



The refuge adds plein-air artists along Wildlife Drive to this year's Earth Day celebration

Earth Day At The Refuge Features Tours, Free Biking

Talk trash, meet Bagzilla, watch plein-air artists at work, and create earth-friendly crafts at this year's Earth Day at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel this Saturday, April 19.

The refuge will celebrate the 44th anniversary of Earth Day in partnership with "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) and Tarpon Bay



Bagzilla and friends

Explorers (TBE). The first 200 visitors to the refuge that day will receive a free upcycled T-shirt bag, courtesy of DDWS. Throughout the day, meet and greet refuge educator Bagzilla, costumed in a year's worth of an average person's disposable bag consumption.

"This is the time for cyclists and hikers to do Wildlife Drive for free," said Ranger Becky Wolff, refuge education specialist and event organizer. "You can even get free bicycle rentals if you pick up at Tarpon Bay Explorers, our concessionaire, that day."

Following is the schedule for earth-friendly and free fun throughout the day:

Note: *Regular tram tour fees apply
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Sunburst 3 by Dr. Mary Louise Hooper

Opening Exhibit, Artist's Reception Coming May 2

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, on Friday, May 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and Art Walk for the monthly featured artists: mixed media/found objects artist Dale Weber, photographer Allan Tiller and painter Dr. Mary Louise Hooper. The exhibit continues through June 2.

Searching for the significant hidden within the insignificant, the art of Dale Weber reveals an inner beauty of the mundane. His art is a metaphoric vehicle for the overlooked, abandoned and forgotten elements within today's society. It urges a reassessment of values in a disposable world.

Emerging as a young painter in the early 1970s, Weber was invariably drawn to subjects that bore the passage of time with a quiet dignity. His 2D assemblages and 3D constructions offer a new perspective; the subject has become the medium. He uses only discarded materials no longer able to serve their original purpose. For this reason, he prefers the term reinvented rather than recycled. By careful selection and placement, these objects enter into dialogues expressing the artist's views that range from social commentary to the philosophical.

"My goal is to inspire others to see the world through new eyes. Often, beauty is cloaked in shabbiness," said Weber. "We must look beneath the surface to find the intrinsic value. In today's world, all deserve a second look, a second chance. Awareness is the first step of change."

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Lakes Park Bird Patrol

A nature walk at Lakes Regional Park, Fort Myers, with a bird patrol guide will take place on Saturday, May 3 at 8:30 a.m. The park is at 7330 Gladiolus Drive; meet at Shelter A7 located near the train station.

This is an easy walk along clear paths and offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation. Lakes Park is a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds.

Participants are asked to arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

For more information call 533-7580 or 533-7576.

This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. It is free with paid parking. Parking is \$1 an hour or \$5 all day.*

American Lung Association Stairclimb Event

Registration is under way and a record number of teams have begun training for the Fight for Air Stairclimb, scheduled for April 26 at the High Point Place, 2104 West First Street in Fort Myers.

Last year's event, hosted by the Gulfcoast Chapter of the American Lung Association (ALA), raised \$45,000 for the battle against lung diseases such as lung cancer and asthma. Lung cancer is the leading cancer-related death for men and women in the United States. Event organizers hope to top \$50,000 this year in part to fund lung cancer research.

During stairclimbs, which ALA hosts nationwide, participants raise money by collecting pledges to ascend the stairway in a high-rise tower. High Point Place, the tallest building between Tampa and Miami,

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Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young

Shell Point Welcomes Duo-Pianists For Easter Concert

The Village Church at Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes duo-pianists Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 6:15 p.m. to conclude the 2013-14 Season of Praise Concert Series.

Internationally-acclaimed concert pianists, Nielson and Young are Steinway artists who display a breadth of repertoire and performance venues virtually without comparison.

Tickets are \$10 each. To purchase tickets online, go to www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise. For more information, call 454-2147.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now: Life-Saving Artifacts

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



The two artifacts pictured here played roles in saving lives in early Fort Myers. Now on exhibit at the Southwest Florida Museum of History, they demonstrate that clean water and fire protection were public safety issues from the town's beginning.

The Ralston New Process Water Still was designed to produce pure distilled water purportedly free of the life-threatening typhoid bacteria, which is spread via water and contaminated food.

Manufactured by the American Water Still Company of New York City, it was patented on May 29, 1900.

A 1923 advertisement declared that every home should have one and promised "chemically pure distilled water – clear, sparkling, aerated, and absolutely free from all germs."

If the shocking statistics about typhoid outbreaks and fatalities didn't provide sufficient incentive for early-20th-century shoppers, perhaps the warning on the contraption did: "Avoid Typhoid. Don't Drink Water!"

Typhoid outbreaks were reported in Florida as early as 1898. Such threats had to be taken especially seriously in those days before modern medicine all but eradicated them.

The legendary "Typhoid Mary" in the first decade of the 1900s purportedly infected an estimated 47 people in New York City, three of whom died. Her profession of cook presumably made it easy to spread the bacteria.

An 1887 yellow fever epidemic in Key West demonstrates how a disease threat could alter Fort Myers's everyday life for months. All vessels in and from the Florida Keys were quarantined to stop the disease from infecting the mainland.

Historian Karl H. Grismer writes that Thomas W. Langford, appointed special policeman and health inspector at Punta Rassa, had the authority to arrest anyone from Key West who attempted to come ashore.

A "shotgun guard" patrolled roads into town to deny entrance to anyone who might be a carrier of the fever.



In the 1920s, coded call box "13" (center, circled) was located on a utility pole at First and Jackson

courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



The Ralston New Process Water Still was advertised to produce safe pure water free of typhoid fever bacteria

collection of the Southwest Florida Museum of History, photo by Gerri Reaves

The quarantine went on months and eventually extended to Tampa as well.

The bright red Gamewell fire-alarm box protected the public from a more visible threat than typhoid. The box embodies the legacy of downtown's first modern fire-alarm system, installed in the 1920s.

The system capped two decades of progress by the Fort Myers Fire Department.

An all-volunteer force formed in 1901 and in 1905 purchased its first effective fire equipment.

In 1915, it built the first modern fire station, appointed the first full-time paid fire chief in 1920, and in 1922, added a second American La France engine to the fleet.

Only 20 alarm boxes were installed at prominent accessible locations throughout the city, but the system was expanded significantly over the decades.

A general alarm emanated from the top of the fire station on

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A system of Gamewell fire-alarm boxes throughout the city helped keep Fort Myers safe

collection of the Southwest Florida Museum of History, photo by Gerri Reaves



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Fort Myers Public Art:

Fort Myers Artist Uses Both Sides Of The Paint



by Tom Hall

Florida artist Steve Pennisi is one of some two dozen artists who have work on exhibit in Florida Contemporary at the Baker Museum of Art. Showcasing Florida artists whose work addresses a vast range of thematic perspectives, the multi-media exhibition provides an intriguing look at the innovative images, subject matter, techniques and mediums that exemplify art being created throughout Florida today.

Pennisi developed his unique technique out of a desire to “own something” as an artist. “In my earlier work, what frustrated me was that I knew after a while where the painting would end up and the rest of the process was just a matter of moving to the inevitable conclusion,” Pennisi reveals. “I wanted to find a way for myself and the viewer to stay open and be continually surprised and engaged.”

Then one day, he noticed that a corner of dry paint on his disposable waxed paper palette had peeled up. Underneath, Pennisi found just what he’d been searching for.

Through trial and error, Pennisi discovered that he could paint on clear cellophane, and when he glued it to the canvas, the film would peel off, leaving only the paint. His years as a commercial printer made this printing approach second nature, and he further found that when he liked what is happening on the visible surface, he could lay a piece of clear film on the wet paint and

capture that image too.

The ability to use “both sides of the paint” offers Pennisi a freedom and expanded palette that keeps pushing his artistic possibilities everyday. The paint vacillates between Jackson Pollock-like splashes and spatters to pure photographic Ansel Adams-like half-tone effects. By stretching the boundaries of artistic conventions such as illusionistic depth, distinct figure and ground, Pennisi is able to bend the paint the way a musician bends a note.

“The composition is original and brave... mysterious, aesthetically,” states fellow Florida Contemporary exhibitor Veron Ennis, who is also a curator and art critic.

“There’s a dynamic tension between illusionary power and the sheer physicality of the paint,” Pennisi notes. “Before, I always knew where a painting would end up; now I must trust, push and cajole to end up with a more poetic approximation.”

Pennisi has upcoming exhibitions at both the Alliance for the Arts and the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. For more information, call Pennisi at 207-318-3080, email stevepennisiart@gmail.com or visit www.pennisiart.com.

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

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Painting by Steve Pennisi

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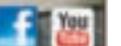



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Earth Day At The Refuge

(buy tickets at booth in parking lot).
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Wildlife Drive is open free to bikers and hikers only (\$5 fee per vehicle). Plein-art artists will be painting along Wildlife Drive throughout the day.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Free bike rentals from Tarpon Bay Explorers' location at 900 Tarpon Bay Road (returns by 6 p.m.)

9:30 to 11 a.m. – Biking The Refuge Tour. Join a naturalist on the four-mile Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail Loop to learn about the refuge's bird life and ecology. Meet at the flagpole.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Ongoing Earth Crafts in the Education Center Classroom featuring Recycling Educator "Bagzilla" (Education Center Auditorium)

- Soda-bottle flower pots
 - "Cloud Window" frames
 - "Mother Earth" ornaments
 - Colorful plastic-bottle butterflies or jellyfish
 - "Plarn" (plastic bag "yarn") bracelets
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Guided Hike Along Indigo Trail. Join a refuge naturalist on a guided nature hike along Indigo Trail to the new Wildlife Education Boardwalk.



Free bike rentals and Wildlife Drive admission for bikers and hikers encourage visitors to get outdoors and get active

Meet at the flagpole.

*10 to 11:30 a.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

11 to 11:30 a.m. – Reading In The Refuge. Family story-time about sea turtles. (Education Center Auditorium)

*11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Narrated ref-

uge tram tour

Noon to 12:30 p.m. – Let's Talk Trash Marine Timeline competition for kids. How long does it take that trash to biodegrade in a marine environment? (Education Center Auditorium)

Lunch (on your own)

1 to 1:30 p.m. – Reading In The Refuge. Family story-time about manatees. (Education Center Auditorium)

*1 to 2:30 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

2 to 2:30 p.m. – UPcycle Trash. Learn how to turn trash into yarn, jewelry and other masterpieces. (Education

Center Auditorium)

*2:30 to 4 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

*4 to 5:30 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

* Regular tram tour fees apply (buy tickets at booth in parking lot).

Artists who wish to participate in the plein-air activity should contact Toni Westland at 472-1100 ext. 237 to gain free admission to Wildlife Drive. For more information on Earth Day at the Refuge, call 472-1100 ext. 236 or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/earth-day.

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Taste Of The Beach

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce announced that 19th annual Taste of the Beach will be held on Sunday May, 4. The popular food festival held on Fort Myers Beach will include approximately 20 restaurants plus a live concert featuring the Sean Chambers Band.

Local restaurants will serve up samples of their best signature dishes available for purchase. They will also be competing for the top Taste of the Beach Award honors in several categories, including:

- Best Appetizer
- Best Dessert
- Best Beef/Pork/Chicken
- Best Fish
- Best Shellfish
- Best Non-Meat
- Best Decorated Booth
- People's Choice.

The festival gates will open at 11 a.m. and food will be served up until it runs out or until 5 p.m. Tickets will be available on-site. Admission is \$5 for adults and children over 12. All children under 12 are free. Food tickets are \$1 each, with the average plate costing around \$5.

There are many restaurants participating in this event, all of which are members of the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Some that have already signed up are Matanzas on the Bay, Beach Pierside Grill, Parrot

Key Caribbean Grill, Skip One Seafoods, Royal Scoop and many more.

There is an expected 3,500-plus to attend this event this year. There will be a panel of celebrity judges to do the honors of judging. Winners will be announced from the stage at 4 p.m.

The News-Press, Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina, Paradise Tropical Wines, Smokin' Oyster Brewery, Nervous Nellie's, Sky Zone, Caribbean Pearl and more will be sponsoring this event, including the live music hosted from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For more details, visit www.tasteof-fortmyersbeach.com or email frontdesk@fmbchamber.com.

Greeters Club

The next Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers luncheon on Thursday, May 1, will center on the installation of the new officers for 2014-15.

There also will be opportunity for visitors and potential new members to find out more about the club and the variety of activities planned every month, and to socialize with other women living in the community.

Lunch is \$20. To make a reservations, email greetersclub@gmail.com with your name, email address and phone number. You will receive confirmation of your reservation.

Greeters Club luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers.

Bed Race Supports Cancer Research And Education



The first annual Racing For Cancer Causes Bed Race will be held at Cape Harbour Marina on Saturday, May 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. One hundred percent of net proceeds from this event will be used to support cancer research, education, patient assistance, screenings and awareness in Southwest Florida.

Participants are required to decorate and design their bed in the cancer color they support. There will be five-member teams for each bed entered and they will be racing 100 yards. Come join us in a united effort of one day finding a cure for this disease. Team, sponsor and vendor spaces are available. Awards are given for race winners, best costume/design and top fundraising team. The People's Choice Award will be voted on by race fans the day of the race. The event is being hosted by the partnership of 4 Words Foundation, Inc. and 21st Century CARE.

Team space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Online registration is now open for participants, sponsors and vendors at www.21stcenturycare.org. Registration packets are located at www.4wordsfoundation.org/events. For more information, contact Marie Springsteen at 887-9264 or marie@4wordsfoundation.org.

Radiology Regional Center will have their Mobile Mammo Bus on site the day of the event. Appointments are recommended; no prescription is necessary. Call to schedule appointments at 936-4068. Most insurance is accepted. Visit www.radiologyregional.com for eligibility guidelines.

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51 Restaurants In Delicious Dining Discount Book

The Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club has recruited 51 restaurants throughout Lee County to participate in the 6th annual Delicious Dining Discount Book by offering dining discounts. All discounts are buy one, get one, some with restrictions such as purchase of two beverages and/or a maximum dollar discount amount; and most are valid through November 15.

The cost of the book is \$20, with profits from the book going toward helping local children and the local community.

New restaurants featured in the Kiwanis Delicious Dining Discounts book (commonly known as the Little Blue Book) include Fort Myers Beach restaura-



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rants Bayfront Bistro, Caribbean Pearl, and Chloe's Restaurant. Additional first-time Fort Myer's favorites are Aurelio's Pizza, Bistro 41, Buon Appetito Café, Cibo, Courtney's Continental Cuisine, India Palace, Royal Palm Trattoria, The



Phase 1 at Brightest Horizons has been completed

Garden Grille & Bar, Tom Dick & Harry's American Grill. Other new popular Lee County restaurants in Cape Coral are Blaze Bistro, Buon Appetito Restaurant & Bar, El Tarasco Mexican Restaurant, and Paradise Deli & Market.

The book also has returning Fort Myers Beach favorites Big Game Waterfront Grill, Charley's Boat House Grill, Doc Ford's, Matanzas on the Bay, Nauti Turtle, Nervous Nellie's, Parrot Key, Skye's Mexican Restaurant, South Beach Grille, The Beach Pierside Grill and The Beached Whale. For a complete list of all participating restaurants, go to www.kiwanisgtti.com and click on the dining icon.

Options to purchase books are the club website at www.kiwanisgtti.com by clicking on the dining icon for credit card payments or visiting one of the outlet locations also found on the website. Books may also be obtained by emailing KiwaniSGTTI.Dining@gmail.com or calling 415-3100 for more information.*

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Artifacts

Anderson Avenue (now Dr. MLK, Jr. Boulevard) at Central Avenue. In the system's early days, everyone knew that two blasts signaled that a fire was out, three blasts was the firemen's call, and five blasts was only a system test.

In their book, *Early Fort Myers: Tales of Two Sisters*, Alberta Colcord Barnes and Nell Colcord Weidenbach recalled the system that added sonic intrigue to their childhoods.

In those days, a box's call sent could alert people all over town to the location of the fire in a sort of Morse code.

Thus, the sisters recall that when they were away from their home at Clifford Street and McGregor Boulevard, they would listen closely for reassurance that it was not their neighborhood code, "34" (three beeps followed by four more).

In addition, each box was numbered and residents had call charts in their homes that listed the numbers with corresponding locations. For instance, the number "12" was Second and Jackson Streets, "46" was Royal Palm Avenue and First Street, and "31" was Heitman Street and Victoria Avenue.

Call box "13" at First and Jackson is shown in the late-1920s photo on the utility pole (center, encircled).

But those red alarm boxes can't be seen anymore around downtown. They became history in the 1970s when the "911" emergency system rendered them unnecessary – except as museum pieces.

Take a stroll downtown and imagine the days when residents could decode ear-splitting alarms sent from bright red boxes.

Then walk a couple of blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see both of these lifesaving objects.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center if you love local history. Bring your curiosity to 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, *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and starkcenter.org*



Atlas presentation by Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club

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A previous Toddler Time art class

Early Arts Exposure Class

The next session of the popular Toddler Time early arts exposure class begins on Tuesday, April 29 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Alliance for the Arts. Children ages 18 months to three years will be treated to three sessions of creative art, music, story and playtime with Alliance youth instructor and Mini Michelangelos Summer Camp director Sue Hansen.

Kids will explore, get messy (without you having to clean up) and learn how different art media work. Adult accompaniment is required. This class offers sensory-based learning combined with socialization and fun. Each session will also include a time for group music, story time and play.



Photo from a previous class at the Alliance

Toddler Time is \$30 for Alliance members or \$40 for non-members. Register online or learn about other classes and Summer Arts Camp at www.ArtInLee.org. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✳



box lot - afa by Dale Weber

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Artist's Reception

Tiller is a Southwest Florida resident and photographer by choice, having moved from the Chesapeake Bay area in 2003. The diversity of natural beauty is a constant source of inspiration. After a career including illustration, teaching at The Art Institute of Philadelphia and painting, photography has become his medium of choice, largely due to the changing physical abilities brought about by multiple sclerosis. He takes great pleasure in sharing his vision of the unseen details of the natural world.

Dr. Hooper is a national and international prize-winning artist, painting seascapes, landscapes, cityscapes, abstraction and still life. Her purpose is to bring viewers a moment of respite and beauty in their stressful lives by taking them away to another place. She is life-juried



Cone shell photograph by Allan Tiller

into the Biennale Internazionale Dell'Arte Contemporanea [Biennale International Contemporary Art Show] in Florence, Italy. She was juried into the Gallery of International Fulbright Artists/Scholars and she has participated in international art projects.

Born in Greenwich Village, New York City to an Italian immigrant family, the yearly art shows in Washington Square Park influenced her desire to paint. Since art was not encouraged as a way to make a living, she entered the field of Education. Her art became a self-taught hobby until completing art degrees in 1999 and 2002. Today, besides producing art, she conducts art classes and workshops for adults in all media.✳

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Along The River



Help celebrate the birthdays of animal ambassadors Trouper, a blind raccoon, and Stanley, an injured Virginia opossum, at CROW. Trouper is pictured here with his caretaker, Dot Lee (right).

On Friday, April 18 from 2 to 3 p.m., help animal ambassador Trouper, a blind raccoon, celebrate his fifth birthday at Sanibel's **Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW)**. He will be there with his caretaker Dot Lee, a certified wildlife rehabilitator and author friend Kyle Miller. Trouper will be joined by Stanley, a Virginia opossum that is turning one-year-old, at the Wild Party.

Trouper received permanent damage when he was eight weeks old, but was rescued and nursed back to health by Dot Lee, a certified wildlife rehabilitator. Stanley was admitted to CROW's hospital after a predator attack last April where most of his tail had to be amputated. Both sets of injuries resulted in their inability to be released back into the wild. Even though neither animals had the easiest start to their lives, they are now both very well cared for, and, in turn, serve as animal ambassadors to teach



The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Easter egg hunt, during which the little ones can have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny

the community the importance of respecting wildlife.

Like most birthday celebrations, the Wild Party will feature cake and ice cream and photo opportunities with the birthday boys. Partygoers can also play Pin the Tail on a cutout replica of Stanley. CROW volunteers Ann Arnoff and Anita Pinder, who have fostered many opossum babies, will be available to answer questions about Virginia opossums. CROW volunteer Dot Lee and Kyle Miller, author of *Trouper, Adventures of the Blind Raccoon*, will be available for questions as well as book signings. The birthday boys will accept presents in the form of donations on behalf of the patients currently in CROW's wildlife hospital.

CROW's Visitor Education Center is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road on Sanibel. For reservations, call 472-3644, ext. 228 or go to www.crowclinic.org.

On Saturday, April 19, the **Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Fort Myers Beach Elementary School and Bay Oaks Recreation Center.

Registration for the hunt begins at 8 a.m. and the event is open to all children 12 years and younger. Children are reminded to bring baskets for the eggs. Refreshments for the children will be provided and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance for photographs.

The Fort Myers Beach Elementary School is located 2751 Oak Street. For information, call 454-7500 or go to www.fortmyersbeach.org.

Also on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m., the **Cracker House at Southwest Florida Museum of History** invites the public to its special program, Porch Songs.

Porch Songs is an inaugural museum event featuring an outdoor performance by singer-songwriter Liam Wayne from 5 to 7 p.m., museum discounts, tours of the Cracker House from 4 to 5 p.m., and history quizzes.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this Americana performance by Liam Wayne – whose repertory covers six decades – from the porch of the museum's replica Cracker House. Food, beverages and ice cream will be available for purchase.

Admission is a \$10 suggested donation to benefit the Southwest Florida Museum of History Foundation. Museum admission discounts are available for visitors who come early to see *The Beatles: Backstage and Behind the Scenes* before it closes April 26.

The Southwest Florida Museum of History is located at 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers. Call 321-7430 or go to www.museumofhistory.org.

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

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Shell Point Easter Concert

The Village Church is located near the entrance to the Island at Shell Point and seats 1,000 people. Located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road and McGregor Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway, the community offers retirement living in a resort-style environment with a newly renovated 18-hole championship golf course that is open to the public, deep water boating access with free boat dockage, and recreational and fitness facilities. To learn more about Shell Point, visit www.shell-point.org or call 1-800-780-1131.*

Bio Ethics Conference In Fort Myers

The Diocese of Venice in Florida with the Southwest Florida Guild of the Catholic Medical Association presents Truth To Power: Catholic Tradition In Health Care Ethics to be held on Saturday, April 26. The 7th annual conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection Parish Center in Fort Myers.

Led by course director Stephen Hannan, M.D., the learning objective of this seminar is for participants to become knowledgeable in discussing the Catholic perspective on bioethical issues for several beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues. The seminar includes a morning session, catered lunch and an afternoon session.

Topics are of a general nature and will appeal to both healthcare workers and those without formal medical training. Speakers include Peter Kreeft from Boston College, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Dale Ahlquist and Chuck Chalberg from the American Chesterton Society, and Fr. Germain Kopaczynski from St Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach.

The conference is designed for physicians, nurses, clergy, chaplains, respiratory therapists, PAs, ARNPs, CRNAs, educators, college and high school students, and anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic approach to ethical issues in health care. It is a Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Nursing Contact Hour conference. All are welcome regardless of faith tradition.

This seminar has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of Lee Memorial Health System and the Diocese of Venice. Lee Memorial Health System is accredited by the Florida Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Participants must register by April 22. Registration is \$30 for general admission, \$10 for students and no charge for clergy. Seating is limited. To register online, visit www.floridacma.org. Click the seminar banner on the home page. For questions, contact Stephen Hannan, M.D. at 849-6908 or shannan0@comcast.net. Resurrection of Our Lord Parish Center is located at 8121 Cypress Lake Drive in Fort Myers.

More information about the Diocese of Venice and the Florida Catholic Medical Association can be found online at www.dioceseofvenice.org and www.FloridaCMA.org.

League Of Women Voters To Meet May 3

The League of Women Voters of Lee County Florida will meet Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. for a presentation about Where We Were and Where We're Going, with speaker Sharon Harrington, Lee County supervisor of elections. The meeting will be held at The Landings, Helm Dining Room, 4420 Flagship Drive in Fort Myers.

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Where Are The Shiners?



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

It's been well over a month since the weather has not been responsible for at least one rescheduled or cancelled trip a week. This proved true again this week with more rain and wind keeping most anglers off the water for at least a day or two. April should really be the start of a much more consistent weather pattern yet Mother Nature is simply not cooperating.

It seems like the most asked question on the water this past month has been "where is the bait?" For some reason so far the shiners – whitebait, pilchards, scaled sardines – have just not shown up in good numbers yet. Catching shiners has been more hit and miss than I can ever remember this year.

Generally, by the middle of March, live bait fisherman have all made the switch

from live shrimp to shiners but this has just not happened yet this year. Sure, there are as many pinfish and threadfins as you could ever want but the favorite spring time bait to catch snook, redfish and trout has yet to appear in large numbers. I don't know if it's caused by the lack of sea grass in the southern sound due to the fall water releases, but even the schools of shiners that are usually out on the beach have not shown up yet either. Just keep chumming out on the flats and throwing on the bridges; they have to show up in the next few weeks.

Before the last little cold spell, I had just began to hear more reports of anglers hooking a few tarpon throughout the sound. Several reports came from just around Redfish Pass from fellow charter captains shark fishing on cut baits. Other reports came closer to home from anglers trout fishing by the powerlines with small live pinfish while targeting trout and surprisingly hooking into a couple of 100 pounders on tackle way too light to have a chance. This week's forecast of warm weather should really kick off spring tarpon fishing as the large schools of threadfins these fish love to feed on are already here.

As a fisherman, this month is one of the most exciting times of the year to



Get ready for tarpon fishing this month

be on the water. We switch gears and prepare for the arrival of the silver king. In the next month, tarpon become the

number one target for many anglers in our area. They are like no other fish that swims in our waters, learning their movements and how to successfully fish for them only comes with time and lots of patience. This fish has a cult-like following like no other fish in our waters. The adrenaline rush of hooking one just cannot be explained. Every tarpon fight is different, with no two fish ever giving an angler the same battle.

I'm pumped up and can't wait to start the hunt.

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.*

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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Brown Pelican Is A 'Model' Patient



by Patricia Molloy

The brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) is a small pelican, native to the Americas, that is frequently seen closely skimming the ocean's surface around Sanibel's beaches and diving from great heights to pluck fish out of the warm Gulf waters. Recently, one of these graceful fliers was found on the ground, in obvious distress, and admitted

to CROW.

From the moment he entered the doors of the wildlife clinic, Dr. Heather recognized that patient #0805 was a special bird. "He's beautiful. An unusually handsome pelican," she said with a huge grin. As part of his intake examination, the bird's body was gently palpated in an effort to detect broken bones and bodily injuries. While none were found, Dr. Heather couldn't help but notice that "the feathers on his neck were so soft they feel like mink." All fun aside, the male bird was indeed quite ill and presented as painfully thin, lethargic and depressed.

Early blood tests revealed that the pelican's body was producing an abnormally high level of white blood cells, indicating that his immune system was working hard to fight an infection. "We took radiographs and his kidneys were a little bit larger than they should be and his heart was really tall and thin. You see this sometimes in really dehydrated birds. But other than that, I didn't see anything that would indicate what the site of infection was," explained Dr. Heather.

The pelican has been placed on antibiotics and strict

cage rest. His morning routine begins with a soft towel being gently paced over his head – covering a bird's eyes has a calming affect – and he is weighed on a large scale to ensure that he is gaining weight. After the time of day and weight are recorded in his medical chart, it's time for breakfast; fondly known amongst staff as "tub time."

In an effort to make a patient's stay at the wildlife hospital as stress-free as possible, CROW goes to great lengths to provide stimulating environments that mimic the natural habitats of birds, mammals and reptiles. In the case of the seabird, the pelican is placed in a water-filled bathtub with a pulled curtain for privacy. It gives the patient time to swim and stretch his wings, all while gobbling small fatty fish from the water. Tub time also allows the busy staff to thoroughly clean the patient's enclosure undisturbed. This routine of feeding and cleaning is carried out several times each day to ensure that the pelican grows to a healthy weight and has a clean environment in which to heal.

With continued supportive care, the brown pelican with the model good looks should make a full recovery and return to the equally beautiful beaches of Sanibel.

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.



This brown pelican, patient #0805, has won the hearts of CROW's staff with his model good looks. He sports a rusty-orange tuft of feathers on the back of his head and pale yellow accents on his face, throat and pouch

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Plant Smart

Leather Fern

by Gerri Reaves

Florida is the only state where leather fern (*Acrostichum danaeifolium*) is found.

This member of the maidenhair fern family is also called giant leather fern, and with good reason, for this native typically grows about six feet tall, sometimes as high as 12 feet.

In the wild, it grows in coastal hammocks, swamps and along inland canals and ponds.

The stiff spreading fronds arise from thick fleshy roots that make the plant useful in preventing erosion along waterways.

Fronds are pinnately compound with 20 to 60 pairs of leaflets, whose coarse texture justifies the term "leather."

Felt-like reddish brown spore cases coat the undersides of the fertile fronds, which are taller and more erect than the non-fertile ones.

The lanceolate leaflets are dark green with paler undersides, prominent midribs, and under-turned edges.

Also known as inland leather fern, this robust species does best in a moist partially shaded spot with plenty of room to develop. As a specimen plant, this large fern makes a dramatic statement. It also works well in a mass planting or even a hedge.

It has high salt tolerance, low drought tolerance and a medium growth rate.

Propagate leather fern by dividing the rhizomes or with the spores.

The only maintenance is the optional removal of old fronds.



Felt-like spore cases coat the underside of the fertile fronds

photos by Gerri Reaves



Native leather fern is Florida's largest fern

Sources: *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio; *The Ferns of Florida* by Gil Nelson; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; and lee.ifas.ufl.edu.

Plant Smart explores the plant life of South Florida and sustainable landscape practices.✧



Last year's Grand Slam winner of the LCEC United Way Fishing Tournament

18th Annual LCEC United Way Fishing Tournament Returns April 26

The 18th annual LCEC United Way Fishing Tournament will take place on Saturday, April 26 at D&D Matlacha Bait and Tackle. A captains' meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at D&D. Cost is \$65 per angler before April 23, or \$75 thereafter.

In addition to cash prizes, there will be food and a huge raffle. For the first time ever, a separate raffle will be held for 2003 Toyota Tacoma. The truck has 138,000 miles, four-wheel drive, a new gray bed liner and new custom aluminum rims. Truck raffle tickets are \$5 each or six for \$25 and you do not need to be present to win.

Visit www.uw.lcec.net/fish.html for information on registration and raffles or contact fish@lcec.net with questions. All proceeds from this tournament benefit the United Way. Irby is the premiere sponsor of this year's tournament.✧

Art Students Share Experiences



Students in the art class

The School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at Edison State College is hosting a pair of student art shows at the Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway in Fort Myers. The exhibitions are on view at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery and the Richard H. Rush Library. They feature various artistic works created by Edison State College art students, including three who recently traveled to Iceland for a four-day intensive field experience in landscape painting and drawing.

In Icelandic, the word *ferðalag* means a voyage or journey. In the exhibition, *Ferðalag*: Josué Charles, Christopher Lacoste and Leila Mesdaghi, three Edison State College art students, tell their personal stories of their journeys through art.

The exhibition will be on display in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery through April 24. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 2014 Juried Student Art Show will feature various artworks by Edison State College art students. The work will be on exhibit through May 9 in the Richard H. Rush Library ground floor lobby. The Rush Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 489-9313, visit www.rauschenberggallery.com or www.edison.edu/cultural/rushlibrary/index.✧

NOAA: Not Just A Foul-Weather Coastal Friend

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

Coastal residents may only know about NOAA – the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – at the worst of times... say, when the National Hurricane Center is talking about a major storm stirring things up offshore.

But NOAA plays a larger and more substantial role in U.S. coastal issues, and it's worth any coastal advocate's time to get to know more about the agency.

While NOAA is a relative newcomer to coastal concerns (having been formed in 1970), its roots go far back in the country's history – all the way to the National Coastal and Geodetic Survey formed in 1807. Drawn together from a number of existing agencies, NOAA was tasked to work "for better protection of life and property from natural hazards ... for a better understanding of the total environment ... [and] for exploration and development leading to the intelligent use of our marine resources."

It works through the following to accomplish those goals:

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service: Providing satellite and scientific data to provide information and conduct assessments. Thanks to this, we can keep an eye on weather systems, polar ice caps, ocean and land conditions and more – all from eyes hundreds of miles in the sky.

National Marine Fisheries Service: Monitoring and maintaining marine habitat and species, including fishery management and regulation to balance commercial and public needs. So, if you like to fish (or just like to eat those caught by someone else), these are the folks who fret about the state of the species. This arm weighs in on coastal permits as well, as those involved with beach restoration projects are aware.

National Ocean Service: Home of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, which includes many well-known coastal programs such as the Coastal Zone Management Program, the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, the Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Program and more. You'll also find the many state-based Coastal Ocean Observing Systems here. Also the source for nautical charts, tidal information and a lot of coastal data (see "State of the Coast" below).

National Weather Service: As the name implies they provide weather, water and climate data, forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property – issuing some 1.5 million forecasts and 50,000 warnings annually. The National Hurricane Center is housed here, of course.

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research: Focused on atmospheric, climate and ocean/coastal research, to help others understand the natural processes at work here in hopes of achieving better

forecasts, warnings and science. Drawing on the work done in the other offices, you'll find reports on ocean acidification, drought resilience, hurricane hunting and more. The National Sea Grant College Program is based here, which operates in 33 coastal states bringing coastal research closer to home.

Office of Program Planning and Integration: A recent addition to the agency to foster integration and strategic management. NEPA (the National Environmental Policy Act) is here, as well as other regional and strategic collaborations.

If you're in to coastal statistics and reports, be sure to check out NOAA's "State of the Coast" online compendium, teeming with tidbits such as:

- \$6.6 trillion – The contribution to U.S. GDP from coastal shoreline counties, just under half of the country's entire GDP in 2011. That would rank as the third largest GDP in the world if coastal counties were considered as an individual country.

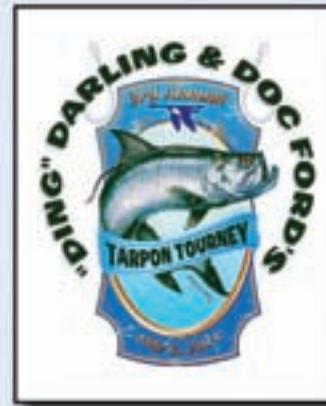
- 51 million – The total number of jobs in U.S. coastal shoreline counties in 2011, which generate \$2.8 trillion in wages.

- 16.4 million – The approximate population residing in a coastal floodplain in 2010 (5 percent of the U.S. population) – and 12 percent of them have incomes below the poverty level.

- 39 percent – How much of the nation's total population lived in coastal shoreline counties in 2010 (the number has gone up since then, and doesn't include coastal watershed or coastal-adjacent counties which are typically used to calculate actual coastal population). Those folks live on less than 10 percent of the total U.S. land area, which means coastal shoreline counties have a population density more than four times higher than the U.S. as a whole.

To see a thorough overview of NOAA's activities in your state, go to www.legislative.noaa.gov/NIYS. For a county-level view, go to www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/snapshots. Want to see how different sea level rise scenarios could impact your coastal area? See the NOAA-sponsored simulation at <http://csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slrviewer>.*

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Alliance Juror For All Florida Exhibit Announced

The Alliance for the Arts is calling for entries for its 27th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition, to be displayed May 30 through June 28. This year's juror is John Loscuito, director of the Bower School of Music and the Arts Art Gallery at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Loscuito came to FGCU in January 2014 from Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he worked with a number of arts institutions including the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Theatre X and the Haggerty Museum at Marquette University. As an artist, teacher, collections manager and curator, he has exhibited in and organized national and international exhibitions. Notable exhibitions he has traveled with include Wifredo Lam in North America and Keith Haring: The Milwaukee Mural. He has curated diverse exhibitions with a range of media and time periods from medieval manuscripts to contemporary painting and photogra-



John Loscuito

phy. He received his Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and his Masters of Business Administration degree from Marquette University.



Laura Waller's painting *Owl's Head*, which won best in show

The All Florida Exhibit opens on Friday, May 30 with a reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Loscuito will host a Gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, May 31 from 10 to 11 a.m. It's free and open to the public.

Deadline for digital submissions is April 18. Artists must reside in Florida to be eligible. Only original artwork will be accepted. Categories include sculpture, painting (including oil, acrylic, collage, watercolor and mixed media), photography, prints and drawings. Prizes will be awarded, including \$750 for Best In Show. Winners will be announced during the opening reception on May 30. Entries must be submitted digitally to exhibitions@artinlee.org or delivered to the Alliance on CD by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 18. The 2014 Prospectus is available at the Alliance or online at www.ArtInLee.org. The 28th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition is proudly sponsored by Finemark National Bank & Trust.

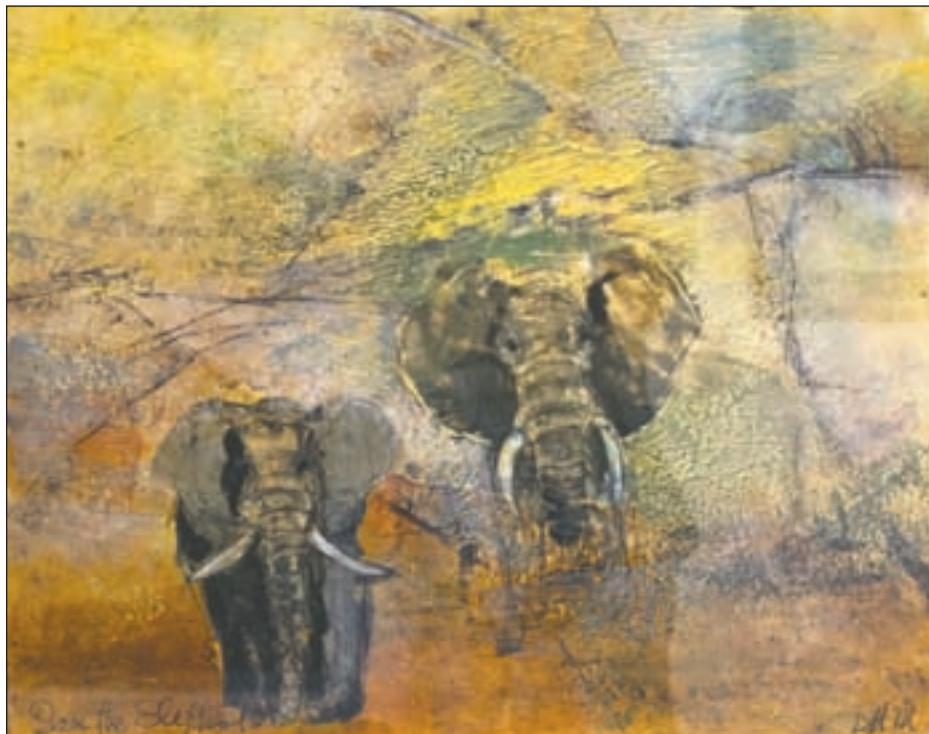
The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✪



Judith Anderson's *Whaleback Light*, a fiber and paint submission which was a juror's choice



Megan Kissinger's *Singing, Not To Sing-The Oven Bird*, a 3rd place winner



Deborah Martin's *Elephant I*, a mixed media piece named a juror's choice



Bonnie Langenfeld's *Everglades Avenue*, a fiber piece which took 2nd place

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The Future Of Art Opening Reception For Lee County Students Exhibition

An exhibition featuring artwork created by high school students across Lee County. The Future of Art exhibit is presented annually by the Lee County Arts Educators Association (LAEA).

Entries have been chosen by art teachers, and a panel of judges will select winners in nine categories, with first place winners qualifying for Best In Show. Refreshments for the reception are generously provided by Evan's Neighborhood Pizza. The work will remain on display until Friday, April 25.

LAEA is a group of volunteer art teachers who work to recognize and promote students with interest and aptitude in the arts. Artwork by its member teachers is on display in the Alliance Member Gallery. Broadsides: Poetry Off The Shelf is featured in the Foulds Theatre Lobby. The Alliance galleries are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

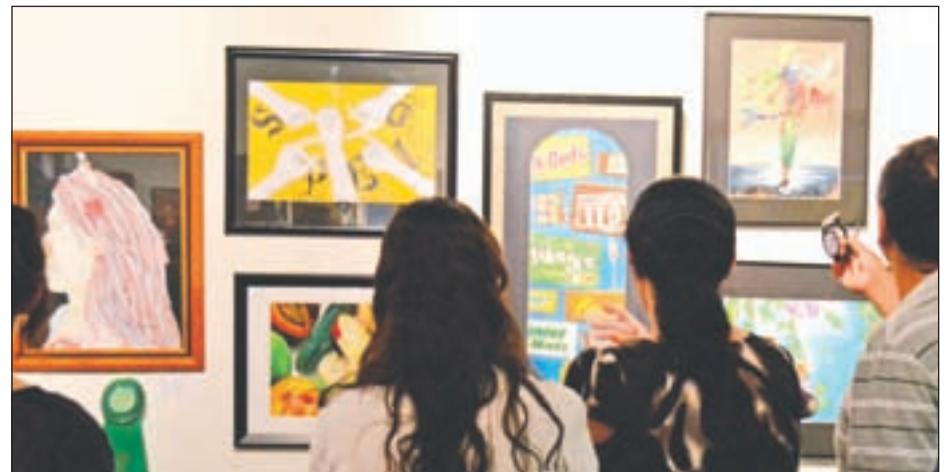
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2013 LAEA High School Best In Show winner Kenzie Hasten of Mariner High School



Mingling during the 2013 LAEA High School showcase and exhibition



Last year's The Future of Art showcase and exhibit



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Runners competing in the 2013 African AID 5K line up for the start of the race

5K To Benefit South African Children With AIDS

Registration now is under way for the African AID 5K run along McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, one of the annual favorites among local runners and a fundraiser benefiting South African children impacted by AIDS.

The African AID 5K will begin at 7:30

a.m. on Saturday, April 12 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 3825 McGregor Boulevard. The race is hosted by New Hope Presbyterian Church and the Fort Myers Track Club. Online registration is available at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com. The route takes runners along McGregor Boulevard, which will be closed to vehicular traffic during the race. Early registration is \$25 per runner; race-day registration is \$30.

Proceeds from the 5K will be donated to World Vision, a Christian relief, development, and advocacy organization dedi-

cated to working with children, families, and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision will use the money to fund the relief efforts for children affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Every 14 seconds, a child is orphaned due to HIV/AIDS, and there are more than 14 million of these orphans worldwide.

"Certainly our mission is to help South African children, but it's rewarding to know that at the same time we are hosting a community event that's rated among the best of local races," said Stu

Austin, New Hope's Associate Pastor. "Each year, we hear from area runners who tell us how much they enjoy the race. And like the church members who volunteer at the event, runners tell us they appreciate knowing they are helping an important cause."

This year is the ninth year of the race that has raised over \$50,000 for HIV/AIDS relief work in Africa. Additional information about the African AID 5K is available at www.newhopefortmyers.org and www.ftmyerstrackclub.com or by calling the church office at 274-1230.✪

Although He Didn't Win The Masters, 20-Year-Old Jordan Spieth Already Is Being Compared To Tiger Woods

by Ed Frank



The riveting spectacle of The Masters is unlike anything else in sports. And if you were one of the tens of millions who watched the final round last Sunday, you no doubt marveled at the booming finesse of winner Bubba Watson and the poise of 20-year-old Jordan Spieth, who tied for second in this famed event.

Watson, the lefty whose power fade earned him his second green jacket in three years, has a golf game as if it was designed for the curving fairways of Augusta National.

But let's take a closer look at the youngster Spieth, who has catapulted upon professional golf like no other since Tiger Woods.

He became the first teenager in 82 years to win a PGA Tour event – last summer's John Deere Classic – was the Tour Rookie of the Year and the first rookie to play for the United States in the President's Cup after being selected by captain Fred Couples.

Spieth ended the 2013 season 10th on the PGA Tour money list and ranked 22nd in the world after beginning the year 810th.

In less than two years, he has won more than \$6.5 million and recently established the Jordan Spieth Charitable Trust to assist special needs youths, military families and junior golf.

While he has become a hero to young and old alike, Spieth's real hero is his 12-year-old sister Ellie, a special needs child. She was born with an undiagnosed neurological disorder. He marvels at her sense of humor and how she keeps him grounded.

"When I'm upset at a tournament or don't finish it off the way I should, it really does put things in perspective," he was quoted recently.

Born and raised in Dallas, he graduated from Jesuit College Preparatory School. In high school, he helped in his sister's classroom which, according to his mother, "was a turning point in his life. He saw that we're not alone, that so many families are going through this."

The firstborn of Christine and Shawn Spieth, his athletic prowess comes naturally as his mother played college basketball and his father baseball. His younger brother, Steven, plays basketball at Brown.

Jordan showed promise as a quarterback and a left-handed pitcher in his early years before deciding upon golf as a teenager. He attended the University of Texas for three semesters, leaving to turning pro. As a freshman, he led his team to a National Championship.

It's natural to compare the highly-talented Spieth to the early career of Woods. For example:

- Woods was 20 years, 9 months, 20 days when he won his first PGA tournament, the Las Vegas Invitational.

- Spieth was 19 years, 11 months, 18 days when he won the John Deere Classic.

- Woods was 21 years, 3 months, 14 days when he played in his first major as a professional, the 1997 Masters.

- Spieth was 19 years, 10 months, 19 days at the 2013 U.S. Open.

- Woods recorded his first top 10 finish after three starts; the same for Spieth.

- And Woods was 16 years, 2 months and 1 day when he played in his first PGA tournament as an amateur; Spieth was 16 years, 9 months and 26 days.

Woods has gone on to win 14 major tournaments, second only to the 18 won by Jack Nicklaus. It's far too early to predict whether this phenom will reach those heights.

You can be certain, however, the golfing word will be watching.

Everblades Fail To Reach Playoffs For The First Time

Jordan Spieth

For the first time in the 16-year franchise history of the Florida Everblades, the local hockey team failed to reach post-season play.

Despite winning the final three games of the season, two against Reading and the finale against Greenville, Florida finished ninth in the American Conference of the ECHL, two points behind eighth-place Fort Wayne. Only the top eight teams qualify for the Kelly Cup playoffs.

The Everblades completed the season with a 37-27-3-5 record.

Wimmers Hurls Miracle Into First Place

Right-Hander Alex Wimmers, the first-round draft pick of the Minnesota Twins in 2010 who has been plagued with injuries for the last three years, has begun to show why he was a first-round draft choice.

Wimmers hurled six scoreless innings Monday night, including 18 straight outs, in a 7-3 win for the Fort Myers Miracle over the Charlotte Stone Crabs. The victory moved the Miracle to a 7-4 season record and into first-place in the Florida State League's South Division.

Wimmers is now 2-0 in the early season with a miniscule 0.93 ERA. In his first victory, he gave up only one hit while striking out six.

Fort Myers is home this weekend at Hammond Stadium hosting St. Lucie for a three-game series. Thursday and Friday games start at 7:05 p.m., with the first pitch Saturday at 6:05 p.m.✪



Goodwill Hosts 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's 4th annual golf fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 10 at Coral Oaks Golf Course in Cape Coral. Last year's tournament successfully raised over \$11,000 in gross proceeds to benefit the agency's programs and services and Goodwill is hoping to raise even more at this year's event.

"This tournament is such a fun way to give back to the community," said Goodwill's Community Relations Coordinator Madison Mitchell. "Coral Oaks is a great course to play and the proceeds raised go right back into Southwest Florida through Goodwill's programs and services."

The Goodwill Golf Classic will feature a raffle and multiple contests such as Closest To The Pin, 50/50 raffle and a longest drive competition. If the Hole In One challenge has a winner, they will receive a getaway package.

The cost to play is just \$60 for a single player, \$240 for a four-person team and \$100 to sponsor a hole.

"Last year, Goodwill was able to assist over 37,000 people in Southwest Florida," said Mitchell. "That was possible because of the support of events like this one."

To RSVP or for more information on



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the Golf Classic, call Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or email madison-mitchell@goodwillswfl.org. Players may also register online at www.goodwillswfl.org/golfclassic2014.*

Green Wave Golf Classic Is May 3

The Green Wave Golf Classic on May 3 is open to the public and features lunch and prizes. The annual tournament benefits the Fort Myers High School Athletic Boosters. Entry fee for the four-person scramble is \$70 per participant. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100 and \$200.

The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. at Eastwood Country Club, 4600 Bruce Herd Lane in Fort Myers.

For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Mitchell by email at VacationByCheryl@aol.com.*



Golfers prepare to head out onto the course for the 2013 Goodwill Tournament



Teeing off during last year's tournament at Coral Oaks Golf Course

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Stairclimb Event

has donated access to one of its towers for all five years of the Fight For Air Climb. Participants ascend the high rise's 541 steps up 30 floors.

"We have double the number of climbers and teams registered so far this year compared to this time last year," said Kurt Goerke, regional director of the ALA's Gulfcoast Chapter. "The event is growing in popularity, and we hope to turn that interest into record participation and dollars raised."

As is the trend nationally, the Fort Myers stairclimb is attracting an increasing participation from local firefighters and police officers who are members of their departments' SWAT teams. Firefighters and SWAT officers don their full gear during the climb, providing a healthy competition between neighboring fire districts and law enforcement agencies, while inspiring non-public safety participants.

Teams who have registered for the event are invited to begin training, and practice climbs are scheduled weekly on Saturday mornings. The cost to register is \$25 and each climber must raise \$100. More information and online registration is available at www.FightForAirClimb.org.

Sponsor include: Lee Memorial Health System, High Point Place, 21st Century Oncology, Lee County Electric Cooperative, BB&T, Bagel Bagel, Simplified Technologies, Culligan Water, Bonefish Grill, Story Book Realty, McDonalds, Kings Brand, The Morgan House and Sun Harvest Citrus. For more information, or to get involved, call 908-2685.*

Riders Wanted For Charity Poker Run

On Saturday, May 3, more than 100 motorcycle riders are expected to participate in the 2nd annual Lyle McCreary Memorial Poker Run.

McCreary, a former employee of Parr Moto and towering figure in the local riding community, lost his battle with cancer in 2011. Money raised during the ride to remember Lyle – and all those affected by cancer – will benefit Hope Hospice.

All riders will meet at The Hut in Buckingham for an optional breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and kickstands go up at 10:30 a.m. From there, riders will then continue on to the Fort Myers Brewery in Gateway, Rusty's Raw Bar in Estero, the Royal Scoop in Bonita Springs and end at Pinchers Tiki Hut on Fort Myers Beach (located behind the Wyndham Garden Hotel).

Along the way, riders will draw cards as part of the poker run. In addition, they can also win prizes by participating in a cornhole toss at the brewery and a dart throw at Rusty's.

At the final stop, Pinchers Tiki Hut, riders will enjoy food and live music, participate in a raffle and determine the best poker hand drawn during the run.

To make this charity event a success, Parr Moto is seeking prize donations from area businesses and greater par-

ticipation in the poker run – from riders and non-riders alike. To donate a prize for the raffle, contact Dana Parr at 866-772-1381 ext. 225 or at danaparr@parrmoto.com.

To donate to Hope Hospice in the name of Lyle McCreary, go to www.hopehospice.org/donate and click on the butterfly prompt that reads Donate Now. Be sure to fill out the tribute information at the bottom of the donations page.*

Chamber To Host Mini Masters Golf Tournament

The 2nd annual Mini Masters Golf Tournament to keep visitor information on the beach, comes to Jungle Golf on Tuesday April 29, with the first tee time of 4 p.m. Space is limited to 18 teams with up to eight players each. There will be prizes, raffles and mulligans. The champions will be crowned at Skip One Seafoods.

Chamber business members can sponsor a hole or a banner as well as enter a team. This event is open to the public. Cost is \$240 per team. If you don't want to play but still want to be part of the fun, you can purchase a gallery pass for \$5.

For more information or to register, visit www.fortmyersbeachminimasters.com. The tournament is sponsored by Jungle Golf, Skip One Seafoods, *The New-Press* and Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina.*

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Imagine Gala Raises \$75,000

The Imaginarium Science Center announced that the Imagine Gala 2014 – Underwater Wonders – raised \$75,000 for the Imaginarium Science Center.

The organizers wish to thank the more than 300 attendees who gathered for a night of food, auctions and the opportunity to view the new waterways-themed exhibits. They also extend gratitude to the generous sponsors.

Area students transformed local leaders into sea creatures in an inspired array of collaborative art pieces. Guests voted for their favorite while making donations toward the Imaginarium summer camp scholarship fund.

The winners were Sandy Stilwell as a seahorse, Norman Love as an otter and Mayor Randall Henderson as a stingray.

All the art subjects were very kind to lend their faces to this fun project, which helped the Imaginarium highlight important waterways issues affecting Southwest Florida.✪



Ashley Govanus and Rebecca Kundysek



Matt Evans and Laura Richards



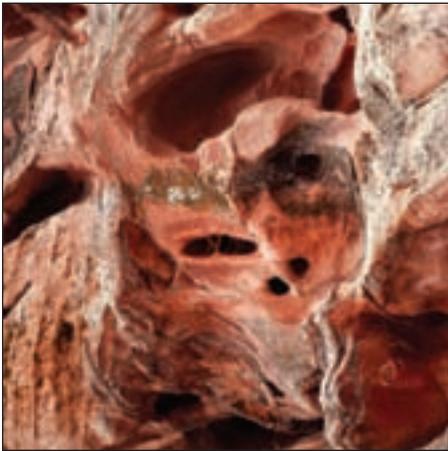
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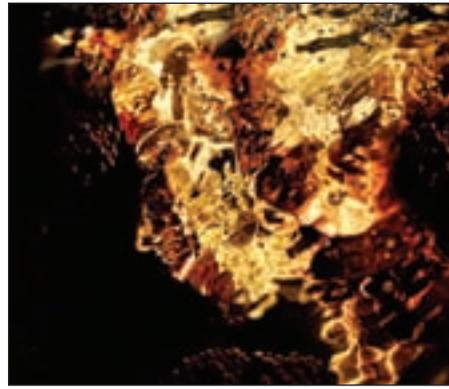
Jon Finstrom, Sandy Stilwell and Wilbur Smith



Demon by Alex Volborth

Aleatoric Art In The 21st Century Exhibit To Open

On Friday, May 2, the Alliance for the Arts will present the first ever dedicated gallery show featuring work by members of what's called the Movement of Aleatoric Modern Artists, or MAMA. The show will feature 15 of MAMA's top artists displaying works in a variety of disciplines, all with one thing in common – their collaboration with nature, chance and the laws that govern the universe. When an element of uncertainty is intentionally incorporated into the concept and creation of a work of art, it is referred to as “aleatoric art.” Examples of aleatoric methods can be seen in several of the more recent periods in art but the method became a style, then a school.



Portrait by Coleman Miller

MAMA pays tribute to the DADAists of the early 20th century, among the many other artists throughout history who have chosen to relinquish partial control of their creative processes to the hands of fate, the laws of physics and the continuum of perpetual chaos which prevails over our universe by design. By learning to value and preserve that which we can never own, to respond and yield to that which we can never predict, and to respect and trust that which we can never control, the aleatoric artist inherits the divine principle of acceptance, and the creative process becomes a cooperative collaboration between the artist's deliberate intentions and the unpredictable hands of fate. Thus, the aleatoric artist gambles, and either fails or transcends the limitations of the mind and body to reach artistic plateaus previously unattainable.

The Movement of Aleatoric Modern Artists is a hand-picked assemblage of 48 extraordinary painters, sculptors, photographers and craftspeople representing an emerging “period” in art which has



Sorcerer by Stoffel de Roover

spontaneously occurred all over the world with uncanny simultaneity. In response to society's apathy toward the undermining of our planet's ecological balance by the ever-advancing technology of industry, every member of our movement has discovered a unique artistic approach that is philosophically, spiritually, and/or functionally aligned with nature. Each artist has selflessly devoted his/her talents to advocating the virtues of our Mother Earth and discovering new ways of collaborating with her design to produce a body of work greater than our abilities alone would allow. MAMA's members were chosen for their willingness to “roll the dice” (the literal meaning of the root word “alea” in aleatoric) and to take a faithful exploratory leap into the vast unknown realm that is the future of fine art.

Exhibiting artists include Ray Cabarga (California); Cristine Cambrea (Florida);



Waxing Dust by Veron Ennis

Tsvetan Chetashki (Bulgaria); Veron Ennis (Florida); Don Frost (Ontario); Reed Ghazala (Ohio); Beth Holt (Netherlands); Newel Hunter (Washington); Ted Lincoln (Florida); J Coleman Miller (Texas); Anick Morel (Canada); Allan Rodewald (Texas); Stoffel de Roover (Montreal); Mark Stock (Massachusetts); Art Venti (California); and Alex Volborth (1925-2009, Montana).

The show's curator, Fort Myers artist Veron Ennis, will hold a Gallery Walk on Saturday, May 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. The exhibit remains on display and open to the public during normal business hours until May 23. Artwork by Ernest Settani will be featured in the Member Gallery. For more information, visit www.ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787.

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

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPP

Dear Shelley, My daughter keeps talking about a new movie called *Divergent* and her teacher is sending home notes about how they are

working on divergent thinking in class. I don't want my daughter spending school time on this movie. Do you think this is a problem?

Katie M., Fort Myers, Florida

Katie,

I do not believe these two things are the same. The movie *Divergent* is based on a recent popular book about a dystopian society, while divergent thinking has been around for a quite a while. The psychologist JP Guilford first invented the terms convergent thinking and divergent thinking in 1967. Divergent thinking is considered a valuable way to introduce and develop creativity, to go beyond rote thinking and learn how to appreciate various points of view. According to cognitive psy-

chologist Dr. Mark A. Smith, “divergent thinking is the process of generating multiple related ideas for a given topic or solutions to a problem. Divergent thinking occurs in a spontaneous, free-flowing, ‘non-linear’ manner.” The word divergent is partly defined as “tending to be different or develop in different directions.” Sometimes divergent thinking is called “thinking outside the box.” Convergent thinking, on the other hand, requires one to restrict ideas to those that might be correct or the best solution to a problem.

Studies suggest that, as children, we are very strong divergent thinkers but our ability to think divergently decreases significantly as we become adults, which is problematic. Our children need to learn and be able to think both convergently and divergently. Students must have the convergent thinking skills to use logical and evaluative thinking to critique and narrow ideas to make crucial and well-formed decisions after evaluating a range of ideas, information. They also need the ability to elaborate, and think of diverse and original ideas with fluency and speed. Children need experience with both types of thinking in order to be skilled at solving a wide variety of problems effectively.

There are many complaints about the current state of education that center on

the standardized testing now required. Complaints typically focus on the huge number of tests kids must take and that these tests seem only to value convergent thinking and the production of the one, and only, right answer. There are many who say that the current school model encourages students to adopt rigid mental models of how things work, encourage rote thinking and discourage creative thinking and problem solving. It should be noted as well that there is a movement in education currently that promotes creativity and divergent thinking as to create more resourceful students who can develop their own solutions to problems.

This is a confusing conversation with no one right answer, in my opinion. As stated before, I think kids need to learn both ways of thinking. Guilford said that most of us are better at one than the other, but at least a little of each complements the other. Combine convergent thinking with divergent thinking? Yes! Encourage divergent thinking to find as many possible answers to a particular problem. Encourage convergent thinking to find the best single answer to a problem and practice everyday application of both.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses.

She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication. ✨

Hesselgesser Graduates

Heather Brianna Hesselgesser, a resident of Fort Myers, has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Kinesiology from Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. ✨

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Financial Focus

Improve Your Own Investment Environment



by Jennifer Basey

On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day – a day devoted to education and action on environmental issues. As a citizen of the world, you may have a keen interest in protecting your

physical surroundings. And as someone trying to reach long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you're probably also interested in improving your investment environment.

So, here are a few suggestions:

- Respond to environmental factors.

Over the past few years, we've had a favorable investment climate, marked by low inflation, low interest rates and generally strong corporate profits. And investors who have taken advantage of this positive environment have, for the most part, been rewarded. But things can change, so it's always a good idea to understand the current investment environment, as it may affect your investment choices. For example, if it seems likely that long-term interest rates are going to rise significantly, you might need to review your long-term bond holdings, as their price would be negatively affected by a rise in rates.

- Nurture your investments. One area of environmentalism involves planting seeds or saplings and nurturing them to maturity. You can do the same thing with investments – and a good way to nurture them is to give them time to grow in all investment climates. But how long should you hold these investments? You might heed the advice of Warren Buffett, one of the world's most famous investors, who says this about his investment company,

"Our favorite holding period is forever." It takes patience to follow the buy-and-hold strategy favored by Mr. Buffett – and it also requires the discipline necessary to keep investing through the inevitable downturns you will encounter. But over the long term, your perseverance may well be rewarded.

- Avoid "toxic" investment strategies. Unfortunately, many human activities are bad for the environment. Similarly, some investment strategies are "toxic" for your prospects of success. Consider the pursuit of "hot" stocks. They sound inviting, but, by the time you hear about them, they may have lost their sizzle – and in any case, they might not be right for your needs. Here's another "poisonous" investment strategy: trying to "time" the market. If you're always jumping in and out of the market, looking for "low" points to buy and "high" points to sell, you'll probably be wrong most of the time – because nobody can accurately predict highs and lows. Even more importantly, you may find yourself out of the market during the beginning of a rally, which is when the biggest gains tend to occur.

- Diversify your "species" of investments. Drawing inspiration from Earth Day, the United Nations has designated 2011–20 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. And, just as preserving the diversification of species is important for life on Earth, the diversification of your investment portfolio is essential for its health. By owning a variety of investments – stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and so on – you can help protect yourself from downturns that primarily affect just one asset class. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

Earth Day happens just once a year – but the lessons of environmentalism can help you, as an investor, for all the days and years ahead.

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AppleJuice

Be In The Driver's Seat With Your Mac Dashboard



by Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, SWACKS

The Mac Dashboard gives you quick and easy access using "widgets" to info you use every day. You can find widgets for Apple applications

like Contacts and Calendar, which gives you a quick look at the information without opening the application.

To open the Dashboard you can, click on the Dashboard or Mission Control icon in the Dock or open it from your Applications folder. If you have Dashboard configured as if it's own space, just swipe from left to right.

If this is your first time visiting the Mac Dashboard, you'll see some preloaded widgets which may include: weather information, a clock and calendar, stock information, calculator and sticky notes. You can move any of these widgets by dragging them with your pointer. To activate a widget, just select it.

In the lower left hand corner, you'll see a plus (+) and minus (-) sign, each in

a circle. Using the plus, you can add additional widgets from the widget browser by clicking on the icon. Or start typing the name of a widget in the search field, then click on the icon to add it to your Dashboard.

To remove a widget, click the minus sign, then, click the widget's close button (an X in a circle).

Many Mac Widgets will allow you to customize them to show information that applies to you. For example, your location for the weather app, your time zone for the clock app,

You can also make your own Widgets by using the Web Browser Safari. Go to a website using Safari. Choose File then Open in Dashboard. Highlight the area of the webpage you want to create a widget out of. Now, click the Add at the top of the Safari window.

To leave the Mac Dashboard, use one of these four options: Press the escape key; use Mission Control in your Dock to switch to another application or desktop; with two fingers, swipe from left to right on your track pad or magic mouse; and lastly, you can click the arrow in a circle in the lower right hand corner which will take you back to your desktop.

Visit www.apple.com/downloads/dashboard/?r=dbw to see more Widgets for the Mac OS X Dashboard.

South West Florida Apple Computer Knowledge Society or SWACKS. For more information, visit www.swacks.org.✱

Wastewater Treatment Plant Wins Award

Lee County Utilities Three Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant has won the statewide Earle B. Phelps Award.

This award is given annually by the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) to recognize the wastewater treatment facility that has maintained the highest removal of major pollution caus-

ing constituents prior to discharging the treated effluent. Three Oaks won in the Secondary Treatment category.

The award was based on such criteria as the previous 12 months of the facility's monthly reports, the flow-weighted monthly and annual average effluent and effluent concentrations with the associated percent removal of each parameter identified in the award criteria and a schematic diagram of the treatment facility's operation or process.

Three Oaks' staff accepted the award in Orlando on April 8 at the Florida Water Resource Conference.✱

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Dates On Market
Glenview	Fort Myers Beach	1973	3,497	\$1,600,000	\$1,350,000	576
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2008	4,694	\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000	352
Whiskey Creek	Fort Myers	1958	2,170	\$1,250,000	\$1,170,000	76
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	2014	2,793	\$1,098,000	\$1,015,000	32
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2006	4,008	\$989,900	\$955,000	182
Cedar Glen	Bonita Springs	1999	2,899	\$869,000	\$845,000	32
Montelago	Miromar Lakes	2002	2,650	\$834,900	\$800,000	35
Heron Point	Bonita Springs	2001	3,115	\$789,000	\$750,000	80
Gulf Ridge East Subdivision	Sanibel	1985	1,835	\$849,000	\$735,000	22
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	1985	1,925	\$679,000	\$645,000	86

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

dearPharmacist

Curb Your Hunger



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I am 90 pounds overweight and just began taking the medication Xenical. Is there another drug that works better than this? Are there any supplements you

recommend?

JM, Dallas, Texas

Kudos to you for getting on the path to wellness. This topic could encompass an entire book and if there was one easy answer it would be great but there's not. There isn't a medication that I recommend for weight loss, although the orlistat (Xenical) is commonly prescribed to assist in weight loss. But it is not a fat burner. It is a fat blocker. It reduces intestinal fat absorption by blocking an enzyme called lipase. One way to prevent fat in the first place is to keep your cortisol levels down. Cortisol will rise in the presence of chronic stress, fear and grief and the hormone contributes to belly fat. You can evaluate cortisol and other adrenal hormones with urine and saliva tests.

There's probably no faster way to lose weight than to just eat meats, veggies and nuts/seeds and drink only water, tea or coffee. Testing your thyroid is important because that is often very low, despite normal blood tests. Leptin resistance can cause you to hold on to weight, and

leptin can be measured via blood tests too. How to test your thyroid and leptin is discussed in my new book, *Thyroid Healthy*. When you have adequate levels of thyroid hormone, you can turn food into fuel.

As for supplement aids, there are only a handful that can assist you, and I want you talk to your practitioner(s) before taking anything new, because I don't know what's right for you. I've included a partial list here and if you want the extended version of this article, go to my website www.SuzyCohen.com.

In no particular order:

Tyrosine – An amino acid that is considered a gentle appetite suppressant. It helps you make thyroid hormone, which regulates metabolism and burns fat. Turning calories into energy is important. Unburned calories equals stored fat on you. Tyrosine helps you make dopamine, a happy neurotransmitter that influences appetite. You often see this compound in thyroid supplements and diet aids.

Phenylalanine – An amino acid that helps you make tyrosine (see above) while also triggering the release of CCK (cholecystokinin), a compound that helps you feel full. It's what we call a satiety hormone. People often take this amino acid before meals. If you take tyrosine, you would not need this and visa versa. People with phenylketonuria should never take this supplement.

Avocado extract – It comes as a capsule, tablet or powder. It's a gentle appetite suppressant and people say it reduces carb cravings. It should improve your glutathione status. Glutathione is a major liver antioxidant that you want more of.

Cumin – A spice you can buy at any

store that some tout as a natural appetite suppressant activity. Sprinkle it on food.

Peppermint tea – Drinking peppermint tea with your meal could help you reduce appetite, but be careful, it may exacerbate reflux.

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.

Letter Carrier Food Drive

Letter carriers in Lee County are gearing up for the 22nd annual national letter carrier food drive. The nation's largest single-day food drive, Stamp Out Hunger, will be held on Saturday, May 10. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes.

Summer is coming, school will be out, and the need for food assistance will be great. Food collected in Lee County will be distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other agencies. All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Northerners who are returning home prior to May 10 may drop off their contributions at any post office for this food drive. Food may also be left at Uncle Bob's storage areas at 3780 Central Avenue, 3111 Cleveland Avenue, 4400 Solomon Blvd. or 6600 Industrial Drive, all in Fort Myers; 1347 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers; or 800 Abrams Blvd. in Lehigh Acres.

Businesses can set up collection boxes for employees and customers who may not be able to leave food by their mailboxes on May 10. Virtually any kind of food may be donated in unopened, non-breakable containers. Items especially in need are peanut butter, tuna, rice, beans, and canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups on May 10. Contact Kitty Swanson in Lee County at 573-9638. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting on May 10. Contact Tanya Phillips of the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 or Kim Berghs of the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.

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

Kia Soul Raffle Tickets On Sale

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida (RMHC) announced that Fucillo Kia of Cape Coral has gifted RMHC with a 2014 Kia Soul for use in the charity's fundraising efforts. Fucillo KIA, located at 404 NE Pine Island Road in Cape Coral, provided this extremely generous gift to serve as the prize in a chance drawing. Tickets for the drawing are \$100 each, and no more than 400

tickets will be sold. Those living outside of Florida are also eligible to enter the drawing (void where prohibited). A person or entity may purchase a maximum of 25 tickets. The drawing will be held at Fucillo Kia of Cape Coral on Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. The winner need not be present to win.

The chance drawing winner will be responsible for any applicable taxes, as well as tag, title and fees. The chance drawing winner shall accept the property in "as is" condition and must claim the prize within two weeks or a new winner will be selected.

The drawing is part of the annual Offshore Rodeo and Reggae Party Fishing Tournament, a key fundraising event for RMHC. Fucillo Kia of Cape Coral is the HUGE Sponsor of this year's event, being held on June 7 at the Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant and Port Sanibel Marina.

To purchase chance drawing tickets for the 2014 Kia Soul, or for further information on the chance drawing or the tournament, contact Angela at 437-0202 or visit www.rmhcswfl.org.

Support Group For Families Of Long Term Care Facility Residents

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, located at 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers. For more information, call 437-3007.

Mom And Me



It is less than a year now and he has turned into a social butterfly. We want him to feel better but this behavior seems so unusual and we are trying to understand. Can you help us?

Chris

Dear Chris,

Many widows and widowers that have had wonderful marriages will try to reestablish a married life soon after the death of their partner. They are trying to replace what they are missing. It is often difficult for family, adult children and friends as the quick interest in reestablishing a close relationship is viewed as disrespectful to the individual who has died. It is important for survivors to create a new life after the death of a loved one.

Pryce

Dear Chris,

People who isolate themselves from others can be very happy people. They enjoy their own company, however, most people enjoy social interchange with others.

Your father may have loved to be among others but your mother preferred isolation and he was happy just to be with her. His new lady friend may help him in the social environment and he enjoys her company and having a life he has never had.

Loneliness is dreadful and you are fortunate that he has found a friend.

Lizzie

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

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,

Our parents had very few friends and stayed to themselves. Sometimes we wondered if they just didn't relate to other couples.

Out of the blue, our mother had a brain hemorrhage and was dead in 10 minutes. Our father was devastated. He was extremely lonely and in less than three months he had met a friend of a friend.



Front row from left, 2014 Grande Dames Barbara Brown, Sarah Sciple and Margaret Sirianni; Back row, Mei-Mei Chan with some of the PACE girls



2012 Grande Dame Michel Doherty and PACE board member Kendra Sutton



Nikole Wesley and Howard Wheeler



From left, B. Pat O'Rourke, Kim Nealon, 2011 Grande Dame Kathleen Nealon and 2013 Grande Dame Helen O'Rourke McClary



2012 Grande Dame Anna "Boots" Tolles and PACE board member Donna Caruso



PACE board chair Sandy Stilwell with PACE Lee executive director Meg Geltner

Center Raises \$35,575 At Grande Dames Tea

PACE Center For Girls of Lee County raised \$35,575 at the 6th annual Grande Dames Tea held on April 4 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers.

Barbara Brown of Fort Myers, Sarah Sciple of Matlacha and Margaret Sirianni of Fort Myers were honored for their roles in Southwest Florida history and their decades of service and helping others. Mei-Mei Chan, The News-Press Media Group president and publisher, once again served as mistress of ceremonies.

Chair of the event was Cheryl Kornick, with Deanna Hansen serving as co-chair. Both are members of the PACE Lee Board of Directors.

"These three outstanding women come from varied backgrounds and offered some insightful advice for the audience and the PACE girls," Kornick said.

"Our theme of The Wisdom of Age - Honoring the Female Spirit was so appropriate because each of these women has much to share from their own life's journey," Hansen said.

This is the sixth year of the historic Grande Dames Tea. Previous honorees have included philanthropists Berne

Davis, Eleanore Kleist and Barbara B. Mann in 2009; Jeanne Bochette, Helen Hendry and Veronica Shoemaker in 2010; Myra Daniels, Kathleen Nealon and Mimi Straub in 2011; Michel Doherty, Mavis Stinson Miller and Anna "Boots" Tolles in 2012; and Thelma Hodges, Helen O'Rourke McClary and Ettie Francis Walsh in 2013.

The Grande Dames Tea was originated by PACE Center For Girls of Lee County to honor women who have played major roles in Southwest Florida history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others.

The agenda for the tea included interaction between the PACE girls and the three Grande Dames, in a question-and-answer format.

White House Black Market was the title sponsor of the Grande Dames Tea. Other major sponsors were the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre and Edison National Bank, along with media sponsors Grandeur Magazine and The News-Press Media Group.

For more information about PACE, call 425-2366 or visit www.pacecenter.org/lee.*

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Sam Sirianni, Jr., 2014 Grande Dame Margaret Sirianni and Stacey Cannington

April Pet Adoption Special

Throughout the month of April, Lee County Domestic Animal Services is offering great deals on pet adoptions during its Everybunny Needs Somebunny adoption promotion. If you need that special someone to make your life complete, consider adopting a dog 40 pounds or over for just \$40 or a cat six months or older for only \$30.

The reduced adoption fees will still include the complete package of services consisting of sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip

ID, worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, 10-day health guarantee, and behavior helpline. The adoption package is valued at over \$500.

Check out the variety of pets waiting to be adopted online at www.LeeLostPets.com or go to the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Adoption hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Volunteers and staff are available to help you find the pet best suited for you and your lifestyle. Adoption applications may be submitted online as well as in person at the shelter.*

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. ANCIENT WORLD: Who was the king of Troy during the Trojan War?
2. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a sternutation?
3. MOVIES: What movie featured the tagline, "Eight legs, two fangs and an attitude"?
4. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays features the character of Titania?
5. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: If a standard quarter weighs .2 ounces, how many quarters would it take to equal 1 pound?
6. SCIENCE: What was the main geological process that formed the Grand Canyon?
7. EXPLORERS: Who was the first European explorer to travel the length of the Mississippi River in 1682?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of the comic strip usually credited as the first to appear regularly in a newspaper?
9. TELEVISION: What was the names of the Elly May's chimpanzees on "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
10. MUSIC: What kind of instrument is a euphonium?

ANSWERS

1. Priam 2. A sneeze 3. Arachnophobia (1990) 4. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" 5. 80 6. Erosion 7. La Salle 8. "The Yellow Kid" debuted in the New York World in 1895. 9. Cousin Bessie and Skipper 10. Brass instrument that resembles a small tuba

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who were the last teammates before Baltimore's Manny Machado and Chris Davis in 2013 to lead the A.L. in doubles and home runs in the same season?
2. How many times did New York Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio have seasons of more RBIs than games played?
3. Who holds the Pac-12 record for most touchdown passes in a season?
4. In 2013, San Antonio's Tim Duncan became the fourth player to play in the NBA Finals during three different decades. Name two of the other three.
5. When was the last time before the 2013-14 season that the Philadelphia Flyers won at least 10 consecutive games at home in regulation?
6. How many times has a Tour de France bicycling champion come from Great Britain?
7. Who gave heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali his second professional defeat?

ANSWERS

1. Lou Gehrig (doubles) and Babe Ruth (home runs) did it for the New York Yankees in 1927. 2. Four seasons (1937, '39, '40, '48). 3. Southern Cal's Matt Barkley, with 39 in 2011. 4. Elgin Baylor, A.C. Green and John Salley. 5. They won 14 consecutive home games in 1984-85. 6. Twice -- in 2012 (Bradley Wiggins) and 2013 (Chris Froome). 7. Ken Norton beat him in 1973.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2014

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on the flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week. But try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you that attention you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current time priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting a deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting that workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember:

Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more chance it has to get through when submitted.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you confidence when you need to tackle difficult situations.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 27, 1667, blind poet John Milton sells the copyright to his masterpiece "Paradise Lost" for a mere 10 pounds. Once printed, the poem was immediately hailed as a masterpiece of the English language. In 1671, he wrote "Paradise Regained," followed by "Samson Agonistes." He died in 1674.

- On April 25, 1859, at Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas. When it opened, the Suez Canal was only 25 feet deep, 72 feet wide at the bottom, and 200 feet to 300 feet wide at the surface. Fewer than 500 ships navigated it in its first year of operation.

- On April 24, 1863, the Union army issues General Order No. 100, which provided a code of conduct for Federal soldiers and officers when dealing with Confederate prisoners and civilians. It became the standard for international military law.

- On April 22, 1915, German forces shock Allied soldiers along the Western front by firing more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions. The Germans, perhaps as shocked as the Allies by the devastating effects of the poison gas, failed to take full advantage, and the Allies held most of their positions.

- On April 23, 1961, Judy Garland plays Carnegie Hall in what has been called "the greatest night in showbiz history." The concert took place on the one night a week that Broadway performers have off -- Sunday night -- and the audience was therefore a friendly one.

- On April 26, 1977, Studio 54, the most famous nightclub in the world, opens its doors. The venue became famous for openly and shamelessly excluding all but the most chic, famous or beautiful patrons. Studio

54's golden era lasted less than three years.

- On April 21, 1980, Rosie Ruiz, age 26, finishes first in the women's division of the Boston Marathon. Eight days later Ruiz was stripped of her victory after race officials learned she jumped into the race about a mile before the finish line.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Benjamin Franklin who made the following sage observation: "It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it."

- If you're like 87 percent of American adults, you use the Internet. The only thing I find surprising about this statistic is that there are 13 percent of adults who [SET ITAL]don't[END ITAL] use it.

- In a recent survey, more Americans said they would have a hard time giving up the Internet than said they'd have a hard time giving up TV.

- Those interested in maritime history (and practically everyone else, for that matter) are familiar with the story of the Titanic, which struck an iceberg and sank on the night of April 15, 1912. It's interesting to note, though, that in 1898 a book called "Futility," by Morgan Robertson, described an almost identical scenario: The ship in the novel was called Titan, and, like the Titanic, it was trying to break a speed record for crossing the Atlantic. The Titan was declared to be unsinkable, and it didn't have enough lifeboats for all the passengers. On its fictional voyage in the month of April, it struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean and sank, resulting in the deaths of almost all the passengers.

- In Ireland, the police do not carry firearms. Their only weapons are batons and pepper spray.

- In 1943, then-chairman of IBM, Thomas Watson, went on the record saying, "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

- If you're afraid of sharks, you might want to consider this tidbit: Every year, more people are killed by bees than by sharks.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"In this world, you must be a bit too kind to be kind enough." -- Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Florida Grouper Coconut Florentine

2 tablespoons olive oil
 4 6-ounce grouper fillets
 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, peeled and grated
 1/2 cup red onion, diced and divided
 1 1/2 cups canned light coconut milk
 2 tablespoon fresh lime juice
 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 1 teaspoon soy sauce
 1 splash hot pepper sauce
 4 plum tomatoes, diced
 1 red bell pepper, diced
 1 green bell pepper, diced
 1 10-ounce bag spinach, washed
 In large sauté pan over medium-high heat, sauté fillets in 1 tablespoon olive oil 2-3 minutes per side until browned. Remove fillets and set aside. Add garlic, ginger and 1/4 cup onion to pan; cook until tender.

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Sauté remaining 1/4 cup onion, tomatoes, bell peppers and spinach until greens are just wilted. Serve fillets on a bed of spinach mixture.*

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Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
- Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.
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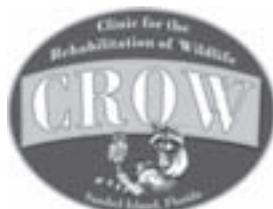
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LOST AND FOUND

FOUND

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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

My name is Lilly and I was named after a flower that means pure, beautiful and innocent. That's me. I've got a beautiful smile, loving disposition and a real zest for life. Please consider me as your forever friend and I'll be yours for life. My adoption fee us \$40 (regularly \$75) during Lee County Domestic Animal Services' Everybunny Needs Somebunny adoption promotion.

I know my name is Fuzzy but I'm more fluffy than anything. In fact, I have adorable little tufts of hair that frame my petite face. I'm a quiet, laid-back kitty who likes to snuggle and purr. My adoption fee is \$30 (regularly \$50) during the adoption promotion.

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

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

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Fuzzy ID# 585068



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Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
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ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
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Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
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Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
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Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
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Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
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Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
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Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

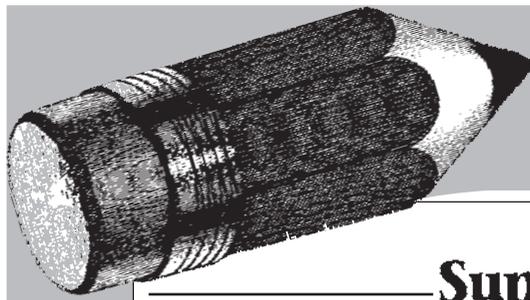
Lions Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
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POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900

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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
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Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
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If you would like your club/organization listed in The River Calling Card, phone 415-7732



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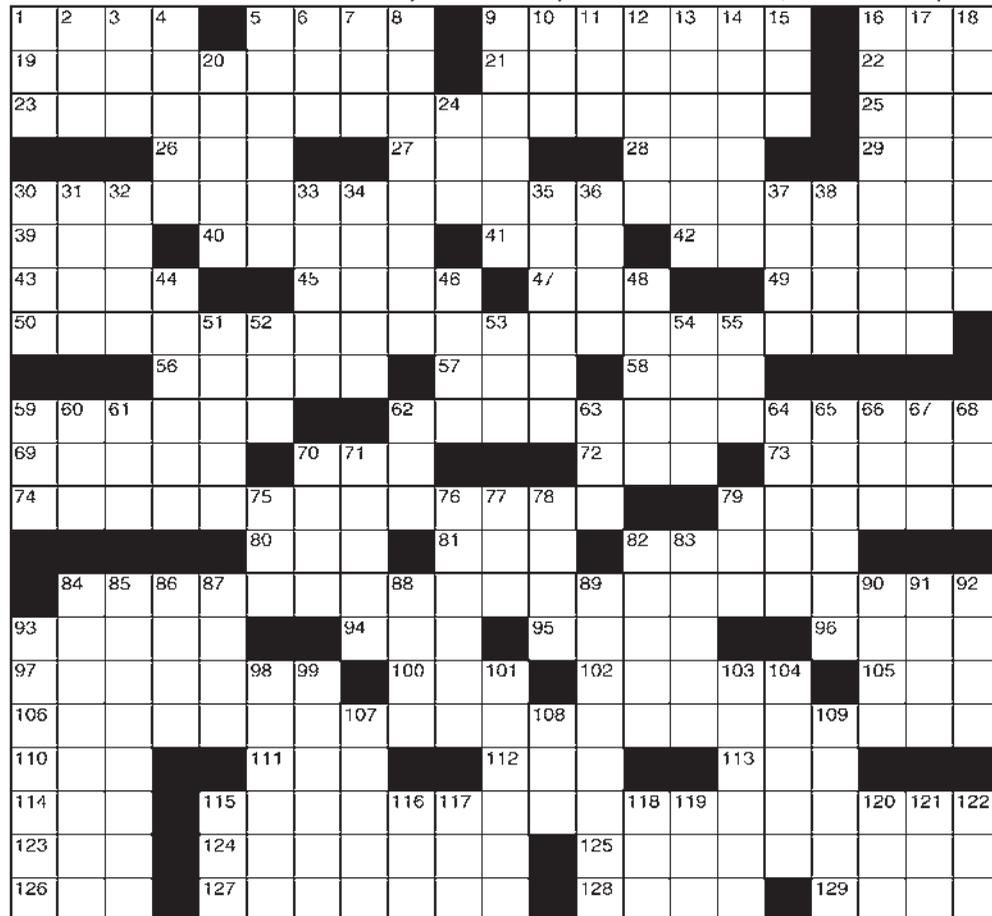
Super Crossword

SWEET SQUAD

- ACROSS**
- 1 A little wet
 - 5 Dice throw
 - 9 Bureau of Indian —
 - 16 USMC rank
 - 19 Downtown, say
 - 21 High chest of drawers
 - 22 Jackie's husband #2
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Chaney of old horror
 - 26 Eden mother
 - 27 Lexus, e.g.
 - 28 "La-la" lead-in
 - 29 Bouncers' demands
 - 30 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 Lav, in Soho
 - 40 Prankster in "The Tempest"
 - 41 Train stop: Abbr.
 - 42 Column inches sold to sponsors
 - 43 Crumb-toting colonists
 - 45 Reno fixture
 - 47 — lacto vegetarian
 - 49 Sleepy
 - 50 Riddle, part 3
 - 56 Narrow road
 - 57 Slugger's stat
 - 58 Wide shoe specification
 - 59 Sharp quarrels
 - 62 Riddle, part 4
 - 69 Of a pelvic bone
 - 70 Cole Porter's "Hitchy- —"
 - 72 Lawyer Cohn
 - 73 Army unit
 - 74 Riddle, part 5
 - 79 Songs of praise
 - 80 Fifth sign of the zodiac
 - 81 Zeta follower
 - 82 Best guests
 - 84 Riddle, part 6
 - 93 Brit's fencing blade
 - 94 Pentagon's govt. division
 - 95 Macramé creation
 - 96 — around (circa)
 - 97 Chemical cousins
 - 100 Available with no Rx
 - 102 Trample (on)
 - 105 Trelis plant
 - 106 End of the riddle
 - 110 Med. country
 - 111 Guevara in "Evita"
 - 112 Ending for press
 - 113 CIA figure
 - 114 No, to a kilt wearer
 - 115 Riddle's answer
 - 123 "Go, terror!"
 - 124 It's fact-filled
 - 125 Very same
 - 126 "The Simpsons" neighbor
 - 127 Ocular cleansing cup
 - 128 Bit of a dollar
 - 129 Old French president
 - 11 Travel by jet
 - 12 For — see (in plain view)
 - 13 "Stones for —" (1988 Glenn Close movie)
 - 14 President Reagan
 - 15 Barrett of Pink Floyd
 - 16 "The Cabinet of Dr. —" (classic horror film)
 - 17 Maker
 - 18 — oil (flax product)
 - 20 Skin care brand
 - 24 Gaping mouth
 - 30 Body fat
 - 31 One of Chaplin's wives
 - 32 Goes rancid
 - 33 Jet walkway
 - 34 Nervous —
 - 35 Kind of bomb
 - 36 Joe
 - 37 O.T. book read on Purim
 - 38 "... blackbirds baked in —"
 - 44 WA airport
 - 46 Prefix with bytes
 - 48 "And — grow on"
 - 51 Lego piece
 - 52 Two Unsers of Indy
 - 53 Stomach "six-pack"
 - 54 Like a wet lawn at dawn
 - 55 Caddy drink
 - 59 Bro, for one
 - 60 Pipe joint
 - 61 Carrere of Hollywood
 - 62 Trim a field
 - 63 Mine matter
 - 64 Hide away
 - 65 "Am not!" comeback
 - 66 Flashy scarf
 - 67 Charged bit
 - 68 Motorist's navig. aid
 - 70 Capped joint
 - 71 George —, a.k.a. Boy George
 - 75 Ring great Muhammad
 - 76 Travel in the direction of
 - 77 Morticia's hairy cousin
 - 78 War vehicle
 - 79 Magnum of TV et al.
 - 82 91-Down, Italian-style
 - 83 "— Eat Cake" (Gershwin musical)
 - 84 Transaction requiring no credit
 - 85 Certain woodwind insert
 - 86 "Stop! — Mom Will Shoot"
 - 87 Part of KISS
 - 88 Donkey foot
 - 89 Like national theme songs
 - 90 Ph.D. offerer
 - 91 Sweetheart's emotion
 - 92 Prohibition advocates
 - 93 Audit, as a class
 - 98 In a lavish way
 - 99 Sinister plan
 - 101 Thing rolled on for help
 - 103 Go-ahead
 - 104 Train stop
 - 107 Shish —
 - 108 Half of hexa-
 - 109 Song line
 - 115 — kwon do
 - 116 Santa —
 - 117 Back muscle, for short
 - 118 Lofty verse
 - 119 Stimp'y's bud
 - 120 —
 - 121 Stable grain
 - 122 Sneaky

DOWN

- 1 Tipsy person's hwy. offense
- 2 Pooch noise
- 3 Many an exec's deg.
- 4 "Dona nobis —" ("Grant us peace")
- 5 Like a very violent film
- 6 Suffix with audit
- 7 Waikiki garland
- 8 Round Table knight
- 9 Man- — (soldier)
- 10 Way off
- 8 Ball-bearing gizmo
- 9 Ms. Moore
- 10 Malefic
- 11 Opposite of 40-Down
- 20 Really hard candy
- 22 Nostalgia-inducing song
- 24 Symbol of slowness
- 25 Speck
- 26 — pro nobis
- 27 Aviv
- 29 Lawyers' org.
- 30 — U.S. Pat.
- 31 Coloring agent
- 35 Pass by
- 36 Constant sufferer
- 39 Serves the purpose
- 40 Opposite of 11-Down
- 41 Bohemian
- 43 One of the Three Bears
- 45 Grooving on
- 46 Puts on
- 47 Vacillate
- 49 Stitch



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ringer
- 5 Radiate
- 9 Morning moisture
- 12 Met melody
- 13 Zilch
- 14 Leading lady
- 15 Chew away at
- 16 Initial stake
- 17 Wrong (Pref.)
- 18 Belgrade native
- 19 Farm sound
- 20 Leave at the altar
- 21 Surgeon product
- 23 Airport org.
- 25 "Really?!"
- 28 Forth
- 32 Mountain nymph
- 33 West-minster or Downton
- 34 "The Jazz Singer," notably
- 36 Illusion
- 37 Moray or conger
- 38 Hearty brew
- 39 Cherished
- 42 Spring mo.
- 44 Helps
- 48 Skull tool
- 49 Lovers' quarrel
- 50 Recognize
- 8 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 52 Catch sight of
- 53 Sicilian volcano
- 54 Pigpen
- 55 Sport
- 56 Optimistic
- 8 Ball-bearing gizmo
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DOWN

- 1 Supermarket supply
- 2 Sea eagle
- 3 Perjurer
- 4 Criminal
- 5 Dental coat
- 6 It preceded stereo
- 7 Entirely
- 99 Smister plan
- 101 Thing rolled on for help
- 103 Go-ahead
- 104 Train stop
- 107 Shish —
- 108 Half of hexa-
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 W V T I S P D S E T H C T I W
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Actress
- Female
- Mother
- Soprano
- Aunt
- Goddess
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- Widow
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- Heroine
- Queen
- Witch
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