Broadway Palm To Host Fundraising Performances For Children’s Hospital

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre will be presenting Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella from May 17 through June 23. All opening week performances – Thursday, May 17 through Sunday, May 20 – are benefit performances in which Broadway Palm will donate $5 for every ticket purchased directly to The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. The Children’s Hospital is part of one of the state’s largest not-for-profit safety-net hospital systems with a commitment to providing the highest level of care to the sick and injured children and families of Southwest Florida. Now, more than ever, the hospital must rely on philanthropy to effectively accomplish its mission.

To meet the growing demands of critically injured and ill children in Southwest Florida, The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida must expand. The plan is to build a new children’s hospital connected to the existing HealthPark Medical Center.

Wicked stepsisters, a fairy godmother, a pumpkin and the perfect glass slipper bring this everlasting story to life on stage. Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella hits the stage with great warmth, more than a touch of hilarity, magical characters, irresistible romance and unforgettable songs. The hearts of children and adults alike still soar when the slipper fits.

Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Family friendly ticket prices range from $18 to $39, with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more."

New Exhibition Opening At Bob Rauschenberg Gallery

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery will feature a new exhibit titled Michelle Weinberg: Pictorial Record from May 25 through June 30. The exhibition opening and reception will be held on Friday, May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m., including a gallery talk at 7 p.m. with the artist. Weinberg is a visual artist living and working in Miami Beach and New York. She is the recipient of fellowships and residencies from Fundacion Valparaiso in Spain, Millay Colony, MacDowell Colony, Tigertail Artist Access Grant, an artist enhancement grant and an individual artist fellowship from the state of Florida and a visual arts fellowship from the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown and Altos de Chavon, among others.

Exhibitions of Weinberg’s work have been held at Lesley Heller Workspace and Kathryn Markel Fine Art in New York, Inventory 01 and 02 in Miami’s Design District, Escape The Room at Farside Gallery, Miami; Woman To Woman at the Bakehouse in Miami, Bleu Acier in Tampa, the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, Florida; Nordisk kunst Plattform, Norway; The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC and the Wolfsonian Museum/FIU in Miami Beach. Weinberg received a BFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

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The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents Mud, a play by Cuban-American playwright Maria Irene Fornés, which will run from May 23 to 27, with performances at 8 p.m. Mud unveils the story of Mae, a woman trying to escape the pit of rural poverty by attending school. However, she is caught in a troubled relationship with Lloyd, who tends the pigs on their hard-scrabble plot of land. An outsider, Henry, provides some promise of hope for Mae, but he too is stuck in his own quagmire. This gritty and deeply tragic and beautiful play is a masterwork by one of the most important playwrights of our time. Directed by Brittney Brady and featuring Katelyn Gravel as Mae, Armando

A scene from Mud
by Gerri Reaves

The dynamic women community activists pictured in the photo below, which probably dates to the late 1920s, honors the creators of the Fort Myers Library. Pictured are, from left, Mary Florence Hill, Minnie Gardner (standing), Julia Hanson, Olive E. Stout and Mary Laycock. The institution began in 1903 with the opening of a small reading room sponsored by the Woman’s Club and adjoining a drugstore at First and Hendry Streets. However, it’s fair to argue that the seed for the library dates to April 1888, when the Fort Myers Press published a letter by Julia Allen Hanson in which she announces that the Nickel Club will raise funds toward the establishment of a public reading room that would also host socializing and programs. Citizens such as these women made sure that the town’s cultural, intellectual and spiritual lives were not neglected in the pursuit of economic development.

In addition to taking on that daunting mission, pioneer women of this caliber sometimes ran businesses, championed education and leveraged political influence, besides participating in clubs whose work was sometimes dismissed as somewhat less important than the work of male organizations. When the 1903 reading room opened, club members and winter residents donated reading materials. Subscribers paid the librarian’s salary of $1 per week and the rent, for a total of $12.71 per month.

The revolving librarian position was held at one time or another by Hanson, Stout and Laycock, who earned the title the “Fairy Godmother of the Fort Myers Library,” largely due to her tireless fund-raising.

A widow who came to Fort Myers in 1903 with her son Harry, Laycock was instrumental in the running of the reading room. She chaired the Woman’s Club funds-solicitation committee for the library from 1905 to 1925. That club, or ganized in 1900 at Stout’s home, was one of two forerunners of today’s Fort Myers W oman’s Community Club.

The first forerunner, the Woman’s Auxiliary, first met in 1885 at Hanson’s home. An historian and writer, Hanson was called the “mother of all women’s clubs.” For half a century, she was a progressive force in community affairs. Born in London, England, she was dedicated to the welfare of the Seminoles and bird conservation and worked to pass laws on both issues.

Widow Mary Florence Hill came to Fort Myers in the early 1880s for health reasons, bringing her two young daughters, Annie and Flossie. (“Miss Flossie” went on to found the famous women’s department store.) “Mother Hill,” as she was known, bought a boarding house in 1889, named it Hill House, and ran it successfully until selling it in 1918 to W.P. Franklin, who transformed it into the Franklin Arms.

Stout arrived in Fort Myers in 1886 aboard the same steamer as honeymooners Thomas A. and Mina Edison. The former teacher from Wisconsin bought the one-year-old Fort Myers Press from the widow of Stafford Cleveland, and the family owned and operated it for 27 years. She served twice as postmistress.

Minnie Gardner, whose family started the town’s first commercial electric and ice plants and were major influences in the horticultural history and economy of Fort Myers.

Visit the construction site destined to be the latest manifestation of dreams and labor of intrepid women of Fort Myers. Take a minute to be grateful for their legacy.

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

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Edison & Ford Holiday Nights Receives Second Distinction

The 37th annual Edison & Ford Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers has been scheduled for December 1 to 30. Late last year, the event was chosen as one of the Top 100 Events in the nation by the American Bus Association and earlier this month was selected as one of Southeast Tourism Society’s Top 20 Events for the month of December.

Plunder Treasure Exhibition At The Imaginarium

Discover, explore and interact with Treasure! The Exhibit at the Imaginarium, but only through Sunday, May 20. Thousands have plundered this captivating exhibition since it opened in January and now is your final chance to see it.

Visitors will go on a modern-day treasure hunt using modern technology and the tools-of-the-trade to uncover a variety of treasures as well as the science, history, stories and personalities behind this contemporary quest. Treasure! The Exhibit offers seven thematic areas and hands-on activities that invite visitors to try the tools of treasure hunting, while they investigate and learn how to protect treasures.

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Advocate Attends Presentation With Canadian Member Of Parliament

Nola Theiss, executive director of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships (HTAP), and Joy Smith, Canadian member of Parliament and sponsor of landmark Canadian legislation on human trafficking, were co-presenters at an event in Watertown, Ontario on April 28. The presentation was attended by 175 people from law enforcement, members of Parliament, organizers of local human trafficking efforts and community members.

“This was our most well attended annual event ever,” said Chris Oates, one of the organizing associates. “It was very useful to learn about both the U.S. efforts, especially in the area of legislation and preventive action as well as to hear about the ongoing passage of new legislation in Canada. Both of the speakers are at the forefront of action against this crime.”

CROW Receives Grant For Utility Cart

CROW, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, has received funding from the Gulf Harbour Memorial Foundation for the purchase of a utility golf cart. This utility cart will help CROW students, staff and volunteers as they transport patients on the grounds and perform general daily maintenance activities.

The Gulf Harbour Memorial Foundation is a local community based nonprofit organization that assists local and national charities that make a difference in Lee County. Since 2000, the group has provided over $1.3 million to charitable organizations.

“We appreciate the generosity of the Gulf Harbour Memorial Foundation,” said CROW Executive Director Steve Greenstein. “We also appreciate their commitment to helping us raise awareness of the challenges that face our native and migratory wildlife populations. Everyone at CROW would like to say thank you to the donors, sponsors and everyone associated with the Gulf Harbour Memorial Foundation.”

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Award-Winning Play

Rivera as Lloyd and Jim Brock as Henry, Mud is a study of isolation, base desires, grace, and hard times in almost any backwoods of America. The play’s subject matter is for mature audiences.

Tickets are $10 each and are available through the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center ticket office or online at www.sbdac.com. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.
Olympians Teaching Local Kids

Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery (AOTO) is working to connect youth throughout southwest Florida to the history, culture and excitement of the Olympic Games through educational programming and field trips.

On Wednesday, May 9, 35 first grade students from at Heights Elementary School flooded through the doors of AOTO in downtown Fort Myers to learn about art, sport and simple Olympic values of friendship, respect and fair play.

The field trip experience was made possible through the generosity of Greg Shepard, a bobsled Olympian who competed in the 1998 Nagano Olympic Winter Games.

Students traveled through several educational stations on their journey through the Olympics learning about its rich history; discovering the importance of being at ones best; learning principals in art education and exploring sport through hands-on exhibits of sports memorabilia.

“We have a core of volunteers to whose passion for education, art, sport and culture help inspire youth discover a passion for excellence by understanding simple values friendship, fair play and respect,” said Sandy Talaga, operations manager at AOTO.

Talaga has assisted numerous field trip groups through the museum and notes that she looks forward to the visits to see the excitement on the children’s faces as they learn the story of the Olympics.

“Visitors of all ages get excited when they hear the personal stories about some of the most notable Olympians,” said Talaga. “However, it is truly rewarding to see a child leave excited and empowered and sometimes saying ‘I could be an Olympian.”

Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery is located at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Gallery is closed to on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

For more information on group tours and field trips, call 332-5055 or go to www.artoftheolympians.org.

Olympian Bob Beamon visits with students from Ms. Alexander’s first grade class as they learn about art at AOTO

Lisa Alexander’s first grade class poses for a photo before departing AOTO
Summer is over and it’s time to enjoy those beautiful “winter” days in Paradise.

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Author To Appear At Matlacha Menagerie

D.L. Havlin, author of the new historical/fiction title *The Cross on Cotton Creek*, will appear at the Matlacha Menagerie, 4547 Pine Island Road, on Friday, May 25, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 26.

A tale about the Civil War and reconstruction following it, the book recounts the plight of soldiers and civilians caught in the backwash of Sherman’s March to the Sea. An intense story spanning almost a hundred years, it answers the question if a man’s word and faith can make a difference with a resounding “Yes!” This book follows his recently released successful thriller, *A Place No

Davis Wins Gora Photo Scholarship

 Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts senior Collin Davis has been named the 2012 Bruce T. Gora Photography Scholarship recipient. He’s one of 68 local students who will receive more than $230,000 in competitive scholarships administered by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. The scholarship was created in 2010 to honor the memory of photographer, architect, musician and Alliance for the Arts board member Bruce Gora, who was known throughout the community for his lifelong dedication to the arts and volunteerism.

Although Davis has been a visual artist since early childhood, he recently turned his attention to photography. He began by shooting at high school football games, but quickly broadened his scope to include landscape, abstract and long exposure photography. He says great photographs tell stories.

“Tо me, a really great picture allows the viewer to connect with the artist’s perspective and objective when capturing that photo,” said Davis. “The best pictures don’t need any explaining. The viewer’s perspective and imagination allow him/her to interact with the artist in a unique and unspoken manner.”

Davis, also a Florida Bright Futures

Republican Women Dinner Meeting

On Monday June 11, a dinner meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn-Fort Myers, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers. Social hour begins at 5:13 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow. The topic of the meeting will focus on candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives (Congress) District 19 – Gary Aubuchon, Byron Donalds and Brian Owens.

Cost to attend the dinner meeting is $20 per person inclusive. For reservations, call 432-9389 or email cindy@lgnelli@222@gmail.com.

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Nervous Nellie’s in Fort Myers Beach is headquarters to the 2012 Fort Myers Saltwater Classic, being held this Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20. Proceeds benefit the Ostego Bay Foundation, across the bay from Nellie’s on San Carlos Island. Nervous Nellie’s is neurotic about good food and drink. The casual restaurant with the fun-loving staff boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, sandwiches and entrées. Sit in air-conditioned comfort or relax on Nellie’s expansive waterfront patio and swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area’s premier musical talent. Just upstairs from Nellie’s is Ugly’s Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier. Enjoy happy hour all day, every day at Ugly’s.

On Friday, Harrold Antoine plays from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Starz Duo from 6 to 10 p.m. while Paul Jennings performs upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Ira Wilkes plays from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by John Friday 6 to 10 p.m. while Smokin’ Bill performs upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, No Way José from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by High Tide from 6 to 10 p.m.

For dockage at Nervous Nellie’s Snug Harbor Marina during the tournament, call 800-546-4622. The GPS coordinates are 26°27’23.41” N • 81°57’15.18” W.

Nervous Nellie’s serves lunch, dinner and snacks in between from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. It is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnellies.net.

Gather your friends and co-workers and meet at The Morgan House’s Top of the Town for it’s popular happy hour every weekday from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy half-priced appetizers and discounted drink prices, including $1.50 domestic drafts, $3.25 wells and $3.50 house wines, all while overlooking the charming Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers’ historic River District. Fridays are extra special with a free appetizer buffet, while supply lasts. It’s a great excuse to cut out early!

Top of the Town is a friendly neighborhood bar known for its fabulous atmosphere, Floribbean-inspired gourmet menu, extensive wine list, signature cocktails and fine selection of domestic, imported and craft beers. It boasts two large bars, an exciting gourmet menu served 3 p.m. to close, live music four nights per week plus a late-night DJ.

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Relax with a drink and watch the spectacular sunsets from The Mucky Duck on Captiva Island. The Mucky Duck is located at 11546 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. It is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Call 472-3434 or go to www.muckyduck.com.

Eating locally grown and produced foods are good for the area economy and great for your health. Lee County boasts two year-round farmers markets that offer chemical-free and organic produce, along with fresh baked goods, native plants and all-natural products. Support area farmers and practice good eating habits at these locations:

**Thursday:** The River District Farmers Market, under the US 41 Caloosahatchee bridge. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruit, vegetables, local honey, bread, seafood, BBQ, flowers and plants. Call 321-7100 or go to www.cityoffortmyers.com.

**Saturday:** GreenMarket at Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard near the Colonial intersection. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. An exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. Enjoy live entertainment by local musicians and fun activities for kids. Call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

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Love That Dress! Names New Date And Venue

Ladies, gather your dresses! It’s time for Sanibel-Captiva’s annual “Love That Dress!” collection party, scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in support of PACE Center for Girls of Lee County.

The Royal Shell Companies will partner once again with The Prawnbroker Group and this year’s popular prize drawing will return you choose your favorite raffle items. Last year’s dresses served are facing challenges such as physical, sexual and emotional abuse, foster care, academic failure and delinquency. To learn more, visit www.pacecenter.org/lee.

The event is open to the public, and off-island residents are welcome.

“Our goal is to collect as many dresses, shoes, handbags and accessories as possible,” explained Barb Harrington of The Royal Shell Companies. All donations will be resold at the Love That Dress! event to be held on August 29 at Embassy Suites in Estero or otherwise benefit PACE. For more information about the main event, Ian “Love That Dress!” on Facebook or visit www.lovethatdress.org.

PACE Center for Girls is the only non-residential, gender specific program for at-risk girls in Lee County. The teenage girls served are facing challenges such as physical, sexual and emotional abuse, foster care, academic failure and delinquency. To learn more, visit www.pacecenter.org/lee.

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Backpack Event

funds to support students in need with their back-to-school needs. For more information, contact event organizer Connie Ramos-Williams at 690-9840 or email Connie@connicholdings.com.

For more information about the Big Backpack Event or the Multicultural Centre of Southwest Florida, visit www.multiculturalcentre.org, call 561-7345 or email info@multiculturalcentre.org. You can also “Like” our page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheBigBackpackEvent and follow us on Twitter by following @BackpackEvent.

Tribute To America’s Heroes

Join the Fort Myers Recreation Division, the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and American Legion Post 38 on Sunday, May 27 at Centennial Park in Fort Myers for A Tribute To America’s Heroes, which will begin at 11 a.m. The tribute will feature performances by noted gospel recording artist Gayla James, Lee County Young Artist of the Year Sam Bostic, Ancelyn Willis and FMPD Officer Yvetta Dominique.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office will provide a rifle salute and flyover. The Fort Myers Police Department will present the Colors and the United States Coast Guard will be laying a wreath on the Caloosahatchee River.

Also, the American Red Cross will be accepting items for “Care Packages” for deployed troops such as individually wrapped pieces of hard candy (Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Roll Pops, bubble gum, Skittles, lollipops and Life Savers). Other items include microwave popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, Kool-Aid, drink mixes and other snack foods. Non-perishables include travel size wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm and foot powder. Toilet items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shower soap/gel while entertainment activities such as playing cards, puzzle books and reading material will also be accepted.

Concessions will be available. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.

Dress For Success, Walmart Partner On New Community Action Project

Dress For Success SWFL is proud to announce Our Mother’s Home as their Community Action Project (CAP). In partnership with Walmart, Dress For Success SWFL will spend the weekend of May 17 to 20 providing painting and finishing touches to give Our Mother’s Home a fresh new look.

At least 25 employees and volunteers from Walmart and Dress For Success SWFL will kick off the project at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 17 at Our Mother’s Home, located at 7438 Carrier Road in Fort Myers. Painting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. each day. Volunteers will work in three hour shifts. Community volunteers with commercial or residential painting experience are welcome.

The Professional Womens Group (PWG) is a networking group for Dress For Success clients who recently entered back into the workforce, which promotes employment retention and career advancement by providing valuable skill-building information and networking opportunities with other professionals. The CAP project enables PWG members to address critical issues that affect the community, while building new friendships and enhancing leadership skills.

Together, Dress For Success and Walmart will support Our Mother’s Home, which is in need of house repairs, especially painting of the most utilized rooms of the house such as the kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedrooms. Our Mother’s Home is a not-for-profit organization that provides teen moms a supportive environment to stay with their children, learn life skills and finish their education. Walmart, who is a major supporter and sponsor of Dress For Success, will provide all the paint, materials and approximately 20 Walmart volunteers.

“Walmart has once again stepped up to the plate to help us make this dream become a reality,” said Barbara Dell, executive director of Dress For Success SWFL. “Dress For Success is fortunate to receive community support throughout the year, and this project is a way for our organization and the clients we serve to give back to the community.”

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The Chrysalis Awards signify the For Community Contributions

A s part of National Travel and Tourism week, the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce honored 10 local individuals and businesses at the third annual Celebration of Business & Tourism Awards Luncheon and Trade Show at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers May 9. The trade show and luncheon celebrated the value of tourism as a major economic engine for the county.

The 2012 honorees were recognized for their positive impact on the local community.

Chrysals Awards


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Barbara Marek — director of Lee County Parks & Recreation Captain John “Giddy-Up” Bunch – founder of Operation Open Arms Tony Lapi – chairman of Visit Florida.

The Chrysals Awards signify the development of a partnership between the business and tourism communities.

This year, sustainability has been added as a new category to the Chrysals Awards. This category recognizes a business that uses sustainability to improve the community, as well as the travel and tourism industries.

“We always look forward to the Chrysals Awards ceremony since it’s a way to honor the hardworking members of our community who drive tourism, fuel job growth and continue to make Lee County an ideal place for visitors,” said VCB Executive Director Tamara Pigott.

More than 80 nominees were judged within their respective categories. Winners were chosen based on how they distinguished themselves in the community, along with their efforts to promote the destination, contributions to business and tourism partnerships for the county and work to foster growth and sustainability.

The Junonia Awards were created by the VCB in 2006 and recognize individuals who demonstrate leadership and dedication throughout the local tourism community.

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May Offers Lots Of Fishing Options

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

May has always been one my favorite months to fish our local waters. Not only does it bring the tarpon migration right through our back yard, it also marks the time snook really start to stack up in the passes before the annual spawn. May also brings some really big high tides which translate into some awesome redfish action under the mangroves too.

Although April is usually the best month for big trout, catching a limit of sea trout still remains a no-brainer on just about any grass flat this month. Although most of my May is spent chasing tarpon, it’s great to be able to switch it up and go catch some other species when the tarpon fishing gets tough or conditions do not cooperate.

While tarpon fishing this week, windy conditions most days really limited where you could hunt them. Constantly changing wind directions had the water very stirred up and would not let the fish get into any kind of pattern. Most of the usual places, both gulf and bayside, held a few tarpon even during the windy periods.

One near perfect light wind day last week, I sat in hundreds of rolling tarpon in the middle sound along with another dozen guide boats and no one could get them to eat any kind of bait, period. Talk about driving some captains crazy, sitting in hundreds free-jumping fish rolling all around the anchored boats and no one hooking up, it really starts to wear you down. At least the sharks were feeding and there were as many blacktip and bonnetheads as you wanted to catch.

With a few-hour slack spot in our tides most days last week, fishing for other species was still good. During these periods of little or no water movement, I spent my time fishing out on the grass flats along with hitting some favorite channel markers and docks. The trout bite even during slack tides was very consistent. Bigger trout fed well on small grunts, shiners and shrimp fished under a Cajun Thunder rattling float rigged with a ¼oz. jig head. Trout between 17 and 22 inches were common.

Dipping channel markers with a jig head and live pinfish is always fun when the grouper bite is on and this week it was. Even using 50# braid on heavy spinning tackle, there were some fish that just would not come out of their hideaways. These shallow water gag grouper are like a large mouth bass on steroids and absolutely slam a bait.

Along with the grouper this week, we also managed a keeper tripletail and a few blacktip sharks while fishing some favorite channel markers. Having little to no tide really helps for this channel marker fishing, preventing a bait from moving past the structure too fast. I have spent many years fishing just about every channel marker in the sound and have learned by trial and error which ones have structure and hold fish and which ones don’t. In tough tide conditions these markers can be a sure thing and a quick and easy way to bend a rod.

When the tarpon fishing is not going on like it should be, it’s great to have other options and May is all about options and the wide variety of species our local waters have to offer.

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.

Beaches Launch Facebook App

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) has launched Share the Sunshine, a customized Facebook application based on the popular FriendFareFinder app. Share the Sunshine automatically finds the best fares from the user’s 10 closest friends’ home airports to Fort Myers and shares them directly over the user’s network. An added proprietary benefit is the ability to deliver that day’s weather at the same time – encouraging those in snowy, windy or rainy destinations, a reason to visit this unspoiled island sanctuary.

Users can sort the airfare deals by friends’ names, the price of the ticket, or the distance in miles and notify them of the airfare deal. Once a friend decides on a trip, they are routed to the booking site where they can make the actual reservation.

The Share the Sunshine app was developed by the VCB’s Oregon-based social media company Sparkloft Media, a division of GoSeeTell Network, Inc. When the opportunity presented itself to develop a proprietary application that allowed users to alert friends of fares to Southwest Florida International Airport, the VCB didn’t hesitate to leverage that opportunity.

One of the most time consuming parts of the travel cycle is trying to find the best air fares for a trip and secure the booking. This technology harnesses the power of social networks and allows one person to find the best fare in a fraction of the time it normally takes.
On April 18, a Mexican free-tailed bat (Tadarida brasiliensis) was found in Fort Myers, lethargic and on the ground. Upon arrival at CROW, she was manually fed a mixture of Karo Syrup and warm water and placed in a quiet cage to rest, as the clinic staff discovered that she was pregnant.

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If you would like to spend more time enjoying the outdoors, bats provide excellent night-time protection against insect infestation. By planting fragrant flowers and night-blooming plants, homeowners are giving bats an attractive place to feed while enhancing the landscape of their property. Bat houses are also a popular and potentially effective way of attracting the nocturnal creatures. Many companies sell them on the Internet for a nominal fee.

Dr. Heather using a mixture of Karo Syrup and warm water to feed this tiny patient

Despite myths you may have heard, less than half of one percent of Florida bats carry rabies and are very clean animals.
Bougainvillea can reach large dimensions as a shrub and produce vivid color all year.

**Bougainvillea**

by Gerri Reaves

Bougainvillea is one of the most popular non-native but Florida-friendly plants, mainly because of its brilliant colors, love of sun and drought tolerance.

There are two species commonly used in Florida: Bougainvillea spectabilis and Bougainvillea glabra, with the former growing to larger dimensions.

This woody sprawling vine is named for the French navigator responsible for bringing the plant from Brazil to Europe in the 1760s, Admiral Louis Antoine de Bougainville.

The flower bracts are often mistaken for the flowers, which are very small, white and tubular. They are surrounded by the paper-like bracts, or reduced leaves, that come in a dizzying range of colors, from purple, fuchsia, yellow, pink, orange and coral to even white.

Those bracts also give Bougainvillea the common name “paper flower.” What gardeners dislike about the plant, sharp spines, can be turned to advantage when it is used as a security or barrier plant. However, those thorns and the dense foliage make good cover or nesting areas for small birds.

For maximum bloom, give it full sun. If flowering slows, make sure the ground is well drained. Sunny and dry conditions are what this plant loves.

**Sources:** Florida, My Eden by Frederic B. Stresau, ifas.ufl.edu and floridata.com. Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create an environmentally responsible, low-maintenance South Florida landscape.

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**Summer Camp And Scholarship Opportunities**

If your child loves nature and wants to learn more about it, sign up for camp at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. This wetland nature preserve in the heart of Fort Myers offers a wide variety of outdoor and indoor activities focusing on different nature topics and themes. Each week culminates in an off-boardwalk tour exploring this beautiful natural area. Camp size is small, just 15 to 20 campers per week with guest speakers, camp staff and volunteers all mentoring them about nature.

The slough provides two different types of camps for kids ages 10 to 16. Summer Naturalists Camp is geared towards 10- to 12-year-olds who want to learn more about nature and the environment. This camp runs June 25 to 29 and July 2 to 6 (no camp on July 4) from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Wilderness Explorers Camp is designed to challenge older kids ages 12 to 16 in a variety of wilderness and survival skills. This camp runs July 16 to 20 and July 23 to 27. The same information is covered in each subsequent week of camp. Each camp day runs from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The cost is $65 per week or $58.50 if you register online. There will be a camp open house on Saturday, June 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Parents may enroll their campers online at www.leeparks.org or by phone at 533-7440. Sign up early to ensure a spot for your camper.

The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is offering scholarships to pay for the registration fees for a week of summer camp at the slough. Students from ages 10 to 16 are asked to submit a one-page essay explaining “Why I want to go to Summer Camp at the Slough.”

**Requirements:**

1. Submission from any student age 10 to 16 who wishes to attend camp at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve in Fort Myers for one of the selected weeks. Indicate which week is desired.
2. One-page essay, preferably hand written. Must include student’s name and age and address for notification if awarded fees for a week of camp.
3. Explain why you would like to attend summer camp at the slough.
4. Essays must be submitted by May 31. Winners will be notified by June 15.
5. If camper is already enrolled in Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Summer Camp, the student may still enter an essay and receive reimbursement for the enrollment fee.
6. Essays should be submitted to: Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, 7791 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966 or Dr. R. Charles O’Connor at rcoc77@embarqmail.com. If you have any questions call 533-7557.
**Correct Way To Plant Palm Trees**

By Justen Dobbs

Palm trees are unlike hardwood trees. They are actually more closely related to the grass family than the hardwood tree family. Palms produce smaller roots that typically never get larger in diameter than your thumb and they are monocots, meaning that there is only one main growth point (heart) at the top of the palm’s trunk. All of these characteristics affect the way they should be planted and grown.

To plant your palm tree:

1. **First**, dig a hole that is one and a half times the width of the palm’s container. For instance, if you buy a three gallon palm, the container is 10 inches in diameter and your hole should be 15 inches in diameter. If your soil is wet, dark, chunky or anything other than just sand, it is a good idea to amend it (mix) with potting soil from a local gardening store to help with drainage. Most palm trees prefer fast-draining soil with lots of sand, perlite and/or rocks in it.

2. **Next**, remove the palm from its container and place in the middle of the hole. The top inch of the root ball should be above the soil level. Add the soil to the container and place in the middle of the hole. The top inch of the root ball should be above the soil level. Add the soil to the pail around the root ball while pouring in water from your hose. It is important to pack down the soil as hard as you can around the root ball while adding water. This removes any air pockets which can cause root-rot which may lead to death.

3. **Lastly**, build a burm (ring) around the palm’s root ball – this will help hold in a small pool of rain or sprinkler water which can then slowly seep into the soil and keep the palm’s root ball watered more effectively.

It is a good idea to wait a few weeks or more to fertilize the palm. After being planted, the palm’s roots will begin new downward growth for the first few months, so if you don’t see immediate new leaf growth, don’t worry. Keep the palm watered every other day if we are in the dry season. If you plant during summer, there’s usually no need to water as our rains do the job for you. Once the palm has a year or so to root, you can remove any stakes you tied to it for stability.

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

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**Thank You And Farewell**

“Saying goodbye is hard to do” keeps repeating in my head.

Nine moths of ministering in Fort Myers Beach has given me sweet memories now tinged with sadness. My husband’s health and need for medical care necessitates our move back to Tucson, Arizona to our home.

We came from the desert, where we enjoyed watching birds make their home in the monumental saguaros. Coyotes often sauntered across the street, quail ran in alarm when the famed roadrunners dashed swiftly into the bushes.

Here, I walked at the edge of the “womb of creation,” watched dolphins swim close the shore, egrets, plovers, herons, sea gulls and pelicans swooping in for their meals.

Here, I met many of you on the beach at sunrise. We became friends, wishing each other “Good morning.” Every day, I was welcomed to another day in paradise.

I take this opportunity to thank each of you for supporting the New Church of Southwest Florida with food and monetary donations. I must admit loving the work I came here to do: working with the VIP Kids at Beach Elementary and serving community. I love taking pictures wherever I go. These pictures will always remind me of this beautiful place where people are generous, kind and hospitable.

Although I will miss the beach, most of all I will miss you, the people of Fort Myers Beach, the dog friends I met in my beach walks. My last word to you is God is with you and me wherever we go. Amen.

Thank you for welcoming me and thank you for the privilege of serving you.

- Rev. Gabriella Cahaley
  New Church of Southwest Florida

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Festival Of Dance Will Feature Student And Professional Artists

Jeanne Bochette, owner of the historic Dance Bochette studio, celebrates her 62nd season when her students and guests perform in annual Festival of Dance on Sunday, May 27 starting at 3 p.m. at Bishop Verot High School’s Anderson Theater.

Celebrate the beauty and athleticism of dance with selections that span the full range of dance genres, from classical ballet to streetwise hip-hop. Selections include pieces inspired by the classical ballets Sylvia, Les Sylphides and by Tchaikovsky’s beloved Waltz of the Flowers.

Discover the intricate music of Japanese jazz artist Jun Mijake, whose works serve as the backdrop for Bochette co-director and modern dance expert Alyce Bochette. Dancers will also tap to the upbeat Cotton-Eyed Joe and Frank Sinatra’s Dance All Night.

Dance Bochette, in conjunction with the non-profit Gulfcoast Dance, will also host two principal dancers from the Gainesville-based Dance Alive National Ballet, showcasing choreography by company director Kim Tuttle. Dance Alive stars Carla Amancio and Filipe Texeira will perform two classical pas de deux from Asaf Messerer’s Spring Waters and from Baliero, a contemporary ballet. Additionally, three senior students, who been with the Bochette studio since their pre-ballet days, will perform Tuttle’s Drigo Variations as a way of celebrating their graduations from area high schools and the studio.

Eight younger dancers will be recognized during the performance for passing their latest exam in the rigorous Cecchetti system, a method of ballet training that emphasizes precise technique, knowledge of dance theory and adherence to ballet standards.

Also guests of this year’s festival are members of Dance Alliance, the resident company of the Alliance for the Arts, who will perform their choreography inspired by the 2011-12 season.

Tickets are $12 and will be sold at the door. For more information, contact Dance Bochette at 334-3274 or visit www.dancebochette.com.

Cape Harbour Farmers Market

Fresh fruits and vegetables, seafood delights and homemade breads and desserts are just some of treats that will be offered at this season’s Farmers Market at Cape Harbour. The market begins Saturday, May 26 and will be open from 8 a.m. until noon and continue every Saturday until early October.

A host of quality vendors have been chosen to offer an array of locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as freshly made breads and pastries, honey, jelly, potted plants, handmade soaps and other items.

The market vendors include Artisan Bread Company, Asian Vegetables, author of the Cat Book, Bark Street, Carefree Boat Club, Classy Koozies, Costco, Fancy Nancy, Hawaiian Kettle Corn, Heritage Honey, Key West Sun Screen, Jim & Coleen’s Produce, Miracle Knife, Nature Source, Pampered Chef (once a month), Paradise Handmade Soaps, PowerFX, Ralph’s Seafood, Rogers Plants, Salsa & Guacamole, Sea Shell Cupcakery, Signature Laser Imaging & Gifts, Street Sniders, and Turtle’s Tomato Patch. Tupperware and vidalia onions are will be sold by the Shriners.

Seasonal fruits and vegetables including peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, lettuce, peaches, mangos, papayas and pineapple are among the offerings.

In addition to the Farmers Market the merchants at Cape Harbour will open their doors to offer shoppers a host of treasures and treats. Guests are invited to browse the shops and have breakfast, lunch, a gelato or cocktail while watching the nearby water area.

Cape Harbour is located at 5828 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral. For more information about the Cape Harbour Farmers Market, call 945-6116 or visit www.capeharbour.com.

Plunder Treasure

Embark on a geocache using GPS navigation, for a modern-day treasure hunting experience.

And additional exhibit interactives have been unearthed. Learn how to tie nautical ropes typical of sailing ships, explore Pirate Scents, create a souvenir at the Coin Rubbing Station and make your own Pirate Flag. And, a kiosk will truly take treasure hunters on an interactive search for Nova Scotia’s famed “Money Pit” on Oak Island.

There’s still time to go on your own quest for Treasure! at the Imaginarium but only through May 20.

For more information, call 321-7420, visit www.isci.org or “Like” us on Facebook at imaginariumfortmyers and follow us on Twitter to get the latest updates.
Play With Multiple Meanings Now At Lab Theater

Talk about an interesting play and a great learning experience, The Plague, now showing at Laboratory Theater of Florida, certainly falls into that category. Based upon the book by French author Albert Camus, this is a new translation and stage adaptation by local playwright Louise Wigglesworth. My hat is off to you, Louise. To take an over 400-page book and boil it down to a two-act play, running about 90 minutes in total length, is quite a feat.

The novel, published in 1947, is believed to be based on the 1840s cholera epidemic that killed a large percentage of the population in Oran, a city in French North Africa. It’s considered an existentialist classic and has been read as a metaphorical treatment of the French resistance to Nazi occupation during World War II.

As the play opens, there is an ominous feeling when a young man sweeps a rat off the street. Soon, there are hundreds of rats and the sound effects are chilling. The main character is Dr. Rieux, played with great sensitivity by Steve Chase. He treats the victims and is the first to use the word plague to describe the disease. A tireless worker, his duties weigh heavily upon him knowing that the struggle against death is one he cannot win.

There is an effective use of voice-overs throughout the play to help explain what is taking place. A radio announcer gives updates about how 300 rats are found in a factory, and the numbers soon grow to the thousands. Then, the rats seem to be gone... but what follows is death, quarantines and burials. Watching how the various characters react is an emotional experience.

There are 15 actors and many play multiple roles. Robin Murray is Tarrou, a kind woman who assists the doctor. Stephen E. Hooper is Joseph Grand, a would-be author who can only rewrite the first sentence over and over again. Jonathan Perez is a gypsy whose character softens after his son dies. Ken Ruisi is Cottard, a man of many moods. Dave Yudowitz is Father Paneloux, and his sermons are powerful.

Others in the cast are Spencer Barney, Chris Cooper, Alan Barat, Louise Wigglesworth, Kahlil De Weever, Dale Hoover, Halle Rainey, Leana Rachelle Simpson and Jessica Hicks who performs a brief, beautiful dance scene at the end of the first act.

The Plague is a haunting tale of human resilience in the face of daunting circumstances. Directed by Annette Trosback, artistic director for Lab Theater, this is a play with multiple meanings and one that will stay with you for a long time. I highly recommend seeing it.

The show runs through Saturday, May 26 at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 20. For tickets, visit www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com or call 218-0481. Lab Theater is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue, at the corner of Second Street and Woodford in Fort Myers.

Poetry Reading At Gallery During Music Walk Night

ArtPoems co-founders Lorraine Vail and Joe Pacheco will lead several ArtPoets in celebration of Fort Myers Music Walk Night and the ArtPoems exhibit at the Arts for ACT Gallery. The readings will take place at 7:30 and 8:15 p.m. this Friday, May 18.

The ArtPoems exhibit will continue at the Arts for ACT Gallery for the entire month of May. ArtPoems is a collaboration between poets and artists to produce new poems and works of art.

For more information, contact the gallery at 337-5050 or www.artsforactgallery.com. Or contact Joe Pacheco at 472-1280. For additional details on ArtPoems, visit www.artpoems.org.
DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. CHEMISTRY: What two elements are combined to make bronze?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How many furlongs are in a mile?
3. HISTORY: What was the first permanent English settlement in America?
4. ANATOMY: In which part of the body would you find the metatarsal bones?
5. GEOGRAPHY: In which city would you find the famous Carnaby Street?
6. LANGUAGE: What common item used to be known as “India rubber”?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the Appar Scale measure?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only U.S. president to be sworn into office by his father?
9. SPORTS: Who was the first person officially to run a mile in less than 4 minutes?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which species of big cat cannot retract its claws?

ANSWERS

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 1973, there were four no-hitters tossed in the American League. Two were by California’s Vida Blue. Name either of the other two pitchers.
2. Which of these left-handers had more 20-win seasons: Vida Blue, Tom Glavine or Ron Guidry?
3. Who reached 100 college football victories quicker -- Urban Meyer or Bud Wilkinson?
4. Name the all-time leading scorer in Clippers franchise history.
5. What was the last time before November 2011 that the NHL’s Boston Bruins went a calendar year without a single loss in regulation?
6. In 2011, driver Sebastien Vettel set a Formula One record by winning 15 poles in a season. Who had held the mark?
7. True or false: Martina Navratilova was in every Wimbledon’s women’s singles final during the 1980s.

ANSWERS

1. Kansas City’s Steve Busby and Texas’ Jim Bibby. 2. Glavine did it five times; each of the others did it three times.
3. Wilkinson needed 111 games to do it; Meyer did it in 118 games. 4. Randy Smith, with 12,735 points. 5. It was 1969.
6. Nigel Mansell won 14 poles in 1992. 7. False. She was in every final from 1982-89, winning six of them.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

ONE-ACT WORDS

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MAY 21, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project may irritate colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they will understand and even applaud you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it’s up to you, dear Bovine, to come through by month’s end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Stick on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It’s all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn’t be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It’s going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty’s domain.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you make a commitment on a personal, professional, legal, get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month’s end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a work-related colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don’t get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you’re up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of fair play doesn’t allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

BORN THIS WEEK: A new job offer could require moving to a family place. Now it’s up to you, dear Bovine, to come through by month’s end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On May 22, 1455, the battle of England’s War of the Roses begins in St. Albans, 20 miles northwest of London. The forces of House of York, whose badge was a white rose, defeated the red-rose House of Lancaster. Both families claimed the throne, and the war would stretch on for 30 years.
• On May 23, 1701, at London’s Execution Dock, British privateer William Kidd, popularly known as Captain Kidd, is hanged for piracy and murder after capturing a boat that was loaded with gold, silks, sugar and guns. A colorful legend grew up around the story of Kidd, including reports of lost buried treasure.
• On May 21, 1881, in Washington, D.C., humanitarian Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons found the American National Red Cross, an organization established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters.
• On May 24, 1917, after losing 373 Allied and neutral ships in one month because of attacks by German U-boat submarines, the British Royal Navy introduces a convoy system, whereby all merchant ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean would travel in groups under the protection of the British navy.
• On May 27, 1963, Bob Dylan releases his second album, “The Freewheelin’ Bob Dylan,” which included future hits “Blowin’ in the Wind,” “Don’t Think Twice, It’s All Right” and “A Hard Rain’s A-Gonna Fall.”
• On May 25, 1977, the communist government of China lifts its decade-old ban on the writings of William Shakespeare. Mao Tse-Tung’s 1966 revolution had banned any cultural work -- music, literature, film or theater -- that did not have the required ideological content. By the early 1970s, China was desperate for new sources of trade, and the revolution was declared ended.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Everyone, in some small sacred sanctuary of the self, is nuts.”
The Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society (CMCS) sponsored its annual Esteban Night Race Long Distance Race on Saturday, May 12. The race began and ended off of Fort Myers Beach. The course took racers out to a race marker off of Knapp’s Point on Sanibel Island and back, a distance of about 15 miles.

The race began at 6 p.m. to allow the competitors to sail off into the sunset and return under the stars. The weather was a little threatening, but the racers never got rained on. The sunset turned out to be a squall on the horizon – very beautiful as long as it didn’t come your way. It was a nice warm evening, perfect for a sailboat race, with 15 to 20 knot easterly breezes off the beach and moderate seas which got bigger as the racers went west towards Knapp’s Point. Sixteen boats participated in the race.

Race Results

Multi-hull Division: First – Passion III (Ned Christensen); Spinnaker Division: First – Midnite Rider (Forrest Banks); Second – Macushla (Joel Andrews).
Non-Spinnaker Division: First – Air Supply (Steve Romaine); Second – Sunrunner (Art Monahan); Third – Nurdle (John Churchill).

True Cruising Division: First – Jolly Mon (David Naumann); Second – Barefeet (Bill Misenheimer); Third – Miss Cathleen (John Finnegem).

Registration available online at active.com

Age Divisions: Male and Female 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39
40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

5K and 10K Runner Awards: Top overall – male and female; masters, grand masters, senior grand masters
Top three in each age group – male and female

5K Walkers Awards: Top 3 Overall – male and female

*Many prizes donated by generous local businesses will be given away in a drawing following the awards*

Special Drawing at the conclusion of the event:
2 night stay at CASTAWAYS BEACH RESORT, Sanibel/Captiva

Entry Form
First Name________________________ Last Name_________________________ 5K 10K (circle)
Birth: ___/___/___ Age on race day____ Gender: M F T-shirt size: S M L XL
Runner/Walker
Address________________________________ City_________________________ Zip_________________________
Phone_________________________ Email_____________________________

Make checks payable to: Teen Challenge Women’s Home
Mail to: Teen Challenge Women’s Center, 5424 7th Avenue, Ft. Myers FL 33907
Questions, please call 239-898-8481

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I release from their own negligence, all officers, directors, and members of each of the said organizations and Teen Challenge, their employees and agents and any other entries and individuals who are in any way connected with this event, from any injury or illness which I may sustain during my participation in this event or which is in any way related to this event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. I attest to and verify that I am informed of the dangers of racing in hot or cold weather. The race will go on rain or shine and less than a category 3 hurricane. No refunds. All proceeds go to Teen Challenge Women’s Home.

Participant signature _______________________ Date________ (parent/guardian if under 18)
Florida Pompano Almandine
1/2 cup sliced almonds
4 tablespoons butter, melted
4 six-ounce pompano fillets
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
Sea salt, to taste
Ground black pepper, to taste
1 cup rice flour
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, chopped

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Place sliced almonds and 4 tablespoons butter in ovenproof dish; roast for 7 minutes or until golden. Remove from oven and set aside. Sprinkle fillets with seasonings then dredge in flour. Melt 1/2 cup butter in shallow skillet over medium-high heat; add fillets and cook 3 to 5 minutes per side until cooked through. Remove fillets from pan and keep warm. Add toasted almonds, lemon juice and parsley to butter in the skillet; mix well then spoon over cooked fillets.

Yields four servings
Nutritional Value Per Serving
Calories 831, Calories From Fat 532, Total Fat 60g, Saturated Fat 30g, Trans Fatty Acid 1g, Cholesterol 186mg, Total Carbohydrates 36g, Protein 37g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 1g

Look for Fresh from Florida ingredients at your grocery store.

Make Reservations For Partners In Education Event

Reservations are now available for the State of our Schools-Partners in Education Breakfast hosted by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. The event, themed Going For The Gold, will be held on Friday, May 25 starting at 7 a.m. at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Burke will address the community on the progress of the Lee County School District the past year as well as the vision for the 2012-13 school year. Additionally, schools' business partners will be recognized at the event for contributing time, talent and treasure to ensure the school has resources they need to educate students.

The Commissioner's Business Recognition Awardees will also be honored at the breakfast for their impact on local education. EnSite, Inc. and Lee Memorial Health System have been selected to receive this award.

Major sponsors of the breakfast include GATES, Gulfpoint Construction, Rasmussen College, and Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union.

The cost to attend is $35 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Gerri Langelier at 337-0433, or emailing Gerri@leeschoolfoundation.org. Sponsorships also available.

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Arashi Shibori
Fabric Dyeing Workshop

Arashi Shibori is a Japanese fabric dyeing technique that results in a pleated cloth with an angled pattern that resembles driving rain. In fact, the word Arashi means “storm” in Japanese. The effect is achieved by tightly wrapping fabric around a pole, which is then bound with string and compressed before dyes are applied.

A one-day workshop, scheduled for Saturday, May 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is being presented by Cape Coral fiber artist Roseline Young, owner of Roseline Weaving Studio. She creates one-of-a-kind wall hangings and wearable art, as well as teaching spinning and weaving.

Cost is $45 for Alliance members or $55 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. Participants should bring several yards of cotton, silk or rayon fabric, washed and ready for dyeing. Cloth may be cut into “fat quarters” or approximately 18” x 22” or slightly larger. Fabric produced may be used for clothing, quilting, wall hangings, etc.

Call 939-2787 or go to www.ArtInLee.org for more information.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.
When the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins left here seven weeks ago after both had posted winning Spring Training records, optimism was high that the Twins and Red Sox would return to winning baseball after their dismal 2011 seasons.

But if you looked at the standings early this week you would have seen that both were in last place in their respective American League divisions.

In fact, the Twins at 10-25 through Monday of this week had compiled the worst record in all of baseball and already had fallen nine games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central Division.

As for the Red Sox, an up and down team through the first seven weeks of the 2012 season, perhaps their fortunes are turning with a four-game winning streak through Monday and a 16-19 record that was closing in on .500 baseball. However, they still trailed the surprising Baltimore Orioles by 5-1/2 games.

There are many reasons why the Red Sox started to win and here are just two of them:

Jon Lester threw a complete-game 6-1 victory Monday night to improve to 2-3 for the season and lower his ERA to 3.71. The fragile Sox starting rotation needs a strong Lester for any chance to compete in the tough AL East.

The recent call-ups from the Minors of infielders Will Middlebrooks and Daniel Nava have given the Red Sox the spark they were looking for. Sunday the pair provided five RBIs in a thumping 12-1 win over AL Central Division-leading Cleveland. Nava went two-for-two in that game and Middlebrooks hit his fourth homer.

Through Monday Nava was hitting an astounding .583 and Middlebrooks .304. Steaky streaks of wins and streaks of losses is the best way to describe the Red Sox in the early season going. The recent streak, however, gives the Red Sox Nation hope.

As for the Twins, a team that virtually dominated the AL Central for most of the last decade, it’s a bleak and getting bleaker picture.

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Can You Turn Be A Millionaire Day Into A Reality?

by Jennifer Basey

If you look hard enough, you can find many obscure holidays, but few of them can instantly capture people’s interest as much as “Be A Millionaire Day,” which is celebrated on May 20. While amassing a million dollars may not be as significant a milestone as it used to be, most of us would still feel pleased if we could someday attain “millionaire” status.

While there are no perfect formulas or guarantees, here are some steps to consider when working toward any investment goal:

• Put time on your side. The earlier you begin saving and investing, the better your chances of reaching your financial goal. You can’t expect to “strike it rich” immediately with any single investment, but by investing year in and year out, and by choosing quality investment vehicles, you have the opportunity to achieve growth over time.
• Pay yourself first. If you wait until you “have a little extra money lying around” before you invest, you may well never invest. Instead, try to “pay yourself first.” Each month, move some money automatically from a checking or savings account into an investment. When you’re first starting out in the working world, you might not be able to afford much, but as you advance in your career, you can increase your contributions.
• Control your debts. It’s easier said than done, but if you can keep a lid on your debt payments, you’ll have more money with which to invest.
• Take advantage of tax deferral. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, such as a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, your money has the opportunity to grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year. Of course, when you start taking withdrawals, presumably at retirement, you’ll have to pay taxes, but by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket. And since you’ll have some control over your withdrawals, you can help control taxes, too.
• Build share ownership. As an investor, one of the best things you can do to build your wealth is to increase the number of shares you own in your investments. So, look for buying opportunities, such as when prices are low. Also, consider reinvesting any dividends or distributions you may receive from your investments.
• Don’t be overly cautious. For your money to grow, you need to put a portion of your investment dollars in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks. It is certainly true that stock prices will always fluctuate, sometimes quite sharply, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when sold. But if you avoid stocks entirely in favor of more stable vehicles, you run the risk of earning returns that may not keep you ahead of inflation. As you approach retirement, and even during retirement, your portfolio will probably still need some growth potential. Work with your financial advisor to determine the appropriate approach for you.
• Think long term. By creating a long-term investment strategy and sticking to it, you’ll be less likely to take a “timeout” from investing in response to perceived negative news, such as market downturns and political crises.

Following these suggestions may someday allow you to reach the point when your financial goals become a reality for you.

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

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Councilman Johnny Streets, City of Fort Myers; Jadiria Hopfy, vice president of community affairs for Fifth Third Bank (South Florida); Mike Roeder, board member and founder/president of HORC; Commissioner Ray Judah, Lee County; and Eddie Fellon, executive director of the Home Ownership Resource Center (HORC) of Lee County.

Fifth Third Bank’s Financial Literacy Mobile – the eBus – recently visited the Home Ownership Resource Center (HORC) of Lee County, a non-profit that provides home ownership opportunities, homebuyer education, budget, credit and housing counseling and foreclosure prevention and intervention for people in Southwest Florida. During the eBus stop, bank representatives presented the keys to HORC’s new office space, which was recently donated to the non-profit by Fifth Third Bank.

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 Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate
Dear Shelley,

My son will be in eighth grade next year and I am wondering if he should take Algebra I. His math skills are only OK. What are the benefits of taking Algebra I early?

David

There has been a strong trend for the past 15 years for students to take Algebra I in eighth grade. Mastering algebra is considered the initial requirement for participation in more advanced high school math classes as well as for college preparedness.

Nationwide, the proportion of students taking algebra in eighth grade nearly doubled, from 16 percent to 31 percent, from 1990 to 2007, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. California has led the country in efforts to introduce algebraic concepts in lower grades and in 2008, the California State Board of Education included Algebra I as part of the eighth grade end-of-year math test, thus requiring all students to take algebra by the end of middle school.

California has begun to research the impact of their initiative. The performance of more than 22,000 seventh graders was analyzed and it was found that students with moderate to low math skills did not benefit from taking Algebra I in eighth grade, based on their state math test scores. Further results indicated that it caused their average GPAs to drop 7 percent, roughly the difference between a C and a C-minus. This study is on going, as it will follow the students into their high school years as they take other math courses. It is interesting to note, "If we can see there’s a potential harm to a low-performing student on the GPA," said the lead author of the study.

In another leading school district, Charlotte-Mecklenburg in North Carolina, a similar study was conducted to evaluate their decision to move Algebra I to from a high school to an eighth grade class. These researchers found that even moderately math-proficient students in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg study who were put into early algebra classes performed significantly worse on state end of year math tests. And these lower-performing students who took Algebra I in eighth grade were significantly less likely to take more advanced math courses, such as Algebra II or geometry, later. They further found that those students were 46 percent less likely to pass Algebra I by 10th grade.

The drop in scores and course taking was so dramatic that the Charlotte district changed its policy two years later and no longer requires students to take Algebra I in eighth grade.

Neither study identified whether the negative effects of early algebra came from a lack of developmental readiness or academic preparation among the lower-performing students, but other research points suggest the developmental readiness factor.

"If a student is well prepared, algebra is a good thing regardless of the student’s age,” said one researcher, “but if a student is not prepared, it can be a bad thing, regardless of the student’s age. Developmental readiness shouldn’t mean a developmental mandate."

Local Student Honored

On Thursday, May 10, Justin Winings of Cape Coral was honored at Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida’s Breakthrough Awards Luncheon. The annual event honors members in the community who have assisted others, or themselves, in overcoming disabilities or other barriers on their path to employment and independence.

Winings’ goal, like a lot of other teenagers, was to get a job. However, unlike a lot of other teenagers, Justin has scoliosis and neurofibromatosis, along with cognitive limitations and vision loss due to optic atrophy. That’s where Goodwill’s GoodGuides program stepped in.

The Goodwill GoodGuides program places at-risk youth with adult mentors who provide guidance, advice, and career exploration activities for their young partners. Children’s Medical Services referred Justin to the GoodGuides program because of his physical challenges.

“I’ve wanted a job since I was 16 years old,” said Winings. “To get some money and to take care of my family, my foster dad and mom.”

Winings, now 18, accomplished his goal in June 2011 when he started working for Goodwill’s Chiquita Retail and Donation Center as a customer service staffer helping stock merchandise and straighten shelves.

“He’s always smiling, and I know that’s not always easy for him,” said Kathy Mullin, Chiquita’s store manager. “He works really hard and does the best he can. He’s an awesome young man.”

Winings, a student at Mariner High School in Cape Coral, doesn’t let his disability define him. “Justin is an extremely positive individual,” said John Doramus, Goodwill’s vice president of finance and Justin’s GoodGuides mentor. “When you take a look at everyone’s issues, they’re small compared to Justin’s. But he faces those issues in a positive manner. There’s nothing he won’t try to do, nothing he won’t try to accomplish.”

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Southwest Florida Students Advance To Intel International Science Fair

On May 13, six Southwest Florida students attended the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. These students from Lee and Charlotte counties participated at the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science and Engineering Fair held earlier this year at Florida Gulf Coast University. More than 450 students competed for $600,000 in scholarships.

Twenty-nine finalists from this regional Science Fair, an Edison Festival of Light event, attended the State of Florida Science Fair in April, where 18 of these public, private and home school students won recognition. Over 900 students from across Florida participated in the State Science Fair.

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Dear Pharmacist: My wife has osteoporosis in her back pretty badly. I read your article a few years ago, about Strontium being a good mineral for bone health. Do you still recommend it today?

CC, Sacramento

Everything I said four years ago in my first column holds. Strontium has been clinically proven to support bone health. I wish more physicians would suggest over-the-counter strontium supplements before prescribing bone-building “bisphosphonate” drugs like Actonel, Boniva and Fosamax or even Evista or Forteo.

A 2004 study in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that strontium reduces risk of non-vertebral fractures by 41 percent over three years, and increases bone mineral density by 14.4 percent. Impressive when you compare that to standard treatments.

You’re probably wondering why no one has mentioned this to you.

Conventional practitioners educate themselves at seminars that are not based in “functional medicine” like my educational track, so they are not aware of Strontium’s potential benefits. Doctors interested in scientifically-based holistic medical seminars should visit www.functionalmedicine.org.

Strontium offers a one-two punch with its dual mechanism of action. It prevents bone breakdown, while stimulating new bone growth. Medications work one side of that equation. It may support joint health and prevent tooth decay, in sharp contrast to certain medications which destroy the teeth/jaw. I wonder if it could help with cancer-related bone pain, too?

A brand new research published in the Journal of Trace Elements in Medicine and Biology said, “The agent can now be considered as a first-line option to treat women at risk of osteoporosis fractures, whatever their age and the severity of the disease.”

Strontium is a natural component of bone, about 100 micrograms in every gram of bone, so supplementing enhances more of what you have (or had in the case of osteoporosis).

Strontium’s brothers include calcium and magnesium; they are all chemically similar. In Europe, there are drug versions called Stronat and Protecol because they patented a unique salt called strontium ranelate. This drug version is used in clinical trials. In the U.S., non-drug versions of Strontium citrate or Strontium gluconate are sold at the health food stores, compounding pharmacies or holistic physician’s offices. High-quality brands include Life Extension’s Strontium Caps, OrthoMolecular’s Strontium, Nutricology’s Strontium Osteo Complex, Solaray’s BioCitrate Strontium or Doctor’s Best Strontium Bone Maker.

You must have enough calcium in your body for Strontium to work well. Most people do, but if you don’t, and you need both calcium and Strontium, space them apart. For example, take Strontium first thing in the morning (empty stomach), then at lunch, take calcium (preferably with vitamin D). When it comes to bone health, vitamin K2, natural progesterone hormone, silica, iodine, zinc, chromium and magnesium are important players, and of course weight-bearing exercise.

Some experts now feel that whole grains, which contain phytates, prevent absorption of minerals essential to bone health. Finally, gluten, caffeine and carbonated beverages are all associated with crumbling bones.

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.

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Strontium: A Better Way To Build Bones

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

D ear Mom and Me,

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Out of the blue, my company was sold and I am out. The new company brought in their own people and I can’t get a job at even half of my former salary. What do you suggest I do to relocate my mother in something she and I can afford?

Polly

Dear Polly,

A big part of living into late life is saving. Many older folks did not financially plan for later life. I see numerous adult children providing financial support to their parents. When, to your situation, a company downsizes or is bought out, the financial costs affect both generations and the only choices are hard choices.

Start looking at communities accepting special assistance. Call the Department of Human-Social Services to determine if your mother would qualify for Medicaid. Also, if your mother served in the military and was honorably discharged, call the Department of Veterans Affairs to see if she would qualify for any assistance.

Pryce

Dear Pryce,

Our society is changing rapidly, and we are forced to adjust and make quick decisions also.

I suggest you do as Pryce suggests and do your very best to relocate her. You may find it necessary to make a temporary move to your home while you are finding the right relocation facility for your mother. Try to avoid having to act in haste and in so doing making a wrong decision that you would later regret.

Lizzie

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

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Student Support Services Participants Achieved Great Success At FGCU

F orty-three seniors in the Classic Student Support Services (SSS) program graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University on April 29. The Classic SSS program serves college students who are the first generation in their families to attend college, have low incomes and/or have a documented disability in need of academic support services.

Students eligible for the program have a desire to attend and finish college but need some additional support to guide them on their academic journey. Two of the SSS participants received university awards that distinguished them from others in their graduating class.

Malissa Sanon was one of eight students inducted into the 2011-12 FGCU Hall of Fame. The award is given to students who have demonstrated leadership skills, service and scholarship.

Dustin Chisum was awarded the FGCU Student of the Year. The award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and service to the university and the community.

The two Student Support Services programs at FGCU – Classic, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) – must report data on each participant annually to the Federal Department of Education. The retention and academic standing rates, calculated based on the university academic year, were outstanding among the 289 participants served by both programs during the 2010-11 academic year. The retention rate among Classic participants was 90 percent, and the rate for STEM participants was 93 percent. Of the 169 students in Classic, 160 (95 percent) returned in good academic standing; and of 120 participants, 112 (93 percent) in the STEM program did likewise.

Amber Hughes, a Moore Haven resident and a participant in the STEM program, was awarded a $1,200 scholarship by the Florida Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel for her outstanding academic achievement and community service. She is a sophomore majoring in biology and enjoys mentoring in the SSS program.

In addition, Hughes is involved in the FGCU Honors Program as well as with many of the university’s activities while maintaining an outstanding grade point average in a challenging major. She was also chosen to participate in a 10-week summer internship through The Washington Center in Washington, DC and was awarded a scholarship to pay for the entire internship by the State of Florida.
Vaccines

Dr. Dave

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

"I'm sorry to tell you this, Miss Bloggin's, but you have a nasty case of genital warts."

"Noooo, not warts! I'd rather have cancer!"

"Well I'm afraid you might have that, too."

Unfortunately, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is responsible for both unsightly genital warts (as well as the slightly ones) and cervical cancer, one of the most devastating diseases of womankind. In 1935, George Papanicolaou ("Pap" to his buddies) of Cornell University discovered that by taking a wee scraping from the opening to the womb he was able to determine, under a microscope (he was a small guy), if pre-cancerous cells were brewing. Little did Dr. Pap know that he was looking for damage caused by the Human Papilloma Virus. Papillomas for Dr. Papanicolaou. Pap looking for pap (likely not related).

Poor George eventually became so disenchanted with having the pap test named after him that he left science and became an annoying celebrity photographer only later to discover they were called... paparazzi.

Consider these sobering facts:

- 14 North American women die of cervical cancer each day
- 85 percent of them had not had routine Papanicolaou smears
- Every 2 1/2 minutes, a woman on this planet dies of cervical cancer
- Due to lack of screening facilities, cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in women in third world countries
- 15,000 North American women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer this year
- A turtle can actually breathe through its butt, right past its prostate

The main purpose of Mr. Papanicolaou’s test is to detect the presence of HPV-induced pre-cancerous lesions. The pap screening test is the reason that cervical cancer has gone from being the commonest deadly cancer of women to a cancer so low in North America that only 5,000 women die each year (most of whom have not had recent pap smears). But Pap smears, 'de' test that women detest, may soon be a thing of the past.

In the exciting world of tumour "immunotherapeutics" (exciting because you can impress your friends and score huge scorable points with jargon like that), HPV vaccines are now proven effective at preventing cervical cancer and warts. A vaccine for cancer. It is geared toward the junior high school-aged girls before they become sexually active, as Rick Perry knows all too well. Sixty percent of women contract HPV within five years of beginning sexual activity. Unfortunately, HPV can have a deadly consequence. Nuns do not get cervical cancer or genital warts (a "pap' al state?), though Sister Mary Mashbone of my school used to have a wart on her chin that looked like it would give you cancer, a stroke and several heart attacks if it ever touched you.

Others vaccines are currently being developed against assorted cancers, such as ovarian and breast cancer. And now, HPV vaccines are being recommended for young men. And for the prostate man in your life, there is work being done on a vaccine against prostate cancer, which should make all men who hate prostate checks ecstatic, and, of course, allow turtles to breathe a little easier.

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is Insane, available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.

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Pet Shelter Is At Maximum Capacity

Lee County Domestic Animal Services’ shelter is currently at maximum capacity. The agency is asking for assistance from the public to give these pets a permanent home. They are also seeking help from other shelters and rescue organizations. Fewer outlets in which to place dogs and the start of kitten season have led to the overcrowding.

“Healthy, adoptable animals do not need to die in shelters due to overpopulation when they can be easily adopted into loving Lee County homes,” said Donna Ward, LCDAS director. “With a population of over 600,000 it should be a relatively easy task to adopt 10,000 stray animals annually; however, euthanasia will remain the means of population control in our community if the public does not step forward to support our efforts of spaying and neutering, fostering, and adopting shelter pets rather than buying from pet stores and breeders. The best shelter is a caring community, and now more than ever we need the community’s support.”

Currently LCDAS is featuring 25 percent off all adoptions with its Friends & Family promotion. Puppies are just $70, adult dogs and kittens only $55, adult cats $35, and senior pets (6 years and older) are only $15. The special fees will be in effect throughout May.

The reduced adoption fee includes sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Hill’s Science Diet dog or cat food.

The adoption package is valued at over $500.

Pups for adoption can be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com or visit the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Adoption viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Adoption applications may be submitted online or at the shelter.

Volunteers and staff are available to help you find the pet that is best suited for you and your family’s lifestyle. For more information about pets for adoption or spay/neuter programs, go to www.LeeLostPets.com or call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). If you are inquiring about a pet you have seen online, please have the animal ID number ready for faster assistance.

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Pet Adoption Deal For Construction Industry Employees Offered By LCDAS

Now through June 15, Lee County Domestic Animal Services will show their appreciation to construction industry employees by discounting pet adoption fees. Builders, roofers, plumbers, electricians, architects and engineers are only a few of the fields that qualify to adopt a puppy or kitten for $25 or an adult pet for just $8 when they show their work ID. All other potential adopters should check Animal Services’ website at www.LeeLostPets.com for other adoption promotions, including 2-for-1 cats and kittens.

“Animal Services realizes how hard those in the construction industry work and we would like to say thank you by offering them a discount on adopting a new best friend and family member,” said Donna Ward, LCDAS director.

The agency will be making this offer to various groups of individuals each month in appreciation for their hard work and commitment and to spotlight the variety of pets available from the county’s animal shelter.

The reduced adoption fee still includes the complete package of services consisting of sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Hill’s Science Diet dog or cat food. The adoption package is valued at over $500.

To take advantage of this offer, just visit Animal Services’ shelter at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Pets available for adoption may be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com. Information is automatically updated hourly. Adoption applications may be submitted online.

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

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

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Super Crossword

THE MINIMOM

ACROSS
1. Word with dance of hare
5. Poo
9. Play ping-pong
13. Rushes
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1. Runner's boas
5. Nourished
8. Casual exercise
12. Place
13. Parishioner's cell
14. Misnomer
15. Captioned to a garment
17. Faced
18. Argument
19. Washcloth
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MAGIC MAZE

ONE-ACT WORDS


Find the hidden words in the diagram. They can be read forwards, backwards, and diagonally.
THE PERFECT SANIBEL GETAWAY
Quiet central location, this ground level home has been impeccably maintained. Range, refrigerator, water heater, washer, roof and garbage disposal all new in the last five years. New plumbing in 2004. Mature foliage, well maintained yard with fenced back yard and storage shed. Offered for $329,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597.

UPPER CAPTIVA
This tropical gem features two lots. The Bay front lot features a brand new boat dock extending into the bay with deepwater dockage (6-10'). Great for the boating and fishing. The Gulf front lot offers incredible views of the Gulf on pristine white beaches. The exterior of the home is complete, the interior is not. A perfect opportunity to finish the home to your own tastes and specifications. Only 1/2 mile from South Seas plantation. The perfect retreat for anglers and beach enthusiasts. Offered for $895,000 Contact Tracy “Mr. Listr” 239/994-7975 or Connie “Ms. Listr” 239/841-4540.

SOUTH SEAS ISLAND RESORT - TENNIS VILLA #3110
Quaint corner unit overlooking lush gardens and courtyard. West Indies-style décor, fully furnished turn-key villa located within the Southern Enclave of South Seas Island Resort. Extra side windows in dining area for additional light. Walking distance to beaches, Village of Captiva, restaurants and much more. South Seas Island Resort amenities offered with a club membership. Offered for $350,000 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.

LOGGERHEAD CAY #462
Updated, furnished condo with beautiful courtyard views with an East end location. On-site management with amenities including a community pool, tennis courts and shuffleboard. Easy access to the Sanibel Causeway. Offered for $499,000. Contact Sharon Wise 239/849-9121.

PUNTA RASSA #208
A valued location that enhances paradise. This end unit features an additional window in Master Bedroom. Brand new top of the line kitchen with granite. Hurricane impact windows, new bathrooms & dressing area. Social Membership to the Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club included in purchase. Offered for $259,900. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.

CROWN COLONY
This 2 level Kingfisher Model has been modified from 4 bedrooms to 2 master suites and a guest room. Upstairs master can be reconfigured to 2 bedroom layout. Pool and spa overlook lake with Southern exposure. This home is totally complete. Beautifully finished. Offered for $439,000. Contact Larry Hahn at 239/898-8789.

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME IN GULF RIDGE
Beautifully vegetated lot very close to beach in prestigious Gulf Ridge. Last lot on right before Joewood, with adjacent community pool and tennis. Just steps from deeded beach access. Over one acre of land. Offered for $495,000 Contact Loretta Geiger 239/565-8805.

BEACHWALK OF SANIBEL
Preconstruction opportunity in Beachwalk an exciting new subdivision on east end just steps from the beach access. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath floor plan with metal roof, concrete board siding and impact windows, granite countertops, raised wood panel cabinets on the near beach lot. Our in house designer can customize the floorplan for a small fee. Act soon and pick your own interior and exterior appointments! Priced right at $679,900. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597.

GARDENS AT BEACHWALK
This turn-key, fully furnished and accessorized waterfront two bedroom condominium is set amidst a community of 320 condominium residences. The split floor plan offers en-suite bathrooms in both bedrooms which exemplifies ample privacy. With the fully equipped kitchen, dining and living it makes condominium ownership simple and hassle free! Take pleasure in the view off the open porch overlooking the water display in the lake and sandy lakefront beach just below the pool vicinity. The Gardens at Beachwalk is centrally located Ft Myers gated community which is Mediterranean inspired. Close proximity to hospitals, shopping, library and beaches of Ft Myers Beach and Sanibel. Offered for $410,000.00 Contact LeAn Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.

LOGGERHEAD CAY #521
Look no further for the perfect vacation home or investment property! This ground level condo is located in the popular Loggerhead Cay complex and is only ONE UNIT back from the beach! Enjoy amazing sunsets and breathtaking views of the ocean. This 2/2 is tiled throughout and features updated bathrooms. Easy access to the pool and beach through the screened in lanai helps keep the sand and mess to a minimum! Offered $615,000. Contact Tracy Walters “Mr. Listr” 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters “Ms Listr” 239/841-4540.

SLEEK UPSCALE GATED COMMUNITY IN SOUTH FT. MYERS
6801 Stony Run has it all and more. Peaceful serene oversized lake front lot with room to stretch out, relax and enjoy Florida at its best. Tennis, boating, shaded family outings and golf all within easy access. Enjoy your private pool/hot tub while you watch eagles fly overhead. This spacious one floor 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home is professionally designed to flow from the family room, to the oversize eat in kitchen, formal dining room, office, den, king-size master bedroom and bath all surround by the sheltered screened enclosed pool and entertainment center. All this comfort and privacy, yet minutes from all Ft Myers has to offer. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805.

SANIBEL HARBOUR YACHT CLUB
Experience stress free boat ownership with a great dockaminium featuring 5 star restaurant, Concierge service, Deli and catering, unlimited boat launching, beach area with Tiki hut and BBQ grills, 24 hour security complete washdown and engine flush after each use. #259 $49,900 reduced!! #278 - $29,900 Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420 #159 - $37,000 reduced! Contact Tracy Walters 239/994-7975.

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