Fort Myers Downtown Streetscape Wins International Award

On May 22, the Fort Myers Downtown Streetscape project won the 2012 International Making Cities Livable (IMCL) Walkable Neighborhoods award at the IMCL conference in Portland, Oregon. The City of Fort Myers ranked first over other cities worldwide for the inviting, healthy environment created in its dense urban core through the Downtown Streetscape project. The accolade was given “in recognition of the extensive landscaping, refurbishment and traffic calming that greatly improved the quality of life for everyone, creating a downtown with a genuinely urban character,” as stated on the award.

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All Florida Juried Exhibition Opens

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Fithian has been the exhibition juror for the past five years. He has also been the juror for the Blanket of Art exhibition at the Alliance for the Arts for the past three years. The exhibition opens Friday, June 1 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and is open to the public from June 1 to July 13. The exhibition will be housed in the gallery at the Alliance for the Arts, 1001 Harrison Street, Fort Myers. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 941-746-4737 or visit AlliancefortheArts.org.

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Stone Goddess by Tom Cardamone

Journey by Terry Lynn Spry

Sarah Daigle performing *Vanilla Ice Cream* from *She Loves Me* at the 2011 Young Artists Awards Gala

Sam Bostic performing *I Believe* from *The Book of Mormon* at the 2012 Young Artists Awards Gala

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In this undated historic photo, members of the Fort Myers Board of Trade pose at the main entrance to the Royal Palm Hotel on First Street.

Archival evidence and the apparent ages of those pictured (Harvie E. Heitman looks so young!) suggest that it might very well have been taken around the time the organization was formed, perhaps even the day of its first meeting, on February 12, 1903.

Among the officers and directors elected that day were leading citizens and businessmen, some of them pictured.

Elected president of the board was Philip Isaacs, with William H. "Wild Bill" Towles as vice president, James E. Foxworthy as secretary and Carl C. Roberts as treasurer.

Directors were Harvie E. Heitman, Robert A. Henderson, William O. Rew, Joseph S. Shands, Frank C. Alderman, Sr., Edward L. Evans, RW Gilliam, WR Washburn and George F. Ireland.

Historian Karl H. Grismer views the board as a precursor to the Chamber of Commerce, which emerged in 1921 as the boom got under way.

The Board of Trade organized as a single-purpose booster group initially. The goal was raising the money to buy land for the proposed 28-mile Atlantic Coast Line Railroad (ACL) extension from Punta Gorda.

The economic advantages of railway service to the town would be significant, for at the turn of the twentieth century, Fort Myers was accessible only by water and rough roads.

The railroad would boost tourism and make importing and exporting goods much easier. Everyone from citrus growers and fishing guides, to hoteliers and general merchants stood to gain from the railroad extension.

For example, Roberts, who was in the lumber business, and Towles, who was in the cattle trade, would find it much easier and faster to do business with the world beyond little Fort Myers.

Efforts to get the extension had been going on for some time. It was not until after ACL bought the Plant System’s holdings in April 1902, however, that entreaties from Fort Myers representatives – headed by Walter G. Langford – were favorably received.

The deal was contingent upon ACL receiving a free route through town, as well as land for a station, freight house, and wharf.

In only six months, the board secured the right of way from all landowners.

The land for the wharf at the river and the depot at Main and Monroe Streets was purchased for $6 thousand from Mrs. Evalina Gonzalez.

Once of Fort Myers’ biggest celebrations occurred on February 20, 1904, when the last rail was laid on Monroe Street, almost one year to the day since the board organized.

It must have been the board’s proudest moment, for it never quite reached such heights again. In fact, in the next few years, it experienced something of a semi-dormant period.

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Fort Myers Mayor Randall P. Henderson commented that it was an honor for Fort Myers to be recognized by such a prestigious international organization, whose Board of Directors includes icons in urban planning such as Mayor Joseph P. Riley of Charleston, South Carolina.

Accepting the award in Portland was Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (Fort Myers CRA) Executive Director Don Paight, representing both the Fort Myers CRA – which funded the streetscape beautification portion of the project’s work – and the City of Fort Myers, which funded the utility replacement portion. Paight oversaw streetscape beautification work while the city’s Public Works Director Saeed Kazemi managed utility replacement.

The Fort Myers Downtown Streetscape Project was completed in 2010 after a four-year, 54-block utility replacement and streetscape renovation. The project has previously won five state-wide awards from Public Works, Planning, Engineering and Redevelopment Associations. Since its completion, over 30 new businesses have opened up in downtown and attendance at special events has increased substantially.

Subridge by Tim Smith

All Florida Exhibition

coordinator at the Museum of Florida Art since 2001. He has judged numerous exhibitions, won many awards, taught countless classes and workshops and shown his own artwork around the country for more than 40 years. He’ll host a gallery walk and talk on Saturday, June 2.

Night view of Fort Myers Streetscape during the holidays

All Florida Exhibition from 10 to 11 a.m. It’s free, and open to the public.

The Alliance for the Arts galleries are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

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All Florida Exhibition
The Southwest Florida Museum of History will extend the exclusive exhibit, The Photographic Journal of Clyde Butcher, at the museum through July 28 to continue its year-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of the museum.

Butcher’s dramatic black-and-white photographs that embody the spirit of its subject. The environment and the iconic landmarks he captures are, to the appreciating eye, magical. But the story of their pursuit is so much more. It’s a journey through an incredible process that’s about to be shared by one of the world’s renowned masters of the medium.

Marking his own three decades in photography, the Fort Myers native has designed and developed a unique exhibition for the museum to commemorate its 30th anniversary this spring. And so, returning for his 4th season to the museum, Butcher created this exhibition debuting his never-before-seen or shared journey.

The Photographic Journal of Clyde Butcher will detail the story of the photograph: the negative, technical details, darkroom information, images of him photographing the scene and the story of the pursuit of the photograph. More than 15 works and their story will be displayed including Cayo Costa, Ochopee and the elusive Ghost Orchid.

Guests will be entranced by Butcher’s story of what catches his eye, the planning and timing, as well as the logistics – including which large-format camera to use – for capturing the essence of a nature or a place. But that’s just the beginning. From spending hours waiting for just the right light to snap hundreds of photographs to working in the darkroom, and choosing the negative through the daunting process of developing and bringing the negative forward so that it eventually emerges into the stunning image that embodies the spirit of its subject.

An advocate for nature and preserving it, Butcher strives to do that through his work. “The objective is to present a perception of Florida as it is supposed to be, hopefully providing inspiration and a catalyst for action to those people striving to reclaim a natural balance and purity,” he said.

In his new book, Clyde Butcher – Florida Portfolio II, Butcher has gathered a selection of his favorite Florida photographs he has taken from the time he began photographing Florida in 1983 to 2010. Known for his images of the environment, in this book he’s also included what he believes are five historic photographs he has taken of manmade things.

For more information or to make reservations for museum-based events, call 321-7430, visit www.museumofhistory.org or “Like” them on Facebook at swfmuseumofhistory to get the latest updates.

Transit Of Venus

The Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium, along with the Southwest Florida Astronomical Society, will co-host the 2012 Transit of Venus on Tuesday, June 5. The public is invited to come safely observe this event free at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers from 5:30 p.m. to sunset (weather permitting). Planetarium staff will be located on the west side of the park by the main pavilion. Information about the transit as well as other astronomical events/programs will be available free of charge.

On June 5, Venus will pass across the face of the sun, producing a silhouette that no one alive today will likely see again. Transits of Venus are very rare, coming in pairs separated by more than a hundred years. This year’s transit is the second of an eight-year pair. The last transit of Venus was in June 2004. June 5 will be the last chance to see a Transit of Venus until 2117.

“This will be the last chance for us to see the Transit of Venus during our lifetimes,” said Carole Holmberg, planetarium director at the Calusa Nature Center. “But looking at the sun is dangerous. I hope that people take advantage of the chance to see this rare event safely at Centennial Park.”

The Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium also has a limited number of solar viewing glasses available for $1, for those who wish to observe the transit at home, over the Gulf of Mexico or elsewhere.

The nearly seven-hour transit begins at 6:04 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 5. Venus will appear as a small black dot on the edge of the sun and will begin to cross the disk. Here in Florida, the sun will set with Venus in mid-transit.

Creative photographers can image the swollen red sun “punctured” by the circular disk of Venus.

Do not stare at the sun, whether with your eyes alone or through a camera, binoculars, or a telescope. Instead, use some type of projection technique or a SAFE solar filter. Failure to use appropriate filtration may result in permanent eye damage or blindness. Besides, Venus covers too little of the solar disk to block the blinding glare.

Transits of Venus first gained worldwide attention in the 1700s. In those days, the size of the solar system was one of the science’s biggest mysteries. The relative spacing of planets was known, but not their distances. How many miles would you have to travel to reach another world? No one knew. Venus was the key, according to astronomer Edmund Halley. He realized that by observing transits from widely-spaced locations on Earth it
Alliance Summer Arts Camp Kicks Off On June 4

time is running out to register children for the 24th Annual Alliance for the Arts Summer Arts Camp. This award-winning camp is a great way for kids to engage in the arts and have a blast while they’re doing it.

Eight themed weeks give first through sixth graders the opportunity to create, explore and discover the visual and performing arts in a fun and interactive environment. Weekly themes include Pirates, Parrots & Treasure, Buggin’ Out: Spiders & Butterflies and Unicorns, Dragons & Robots. This year’s camp features a new Creative Station for visual and performing arts, and a new prop and set design element.

Week one of the camp begins on June 4. Every week culminates in a final stage performance on Friday. There is no stage performance on Friday. There is no cost is $150 per week for Alliance members or $195 per week for non-members. Early drop off is available at 8 a.m. and late pick up until 5 p.m. Space is limited. Contact Jamie Golob at education@artinlee.org or 939-2787 for more information.

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

License-Free Fishing Days

The first week of June is National Fishing and Boating Week. This year, start and end the week’s festivities by taking advantage of one of Florida’s license-free fishing days.

Saltwater recreational anglers can fish without a license on June 2 and freshwater recreational fishers on June 9.

Thirty-four states, including Florida and Georgia, will have license-free fishing days during the June 2 through 10 National Fishing and Boating Week, a celebration of fishing and boating.

“Florida’s license-free fishing days are an excellent opportunity to share the fun, excitement and togetherness of a fishing trip with the entire family. This also is a great time for experienced anglers to introduce friends to the sport, even if they don’t have a fishing license,” said Nick Wiley, FWC executive director. “By having these events on weekends, we hope Florida residents and visitors will experience the joy of saltwater and freshwater fishing. We expect many will discover a healthy sport they can enjoy for a lifetime.”

Saltwater anglers can try their hand at catching a red snapper, which will be open for harvest in Gulf and Atlantic state waters and Gulf federal waters on the June 2 saltwater license-free fishing day. Want to stick a little closer to shore? Try your hand at near-shore species such as spotted seatrout or red drum.

Can’t make the June 2 or 9 license-free fishing days? The FWC also made September 1 a license-free saltwater fishing day, which not only falls on a holiday weekend, but is during the popular bay scallop and spiny lobster seasons.

Each year, the first Saturday in April and second Saturday in June will be license-free freshwater fishing days. All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates.
Board Of Trade

Then, in 1912, a revitalized board began a regular campaign to advertise Fort Myers to the outside world with high-quality booklets distributed in northern states and by coverage in major magazines and newspapers. The idea worked out so well that the city council approved a modest publicity tax to provide funds for the project.

In winter season of 1917 to 1918, during World War I, the board advertised the merits of Fort Myers in the Sunday editions of 14 of the country’s largest newspapers, hoping to duplicate the success Florida’s east coast had had with the advertising strategy.

The board went into decline after the war and never bounced back. The final blow was the extremely divisive issue of the Tamiami Trail versus the Dixie Highway in 1921.

The board and the Chamber of Commerce fought bitterly, with the board supporting the building of the Dixie Highway, or Olga-Arcadia Road, as it was called, and the chamber supporting the Tamiami Trail.

Having been fraught with disension and factionalizing throughout its history, the board eventually disappeared.

The marl Dixie Highway was completed in 1922, but we all know that it was the Tamiami Trail, completed in 1928, that is still making history.

After the demise of the Board of Trade, emerging organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Accelerator Club and the Fifty Thousand Club carried on the booster spirit in Fort Myers.

But only the board can claim the achievement of bringing the railroad to downtown Fort Myers.

Walk down First Street to the foot of Royal Palm Avenue. Imagine the photo shoot of over a century ago, when the new Board of Trade had a big dream that they brought to fruition.

Then stroll the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about early Fort Myers.

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

Then be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can research civic organizations that have contributed immeasurably to our community.

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

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

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and the Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer.

Free Summer Beach Walks

Lee County Parks & Recreation invites visitors and residents to take part in free guided beach walks.

Bowditch Point Park

Bowditch Point Park offers a Barrier Islands Guided Walk available by reservation only during the summer months. This is an educational walk through the preserve guided by a naturalist to demonstrate the importance of barrier islands.

Walkers may catch a glimpse of one of the resident gopher tortoises, osprey, dolphins or many other birds and wildlife. Bowditch Point Park is located at 50 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach.

Bunche Beach

Low Tide Loafing at Sunset – A Guided Exploration

Join a naturalist guide to explore the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers. Bunche Beach is a wonderful place to explore and learn about the amazing variety of shore birds, shells and possibly spot a manatee or dolphin playing along the shore. Bring a camera, shoes that can get wet, bug spray and drinking water. The next walks are scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 and Thursday July 19 from 7 to 8 p.m. Bunche Beach Preserve is located at 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers Beach. Walks meet at the picnic tables on the beach. The walk is free. There is a $1 per hour parking fee.

Matanzas Pass Preserve

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Art Walk Vocalists

Daigle, 16, was a winner in the Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre category at the 2011 Young Artists Awards competition and is a senior at North Fort Myers High School.

The Young Artists Awards, beginning its 10th year of programming, is a not-for-profit education, performance, audition and scholarship program for students from throughout Southwest Florida. The organization is also a monthly partner with Art Walk.

The Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery is located at 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers in the downtown River District. The performance is free and open to the public.

For more information on the Young Artists Awards, visit www.youngartistsawards.org or search Young Artists Awards on Facebook.

June Dinner Meeting Of Lee Republican Women Federated

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 5:15 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 cindylignelli222@gmail.com.

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Community Comes Together For Food Drive

WCI Communities staff, family and friends are teaming up with Meals of Hope, United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades and Harry Chapin Food Bank for the 2nd annual Building the Fight Against Hunger food-packing drive on Saturday, June 2.

The 450-person volunteer effort will take place in the Estero High School cafeteria located at 21900 River Ranch Road. Leading two of the shifts are Sheriff Mike Scott and Big Mama of Beasley Broadcasting’s B103.9 morning radio show.

“At a cost of 20 cents per meal, our goal this year is to raise more than $45,000, resulting in 225,000 nutritionally formulated meals for distribution to families in Southwest Florida,” said Samantha Sheffield, WCI financial manager and project leader.

Food, refreshments and musical entertainment will be on hand as teams race to fill cases of food for distribution to food pantries in seven counties.

Volunteers are still needed for the third shift, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. To volunteer, visit www.wcibuildingthefightagainsthunger.com or call 498-8615.

“Thanks to the many volunteers, last year’s effort raised more than $35,000 and packed over 118,000 meals for our community,” said David Fry, president and CEO of WCI Communities. “We know we’ve set a high goal this year, but there is a great need to feed local families and provide meals to children who need it over the summer months while they are not receiving free or reduced cost lunches. We can make an impact and help fight hunger in our community.”

For more information or to make a donation, call 498-8615 or 498-8264.

Nocera Named FMB Chamber President

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors unanimously voted last week to hire Frank (Bud) Nocera as the new president of the organization. He replaces the chamber’s retiring president, John Albion.

“As our island economy continues to improve through our visitors, the board of directors is confident that Bud has the ability to help lead our business community into an exciting future,” a chamber press release announced on May 24.

Nocera has a wealth of experience, serving in many capacities in the destination marketing field since 1980. He served as chief operating officer of Visit Florida from 1997 to 2003 and as the president and chief executive officer of Visit Florida from 2003 to 2009 under Governor Jeb Bush. He was also instrumental in the Florida Aquarium as VP of Community Services from 1994 to 1996.

Nocera is known to many people locally as he was involved in the start-up of the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau, serving as its first executive director. He also served in various other capacities of county government, including deputy county manager and acting county manager. Further, Nocera worked as the director of marketing and tourism for the City of Fort Myers.

For more information or to make a donation, call 498-8615 or 498-8264.

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On Friday, June 1 during Art Walk, Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery is featuring live performances by Young Artists Awards vocalists Sam Bostic and Sarah Daigle. The gallery is open from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the event.

Bostic, 18, is a multiple-year winner of the Young Artists Awards program, a graduate of Lehigh Senior High School and will be attending Shenandoah University in Virginia as a musical theater major in the fall.

Daigle, 16, was a winner in the Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre category at the 2011 Young Artists Awards competition and is a senior at North Fort Myers High School.

Art of the Olympians is located at 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers. Regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 332-5055 or go to www.artoftheolympians.org.

The Burroughs Home was host to Fort Myers’ elite including Edison, Ford and Firestone as the privileged daughters of wealthy businessman Nelson Burroughs and his wife Adeline await visitors who want to take a step back in time.

Burroughs Home. Built in 1901, this Georgian Revival mansion was the scene of many social events that hosted the Fort Myers’ elite including the Edisons, Fords, and Firestones. Antique furnishings, historical artifacts, and delightful tales of growing up share the history and colorful tales of living in one of Fort Myers’ oldest homes.

Tours are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Prices are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and $5 for children 6 to 12 years old. Box lunches are offered at $10 and require 24 hour advance notice.

The Burroughs Home is located at 2505 First Street, Fort Myers in the historic River District. Call 337-0706 or go to www.burroughshome.com.

Nervous Nellie’s Crazy Waterfront Eatery 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. While relaxing on the deck, 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, which also features live music nightly.

On Friday, June 1, Harold Antoine plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Just Jeff from 6 to 10 p.m. while the Paul Jennings plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, it’s Cadillac Blue from 6 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, No Way José from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by High Tide from 6 to 10 p.m and Tommy V upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Monday, Left of Center 6 to 10 p.m. downstairs and Smokin’ Bill upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday, Rob Matson plays downstairs from 6 to 10 p.m. while Harold Antoine plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Wednesday, Dave Collaton downstairs from 6 to 10 p.m. while Ira Wilkes plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m; and Thursday, The Oysters from 6 to 10 p.m. and Just Jeff upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.

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

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

If you’re heading out to Captiva for a bit of excitement, YOLO (You Only Live Once) Watersports provides all the fun you’ll need. It offers waverunner rentals, parasailing trips, motor scooter rentals, bikes rentals for the entire family, beach chairs and umbrella rental, stand-up paddleboard rentals and instruction, sailboat rentals, and banana boat rides.

YOLO also has a full retail store which has all the goods you’ll need for a day at the beach including, longboard skateboards, sunglasses, momentum and freestyle watches. It now carries a full line up of GoPro HD cameras and mounts, Rainbow sandals and Peppers floating sunglasses.

YOLO Watersports is located at 11534 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva. It is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 472-9656 or go to www.yolowatersports.com.

Walk among live oaks and lush gardens, relax in a rocking chair on the verandah as you watch the river roll gently by... but first, join Mona and Jettie Burroughs as they share the history and colorful tales of living in one of Fort Myers’ oldest homes – The Burroughs Home.

Nervous Nellie’s Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers. Regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 332-5055 or go to www.artoftheolympians.org.

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Southwest Florida Community Foundation Holds Women’s Legacy Fund Spring Luncheon

More than 100 women attended the Women’s Legacy Fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s 6th annual spring luncheon on May 18 at Olde Hickory Country Club in Fort Myers. The luncheon included an update on the impact WLF funding recently had on the issue of homelessness in our community.

A cornerstone of the WLF is contributors taking an active and engaged role in choosing their annual grant focus area each year. At the spring luncheon, contributors voted on the next focus area from the issues of human trafficking awareness, bullying prevention and intervention or children experiencing homelessness.

The newest WLF Angels – Susan Johnson, Gail Markham and Marian Roelant – were also announced during the event. The Angel honorary designation is for mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, grandchildren, friends and other loved ones, either living or deceased, who have had a special impact on the lives of those around them. WLF members can make the special women in their lives a WLF Angel with a minimum contribution of $1,000 in their name.

In just five years of existence, the WLF has been able to provide $60,000 in grants to benefit people and communities in Southwest Florida.

The Women’s Legacy Fund is a fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, created to enable women in Southwest Florida to direct their giving in focused, strategic ways. The fund’s mission is to improve the quality of life in Southwest Florida through a woman’s perspective.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is celebrating its 35th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs.

The community foundation has provided more than $50 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2011 fiscal year, SWFLCF granted more than $3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

For more information, visit the Community Foundation’s website at www.florida-community.com or call 274-5900.
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Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Voice of Faith, WCRN 13:50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.; Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Nursery care for pre-school children and Children’s Church for ages 5-12 available at each service.

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Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.; Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is 1/2 mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel.

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2390 West First Street, next door to Edson Estates.

Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Child care provided at all services.

Valdosta Christian Center for quiet study at: 2281 W. First Street, River District  
www.spirituality.com and www.christian-science.com

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
13545 American Colony Boulevard off Daniels Parkway in the Colony, Fort Myers, 936-2511  
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Alfred Brummett  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.  
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2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
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5 p.m. Youth Program  
7 p.m. Adult Discussion Classes  
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5816 Mowry Road, Fort Myers, 437-2990  
Reverend Mark Conandy, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Church School: 9:15 a.m.

FORT MYERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Community United Church of Christ  
8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers, 482-3133  
Philip White, pastor  
Morpheus: Wednesday night study and Holy Days; The Third and Sixth Hours at 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.  
IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION  
9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778  
The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler, pastor.

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

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist with Healing; Church School available at Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.

JESUS THE WORKER CHURCH  
881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143  
Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
KINGDOM NARING  
2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 218-8343  
Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Service  
All worship is free.

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Corner Cypress View Drive and Koreshan Estates, Fort Myers, 465-0400  
Pastor: Reverend Steve Filizzi

Sunday Services: 8 a.m. Early Grace Traditional  
9 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary  
10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional  
8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God’s Group  
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noon Sunday Fellowship Lunch  
Monthly Teen Events  
see website for podcasts, special events, ministries and blogs, etc.

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New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Caie Lane, North Fort Myers, 239-656-0416  
Rabbi: Rabbi Elyssa Auster  
239-656-0416  
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Rabbi Jeremy Barras
Community Foundation Hosts Reception

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he Southwest Florida Community Foundation honored more than 150 scholarship recipients and donors at a reception on May 21 at Edison State College in Fort Myers. For the 2012 scholarship season, 743 eligible applications were received from high school and college students in the five county area the foundation serves. According to Anne Douglas, director of programs for the foundation, 69 scholarships were awarded for a total of $237,450 in competitive scholarships and another almost $180,000 awarded through the designated and outside committee scholarships, for a grand total of over $415,000.

Community foundation scholarships were awarded to high school seniors who will continue their education at the university, community college or vocational/technical school level, as well as to undergraduate and graduate students continuing a post-secondary education. Scholarship donors, volunteer reviewers and foundation trustees were on hand to celebrate the achievements of these talented students.

During its 2011 fiscal year, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation granted more than $3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services. For more information, call 274-5900.

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Churches/Temples
Affiliated: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX
5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers
Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz
433-7708, E-mail: rabb@chabadswf.org
Web site: www.chabadswf.org
Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon Minyan: Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

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

THOMAS A. EDISON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978
Senior Minister: Douglas Kelchner
Traditional Worship Sunday’s 10:15 a.m.
Website: www.taeccc.com

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

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

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125
Senior Pastor: Robert Brunson
Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Blended Worship
www.westminsterfortmyers.org

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

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert Pastor Peter Weeks
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional; 10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Contemporary.
Children’s Sunday School, Adult /Teen Bible Classes, 10 a.m.
Consistent Tarpon Action Is Finally Here

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

This week with consistent weather, the tarpon bite got a whole lot better for me than it has been. Five tarpon trips in a row, I hooked up and landed at least one tarpon, while jumping two to three tarpon on average per trip. Finding tarpon in the same place, day after day, was a great change from how it has been the last month. Locating rolling fish in the sound and sitting tight most days, it did not take long to get it done. Tarpon ate a wide variety of baits including crabs, threadfins, pinfish and cut mullet, but it seemed like it was more about them swimming right by the bait than what the bait was.

The hot area’s for tarpon fishing this week included the whole backside of North Captiva along with the southern end of Cayo Costa. Even during choppy morning conditions sitting on my GPS mark from prior days we saw fish after fish roll and free jump. Pods of fish would move in from Captiva pass following a depth contour and roll around as they moved slowly though. By mid morning most days, the wind would lay down, things would get slick calm and sticky hot before the afternoon sea breeze would kick in. The calmer and hotter things got, the more tarpon would show themselves, letting us know where a lot more fish around than we even could have estimated.

Great late afternoon high tides early in the week made for near perfect redfish conditions. As we got later in the week, the great high-moving water gave way to slow moving day time tides. As usual during the last few hours of the incoming tide, the redfish bite remained very consistent with fish caught throughout the sound. Islands in the southern sound seemed more productive or at least a little easier to fish as they did not have has much floating grass as the mangrove keys in the northern sound did. Reds from 22 to 30 inches where common when we had tides over that magic 2.0-foot mark.

Live shrimp and cut bait worked best for the reds along with lots of moving. If you went more than 10 minutes without a bite, it was time to pick up anchor and slide another 50 yards further down the bank. Some days it took moving down a whole shoreline to find the fish. Once you did hit the right spot, though one little mangrove point or bite would hold 2 or 3 good redfish, then it was back to the hunt again.

Catch and release snook fishing in Redfish Pass and Captiva Pass was on fire a few times this week. Fast moving outgoing tides, where the best time to be in the pass for the great action. Drift fishing the edges with a live bait bouncing on the bottom caught good numbers of snook along with trout and gag grouper. Although we did not get any monster snook to the boat this week, we did hook into a few freight trains. Grunts and pinfish where the baits of choice. Anchoring up and fishing docks and snags around Captiva Pass was also a good bet, with a mixed bag of fish coming of a few of my favorite spots.

The beach trout bite has also been going off. Our bigger trout have made there way off of the flats and out through the passes for the spawn. Trout can be found on just about any of our barrier island beaches right now. If you find a beach spot with rocks or downed trees, is better, the bigger trout that are up in the passes will feed on them.

The Gulf red snapper stock is improving, but the population still needs an increase in the number of older fish for it to be sustainable. Red snapper are estimated to live more than 50 years, but the current stock consists primarily of fish that are only a few years old. Older fish are the key to rebuilding the population because older female red snapper produce more eggs than younger females. This season will help continue to rebuild the red snapper population so that more red snapper fishing opportunities will be possible in the future.

More information about red snapper fishing is available online at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on “Saltwater,” “Recreational Regulations” and then “Gulf Red Snapper.”

Snook And Gulf Amberjack Close In State Waters

The recreational harvest of snook in Atlantic state and federal waters and of greater amberjack in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters officially closes on Friday, June 1. Snook will reopen for harvest in Atlantic federal, state and inland waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, on September 1. Snook remains closed for harvest in Gulf of Mexico state waters, including Everglades National Park and Monroe County, through August 31. A stock assessment on snook will be presented to the FWC Commission at its June 27 and 28 meeting in West Palm Beach.

Greater amberjack will reopen for harvest in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters on August 1. State waters in the Atlantic extend from shore to three nautical miles and in the Gulf from shore to nine nautical miles.

Seasonal harvest closures protect Florida’s valuable snook and greater amberjack populations and help sustain and improve the fishery for the future.

Learn more about recreational fishing at www.MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on “Saltwater” and “Recreational Regulations.”

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

Gulf Of Mexico Red Snapper Season Begins

The 2012 Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational harvest season officially begins on Friday, June 1 in state and federal waters. The last day of the 40-day season is July 10.

This year’s state season, which is the same as the 2012 federal recreational red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico, was set in May at the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission meeting.

Florida state waters in the Gulf extend from shore to nine nautical miles; federal waters extend beyond that line to 200 nautical miles.
CROW Case Of The Week:
Belted Kingfisher

by Patricia Molloy

A beltied kingfisher (Ceryle alcyon) arrived at CROW from Corkscrew in Estero. Upon initial appraisal of its condition, Dr. Heather noted that there was bruising on its left wing. The bird was very stressed, so a pain medication was quickly administered to make the patient more comfortable in preparation for a more thorough evaluation.

Belted kingfishers are birds that live along the shores of ponds, rivers, lakes and marshes. They are fish eaters that “feed on the wing.” The term refers to avians that skim the water, pick up a fish and eat it during flight.

After a more comprehensive examination, Dr. Heather suspected that the bird suffered a possible brachial plexus injury, which affects all of the nerves in the wing. “Even if it falls to that side, it won’t put its wing out to catch itself, which is very abnormal. Even animals with a broken wing will try to move it to break their fall, but it’s not doing that. With a brachial plexus injury, it can be months, even years, before we see any improvement at all and they rarely recover full function.”

The patient was placed on a regimen of pain medications, anti-inflammatories and strict cage rest. It was tube fed Piscivore Care (a formula specifically designed for fish eaters) by the clinic staff three times per day as it refused to eat on its own. It is unnaturally for kingfishers to eat on a perch or in a cage, and as a result, the 95-gram bird began losing weight. The tube feeding schedule was increased to five times per day.

After a week of intensive care, the patient has shown no sign of improvement, which would indicate nerve damage. The clinic has decided to give it a little more time to recover, as the bird cannot be released if it has not regained its ability to fly.

On occasion, CROW partners with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to place patients that cannot be released into the wild with educational programs like The Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers. Unfortunately, kingfishers do not do well in captivity; even if CROW was able to find a program that wanted to take it, the bird would not likely survive.

Due to the diligent care of the CROW staff, patient #0741 made a full recovery and was successfully released.

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

CROW Needs Your Help

The Case of The Broken X-Ray Machine

Radiographic testing is essential to diagnosing and treating our injured patients.

The X-Ray camera on our radiograph has died. Please help us raise $18,000 to ensure the care of our local wildlife.

You Did It!

Thank you to the individuals who donated
Cycads

by Justen Dobbs

Cycads are a family of plants that closely resemble palm trees. They grow in tropical, sub-tropical, Mediterranean and desert climates in Mexico, Central and South America, Australia, and parts of Asia.

Cycads have been around for millions of years, even during the time of dinosaurs. Most of them are fairly slow-growing, with a crown of leaves about four to six feet in diameter and a diminutive stem that rarely grows more than a few to several feet tall. Some South African species in the Encephalartos (IN-SEF-AH-LAR-TOES) genus sell for $10,000 to $20,000 each due to their high demand by eccentric collectors. Encephalartos have unfortunately been poached out of their habitat in Africa for several decades.

Many are critically endangered now and illegal to import or export. South Africa has even placed microchips in some older specimens and protect their habitat by setting up armed guards!

Unfortunately, the most common cycad in Southwest Florida – the Sago palm (Cycas revoluta) – is highly susceptible to Asian scale, which is a white, waxy substance that covers its leaves and stems. Nurseries that grow Sago palms (its name being a misnomer, since it is not actually a palm) have to spray pesticides on them frequently to keep the Asian scale in check. The problem is, once they are sold to homeowners, they no longer receive treatments and the Asian scale finds its way in. While this disease typically does not kill the plant, it does weaken its immune system and usually spreads to nearby plants, too.

If you have a Sago palm in your yard with this problem, it is best to have it removed and replaced with a Mexican Dioon Cycad (Dioon spinulosum), which is resistant to Asian scale. Dioons are becoming more available in garden stores and landscape supply stores so they are not too expensive. You can expect to spend a minimum of $75 to $125 for a landscape-ready specimen and another $50 or so to have a professional landscaper plant it. Dioons can grow in full sun or shade, are drought tolerant and cold hardy down to the low 20s F.

Cycads complement palm trees and native plants well and are very versatile because they can add either a tropical or a Mediterranean/desert look to any landscape. Some, like Dioon edule, stay small, only growing to a couple feet tall, while others like Encephalartos whitselockii produce leaves up to 12 feet long. They are not very good houseplants, although Sago palms are sold as such, but they do make great container plants for your lanai or porch. They can be grown in a pot indefinitely as long as the pot has some holes in the bottom for drainage.

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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Moore Receives Landscape Award

The Florida Native Plant Society presented its Award of Excellence to Lee County resident Carolyn Moore on May 19 at its annual conference in Plant City. Moore won first place in the residential category in recognition of her native plant landscape designs and eradication of exotics on her 10-acre country estate outside North Fort Myers.

“I was absolutely thrilled to be presented with this award by individuals who are so highly regarded throughout the state for their accomplishments in the botanical field and in the society,” she said.

Moore has restored much of the original pine flatwood habitat on her estate, installed butterfly gardens and wildlife cover with a “Japanese rustic” design that includes stone lanterns, a tea house, sculptures, bridges and a pond house where she hosts lawn concerts. A long-time member of the local Coccoloba Chapter of FNPS, she received praise for her education of others by providing numerous landscape tours of her property. Moore is also known for her role as executive director of the Island Coast AIDS Network.

The Native Plant Society of Florida promotes the preservation, conservation and restoration of native plants and native plant communities in Florida. Photos of Moore’s and other award winning landscapes can be viewed at the FNPS website www.fnps.com.

Moore Receives Landscape Award

FNPS President Steve Woodmansee, left, presents the award to Carolyn Moore

photo by Vince Lamb
**Plant Smart**

**Weeping Bottlebrush**

by Gerri Reaves

**Weeping bottlebrush**

(Melaleuca viminalis or Callistemon viminalis) became a popular ornamental because of its cylindrical spikes of scarlet stamens and similarity to the weeping willow.

This native of Australia has done so well that it has earned a category II invasive exotic status. That rating is defined by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a species that has “increased in abundance or frequency but (has) not yet altered Florida plant communities to the extent shown by Category I species.”

**Hendry Chapter Of AHS Celebrates 61st Anniversary Plant Show & Sale**

The James E. Hendry Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society announced it will conduct the 61st Annual Hibiscus Plant Show & Sale on Sunday, June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Araba Shriner’s Center, 1010 Hanson Street in Fort Myers. Admission and parking are free.

The free hibiscus show is the oldest, largest and best attended of all Florida’s hibiscus shows, attracting several hundred people annually. This continuing show is made possible through the generosity of community sponsors Aterra Realty, Driftwood Garden Center, Edison National Bank, Fusion Welding, Dr. Jacob Goldberger, Greenscapes, Dr. John Kagan, Hooters, Orr Insurance Group, Pain Management & Spine Specialists, Riverland Nursery, Storm Shutter Warehouse and Tim’s Tree Service.

“The event will showcase hundreds of different hybrid hibiscus blooms in a variety of colors and forms which will be judged in several different classes including amateur, collector, open collector, commercial and seedlings,” explained Wanda Schmoyer, show chair.

In addition, more than 900 hybrid hibiscus plants will be for sale. Free raffle prizes will be given away every 30 minutes, including hibiscus plants, B&D Organics worm castings, gift certificates from Hooters, Oasis Restaurant, Gavin’s Ace Hardware, Hemingway’s Island Grill and Synderman Shoes.

This is the best opportunity Southwest Floridians have to add to their hybrid hibiscus collection. This delicate and beautiful plant grows abundantly in Florida’s tropical climate.

Members of the society who are experts in the care and growing of hibiscus will be available to provide advice. Should members of the public have questions regarding how the blooms are judged, there will also be several senior American Hibiscus Society judges available to respond.

Anyone who desires to learn more about how to grow, graft and hybridize this attractive tropical flowering plant can do so by joining the James E. Hendry Chapter, AHS at the show. The show is the highlight of the year for the society and no further meetings will take place until they resume in September.

The society meets at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers at 1:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend the next meeting on Sunday, September 9.

For more information, visit www.hendrychapterahs.com.

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Local Paper Artist Displays Work At Hall’s Office

Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall is supporting local artists by giving them an opportunity to display their artwork in her Fort Myers office. This month, Fort Myers resident and paper artist Bobbi Robertson will display her work in the District 4 Office, located at the Old County Courthouse in downtown Fort Myers. The display consists of framed artistic pieces, paper sculpture and star books. Robertson artistically reuses paper to create texture pieces with a contemporary flare. She has included beautiful calligraphy work on some of the pieces.

A retired floral designer from Highlands, New Jersey, Robertson has been a resident of North Fort Myers for the past 15 years. She has studied calligraphy and is the past president of the Jersey Shore Calligraphers Guild and the Calusa Scribes here in the Fort Myers area.

For more information on Robertson or to view her work, call 995-9343 or email doborob@aol.com.

“Art is an important part of the cultural and development of our community” said Hall. “I believe that government can play an important role in public awareness, developing the use of public spaces for display and interaction of art, and for the encouragement and commitment of continued financial support both public and private of all the arts.”

Robertson’s artwork will be on display until June 25. The public is welcome to stop by and view the work and learn more about the artist. Call 533-2226 to confirm office hours for viewing the artwork.

Other local artists will be featured every six weeks. Commissioner Hall’s office is on the first floor of the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Edible Landscaping Workshop

A great yard doesn’t have to be simply ornamental. It can be beautiful and edible, too.

The program master gardener Todd Roy will bring to the Alliance GreenMarket on Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m. His presentation is the next in a series of free gardening events hosted at the weekly GreenMarket.

Roy will discuss ways to get the most out of your yard and some of the many fruit trees and shrubs that grow well in Southwest Florida. He’ll also address container gardening options and utilizing vertical spaces. His talk is meant to inspire people to use their yards in more productive ways.

Roy is a horticulturist at The Edison & Ford Winter Estates. He says he enjoys working with all facets of horticulture, but his passions are sustainability, organic gardening and edible landscaping. People who are interested in growing at least part of their family’s fruits and vegetables in their own yard should not miss this free gardening workshop at the Alliance GreenMarket, located on the corner of McGregor and Colonial in Fort Myers.

The GreenMarket supports a more sustainable lifestyle by encouraging people to grow their own food. It’s also a hub for everything “locally grown, caught and cultivated,” with vendors offering fresh local produce, breads, seafood, organic sprouts, tropical fruit, free-range eggs, honey, gardening supplies and much more. It is held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alliance for the Arts. More information is available at www.ArtInLee.org or by calling 939-2787.

Lee Republican Women’s Club

The Lee Republican Women’s Club (chartered) will hold a dinner meeting at the Crown Plaza Holiday Inn, 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, June 12. Social hour and registration will begin at 6 p.m., with the dinner and program to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Featured speakers at the meeting will include Republican candidates for the Lee County School Board.

For more information or to make reservations, call 574-2571.

Renaissance Academy Adult Art Programs

The Renaissance Academy, Florida Gulf Coast University’s adult lifelong learning and enrichment program, announced two summer art programs offered at its Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples locations.

The first program, a unique art history/line arts experience, explores the French Impressionist movement via a series of six lectures and pastel drawing classes. The Impressionist series is offered at the Atrium Executive Center, 8695 College Parkway in Fort Myers, on June 5, 7, 12, 13, 19 and 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The second program, a drawing class titled Zentangle, teaches students an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. The Zentangle program is offered at FGCU Naples Center, 1010 5th Avenue South in Naples on June 20 and 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m., and at the Commons Club at the Brooks, 9930 Coconut Road on July 19 and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Online registration and cost information is available at https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu or by calling 425-3272.

Harbour View Gallery To Open Art Exhibit By Kids With Cancer

Harbour View Gallery in Cape Coral is pleased to exhibit the artwork of Kids With Cancer and wood sculptures by John Sargent. Their work will be on display through June.

A public reception will be held on Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the gallery, located at 5789 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral.

Artwork by Kids With Cancer is a project of the Young Artists Awards, a not-for-profit organization benefiting local students in the arts, working with the staff at the Pediatric Oncology/Hematology program at the Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The project showcases and sells the artwork of kids with cancer at various locations throughout the community. The organization donates and delivers art supplies to the hospital throughout the year, and then mats, frames and exhibits selected pieces at various venues throughout the community.

Harbour View Gallery is honored to be one of the selected venues.

For more information, contact John Sargent at JohnSargent@CapeCoralgaller.com.
It's Raining Art Exhibition At The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents It’s Raining Art, a juried exhibition opening on Friday, June 1 during Art Walk.

Artwork will include rain, umbrellas and/or related themes. There were no specific guidelines for dimensions or sizes of the pieces accepted for the exhibit. The curator encouraged innovative and unique installations.

The judges of the exhibition are Marcus Jansen, Mary Voytek, Kathy Robinson and Fran Fenning.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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Transit Of Venus

should be possible to triangulate the distance to Venus using the principles of parallax. The idea galvanized scientists who set off on expeditions around the world to view a pair of transits in the 1760s.

For more news and information as the date of transit approaches, call the Calusa Nature Center at 275-3435 or visit www.calusanature.org, www.theseyepiece.org, and http://science.nasa.gov.

Portions of this article were written by Dr. Tony Phillips, Science@NASA.

Tower Gallery Artists On Display At Arts For ACT

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, on Friday, June 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. for an exhibit opening reception and June Art Walk.

This month, ACT Gallery will feature 17 artists from Sanibel Island’s Tower

June 1 Art Walk

The next monthly downtown Fort Myers Art Walk will take place on Friday, June 1 with local art galleries and art stops featuring new exhibits and group shows. The monthly Art Walk runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first Friday of every month.

The June Art Walk will include numerous art galleries and art stops and will feature new art shows, live music and the traditional after party. The public can meet the artists during the show openings.

Some highlights of the June Art Walk:
• Art of the Olympians – Young Artists Awards vocalists Sam Bostic and Sarah Daigle will be performing at the Art of the Olympians Museum from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
• Art League of Fort Myers – Opening reception for Longer Days show.
• Arts for ACT Gallery – Opening reception for exhibit featuring 17 artists from Sanibel Island’s Tower Gallery; and artists Gael Collar and Alisha Koyanis.
• daas Gallery – Opening reception for Naples based artist Willow, with her newest collection of paintings entitled Passage. Her sister Bayv will display her enchanting jewel

Alisha Koyanis will be displaying her Paper Doll Shadow Box series. Koyanis is an up-and-coming self-taught painter residing in Southwest Florida. Born in Nashua, New Hampshire and raised in the tiny state of Rhode Island, she is known for her colorful and whimsical style that started at an early age. She was raised by a mother who dressed her from head to toe in brightly colored outfits which seldom matched. She also creates rock stars on records, weird colorful beasts on found objects, and tattoo artist Andy Howl. Cooties, Mr. Peanut, Reddy Kilowatt, Sea-Monkeys and other relics of American pop-culture tower over historic Fort Myers in this new body of paintings and prints inspired by Japanese giant monster movies and retro America.

In One Instant – The gallery begins its second month as a co-op with the addition of a new photographer (John McCuen) and new photos. The exhibit will showcase 12 different photographers in its main gallery space.

Artistic Amigos, a group show with artists Portilla, Malagon, Valadez, Perez, Fisher and Romero.

UNIT A Contemporary Art Space – All new 2012 small works on special display.

For more information on the June Art Walk, visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

Gael Collar’s Picasso Cubism-inspired art

Paper Doll series by Alisha Koyanis

Gallery in the main gallery. Also exhibiting this month in the office gallery is Paper Doll Shadow Box series by Alisha Koyanis, and the exhibit Cues From Picasso Cubism by Gael Collar will be exhibited in the middle gallery room. JoAnne Bedient, Charlie Brown, Andy Browne, Lalita Cofer, Katie Gardening, Kim Hambor, Charles Lister, Barbara Murdoch, Carole Nasters, Rod Busch, Joan Roberts, Susan Sadler, Sarah Kiser, Connie Sebring, Ron Sebring, Christine Wyatt and Steve Buffer from Sanibel’s Tower Gallery will be displaying their

Abstract SeaGrapes II by Barb Murdoch

works in the main gallery salon. These creative artists will come together to share this special exhibit with Fort Myers residents and tourists and to celebrate the fine arts. Expect to see eclectic paintings on wood and wood carvings, acrylic and oil paintings, watercolors, paintings painted with paper, hand-sculpted fantasy art dolls, whimsical magical and endearing mermaids, adornments, raku fired clay, Gyotaku, the Japanese art of fish painting, photography, paintings in the surrealism style, fused glass artistry and more. Also exhibiting off the main salon,

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Also exhibiting off the main salon,
Students Visit To Ballpark Was A Home Run

The Immokalee Foundation students recently spent a day at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers, experiencing the ballpark and watching the Minnesota Twins play the Boston Red Sox.

Last November, TIF supporter Ted Nering attended TIF’s 2011 Charity Classic Celebration, where he placed the winning bid on an auction item – a day at the ballpark with the Minnesota Twins. It was a bid inspired by his grandchildren, Nicholas and Diana, who had their own hopes of attending a professional baseball game.

The group took photos on the field, sat in the dugout, toured the press box, enjoyed the game in a private suite overlooking the park with lunch and received an official Twins baseball cap.

The 2012 Charity Classic Celebration is slated for November 16 at The Ritz Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. For additional information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

Maria Espinoza and Mandi Perez

Fort Myers’ Persinger Earns One Of The Largest Scholarships Awarded By Women’s Soccer Powerhouse

by Ed Frank

Born premature and, according to her doctors, likely too small to ever play competitive sports, 18-year-old Erin Persinger of Fort Myers has been awarded the largest collegiate soccer scholarship ever given by the perennial women’s soccer powerhouse Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee.

Erin’s story is one of perseverance and competitive drive, a younger who defied most odds to become one of the area’s top high school soccer players having completed a four-year varsity career that started at South Fort Myers High School and concluded the final three years at Bishop Verot High School. She has garnered all-county honors as a leading scorer and for her scoring assists.

Maryville College is a small liberal arts institution that year after year dominates women’s soccer in the Great South Athletic Conference. Here is a sampling of their record: 10 consecutive conference regular titles; nine consecutive conference tournament championships; a 109-game unbeaten streak in conference play; an astounding 114-3-3 record in conference competition; eight NCAA tournament appearances and a record of 276-133-22 in the 21-year history of women’s soccer at Maryville.

This soccer background coupled the school’s high academic standards are the reasons why Persinger chose Maryville over other offers. She plans to pursue a degree in communications.

As early as 12 years old, she displayed her athletic talents not in soccer but in softball. She was honored by the Little League Hall of Fame among the top one percent of all 12-year-old girls for her batting, pitching and stolen bases. But come high school, she concentrated on soccer.

Perhaps her athletic skills are no surprise as her parents, Stacey and Earl Persinger, were collegiate golfers and have been active in amateur golf in Southwest Florida. And her younger sister, Emma, 14, already drives the ball more than 200 yards and plans to compete in high school golf.

If you want something bad enough and are willing to work hard enough, you can reach your goal. That’s the story of young Erin Persinger.

Ted Nering with grandchildren Diana and Nicholas

Florida Everblades Capture Kelly Cup

For 14 years, loyal hockey fans have supported the Florida Everblades and that support was recognized last week when the Everblades won their first ECHL Kelly Cup Championship.

A sell-out, standing-room only crowd of 7,290 jammed Germain Arena to witness the Everblades defeat the Las Vegas Wranglers, 3-2, in overtime to win the coveted trophy four games to one.

After losing the first game in the best-of-seven series, the Everblades swept Las Vegas four straight.

It was the third time that the local hockey team had reached the ECHL finals, having lost twice previously.

The Everblades join the defunct Florida Firecats, who captured the arenafootball2 title in 2004, as the only locally-based professional team to win a championship.

Tarpons Remain Perfect At 10-0

The Florida Tarpons pounded the Mississippi Hound Dogs, 55-24, last Saturday at Germain Arena to improve their perfect season record to 10-0.

The local indoor football team has a bye this week and will complete the regular season next Saturday at home against the Western Pennsylvania Sting.

By virtue of their first place standing in the Southern Conference of the Ultimate Indoor Football League, the Tarpons will host the conference championship on June 25. Tickets are available at the Germain box office.

Miracle Home This Weekend Against Daytona

The Fort Myers Miracle are home at Hammond Stadium for four games this weekend against the Daytona Cubs starting tonight (Friday) at 7:05 p.m.

The Miracle began the week with a 20-30 season record and 5-5 in their last 10 games. Daytona was 19-28 on the season through Monday of this week.

The first pitch tomorrow is 6:05 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 1:05 p.m. and the series finale on Monday at 7:05 p.m.
Flounder with Blue Crab Stuffing

1 four-pound flounder
1/4 cup vegetable oil

Remove scales, head and viscera from flounder. Rinse then cut flounder, using a sharp knife, lengthways down the middle of its dark side. The cut should be as deep as the back bone will allow. Tilt knife sideways and cut horizontally along each side of the backbone to make two pockets. Place fish on an oiled baking pan and loosely fill both pockets with Blue Crab Stuffing, see recipe below. Brush flounder with oil, making sure the fins are well coated. Bake at 350 F for 30 to 40 minutes or until the fish flakes easily.

Blue Crab Stuffing

1 pound blue crab meat
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup butter
2 cups soft bread crumbs
3 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Remove pieces of shell or cartilage from crab meat. Cook onion, celery, green pepper and garlic in butter until tender, but not brown. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Stuffing for six 3/4-pound flounder or one 4-pound flounder. Yields 6 servings

Nutritional Value Per Serving
Calories: 696, Calories From Fat: 252, Total Fat: 28g, Saturated Fat: 10g, Cholesterol: 346mg, Total Carbohydrate: 27g, Protein: 80g.
By Jennifer Basey

Gen Xers Juggle A Variety Of Financial Issues

If you’re part of “Generation X” – the age cohort born between the mid-1960s and the early 1980s – you’re probably in one of the busiest phases of your life, as you’re well into your working years and, at the same time, busy raising a family. But just as you’re “multi-tasking” in your life, you’ll also need to address multiple financial goals. In seeking to accomplish your key objectives, you may be asking yourself a variety of questions, including the following:

- Should I contribute as much as possible to my IRA and 401(k)? In a word, yes. Your earnings on a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and a 401(k) grow on a tax-deferred basis, so your money can accumulate faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Plus, since you typically make 401(k) contributions with pretax dollars, the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. And your traditional IRA contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. If you meet income guidelines, you can contribute to a Roth IRA, which provides tax-free earnings, provided you meet certain conditions.

- Should I put away money for my kids’ college education? It’s not easy to fund your retirement accounts plus save money for your children’s college education. Still, college is expensive, so if you feel strongly about helping to pay for the high costs of higher education, you may want to explore college funding vehicles, such as a 529 plan, which offers tax advantages.

- Should I pay down my mortgage or invest those funds? Most of us dream of freeing ourselves from a mortgage some day. So, as your career advances and your income rises, you may wonder if you should make bigger mortgage payments. On one hand, there’s no denying the psychological benefits you’d receive from paying off your mortgage. However, you may want to consider putting any extra money into your investment portfolio to help as you work toward your retirement goals. Work with your financial advisor to determine what may be most appropriate for your portfolio.

- Do I have enough insurance in place to protect my family? You may hear that you need seven or eight times your annual income in life insurance, but there’s really no “right” figure for everyone. You may want to consult with a financial advisor to help you determine how much insurance is right for your situation.

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The newest assisted living facility (ALF) at Shell Point Retirement Community has officially opened its doors for new residents, and Virginia Moore was the first to move in. On April 11, Moore moved into her studio apartment to enjoy the services and lifestyle offered at Shell Point.

“I first heard about The Springs construction and renovation plan from good friends of mine that are Shell Point residents” said Moore. “I had always dreamed of coming to Shell Point Retirement Community, but never thought it would be possible. On the day that I moved in, I was met by all The Springs staff welcoming me to my new home; it is something that I will never forget. I was overwhelmed with emotions and was so excited to move in.”

About a year ago, I made the move from living independently to moving in with my daughter Judy and son-in-law Stu. They took amazing care of me but I couldn’t help but feel I was depriving them of spending time with their own children,” she continued. “My daughter and son-in-law would often stay home with me instead of taking long trips to see their kids as desired. I am so happy to be at The Springs where I can receive assistance with tasks that used to be difficult for me to manage alone. The help I receive here with these simple tasks allows me the opportunity to spend time doing things that I love, such as reading. At 94, it is all about energy management!”

The Springs is the third ALF at Shell Point. The community opened the King’s Crown on The Island at Shell Point in 1987, and added The Arbor in The Woodlands at Shell Point in 2005.

New to the Shell Point lifecare tradition, The Springs offers assisted living services to the public on a month-to-month private pay basis. The Springs assisted living services are available at an economical rate while maintaining the high quality care that Shell Point is well known for. Providing assisted living services on a monthly basis, allows residents a higher degree of flexibility and provides us with the ability to offer seasonal and respite stays.

“It has been so satisfying to watch our first several residents move in. The caring relationships have started to develop between our new residents and staff” said Rita Southern, director of Assisted Living and Resident Support Services. “We all are very honored that both the residents and their families trust us and place their needs and care in our hands.”

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Causeway. The Springs all-inclusive monthly rate, excluding personal laundry, helps residents and their families plan for the most effective use of their resources. The facility’s amenities and services include a heated swimming pool, exercise facilities, transportation, dining, 24-hour healthcare staffing, and a professional activities leader who coordinates high-quality events and activities, educational and exercise programs, and opportunities for socialization and personal growth.

Representatives of The Springs are available to assist individuals or families through the steps involved in making the transition as smooth and simple as possible. For information about The Springs at Shell Point or to request a brochure, call 454-2077, email thesprings@shellpoint.org or visit www.shellpoint.org/assistedliving.
Uncommon Evening Tickets Still Available

There’s still time to make reservations for the Uncommon Evening, an annual event sponsored by the Uncommon Friends Foundation. The gala evening is being held on Thursday, June 7 at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers.

Robbie Roepstorff, president of Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands, will be presented an honorary life membership in the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

The 2012 Business Ethics Award will be presented to three area businesses, which have been named as finalists. The seventh annual Business Ethics Award finalists are Colliers International Southwest Florida, Hope HealthCare Society and Ted Todd Insurance Agency.

Other features of the evening will be the presentation of Character Education Teacher Awards and scholarships to 16 recipients.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Individual tickets are $60. Tables of eight and sponsorships are available. Contact Arlene Roth at 337-9503 or arotch@uncommonfriends.org for more information.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation, established in 1993, is a character education foundation whose mission is to instill ethics, moral values and a sense of purpose in tomorrow’s leaders. The foundation is dedicated to enriching society by promoting the positive values author James D. Newton discovered in five unique men and their wives – Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh – intellectual giants who helped shape the 20th century.

Additional information about the foundation and tickets for the Uncommon Evening may be obtained by calling 337-9505 or visiting www.uncommonfriends.org.

Historical Walking Tours Offered

True Tours Historical Walking Tours will continue throughout the summer months on Friday and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. All tours start at the Franklin Shops, located at 2200 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Call 945-0405 for additional details and tour information. Reservations are required.

Community Blood Drive To Help Combat Summer Shortages

Lee Memorial Blood Centers will be hosting a community blood drive at the Edison Mall (inside in front of Dillards), 4125 Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers, on Thursday, June 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All donors receive a T-shirt and goody bag with coupons, while supplies last.

John Sheppard, Guinness Book of World Records record holder for the most blood donated, will be present for a meet-and-greet on June 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The need for blood locally remains constant, and donations are needed to offset summer blood shortages. People can donate a pint of blood every 56 days. Donors are encouraged to eat a meal prior to giving blood and drink plenty of water. Photo ID is required at donation time.

Blood donation requirements include a minimum weight of 110 pounds and minimum age of 17. A 16-year-old may donate blood with written parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donating blood. Many health conditions and medications do NOT prevent someone from donating blood. People taking insulin, blood pressure, thyroid and cholesterol medications, aspirin, antidepressants and hormone replacement can give blood. Tattoos are also okay as long as they are healed and have been done in a reputable tattoo facility.

Call 343-2333 with any questions.
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Top Team Reception

The event committee for the 2012 Lee County Making Strides Against Breast Cancer held a top team reception at Mastello Italian Restaurant in Fort Myers on May 17. The event recognized the top fundraising teams from 2011 and provided information on registering new teams and fundraising tips. In 2011, the event raised more than $185,000 toward research for finding a cure for breast cancer.

Dr. Janet Sperry from Premiere Oncology presented information on the advancements of early detection and the treatment of breast cancer citing that many of the technologies and medications used to diagnose

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Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

Finally, I did what I have never done

before: I cleaned out my clothes closets and ended up with two piles—one for the garbage and one for Goodwill. During my growing up years, I always had to wear my sister’s hand-me-downs and wear them until they were threadbare. I hated it! Times improved, of course, but even now I can’t throw away clothes until they are worn out. But I did it today. What is wrong with this old pack rat?

Peggy

You learned your lessons too well as a result of the Depression of the 1930s. Many seniors, men and women, wear clothing long out of style, that doesn’t fit, is the wrong color, etc. because they think that they will get thin again or must wear it until it is worn out.

Cleaning out your clothes closets you have done yourself a great service. Try and consult a fashion advisor at a major store or fashion boutique and maybe they will help you become the new you.

Lizzie

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Natural Performance Boosters

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I have reason to suspect that members of my son’s high school baseball team are using steroids to give them an edge on the competition. Are there any safe, natural alternatives to enhance performance?

GH, Gainesville, Florida

Steroid abuse among teenage athletes is indeed cause for concern. Side effects range from acne and increased aggressiveness to high blood pressure and liver damage. To really dissuade your son, tell him that side effects could include girly breasts that need to be surgically removed. While steroid use might promote muscularity, it could ultimately contribute to high blood pressure and liver damage.

My 19-year-old son said this all sounded a little hokey, but given what teenage locker rooms smell like, several drops of jasmine on a wristband will go unnoticed by the other guys. If your son is overly concerned about smelling too feminine, keep the wristband in a baggie and slip it on in the field. Inhale deeply before the game, several times. Please share my

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their batting performance. No joke. In this study, the players took a whiff of their wristband, which was impregnated with the scent of jasmine, and then they stepped up to the plate. Batter up. At another point in the study, the players stepped up to the plate and sniffed wristbands that did not have jasmine aroma.

Players’ batting performance was evaluated by judges who had no idea which players had sniffed jasmine-infused wristbands. Players evaluated their own performance as well. Long story short, the researchers concluded that jasmine helped improve the mechanics of swinging the bat, the overall bat speed as well as the trajectory of the ball.

“These results suggest that jasmine could have potential utility in not only enhancing athletic ability, but also other endeavors requiring precise-hand eye coordination,” researchers concluded. Such endeavors might include things like micro-surgery and musical performance, they noted.

Lead researcher Alan Hirsch, MD, said that he wasn’t surprised by the findings, as previous studies have shown jasmine to improve athletic performance in other sports, including bowling. Strike!

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After re-entering the grueling cycling circuit, he did so with panache. Not only did he beat the top cyclists in the world! And odds, beat the cancer and went on to aggressive chemotherapy. He beat the ill, his chance of survival was less than advanced testicular cancer that had Armstrong was diagnosed with an athlete, if not it’s most inspirational one, Armstrong, arguably the world’s best having that you’d give your left orchid to typing with my nose. But how often have both hands tucked protectively between their clenched knees. I am now having an orchid to the great flowerpot in the sky. Testicular cancer is usually not terribly deadly and, in fact, not all that common. However, the incidence of testicular cancer has risen 51 percent in the past 40 years. Oddly enough, criptorchidism (see above), a well-known risk factor for testicular cancer, has risen 60 percent over the same time frame. Another oddity is that testicular cancer attacks white men almost exclusively. Maybe this is why we can’t jump. So current recommendations are that once a month, males over age 15 should do a careful orchid inspection. Best done in a warm shower, cancer will feel like a hard, painless peanut. If cancer is present, then orchiectomy is the definitive cure.

For those concerned about how things will look at the beach after an orchiectomy, silicone and now saline prosthetics are available. If you think that’s nuts (sorry), then you’ll love the fact that even male dogs can actually have replacements – called Neuticles – after they have been fixed. Makes us a little more confident around the hydrant. Like the column? You’ll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.
My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an isomark workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A slight set-back is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You’re entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to a friend rallying to your side. You can now start to focus on your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It’s up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpian temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to advice about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mood frustrating, but things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it’s not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You’ve got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

BORN THIS WEEK:

PISCES
CAPRICORN
SCORPIO
SAGITTARIUS
LIBRA
VIRGO
LIBRA
CANCER
ARIES
TAURUS

TRIVIA TEST

1. MUSIC: Who wrote and performed the song “Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard”?
2. THEATER: “My Fair Lady” is a modern musical adaptation of which play?
3. GEOGRAPHY: The Palace of Versailles is located near what city?
4. PHYSICS: What is the branch of physics that deals with light?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote “Doctor Zhivago”?
6. LANGUAGE: What is the American term for the British perambulator?
7. ROYALS: From what house did Great Britain’s King Edward VIII descend?
8. MATH: What is the sum of the first 1000 positive integers?
9. HISTORY: Who was the first football coach in Pac-10 history to win an outright conference title in his first season as head coach?
10. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president said, “The chief business of the American people is business”?

ANSWERS


SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2009, Robinson Cano became the third New York Yankees 2nd baseman to get 200 runs and 200 hits in the same season. Name the first two to do it.
2. Reliever John Franco pitched in 1,199 games during his 21-year major-league career. In how many different seasons did he lead the N.L. in games pitched?
3. Who was the first football coach in Pac-10 history to win an outright conference title in his first season as head coach?
4. Name the last NBA player to have a game of at least 30 points and 30 rebounds before Minnesota’s Kevin Love did it in (2010)?
5. Who was the Buffalo Sabres’ first 50-goal scorer?

ANSWERS


THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Eminent posts make great men greater, and little men less.” -- Jean de la Bruyere

Puzzle Answers

SNAP FEAT BET ONE ARGRAH
AONE ARG OPAH NADY DREW USE SHAKO SUE HEMCEE
EN MARI BOLD TAW SLIT
AWE RYE EON DEED EROS GENI
GOMER JO WORSE SIERRA
THA DREW BREEES MEN IOTA CASH
POT AWAY ERITE

Switching first and last letter makes a new word!
Local High School Students Save Lives, Earn $54,000 In Scholarships

During the past school year, 13 Lee County high schools participated in the Lee Memorial Blood Center’s 9th annual High School Blood Drive Challenge. Each high school is eligible to earn scholarship dollars for blood collected.

More than 7,000 students (ages 16 and older) and faculty participated during their school’s blood drives and units of blood were collected for the patients in the Lee Memorial Health System. Since a single unit of blood can save more than one life, over 11,000 patients have benefited from high school blood donations. Parents and relatives of students were also invited to participate.

Some high schools held as many as four blood drives during the school year. There are students who will have donated a gallon (eight units) or more of blood by the time they graduate high school. $54,600 in scholarship money is being awarded to seniors at these area high schools.

Every drop of blood collected on the Lee Memorial Bloodmobiles remains in our community to help friends, neighbors and loved ones. Approximately 800-plus units of blood are needed each week to meet the growing demands for blood. The Lee Memorial Blood Centers also supply blood and blood products to the Level II Trauma Center at Lee Memorial as well as to the Regional Cancer Center.

Open since 1916, Lee Memorial Health System is the sixth largest public health system in the United States and the largest community-owned health system in Southwest Florida. An award-winning health care system, it provides regional programs, such as our Trauma Center and Children’s Hospital, which serve our community members from Tampa to Miami.

Visit www.leememorial.org for more information.

Private Wealth Group Pledges $100,000 To Children’s Hospital

The Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that it has received a pledge of $100,000 from The Wolf, Metzger & Maurillo Private Wealth Group of Wells Fargo Advisors.

Funds will be directed toward The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida’s Capital Campaign and will be acknowledged via a naming gift of a patient room within the new facility’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The new Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida will house 136 beds and many specialty services to treat the most critically-ill children and their families. The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida serves children from Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties.

“We are committed to the communities we serve and are proud to lend our support to this new life-saving pediatric facility,” said partner Kurt Maurillo, CFP, first vice president and investment officer. “Our group seeks out philanthropic causes that help increase the quality of life in the areas we serve. We are honored to support the medical excellence of The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida and to support lifesaving health care for local children.”

“We are deeply grateful for the support of Wolf, Metzger & Maurillo in helping us to provide state-of-the-art medical care to the children of Southwest Florida,” added Lee Memorial Health System CFO Sharon MacDonald. “Philanthropy remains paramount in achieving our goals of providing the finest in medical care for children and providing that care close to home.”

Scott Metzger, left, and Kurt Maurillo of Wolf, Metzger and Maurillo present a pledge of $100,000 to The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida

Charlotte and Glades counties.

Dear Peggy,

I do not think anything is wrong with you. Our behavior, wore clothes until the clothes were thread worn, it makes sense you would continue to do that until you make a change. It sounds like you have made a change... and change can be very good.

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

Making Strides

and treat breast cancer patients were made possible through the funding of research from the American Cancer Society.

The 2012 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk will take place on Saturday, October 20 at Tanger Outlets in Fort Myers. Teams can register to participate in the event and track fundraising efforts through the organization’s website at www.putonyourpinkbra.com/leecounty.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service. Call ACS 24 hours a day at 1-800-ACS-2345.
Financial Issues

determine how much life insurance is appropriate for your needs.

• Am I familiar with my parents’ financial situation and estate considerations? Now is the time to communicate with your parents about a variety of issues related to their financial situation and estate plans. The more you know, the better positioned you’ll be to provide assistance and support if and when it’s needed. Just to name one example, you should inquire of your parents if they’ve designated a durable power of attorney to make financial decisions for them in case they’re ever incapacitated.

By answering these questions, you can get a handle on all the financial issues you face at your stage of life. It may seem challenging, but taking the time now can help you better position yourself to reach your financial goals.

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Governing Documents

appeal court affirmed the trial court’s decision that the liens were invalid. The court based its decision on the fact that the bylaw provision conflicted with the 100 percent unit owner approval vote required by the association’s declaration and Florida Statute 718.110(4).

The case provides a cautionary tale for unwary board members and associations that are not keenly aware of the interplay between the various documents and statutes that govern the association. Counsel should be consulted when questions arise in these areas.

This information is general and is not intended as specific legal advice applicable to your Association. Further, the principles of law cited herein are subject to change from time to time. Each case is fact and condominium document specific.

Himschoot’s practice is concentrated exclusively in community association law. He can be contacted at inquiry@condoandhoa lawyers.com.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Hold
SPRAG
Court
LYTAL
Ritter
CIDAR
Simple
PANIL

 answer on page 27

Today’s Word:
Crying

1. Grasp; 2. Tally;
3. Acris; 4. Plain

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My adoption fee is free (regularly $75) during Animal Services Construction Special.

My name is Lucy (ID #524647) and I’m a 2-year-old spayed female black domestic short hair. I’ve been at the shelter since December – that’s a long time to wait for your forever home! If you visit me, I’m sure you will fall in love with me. I have a silky-smooth shiny coat and I love to give attention as much as I enjoy getting attention. I’m easily entertained especially with one of those sticks with feathers on the end. I love other cats so I would fit right into a multi-cat home. Purrry please… give me a chance!

My adoption fee is free (regularly $50) during Animal Services Construction Special!

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at $500.**

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To play Sudoku:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.)

There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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SHADOW WOOD PRESERVE
Gorgeous 4/3 home. Former model with upgrades galore, still shows like a model. House is situated on one of the premier lots in Shadow Wood Preserve and has beautiful decorator finishes. Kitchen and baths have granite decorator tile, upgraded hardware, solid doors, stainless appliances, pantry. Pool area has Spa, outdoor kitchen, beautiful pavers, outdoor shower and magnificent golf course, lake and preserve views. Home has it all. A must see and is priced to sell at $795,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galletti 239/826-5807 or 239/826-5807.

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JONATHAN HARBOUR BUILDING SITE
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Gated living at its finest! This 3/2 is located in the highly desirable Crown Colony gated community. Home features 18 inch tile throughout, granite surfaces, crown molding, stainless steel appliances, custom lighting, brick pavers, lush tropical landscaping, high ceilings, luxurious master bathroom with spa like tub and MUCH MORE!!! This home is in tip top condition and is move in ready. Offered for $359,000. Contact Connie Walters “Ms Listr” at 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters “Mr. Listr” 239/994-7975.

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