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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Senior students from Bishop Verot High School in Washington, DC

## Bishop Verot Students Make History, Memories At LEAD Conference In DC

Ten Bishop Verot Catholic High School seniors made history and memories when they landed in Washington, DC last month to participate in the LEAD 2014 Conference, hosted by the NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals). The conference provides opportunities for students from honor societies and student governments to learn about and facilitate leadership and team building.

Coupled with the various programs offered, students were given the opportunity of competing in an inaugural academic challenge. Over 112 schools from around the globe participated, with Bishop Verot fielding two teams of five students each. The competition was fearless, yet the Vikings landed both teams in the final four. In the end, one of those teams won first place, an accomplishment of which to be extremely proud. Winning a competition of this caliber is a testament to the dedication of both students and teachers at Bishop Verot. Countless hours are spent both in academic classrooms and co-curricular activities, shaping tomorrow's leaders. Yet, everyone involved recognized that the competition was but one facet of their trip.

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## Birding At Bunche Beach Offered

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of microinvertebrates. Waterfowl, raptors and warblers may also be seen.

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, March 29 from 8 to 10 a.m. Participants should meet on the beach, located in South Fort Myers off Summerlin Road; drive south of John Morris Road until it dead ends. Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water along with your curiosity and love of nature.

This event, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, is free with the parking fee of \$1 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). Restrooms are available in the building at the first parking lot.



Piping plover photo by Meg Rouser

For more information, call 707-3015 or visit [www.birdpatrol.org](http://www.birdpatrol.org).

## Davis Art Center Restoration Climbing Towards Completion



Davis Art Center building and light sculpture

After months of planning and permitting, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located in the downtown Fort Myers River District, restoration is rapidly progressing, including the construction of an exterior stair, a newly named lobby and the long-awaited Phase III renovations.

The first week of March, a giant pink Sim's crane (pink for Breast Cancer Awareness) was utilized to piece together the fire egress exterior staircase on the east side of the Davis Art Center. This emergency egress stair tower was the critical element

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Southwind Bluegrass Band

## Bluegrass Returns To The Alliance

Bluegrass returns to the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, March 30, when the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents three hours of live bluegrass music in the Foulds Theatre from 2 to 5 p.m. This month's show features Southwind Bluegrass, The John Stey Band and Banyan Bluegrass.

Tickets are \$7 at the door, or \$5 for Alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first served. Children 12 and

under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Visit [ArtInLee.org](http://ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787 for more information.

The Sunday afternoon concert series continues on April 13 with a special Southwest Florida performance by North Carolina based Nu-Blu. The young, energetic band's sound acknowledges the traditional institutions that have shaped it, yet is innovative and daring enough to bring a fresh sparkle to contemporary acoustic music. Visit their website at [www.nu-blu.com](http://www.nu-blu.com).

The Alliance is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# A&P At Heitman And Anderson

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



Opinions differ about which grocery store brought self-service shopping to Fort Myers for the first time, but evidence suggests it was the Groceteria on Hendry Street in the early 1920s, soon followed by the Piggly Wiggly in 1926.

But the A&P, too, was among the stores that pioneered the serve-yourself concept that we take for granted today.

By the time this 1942 photo was taken of the A&P, filling one's own shopping basket or cart with groceries was nothing new in town.

The store was located then on the northwest corner of Heitman Street and Anderson Avenue (now renamed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard), where it remained into the mid-1950s. Note the auto supply and tire service on Main Street visible in the far right of the photo.

The L-shaped, one-story A&P with eyebrow overhangs and rounded corners introduced a hint of Moderne architectural style to that corner of town.

Note the words "Super Market" framing the A&P logo over the store entrance. The term couldn't be more common today, but in 1942, it was still a relatively new word in grocery shopping.

A&P began in 1859 as the Great American Tea Company in New York City, selling tea, coffee and spices at bargain prices.

The company so prospered that it boasted nearly 16,000 locations by the early 1930s.

In 1936, the A&P opened the country's very first "supermarket" in Pennsylvania, and customers waited on themselves.

Today, we take for granted the freedom to roam a grocery store, compare prices, and leisurely choose our purchases.

But back when self-service began to replace counter service in Fort Myers, some customers had difficulty adjusting to not standing in line at the counter and telling a clerk which items to gather for them.



A bank now occupies the A&P's former spot

photo by Gerri Reaves

Much has changed at the A&P's 1942 location. Once the store vacated the building, the structure served other purposes for years to come. The grocery subsequently was at several other locations, including McGregor Boulevard and then Cleveland Avenue.

The building shown here was eventually demolished.

The street itself has changed too. For much of the town's history, Heitman stretched unimpeded from the city park and the river for many blocks south through residential neighborhoods.

It would have been a convenient walk to the corner A&P for residents on Heitman or for students at St. Francis Xavier Parochial School.

But today, not only is the A&P building gone, but so is the street between MLK Boulevard and Main.

Today the corner where customers once shopped for Eight O'Clock Coffee without the assistance of a clerk is one of the most cited sections of downtown, occupied by a formidable banking center and the south entrance to the Justice Center Complex.

Walk down to Heitman Street and imagine a one-story grocery store on the corner where a towering structure now stands.

Then walk the few blocks to 2031 Jackson Street, where you'll find the Southwest Florida Museum of History. See the exhibits and learn more about the history of Fort Myers' many grocery stores.

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In 1942, the A&P Supermarket stood on the northwest corner of Heitman and Anderson (now MLK, Jr. Boulevard)

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society (Dick Jungferman Collection)



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Fort Myers Public Art:

# Lovegrove Piece Added To Public Art Collection



by Tom Hall

**O**n February 19, Florida Gulf Coast University added a new painting to its public art collection. Titled *Remember 9-11 Tenth Year*. The work was rendered by Matlacha Island

expressionist/impressionist artist Leoma Lovegrove in a live performance in front of a standing-room-only crowd at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on September 11, 2011.

*Remember 9-11 Tenth Year* is a 10-by-18-foot acrylic painting depicting a bald eagle in flight against a field of bright orange and red. Beneath the eagle's talons are lists containing the names of the more than 3,000 victims who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, and in a barren field in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania, where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed following an attempt by passengers to regain control of the plane from four

hijackers.

Lovegrove created the work in front of a live audience at an emotional event held at the packed Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"It was a time to honor the heroes," Lovegrove explained at the February 19 dedication in Library West. "The eagle represents the power of America and that freedom will prevail."

Although Lovegrove does not characterize herself as a wildlife artist, many varieties of birds and fish have appeared in her vibrant artwork over the years.

"I've always painted the eagle, but never one this large," she said during the ceremony. The regal bird is not only a national symbol, it also serves as FGCU's mascot, which makes the university a natural home for the painting.

The gift grew from a conversation Lovegrove had last year with FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw at a reception where the painting was displayed.

"The eagle embodies a spirit of strength and freedom that we value at FGCU and instill in our students," Bradshaw said at the dedication. "Leoma Lovegrove's striking work of art is sure to inspire those who view it for many years to come."

Donations of artwork, as well as monetary gifts to the university, are administered by the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation. *Remember 9-11 Tenth Year* joins nearly 100 others artworks in the university's public art collection, which also includes such notable monu-



Detail of Leoma Lovegrove's *Remember 9-11 Tenth Year* includes names of the victims

mental sculptures as Albert Paley's *Cross Currents*, Robert Roesch's *Transition 2012*, Brower Hatcher's *Archway*, *Depend du Soleil* and *Whatever You Say Dear* by Mark Fuller, Clayton Swartz's *Skyward*, and *Verve* by fused glass artist Michele Gutlove.

Lovegrove also has public artworks in

the collections of the City of Fort Myers and Matlacha Island.

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](http://truetours.net).\*

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## Power Squadron Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron is offering another session of America's Boating Course on Saturday, April 5, from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Anyone born after January 1, 1988 must have passed a safe boating course and obtained a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 h.p. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, April 12.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable.

The cost of the course is \$45 with a \$20 fee for a second person sharing the instruction materials. The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road.

Students can register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call the office 466-4040.\*

## Lee County Summer Camps

Registration has started for the 2014 Summer Camp at Lee County Parks & Recreation. These camps draw thousands of youngsters throughout the region to programs, outings and activities at the department's traditional camps, teen camps and specialty camps.

Summer camp runs nine weeks – from June 9 through August 8.

"Historically, summer camp is the most sought-after program Lee County Parks & Recreation offers," said Deputy Director Dana Kasler.

Here's a tip from the registration desk: If you plan to register for camp at one of the four mega-recreation centers, you must obtain a facility membership first. This applies to the centers at Wa-Ke Hatchee, Estero, North Fort Myers and Veterans Park in Lehigh Acres.

This year again, people who register at least two weeks before the first day of the session for which they sign up will receive an early registration discount. For example, the price of traditional camp would be \$70 instead of \$75. Outdoor specialty camps this year will cost \$75 (except for Boca Grande, which is \$100).

Parents interested in swimming lessons can prepare to register soon. Those lessons and other summer aquatics programs begin to take enrollment on Tuesday, April 1.

Those looking for alternative transportation for their child this summer may obtain a LeeTran youth GO Pass.

Students can ride LeeTran to summer jobs or volunteer work, to summer school, sports practice, summer camp, community pools, the movies, shopping malls, the beach. It is available to full-time students 18 years or younger for \$35. The pass is good for unlimited travel on LeeTran buses and trolleys for the entire summer recess.

The pass can be purchased from April 21 through May 31 online at [www.rideleetrans.com](http://www.rideleetrans.com) or in person at the Rosa Parks Transportation Center, 2250 Widman Way, in downtown Fort Myers.

For summer camp registration and more information call 533-7275, or go online to [www.LeeParks.org](http://www.LeeParks.org). For LeeTran Go Pass information call 533-0303, or go online to [www.rideleetrans.com](http://www.rideleetrans.com).\*

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### Spring Training 2014

The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel is the spring training home of the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins. What could be better than beautiful spring days and great baseball? The destination makes it easy for fans to take advantage of all that it has to offer along with great accommodation deals for spring training. For a complete listing of packages, special rates and information on a spring training vacation at Florida's unspoiled island sanctuary, visit [www.FortMyersSanibel.com](http://www.FortMyersSanibel.com).

For Red Sox tickets and package information, visit [www.redsox.com](http://www.redsox.com) or call 334-4700 or 877-RED-SOXX.

For Twins tickets and package information, go to [www.twinsbaseball.com](http://www.twinsbaseball.com) or call 800-33-TWINS.

### Fort Myers Beach Film Festival

Back for its eighth year, the Fort Myers Beach Film Festivals attracts independent film fans, filmmakers and distributors to spend four days on the Gulf of Mexico at Fort Myers Beach. The film festival – held April 23 to 27 – offers the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new

contacts and enjoy compelling and interesting films for a wide range of tastes. Events are presented for all ages and area accommodations offer special rates and packages to support this international celebration of independent filmmaking. For a list of films, locations, schedule and other event details, visit [www.fmbfilmfest.com](http://www.fmbfilmfest.com).

### World's Richest Tarpon Tournament

Encouraging conservation, education and sportsmanship, this two-day tournament includes up to four anglers per team who will be competing for thousands in cash and prizes. Competitors will follow procedures designed for quick releases and the post-release welfare of all tarpon. Winners will be determined by the highest total number of tarpon successfully released. While competition heats up in Boca Grande Pass and the Gulf of Mexico on May 15 and 16, there will be plenty of family-friendly fun and excitement in downtown Boca Grande as sponsors exhibit their products and conduct demonstrations and promotions, along with a wide variety of art vendors, live music performances, the Mote Mobile Aquarium, entertaining and educational lectures by some of today's leading fishery experts and scientists, plus food and beverages. In addition, the Gasparilla Island Kids Classic Tarpon Tournament will take place on May 17.

For more information, visit [www.worldsrichesttarpon.com](http://www.worldsrichesttarpon.com).

### MangoMania Tropical Fruit Fair

The mango is the star attraction for two days each summer on Pine Island. Go wild for fruit as you sample locally-grown delicacies at this annual affair, an unusual celebration of all the tropical fruit grown on the island, which includes

lychee, carambola, longan, papaya and "chocolate pudding fruit." Fruit, exotic fruit trees, and fruit-related products are available for purchase. The festival, held on July 13 and 14 at the German-American Social Club, 2101 Pine Island Road, also offers live music, kids' activities and rides. Check [www.mangomaniafl.com](http://www.mangomaniafl.com) or call 283-4842 for hours and details.

### Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

The inaugural Island Hopper Songwriter Fest will bring nationally-acclaimed singer-songwriters to the islands of Captiva and Fort Myers Beach during fall 2014. Presented by BMI, along with iHeartRadio, Cat Country 107.1 and The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, the festival will take place over two weekends, September 26 to 28 on Captiva and October 3 to 6 on Fort Myers Beach, at popular island venues free of charge. With dozens of free shows to select from, attendees will have the unique opportunity to experience the voices, back stories and personalities of the artists in intimate island settings. Visit [www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/island-hopper](http://www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/island-hopper) for more details.

### 25th Annual "Ding" Darling Days

Held from October 19 to 25, "Ding" Darling Days include a week of eco-activities with free refuge tram tours, live wildlife presentations, kids activities, Federal Duck Stamp artist presentation, art day, family day and more. Birding and kayaking tours, environmental speakers, a nature photography contest and the Junior Duck Stamp Awards will fill the week with environmental activities for all ages. The festival celebrates the birthday of the refuge's namesake, conservationist and Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist Jay N. "Ding" Darling. The event

kicks off with Family Fun Day on October 19. For detailed schedule, visit [www.ding-darlingdays.com](http://www.ding-darlingdays.com) or call 472-1100.

### 29th Annual Oktoberfest

Hosted by the German-American Club from October 17 to 19 and 24 to 26, this huge celebration includes German culture, food, music and dancing. Highlights include authentic live entertainment with large musical groups from Germany, along with enough German food and beer to make anyone do the "Chicken Dance." There is also a carnival area for kids. Call 283-1400 or visit [www.capecoraloktoberfest.com](http://www.capecoraloktoberfest.com) for schedule and ticket information.

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Sun Splash Family Water Park

The Cape Coral CoCoNut Festival celebrates Cape Coral's reputation for coconuts, multi-cultural food, boating, fishing and wildlife. The festival – held on November 6 to 9 at Sun Splash Family Water Park – will feature a national musical act, gymnastic entertainment, carnival rides, water-ski shows, tropical food, contests, coconut crafts, fireworks and more. Visit [www.cocofest.com](http://www.cocofest.com) or call 573-3121 for a complete schedule.

### Sanibel Island Writers Conference

Participants at all stages of development, from notebook scribbles to published novelists, are invited to attend workshops in fiction, poetry, songwriting, children's literature, journalism, screenwriting, creative nonfiction, publishing and editing, along with nightly readings and concerts. All scheduled events are presented by celebrated and experienced writers and teachers, and are open to full-time registrants. The conference – held from November 6 to 9 – welcomes any aspiring writer who wants to create new work or refine a project already in progress. The keynote address will be presented by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo. Call 590-7421 or visit [www.fgcu.edu/SIWC/about.html](http://www.fgcu.edu/SIWC/about.html) for registration details, schedule and costs.

### American Sand Sculpting

#### Championships

Come join the fun on Fort Myers Beach for the 28th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship and Beach Festival, returning on November 21 to 30. Sponsored by the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, this fun-filled event will include world-class master sand sculptors, a state championship contest, amateur contest, quick sand speed sculpting, sand sculpting demonstrations and lessons, chain saw art, flying colors, a kids activity area with bounce houses and slides, and more than 60 vendors. Scheduled for 10 days this year, the first week will include the Master Solos and Amateur divisions. The second week includes the Master Doubles and State Championship divisions. Call 454-7500 or visit [www.fmbandsculpting.com](http://www.fmbandsculpting.com) for schedule details.

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## HORTOONS





Junior League members

## Junior League And Childcare Of Southwest Florida Host Fair For Kids

The Junior League of Fort Myers recently hosted Kids in the Kitchen, a kid-friendly fair that shared information about the importance of eating healthy while living an active lifestyle. Held at the Edison State College Child Care Center in Fort Myers, with help from the staff of Child Care of Southwest Florida, the event featured activity stations related to general health, food and nutrition, exercise and fitness, and agriculture. A healthy lunch was provided to the roughly 75 children who participated.

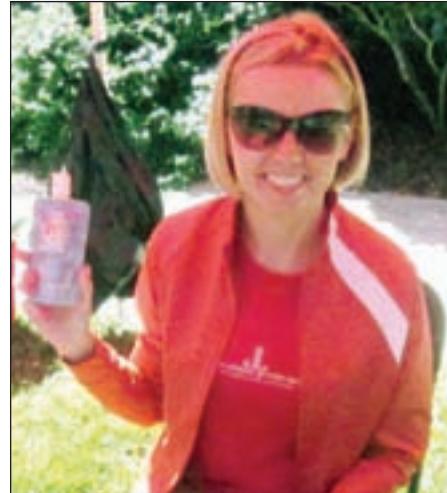
"Kids in the Kitchen is a fun way for kids to learn to make good choices about food," said Anita Duenas, Junior League of Fort Myers president. "We want to help children become aware that what they eat impacts their body and their health. Creating a fun education process is key."

The Junior League launched the Kids in the Kitchen initiative nationally in 2006. Junior Leagues in more than 200 locations provide lessons and demonstrations with the goal of engaging kids and their parents in healthy lifestyle choices.

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Jennifer Hamilton, Shami Kelly and Kasey Albright



Bonnie Shimko offers sunscreen



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Alliance for Arts in Fort Myers has a great weekend planned for movie and music lovers. Pictured are the members of the Southwind Bluegrass band.

**A**lliance for the Arts has a fun weekend in store for movie and music lovers alike.

On Friday at 8 p.m., **Outdoor Family Movie Night** returns with *Despicable Me 2*. Pack your blankets, lawn chairs, picnic baskets and coolers and come watch this funny and heartwarming film under the stars with your family and friends. A suggested \$5 donation helps ensure continued free family programming at the Alliance.

On Sunday, the **Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida** presents three hours of live bluegrass music in the Foulds Theatre. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 2 p.m. This month's show features Southwind Bluegrass, The John Stey Band and Banyan Bluegrass. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$5 for Alliance members (children under 12 are admitted free if accompanied by an adult). Seating is first come, first served.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, just south of Colonial Boulevard. For more information, call 939-ARTS (2787) or go to [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org).

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the **Laboratory Theater of Florida** presents *The Graduate* by Terry Johnson. Showtime is 8 p.m. each evening and tickets are \$20 or \$12 for students with a valid ID.

The play, popularized by the Mike Nichols' movie, tells the story of college graduate Benjamin Braddock who becomes embroiled in an affair with the wife of his father's business partner. Benjamin and Mrs. Robinson conduct their torrid affair amidst the watchful eyes of her daughter, Elaine, with whom Benjamin eventually falls in love.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue, Fort



*Lynx* at its new winter home at Nervous Nellie's in Fort Myers Beach. Tours are available.

Myers. For tickets, call 218-0481 or go to [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).

Spring has sprung which means the season's fruits and vegetables are reaching their peak of ripeness. Lee county boasts several **farmers markets** that offer chemical-free and organic produce, along with fresh baked goods, native plants and all-natural products. Support area farmers and practice good eating habits at these locations:

**Thursday:** The River District Farmers Market, under the US 41 Caloosahatchee bridge, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruit, vegetables, local honey, bread, seafood, barbecue, flowers and plants. It is open year-round. Call 321-7100 or go to [www.cityftmyers.com](http://www.cityftmyers.com).

**Friday:** Fort Myers Beach Farmers Market, under the Matanzas Bridge between Second and Third streets, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. until April, rain or shine. Fruits and vegetables, flowers, seafood, baked goods, snack foods and plants. Call 765-0202 or go to [www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov](http://www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov).

Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May. Fruits, vegetables, breads, honey, soaps, jams and seafood. Call 533-7275.

**Saturday:** GreenMarket at Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard near the Colonial intersection. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. An exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. Live entertainment by local musicians and fun activities for kids. It is open year-round. Call 939-2787 or go to [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org).

Cape Coral Chamber Farmers Market in Club Square, downtown Cape Coral, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May. Locally grown produce, native plants, fresh gulf seafood, live music/entertainment and informative community presentations. Call 549-6900 or go to [www.capecoralfarmersmarket.com](http://www.capecoralfarmersmarket.com).

**Sunday:** Sanibel Island Farmers Market, 800 Dunlop Road (City Hall, next to the library), 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May. Call Crystal Mansell at 472-3700.

**Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** in Fort Myers Beach is a casual restaurant with a fun-loving staff. It boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, sandwiches and entrées. Just upstairs from Nellie's is Ugly's Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier. Enjoy happy hour all day, every day at Ugly's. Go to Nellie's website for a schedule of musicians.

While relaxing on Nellie's expansive waterfront patio, enjoy the view of the historic *Lynx*, scheduled to winter at Nellie's Snug Harbour to April 20. Tours are also available that allow visitors to climb aboard and step back in time to relive history and feel the adventure of a vanished age of sail. Tickets for Sailaway Cruises are also available.

Whether you arrive by land or sea, parking for patrons of Nellie's and Ugly's is free. If you are traveling by boat, marine dockage is available with dock attendant's assistance. The GPS coordinates are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street at the historic Fort Myers Beach Seaport. It is open for lunch, dinner and snacks in between. Call 463-8077 or go to [www.nervousnellies.net](http://www.nervousnellies.net).\*



The Calendar Girls

## Performance Salutes Marines

**T**he Calendar Girls had the Brotherhood of Marine Corps Riders dancing in the halls as they performed their Peace, Love & Puppies program at the biker friendly Victory Lane Cafe on Saturday, March 22. The Marine Corps Rider's Semper Fi fund takes care of wounded marines and their families.

For more information [www.calendargirlsflorida.com](http://www.calendargirlsflorida.com).\*

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12984 S. Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers. Call 433-4449.

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www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org  
239-481-2099

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Pastor: Barry Lentz, 281-3063  
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers  
Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz  
433-7708, E-mail: rabbi@chabadswf.org  
Web site: www.chabadswf.org  
Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday  
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An ecumenical non-denominational com-  
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Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Website: www.taecc.com

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937  
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Senior Pastor  
Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus.  
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### CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend.  
Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening  
Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer

Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-3233. www.clpc.us.

Clint Cottrell, pastor

Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m.,  
Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11  
a.m. Summer: Prayer Service 8 a.m.  
Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
482-1250,  
8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service  
9:30 a.m. Praise Service  
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6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers,  
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p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Nursery care for pre-school children and  
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at each service.

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15690 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, 482-2030  
Pastor: David Stauffer.  
Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;  
Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The  
church is ½ mile past the intersection of  
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2390 West First Street, next door to Edison  
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Sunday Morning Service and Sunday  
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Testimony Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Child care  
provided at all services. Visit our Reading  
Room for quiet study at: 2281 First Street,  
River District. www.time4thinkers.com,  
www.christiansciencefortmyers.com,  
www.christianscience.com

### FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13545 American Colony Boulevard  
off Daniels Parkway in the Colony,  
Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6  
p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in the Downtown Fort Myers River District  
2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-332-1152, www.fumcftmyers.org  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School  
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10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
5 p.m. Youth Program

### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330  
Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

### FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,  
482-3133. Philip White, pastor  
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.  
Church School: 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

### IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-  
4778 The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler,  
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Weekly services:

Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing  
Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;  
9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing  
and Church School

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in

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with Healing. Child care available at  
Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
services.

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881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143  
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Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard,  
Fort Myers, 218-8343  
Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman  
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All are welcome.

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Penniman, associate pastor

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10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional

8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God's  
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239-985-8503

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.

7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

### NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers  
Pastor Eddie Spencer

8 & 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

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8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday School

Youth and Children's programming runs  
concurrent to Sunday services.

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274-1230. For more information visit:

www.newhopefortmyers.org

### PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Countdown to Worship (praise music):

10:10 AM

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Phone 267-7400 Fax 267-7407

Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com

e-mail: peace1265@aol.com

### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship at 9:30am.

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15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers

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www.peaceftmyers.com,

peace@peaceftmyers.com.

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143

8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services

Daily early learning center/day care  
**RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
21580 River Ranch Rd, Estero  
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### SAINT COLUMBKILLE

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, off  
McGregor and north of Gladiolus.  
489-3973 Father Joseph Clifford.

Weekly masses:

Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.

Weekend masses: Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.;

Sunday: 7, 9, 11, and 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation is available at the church on

Saturdays at noon and by appointment

### SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

3049 Mcgregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,  
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Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

### SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

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3595 Broadway, Fort Myers,  
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a.m. Phone for other dates & times.  
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3751 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach,  
239-463-4251, www.stpeterfmb.com.  
Sundays 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Holy  
Communion celebrated in each service.  
Coffee fellowship between services.

### SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Church and Bookstore: 111 Evergreen  
Road (southwest corner of Evergreen  
Road and Gail Street.) Liturgical services  
conducted in English and Church Slavonic;  
following the Julian (Old) Calendar.

Liturgical Services: Sundays and Holy

Days: Hours at 9:30 a.m. Holy Liturgy at

10 a.m. Call to confirm service schedule:

239-997-2847; Bookstore: 239-691-1775

or visit www.saintnicholasmonastery.org.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC

### COMMUNITY

13031 Palm Beach Blvd (3 miles east of  
I75) East Fort Myers (across from Ft Myers  
Shores) 239 693 0818

Weekday masses: 9 a.m. Tuesday-Friday

Weekend masses: 4 p.m. Saturday

Sunday 9 & 11 a.m. All Are Welcome!

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

16940 McGregor Boulevard,  
Fort Myers, 454-3336

Robert G. Kasten, Pastor

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.

Nursery available

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Junior Church grades one to five

Wee Church Pre-K to K

Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Rd. 433-0018.

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

E-mail: rabbi.barras@templebethel.com

Cantorial soloist: Lawrence Dermer

Temple educator: Dale Cohen, MaEd, RJE

Shabbat Services, Friday, 6:15 p.m.

Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

Religious Education; Sunday School and

Midweek classes, Preschool Classes,  
Monday through Friday Web site: www.

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## Churches/Temples

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### TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan: Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings Services: Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Web site: www.tjswfl.org

### THE NEW CHURCH

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

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. For information on all church events call 561-2700 or visit [www.uucfm.org](http://www.uucfm.org).

### UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

Family Service 10 to 11 a.m. Healing Circle 11 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m. Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic music, meditation in a loving environment. Service held at 28285 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs. Call 947-3100.

### UNITY OF FORT MYERS

11120 Ranchette Rd, Fort Myers Sunday Services 9:15 and 11 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11 a.m. Reverend Jim Rosemergy. Our God is Love, Our religion is Oneness, Our Race is Human. 239-278-1511, [www.unityoffortmyers.org](http://www.unityoffortmyers.org).

### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125 Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Blended Worship [www.westminsterfortmyers.org](http://www.westminsterfortmyers.org)

### WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881; Services: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert Pastor Peter Weeks Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional; 10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Contemporary. Children's Sunday School, Adult /Teen Bible Classes, 10 a.m.\*

## Torah Study At Temple Judea

On Thursday, April 3 at noon, Temple Judea's Rabbi Sack begins a one-hour Torah study that includes an open discussion of Torah and Judaism where all levels of background and all questions are encouraged.

The session is held on the first Thursday of the month at the office of Myers, Brettholtz & Company, 12671 Whitehall Drive, Fort Myers. Bring a chumash if you have one.

Rabbi Sack will bring the text for the session.

For more information, call 433-0201 or send an email to [tjswfl@gmail.com](mailto:tjswfl@gmail.com).\*



Too Tall Torrie high fives a visitor

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## Fair For Kids

Edison State College Child Care Center is one of six accredited centers in Lee and Hendry counties where Child Care of Southwest Florida provides early-childhood education, voluntary pre-kindergarten and Head Start programs. Dedicated to the premise that kindergarten is too late, the center's professionals work to ready children for school success. Research shows that high quality early-childhood education reduces dropout rates, teen pregnancy and arrests.\*

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## A&P

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [museumofhistory.org](http://museumofhistory.org). Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

If you're a fan of local history, be sure to visit 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.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, [aptea.com](http://aptea.com), and [npr.org](http://npr.org).\*

## Lee County Boater's Guide

Lee County is distributing the latest print edition of the Lee County Boater's Guide to area libraries, boat dealers, tackle shops and other marine-related businesses. The guide – available now – is the most comprehensive navigational and resource guide for local boaters and visitors. It is free and includes resource information, boating tips and regulations as well as contact information for local, state and federal agencies.

In addition to the print version, the Lee County Boater's Guide is available on the web and as a mobile phone application. The application is available free on Google Play and the iTunes store. The boating app is free and will be updated to

reflect the changes to the print version.

The Boater's Guide and the mobile applications were designed by Pearl, a Lee County-based creative advertising and digital agency, and were funded by a grant from the West Coast Inland Navigation District. Lee County Natural Resources Marine Program staff members coordinate the information and produce the guide.

To learn how you can obtain copies of the seventh edition, contact Natural Resources' Justin McBride at 533-8109 or [jmcbride@leegov.com](mailto:jmcbride@leegov.com). To access the Boaters Guide online, visit [www.lee-county.com](http://www.lee-county.com) and click on "departments" and Natural Resources. For maps of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, Lee County's canoe and kayak trail, visit [www.calusablueway.com](http://www.calusablueway.com) or download the mobile phone app.\*

# Community Thrift Store Spring Fling

Monday, April 7 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

Join us for an **Easter Bonnet Contest!** There will be prizes awarded for the following categories: Best Tea Party, Most Outrageous, and Pure 5th Avenue. Plus, guests will receive special discounts off already well-priced items. You won't want to miss this fun and crafty event!



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15501 Old McGregor Blvd., Suite 2, Fort Myers, FL 33908

# Good Spring Action Is Here... Almost



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**W**indy weather made things a little tough early this week. Strong east winds in the mornings switched and gave us a strong sea breeze by the afternoon.

Churned up dirty water throughout our area finally began to clear up and the fishing in the open sound picked right back up.

Grass flats in the three- to five-foot range provided anglers with the best action and a good mixed bag of trout, ladyfish, jacks and bigger Spanish mackerel. Slow moving tides made redfish and snook action a little slower than it has

been it was still possible to get a quality fish here and there if you put in the time and effort.

Tide or no tide, fishing the grass flats was hands down the best bite in town. Live shrimp or small shiners fished on a jig head under a popping cork caught fish when fishing was just just plain slow anywhere else. Several trips this week we started out on the flats catching fish after fish then moving on to what I thought would be bigger and better things. Luckily, after not finding much else going on, we targeted another flat and the almost non-stop fish action continued.

Limits of sea trout came pretty easily most days out on the flats although there are still lots of under sized trout in the mix. The bigger trout I caught this week came during the low incoming tides fishing the deeper creek mouths that feed the "Ding" Darling refuge. Although snook were the target species while fishing these creeks with live shiners, the explosive top water hits of trout to 24 inches did not disappoint. Live shiners really light up these creeks with snook, mangrove snapper and jacks all crashing the party.

Redfish action on the poor moving

morning tides this week was pretty slow with the few redfish we caught all taken while soaking cut bait. The good news was that they were all good sized fish ranging from 25 to 29 inches; the bad news was it was only one or two a trip.

Two trips in a row this week we caught a big redfish within 10 minutes of anchoring up then after working the same shoreline for almost another hour we could not get another one and moved on to the fast-paced flats action.

One real plus this week was the fact the shiners are getting easier to catch. Spring marks the time of year that our area is bombarded with these baitfish. Seeing bait in the sound is a sure sign our fishing is getting really close to being as good as it gets all year. With most of the bait on the causeway bridges being on the larger size I have been going out on the grass flats and chumming for shiners. It seems the ideal sized shiners are the three-inch models. A live well full of these



Tom Mahoney with a 26-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

perfect pilchards means a great day of fishing action. Until this point, catching the bait has been harder than catching fish.

Every week as we get closer and closer to that magic mid to upper 70s water temperature and our snook bite really goes off, we get another cold front and we are right back to square one. This looks like it will be the case yet again with at least one or two more cold fronts heading our way in the 10-day forecast.

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](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).\*

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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**CROW Case Of The Week:**

# Northern Gannet

by Patricia Molloy



**A** lethargic northern gannet (*Morus bassanus*) was recently discovered lying on the sand in obvious distress. It was rescued and driven to CROW, where Dr. Heather immediately found an abscess on its right shoulder area. Concerned that there was a more serious underlying problem with the patient, the hospital director ordered radiographs to be performed. The result: a fishhook was lodged in the bird's ventriculus, also known as the gizzard.

The northern gannet is a spectacular migratory seabird that winters in coastal waters in Florida and occasionally Texas. As the only northern member of the booby family, northern gannets are among the only bird species in the world to possess binocular vision, meaning they are able to see forward with both eyes. Graceful, fast-flying birds, they can glide just above the ocean's surface for hours at a time. Gannets are also powerful plunge-divers capable of diving up to 72 feet in pursuit of shoaling pelagic fish.

"He needs to go to surgery ASAP," said Dr. Heather of the ailing bird.

For 24 to 72 hours, the gannet will require supportive care: antibiotics, pain medication and light exercise in the form of daily tub time. Additionally, it is tube fed Piscivore Care (a liquid formula specifically designed for fish eaters) and fish analog, pellets that serve as an alternative to frozen fish.

"You just pop (the pellets) in their mouths and they swallow them. Gannets are not hard to force feed. They are great when you feel like a patient needs a break from digesting whole, hard prey. But neither one are ideal for long-term maintenance diets in terms of keeping enough weight on these seabirds," Dr. Heather said.

Once she is confident that the gannet is strong enough to survive general anaesthesia, the hook will be removed. In the meantime, the wound on its wing is flushed daily with diluted iodine. "The abscess is resolving on its own, but when he's in surgery, I will take a look more deeply to see if anything else needs to be done. But the main reason he needs to go to surgery is to have the hook removed," she said.

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It will take four to five years before the plumage of this northern gannet, patient #0361, turns snowy white with jet-black wingtips

CROW's veterinary staff and students, the prognosis for the northern gannet is promising. After surgery, patient #0361 is expected to make a full recovery within 10 days and be returned to its home on Sanibel's pristine white beaches.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife

hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our local area. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).\*

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thrives in dry sunny conditions.

The five- or seven-sided stems sport one-inch thorns, making it a good security plant. It can grow as high as three feet, but dwarf hybrids are available, including ones with soft spines.

It is also called the Christ plant or Christ thorn because it reputedly crowned Christ's head during the crucifixion.

The leathery leaves capable of storing water make it drought-tolerant. Foliage is sparse because only the newer leaves tend to remain on the plant, arranged spirally near the branch ends.

This low-maintenance year-round bloomer is popular in South Florida. Pairs of bright red rounded bracts cup inconspicuous yellow flowers. Pink, yellow, white, salmon, and orange cultivars have also been developed.

Crown-of-thorns tolerates salt spray and salty soil in moderation. It prefers full sun and well-drained sandy soil but will grow in partial shade too.

It will suffer from being over-fertilized or over-watered, so avoid planting it near sprinklers.

Broken stems and leaves exude a milky sap that can be irritating to the skin if contacted or poisonous if ingested.

The fruit, which rarely forms in Florida, splits open when ripe.

Sources: *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, [iifas.ufl.edu](http://iifas.ufl.edu), [floridasnature.com](http://floridasnature.com), and [florida-data.com](http://florida-data.com).

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Bright red bracts and tiny flowers top the succulent's thorny stems

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## Crown-Of-Thorns

by Gerri Reaves

Crown-of-thorns (*Euphorbia milii*) is a member of the spurge family and native to Madagascar.

This slow-growing succulent is commonly used as a border, in mass plantings, and as a pot plant. It's particularly suited for rock and cactus gardens because it



Crown-of-thorns thrives in dry sunny conditions

photos by Gerri Reaves



Blandine Saintvil gives out samples of organic salsa during the Edison State College Collier Campus' GreenFest Student Days event

## Chemistry Class Grows Rooftop Organic Garden

Take a look out on the second-floor balcony of the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall at the Edison State College Collier Campus, and you might find something surprising – an organic garden.

The garden was started by Edison State College Chemistry Professor Dr. Lisa McGarity and her organic chemistry

students. Each year, the class builds its own garden, picking which plants, fruits and vegetables to grow.

"The students choose what they'd like to plant," said Dr. McGarity. "We try different plants each year, and we often find that some plants grow better than others. One of the favorites though is peppers. Some studies have shown that there's a chemical in hot peppers that creates a trigger to kill cancer cells, so this always seems to appeal to the students."

Naples Botanical Garden and Lowe's Home Improvement helped by donating flowers and a decorative fountain.



The organic garden grows on the second-floor balcony of the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall at the Edison State College Collier Campus

So, what exactly is organic gardening? "Organic gardening is simply gardening without the use of fertilizer and pesticides," said Blandine Saintvil, organic chemistry student. "Instead of fertilizer, we use chicken poop. Everything seems to grow faster and just tastes better. Plus, it holds water really well, so you only have to water it once a week."

This year's class took the project one step further and created a book to highlight what they've grown in the garden. Each entry features a picture and details the characteristics of each plant, its scientific name and origins, how it grows best,

and even its vitamin content. The book is kept near the garden, so students and visitors have a guide to follow.

"The students' favorite part of the project is the end of each growing season," Dr. McGarity said. "They get to harvest all of the vegetables and make a tasty salsa."

To learn more about organic gardening, visit the 6th annual GreenFest Expo, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 22, at the Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples.✽



The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center's completed ceiling

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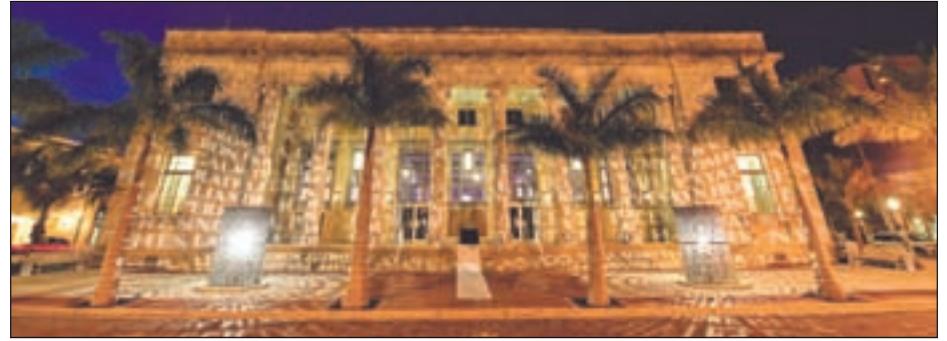
## Davis Art Center Restoration

for getting the upper floors through plan review and permitting with the City Building and Fire Departments as well as the Historical Review Commission.

The aluminum staircase was custom fabricated and assembled by Valentine's Glass and Metal. "We are humbled to be a part of this project. Our company has something downtown that will hopefully

be there when my grandkids are here," owner Greg Valentine said. "It is exciting to be able to look at the stairs at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center or the railing in the Fort Myers River District and know Valentine's Glass & Metal did the job."

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center sits on property once home to the original fort of "Fort Myers." In 1933, the 23,000-square-foot building opened as a U.S. Post Office and was converted into a federal courthouse in the 1960s. Eventually, it was vacated in 1998 after



The front facade of the building at night with lights



Stairs being installed

a new courthouse was built nearby. The vacant building suffered deterioration from water infiltration adding to great wear from public use and deferred maintenance while it was serving the community. Previous restoration of the Art Center has included stabilization of the building, a complete asbestos and mold abatement, and the installation of a new roof, as well as restoration and conversion of the first floor into multipurpose gallery and performance space, and restoration of the elevator.

Phase III is supported by a Cultural Facilities grant from the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs. Highlights of this phase of construction include the recently completed restoration of the ceilings in the east and west lobbies, the new four-story exterior emergency egress stair tower, a catering kitchen, an artist's lounge and dressing area on the mezzanine floor, and a new gallery, classrooms, and administrative offices on the second floor. Inside on the ground level,

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## Alliance Accepting Summer Camp Scholarship Applications

The Alliance for the Arts is now accepting scholarship applications for its award winning summer arts camp. Scholarships are awarded based on need for pre-K through 6th grade students. Submission of a formal application is required for a child to be considered for a full or partial scholarship.

This is the 26th year the Alliance has offered the camp, which features nine themed weeks that engage kids in visual and performing arts in a fun and interactive environment. To download the scholarship application, or learn more about Summer Arts Camp at the Alliance, visit [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787.

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

## Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Events Calendar

Marvin Gralnick's Closing Party and Sonic Combine Concert is scheduled for Friday, March 28 with cocktails 7 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Sonic Combine performs original progressive, electronic, acoustic, art music and sound timbres on metal sculptures, electronic instruments, world flutes and Theremin. Their abstract sound is not always musical, sometimes discordant, sometimes beautiful, often powerful, and always evocative. Sonic Combine consists of long-time friends, Lawrence Voytek, Kat Epple and Laurence Getford.

### April Calendar

Friday, April 4

Art Walk - ArtPoems, free, 6 to 10 p.m. A collaboration which inspires 12 artists and 12 poets to create new work based on the exchange of one artwork and one poem by each participant.

ArtPoems culminates in a stage performance incorporating art, poetry, music and dance. Created and produced by Lorraine Walker Williams with co-chair Joe Pacheco. Exhibit through April 25.

Thursday, April 10 - Connect Networking, second Thursday of every month with guest speakers, raffle prizes and appetizers, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; \$6

general admission/\$25 promotional table.

April guest speaker, Kimberly Powers, topic, Recognizing the Hero within. Connect Networking is open to the community as a whole is a positive, encouraging and motivating gathering where people can get to know each other, expand business and personal relationships, and connect in their community.

Friday, April 18

American Virtuosi Concert, tickets in advance \$20, at the door \$25.

The American Virtuosi Chamber Concert, returning for a fifth season, will feature the music of the great masters combined with the talent of some of the world's leading concert artists. The group includes violinists Peter Winograd and Caterina Szepes, cellist Andres Diaz, violist Jim Griffith and pianist Wendy Chen.

Saturday, April 19

American Virtuosi Dinner, an evening of gourmet food, wine, and world-class entertainment with music from renowned classical musicians, including violinists Peter Winograd and Caterina Szepes; cellist Andres Diaz; violist and CEO of the Davis Art Center, Jim Griffith; and pianist Wendy Chen. Tickets, \$125

Thursday, April 24

Art & Poetry Networking, fourth Thursday of every month, 8 p.m. \$10 admission. This monthly event showcases the best art and poetry Southwest Florida has to offer. All mediums of art are represented as well as all forms of poetry and prose. Music, spoken word, prose,

paintings, mixed media and crafts are all highlighted during the events. Attendees have a chance to network with other like-minded people and expand the reach of the artistic community.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers, phone 333-1933 or visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).\*

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## Fort Myers Fare

### NERVOUS NELLIE'S CRAZY WATERFRONT EATERY

Nervous Nellie's is a casual, family-fun restaurant that boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. Dine in air-conditioned comfort or outside on Nellie's expansive waterfront patio. Live music. Happy hour all day. Grab a bite to eat or drink and swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area's premier musical talent.

Just upstairs from Nellie's is Ugly's Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier, and happy hour is all day, every day.

Whether you arrive by land or sea, parking for patrons of Nellie's and Ugly's is free. The GPS coordinates are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W.

1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach at the historic Fort Myers Beach Seaport. Call 463-8077.\*

## More Than 30 Artists Taking Part In Spring Affair

Alliance for the Arts and Bell Tower Shops are partnering for 3rd annual Spring Art Affair on Saturday, March 29.

More than 30 artists will present their work at the Bell Tower Shops. The free outdoor art fair features a wide variety of mediums, including oil, acrylic and mixed media painting, photography, custom jewelry, furniture and hand woven baskets.

Participating local artists include Art by Kids with Cancer, Jane Baker, Ademir Borges, Maureen Compagnoni, Sherry Diaz, DLynne Designs, Eaton Designs, Zdenka Fiala, Lucia Garcia, Katie Gardenia, Larry Garland, Mario Gonzalez, Victoria Hubacz, KB Spirit Designs, Kathy Kuser, Ernie Maier, Me and Mathilda, Sherry Moesch, Glory Mooberry, Michael Moukios, Carmen Munoz, Kelly Muselman, Douglas Patterson, Terry Stone, Stanley Timson, Andrea Trank, Chris Young and Vilela Jewels and Art.

Artists will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Live music will be provided by Patchouli Duo. Visit [ArtInLee.org](http://ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787 to learn more.\*



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## Visitors Celebrate Annual Festivals

This popular event draws visitors from all over the world as they join local residents to celebrate the season. Three miles of luminary candles line Periwinkle Way from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Sanibel Island on December 5 and December 6 on Captiva Island. Businesses are decorated for the holidays with 2,000 candles illuminating the island pathways, storefronts and homes. Call 472-1080 or visit [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org) for more details.

### Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights at the Estates reflect the many contributions of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and their families. Discover the fun of a bygone era and make this a holiday tradition for your family. It was chosen by the editors of 10 Best for *USA Today* as one of the Historic Homes for the Holidays, which also included The White House, Mount Vernon, Monticello and the Biltmore in North Carolina.

The event is a "must see" holiday tradition in Southwest Florida. During the holidays, the homes and gardens of Thomas and Mina Edison and Henry and Clara Ford are seasonally decorated and visitors have the option of a self-guided tour or a guided tour with a historian. Holiday Nights includes evening entertainment by school and community groups, book signings and appearances by artists, plus the "Children's Tree Trail," a forest of trees. See [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org) for admission and details.

### Captiva Holiday Village

Joyful sights and sounds will fill the beaches, bays and lanes of this quaint and cozy village throughout the month of December. Packed with holiday activities for everyone in the family, this event includes nightly entertainment, tree lightings, Junkanoo Parade, Santa visits, decorated boat and golf cart parades, musical performances, fireworks and much more. Check out [www.captivaholidayvillage.com](http://www.captivaholidayvillage.com) for details and a complete schedule.

The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel in Southwest Florida includes Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Boca Grande & Outer islands, North Fort Myers and Lehigh Acres.✪

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## Davis Art Center Restoration

automatic entry doors to the Sheppard & Woolslair Lobby handicap ramp will be installed. Additionally, the east lobby will open an auxiliary ticket booth and a new ADA-compliant restroom. The Art Center is proud to announce that the east lobby has been named the Barfield-Bremner Lobby, given by Eunice Bremner and Alexandra Bremner in honor of Berne Davis' 100th birthday.

On the upper floor, the new Capital Gallery is being transformed from a series of dreary mid-60s government offices into a multipurpose space able to be used for exhibits, visual and performing arts education, recitals, plays and other group events. Theatrical and gallery lighting,

along with new quartz flooring to complement the original marble and terrazzo, is being installed. Two new classroom spaces, one designated for a music and film production studio, and the other for visual arts education, along with new offices and two historic bathrooms are also located on the upper floor. Phase III is slated for completion this spring.

Phase IV, for the new Rooftop Reception area and Sculpture Garden, will begin immediately after completion of Phase III. This plan also includes design of a two-level rooftop with an elevator landing and a star bar. One level will feature an outdoor sculpture garden and the other will serve as a reception area. Kingsley-Parker Construction is the general contractor orchestrating the completion of the final phases of construction.

In 2003, Florida Arts, Inc., the operator of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art

Center, acquired a 99-year lease on the building from the City of Fort Myers. They agreed to meld the past with the future by restoring the building to its original magnificence and creating a modern, multi-purpose arts facility. Through grant funding and private donations, including a lead gift from the building's namesakes Sidney & Berne Davis, nearly 10,000 square feet of the building has been restored to date which continuously provides world-class arts programming to the community. Upon completion, the 23,000-square-foot Davis Art Center will be one of the largest multidisciplinary cultural arts facilities in Southwest Florida.

For more information about the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, call 333-1933 or visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).✪

## Spring Fashion Show At Shell Point

Shell Point Retirement Community will hold a Wild About Style community fashion show and luncheon on Friday, March 28 at noon. Guests will have lunch while previewing the latest spring and summer fashions from Bell Tower Shops, including Saks Fifth Avenue, Brodeur Carvell, Talbots, Chico's, Cache, Drapers and Damons, Patchington, Francesca's, Trader Rick's and Eyetopian Optical. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance by calling 454-2249.

Each guest will receive a gift bag as well as the opportunity to win door prizes. Proceeds will benefit Shell Point's Memory Care Center. Located in the Larsen Pavilion, the center serves Shell Point residents and members of the surrounding community who have memory loss and dementia from Alzheimer's and other brain diseases.

The fashion show will be held in the auditorium located on The Island at Shell Point, located just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.✪

## April At Fort Myers Regional Library

The following activities are free to the public at Fort Myers Regional Library:

### ADULTS

Introduction to Huck Embroidery  
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 1  
Meeting Room CD

Learn about huck embroidery and try this traditional craft. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Cards for Mother's Day and More  
10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15  
Meeting Room CD

Make general purpose and Mother's Day cards. Try new techniques and take home cards to send. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

How to Apply for a Habitat for Humanity Home

9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17  
Meeting Room A

Habitat for Humanity representative Tanya Soholt will offer instructions and information on applying for affordable housing through the Habitat program.

Rules of the [Investing] Road  
2 p.m. Wednesday, April 23  
Meeting Room A

This program explores how to move toward financial goals with 10 Rules of the Road to investing. These rules will

help attendees learn the fundamental concepts of investing and potential strategies to help build wealth.

DNA: The Latest Advances in DNA and Genetic Genealogy

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Meeting Room A

Speakers: Kathleen Callanan, professional genealogist, Lee County Genealogical Society, and Bryan L. Mulcahy, reference librarian, Fort Myers

This seminar will focus on examining the latest advances in DNA and genetic genealogy with discussion of new tools for analyzing autosomal DNA, how to interpret the results and some of the new tests that have been developed in the last 12 months that are specific to one company or the other.

### FAMILY

Toddler Storytime

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, April 1, 15, 29

Children two years old and their caregivers participate in song, fingerplays and short stories. The success of this age group depends on adult participation and encouragement. Toddler storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 10, 17

Rhymes and songs 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.

### CHILDREN

Money Smart Week for Kids  
4 p.m. Tuesday, April 8

The library will help kids save by creating a piggy bank and gathering up loose change to start saving for the future. Registration is required.

Preschool Storytime

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, April 9, 23

Preschoolers (ages three to five) attend 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.

Wacky Wednesday: Poetry Break

4 p.m. Wednesday, April 16

Zany poems from such poets as Jack Prelutsky and Shel Silverstein brought to life with puppets and props.

### TEENS

Teen Poetry Art

5 p.m. Tuesday, April 1

For National Poetry Month teens write, decorate and share favorite poems. No registration is required.

Teen Jewelry Making

5 p.m. Tuesday, April 22

A free program to make a unique bracelet using various bead to keep or give to a friend. All supplies are provided. Space is limited so registration is required.

Online sign-up available.

The Fort Myers Regional is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers. Adult programs are held in the meeting room building located across the library campus at 1651 Lee Street. For more information about a program or to register, call 533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with 5 business days notice to library staff.✪

## Spiny Lobster Season Closes

The spiny lobster recreational and commercial season closes to harvest in state and federal waters starting April 1 and will reopen August 6.

The two-day recreational sport season is the last consecutive Wednesday and Thursday of July, which this year is July 30 and 31.✪

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2014 staff of the PACE Center For Girls in Fort Myers

## First Day Of School For PACE At New Building

The students of the PACE Center For Girls in Lee County started a new adventure on March 24 at their new facility – the L. Gail Markham PACE Center For Girls, located at 3800 Evans Avenue in Fort Myers.

At 9:45 a.m. Monday morning, the PACE Girls arrived by bus to a school they had never seen, with teachers and staff they know and love.

“We all choke up at the thought of seeing the excitement on the girls faces as they walk off the bus and see their new school for the first time,” said Meg M. Geltner, executive director. “It is truly a

dream come true.”

The new school adds an additional 4,500 square feet, which is a 50 percent increase of space since opening their doors in 2007. At 15,000 square feet, the facility has designated space for a library, a full science lab and a computer lab where the PACE Girls can access credit retrieval programs. In addition, there is a room dedicated to housing donations for the girls, an after school activity room and a full sized cafeteria with a serving kitchen.

The school will also now have a bell system for switching classes, something PACE has never had in the past. Sandy Stilwell, PACE board chair, remarked, “This is such a better learning environment for the girls. They will be proud to call this building theirs and hopefully it will motivate them to work even harder and

better themselves to the fullest extent. They deserve this.”

Based on their outcomes, the PACE Girls really do deserve this. In 2012-13, three years after completing the PACE program, 96 percent of girls had no further involvement with the Juvenile Justice system, 85 percent of girls improved their academics and were placed in appropriate academic settings and 80 percent were employed or in school six months after leaving.

For more information about the L. Gail Markham PACE Center For Girls building and the Dream BIG Capital Campaign, visit [www.pacecenter.org/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/lee) or call 560-8617. Naming opportunities are still available.✧



Gina and Alexis

## LCEC Makes New Award To CROW

LCEC is giving a \$4,450 environmental funding award to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) to help save wildlife through care, education, and collaboration.

CROW is the first organization to receive LCEC’s newly established environmental funding award.

To apply for this award, organizations can email [pr@lcec.net](mailto:pr@lcec.net) to receive an application. The deadline for 2014 award applications is September 1. Interested organizations must meet certain criteria to be considered, including being located within LCEC service territory, funding utilized for projects/programs related to the environment and the utility industry, and having a demonstrated need for funds.✧

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# Managing The Flow Of Minor League Players From One Team To Another Is A Never-Ending Job

by Ed Frank



Can you imagine a job where you made 167 last-minute travel arrangements, hotel reservations and in some cases even lined up doctors and nurses all in less than six months?

That was the responsibility last season for Kate Townley, senior manager of Minor League Administration for the Minnesota Twins. But first let's set the scene how this multi-faceted job comes about every baseball season.

On most days at the Minnesota Twins minor league facility at the Lee County Sports Complex, upwards of 150 ball players are participating in Spring Training spread out over several baseball

diamonds.

In a few days, most will be assigned to the Twins six minor league teams as the regular season starts next week for the four upper-level teams: Triple A Rochester, Double A New Britain, High A Fort Myers and Low A Cedar Rapids. The 60-game schedule for the two rookie-level teams, Elizabethton and the Gulf Coast League Twins, begins in June.

But did you ever consider the complexity and the logistics of managing the constant up and down flow of these players throughout the season as the result of promotions, demotions and injuries? In addition, players often are called up and sent down by the major league club throughout the long season?

Last year, according to Brad Steil, the Twins' director of minor league operations, there were 167 moves – a much higher number than in the past as the result of an unusual raft of injuries.

"What most don't understand, when a player is promoted to the major league club or moved back to the minors, it could have a ripple effect on five other teams," Steil said. This is the result of 25-player limits for the four higher minor league teams and 30-player limits for the rookie teams.

So that's the scenario for Kate Townley's job – one she has managed for nine years.

When a player is moved from one team to another, he is expected in most cases to be with his new club the next day.

"It's my responsibility to find the best flight, to find the best hotel values and even

taxi arrangements," she said.

The 167 moves last season included 12 surgeries for injured players. Some surgeries were performed here in Fort Myers and some in Minnesota. There even were situations where doctors and nurses accompanied injured players on flights.

Maybe now readers will begin to grasp the mine-boggling, constant responsibilities for the friendly Kate Townley.

Her job, however, is not limited to the baseball season itself. She manages transportation home for players and staff and is involved in the often-complicated, red-tape business of visas and passports for foreign players.

Local baseball fans who follow the Fort Myers Miracle team are familiar with the season-long flow of players in and out of the team throughout every season.

Every move, however, results in fast-action logistics for Townley.

## Miracle Home Opener Next Saturday

The 2014 season for the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team opens next Thursday when the team travels to Jupiter. The home opener is Saturday at Hammond Stadium at 6:05 p.m. when the Miracle hosts Jupiter.

Returning for his second year as Miracle manager is Doug Mientkiewicz who guided the team to a 79-56 record in his first year, including a division championship in the season's first-half.

In next week's paper, we will review the team's season-opening roster.

## Everblades Nine-Game Home Stand to Decide Playoff Hopes

In their 14-year franchise history, the Florida Everblades have never failed to reach the post-season playoffs. The final nine games of the 2013-14 regular season will decide whether that record will stay intact.

The Everblades began the week two points behind eighth-place Fort Wayne. Only the top eight teams in the ECHL Eastern Conference qualify for the league's Kelly Cup Playoffs.

The local hockey team does have the advantage of playing their final nine games on home ice at Germain Arena. The home stand began Wednesday night against Evansville and will continue this weekend with Friday and Saturday night games against Cincinnati.\*



Kate Townley

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## Final 2014 Spring Training Home Schedules

### Minnesota Twins – Hammond Stadium

Friday, March 28 – Boston Red Sox, 1:05 p.m.

### Boston Red Sox – jetBlue Stadium

Thursday, March 27 – Minnesota Twins, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 29 – Minnesota Twins, 1:05 p.m.

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## LEAD Conference

"Although this first place win was a highlight, there was so much more to this trip. We navigated the city by Metro, took a private night tour of the monuments, walked across the Potomac, lunched in Union Station, visited Senator Marco Rubio's office in the Capitol and were treated to a personal tour which included sitting in the House of Representatives and the Capitol building. Students were even able to meet former BVHS students, Nicholas West and Bruce Waddell, who both work for representatives on the Hill," said Mary Dakin, NHS moderator.

The trip was made possible through fund-raising and the generosity of the school's National Honor Society, Student Government Association and the Luceat Yearbook Club. These contributors provided students with incredible opportunities to extend beyond traditional classroom lectures, giving them the ability to

touch history first-hand.

The trip culminated with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where students witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Student Kevin Leddy shared, "The entire place seemed so interesting to me, even though it was simply a graveyard. It felt like more than that... it felt as if I was standing and looking at the remains of history."

Andrew Bretton echoed Kevin's sentiments. "This ceremony was the most astonishing thing I saw on the trip. It was more impressive than any architecture, painting or national treasure in the city."

All in all, the students achieved incredible success both in the competition and in their experiences traveling around the city. Senior leader Allison Oliva summed up the trip with, "I thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience. In the course of this trip, I had the chance to meet leaders from other schools all over the country and learn from and about their experiences.\*"

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My high school son says he's bored all the time in school. His grades are still pretty good but I'm concerned about him. What can I do?

Jennifer C., Fort Myers

### Jennifer,

Boredom is a big issue for high school students. Here is some background on the topic. According to a recent Gallup poll that asked American teenagers to choose three words that best described their typical feelings in school from a list of 14 adjectives, "bored" was chosen most often – by one out of every two students. Tired came in second, chosen by 42 percent of teenagers surveyed. Boredom is a global issue as well. Across 32 countries, nearly half of 15-year-olds said they often felt bored at school according to a 2000 OECD survey. Ireland did worst of all, with 67 percent of teenagers reporting frequent boredom, compared to 61 percent in the U.S.

Boredom is not healthy. It is related to depression, poor grades, substance abuse, hopelessness, and loneliness. In one survey of 467 recent high school dropouts, nearly half said boredom was a major fac-

tor in their decision to quit school.

There is a new phenomenon going on now with students and boredom according to a recent report. Students are coping with it digitally. Just look at a real-time map of bored-in-school Twitter real-time graph to see how many are tweeting about being bored at school. Students are now tweeting about their boredom in huge numbers. Students appeared to be bored most often around 10 or 11 a.m., Eastern Time in America. By then, schools are in-session all over the country, and the Tweets explode. Some kids are complaining but most just want a response from anyone so they can engage in some type of interaction.

While not all schools permit digital devices, there are so many ways kids get around this rule. Many more teachers and schools have decided to allow the devices with some limitations, since smart phones can hypothetically be used for research and since comprehensive bans are so arduous to enforce.

According to Amanda Ripley, a writer for the *New Republic*, there is very little research on boredom; it's not a topic that has been well investigated. What we do know more about is how to engage kids in learning. And right now that should be the focus.

Studies tell us that the way to engage students in their learning is to make the work relevant to their lives. There are many examples of good teachers who do just that. I'm sure you can think back to a time when your son was highly engaged with a school project or class and much

of that was due to the teacher's skills of presenting and reinforcing the material in a creative and relevant manner.

It might be time to take a closer look at what your son is studying. Is his boredom in every class or just a few? Is he taking the correct classes to help him meet future goals? Are the classes too easy or maybe too difficult? Does he have the prerequisite skills to accomplish the class work? Maybe he is just trying to fit in with the crowd by saying he's bored.

If he does reveal that a particular class is just deadly for him, talk about it. See if you can help him understand the how the course work relates to his life right now. This isn't a one-time lecture from you but an ongoing conversation where you and he can really dig in and get more insight into your son's interests and needs. It may be hard to start this conversation but over time both you and he will appreciate the insights you discover.

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## Singh Achieves High Honors

**Y**uvraj Singh, a junior from Miromar Lakes, was recently named to the High Honor Roll for the winter term at The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut.✪

## Fundraiser For Local Youth Center

**A**MIkids Southwest Florida has launched its Raise the Roof campaign to raise the dollars needed to replace their roof and fire alarm system. The building is more than 20 years old. To continue to provide a safe and successful learning environment for troubled youth in Lee County, AMIkids is asking for donations from the community to help achieve its goals.

"Our goal is to raise \$50,000," said Windye McNeal, executive director of AMIkids Southwest Florida. "This will allow us to replace the roof which needs to be completed before the rainy season, and to upgrade our fire alarm system so that the school remains up to code."

To make a donation, send to: AMIkids Southwest Florida, 1190 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 before August 31. To learn more about the mission of the organization, call 7659696 or visit [www.amikidssouthwestflorida.org](http://www.amikidssouthwestflorida.org).✪

### Financial Focus

## Millennials Must Plan For Short And Long Term



by Jennifer Basey

**I**f you're one of the millennials – the generation that began in the early 1980s – you are still in the early stages of your career. Retirement must seem like a long way off, yet it's never too soon

to start planning for it. At the same time, though, you may also have short-term goals. Can you make progress toward your near-term and long-term objectives at the same time?

Yes, you can, but you'll need to match your short- and long-term goals with the appropriate savings and investment vehicles.

For example, one of your most important short-term goals may be purchasing a house, so you'll need to accumulate a certain amount of money by a certain time – perhaps in three to five years. Therefore, you won't want to risk your down payment on an investment whose price will fluctuate and whose value may be down just when you need the money.

Consequently, you may want to look for a shorter-term investment whose objective is preservation of principal. Typically, with these types of vehicles, the shorter the term, the lower the interest rate, but since your goal is basically to have a certain amount of money available at a certain time, you might be less interested in what return you'll get on this particular investment, as opposed to the return you might hope for from other, longer-term vehicles.

In fact, while you are saving for a down payment on your home, or for other short-term goals, you also need to be thinking long term – that is, you need to save as much as you can for your eventual retirement.

Since you are still in the early stages of your working life, you have an enormous asset going for you: time. By starting to save for retirement now, you have more time to save than you would if you waited another decade or so. Plus, since you have so many years to go until you retire, you can afford to put a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars into growth-oriented instruments, such as stocks or stock-based investments. They may carry more risk, including the risk of losing principal, but they also offer greater reward potential than, say, fixed-income vehicles such as bonds. And holding growth investments for the long term can help you look beyond short-term volatility.

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## Award Winning Dramedy At Florida Rep



by Di Saggau

The Pulitzer and Tony award-winning play *Clybourne Park* is now playing at Florida Repertory Theatre, and it's a crowd-pleaser in a totally different way. It's a biting

satire about race, attitudes and emotions.

The play first picks up in 1959 Chicago, in a home where the sellers are preparing to move out. There are boxes everywhere. Russ (Larry John Meyers) and Bev (Carrie Lund) have sold their home to an African-American family.

Karl (Greg Longenhagen) and his very pregnant and deaf wife Betsy (Rachel Burttram) arrive uninvited. Karl represents the neighborhood association and he is vehemently against the sale. The unconscious racism and assumptions about social behavior and human relationships is shocking to today's ears even though we realize that these attitudes still persist.

Bev and Russ are moving because of the memories associated with the house. Their son, a Korean War veteran, committed suicide after it became known that he had killed civilians in the field of battle.

The trauma of their loss makes it



Ethan Henry, Makeba Pace, Carrie Lund and Greg Longenhagen

impossible, especially for Russ, to go along with the hypocrisies of everyday social life. His seething resentment has turned his wife into a nervous wreck. He lashes out at the earnest clergyman (Jason Parrish) sent to give him counsel. He almost gets into a fight with Albert (Ethan Henry) husband of Francine (Makeba Pace) their housekeeper, who is tired of Bev's patronizing. His tirade at the end of the first act directed at Karl

brings instant applause from the audience and is repeated when Francine stands up for herself.

The language is definitely for adults only.

During intermission it is fascinating to watch the stage hands deconstruct the set into a home with graffiti filled walls, empty beer bottles and broken windows. Act two flashes forward to 2009 in the same house with related characters. The

area has spent decades in decay due to rapid white flight. An evolution has taken place that represents an improvement without much substantive change.

The cast takes on new personas as a white professional couple is about to tear down the old house and rebuild. Neighbors want to preserve the area's traditional architectural character. A meeting deteriorates into a mess of prickly, righteous attitudes that prove there still remains no polite way to discuss racial issues.

Playwright Bruce Norris seems to have great fun with his double casting, and parallel situations between the two supposedly different acts. Offensive and vulgar jokes enter the dialogue giving the audience a lot of laughs but ones that carry real hurt.

Both acts start out slow and then build into a barrage of fast and furious dialogue. The play is performed by a crackerjack cast that walks a tightrope between comic stereotypes and fleshed out dramatic characters. It's a theatrical pleasure to watch it unfold.

Keep in mind, the house is the one the African American Younger family is heading to at the end of Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. The play is a riff on the classic tale.

*Clybourne Park* plays through April 9 at Florida Repertory Theatre, in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry streets in Fort Myers. For tickets call 332-4488 or go online at [floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org).\*

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## Millennials

You can start a long-term investment program by investing in your 401(k) or other retirement plan offered by your employer. These plans usually offer a variety of investment options, including several growth-oriented accounts. Plus, any earnings are typically tax-deferred, which means your money could grow faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year.

So try to take full advantage of your employer's plan. At a minimum, contribute enough to earn a match, if one is offered. Then, every time your salary goes up, boost your contributions.

With discipline and perseverance, you can move toward both your distant and imminent goals. And that's the long and the short of it.

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## An Affair To Remember At The Lab Theater

by Di Saggau

Before the stage lights go on for *The Graduate*, now showing at Laboratory Theater of Florida, we hear someone breathing hard. On go the lights and it's Benjamin Braddock (Jonathan Best) trying out his new scuba diving suit and tank, a gift from his parents. The heavy breathing that goes on later in the show is another type entirely.

Benjamin doesn't want to join his parent's party downstairs; he rejects their materialism saying, "We are all grotesque." Mrs. Robinson (Sandy Porter) comes upstairs for a visit. She steps into his bathroom and when she steps out she is nude.

It's good that this scene comes early in the play because it then allows the audience to settle down and focus on the story. Most of us remember it from the movie starring Anne Bancroft and Dustin Hoffman.

Benjamin is an aimless young man trying to get away from his privileged upbringing, but he has no idea how to go about it. He soon becomes involved in an affair with Mrs. Robinson, the bitter alcoholic wife of his father's best friend.



Jonathan Best as Benjamin Braddock

Their scenes together are the best in the show as we watch the middle-age vixen toy with her younger prey. He enjoys his trysts until he falls in love with Mrs. Robinson's daughter Elaine (Shannon Riley.) Then things get complicated.

Best brings a likable charm to the otherwise annoying and self-absorbed Benjamin. Porter delivers her sardonic quotes and many zingers like a wicked witch who is out for revenge.

In strong supporting roles are Rob Green as Mr. Robinson, along with David

Kensler and Mary Powell as Benjamin's parents. Brenda Kensler is a riot as an aging stripper who for some reason decides to invade the scene of Benjamin's and Elaine's first date. Ken Ruisi handles three small roles quite well.

I enjoyed the play, which like the film, is based on Charles Webb's original 1962 novel. The play includes a few scenes not seen in the movie but it basically tells the same tale. It's slick and stylish and provides plenty of laughs.

Thanks to director Lois C. Kuehne the look and feel of the play is delicious and the actors move beautifully from comic timing to heartfelt anger. *The Graduate*, a play adapted by Terry Johnson, has been enjoying a great revival with leads like Kathleen Turner, Lorraine Bracco, Jerry Hall and now we can add Sandy Porter to that list.

It runs through April 5 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located 1634 Woodford Avenue in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets visit [www.laboratory-theaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratory-theaterflorida.com) or call 218-0481.\*

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dearPharmacist

## Six Tips That Could Save Your Life



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:** I take four different medications now. Lately, I've had stomach pain, insomnia, headaches and dizziness. I am sure it's related to my medicine. What should I do, stop

everything?

LE, Seattle, Washington

While I do believe in "drug holidays" I don't think you should ever undertake those without your physician's approval and supervision. If you stop certain medications suddenly that are supposed to be weaned off slowly, it could cause seizures or major withdrawal problems. If you're fed up and insist on stopping everything, you must do it properly, and with supervision by your doctors.

When beginning a medication or new dietary supplement, it's ideal to keep a little notepad handy, an app, or a computer document to track progress. Doing this allows you to pinpoint which medication triggers a side-effect. I believe all side-effects are caused by the drug nutrient depletion, something I call the drug

mugging effect. Unfortunately the side-effects are often misdiagnosed and labeled a "symptom" thus giving you some new disease. By restoring nutrients stolen by your medicine, you can avoid these new "symptoms." That's important, because nutrient deficiencies look just like diseases.

For example, a diagnosis of restless legs syndrome could be tied to your cholesterol medicine stealing vitamin D and CoQ10. Your depression diagnosis may just be related to your acid blocker, which suppresses your ability to make neurotransmitters by mugging your body of probiotics and methylcobalamin (a form of B12). I've been a pharmacist for 24 years, so here are some of my ninja secrets to help you minimize side-effects and interactions:

Go to the same pharmacy each time. There is a computer record of your medication profile that automatically screens for interactions. If you chase coupons and stray, the new pharmacy will not have the rest of your medication profile and you're more apt to experience an interaction.

Take your medication at the same time each day. If you take your blood pressure pill at different times of the day, you will experience more highs and lows in your blood stream, and the swinging blood levels cause dizziness, nausea and faintness.

Consider the drug mugging effect. If you take one or two medications, and suddenly need more medications for brand new symptoms, it's probably related to drug number 1 or 2 ripping you off! You have to fix the nutrient depletions, not layer on more medications.

Don't drink coffee with stimulants.

There's an additive effect of caffeine with certain drugs like Provigil, Adderall, Concerta and Ritalin. Avoid the stimulants.

Don't drink alcohol with sedatives. There's an enhanced effect on your nervous system, and the alcohol can make your medicine work much stronger causing your breathing to stop completely. It's bad news to combine drugs that all depress your nervous system.

Ask both your doctor and pharmacist point blank, "Will this new medication interact with anything I'm taking." This is particularly important if you go to more than one physician.

*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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).*

## Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser

The Red Shoe Society will host a fundraiser with the Florida Everblades on Saturday, April 5 benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of SW Florida. You can support this great cause while watching some hard hitting hockey action as the Everblades take on the Greenville Road Warriors. There will be a pre-game tailgate party, a hockey puck entrance giveaway and a chance to win some great prizes. Tickets are \$20 and include an end zone ticket, pre-game tailgate access and a \$10 donation to RMHC.

The Red Shoe Society is a group of young professionals dedicated to supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida through fundraising, volunteerism and public awareness of its mission to improve the health and well-being of children and provide a "home away from home" for families of hospitalized children.

For ticket information, visit <http://floridaeverblades.com/redshoesociety> or [www.rmhcswfl.org](http://www.rmhcswfl.org) to get involved.

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

I was patiently waiting for the lab results from lab test I recently had.

Finally the doctor's nurse called with the results. She stumbled over the numbers and then said she could not read the doctor's writing. Then said, "I think it says that you are to continue to watch your diet, and come back in six months for more tests."

It was pointless for me to ask to have the doctor call because he does not make phone calls to patients – but he does take Medicare so I will have to stay with him.

Does that tell me something? And what do you think?

Maryanne

### Dear Maryanne,

I know it is hard being a patient. It is also very hard being a health care provider. I am confident that most health care providers go to work wanting to provide the best care possible but, because of policies and procedures to meet legal, insurance and business demands, it is difficult to provide the care we wish we could.

I am not suggesting that anyone stand for poor care. I am suggesting that patients try to work with providers, understand that while one patient believes their concerns are the most important and must be answered immediately; there are 500 patients who feel the exact same way.

Pryce

### Dear Maryanne,

I have experienced many similar problems and it is very annoying and frustrating. Unfortunately this seems to be the direction that modern medicine is going.

Government regulations, insurance companies and the legal system have made it extraordinarily difficult for medical offices to function the way they did in the past. Regulations first, the patient second.

Lizzie

### Dear Mom & Me,

While scanning the net the other day I read about Bubba, and thought you might find this interesting and entertaining.

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said shingles. so she wrote down his name, address and medical insurance number and told him to have a seat.

Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aid came out and asked Bubba what he had and Bubba said shingles. So she wrote down his height, weight a complete medical history and told him to wait in the examining room.

A half an hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said shingles. The nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test and an electrocardiogram, and told him to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said shingles. The doctor asked where?

Bubba said outside on the truck, where do you want them?

Lizzie

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**Alligator Scallopini with Sauce Dijon**

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  - 1/4 cup brandy
  - 1 10-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
  - 3/4 cup milk
  - 3 tablespoons coarse-grain Dijon mustard
  - 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Heat the butter and oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add alligator meat and sauté quickly 1 minute per side. Remove and keep warm.
- Add shallots to skillet and sauté 2 minutes. Add brandy to skillet and deglaze by stirring to loosen browned bits from bottom of pan.
- Stir in soup, milk, mustard and parsley. Simmer over low heat until sauce is smooth and thick. To serve, spoon Dijon sauce over alligator scallopini.\*

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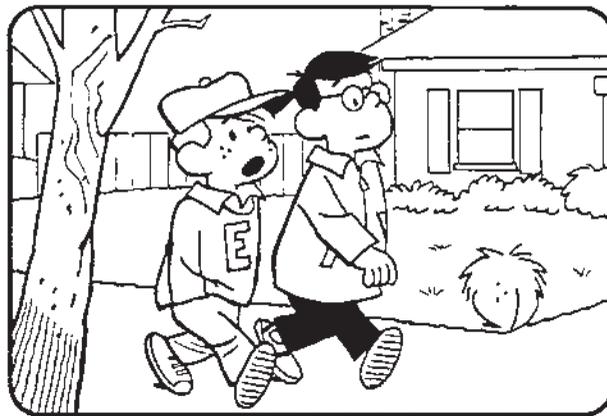
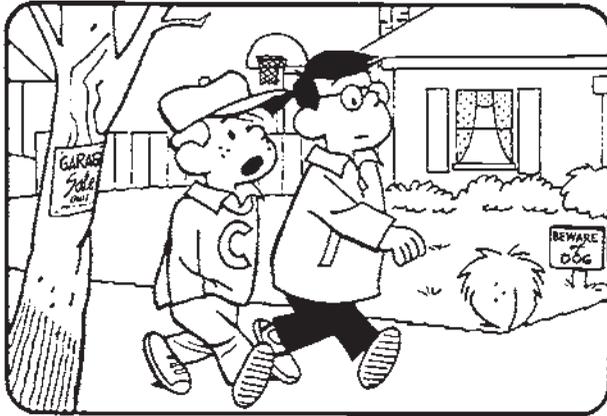
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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**SUDOKU**

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"I think we better skip any item where it says 'Price upon \_\_\_\_\_'!"

**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!

Shake

**QURVIE**

Assist

**SEVER**

Outfit

**FISHRUN**

Invent

**CARETE**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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**SCRAMBLERS**

*solution*

- 1. Quiver; 2. Serve;
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# SUDOKU

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

answer on page 27

## Pets Of The Week

**H**i, my name is Ginger and I am a 2-month-old black female American Staffordshire mix.

I was one of five puppies found in the woods with our mom. We are all so lovable and obviously adorable, so why wait. You can train me to be the perfect family dog you've always wanted. Adoption fee: \$95

I'm Ace, a domestic short hair neutered male gray and white tabby cat.

Do you think you could find a little room in your heart and home to adopt me? I'm really a personable kitty that plays well with others. I'm pretty low maintenance too. I enjoy lazy afternoons and I'd be happy to spend some with you.

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

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Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
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POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
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Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
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Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
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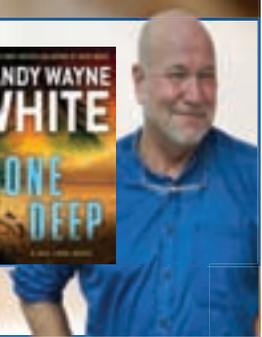
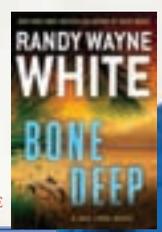
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