of closure would have really given us a world class snook fishery.

Other items discussed at the Florida

Wildlife Commission's June 12 and 13 meetings in Lakeland that will impact us are making tarpon and bonefish catch-and-release only fisheries. This will go into effect September 1. Among other things, the new regulations will outlaw removing a tarpon over 40 inches long from the water and also only allow one tarpon kill tag per angler per year. Though this will result in fewer tarpon being killed every year, I think tarpon should be treated as our other gamefish – snook and redfish – and no matter how big the fish is, even if it's a possible world record size fish, it should not be allowed to be killed.

Also discussed at the meetings was a two-part proposal to modify the types of gear used to target tarpon in Boca Grande Pass. This issue will be brought back for a public hearing September 4 to 6 in Pensacola. The PTTS (Professional Tarpon Tournament Series) is totally against this and has threatened legal action on the FWC as these new rules will bring this made-for-TV tarpon tournament pretty much to an end or at least totally change the format of the tournament series.

This is a 20-year-plus issue that has broken up long-term friendships and really taken the sport out of tarpon fishing in the pass. Personally, I'm on the side of the tarpon and really hope the new gear rules for tarpon fishing in Boca Grande Pass go into effect January 1 as planned. The unsportsmanlike and aggressive boat handling method of snagging/flossing tarpon (jig fishing), then gaffing and dragging these 50-year-old-plus fish into the beach to be weighed, all in the name of TV, will hopefully soon be a thing of the past.

The Boca Grande jig method of catching tarpon is not the accidental snagging of fish; this is the deliberate attempt to snag fish with tackle that is designed to only do one thing: snag fish while the fish are not feeding. It totally stresses out the fish during the most important part of their life cycle, while they are in the



Snook like this one will be open to harvest in September

pass stacked up in huge numbers before mating. In my opinion, it's unethical and all about money and greed for a very few people and not the majority. Hopefully, this black mark in the long storied and glorious history of tarpon fishing in Boca Grande Pass will soon be over.

One thing that both sides of the issue do agree on is that the numbers of tarpon in the pass keep getting less and less every year. Something major needs to be done to protect this game fish and these steps, if followed through by the FWC, are a good start.

Imagine you are on a tarpon fishing trip and the fish just don't want to eat any well-presented live bait. This often does happen and it's all part of what makes

the tarpon such a worthy angling opponent. After not being able to get a single bite, you take out a weighted treble hook and begin to cast at the rolling fish until you snag one. Sound sporting to you? The Boca Grande style tarpon jig is doing this exact same thing but is cleverly disguised on a bottom weighted circle hook as a jig. I would prefer not to catch a tarpon at all over catching an intentionally foul hooked fish.

When it comes right down to it, as anglers we all have some conservationist in us and want what is best for the long haul of the fishery. Simply put, let's do what is best for the tarpon.

If you want to learn more about this issue, check out savethetarpon.com. For more of the new rules and regulations, check out MYFWC.com.

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

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Gopher Tortoise



by Patricia Molloy

Two gopher tortoises were admitted to CROW at approximately the same time after being run over by careless drivers. The wildlife medical staff at CROW, led by Dr. Heather Barron,

treated one of the patients by gluing grommets to the defects on her shell and holding them in place with lacing.

"She is doing great now, moving around quickly [for a tortoise] and eating really well when she is outside grazing," said Dr. Helen Ingraham, DVM intern.

Originating in North America, the gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) has shovel-like front feet and elephantine hind feet, which play a major role in its unique ability to dig very large burrows. As one of the few tortoises to build elaborate shelters, they are able to protect themselves from extreme temperatures, fires and predators.

Gopher tortoises are exceptionally tolerant of their neighbors and are known to share their burrows with other species, including lizards, opossums, frogs, snakes, rabbits and burrowing owls. Some of these "roommates" are so dependent on the burrows that they will disappear if a



This tortoise, patient #1313, has grommets holding her shell fracture together. Her injuries resulted from being hit by a careless driver

gopher tortoise abandons its home. Thus, these special turtles have earned the nickname "keystone species."

"Everyone, please be alert when you go out with her and make sure that her lacing looks good," cautioned Dr. Heather. "We need to keep a close eye on it to make sure its not loose. I wanted to use a nonabsorbent suture material, but we are using donated suture material, because I had to use what was available. I was forced to used the longest we had available and it's going to degrade eventually because that's what this type of suture material is built to do. So we have to be careful."

It takes approximately four months for

a shell fracture to heal and an additional six to 12 months for full recovery and removal of the grommets. If you would like to sponsor this extraordinary gopher tortoise on her long road to recovery, go to CROW's website and refer to patient #1313. Remember, none of the patients at CROW cannot afford health insurance to cover the cost of treatment. Please help the medical staff offer the best care possible by donating to the clinic.

If you would like to know more about these fascinating creatures, go to CROW's Visitor Education Center on Monday, July 1 at 11 a.m. A gopher tortoises talk will be presented by a member of the CROW team. Learn why these

animals are admitted to CROW hospital and how the wildlife clinic's medical staff heals and rehabilitates the "keystone species." Call 472-3644 ext. 228 or go to www.crowclinic.org for a full schedule of events.

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

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Creeping oxeye is a category-II invasive pest plant

Plant Smart

Creeping Oxeye

by Gerri Reaves

You might know creeping oxeye (*Sphagneticola trilobata*) as wedelia, a name derived from the previously accepted scientific name, *Wedelia trilobata*.

Sources differ on whether this member of the aster, or daisy, family it is a native of Central and South America or of the West Indies.

A perennial herb, it was introduced to Florida in the early 20th century as an

ornamental. The groundcover was all the more useful because of its extreme salt tolerance.

It escaped cultivation and today is listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a category-II invasive species.

The mat-forming plant grows to about a foot in height, spreading via shallow rhizomes, or root-like underground stems.

Its invasive potential and dense carpet-like form can crowd out native species in natural and agricultural areas. It has been reported that creeping oxeye can induce miscarriages in farm animals that graze on it.

The best way to rid the landscape of



Also known as wedelia, the plant was introduced to Florida decades ago as an ornamental groundcover

photos by Gerri Reaves

this pest is tearing it out, roots and all.

The dark-green opposite leaves are about two to four inches long, toothed and lobed with three main veins.

The easily recognizable bright yellow flowers are about an inch across and usually appear singly at the top of the hairy stems. Pleated petals with toothed tips surround the disk, which contains eight to 13 florets.

If given sufficient sun, the plant blooms profusely all year long.

If you're enamored with the creeping oxeye, confine it to a container and ensure that the tiny seeds don't escape. It makes a lush trailing pot or hanging plant.

It has several medicinal uses, including the treatment of cold and flu symptoms.

Sources: *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor; *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan; plantatlas.usf.edu; plants.ifas.ufl.edu; and floridata.com.

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Caring For Your Plants

Potted Plant Care Revisited



by Justen Dobbs

Last time we discussed potted plants, I covered watering procedures and a little on lighting and air flow. Many Floridians are hesitant to try potted plants a lot of times simply because

they have had difficulty growing them and keeping them alive. This is usually due to working on misinformation from a friend or neighbor, or simply not having a green thumb.

Potted plants, whether indoors or outdoors, clean the air and provide good oxygen. The key to buying and growing potted plants is to start with a good species or variety that requires less maintenance than the others. Air plants, succulents, cycads and other tropical plants store water in their trunks and are able to survive periods of drought. This makes them ideal for use as potted plants, especially for the novice.

One important consideration when starting a "container garden" is the placement of each plant. Remember, your potted plant is affected from all directions—top, sides and even bottom. The top of



Rock and weed mat are both effective barriers between your plants and the earth

the plant receives sun and water, the sides may receive wind, and the bottom is in contact with the ground which is home to many living organisms.

How much sunlight does your plant need from above? If it is a type of plant that needs more shade, keep it in your lanai or under your eave, or out in the landscape where it gets shade. How much water does it need? If it is drought-tolerant, you may want to bring it inside or under your eave during summer so that

our daily rains don't encourage rot.

If the container is heavy, you should be able to place it where ever you want in the landscape and not have to worry about wind or small animals knocking it over. If your plant is in a lighter container, such as an azalea pot, you should keep it in an area that doesn't receive strong wind gusts or a lot of foot traffic. If your plant gets knocked over and left there, it could become damaged or even die.

Your container should have holes in

the bottom for drainage. Try to place potted plants on top of rock, mat or concrete. This will discourage burrowing nematodes and insects from wandering up into your soil and affecting your plant. Also, if the plant is planted directly into the decorative pot, its roots will eventually reach the bottom and may grow into the ground. This could make the plant difficult to move later on.

So you see, placement of your potted plants is very important. Don't be afraid to get creative. If you have a question about something, try Google or consult your local landscape professional. Good luck with the container garden!

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Kay Holloway, Sandy Kavouras, Kathryn Patterson, Brenda Norris, Debbie Wyatt-Stotter and Laura Jibben

Garden Council Installs Officers

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council installed 2013-2015 officers. They are: Kay Holloway, corresponding secretary, Periwinkle Garden Club; Sandy Kavouras, second vice president, Gardens of the World Garden Club; Kathryn Patterson, assistant treasurer, Garden Club of Lehigh Acres and Royal Palm; Brenda Norris, first vice president, Jasmine Garden Club; Debbie Wyatt-Stotter, president, Garden Club of Cape Coral; and Laura Jibben, outgoing president, Estero Island Garden Club; Suzy Valentine, secretary; and Mae Jean Nothstine, treasurer.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies, and affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for the locale and conservation methods. The council assists in educating and beautifying the community, and improving the environment. A speakers bureau provides speakers for meetings and events. For more information about the council, contact Debbie Wyatt-Stotter at 707-6078 or email famemanehair@embarqmail.com.*

Brook Performing During June's Music Walk

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host singer Sheena Brook at downtown's Music Walk on Friday, June 21 from 7 until 11 p.m. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the Fort Myers River District.

With the perfect mix of professionalism and playfulness, Brook is bursting onto the scene to challenge what is thought about conventional southern rock. Her album *Ain't Gonna Mess Around* reveals many sides of her as an artist. Together with her writing partner Scott Krehling, Brook serves up some great storytelling with the raw emotional lyrics that give us just a glimpse at the road she has walked to get to the here, now and beyond. Not one for being too serious, Brook brings a sense of humor to her work and live performances that keep fans begging for more.

Having played with heavy hitters like Seether, Sevendust and working on side projects with Shannon Larkin and Tony Rombola of Godsmack, she is honing in on her own sound. The new single, *When The Lights Go Down*, is set to release with a major splash soon.

Equally comfortable on stage, a red carpet or quoting lines from *Buffy The Vampire Slayer*, Brook is a walking contradiction. The moment you think you



Sheena Brook

have her figured out, you will learn something mind-numbingly awesome about this one of a kind performer that will lead further down the rabbit hole.*



Queen Helmet on display at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

Museum Debuts New Shell Of The Moment Exhibit

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum would like to invite everyone to come out and take a look at their new Shell of the Moment exhibit.

The museum is currently displaying a very large Queen Helmet (*Cassid madagascariensis*), collected by the late Dale Stingley off the coast of Nassau, Bahamas in 1958. The shell measures a whopping 370mm (approximately 14.5 inches). Mr. Stingley was a resident of Evanston, Illinois before moving to La Belle, Florida. He donated the largest col-

lection ever received by the museum.

Additionally, the exhibit will also feature images of live Queen Helmets taken last year by Anne DuPont and Ariane Dimitris in Palm Beach County, Florida.

"In my many years at the museum, I always have wished that I had met Nancy and Dale Stingley," said José H. Leal, museum director. "Dale's collection was flawless, and I am so glad the museum inherited it."

For more information about the museum and hours, visit www.shellmuseum.org or call 395-2233.*



Scholarship recipients and donors, from left, Education Committee Chair Doris Hardy, Laura Dahlem, Layne Marshall, Andrew Dahlem, Jessica Bergan, Ramsey Fisher, Brooke Giuliano, Calyn Lee, Nicole Cohen, Christopher McGill, Dylan Humenay and Bob Thoresen

'Ding' Darling Awards Scholarships For Environmental Studies

At a special gathering at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on May 12, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) awarded \$11,500 in conservation education scholarships to 11 students out of nearly 40 applicants from the surrounding five-county area.

"The society is committed to educating today's youth as conservation stewards of the future," said DDWS Education Chair Doris Hardy. "To that end, we work with various businesses and individuals to provide annual scholarships to students engaged in the study of conservation, biology and the environment."

Seven donors sponsored scholarships this year. Some sponsors were on hand at the ceremony to present checks to the students.

Brooke Giuliano, a Charlotte County resident working on a bachelor's degree in environmental management in agriculture and natural resources with a minor in sustainability studies at the University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville, won the Richard Bailey Scholarship, named in memory of a longtime refuge volunteer.

Ramsey Fisher, a Sanibel Island resident who just graduated from South Fort Myers High School and is headed to Florida International University in Miami to pursue a degree in marine biology, received the Dr. Andrew and Laura Dahlem Scholarship. The Dahlems live part-time on Sanibel Island and were honored with a named scholarship by one of their children, who wanted to thank them for their educational support.

Nicole Cohen, a recent Cape Coral High School graduate headed to John Hopkins University in Baltimore to pursue a degree in environmental engineering, received the Hans and Leslie Fleischner Scholarship. The Fleischners are also part-time Sanibel residents whose love of the island's environment moved them to sponsor the scholarship.

Calyn Lee and Zoe Skrikan accepted Tim Gardner Memorial Scholarships, established with donations made in memory of an avid and much-loved volunteer at the "Ding" Darling Refuge. Lee, who recently graduated from Riverdale High School in Fort Myers, will study marine biology at UF. Barron Collier High School (Naples) graduate Skrikan will attend the University of North Carolina in Wilmington to study marine biology.

Jena Martino, another recent Barron Collier graduate, received the Mary Lou Schadt Scholarship, sponsored by a longtime refuge volunteer. Martino plans to study environmental engineering at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Four Tarpon Bay Explorers (TBE) Scholarship recipients include Cape Coral High School graduate Dylan Humenay, pursuing a degree in civil engineering with an environmental focus at the University of South Florida in Tampa; Charlotte High School (Punta Gorda) graduate Christopher McGill, who will be studying marine biology and ecosystems at Ave Maria University in Collier County; Fort Myers High graduate Layne Marshall, headed for UF to study environmental science; and Andrew H. Stoquert, a Punta Gorda resident and sophomore at the University of Miami studying ecosystem science and policy. TBE co-owner Wendy Schnapp presented the awards.

The Jane Werner Environmental Scholarship, DDWS' first permanent endowed scholarship, went to Bishop Verot Catholic High School (Fort Myers) graduate Jessica Bergan, who plans to study zoology and visual arts with a minor in environmental science at UF.

"We received more than 40 scholarship applications, and choosing only 11 was very difficult," said Hardy. "We hope that these students will be as dedicated to conservation and the environment as 'Ding' Darling himself was so many years ago."

DDWS will again be awarding scholarships at the end of the 2013-14 school year. High school seniors and college students living in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and



Sanibel resident Ramsey Fisher receives a check from scholarship honorees Andrew and Laura Dahlem

Hardy counties and pursuing careers in biology and environmental studies are eligible.

For an application, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/student-scholarships after August 1, 2013. To read full descriptions of 2013 "Ding" scholarship winners, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/scholarship-winners.

Individuals and businesses interested in establishing a named scholarship of \$500 or more for 2014 should contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or 472-1100 ext. 4 or via email at director@dingdarlingsociety.org.*

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Taste Of The Garden

were recommended to the program by Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI) and stipends were provided by the Freedom and Virtue Institute. UFIT stands for two things: Urban Farmers in Training and assuring these young people that they can fit – UFIT – into the community.

Founder Yvonne Hill created the Roots Heritage Urban Food Hub – Farm & Garden – in 2010. It has grown with support from the City of Fort Myers and agricultural guidance from the University of Florida IFAS along with the participation of many friends and donors. The produce stand was a joint project made possible by donations from the Periwinkle Garden Club and FineMark Bank.

For more information, call 464-9925.*

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Shell Point's Pete Bickett with Builders Without Borders' Peter Fenger

Woodworkers' Philanthropic Nature Deeply Ingrained

Shell Point residents Bill Reiff, Ken Treiber, Fuzz Farrell, Pete Bickett and George Decelles share both a love of woodworking and a love of helping children. They have teamed up with three Vi at Bentley Village residents – Charles Rue, Peter Mattimore and Frank Harrigan – to make wooden toy cars for children in need as part of the Toys For God's Kids program. Last year, they produced more than 300 cars and sent



From left, Peter Fenger, Craig Schneider, Peter Mattimore, Frank Harrigan, Charles Rue, Fuzz Farrell, Ken Treiber, Bill Reiff and Pete Bickett

them to hospitalized children in Mali, West Africa and to U.S. troops in Afghanistan. Over the holiday season, they also supplied cars to the Toys For Tots and Operation Christmas Child programs.

The Vi at Bentley Village volunteers visited the Shell Point resident woodworkers to tour the community's woodshop with and meet with Craig Schneider of Suncoast Contractors Supply. As part of Builders Without Borders, Schneider is preparing for a September trip to Rwanda to continue work on the Kigali Christian School. The woodworkers are giving Schneider toy cars to load into the container the Builders Without Borders group is shipping to Kigali, Rwanda in June in preparation for their trip. In turn, Schneider is donating scrap lumber from Suncoast Contractors Supply to the gentlemen to make more cars for needy children.

The woodworkers use patterns for the cars and have been cutting them from poplar scraps supplied by Jon Leach, owner of Naples Shutter and from Florida Stairworks and Carpentry in Fort Myers. Bits of hard-

wood leftover from the woodshop, are used to make the wheels. The only store-bought component is the dowels that become car axels. They sand the cars and finish them with a linseed oil and mineral spirits seal. The final touch is a USA stamp on the bottom of each car. Treiber estimates that so far, they've created 500 cars this year.

Shell Point resident Ken Treiber is excited about supplying cars to with Builders Without Borders, an organization with a mission that aligns perfectly with that of Toys For God's Kids.

"We are happy to give Craig cars to bring to the children in Kigali," said Treiber. "Suncoast's lumber donation will help us make even more cars."

"This is a perfect partnership," said Schneider, who is making his second visit to Kigali in September. "The children will be so excited to have a new toy, and it's great that these woodworkers can help us make it happen."

For more information, visit www.toysforgodskids.com and www.builderswithoutborders.net.✧

Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival Adds New Activities In November

The Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival is set to return to Southwest Florida November 1, 2 and 3 with more vendors and sponsors, increased activities and returning partners.

Among the new offerings: Festival signature non-profit partner CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) will be hosting a Saturday afternoon micro-brew tent with a local brewery and live music on the Sanibel Causeway. The festival offers festival attendees and paddlers the opportunity to learn about CROW, local wildlife and the area's natural beauty.

KayakTrader.com will be a dynamic new media sponsor this year. The Georgia-based company is encouraging paddling clubs and paddlers to attend the festival, and in some cases is offering to transport their boats here free. Cabot Cheese of Vermont will be donating samples of their award-winning cheddar cheese as well as distributing literature promoting health and wellness.

Relay races will be held for SUPs and kayaks on Sunday, November 3, coordinated by the SWFL SUP Club. A new event -- a SUP Pup / Doggie Paddle Race -- will allow festival participants to compete with their canines prior to the main relay races.

Also returning will be the Coast to Coast Expedition Challenge, a race from the Sanibel Causeway to Miami. The race is among the many VIVA Florida 500 events planned for 2013 as Florida celebrates the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de León's arrival here.

For the third year, Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Myers-Sanibel will be the festival signature host hotel, offering paddler-specific amenities. San Carlos RV Resort will again participate as a campground partner after having recently completed large improvement projects on the grounds and marina. Periwinkle Place on Sanibel Island will participate in the festival for the first time as a campground partner, offering special rates to paddling guests who prefer to stay on the barrier island.

The festival will welcome back several popular sponsors, including gold-level O-Sea-D Aquatic Adventures, Inc, as well as Estero River Outfitters and Hobie Kayak. Also returning are silver-level sponsors and local supporters Naples Kayak Company, Tarpon Bay Explorers, *Florida Weekly* and many others.

Find festival and trail information on Facebook by searching Great Calusa Blueway or clicking on www.facebook.com/TheGreatCalusaBlueway. Watch for updates soon on www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com. To request trail maps be mailed to you, visit www.CalusaBlueway.com. Or download the Calusa Blueway smart-phone app at the Google Play or iTunes store.✧



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Lab Theater Presents *BOB: A Life In Five Acts*



The characters Bob and Jeannie in The Laboratory Theater's production of *BOB: A Life In Five Acts*

The next production up for The Laboratory Theater of Florida is the absurdist comedy *BOB: A Life In Five Acts* by Peter Sinn Nachtrieb. Opening Friday, June 28, the play starts off with a frightened mother birthing her son in the restroom of a White Castle. She abandons him, only for him to be secretly adopted by the waitress of the restaurant, despite company policy. She names him and raises him while traveling across the country teaching him life's lessons. The story of everyman, supported by a modern Greek chorus, uses Bob's experiences to highlight our own yearning to achieve greatness and leave behind our own individual legacy.

James Recca celebrates his Lab Theater directorial debut with *Bob*. He's also slated to direct *The Altruists*, coming in February 2014. Recca is an accomplished actor, performing in musicals, dramas and com-



Bob and Michael



Bob and Jeannie

edies throughout Southwest Florida community theaters. Audiences may remember him from last season's shows *Intimate Exchanges* at Theatre Conspiracy and playing a trio of characters, Satan, Simon and the Bailiff in *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* at Lab Theater.

Starring Joseph Yazvac and featuring Sandy Porter, Michael Bridges, Marcus Colon and Stella Ruiz, this comedy is perfect for the summer: fun, quirky and heartwarming.

"I love the poignant silliness of this play. Utilizing the classic tool of the Greek chorus in a contemporary way we observe one man's desire and struggle towards greatness," Recca said. As so much of the upcoming Lab Theater season, the show looks at the American Dream and how we validate ourselves and our existence. Bob, born with an unflagging optimism, travels, learns and grows and shares his discoveries with us, the audience. Can Bob become a great man, a man who will be remembered, or are we all really great men to begin with?

Recca says the many characters in Bob's life – all played by only four actors – must each be memorable in some way.

"Drastically distinct, yet reminiscent of those we have each met along our own journeys," he explained. Audiences will revel in the fast paced show and exploring grand universal themes of life as Bob (and we) knows it.

Bob: A Life In Five Acts runs Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., June 28, 29 and July 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$12 for students. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.laboratorytheaterflorida.org.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, call 218-0481. ✨



Kelly Legarreta and Matt Reed in *Funny Money*

Funny Stuff At Off Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau



When it's a Ray Cooney play, you know there are going to be a boat load of laughs. *Funny Money*, now playing at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre, is proof

Smith), Henry tells them all about his find. Everything seems right on schedule until a detective (Robert Summers) arrives and blackmails Henry. On top of that, another detective enters the scene with an identical black briefcase. Add to that a persistent taxi driver named Bill (Miguel Cintron) and you have a cast that delivers hysterical antics and dialogue throughout the play.

Jean, a teetotaler, suddenly decides
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positive of that statement.

The action all centers around the fact that mild-mannered accountant Henry Perkins (Matt Reed) picked up the wrong briefcase, only to discover it full of 735,000 pounds. Should he keep it or try to return it? He wants to keep it and fly to Barcelona on the next available flight. His wife Jean (Kelly Legarreta) is a bit overwhelmed by the entire idea and is reluctant to go along with the program. After all, it is Henry's birthday and she's expecting company to celebrate.

When their friends arrive, Vic and Betty Johnson (Craig Smith and Jenny

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Tropical Fruit Fair

Many tables of displays of many varieties of mango, avocado and unusual fruits most have never seen, such as grumichama, lychee, longan, gooseberry, akee, jaboticaba, etc. Samples of all fruit that is ripe will be given away.

Admission is \$2 for all ages over 12, which includes free samples of tropical fruits, veggies, punches, tropical drinks and fruit-flavored ice cream. Free classes from experts, free parking and a Carmen Miranda contest with cash prizes will be offered.

For more information, call 543-9910 or 533-4327. ✨

Red Sox Donate To Local Charities



Cindy Venezia, Katie Haas, Ryan Kalish and Barbara Wells with CCMI Preschoolers

The Boston Red Sox recently donated \$10,000 to four local nonprofits as a follow-up to its 3rd annual Week of Service, a weeklong series of volunteering and giving back to the Southwest Florida community.

In February, the Red Sox organized a four-location, two-day volunteer effort in which Red Sox uniformed personnel and front-office staff volunteered at Habitat For Humanity of Lee County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, Treeline Elementary for CCMI's Backpack Program and the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Red Sox volunteers were involved in a variety of activities at each location including the rehabbing of affordable housing for families in need, assisting children who may not have a strong male or female presence in their lives with homework, arts and crafts and outdoor recreational games, filling backpacks with non-perishable food items for local elementary students that otherwise might go without a meal during the weekend and fighting hunger by helping the food bank package food items that will be sent



Katie Haas, Angela Melvin with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ryan Kalish, Anthony Feliz and Jay Fandel

to feed the needy across Southwest Florida.

Each of these organizations received a donation of \$2,500.

"We have supported various organizations in Southwest Florida for many years, but in 2011, we increased our involvement to highlight the good work of Lee County organizations that, every day, are serving people here who are most in need," said Larry Lucchino, Red Sox president and CEO. "We look forward to branching out and helping even more of our community neighbors as we grow in our new spring training home at JetBlue Park at Fenway South."

In addition to volunteering at four local non-profits during this year's Week of Service, the Red Sox held its 8th annual Evening with the Red Sox benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County raising more than \$90,000 and its 20th annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic raising \$700,000.*

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Financial Focus

Help Elderly Loved Ones Avoid Financial Abuse



by Jennifer Basey

It's unfortunate, but true: The elderly population may be the most vulnerable group in our society. In fact, in an effort to call attention to the problems of physical, emotional and

that if they don't recognize the number, don't answer. Legitimate callers are more likely to leave messages than scammers.

- Don't send money. Exhort your parents or grandparents to never wire money to a random account – no exceptions.

- Ignore "limited-time offers" – Your loved ones should ignore callers, mailers or emails that demand they act immediately. These offers are often overblown at best and may be fraudulent at worst.

- Don't trust "no risk" offers – Financial offers that sound too good to be true are likely just that – untrue. Legitimate investments carry both potential risks and rewards.

- Avoid "debt-settlement" claims – If your older loved ones have debt problems, they may be especially susceptible to offers that claim to "clear up" all their debts. But there's no quick fix to this problem and any caller who claims otherwise is likely being deceitful. Encourage your parents or grandparents to discuss their debt situation with an honest, professional debt counselor or a financial advisor.

Here's one more thing you can do to help your parents or grandparents avoid financial fraud: If they don't already work with a trusted, qualified financial professional, introduce them to one. If your parents have a relationship with such a professional, they will be less likely to listen to any questionable, unsolicited offers than if they were trying to manage their finances on their own.

You're in a good position to know how much, or how little, help your elderly loved ones may need in terms of avoiding financial abuse. So be willing to do whatever it takes to help them enjoy their retirement years comfortably.

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financial abuse of the elderly, the United Nations has designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. If you have older parents, or even grandparents, can you do to anything to help prevent them from being victimized, especially with regard to their finances?

Actually, there's a lot you can do. First and foremost, you need to maintain good communications and a trusting relationship with your older family members. As long as these elements are present, you should feel free to make the following suggestions:

- Increase awareness – When it comes to financial fraud and scams, many seniors think: "It can't happen to me." But the facts suggest otherwise: Some 20 percent of Americans over the age of 65 admit to having been victimized by financial swindles, according to a survey by the non-profit Investor Protection Trust. Let your loved ones know that no one in their age group is immune to financial predators.

- Guard private information – Ask your parents or grandparents to not divulge personal information over the phone. In fact, urge them to get caller ID, if they don't have it already, and tell them

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Funny Money

liquor is her best friend. When asked if she drinks, she replies "Yes, very heavily." As she tries to explain things to her friend Betty, things get more confusing. As Betty says, "Whole paragraphs seem to be disappearing."

In order to keep their secret, Henry and Jean make up various tales, not to mention people, to explain away suspicious behavior and circumstances. It's hard for them to remember just who they really are. This provides a lot of fun for the audience. Reed is tall and lanky and at times seems to be double-jointed. He and Legarreta excel in their roles, giving their characters the right amount of farcical humor. The same can be said for both

Smiths (no relation). Craig Smith with his stiff upper crust outlook on life and Jenny Smith, with her anything goes attitude, make a charmingly funny couple.

The play takes many twists and turns, leaving the audience wondering just what is going to happen. I'll just say it's intriguing the way things turn out.

Funny Mooney is directed with a sure hand by Victor Legarreta. For tickets, call 278-4422, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com or stop by the box office at 13180 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

Scholarship Applications Due

BIG ARTS is now accepting applications for its Classical Music Scholarship Award. Florida high school and college students who have professional goals to pursue classical musical instruments, including piano, composition and conducting may apply. This scholarship will be awarded to one student annually, with a cash prize of up to \$5,000.

Students who play classical musical instruments – including piano, violin, viola, cello, bass, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, flute, French horn, trumpet, trombone and/or tuba – are eligible, as well as percussion students who have a focus in orchestral instruments. The purpose of this scholarship is to award highly talented students who plan to continue their classical music studies and training.

Additional details about the BIG ARTS Classical Music Scholarship as well as the application form and information about how to submit an application are available online at www.BIGARTS.org. Applicants

may also pick up a copy of the scholarship application Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, FL 33957.

All application materials must be submitted to BIG ARTS no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, October 4 to be considered for this scholarship.

The BIG ARTS Classical Music Scholarship is one of several scholarship programs supported by generous donors to BIG ARTS. To learn more about establishing a scholarship fund to support your artistic or cultural passion and to make a difference in the lives of young artists, contact Jessica Baxter at 395-0900.

For further information about this program, to sign up for workshops or to become a member of BIG ARTS, stop by BIG ARTS Center, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, call 395-0900, e-mail info@BIGARTS.org or visit www.BIGARTS.org.✪

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

| Development Display | City | Year Built | Square Footage | Listing Price | Selling Price | Selling Date | DOM | View |
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| Stuart | Fort Myers | 2005 | 3,904 | \$1,895,000 | \$1,778,000 | 6/10/2013 | 800 | River |
| Captiva Beach | Captiva | 2012 | 2,695 | \$1,695,000 | \$1,625,000 | 6/10/2013 | 293 | Wooded Area |
| Beachview Country Club | Sanibel | 2001 | 2,385 | \$1,199,000 | \$1,000,000 | 6/10/2013 | 292 | Golf Course |
| No Subdivision | N. Fort Myers | 1971 | 3,972 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | 6/10/2013 | 3 | Mangroves |
| No Subdivision | Cape Coral | 2002 | 3,080 | \$925,000 | \$870,000 | 6/13/2013 | 246 | Canal |
| No Subdivision | Cape Coral | 2007 | 3,275 | \$849,000 | \$820,000 | 6/13/2013 | 24 | Canal |
| No Subdivision | Fort Myers | 1947 | 2,518 | \$799,000 | \$783,000 | 6/10/2013 | 110 | River |
| Dunes Sanibel Island | Sanibel | 1984 | 3,738 | \$899,900 | \$750,000 | 6/11/2013 | 973 | Lake |
| No Subdivision | Sanibel | 1956 | 3,847 | \$887,900 | \$749,900 | 6/13/2013 | 133 | Lawn/Garden |
| Town + River | Fort Myers | 1985 | 2,965 | \$766,000 | \$740,000 | 6/14/2013 | 57 | Canal |

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPP

Dear Shelley, My tenth grade daughter just got her end of year grades and she did not do as well as she wanted. And she worked hard this year. She feels

terrible about this and I am concerned. Of course I'll try to help her figure out why her study habits aren't working, but are there other things that might help her?

Megan F., Estero

Megan,

I'm sure that your daughter is experiencing a variety of feelings, including disappointment, anger, guilt, confusion, sadness, physical sickness or even some level of hopelessness. Reassure her that it is not the end of the world, but it is time to figure out what is going on. Here are some ideas that might be helpful and that go beyond looking at the obvious – her study skills and habits.

Encourage your daughter to talk to someone outside the family about the situation. Talking to a friend, teacher or school counselor can be a great way of expressing feelings and getting advice. A teacher in particular might be able to help her brainstorm ideas to boost her grades.

Encourage your daughter to examine her expectations and the expectations of others who are important in her life. It might be helpful for her to re-think

her own expectations to make sure that they're realistic and achievable. If she is feeling academic pressure from a particular person she should try to discuss it but without placing blame. For example, this phrase "I feel like anxious/stressed when you..." can be a good opener for this type of conversation. Sometimes expectations are only focused on one outcome, and if you don't meet that outcome, you might feel disappointed or like you've failed. Usually there are a number of ways to achieve a goal. It might help her to talk to someone she trusts about what some different strategies might be.

Encourage her to look after herself. Expectations can lead to a lot of stress. It's important to make sure that she's taking care of herself physically as well as mentally. Exercising and eating well can help her feel better. Also, make sure she is getting enough sleep. Proper sleep hygiene is critical to adolescent development. Encourage her to relax. Sometimes a change of pace can be very helpful and allow for rejuvenation.

Employing these techniques plus a hard look at her study habits should allow your daughter to have better academic success for her remaining high school experience.

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Graduate Announcement

Sarah Anne Weber of Fort Myers was one of 125 graduates to receive a degree from Howard Payne University in Brownwood at the university's commencement held at the close of the spring 2013 semester.

Weber graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology and summa cum laude honors. Students must have a 3.85-4.0 GPA to graduate summa cum laude.*

Vargas To Attend Heidelberg University

Miguel Vargas, a graduate of Mariner High School, has committed to attend Heidelberg University, Ohio, and play football in the fall. While at Heidelberg, he plans to study sports management and business.

A 6-1, 230-pound defensive end, Vargas played for Chris Siner at Mariner. He was an All-County and first team All-LCAC selection.

Miguel is the son of Miguel and Dana Vargas.*

Thomas To Attend St. Augustine

Jacques Thomas, a resident of Fort Myers, has been admitted to Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina for the fall semester.*

Luke Graduates From Villanova

Cody Luke, a resident of North Fort Myers, graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts degree during a spring commencement ceremony, held on May 19.*

Animal Services Reduces Pet Adoption Fees

Kitten season is in full swing at Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS). During kitten season, the monthly intake of cats and kittens doubles from 250 to nearly 500. To help alleviate the overcrowding, all felines six months and older are just \$25 as well as two-for-one. The shelter is also reducing the adoption fee for all dogs 35 pounds and over to \$35. Now is a great time to add more than one new member to the family.

"While cat intake spikes during the summer, we normally take in 400 dogs every month," said Donna Ward, LCDAS director. "June is really the beginning of our crisis season since adoptions tend to slow down in the summer too," she said. Many baby kittens that have been in foster care the last two months are back at the shelter and ready for new homes.

The discounted fees include the veterinary and other services valued at over \$500. Every pet adopted will receive spay or neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and older, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, Lee County pet license for pets three months and older, microchip ID, 10-day health guarantee, and pet behavior helpline.

Pets available for adoption may be viewed online at www.leelostpets.com and adopters can submit their application online. The website updates hourly. Volunteers and staff will be available to help individuals and families select the pet that best suits their lifestyle.

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

Parker Receives Degree From Widener Law

Widener Law held commencement exercises for its 39th graduating class on its campus in Wilmington, Delaware on May 18. The graduates included Andrew Parker, a resident of North Fort Myers, who received a Juris Doctor degree.*

Southwest Florida Attractions Association Installs 2013-14 Board

The Southwest Florida Attractions Association recently installed new board members at its annual dinner meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Estero. Candice Cocco, tourism group sales manager for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, will serve as president for its 2013-14 term.

"This is a great organization that also delivers," Cocco said. "We deliver revenue growth for our members and have a good time doing it. 'Stay and play one more day,' is the association's motto."

Other inductees for the term include vice president, Eric Graff, Southwest Florida Distributing, Publishing & Mailing; secretary, Patty Stallsmith, Broadway Palm; treasurer, Terry Simon, Fort Myers Miracle Baseball; and membership director, Shelley Starner, Miromar Outlets.

The purpose of the Southwest Florida Attractions Association, with members in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties, is to promote the attractions industry in southwest Florida. Membership offers opportunities to network, attend trade shows and events, and learn the latest industry trends at monthly professional development workshops and social gatherings.

The next association event is the Collier County Tradeshow Cruise aboard the *Naples Princess* on June 19. Attendees will include tour operators, chamber employees, concierges, activity directors and other industry professionals. For more information, visit www.swflattractions.com or call 415-7529.*

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Dr. Dave

Personality Disorder



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“Carl,” I comment to the psychiatrist sitting beside me at a medical conference I recently attended (for some odd reason, these guys seem to relish

sitting by me). “Is it not true that just about everyone could be slotted into one personality disorder category or another?”

“Sort of. We could all be described as having one style of personality or another, with only the degree of the personality trait determining if it becomes a disorder. You, for example, I would classify as a compulsive personality with...”

“Why you incompetent Freudian snake oil nincompoo...”

“No, this is true of most doctors. But a personality style only becomes a disorder when it is taken to the extreme. Then it begins to interfere with day-to-day functioning. But by its very definition, those with personality disorders don’t believe they have a problem. They think they are OK, it’s everyone around them that notices the problem.”

“Oh, it’s out there alright. I’ve noticed that my office staff, my hockey team

and all of their families seem somewhat unstable.”

“I see. While two to three percent of the population consistently demonstrate a full blown personality disorder, the rest of us need to be wary that our particular personality style doesn’t deteriorate down the continuum into a personality disorder. Certain triggers such as an illness, (particularly neurological illnesses), stress and even some medications may convert our style or trait into a disorder. For example, someone you might consider “sensitive” may become ill and slide down that continuum to develop an avoidant personality disorder. A “conscientious” person may become an obsessive-compulsive during university exams. While personality traits are often genetically programmed, a dysfunctional personality disorder may develop permanently in a child who is the product of chronic moderate neglect or abuse. Once ingrained, personality disorders are notoriously difficult to treat. It is not easy to treat someone who thinks everyone else is the problem. These people are able to thwart any attempt at therapy. They are “difficult” people with disturbed, extreme and rigid views of themselves and the world about them.”

Want to get the family stirred up tonight? Try gathering the clan around and determine which personality trait/style each fits into. That way, when Uncle Engelbert goes squirrely one day while on Dilaudid after bowel surgery, you can predict which personality disorder you will be dealing with. To further foment family feuding, grade each player from 1-10 based on how close their trait is to becoming a disorder. But if they are at all

like my family, remember they’ll all be a little odd. Rise above it.

Personality Style? Disorder
Vigilant? Paranoid (unwarranted suspicion, envy, distrust in motives of others)
Devoted? Dependant (submissive and clinging behaviour, fear of separation)
Mercurial? Borderline (very unstable in interpersonal relationships, impulsive)
Self-confident? Narcissistic (lack of empathy for others, need for admiration)
Dramatic? Histrionic (over reactive, theatrical behaviour and seductiveness, attention seeking, excessively emotional)
Aggressive? Explosive (impulse control, temper problems)

Adventurous? Antisocial (disregard for rights of others, sociopathic)

Conscientious? Obsessive compulsive (excessive concern with conformity, inability to relax easily)

Solitary? Schizoid (timidness, introversion, social detachment)

Leisurely? Passive aggressive (negativism, passive resistance to demands and responsibilities)

Sensitive? Avoidant (hypersensitive, social inhibition)

Self-sacrificing? Self-defeating (“If I suffer enough and someone sees it, I’ll be loved”)

Idiosyncratic? Schizotypal (eccentricity of behaviour, discomfort with and reduced capacity for close relationships)

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Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.✳

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband is rarely sick, but this day he had an upset stomach, so he just had fluids. He had a restless night and didn’t sleep much, so he decided he would take a sleeping pill the next night.

He continued on the fluids, and then decided to take a sleeping pill and go to bed early. A couple of hours later, he had to go to the bathroom. He must have become confused because he bumped into the TV and it fell off the table and he fell into the window. I, of course, woke up and guided him into the bathroom. A couple of hours later, he needed to go to the bathroom again, but this time he wasn’t so lucky and I didn’t wake up. The injury he received from falling into the tile bathtub has taken months to heal and he also became very depressed during recovery.

Please tell other seniors to be very, very careful when they need to take sleeping medications.

Levinia

Dear Levena,

Most seniors do not sleep for eight hours straight, without having to get up and go to the bathroom – that just seems to be part of the aging process. If you take a sleeping pill, you may wake up and be confused from the effects of the drug and problems develop as you have described.

We older people must be very careful and only take sleeping pills when all other lifestyle changes have been exhausted, such as not having caffeine, nor late night exercise, not eating for two hours prior to retiring and sleeping in a cool room.

Lizzie

Dear Levena,

Sleeping and anti-anxiety pills are very dangerous because of the associated risk of falls. There are many deaths associated with falls and the complications of falls. If your physician is reluctant to order sleeping medication, he is practicing good medicine. A good rule to remember: pills don’t cure everything and for every benefit there is also a risk.

Pryce

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Can Your Pet Cause Illness?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I read your article on Bartonella, and how pets can indirectly give it to you. What other diseases do pets transmit? Are there antibiotics?

SJ, Orlando, Florida

Great question, since pet lovers don’t connect their illness to pets, but “zoonotic” infections are certainly possible. And yes, there are antimicrobials but the exact kind is based upon your illness. This will freak some of you out:

Cat Scratch Fever – Don’t play rough with kitty or let him lick your wounds because about 40 percent of cats are a natural reservoir of Bartonella henselae, an organism that’s also transmitted by ticks. Growing up, my rather savage cat named “Sugar” attacked me all the time. I was lucky! If you’re not, cat scratch disease causes swollen lymph nodes,

headaches, fatigue, low appetite and/or fever. It’s almost impossible to eradicate and can cause life-long problems: anxiety, panic attacks, seizure disorder, encephalopathy, memory problems, fog, chronic fatigue, joint pain, rheumatoid-like pain and foot pain. I’ve archived an article about this at my website.

Hookworms – This intestinal parasite has mouth “hooks” and latches on to your gut. Puppies and kittens may have it until they’re dewormed, but that’s not 100 percent insurance so be careful changing the litter box, or picking up dog poop, or letting your child play in sandboxes. Hookworms are passed by the fecal-oral route and can cause skin rashes, intestinal bleeding and abdominal pain. Toxoplasma gondii, another cat and dog-transmitted parasite is associated with schizophrenia.

Lyme Disease – It’s not a zoonotic disease but it’s epidemic, so it gets honorable mention. Borrelia burgdorferi causes Lyme and it travels with other pathogens like Bartonella, Babesia or Rickettsia. Pets carry ticks which jump on you and bite (you will never feel it, and rarely see it). Hundreds of symptoms can occur, causing you to get misdiagnosed with any one of 300 disorders, mainly autoimmune or fibromyalgia/chronic fatigue.

Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus (LCMV) – If you love your guinea pig,

hamster or mouse, watch out. This virus is transmitted from rodent urine, droppings or saliva. No bite is necessary, LCMV can be transmitted into your mouth, nose, eyes or broken skin. When I was 18, I had a pet hamster named Tootsie (a left-over from my science project). He was cute and fuzzy, so I know these critters are hard to resist. Still, don’t kiss them, and use gloves when cleaning their cage.

Salmonellosis – Salmonella is associated with contaminated food, but your pet dog, cat, horse, turtle, snake, gecko or farm animal can pass salmonella into their feces. Touch it and you could get it. Great time to remind parents to keep an eye on your kids at the petting zoo! Symptoms include diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps. If it gets into the blood stream, it’s bad news.

Parrot Fever – Caused by an organism called Chlamydophila psittaci, this can cause diarrhea, low appetite, weight loss, weakness, difficulty breathing and eye infections. It’s dangerous and, in some cases, fatal.

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.✳

Publix Program Brings In \$27,300 For Chapin Food Bank



Al Brislain of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, center, with representatives from Publix Supermarkets and their donation to the Food For All program

Publix Supermarkets presented a check for \$27,300 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida through its Food For All program of the Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger (FICAH), a voluntary effort of the food industry to alleviate hunger and malnutrition by fostering long-term, self-help solutions in the United States and around the world. The check presented will result in nearly \$164,000 worth of food and supplies being distributed to families in need in Southwest Florida.

FICAH and its Food For All programs teach a person to fish rather than simply provide the person with fish. By doing this, human dignity is promoted, enabling hungry neighbors to become self sufficient.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of 150 nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties that provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over 1 million pounds of food are distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank monthly. For each \$100, the food bank can distribute \$600 worth of food and supplies. In the past fiscal year, the Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 15.1 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$25 million. This is roughly the equivalent of 12.5 million meals to people in need.

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

LCEC Prepares For 2013 Hurricane Season

LCEC's preparation begins long before a hurricane threatens to make landfall in Southwest Florida. To ensure LCEC has the resources needed for restoration, the organization cultivates relationships with power line and tree-trimming contractors, fuel companies, material vendors, food service vendors, other cooperatives and local agencies for back-up resources.

In addition, LCEC's 400-plus employees play a critical role in the restoration plan. Employees put their typical job responsibilities on hold to pitch in during restoration.

Restoration Priorities

LCEC has a detailed restoration plan that outlines priorities of electric restoration during large power outages. LCEC's plan first calls for restoration of essential services such as hospitals, traffic signals, shelters, law enforcement. Next, power is restored to the largest number of customers. The last to be restored are individual services or services that need to be reconnected after repair to their home electrical system.

LCEC does not disconnect power before a storm. The utility lets Mother Nature run her course, and begins to

restore power to impacted areas once winds are at a safe level.

How Customers Should Prepare For Outages

- Ensure that you have a back-up telephone if you use a cordless or other telephone that is dependent on electricity.

- Have a battery-powered radio on hand and a supply of fresh batteries to stay aware of news and other information.

- Keep a flashlight and extra batteries handy.

What To Do When The Lights Go Out

- Help keep LCEC's telephone lines clear for emergency calls. Only call LCEC at 656-2300 to report downed power lines.

- Visually check your weather-head (on the roof where your service drop connects to the pole) and your meter box to make sure it is not damaged.

- Any damage to your home's electric system must be repaired by a licensed electrician and inspected by a designated agency before power to your home can be restored.

- Turn off your appliances. This will protect them when service is restored, prevent electrical fires and lessen the chances of circuit overload when service is restored. You may leave one light on to serve as a visual signal that power has been restored.

Storm Safety Tips



The Calendar Girls with a young patient from Evans Health Care

Calendar Girls Visit Evans Health Care

For the past eight summers, The Calendar Girls have made a visit to Evans Health Care in Fort Myers. In honor of Flag Day, The Calendar Girls performed a patriotic show on June 12 to the delight of the audience, both young and old.

The Calendar Girls is a patriotic dance team of women – all over the age of 50 – who believe paying it forward in the community through song and dance. They support Paws For Patriots, a program of Southeastern Guide Dogs located in Palmetto, Florida.

For more information, go to www.calendargirlsflorida.com.

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- Stay clear of downed power lines. They may still be energized and dangerous. Puddles of water contacting downed lines are just as dangerous.

- Don't trim trees or remove debris located near downed power lines. If you must remove debris from your home, don't pile it under or near electrical lines or equipment.

- Residents on life support need to have an alternate plan in place to ensure the continuity of any life-support needs. This may include making special arrangements to spend time with a friend or relative during an outage or using a back-up generator.

- If operating a portable generator, keep it outside and in an open area. Carbon monoxide emissions can be harmful. Follow all instructions regarding safe operation. Do not connect the generator directly to your main electrical panel. If installed incorrectly, power could flow into outside lines and injure you, your neighbors or utility crews working in the area.

- Avoid detaining LCEC employees or contractors while they are working to restore power. This can be distracting, can cause an accident and impedes the process.





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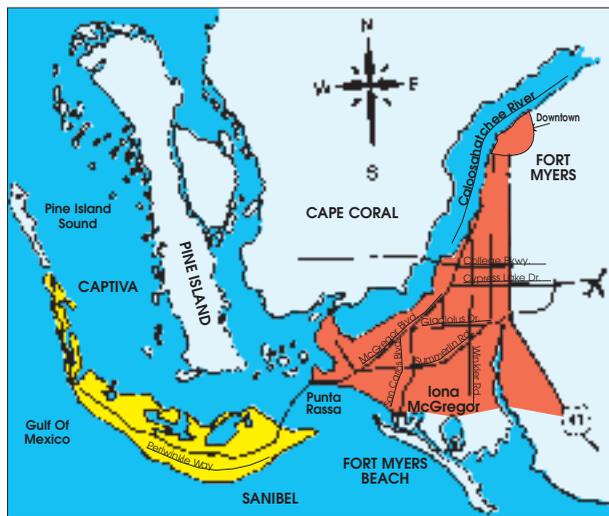
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7. MUSIC: What does the musical term "lento" mean?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What color is a robin's egg?
9. LANGUAGE: What is the French name for the English Channel?
10. GEOGRAPHY: In what country can the ancient site of Machu Picchu be found?

ANSWERS

1. Frankfort 2. A racing sled 3. Jonah 4. Roy Hinkley 5. Romeo, "Romeo and Juliet" 6. Yogi Berra 7. Slow tempo 8. Blue 9. La Manche 10. Peru.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Detroit Tiger before Miguel Cabrera in 2008-12 to have five consecutive seasons of 100-plus RBIs?
2. In 2012, Jimmy Rollins became the fourth player to get 2,000 hits with the Philadelphia Phillies. Name two of the first three to do it.
3. How many quarterbacks have won a Super Bowl at age 36 or older?
4. For how many consecutive years now has the winner of the Big East men's basketball tournament appeared in the NCAA Final Four?
5. When was the last time before 2013 that the New York Islanders reached the NHL playoffs?
6. Name the two drivers who won from the pole position twice at the Daytona 500.
7. Since Olympic women's doubles tennis resumed in 1988, name the only year in which an American team did not win a gold medal.

ANSWERS

1. Charlie Gehringer, 1932-36. 2. Richie Ashburn, Ed Delahanty and Mike Schmidt. 3. Johnny Unitas, Jim Plunkett and John Elway. 4. Four -- West Virginia (2010), UConn (2011) and Louisville (2012-13). 5. It was 2007. 6. Cale Yarborough (1968, '84) and Bill Elliott (1985, '87). 7. In 2004, Li Ting and Sun Tiantian of China won the gold medal.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2013

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Count to 10 if you must, but don't lose your temper, despite that person's (you know who!) efforts to goad you into reacting. Your restraint will pay off in a big way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week finds you in a sociable mood, ready and eager to enjoy the company of family and friends. It's also a good time to seek out and renew old friendships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Patience is called for as you await a decision about that project you're eager to launch. Meanwhile, try to set aside more time to share with that special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid becoming involved in a workplace dispute early in the week by insisting both sides submit their stands to a neutral arbitrator. Things begin to cool off by Thursday.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It promises to be a busy but productive week for the Big Cat. The pace slows by Friday, allowing you to catch up on matters you put aside but that now need your attention.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A suddenly disruptive family situation is best handled with a cool, calm and collected response. Wait until things settle to let off all that pent-up emotional steam.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your practical side dominates the week as you reassess your finances to make some sensible adjustments in what you plan to spend and what you expect to save.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected meeting with a former colleague opens some interesting possibilities. But you need to press for full disclosure before making a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent flurry of activity eases by midweek, giving you time to readjust your disrupted schedule and make new plans for a weekend getaway.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're usually the one who gives advice. But now it's time to open yourself up to counsel from friends who have your best interests at heart.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find resistance to your call for a full inquiry into a workplace problem. But by week's end even the most rigid naysayers begin to come around.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recurring problem surfaces once again. Maybe it's time you used your creative talents to help you find a new approach to resolving it once and for all.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are guided in what you do both by your intelligence and your emotions. An acting career would suit you quite well.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On June 29, 1613, the Globe Theater, where most of Shakespeare's plays debuted, burns down. The Globe was a round wooden structure with a stage at one end, and covered balconies for the gentry. The galleries could seat about 1,000 people, with room for another 2,000 "groundlings," who could stand around the stage.

- On June 24, 1803, Matthew Thornton, one of New Hampshire's delegates to the second Continental Congress, dies at age 89. Because he did not arrive in Philadelphia until September, he missed the initial approval of the Declaration of Independence, but later added his signature to the document.

- On June 26, 1911, athlete Mildred "Babe" Didrikson is born in Port Arthur, Texas. At the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, Didrikson won gold medals in the javelin and 80-meter hurdles. She had qualified for five events, but women were restricted to three events at the Olympics.

- On June 28, 1928, a 26-year-old Louis Armstrong and his Hot Five fellow jazz instrumentalists record a song called "West End Blues." The technology didn't allow for playback, so when Armstrong and his Hot Five ended their session, they hadn't even heard the recording that is recognized as a critical influence, even on rock 'n' roll.

- On June 30, 1936, Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind" is published. While recovering from a series of injuries, Mitchell began writing the story of an Atlanta belle named Pansy O'Hara. A publishing company later convinced her to change the name to Scarlett.

- On June 25, 1950, armed forces from communist North Korea smash into South Korea, setting off the Korean War. The United States sprang to the defense of South Korea and fought a bloody war for the next three years. More than 55,000 American troops were killed in the conflict.

- On June 27, 1976, a factory store-keeper in Sudan becomes ill and dies five days later, marking the beginning of the first Ebola virus epidemic. By the time the epidemic was over, 284 cases were reported. Scientists still do not know what causes the disease to return or how to cure it.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American industrialist Henry Ford who made the following sage observation: "Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

- It took Leonardo da Vinci four years to complete his iconic painting the "Mona Lisa."

- If you're planning a trip to the United Kingdom this summer, you might want to add a side trip to Llanfair in Wales. The town's Welsh name is llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch, which means, roughly, "Saint Mary's Church in a hollow of white hazel, close to a whirlpool and Saint Tysilo's Church and near a red cave." The sign at the railway station that has the town's name is 20 feet long.

- The next time you're aviating in Alaska, keep in mind that in that state it's illegal to view a moose from the window of any flying vehicle.

- What's in a name? Well, a great deal, it would seem -- at least according to those trying to make it big. Joan Crawford was born Lucille La Sueur, Roy Rogers was Leonard Slye, and Dean Martin was Dino Crocetti. Issur Danielovitch (wisely) changed his name to Kirk Douglas, and Archibald Leach decided he preferred to become famous as Cary Grant.

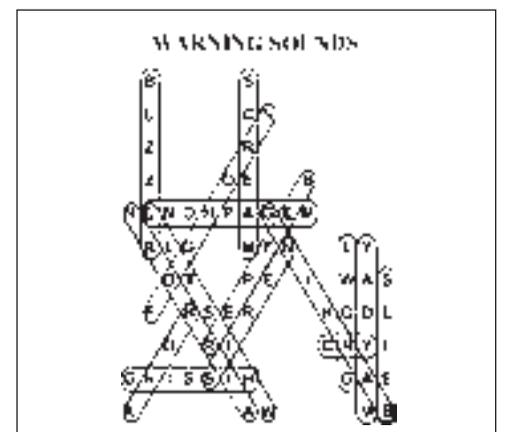
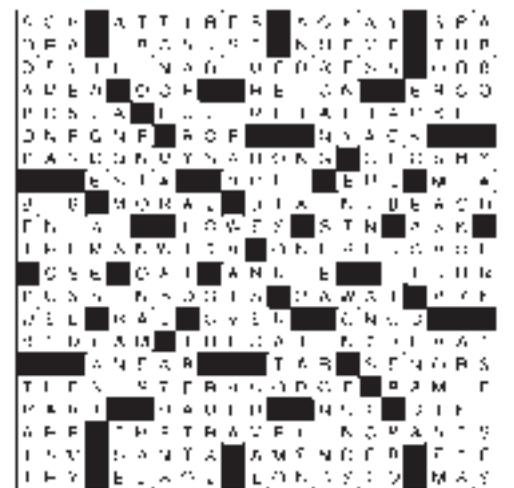
- Before 1948 on the island of Bermuda, cars were forbidden.

- You might be surprised to learn that the cowboy hat was not as widespread in the Old West as might be assumed from watching old movies. The most popular headwear on the frontier was the bowler hat. The bowler had the advantage of stability; it wouldn't blow off in high winds. It was worn by Bat Masterson, Billy the Kid, Black Bart and Butch Cassidy.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it." -- Oscar Wilde

PUZZLE ANSWERS





Arugula and Florida Berry Salad with Candied Pecans

- 16 ounces arugula, rinsed and drained
- 1 dozen strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced
- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 oranges, peeled and segmented
- 8 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Sea salt, to taste

Fresh ground pepper, to taste
 In a medium-sized mixing bowl, add arugula, lemon juice and olive oil. Lightly toss the arugula to coat and season lightly with salt and pepper.

Serve on four chilled plates. Add an even amount of the dressed arugula to the center of each plate. Arrange an even amount of citrus, blueberries and strawberries in a decorative manner on each plate. Evenly distribute the crumbled goat cheese over the top of each salad. Garnish each salad with a few of the candied pecans. Serve salad chilled.

- 2 cups pecans
 - 3/4 cup natural sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- Heat oven to 400 degrees F.

Spread the nuts on a baking sheet and toast, tossing once, until fragrant, 6 to 8 minutes; transfer to a bowl. Once the baking sheet is cool, line it with parchment paper.

In a large skillet, combine the sugar, salt, and 2 tablespoons water. Simmer,



Arugula and Florida Berry Salad with Candied Pecans

swirling the pan occasionally (do not stir as it will crystallize the caramel), until the liquid is amber colored, 12 to 15 minutes. Stir in the nuts, and then spread the mixture on the prepared baking sheet, separating the nuts as much as possible. Let cool. Break up any large clusters before serving.*

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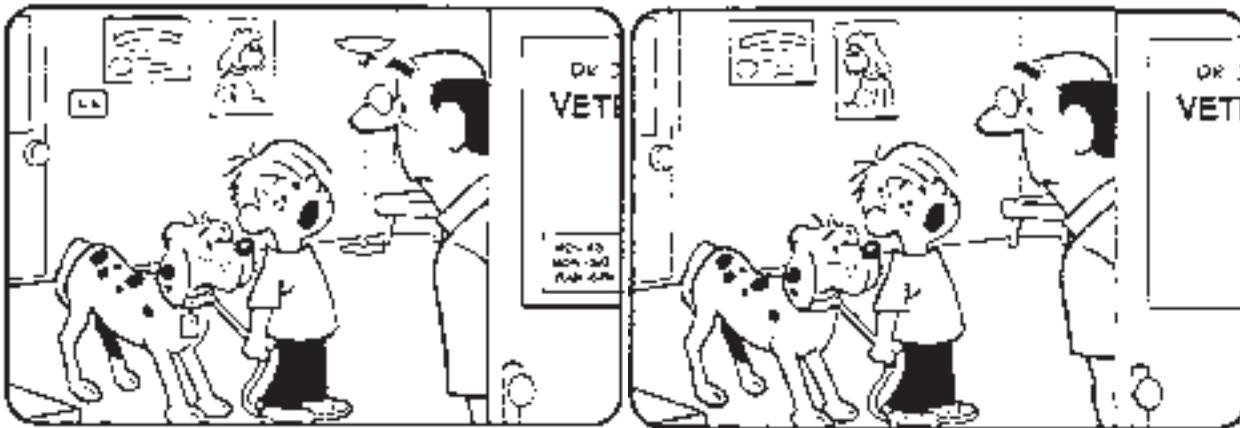
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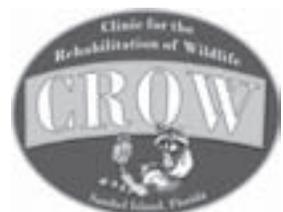
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Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062
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SUDOKU

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



Ace ID# 508597

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Sandie ID# 566927

Hello, my name is Ace and I am a 2.5-year-old male brown and white chihuahua/dachshund mix (aka Chiweenie). I may be small, but I am a "Top Dog!" I love to be cuddled and promise to be your best friend. I am a little shy when I meet strangers, but quickly warm up to those who care. I walk very nicely on a leash and love to play outside.

My adoption fee is \$75.

Hello, my name is Sandie and I am a 2-month-old female gray tabby domestic short hair. It's kitten season and I am one of many babies hoping to be adopted this month. I have been in foster care and I'm ready for my forever home now. Thanks to the great care I received, I know how to use a litter box, play well with other kitties, and I'm very sociable with people (I love to give kisses). I don't really know much about dogs, but I'm so little I probably won't mind sharing a home with one.

My adoption fee is \$50

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

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

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs 6 months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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| 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:

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| 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

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| 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 Historical Society..... | 939-4044 |
| Southwest Florida Museum of History..... | 321-7430 |
| True Tours..... | 945-0405 |

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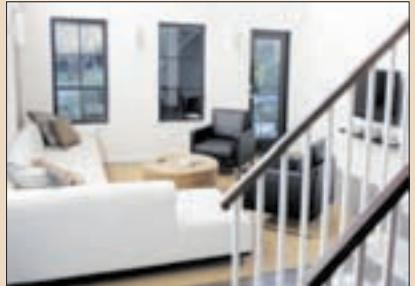
- Sprawling bayfront estate home offers stunning water views
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 - Package includes a 3 bedroom 2 bathroom floor plan
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