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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Schedule For The Shrimp Festival

The 56th Fort Myers Beach Lions Shrimp Festival will kick-off on Sunday, March 2 with the Shrimp Festival Queen Sunday Social. Matanzas Restaurant, located under the big



bridge end of Crescent Street, hosts the social from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is the first opportunity to meet and take pictures with the 2014 candidates for the Shrimp Festival Queen's Pageant. It is also the first of a two-part series of judging events. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. There will be shrimp and other selections available as well as a cash bar.

On Saturday, March 8, the Shrimp Festival Parade begins at 10 a.m. The two-mile long parade runs down the main street of town (Estero Boulevard) from the



Last year's candidates for the Shrimp Festival Queen's Pageant

beach school to the county park and festival grounds on the beach. The Matanzas bridge closes at 9 a.m. so spectators should arrive early. Call Lion Diane at 454-0043 for more information.

The 22nd annual Shrimp Festival Food Fun & Crafts Expo, featuring more than 100 vendors, will hit the beach on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and will continue on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For details, call Lion Ted at 454-0043

Official Shrimp Festival T-shirts, tank tops, caps and other items will be on sale on festival grounds both Saturday and Sunday until 6 p.m.

The world famous Lions Shrimp Dinners will be served on the beach and pavilion on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.

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Shrimp Festival T-shirts are very popular

A Musical Evening

On Wednesday, February 19, Cello Bennett will present A Musical Evening with Cello & Friends, a relaxed musical event featuring solos and ensembles from opera, musical and folk music performed in the Foulds Theater at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers at 7:30 p.m.

Musical performance is a tradition at Bennett's ArtStudy Giverny in Giverny, France.

In addition to soprano Cello Bennett, the performance will feature soprano Jenny Hayden (New York), singer-songwriter-guitarist Carlene Thissen (Naples), and bass Irwin Densen (New York). Also featured are local musicians Vocal Artistry pianist Judy Richey and violinist Rachel Cox of the Southwest Florida Symphony.

This event is being held in conjunction with Gale Bennett 75, a retrospective art exhibit covering the years 1969 to 2007 in honor of the 75th anniversary of Gale Bennett's birth (1939-2008).

The exhibit opened February 7 and runs through March 1 at the Alliance for the Arts. It features 39 works on canvas and paper from the collection of Bennett's



Cello Bennett, soprano

widow, Cello Bennett.

Bennett is Southwest Florida's most renowned native artist and art teacher. From 1996 to 2007, he welcomed nearly 1,000 artists to his ArtStudy Giverny workshops in Monet's famous village of



Jenny Hayden, soprano

Giverny where they had the rare privilege of painting in Monet's Gardens seven days a week. Bennett has been called "one who could justly lay claim to the title of successor to the great Monet" by French magazine *Plaisir de Peindre*, in *Gale Bennett*;



Irwin Densen, bass

the Heir from America in 2002.

As hospitality director of ArtStudy Giverny, the art school in Giverny,

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Jackson Main Building

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



In 1958, the Jackson Main Building went up on the northwest corner of Main and Jackson. The shopping-center-style structure's angled front windows were typical of office buildings and storefronts of the period.

At that time, that block of Main had in fact existed for less than 40 years. It was created in

1922, when Peter Tonnelier built the Grand Central Hotel on the southwest corner at Jackson.

He also donated the land to extend Main (then called Oak) from Hendry through to Jackson. (A city parking garage stands on the hotel site today.)

After the construction of the hotel and the street extension, commercial activity dominated that block. The private residences with large yards facing Jackson were demolished one by one. In fact, the building pictured here lies on what was once part of pioneer Frank Carson's yard.

In the early 1920s, a filling station was built mid-block on the north side of the street, and it remained there until the Jackson Main Building was constructed.

The filling station had several names over the years: Central Filling Station in the 1920s, Hatch Service Station in the 1930s, and Main Street Service Station in the 1940s and into the 1950s.

That side of the street was also used as a parking lot.

Across Main were a variety of businesses, many of them in the hotel's street-level storefronts: a bicycle shop, gift shop, men's shop, Franklin Drug Store (later Stewart's), a liquor store, Taminosian Brothers shoe repair, Toggery clothing store and Seminole Restaurant.

When the "shopping center" opened in the late 1950s, it added to the commercial mix with stores such as Norene's Young Land, which sold clothing for infants up to pre-teens, Myrtle's Shell Shop, Casual Colony, Barker's Shoes, The Gift Box and various law, real estate and insurance offices.

Today, the Jackson Main Building is still occupied by a diverse group of businesses and offices, including a hair salon, tattoo parlor, architect and bookbinder.

Walk down to Jackson and Main and contemplate the development of one of downtown's younger blocks.

Then take the short walk to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the many businesses that have occupied the "shopping center" since 1958.

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



Angled front windows and terrazzo floors are a couple of mid-20th century features

photo by Gerri Reaves



The shopping center-style Jackson Main Building was built in 1958

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Continue your exploration of local history, people and places at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Visit the all-volunteer non-profit organization on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon, or call the society at 939-4044.

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Alliance For The Arts Celebrates 1,000 Members

The Alliance for the Arts is celebrating a major milestone this month – reaching 1,000 members for the first time in its nearly 40-year existence. Thousands of people have been alliance members over the decades, but never all at once, said President Pamela Beckman. “This milestone drives home the fact that families and businesses ‘get’ the value that the arts bring to our culture and comprehend how it elevates the quality of life in our community.” As a member-driven non-profit organization, the alliance connects people to their community and to the many forms of art that enriches Southwest Florida.

An art-centric gathering place, on the corner of McGregor and Colonial boulevards in Fort Myers, the alliance presents a diverse range of programming on its campus including monthly exhibits, concerts, festivals, plays, poetry readings, movies, book clubs as well as a weekly GreenMarket. It offers more than 50 classes and workshops annually for adults and youth. There are conventional visual arts classes in drawing and painting and a variety of other options from photography and music lessons to weaving and yoga.

Advocacy for the arts plays a crucial role in the alliance’s fulfillment of its cultural mission. The 2011 Arts & Economic Prosperity Study showed that



1,000th member, Sandi Sauls

Lee County’s non-profit arts organizations have created more than 2,000 jobs and generated more than \$68 million in economic activity. The study’s results have changed the conversation from the arts as entertainment to the arts as a substantially contributing force to a healthy economy.

Alliance members and arts patrons Robert and Anne Arnall, understand that and say, “The alliance is a significant contributor to the quality of life in our community and its continued expansion is important to the economic and social growth of the area.”

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Hymn Sing Attracts Crowd, Food Donations

Attendees at Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing did more than bring their singing voices to First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers February 4. They also brought plenty of canned goods and non-perishable food to help feed the hungry through donations to The Soup Kitchen of CCMI.

More than 5,000 pounds of food and \$8,000 was donated at the three performances. CCMI officials said the food would be available to those in need immediately at the Everyday Café and Marketplace.

The Edison Festival of Light event was presented by First Presbyterian Church and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships to honor the work of Mina Edison, wife of inventor Thomas Edison.

"We are so thankful to the people of our community who stepped up to help those in our community who most need our help. It truly shows the impact that a few people can make in the lives of many," said organizer Sam Galloway, Jr.

Attendees sang hymns with the 60-member Sanctuary Choir of First



Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. and his wife Kathy

Presbyterian Church and friends, listened to soloists and heard a song called *Miracle Man*, written about Thomas Edison by legendary composer George M. Cohen. The song was re-discovered by Galloway during his many travels. Another highlight was *Edison's Phonograph Polka*, played by pianist Barbara Peterson and organist Eddygrace Bernhard.

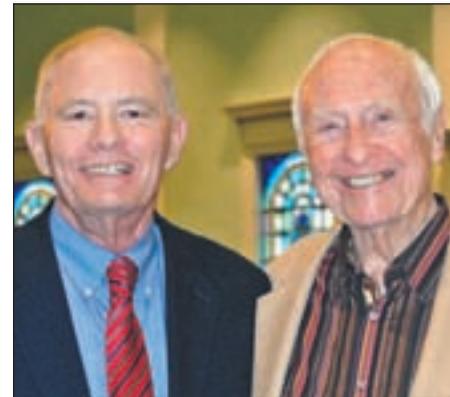
Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing is the first of three annual concerts presented by



Sheryl deJong and First Presbyterian Church minister Rev. Paul deJong



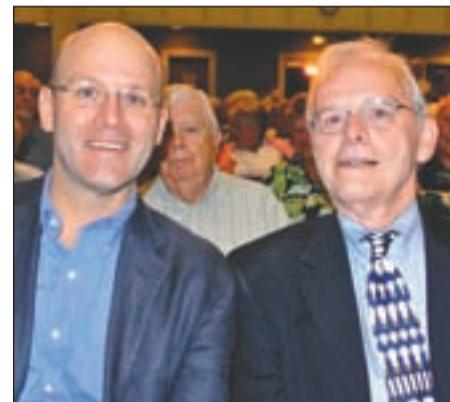
Soloists Beth Winger and Michael Broyles sing the *City of Palms* song



Sam Galloway, Jr. and retired attorney James Franklin



Berne Davis and Ann Smoot. Davis once served as the secretary to Mrs. Edison.



Tom Smoot III with his father Tom Smoot, Jr., who gave a history of the Edisons in Fort Myers



Doug Molloy leads the congregation in singing hymns that Mrs. Edison loved

First Presbyterian Church and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships to benefit The Soup Kitchen of CCMI. The second event is A Midsummer Night's Sing in July. The third concert is the Holiday Carol Sing held in December to celebrate the Christmas holidays.✽



Pianist Barbara Peterson and soloist Beverly Cox

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Fort Myers Public Art:

Contemporary Piece Added To Public Art Registry

by Tom Hall



Clayton Swartz's sculpture *Skyward* is the latest Florida Gulf Coast University public artwork to be added to www.cultureNOW.org. *Skyward* joins Robert Roesch's

Transition 2012 and Albert Paley's *Cross Currents* on the online registry of public artworks which serves artists, administrators, public art professionals and collectors around the globe.

Skyward is a contemporary brushed aluminum sculpture that employs bold geometric shapes and bright, saturated colors to achieve a feel of lightness and fun that complements Sugden Hall, which functions as a working laboratory for students enrolled in FGCU's top-rated Resort & Hospitality Management program.

"I describe it as a performance or dance with the material; a chance to change something raw into something beautiful," Swartz said about the piece.

Like Sugden Hall itself, *Skyward* works in conjunction with the education students

receive. "It has a very uplifting theme," said Swartz, who adds that "looking into one of my sculptures will take you deep into a maze of parts, design, formal unities and holistic composition that will give you a sense of revelation into the sculpture's design and meaning."

Skyward is part of the Florida Art in Public Buildings program, an initiative started in 1979 pursuant to section 255.043 of the Florida Statutes, which earmarks one-half of one percent of the amount the legislature appropriates for the construction of state buildings for the acquisition of public artworks. FGCU has nearly 100 works in its public art collection, which not only enhances the education and learning environment of the student body, but serves as a drawing card in attracting top-quality teachers and students to the university.

CultureNOW is one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive online public art registries. Its "museum without walls" website contains more than 11,000 sites, 21,000 images and 1,050 podcasts recorded by artists, architects, historians and curators. Three of FGCU's and 46 of Fort Myers'



Artist Clayton Swartz with several of his aluminum sculptures at Fort Myers' ArtFest 2010

public artworks have been entered on the site, together with artist profiles and more than 200 photographs. For more information about the site's museum without walls, visit www.culturenow.org.

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

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Award Winners To Be Featured At Luncheon

Betty Parker, political writer for the *News-Press*, will be presented with the G.E.M. Award by the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club at the monthly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, February 18. Larry Hart, Lee County Tax Collector, will serve as the keynote speaker. In addition, essay winners from Cape Coral's Oasis Middle School will be announced and scholarship awards will be presented.

The G.E.M. Award represents individuals who have shown great leadership, effort in establishing programs and policies, and being a major contributor to the community through time and effort. Parker retired from *The News-Press* five years ago after covering local and state politics since 1985. She has received numerous state and national awards for

reporting and writing, including for international reporting in Haiti, Nicaragua and elsewhere in Central America and the Caribbean. She still writes for the paper on a freelance basis, and also does freelance writing and similar work for other publications and businesses in Southwest Florida.

Hart was elected as Lee County Tax Collector in 2012 after holding the position of Assistant Tax Collector for almost 11 years. The Tax Collector provides organizational oversight in strategic development, leading the responsibility for developing and implementing program goals. He has a long history of public service. He retired as Chief of Police for the Fort Myers Police Department after serving a total of 22 years as a professional law enforcement officer.

Students at Oasis Middle School have competed for the scholarship awards by entering essays on Ethics In Politics. The top three essayists will be announced and presented with their awards during the business portion of the luncheon meeting.

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

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Gaile Anthony, at 292-5212.✪

Democratic Women's Club Meeting

On Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m., the Democratic Women's Club (DWC) of Lee County will begin holding its monthly membership meetings at the Helm Club at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club, located at 4420 Flagship Drive in Fort Myers. Members and guests should tell the attendant at the gate to The Landings they are going to the Democratic Women's Club meeting at the Helm Club and the attendant will offer directions.

The club will be planning and organizing for Tally Days at this important membership meeting. They will discuss Florida legislative issues and advocacy. They will also review transportation options, lodging and financial underwriting by the club for members of the DWC attending Tally Days.

The Democratic Women's Club of Florida (CWF) Tally Days – to be held March 23 to 25 in Tallahassee – will leave members feeling educated and inspired to fight the good fight with other DWCF women from across Florida. Representatives of the club will meet and speak with legislators at the Capitol Building in Tallahassee.

An optional lunch will be served following the March 8 meeting at a cost of \$18, and visitors may make reservations for lunch by contacting Pat Fish at fishpatricia@yahoo.com or by calling 466-8381.✪

League Of Women Voters March Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Lee County, as a champion of women's suffrage and a key player in civic affairs, calls on the public to recognize Women's History Month. Each March, the club remembers the achievements of women in the past and celebrates the successes of women today.

They invite the public to join them on Saturday, March 1 and hear Sonia Pressman Fuentes, a co-founder of NOW (National Organization for Women). She will be speaking on the women's movement and where women are today. The

meeting will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. at The Landings-Helm Dining Room, 4420 Flagship Drive in Fort Myers.

In 1965, Fuentes became the first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The following year, she helped found NOW. In November 1996, at a ceremony honoring the founders of NOW, Betty Friedan presented her with the Veteran Feminists of America Medal of Honor. On October 10, 1999, she was one of four recipients of the 1999 Women at Work Award of Wider Opportunities for Women given in recognition of her commitment to women's issues and leadership in the fields of law and business. Prior recipients included Jane Fonda, Katie Couric, Linda Ellerbee and Hillary Rodham Clinton. In 2013, she was one of five recipients of the Glass Ceiling Award given annually by the Jewish Museum of Florida.

Fuentes has lectured extensively in this country and abroad on women's rights and has written numerous articles on that subject in law reviews and other publications both in the U.S. and abroad. She has traveled as an "American specialist" on women's rights for the then-U.S. Information Agency to France, Germany, Spain, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia.

To make reservations, call 278-1032 or e-mail lwlee@yahoo.com by February 25. Cost to attend the meeting is \$15, which includes breakfast. Make checks payable to LWVLee. Student rates are available.

For more information, call Pat Allen at 567-9323.✪

Craft & White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft & White Elephant Sale on Saturday, February 15 from 8 a.m. to noon. The RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Coffee and donuts will be available. The public is invited to attend this sale.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Marge Gregg at 466-5331.✪

Shrimp Festival

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until they're all sold out. The shrimp is provided by local boats.

The crowning of the 56th Shrimp Festival Queen, an old fashioned family event with scholarships and trophies awarded on the beach, will take place at 1 p.m. at the beach pavilion at the county park. Admission is free.

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The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida presented a check for \$150,000 to Florida Gulf Coast University on Monday, January 27. From left: FGCU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Ron Toll, FGCU President Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, Women's Fund of Southwest Florida President Brenda Tate, Women's Fund of Southwest Florida Chair Lou Pontius, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jesus M. Casas and Lee County Sheriff's Office Lt. Brad Hamilton.

Women's Fund Invests \$150,000 To Establish Human Trafficking Center

The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida is investing \$150,000 to establish the Southwest Florida Regional Center on Human Trafficking. The proposed center will be hosted on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) and will be designed to support the multi-agency Human Trafficking Task Force, led by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida.

The center will cover Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and DeSoto counties.

"Victims of human trafficking include children, women and men who are subjected through force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Modern slavery is a woman's issue since most victims are women and girls," according to Lou Pontius, chair of The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida.

"The trafficking of human beings is one of the greatest human rights issues of our

time. The mission of the proposed center is to support all efforts to reduce the presence of human trafficking in Southwest Florida. We will feel successful once we can document with solid and reliable data the reduction of the crime and greater support for victims," said Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, president of Florida Gulf Coast University.

The strategic plan names three major goals:

1. To facilitate a regional human trafficking protocol among law enforcement, prosecution, and social service agencies.

2. To standardize data collection on human trafficking.

3. To promote education and best practice methods related to human trafficking.

"The proposed Southwest Florida Regional Center on Human Trafficking would serve as an important component in the combined efforts to combat human trafficking," said Acting U.S. Attorney A. Lee Bentley, III. "A center like this could become a valuable asset in our integrated approach to investigate and prosecute those who perpetuate these heinous crimes, while providing necessary support to victims."

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Along The River



The Davis Art Center presents romantic performances with Curtis on Tour *Love Notes* on Friday and showcases independent films on Monday as part of the Fort Myers Film Festival

On Friday, February 14, the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** presents **Curtis on Tour *Love Notes***. Cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. The evening features a romantic performance by members of the Curtis Institute of Music faculty and students. The program includes arias and art songs with pianist Mikael Eliassen, Hirsig Family head-of-department chair in vocal studies and artistic director of the Curtis Opera Theatre, and four opera students.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. Call 333-1933 or go to www.sbdac.com.

On Saturdays during winter season, **guided nature walks** in North Fort Myers are provided by Conservation 20/20 volunteers and IFAS master gardeners. Parking is free and no fee or registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring items such as water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera and closed-toed shoes or boots.



Centennial Park is going to the dogs for the annual Edison Festival of Light's Mutt Strut

Meet in the parking lots and are scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Restroom facility are on-site.

On February 15, the guided tour is of **Wild Turkey Strand** located at 11901 Rod & Gun Club Road, Fort Myers. The trail length is 1.8 miles and the degree of difficulty is moderate. Restroom facilities are on-site. Just south of Lehigh Acres, this 3,137-acre preserve sits atop portions of the former Buckingham Army Air Field, the state's largest airfield training base during World War II. Walk a 1.8-mile trail that blends nature and history via boardwalks, observation decks overlooking wetlands, and interpretive panels describing the gunnery training that once took place here.

Conservation 20/20 is part of Lee County Parks & Recreation. It is located at 10130 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers. For more information about Saturday's guided nature walk, call 707-0862 or go to www.conservation2020.org.

On Sunday, February 16, grab your furry friends and head to Centennial Park for the **Edison Festival of Light's Mutt Strut**. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the festivities begin at 11:15 a.m.

Everyone loves a parade, and the newest edition to the annual Edison festival has it all. Dog lovers, families, vendors and pet agencies are gathering for a day of tail-wagging fun and food, culminating in the Mutt Strut. Pooches and owners are encouraged to wear costumes or their finest bling. There will even be a few doggie floats.

The Mutt Strut is free to the public and only requires a small registration fee for participating pups. Medals are awarded in several categories including the infamous Look-alike and Mayor's awards. There will be family-friendly activities including a bounce house, face painting, music and the Fort Myers Miracle Bat-A-Ball. Be sure to stop by and meet Missy, the Fort Myers Miracle mascot.

Centennial Park is located on the shore of the Caloosahatchee at 2000 West First Street in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. For more information about the Mutt Strut, call the Edison Festival of Light office at 334-2999 or go to www.edison-festival.org.

Every Monday through February 24, join local film buffs for **Thank God it's Monday** (TGIM). Short indie films will be judged to determine if they will earn a spot in the Fort Myers Film Festival held March 19 to 23. TGIM features happy hour at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

The Fort Myers Film Festival is an intelligent independent filmmaker's preferred event to create, unite and showcase the finest artistic cinematic works. The Fort Myers Film Festival is known for world-class swagger and support of local filmmakers. The festival offers the most vibrant intellectual and edgy crowd to grace Lee County in decades. The event has featured over four dozen local filmmakers and is a must attend for cineasts who love indie film and film festivals living in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

TGIM takes place at The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. For more information, go to www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

Did you know that the Fort Myers Beach shrimping fleet is the largest commercial fishing fleet in the Gulf of Mexico? Shrimping, known as Pink Gold, contributes millions of dollars to the economy. On Wednesdays, the **Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center** offers tours of San Carlos Island's commercial fishing fleet. The three-hour guided tour starts at 9 a.m.

It includes a one-and-a-half-hour guided visit at the museum which contains a touch tank, a hands-on beach area and several aquariums and exhibits. The tour continues with a visit to several commercial fishing industry businesses. See how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other important factors used in this unique industry. It is a memorable experience for the entire family.

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

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Fort Myers High School Choir

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This concert is free and open to the public.

A New Jersey native, Koller received the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Award in Outstanding Musical Direction for the Watchung Hills Regional High School production of *Jekyll and Hyde* in 2002. In 2003, he was nominated for the same award for the Wachtung school's production of *Godspell*. Some 110 high schools in the state participate annually.

He has sung with The Philadelphia Orchestra, The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, The Spoleto Festival Orchestra and The New York Philharmonic.

At Fort Myers High School, Koller and his ensembles, The Greenwave Singers, Fermata, Soundwave, Chamber Choir, and Vocal Workshop, perform frequently throughout the community. All choirs have consistently earned superior ratings at the annual music performance assessment.

New Hope is located at 3825 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call the church office at 274-1230 or visit www.newhopefortmyers.org.✪

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From page 3

Alliance Celebrates 1,000 Members

From an advocacy perspective, the alliance succeeds when it can act as the catalyst for these types of conversations about the arts. And an ever-expanding membership base is crucial to the continued delivery of its message about the impact of the arts on our local community.

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Fishing In Shorts; Can Spring Be Far Behind?



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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to me that our winter cold weather is close to done. Add to that the fact that we have no major cold fronts in the weather forecast for the next 10 days, and our fishing is only going to continue to improve.

I know it's way too early to call winter done, but it sure is a great thought. And with the warm conditions we have experienced the last few weeks, I can't help but be optimistic in thinking that spring is close at hand.

This fast water temperature rebound over the last two weeks has game fish moving out from the back country to the more open water in search of food. Look for lots of trout and redfish to be caught out on the shallow open flats as they make the move out from the deeper channels and holes they use to ride out the winter cold. This holds true for snook too that can now be found on the outer

mangrove shorelines and points.

With this warm-up, shiners have also started to reappear out on the beaches. Although not that easy to catch yet, they will really begin to flood into the sound soon as the warm-up continues. Look for game fish to make the switch from a shrimp pattern to a shiner pattern as conditions continue to warm. After a winter of eating shrimp, game fish will jump all over the live shiners like candy if you can get them.

For non-stop action this week, the old stand-by of a live shrimp on a popping cork rig out on the flats has been hard to beat. Mackerel, trout, ladyfish, jacks and pompano have all been feeding well. Target clear water on the open flats in the three- to five-foot depth range. Although many of these open water fish are on the small side, you simply do not know what the next species of fish to take your bait will be. This proved very true this week with a few large pompano being caught in the mix. Trout will make up the majority of the action.

In the southern end of the sound and Matlacha Pass, just about every deep mangrove creek is still holding good numbers of sheepshead. Look for creeks with fast moving current and hard shell or oyster bottom. Generally, these creeks have clear water so you can spot the sheepshead, which makes for some great sight-fishing. Chunks of fresh shrimp or



Bob Maxeiner with a black drum caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

fiddler crabs fished on a long-shank #2 hook with a small split shot is my rig of choice to fish these sheepshead over the shell/oyster bottom. Downsize your leader to 20-pound test when the water is really clear.

Last year, winter-like conditions stuck around until April. At the very end of March, we had one final cold blast with near record-setting low temperatures. With things warming up and the fishing

really on the fast track, I have my fingers crossed that a late cold front is not going to happen again this year.

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:

Laughing Gulls Get Hooked



by Patricia Molloy

The appropriately named laughing gull (*Larus atricilla*) is hard to ignore. Despite its medium size, it has a boisterous “ha ha ha” call and a bold personality; it has been known to steal food

directly from the pouch of the much larger brown pelican.

As fearless scavengers, laughing gulls perform the useful service of keeping beaches clean of fish that become stranded by the tide. Unfortunately, this very service puts them in danger of being injured by discarded fish hooks. Right now, CROW is caring for four laughing gulls, three of which were wounded by fish hooks.

Patient #0114 was safely captured by a beachgoer who noticed a downed gull with a hook protruding from its wing. During the initial examination, Dr. Heather carefully removed the metal, leaving the gull with two puncture wounds. Remarkably, the bird did not sustain any fractures to its delicate, hollow bones. The wounds were thoroughly cleaned and it was placed on pain medi-



The amount of tangled lines and piercing fish hooks that were removed from wildlife patients in 2013 is staggering

cations and antibiotics.

After several days of light physical therapy in the form of swimming followed by rest, the swelling around the puncture wounds began to subside. Still, “we need to keep an eye on that area to make sure he doesn’t develop an abscess,” said Dr. Kristin Dubé, DVM intern. After every tub time session, a red heat lamp is placed over the gull to ensure that the wound dries quickly.

It will take 10 days of supportive care before the gull can be transferred to an outdoor enclosure. There, its ability to fly will be monitored. Once Dr. Heather

has given the patient a clean bill of health, the gull will be returned to the white beaches of Sanibel to entertain beachgoers with its bold antics.

Fish hook and line injuries are preventable. You can help keep our native and migratory wild birds safe by practicing responsible fishing techniques.

If you are fishing off the shore, always pick up any monofilament line and dispose of it properly. Monofilament line can cut deeply when it becomes tangled



Daily tub time allows this laughing gull, patient #0114, to bathe and exercise. It was rescued after a fish hook became imbedded in its wing.

around the legs, wings or necks of birds.

Keep your day’s catch in a properly sealed container and dispose of cleaned fish carcasses in authorized areas. Avoid casting near trees.

If you do accidentally hook a bird, do not cut the line. Many birds are easily captured with a large towel. Approach it slowly, holding the towel out in front of you. Once in range, throw the towel over the bird’s head or over its entire

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Shell Festival Is Full Of Treasures

Seashells come in many sizes, shapes, colors and a multitude of patterns. With this in mind, the Sanibel Shell Festival Committee has chosen Treasures of Sanibel as the theme for the 77th Annual Shell Festival on March 6, 7 and 8. It is the major fundraiser for both the Sanibel Community Association and the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.

This well-known event draws shell enthusiasts from across the United States,

Canada and the Caribbean. This year will have an even wider international flavor, with artistic exhibits from Barbados, Honduras, India, Russia and Armenia. While the last two artists live in the U.S. now, the others are actually traveling here for the shell show.

Festival attendees have the opportunity to purchase shells and intricate shell-crafted items at the festival. Throughout the year, volunteers meet outside The Community House to sort donated seashells. Inside, the Shell Crafters are creating elaborate floral bouquets and other shell craft items. The funds raised from the sale of these items are used to sup-



Artistic exhibit

port The Community House. There will also be various craft demonstrations held on the grounds throughout the festival.

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club sponsors the Sanibel Shell Show inside The Community House during the festival. In the Scientific Division, visitors have an opportunity to see shells from around the world. In the Artistic Division, festival-goers will be amazed at the creations made from shells and sea life that have been entered in the show. There will be floral arrangements, shell tables, sailor's valentines and a myriad of other items.

This juried competitive show is open to all shell collectors and artists.

This year, there will be a special category in each division titled Treasures of Sanibel and awards will be given to exhibits that best reflect this festival theme. In addition to the scientific and artistic exhibits, there will be a specimen shell booth and professional artists will have sailor's valentines, floral arrangements and other shell creations for sale.

There is no entrance fee to the sales and activities on the Shell Festival grounds. A \$5 donation is requested by the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club to visit the shell show inside the building. Funds raised from these donations are given out in the form of grants to several local educational and conservation organizations, to The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, and to support marine scholarships at both University of South Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University.

For more information, visit www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net or www.sanibel-captivashellclub.com.✳

Showcase Your Products At GreenFest

Do you offer environmentally friendly and sustainable products and services? Would you like to showcase your products and earn new customers? If so, reserve your space for Edison State College's 6th annual GreenFest Expo, being held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at the Edison State College Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway in Naples. The annual GreenFest Expo brings together local businesses and organizations to share environmentally friendly products and services with the community.

"Six years ago, the GreenFest Expo was started as the joint project of a student group and Collier Campus faculty," said Dr. Kirk Otto, science lab technician, Edison State College Collier Campus. "We saw a need to better educate both our student body and the community about a more sustainable lifestyle. By incorporating sustainability into our lives, not only are we helping to make the community, state, country and world a better place for our children and grandchildren, we also save money and live a better, healthier life in the process."

There is a \$100 fee for private exhibitors and no fee for non-profit exhibitors. For a registration form or more information, call Dr. Kirk Otto at 239-732-3743 or email kirk.otto@edison.edu.✳

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Cardboard plant is a cycad native to Mexico

Plant Smart

Cardboard Plant

by Gerri Reaves

Cycads are living links to the age of the dinosaurs. Although they resemble ferns and palms, they are more closely related to pines.

Cardboard plant (*Zamia furfuracea*) is one of several species of cycads common in South Florida. A native of Mexico, it is also called cardboard palm.

Like all cycads, cardboard plant is attractive in a mass planting or as an accent plant. Clumps grow as tall as 10 feet with a wide spread.

Stiff evergreen leaves up to four feet long grow from a symmetrical rosette.

The dark-green obovate leaflets have serrated edges and measure about five inches long and an inch wide. Their coarse texture inspires the common name.

Both female and male plants produce inedible cones with tightly packed seeds. The crimson seeds in the female plant's

Stiff coarse leaves earn the plant its common name

photos by Gerri Reaves

cones are known to be poisonous to children, dogs, cats and horses.

Cardboard plant requires well-drained soil, prefers full sun, but will tolerate shade. It's a slow-grower and does well in a container, too.

It has Florida-friendly attributes, such as salt- and drought-tolerance, and provides some benefit for wildlife.

However, if you want cycads in your landscape, consider the smaller native coontie (*Zamia pumila*) instead of cardboard plant.

Also called Florida arrowroot, coontie is the host plant for the atala hairstreak

butterfly, once thought to be extinct and now rare.

Without this host plant, the atala cannot survive. Planting it in your yard helps to compensate for the devastation the native cycad has undergone in the wild.

Sources: *Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes*; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; edis.ifas.ufl.edu; gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu; and florida.com.

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Saturday Art Fair Features Local Artists' Creations

The next Downtown Saturday Art Fair, a project of Art Walk Fort Myers, will take place on Saturday February 15, on First Street in the River District.

The sidewalks of First Street will be filled with local artists and fine crafters from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be more than 30 vendors selling their items including original art, unique jewelry, pho-



Dog

tography, fused glass and up-cycled art sculptures, good-luck jewelry, hand-made purses and jewelry and copper wire tree sculptures.!

FGCU's Theatre Lab Opens Drama

The Theatre Lab at Florida Gulf Coast University invites the public to the opening of *The Laramie Project*, written by Moises Kaufman

and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project. The show takes place February 14 to 16 and February 21 to 23 in the Theatre Lab, located in the Arts Complex. Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 each. Seating will be limited for this production, so advanced reservations are strongly recommended. Purchase tickets online at <http://theatrelab.fgcu.edu>.

On October 6, 1998, Matthew Shepard was beaten and left to die tied to a fence in the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming. His torture and murder became a watershed historical moment in America that highlighted many of the fault lines in our culture. A month after the murder, members of Tectonic Theatre Production traveled to Laramie and conducted interviews with people from that town. From these interviews, they wrote the play *The Laramie Project*.

The production is directed by Associate Professor Michelle Hayford, Theatre Program Leader at FGCU. "The Laramie Project is a play I've long wished to direct because of the way it uses interview narratives to convey the sentiments of a small town caught up in a national debate," she said. "And although it's about the circumstances of Shepard's tragic death in 1998, the need for dialogue around LGBT rights is still relevant."

For more information, contact Dr. Hayford at mhayford@fgcu.edu or 590-7541.

Alliance Gallery Book Club Meeting

The Alliance for the Arts' monthly Member Gallery Book Club continues on Tuesday, February 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. with a discussion of *Just Kids* by Patti Smith.

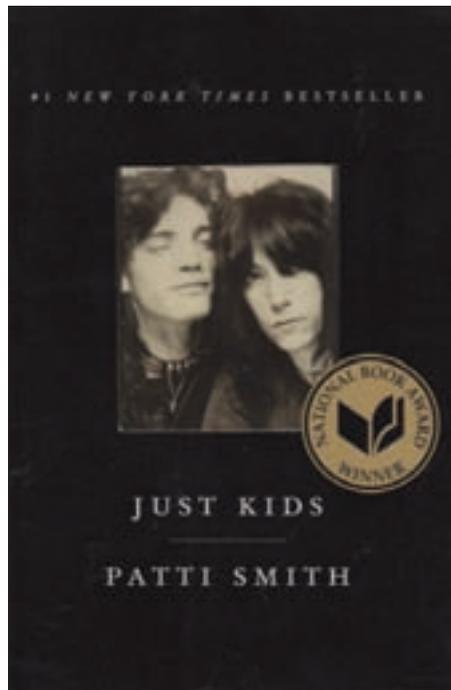
In Smith's first book of prose, the legendary American artist offers a never-before-seen glimpse of her remarkable relationship with photographer Robert Mapplethorpe in the epochal days of New York City and the Chelsea Hotel in the late '60s and '70s. An honest and moving story of youth and friendship, Smith brings the same unique, lyrical quality to *Just Kids* as she has to the rest of her formidable body of work – from her influential 1975 album *Horses* to her visual art and poetry.

The Member Gallery Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Club members must purchase their own copy of each book. Pre-registration is encouraged – all that's needed is an active Alliance membership.

The club continues on Tuesday, March 18 with a discussion of *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund de Waal. The April title is *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier.

Alliance individual memberships are \$50 per year; families can join for \$75 per year and college students can become members for \$15. Membership benefits include 20 percent discounts on all classes and workshops, a variety of free classes, theater tickets and youth camps and special exhibitions. Visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 for membership information.

The alliance galleries and gift shop are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard.



Beach Yacht Club Meeting

submitted by Past Commodore
Chris Christensen

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held Wednesday, February 26 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island, 899 Buttonwood Drive.

Dinner will be catered and is available for \$10 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Don Czech for required reservations or more information, 565-7570.

Evening meetings are held once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining its own waterfront facility, dues are \$100 per year per couple or \$60 per single. Visit www.OurGroupOnline.org/FMBYachtClub.

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Laughing Gulls

body. Restrain the head and wrap the towel around the bird, then quickly transfer it to a box before it escapes.

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



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Lakes Regional Library Programs

Next month's roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

English Café

6 p.m. Mondays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24

Practice English with English Café, a free, conversation session for adult ESOL and ESL students. Each 90-minute session provides adult learners an opportunity to practice speaking English with native speakers. Participants may start at any time. Advanced registration is not necessary.

Book Discussion: *Boys In The Boat* by Daniel James Brown

2 p.m. Tuesday, February 18

Daniel Brown captures the spirit of the University of Washington rowing team that overcame financial and physical challenges to compete and go on to win gold for the U.S. in the 1936 Olympics. Registration is required.

Master Gardeners Presentation

2 p.m. Wednesday, February 19

This is the second of three presentations by the Master Gardeners of Lee County. Information on the program will be available closer to the event date. Registration is required.

Page To Stage: *Hound Of The Baskervilles*

2 p.m. Thursday, February 20

A comic twist on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel. Nothing is "elementary" in this zany new farce.

The Lee County Library System brings attendees live theater at its best. Enjoy vignettes from the Florida Repertory Theatre's spectacular 16th season. Critically acclaimed actors will perform excerpts from a lineup of world renowned plays, bringing *The Page To The Stage* at select library locations. Touted by *The Wall Street Journal* as "One of America's top repertory companies," the Florida Rep is an award-winning, fully professional theatre company located in the historic Fort Myers River District.

Cleopatra: How Sharp The Serpent's Tooth

2 p.m. Thursday, February 27

Join the library for Janina Birtolo's one woman show about Cleopatra, the last Ptolemaic ruler of Egypt. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Children

Special Needs Storytime

10 a.m. Saturday, February 1

This storytime emphasizes books, music and sensory experiences designed for children with special needs. The library's welcoming environment will create a positive experience for children. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver, who will be an active participant in the program. Class size is limited to 10 children, plus their parents or caregivers. For children from 3 to 12 years old with special needs. Registration is required and begins three weeks prior to event.

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. Mondays, February 3, 10 and 17

Preschoolers (ages 3 to 5) attend this storytime independently while parents or caregivers wait nearby in the library building. This storytime includes activities that require more participation and a longer attention span. Each preschool storytime lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Go For The Gold! Winter Olympics Party

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 4

Calling all sports fans. Celebrate the Winter Olympics at the library with crafts, activities and games as you go for the gold. For grades K to 5. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Reading Academy

4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26

Books + puppets + drawing = fun. The library will bring out puppets and mini drawing boards for this interactive event. Join the fun each week with new stories and games. This program is designed for children who can read and write. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. For children in grades 1 to 5. Registration is required.

Top Secret Spy Training

6 p.m. Wednesday, February 12

Put sneaky spy skills to the test at this Spy Training Academy. Junior agents will learn to work with secret codes, play spy games and other things secret agents shouldn't talk about. Shhhh! For grades K to 5. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Read Around America: Alaska and Hawaii

4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 18

Take an imaginary trip to Alaska and Hawaii with crafts, games and stories from these amazing states. Perfect for both home-school and traditional students. For grades K to 5. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required and begins January 28.

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, February 22

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading, during the allotted time. A total of \$8 per day may be earned. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only. Bring your library card with you. Your library card or library card number is required in order to access your account.

Digital Storytime

10:30 a.m. Monday, February 24

Digital Storytime will incorporate the newest technology and demonstrate appropriate screen time with children. Parents will learn the latest educational apps for children in a fun storytime environment. It is not necessary to bring personal devices. For ages 3 to 5. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required and begins February 3.

Pajama Party At The Library

6 p.m. Tuesday, February 25

Slip into some fun PJs, bring a favorite stuffed animal and join the library for a fun filled pajama party! Enjoy a cozy read-aloud, crafts, activities and more. For ages 3 to 8. Sponsored by the Friends of

Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required and begins February 4.

Music Together

10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 27

The library's friends from Family Music Time will create a relaxed, playful environment where parents and kids can share songs, play instruments and learn rhythm patterns. For birth to 5-year-olds. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required and begins February 6.

Teens

Chess

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12

Play and learn about chess in a fun setting. Chess sets will be provided but bring a personal chess set if preferred. Registration is not required, but the program is limited to 24 participants.

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The Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4000. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.✪

North Fort Myers Public Library Programs

Next month's roster of activities at North Fort Myers Public Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

Books n' Bites

10:30 a.m. Monday, February 3

Join this monthly social hour. Discuss any books in any format, or movies of interest. Whether given a rant or a rave, it will be fun to talk about. The library provides the coffee and refreshments, attendees provide the enthusiasm.

Miss Marple Monthly Knitters

2 p.m. Tuesday, February 4

These sessions are for knitters and crocheters of all levels. Come visit and share project and technique ideas.

Mindfulness Practice In A Stress Induced Society: Unwiring Negativity

2 p.m. Thursday, February 13

Join the North Fort Myers Public Library and learn what mindfulness is, ways to practice mindfulness concepts, how to identify societal stress messages and ways to empower the brain.

Rhythms & Rhymes of American Folk Music

2 p.m. Monday, February 17

Can you square dance while sitting

down? Does the "catfish" really have the blues? Will grandmother spider bring back the sun? Find out from the Rhythms & Rhymes of American folk music with Ed McDade. Be ready for an interactive, educational and entertaining good time show. Enjoys stories from the Appalachian and American Indian tradition and hear lots of great music. From classic American songs (some with a completely new twist) like *Froggie Went A Courtin'* and *Freight Train to Oh Susannah* and *This Land Is Your Land*. This is a great concert for intergenerational audiences.

Book Discussion: *Mrs. Lincoln's*

Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

2 p.m. Thursday, February 20

In honor of Black History Month, delve into the fictionalized story of Mary Todd Lincoln's friendship with her dressmaker Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave.

Family

Family Storytime

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, February 5, 12 and 19

This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

11 a.m. Thursday, February 6

Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby. These rhymes and songs are for infants, up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

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Teens

Itty-Bitty Clay Critters

2 p.m. Tuesday, February 18

Sculpt a variety of adorable critters using polymer clay. Let the imagination go wild.

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Spring Juried Show Opens

On Sunday, February 16, the last judged show of the season opens at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association main gallery, sponsored by Fresh Catch Bistro. Only members of the art association on the beach may submit paintings for the exhibit. The show opens with a watercolor demonstration at 4 p.m. by Judi Betts, who is in town to teach a workshop at the association next week and who is the judge for this exhibit. The demonstration runs until 6 p.m. and there is a donation of \$10 requested from those who are not in the workshop. Refreshments will be served.

This exhibit will hang until March 14. Awards will be given on February 23 at the reception from 2 to 3:30 p.m. In the place of a gallery talk, Lynne Wesolowski will demonstrate painting on ceramic tile with alcohol inks. The demonstration runs from 1 to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the event is free.

In the FMBA Studio II, Patty Kane's

watercolor students will display their work from February 14 to 27. The outdoor painters will exhibit from February 28 to March 13.

If you are interested in learning to paint, several short workshops are being taught at the association this season as well as Kane's watercolor classes on Monday. They are: Penny Fox acrylic/oil painting for beginners and intermediate painters, Neil Walling teaching plein air painting for all mediums and Julie Nusbaum teaching watercolor on Yupo. Check out the website at www.fortmyersbeachart.com to see all the events happening this season.

The annual Art Bazaar fundraiser for scholarship awards will be on March 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Santini Marina Plaza. Members will have their original artwork for sale including framed and unframed work, cards and other items.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday (turn at the blinking light at Estero Boulevard and Donora). For more information on shows or classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.*

Art Therapy Film To Be Shown At The Alliance

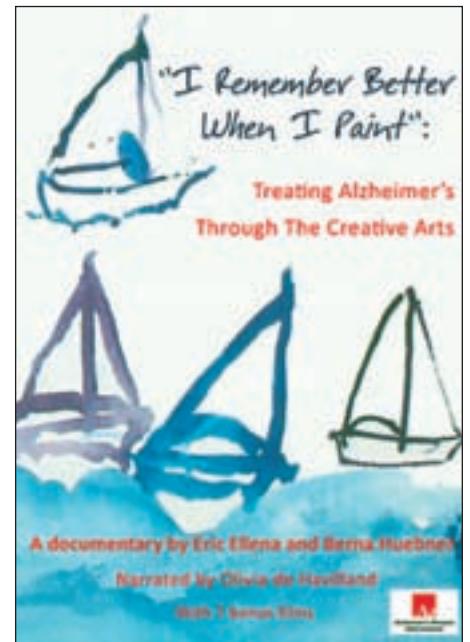
The Alliance for the Arts will host a screening of the art therapy film *I Remember Better When I Paint* on Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

The 2009 feature length documentary explores the positive impact of art and other creative therapies in people with Alzheimer's disease, and how these approaches can change the way the disease is viewed by society.

The film examines the way creative arts bypass the limitations of dementia disorders such as Alzheimer's and shows how patients' still-vibrant imaginations are strengthened through therapeutic art.

Produced and directed by Eric Ellena and Berna Huebner, *I Remember Better When I Paint* is narrated by actress Olivia de Havilland who played Melanie Hamilton in *Gone with the Wind*.

The film's co-creator, Berna Huebner, will lead a discussion at 8 p.m. following the screening, along with local art therapists Angel Duncan and Reina Lombardi.



The screening will be in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance. A \$5 suggested donation is requested at the door.

The alliance is at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

Dark Irish Comedy At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

Talk about strained mother-daughter relationships, wait until you witness *The Beauty Queen Of Leenane*. Playing now at Theatre Conspiracy, it's truly a dark comedy... emphasis on the dark. You almost feel guilty when you laugh.

A plain middle-aged woman Maureen Folan (Karen Goldberg), who has a history of mental illness, is trapped in life as a caretaker to her iron-willed mother Mag (Joan Olsen) in rural Ireland. Mag, who is selfish and manipulative, lives in fear of being put in an old folks home. She'd rather die than be put in a home. Maureen, who has been taking care of her mother for 20 years, is bitter and tells her mother, "You'll live forever just to spite me." She wants to find love, and when she does, the simmering relationship between the two women explodes in a very disturbing but well acted scene.

The acting throughout is impressive. Derry Woodhouse is Pato Dooley, Maureen's love interest. Woodhouse is a member of Actors' Equity and a native of Limerick, Ireland. At the start of act two, he recites a love letter that he has written to Maureen. The audience responds with grateful applause for his marvelous delivery. Playing Pato's younger brother Ray is Daniel Benzing. You can't help but laugh at his youthful, albeit ne'er do well enthusiasm.



Karen Goldberg and Joan Olsen

The set depicts a rather shabby home with a picture of JFK, a crucifix and the old Irish toast, "May you get to Heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead." Written by Martin McDonough, and directed by Mike Breen, this is a play that masterfully builds up expectations in a cat-and-mouse game with the audience. The splendid four-member ensemble gives full due to the play's cunning twists and reversals.

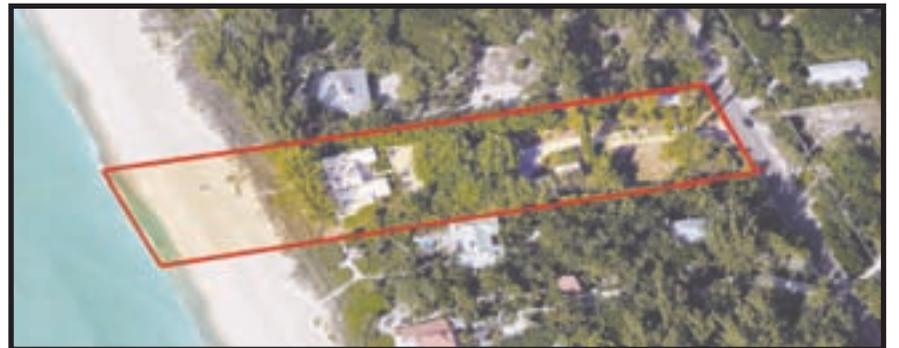
The Beauty Queen Of Leenane plays through February 23 at Theatre Conspiracy, located in The Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. If dark comedy is to your liking, I strongly recommend you see this one. For tickets, call 936-3239.*

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Tom Watson Is Sentimental Favorite At Ace Group Classic This Weekend



by Ed Frank

It's a certainty that the biggest draw at this weekend's Hall of Fame-studded Ace Group Classic in Naples will be golf legend Tom Watson, the winner of eight major championships and this year's prestigious Ryder Cup captain.

The 64-year-old Watson is returning to the local tournament at TwinEagles for the first time since 2006 – where he recorded four second-place finishes in the seven consecutive years he teed it up here.

While he sports a smile and is friendly to the huge galleries that follow his play, Watson is fiercely competitive on the inside. And this burning drive is a major factor why he was chosen to

lead the American team for the second time.

If you follow the history of the Ryder Cup, you will recall that when he captained the United States team the first time in 1993, it was the last time for a U.S. victory on foreign soil. Watson has admitted that he has awaited the call to captain the Ryder Cup a second time since then.

Although 21 years have passed since that 1993 victory, his brilliance on pairings was a big reason the cup came back to the U.S., according to players on that team.

"Tom is the toughest competitor I know," golfer Tom Lehman was quoted recently in *Sports Illustrated*.

In addition to Watson, the Ace Group Classic includes seven other members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Bernard Langer, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Nick Price, Larry Nelson, Curtis Strange and Colin Montgomery.

Langer is the returning champion having recorded a wire-to-wire victory last year as well as winning the event in 2011.

Also competing this weekend is the 2012 winner, Kenny Perry, the Champions Tour Player of the Year in 2013.

Like Watson, Irwin continues to compete on the Champions Tour playing into his 60s. In fact, he is 68. He is the all-time winner and money-winner on the senior circuit, having captured an amazing 45 tournaments and taking home more than \$26

million on the Champions Tour alone. He won the local tournament in 1997 and 2002.

Irwin also is remembered as the winner of three U.S. Opens, the last in 1990 at the age of 45, the oldest to ever win that major.

Missing from the field this weekend is Craig Stadler who defeated Watson in a playoff in 2004.

Stadler's son Kevin won his first PGA title last week, the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Following his son's victory, Stadler announced that both he and his son will play in the 2014 Masters. It is believed this will be the first time that a father and son play in the same professional tournament.

The elder Stadler, a former Masters champion, said 2014 will be his last Masters.

Although the local Champions Tour tournament has had several corporate sponsors over its 26-year history, it has always been one of the most popular and successful of the tour. This year's exciting field will continue that tradition.

Great Prizes at 9th Annual Evening with the Red Sox

More than \$90,000 was raised last year to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County at the annual Evening with the Red Sox at JetBlue Park. This year's event will be held February 24 at the stadium.

Silent and live auction items this year include a trip to Boston for a Red Sox game with seats atop the famous Green Monster; a weekend in New York for dinner and a Broadway Show; a driving tour through Red Rock Canyon in Las Vegas; and a New Orleans getaway with dinner and entertainment in the French Quarter.

Red Sox players and coaches will attend the event that include autograph signing, a reception, dinner and auction. Red Sox Manager John Farrell will be guest speaker.

Information is available by calling 334-1886.*

Evening With The Red Sox To Offer Unique Auction Items

The 9th annual Evening with the Red Sox dinner will offer a unique list of silent and live auction items this year, including the ultimate sports lover's trip to watch the Boston Red Sox on Fenway's Green Monster, a long weekend in New York City for dinner and a Broadway show, a world-class supercar driving tour through Red Rock Canyon in Las Vegas, a New Orleans getaway featuring dinner at Dickey Brennan's Steakhouse in the French Quarter, and a wine enthusiast's adventure on a Napa Valley wine train.

Benefitting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County (BGCLC), the dinner will be held at JetBlue Park, 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, on Monday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m.

"We're excited to offer a long list of topnotch auction items to our guests who come out to support our local Boys & Girls Clubs," said Jim Larkin, general manager of the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower Shops and chairperson for the event. "A winning bidder might walk away with a luxury vacation or exclusive experience, but our Boys & Girls Clubs' members will be given the ultimate winnings of a brighter future thanks to the committed businesses and individuals for their generous support."

The evening will include a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent and live auctions, games and dinner. Red Sox players will also be in attendance signing autographs along with Red Sox Manager and American League Manager of the Year runner-up John Farrell as the special-guest speaker. Last year's dinner included autograph signings with Red Sox players Dustin Pedroia and Mike Napoli as well as Farrell.

Funds raised will benefit the BGCLC's after-school programs, which include homework assistance and tutoring, academic enrichment activities, extracurricular clubs, fitness and social recreation, performing arts and civic engagement. Last year's Evening with the Red Sox raised more than \$90,000, providing more than 30,000 hours of service to more than 420 young people in the Lee County community who later demonstrated academic success, character and leadership development and healthier lifestyles from the agency's programs.

"There are many at-risk youth in our community who depend the Boys & Girls Clubs to give them a safe and supportive place to turn for long-term success," said Shannon Lane, chief professional officer for the BGCLC. "This event will help make sure there continues to be such a place for these kids and their future."

For the third consecutive year, Ted Todd Insurance has signed on as the presenting sponsor. Additional sponsors include the Coca Cola Company, Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower Shops, Encore Bank, Florida Power and Light Company, JetBlue Airways, the Red Sox Foundation, and Suncoast Beverages. Sponsorships and tables are still available from \$1,250 to \$10,000. Donations for auction items are also being accepted.

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Shannon Lane at 334-1886, email slane@bgclc.net or visit www.bgclc.net.*



Judy Richey, piano

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Cello & Friends

France, founded by her late husband, Cello Bennett often entertained workshop participants with musical evenings, and has continued the tradition in Southwest Florida with Musical Evenings at both the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers and BIG ARTS on Sanibel.

Cello Bennett, born Mary Carlene Forszt in Valparaiso, Indiana, studied drama at the School of Speech and Drama at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., hoping to become a Broadway performer. Convinced she had an operatic voice, her professors suggested she switch her major to music. She continued her opera studies at the UCLA Opera Workshop, and then sang opera in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, California, before moving to Europe.

After private vocal instruction with Luciano Pavarotti's technique teacher in Modena, Italy, she began her first engagement in the Landestheater in Coburg, Germany. Later, as a member of the ensemble of the Staatstheater Kassel, she began offering vocal instruction to theater colleagues. She continued this work at the Stadttheater Trier, where she was vocal coach to many members of the opera and theater ensembles, and thereafter taught voice privately in Berlin.

Bennett was privileged to work with such internationally known stage directors as Peter Mussbach and the late Herbert Wernicke. As a specialist for contempo-



Carlene Thissen, singer/songwriter



Rachel Cox, violin

rary music, she gave the European premieres of works by such noted composers as Wolfgang Rihm and David Diamond.

After her marriage to Bennett in 2003, she took on the administrative and hospitality functions of ArtStudy Giverny, keeping the school open for two seasons after his death in 2008. She now lives full-time in Southwest Florida. In 2012 she was Curator of the Inaugural

Tickets are \$18 each and available through Theatre Conspiracy at www.theatreconspiracy.org or 936-3239. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

The Foulds Theater at the Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

More information can be found at: <http://www.artinlee.org/event/a-musical-evening-with-cello-friends/>.*

Financial Focus

Saving Is Good... But It's Not Investing



by Jennifer Basey

It's a good thing to have some savings. When you put the money in a low-risk account, you can be pretty sure it will be readily available when you need it. Nonetheless, "saving" is not "investing" – and knowing the difference could pay off for you far into the future.

Think about it this way: Saving is for today, while investing is for tomorrow.

You need your savings to pay for your daily expenses, such as groceries, and your monthly bills – mortgage, utilities and so on. In fact, you might even want your savings to include an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

These are all "here and now" expenses – and you could use your savings to pay for them. But in thinking of your long-term goals, such as college for your children and a comfortable retirement for yourself, most individuals typically can't simply rely on their savings – they'll need to invest. Why? Because, quite simply, investments can grow – and you will need this growth potential to help achieve your objectives.

To illustrate the difference between saving and investing, let's do a quick comparison. Suppose you put \$200 per month into a savings account that paid hypothetical 3 percent interest (which is actually higher than the rates typically being paid today). After 30 years, you would have accumulated about \$106,000, assuming you were in the 25 percent federal tax bracket. Now, suppose you put that same \$200 per month in a tax-deferred investment that hypothetically earned 7 percent a year. At the end of 30 years, you would end up with about \$243,000. (Keep in mind that you would have to pay taxes on withdrawals.

Hypotheticals do not include any transaction costs or fees.)

This enormous disparity between the amounts accumulated in the two accounts clearly shows the difference between "saving" and "investing." Still, you might be thinking that investing is risky, while savings accounts carry much less risk. And it is certainly true that investing does involve risks – investments can lose value, and there's no guarantee that losses will be recovered.

Nonetheless, if you put all your money in savings, you're actually incurring an even bigger risk – the risk of not achieving your financial goals. In fact, a low-rate savings account might not even keep up with inflation, which means that, over time, you will lose purchasing power.

Ultimately, the question isn't whether you should save or invest – you need to do both. But you do need to decide how much of your financial resources to devote toward savings and how much toward investments. By paying close attention to your cash flow, you should be able to get a good idea of the best savings and investment mix for your particular situation. For example, if you find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, you probably don't have enough money in savings. On the other hand, if you consistently find yourself with large sums in your savings account even after you've paid all your bills, you might be "sitting" on too much cash – which means you should consider moving some of this money into investments with growth potential.

Saving and investing – that's a winning combination.

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

Scholarship Deadline Approaches

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation's scholarship application process for the 2014-15 school year will end on Saturday, March 1 at midnight. Approximately \$400,000 in scholarship money is available from 37 scholarships for local high-school seniors and 22 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties through the SWFLCF scholarship funds.

Students interested in applying for a scholarship can access the E-Apply online scholarship application tool through the SWFLCF's website at www.floridacomunity.com on the Scholarships page. Students can also find a tutorial about how to create and submit the online application.

Students may apply for multiple scholarships and are given the option to upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and financial documentation (if required). For need-based scholarships, students are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

"Thanks to supportive donors who value the importance of post-secondary education, we offer a variety of scholarships including those for vocational or specialized training schools, as well as for attendance at colleges and universities," said Anne Douglas, regional initiatives director for the SWFLCF. "In the past, we have had some scholarships that were not awarded because students did not apply for them, so we are trying to do our best to educate local students on the various types of funding available."

According to Douglas, examples of some of the more unique scholarships include support for students with disabilities, student athletes, adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

The SWFLCF launched the online application process on December 20, 2013, after receiving numerous calls from students who wanted to be able to work on scholarship application submissions during winter break.

In 2013, the SWFLCF awarded nearly \$450,000 in scholarships.

For more information about the SWFLCF, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacomunity.com.

Foundation Presents Grant To Goodwill's Microenterprise Institute



Fifth Third presentation

The Fifth Third Foundation presented The Goodwill Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute with a \$10,000 check on February 3 at Grace Place for Children and Families in Naples. The grant will be used to support MicroEnterprise's efforts across Southwest Florida.

Fifth Third Foundation partners with Goodwill to help local entrepreneurs. "We really appreciate Fifth Third's support of The MicroEnterprise Institute," said Fred Richards, vice president of community support services at Goodwill. "This is a valuable program in the community and the support of organizations like Fifth Third really ensures the longevity of the program."

The MicroEnterprise Institute is a six-week program which helps aspiring entrepreneurs develop skills and training needed to run their own small business. Mentors work with participants to help the potential small business owners prepare a business plan.

"The entire idea of MicroEnterprise is community," said Goodwill spokesperson Madison Mitchell. "When businesses grow in our community, Southwest Florida grows. This grant showcases the Fifth Third Foundation's commitment to our area."

To apply for the Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise project or to mentor future small businesses, call 995-2106 ext. 2219. Visit www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise for more information.

Special Needs Campers Sought

The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund and Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. are accepting applications for the February session of Trailways Camp. The camp, which was launched in October of 2012 to address the social isolation experienced by adults with special needs and their caregivers in Southwest Florida, will be held February 17 to 20 at Riverside Retreat Center in LaBelle.

"Trailways Camp is a unique and fun retreat for adults with disabilities," said Jesi Cason, camp director. "It's an adven-

ture for people who want to get out into nature, try fishing, do arts and crafts and make lifelong friends." Other activities include campfire songs, themed parties, visits by special guests, and swimming.

Trailways Camp removes barriers to social isolation by giving participants a chance to experience quality social recreational activities in a safe environment while giving respite to the families and caregivers.

Each camper is assigned to a team which is led by a counselor throughout the retreat.

For more information contact Cason, at 995-2106 ext. 2312 or JesiCason@goodwillswfl.org.

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dearPharmacist

What To Do When Your Brain Feels Weird



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

I have brain fog, attention deficit and a general feeling of disconnection to the world. I take the drugs Provigil, Zoloff and Clonazepam. I also take vitamins but

nothing helps. I see a psychiatrist who says I'm just depressed from my divorce. Honestly, I'm not. I'm pretty normal but my brain feels weird.

ER, Anchorage, Alaska

Your neurotransmitters (brain chemicals) affect this. Many people feel "weird" in the head and it's really really hard to untangle. I'm not even going to try, but I believe you. I can't even figure out from here if you feel "weird" because of those medications, or if that's why you're taking the medicines.

As a pharmacist, many of our medications have value because they alter neurotransmitters, but it's temporary. You must know what brain chemicals are off, and the ratios before treatment. I recom-

mend blood tests to evaluate neurotransmitter levels. I think this is where you and your doctor should start, rather than shooting medicine darts in the dark. Two excellent specialty labs that I trust for this are Pharmasan, and Dunwoody labs. Any willing doctor can order a test from them. At my website, I've uploaded a sample report of a friend whose dopamine and norepinephrine were off the chart (and not in a good way). His brain felt "weird" too. See that at www.SuzyCohen.com.

You live in Alaska, so you are probably vitamin D deficient and that affects neurotransmitters. I also wonder if you're thyroid hormone has been optimized. It's easier said than done. Studies show thyroid hormone, specifically T3, improves mood better than prescription antidepressants. T3 medications are not the same as T4 drugs (Synthroid or Levothyroxine).

Here's how "weird" neurotransmitter imbalances can make you feel:

- Dopamine – Deficiencies make you crave alcohol, illicit drugs, opiate painkillers and cigarettes. Yes, correcting dopamine levels can help addiction. But too much dopamine is associated with aggression and paranoia. Imbalances with this neurotransmitter (especially when low) are tied to Parkinson's, depression, attention/focus problems, schizophrenia, spectrum disorders and autism.

- Histamine – It makes you sneeze but did you know that chronically high levels are tied to migraines, eczema and obsessive compulsive behavior? Low levels cause fatigue, low libido and paranoia.

glasses, her purse or somebody has stolen something... whatever. We try to reason with her, but she just gets more hostile. We are exhausted and don't know what to do. Please help us understand.

Gracie

Dear Gracie,

Transition into an assisted living community can be difficult for individuals and families alike.

A few suggestions:

- Have a meeting with the staff, in particular the nurse, the activities director and the executive director of the community. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss what you see happening and to establish a plan to help your mother-in-law.
- Ask for a mental health assessment. In-home mental health assessments can be completed by a licensed clinical social worker or a mental health nurse. The assessment would determine if other mental health support is needed.

- Attend a family support group. Support groups are great for sharing communications strategies and knowledge.

- Leave your phone on answering. The assisted living staff will call you if there is a true emergency.

Pryce

Dear Gracie,

Moving to different living conditions can be extremely stressful and difficult for some people. Pryce, the specialist in dealing with problems such as you have outlined, has given you a very detailed plan. You should find it most helpful.

Lizzie

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

- Serotonin – Popular antidepressants lift it temporarily including the Zoloff you take. Deficiencies can cause fatigue, muscle cramps, irritability and always feeling hot. High serotonin is tied to bone loss, irritable bowels, trembling, nausea and a feeling of overconfidence that some might say call arrogance. If you're lacking norepinephrine you'll have profound adrenal fatigue and stubborn weight gain. You'll want energy shots all day long. If you're GABA deficient, insomnia and anxiety are evident to those around you. High epinephrine and you're too aggressive.

Despite commercial ads, there isn't one pill to fix this. You have to do different tests, and then use specific nutrients that push the correct metabolic pathway which produces the neurotransmitter or hormone you want.

*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.**

Walkers Needed To Help Moms And Babies

Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center is seeking walkers of all ages for its annual fundraising event, a walk/run/bike/rollerblade through Lakes Regional Park from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. The Walk For Life event raises money to provide life-affirming medical and support services to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

The walk is a fun and interactive event for all ages, featuring a three-mile traditional walk plus a fitness circuit that includes periodic exercise challenges along the trail. Participants also can run, rollerblade or bicycle the course. There is no charge to participate, but walkers are encouraged to raise support from friends and family members. Pledge packets are available at area churches listed on the

Cheney Makes Donation To Night For Life

Former Vice President Dick Cheney, an organ transplant recipient, has donated two signed copies of his latest book *Heart: An American Medical Odyssey* to the 7th annual Night For Life auction on Monday, February 24, held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers.

The fundraiser sponsored by the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc. The event raises money for the Fletcher Trust Fund which assists transplant recipients and those who are waiting for transplants in Southwest Florida. An average of eighteen people die each day in the U.S. due to a lack of available organs and tissue donations. Cheney received a heart trans-

plant in 2012. Verity website, www.supportverity.com, or the Verity office at 8890 Salrose Lane in Fort Myers, and can also be downloaded on the Events section of the Verity Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/VerityFL>.

A T-shirt contest will be part of the event, with awards to the most creative designs that support life and Verity, a word that means "truth." Winners will be featured on the Verity Facebook page and website.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. the day of the event. There will be signs in the park directing participants to the registration table and course. Verity staff will provide refreshments, plus information about healthy living and the center's services.

Anyone with questions can call the Verity office at 433-1929.*

Special Equestrians' Taste Of Love

Tickets are now available for Special Equestrians' annual culinary extravaganza, Taste of Love 11, to be held on Sunday, March 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings in Fort Myers. The popular event's theme will be Sparkle, Sip & Savor and will feature dinner dishes from the area's most successful culinarians, wine by Masciarelli Wine Company, live and silent auctions and entertainment. Local celebrity auctioneer Jay Severson and Krista Fogelson, NBC2 News Today anchor, will oversee the evening's events.

More than 475 people attended the event in 2013, raising over \$150,000 for the therapeutic horseback riding program. The event's success is attributable to the 25-plus sponsors, in-kind donors and long-time supporters of Special Equestrians.

Tickets for Taste of Love 11 are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at www.specialequestrians.net. Wayne

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

After my mother-in-law was widowed, she seemed to go downhill physically and emotionally and has never adjusted to her single status. Finally, we asked her to come to our home and be with us. All was fine for about two years, then we noticed her severe forgetfulness and she became very hostile toward us. After doing our very best to help her, we decided to place her in an assisted living community near us.

She has been there about eight weeks and we are having a terrible time. She phones us about 30 times a day. She has lost her toothbrush, her underwear, her

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son is in seventh grade and is highly gifted. We lived in another state while he was in elementary school and he was able to participate

in a more challenging curriculum, but nothing like that is available where we are currently. How can I help him get more challenging classwork?

Louisa M., Florida

Louisa,

You have described a very typical problem that most students who are intellectually gifted face during their school careers. Gifted students are defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as those “who give evidence of high

achievement capability” and “who need services and activities not ordinarily provided by the school to fully develop those capabilities.”

One reason that may be contributing to a lack of attention to gifted is the need for students to perform well on standardized tests and generally policies such as Merit pay. Andy Smarick, a partner at the nonprofit Bellwether Education Partners and author of the September guidebook *Closing America’s High-Achievement Gap* says that, “Policy support that vacillated between gifted and struggling students for several decades is now firmly behind getting low-achievers up to speed.”

Another stumbling block in serving gifted students is about funding. The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) estimates that there are three million academically gifted students in K-12 schools. However, federal funding for gifted programs doesn’t exist, and almost all decisions about gifted education are made at the state or district level. Just 26 states require some form of program for gifted students, according to a 2013 National Association for Gifted Learning report. The only states with fully funded gifted student mandates are Georgia, Iowa, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

There are some solutions to serving the gifted that are not expensive although they do take time and personnel to implement and monitor according to the NAGC. For example, some high schools partner with local colleges to offer students dual enrollment programs, often at no cost to the district or student’s family. These courses give bright students the opportunity to do college-level work and have the more appropriate academic challenges they need.

Other solutions include ability grouping, which is essentially placing students together according to their achievement levels in class. Although this is currently not a very popular option, it is beneficial for the more advanced students. Schools can also allow advanced students to compact their curriculums by skipping units, courses, or even grade levels to keep them engaged. Schools are increasingly augmenting their curriculum with online coursework, which allows all students

to work at their own pace. College-level Massive Open Online Courses, or MOOCs, are another resource for high school students in need of a challenge. Teachers can access these courses through providers such as Coursera, Udemy and iTunes U, among others.

It sounds that you might need to confer with your son’s counselor to see if his school can and will provide alternate programming to help meet his academic needs.

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

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NFM Library Programs

cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only. Bring your library card with you. Your library card or library card number is required in order to access your account.

The North Fort Myers Public Library is located at 2001 N. Tamiami Trail NE in North Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4320. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System’s website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.*

Free Employment Training Offered

Lee County residents currently working at low-skill, low-paying jobs who have not had an opportunity for higher education or previous job training can take advantage of cost-free job training in medical front-office skills to increase their pay.

The seven-month job-training program starts April 22 and runs through November 2014. Telephone interviews will be accepted through April 18. The class is filled on a first-come, first-served basis and fills up quickly.

All applicants must be working, must provide proof of earned income or unemployment compensation, proof of high school diploma or GED, and proof of Lee County residency; they must pass a criminal background check and basic assessment in reading, language and spelling.

This training is available through the Lee Education and Employment Program and is funded by a Community Services Block Grant administered by Lee County Human Services. The federal grant gives low-income people the opportunity to raise their income and enter a new career at the front desk of a medical facility or in medical record, said Barbara Goins of Lee County Human Services.

The Medical Office Skills (certificate) Program provides instruction in keyboarding and computer applications, medical terminology, medical office procedures, HIPAA, and basic billing and coding. Students also receive assistance with resumes, interview skills, and job searching, as well as one year of intensive case management.

The program won a 2001 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for employment and training and was the only county program in the United States to win a 2002 Public Service Excellence Award.

Successful applicants must have reliable transportation to the classes, which are held 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fort Myers Institute of Technology (formerly High Tech Central), 3800 Michigan Avenue. The program covers all costs for tuition, books and can cover childcare cost during class hours.

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Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2003	3,678	\$1,690,000	\$1,490,000	94
The Forest	Fort Myers	1992	10,571	\$1,500,000	\$1,300,000	19
Villa Tuscany	Bonita Springs	2003	2,287	\$580,000	\$572,500	79
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2001	2,434	\$599,900	\$569,000	110
Wildcat Run	Estero	1990	2,664	\$649,000	\$565,000	55
Fairview Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1971	1,379	\$549,800	\$489,000	9
Shorehaven Estates	Cape Coral	2002	2,153	\$479,900	\$479,000	179
Azzurra	Fort Myers	2013	2,434	\$455,900	\$439,400	79
Whiskey Creek Club Estates	Fort Myers	1982	2,319	\$424,900	\$424,900	4

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DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which two South American countries do not border on Brazil?
2. **LANGUAGE:** What does the word "Volkswagen" mean in German?
3. **LITERATURE:** What is believed to be Shakespeare's first play, chronologically speaking?
4. **TELEVISION:** What city was the setting in the TV comedy "Eight is Enough"?
5. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many presidents were born as British subjects?
6. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one"?
7. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is venustrophobia?
8. **MOVIES:** What was the name of the caretaker's cat in the "Harry Potter" movies?
9. **AD SLOGANS:** What product's advertising slogan is: "Betcha can't eat just one"?
10. **BIBLE:** How long did Methuselah live, according to the Bible?

ANSWERS

1. Ecuador and Chile 2. People's car 3. "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" 4. Sacramento 5. Eight years 6. -- Washington, J. Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, J. Q. Adams, Jackson and Harrison. 7. Ralph Waldo Emerson 8. Mrs. Norris 9. Lay's potato chips 10. 969

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the only pitcher in major-league history to strike out at least half of the batters he faced in a season (minimum 50 innings pitched)?
2. Two seasons in a row (1974-75), a Chicago White Sox pitcher led the American League in saves for a season. Name either pitcher.
3. Emmitt Smith holds the mark for most career rushing touchdowns in NFL history (164). Who is No. 2?
4. When was the last time before the 2012-13 campaign that the Indiana Hoosiers men's basketball team won the Big Ten regular-season title outright?
5. Jaromir Jagr has played in more than 1,400 NHL games, with the most being for Pittsburgh (806). Which teams are second and third on the list?
6. When was the last time before 2013 that soccer's MLS Cup winner was decided by penalty kicks?
7. Who was the last undisputed heavyweight boxing champion?

ANSWERS

1. Atlanta's Craig Kimbrel struck out 50.2 percent of the batters he faced in 2012. 2. Terry Forster in 1974 (24 saves) and Rich Gossage in 1975 (26). 3. Ladainian Tomlinson, with 145. 4. The 1992-93 season. 5. He played 277 games with the New York Rangers, and 196 with the Washington Capitals. 6. It was 2009, when Real Salt Lake beat the Los Angeles Galaxy, 5-4, in a penalty shootout. 7. Lennox Lewis, in 2000.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 2014

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you get around to finalizing your plan.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty," and step up to claim the credit you've so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone close to you. Asking for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding you were completely unaware of.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpio with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less-tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method and how and why it (usually!) works.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might

ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving your answer.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than on what you might learn later.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 21, 1885, the Washington Monument, built in honor of America's revolutionary hero and first president, is dedicated in Washington, D.C. The 555-foot-high marble obelisk was the tallest structure in the world when completed, and it remains today, by District of Columbia law, the tallest building in the nation's capital.

- On Feb. 20, 1902, the famous Western photographer Ansel Adams is born in San Francisco. Adams' dramatic black and white images of Yosemite and the West are some of the most widely recognized and admired photographs of the 20th century. Adams was dedicated to the use of "straight" images free from darkroom trickery.

- On Feb. 18, 1929, The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announces the winners of the first Academy Awards: The first award recipients' names were printed on the back page of the academy's newsletter.

- On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066, initiating a controversial World War II policy with lasting consequences for Japanese Americans. The document ordered the removal of resident enemy aliens from parts of the West vaguely identified as military areas and into detention camps.

- On Feb. 23, 1954, a group of children from Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsburgh receive the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. After mass inoculations began in 1954, everyone marveled at the high success rate -- some 60 percent to 70 percent

- On Feb. 17, 1972, the 15,007,034th Volkswagen Beetle comes off the assembly line, breaking a world car production record held for more than four decades by the Ford Motor Company's iconic Model T, which was in production from 1908 and 1927.

The history of the VW Beetle dates back to 1930s Germany.

- On Feb. 22, 1980, in one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was writer and cartoonist James Thurber who made the following sage observation: "Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquility."

- You might not be familiar with the National Chicken Council, but it's making predictions about you nonetheless. If you ate wings while watching the Super Bowl, you contributed to the 1.25 billion wings that the council's 2014 Wing Report projected to be consumed during that event.

- Those who study such things say that if you happen to find lint in your belly button, it's more likely to be blue than any other color.

- The name of the state of Alabama comes from the Choctaw word "albah," which means "plant-cutters."

- Accident or not? At an evening event in 1989, a bottle of wine once owned by Thomas Jefferson was up for sale. The asking price? \$500,000. It seems nobody was willing to pony up the cash, and at the end of the night there was no sale. At that point, a waiter (inadvertently?) dropped the bottle, destroying the unprofitable item. The bottle was insured, however, and the merchant did end up with \$250,000.

- The White House was not designed by an American. It was Irish architect James Hoban who won the competition to create the architectural plans for the home of the political leader of the United States.

- Before he became president, George H.W. Bush was, for a time, the youngest aviator in the history of the U.S. Navy, getting his wings just three days before he turned 19.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I only think about how to solve the problem. But when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong." -- Buckminster Fuller

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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ONE-ACT WORDS



Florida Strawberry Parfait

- 2 cups fresh strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced
- 8 ounces low fat cream cheese, whipped
- 2 tablespoons natural sugar
- 1/2 cup low fat vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 4 sprigs fresh mint (for garnish)

In a medium sized mixing bowl, combine whipped cream cheese, sugar and lemon juice. Fold the yogurt into the cream cheese mixture. In four wide mouth glasses, evenly layer cream cheese mixture, strawberries and crushed graham crackers. Garnish with sprigs of fresh mint. Serve chilled.*



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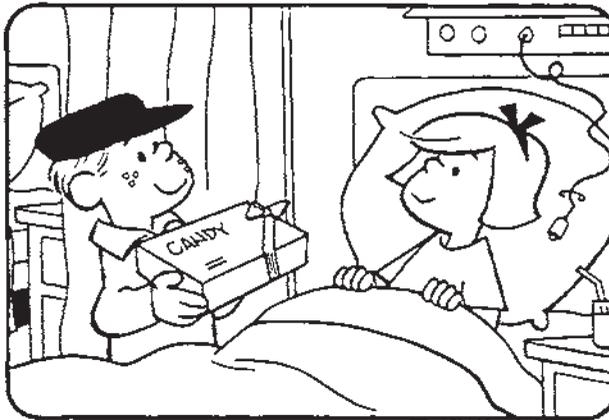
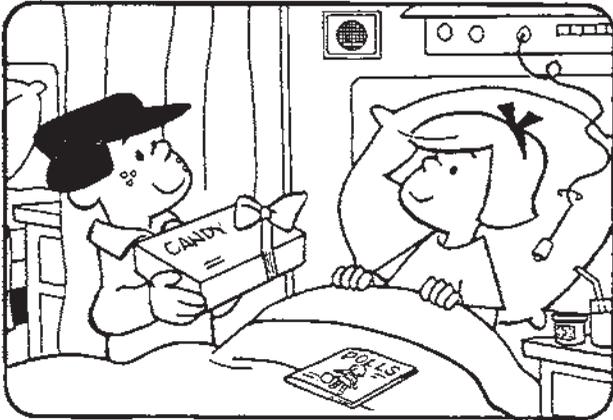
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Preferences: 1. Earlap is missing; 2. Bow is smaller; 3. Loudspeaker is missing; 4. Book is missing; 5. Push-button cord is shorter; 6. Jar is missing.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Method; 2. Mingle;
3. Couple; 4. Tender

Today's Word:

COMING

SCRAMBLERS

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

Process

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Blend

LEMING

Duo

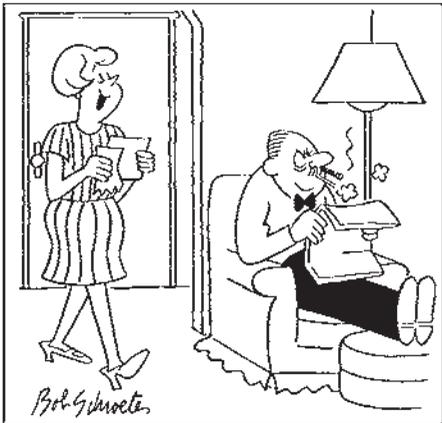
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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27



"You got this from the Baxters—it's a 'Thank you for not _____ to their party' card."

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We need volunteers for:
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HELP WANTED

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Part time office help needed for a busy home homebuilding company. Need someone with strong organizational & computer skills. Call 472-0071 or email resume to Rhonda Henning rah1149@yahoo.com.
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HELP WANTED

Billy's Rentals on Sanibel needs outgoing individuals to assist customers with bicycle rentals/deliveries and cashiers with ability to multi task with a smile! Transport from FM location available. Need PT light duty mechanic's helper @ FM warehouse. Call 239-472-5248 ask for Robin.
*RS 2/7 CC 2/17

FULL TIME VACATION RESERVATIONS AGENT

Must be familiar with Sanibel & Captiva Islands. Candidate should possess good communication skills, computer knowledge; Excel and Word proficient and like working with people. Excellent compensation package based on Vacation Rental experience. Call David at VIP Vacation Rentals 472-1613
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren. We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm. If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.
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HELP WANTED

SOLOIST WANTED

Sundays only
First Church of Christ, Scientist
Fort Myers
Call Doris at (239) 334-4200
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EVENT SETUP PERSON

Event Setup Person needed Year Round. Maintenance Experience a Plus. Call SCA at 472-2155, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3pm.
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TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Two Positions Available at physical therapy clinic on Periwinkle Way. Experienced medical/therapy biller needed 6-12 hrs per wk, flexible times (late afternoons preferred) willing to work complex cases. Energetic and friendly office assistant/therapy tech required 30-40 hrs per wk Mon-Fri during season, and 12-20 hrs per week off season. Office experience, Microsoft Office proficiency, excellent multi-tasking and communication skills required. Cover letter and resume to Rachel@islandtherapycenter.com, or bring to 2242 Periwinkle Way, Suite 2, Sanibel
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.
*NS 11/1 NC TFN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm call Linda Reynolds 472-1617
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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND

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

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CASH PAID FOR MILITARY ITEMS

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GARAGE SALE (BIG)

Saturday, 2-15-2014, 8:30 am (sharp) to 1:30 pm, 590 Boulder Drive, Sanibel (In East Rocks). No early sales or inquires.
*NS 2/14 CC 2/14

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

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.

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Pets Of The Week

Seven Chihuahuas were recently removed from a hoarding situation. Three have been adopted but these four still need to find their forever homes. They are a little timid but warm up quickly to any attention they are given. They have all had dental examinations and are ready to become someone's lap dog.

The adoption fees for Evita and Handsome Man are \$50 each and Cha Cha and Mambo are \$25 each (plus the adopter will be entered to win a \$100 gift certificate from Angelina's Ristorante).

Bebe, a four-year-old black and white spayed female cat, and Babe, a gray tabby spayed female, age four, are domestic short hairs.

These girls came into the shelter together as strays. They were very shy and scared but now that staff has worked with them they have regained their confidence and are very friendly. They are bonded and want to be adopted together.

Cats have a two-for-one adoption fee of \$50 for both (plus entry to win a \$100 gift certificate from Angelina's Ristorante).

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, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



Evita ID#250780, Handsome Man ID# 582178, Cha Cha ID# 582180 and Mambo ID# 199510

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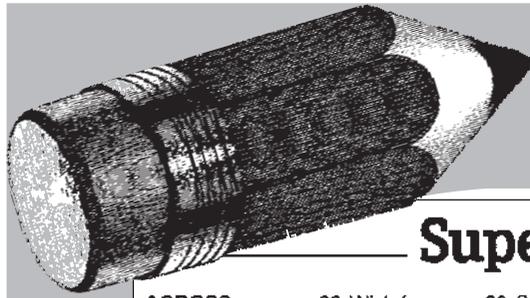


Babe ID# 582180, and Bebe ID # 580564



- Emergency..... 911
- Lee County Sheriff's Office.....477-1200
- Florida Marine Patrol 332-6966
- Florida Highway Patrol..... 278-7100
- Poison Control 1-800-282-3171
- HealthPark Medical Center..... 1-800-936-5321
- Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce 332-3624
- Foundation for Quality Childcare 425-2685
- Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce 454-7500
- Fort Myers Beach Library 463-9691
- Lakes Regional Library 533-4000
- Lee County Chamber of Commerce..... 931-0931
- Post Office 1-800-275-8777
- Visitor & Convention Bureau 338-3500
- ARTS**
- Alliance for the Arts 939-2787
- Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery 332-5055
- Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio 337-5050
- Art League Of Fort Myers 275-3970
- Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall..... 481-4849
- BIG ARTS 395-0900
- Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre 278-4422
- Cultural Park Theatre 772-5862
- Edison Festival of Light..... 334-2999
- Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade 332-4488
- Florida West Arts 948-4427
- Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers..... 472-0168
- Gulf Coast Symphony 489-1800
- Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres 481-8059
- Naples Philharmonic..... 239-597-1111
- The Schoolhouse Theater..... 472-6862
- S.W. Florida Symphony..... 418-0996
- Theatre Conspiracy 936-3239
- Young Artists Awards..... 574-9321
- CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**
- Angel Flight..... 1-877-4AN-ANGEL
- Animal Refuge Center..... 731-3535
- American Business Women Association..... 357-6755
- Audubon of SWFL..... 339-8046
- Audubon Society..... 472-3156
- Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR 482-1366
- Caloosahatchee Folk Society 321-4620
- Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus..... 1-855-425-3631
- Cape Coral Stamp Club 542-9153
- duPont Company Retirees 454-1083
- Edison Porcelain Artists..... 415-2484
- Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614
- (United Daughters of the Confederacy @ 728-3743
- Friendship Force Of SW FL 561-9164
- The Horticulture and Tea Society 472-8334
- Horticultural Society 472-6940
- Lee County Genealogical Society..... 549-9625
- Lee Trust for Historic Preservation 939-7278
- NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees 482-6713
- Navy Seabees Veterans of America 731-1901
- Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL 667-1354
- Sons of Confederate Veterans 332-2408
- Southwest Florida Fencing Academy..... 939-1338
- Southwest Florida Music Association 561-2118
- Kiwanis Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach..... 765-4254 or 454-8090
- Fort Myers Edison..... 694-1056
- Fort Myers South 691-1405
- Gateway to the Islands..... 415-3100
- Iona-McGregor..... 482-0869
- Lions Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach..... 463-9738
- Fort Myers High Noon..... 466-4228
- Estero/South Fort Myers..... 898-1921
- Notre Dame Club of Lee County 768-0417
- POLO Club of Lee County..... 477-4906
- Rotary Club of Fort Myers..... 332-8158
- Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society 472-6940
- United Way of Lee County 433-2000
- United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)..... 211 or 433-3900
- AREA ATTRACTIONS**
- Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum 395-2233
- Burrough's Home 337-9505
- Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium 275-3435
- Edison & Ford Winter Estates 334-3614
- Fort Myers Skate Park 321-7558
- Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium..... 321-7420
- JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 472-1100
- Koreshan State Historic Site 239-992-0311
- Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center 765-8101
- Skatium..... 321-7510
- Southwest Florida Historical Society 939-4044
- Southwest Florida Museum of History 321-7430
- True Tours..... 945-0405

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

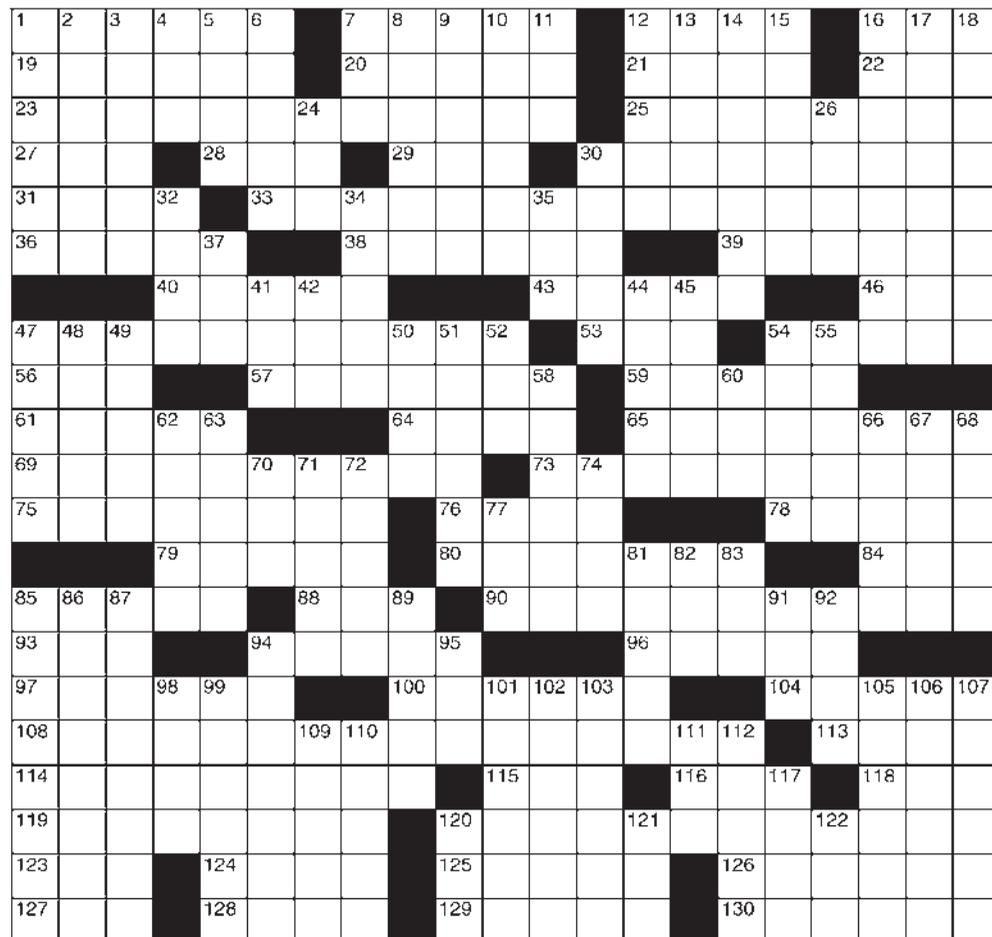


BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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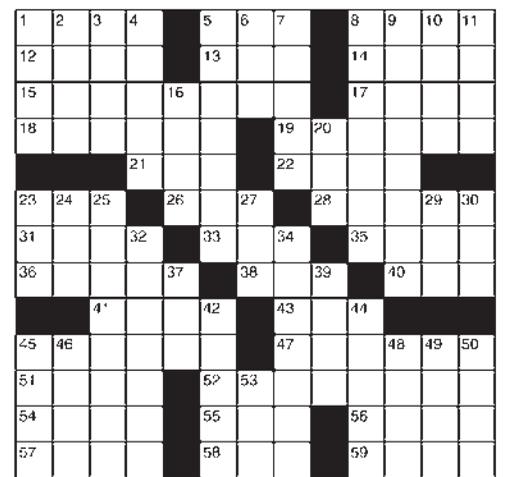
Super Crossword IN REVERSE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Harass
 - 7 In the lead
 - 12 Fill by force
 - 16 — -mo replay
 - 19 Think creatively
 - 20 Has up one's sleeve
 - 21 — fire under (urged to action)
 - 22 Zero-star review
 - 23 Private retreat for San Francisco NFLers?
 - 25 Behaves in the manner of
 - 27 Skater Midori —
 - 28 Suffix with musket
 - 29 Bring pain to
 - 30 Openings under desks
 - 31 Nick's wife in "The Thin Man"
 - 33 Word coined to describe an unnamed Hulk Hogan maneuver?
 - 36 Clutches
 - 38 Handles, as a matter
 - 39 Wish for
 - 40 Backyard party, briefly
 - 43 Hits, as a fly
 - 46 Little bite
 - 47 Drag-racing track?
 - 53 Month after Mar.
 - 54 Olympic sleds
 - 56 Berliner's "Alas!"
 - 57 Rug cleaner
 - 59 "King Lear" daughter
 - 61 Billies and nannies
 - 64 Papa's ma
 - 65 Take way too much
 - 69 Caustic compounds produced during prenatal exams?
 - 73 Softening the cuticles, polishing the nails, etc.?
 - 75 Shipbuilding material
 - 76 Address for a woman
 - 78 Sign after Pisces
 - 79 "Pan Am" actress Garner
 - 80 Soloist's supporter
 - 84 Just-OK grade
 - 85 Fatty substance
 - 88 Number after uno
 - 90 Parties for future wives of rajahs?
 - 93 Suffix with benz-
 - 94 "— saying goes ..."
 - 96 1980s-'90s legal drama
 - 97 Belief in one god
 - 100 Staying focused at work
 - 104 Multiplied by
 - 108 Studiers of living things in a 1964 Hitchcock film?
 - 113 Kansas city east of Wichita
 - 114 Nucleus orbiters
 - 115 Grow rancid
 - 116 Boozing type
 - 118 Audiotapes' successors
 - 119 Making calm
 - 120 Cubbyholes of a certain shape?
 - 123 Distinctive period
 - 124 Big name in waffles
 - 125 Bizarre
 - 126 "Relax!" order
 - 127 Approx. fig.
 - 128 Radish, e.g.
 - 129 Thomas Jefferson, religionwise
 - 130 Henhouses
 - 18 Dances set to ragtime
 - 24 Departure's opp.
 - 26 Hearth items
 - 30 "Do You Want to — Secret"
 - 32 Truncated form of a wd.
 - 34 Suffix like -ish
 - 35 TGIF's "I"
 - 37 — Paulo
 - 41 Some sodas
 - 42 Gift topper
 - 44 Chef's cover
 - 45 — Fountain
 - 47 Keep vexing
 - 48 "— in peace"
 - 49 More — few
 - 50 Rip up
 - 51 Hiccups, e.g.
 - 52 Poet's dusk
 - 54 Insect stage
 - 55 Anesthetized
 - 58 Marriott rival
 - 60 "Imagine!"
 - 62 "Rikki- — -Tavi"
 - 63 Strewed
 - 66 Standing by
 - 67 — clear of
 - 68 Test track turns
 - 70 WWW giant
 - 71 Winter woes
 - 72 Dodo
 - 74 "That's right!"
 - 77 Put on TV
 - 81 Pulls on cow udders
 - 82 Clear — bell
 - 83 Ducks' org.
 - 85 "I'd like to have a look"
 - 86 Respirators
 - 87 Eyed closely
 - 89 Drives away, as a fly
 - 91 Feedbox bit
 - 92 Intl. 1940s conflict
 - 94 Explorer Vespucci
 - 95 Blowup in a copy ctr.
 - 98 Old Peru resident
 - 99 Kid watcher
 - 101 Twisting force
 - 102 Relative of a guinea pig
 - 103 Hindu lutes
 - 105 Latte varieties
 - 106 Born first
 - 107 Gives cheek drum
 - 109 Beatnik's drum
 - 110 Gold brick
 - 111 Mao — -tung
 - 112 Whale finder
 - 117 Puente of mambo
 - 120 Put turf on
 - 121 On Soc. Security, say
 - 122 Co. VIP



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Houston acronym
 - 5 Chic, 1960s-style
 - 8 Greenish-blue
 - 12 "Zounds!"
 - 13 Bobby of hockey
 - 14 Robust
 - 15 Clothing
 - 17 Vicinity
 - 18 Son of Poseidon
 - 19 Muffet's bugaboo
 - 21 Umenyiora of the NFL
 - 22 Back talk
 - 23 Doo follower
 - 26 Conclusion
 - 28 Sordid
 - 31 "Sad to say, ..."
 - 33 Workout site
 - 35 — gin fizz
 - 36 Canoe material
 - 38 Listener
 - 40 Chow down
 - 41 Conked out
 - 43 Tit for —
 - 45 Ball
 - 47 One
 - 51 Verve
 - 52 Twenty-one, for one
 - 54 Campus mil. grp.
 - 55 Gorilla
 - 56 Ms. Brockovich
 - 57 Church section
 - 58 CDs' forerunners
 - 59 Deteriorates
 - 6 Eye, poetically
 - 7 Frock
 - 8 Long recliners
 - 9 "Get rid of junk" event
 - 10 Sheltered
 - 11 Approach
 - 16 Got up
 - 20 Faux —
 - 23 Slight touch
 - 24 Foreman foe
 - 25 Construction protections
 - 27 Coloring agent
 - 29 Extinct bird
 - 30 Nevertheless
 - 32 "Nothing but perception," said Plato
 - 34 Ripens
 - 37 That woman
 - 39 McNally partner
 - 42 Transfer
 - 44 "Crouching —, Hidden Dragon"
 - 45 Antitoxins
 - 46 Drop heavily
 - 48 Poi base
 - 49 Send forth
 - 50 Lairs
 - 53 iPhone download
- DOWN**
- 1 Mr. Gingrich
 - 2 Gel in a Petri dish
 - 3 Ganges garment
 - 4 Supplement
 - 5 Lost in thought, maybe



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 X V T T E R P P L A Y A C T R
 C E X A C T O A Q R O A P M K
 A O V E R A C T C A R T S I D
 C C I H F P R A C T I C A L D
 T B T C A R T S B A R Z Y W V
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Abstract
- Bacteria
- Exact
- Playact
- Action
- Cataract
- Olfactory
- Practical
- Actors
- Compact
- Overact
- Subtract
- Actress
- Distract
- Pacts

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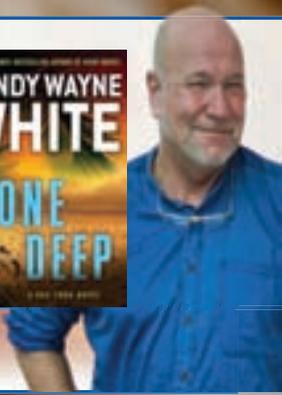
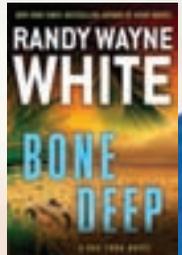


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