Love That Dress! Tickets On Sale Now

Tickets for Love That Dress!, benefiting the PACE Center For Girls, are currently on sale for $25 per person online only at www.LoveThatDress.org. On Wednesday, August 29 from 6 to 9 p.m., guests can stake their claim on thousands of deeply discounted new and gently worn dresses and accessories, bid in the lavish silent auctions, and enjoy camaraderie and cocktails with friends at two different Love That Dress! events. Guests can shop in Lee County at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Estero or in Collier County at the Waldorf Astoria in Naples.

In preparation for the ultimate feel-good shopping spree, PACE is seeking dress donations of any kind from wedding gowns to sundresses. Donations will be accepted at the following collection sites from Aug. 1 to 25:

Lee County
- Alliance Financial Group, 14021 Metropolis Avenue, Fort Myers
- BOOST Creative, 1411 SE 47th Street, Studio 4, Cape Coral
- Condo & HOA Law Group, LC, 2030 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers
- Embassy Suites Hotel, 10450 Corkscrew Commons Drive, Estero
- Laser Lounge & Spa, 20400 Trailside Drive, Estero

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The Beautiful Birds Of Bunche Beach

See the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach in a free program offered by Lee County Parks and Recreation on Wednesday, August 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants should meet on Bunche Beach, located at 18201 John Morris Road in Fort Myers Beach. Off Summerlin Road, drive south on John Morris Road until it deadends.

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Also present are waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

This event is free with parking fee of $1 per hour (tour is approximately 2 hours long). Restrooms are available in the building at the first parking lot. This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. No advance registration is necessary.

Participants should bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.

For more information, call 707-3015 or visit www.birdpatrol.org.

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FMB Chamber Launches Fundraiser

This is an artist’s rendition of what a Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce “Bambi” might look like. It is a converted 16-foot Airstream, which will be used to provide tourist information on the beach.

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has launched its Buy A Bambi fundraising campaign. The campaign goal is to have mobile visitor information centers at each end of the beach.

Bambi is the name of a classic Airstream travel trailer. Just 16 feet long, it is the smallest Airstream ever made, yet it retains the classic 1930’s streamline aluminum Airstream design.

The chamber plans to purchase two used Bambi’s, remove their interiors, add a food-vendor-wagon clamshell opening with a walk-up counter, and the latest in

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An Evening Of Art And Blues To Benefit ACT

The 25th annual Arts for ACT 2012 Fine Art Auction Fundraiser benefitting Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., to be held on Saturday, August 11 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers, will follow the theme “An Evening of Art and Blues.” A preview of both the live and silent auctions artworks are currently at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College and will be on display through August 8.

ACT, Inc. is a non-profit agency with two shelters in Lee County housing adult victims of domestic violence and their children and survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking for the past 34 years. Incidents of domestic violence have increased over the past year while funding for the agency has declined due to the declining economy.

After the doors open at 5 p.m., walk the “Blue Carpet” with Terry Tincher. Enjoy the music Jen Chapin and The Blues Brothers. More than 60 pieces of art, trips and more will be offered in the live auction, including an original Darryl Pottorf painting, a print by Robert Rauschenberg and a one-of-a-kind necklace designed by Mark Loren. Over 125 pieces of silent auction art, trips, jewelry, purses, an HD television, a hand-made quilt and more can be purchased. Dinner

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

The Tropical News And Boom Times

by Gerri Reaves

Circa 1925, a photographer stood near the southeast corner of First and Broadway and captured a busy scene during boom times. Straight ahead is the fancy main entrance of the new Morgan Hotel, back when it had ornate scroll work, awnings, and decorative tile work. Businesses occupied the street-level storefronts of that building on either side of the entrance steps.

Visible at the right edge of the photo is the sign for the Fort Myers Tropical News hanging from a two-story balcony structure where the competing Fort Myers Press had been located only several years before.

Like its neighboring hotel, the Tropical News was a new business in town, having been started in February 1920. Peter J. Bentz introduced his newspaper on opening day of the Lee County Fair. (This particular Tropical News should not be confused with a previous newspaper of that name, which existed briefly in the 1890s and eventually consolidated with the Fort Myers Press.)

The Tropical News began as a semi-weekly publication, but became a daily in February 1922. Again, Bentz capitalized on the publicity to be gained on opening day of the fair and announced the change.

It was family-owned and -run paper, with Bentz’s four sons and a daughter – Clyde, Belvy, Harold, Walter, and Fern – working there too. Shortly before the paper became a daily, Clyde left the Tampa Tribune to join the family in Fort Myers.

The family ran both the Bentz Publishing Company and the paper from their prime downtown location. Early in 1925, Carl Hanton became the managing editor, and three years later assumed the roles of publisher and president as well.

However, things did not continue swimmingly, for the Great Depression brought bleak times for the town’s rival newspapers. The short-lived weekly, the Palm Leaf, went out of business.

In the interest of at least one paper surviving in a town with only so many subscribers, advertisers, and money, the Fort Myers Press and Fort Myers Tropical News did something practical.

They merged in June 1931 with Hanton as editor and publisher. The paper’s new name, News-Press, still carries the legacy of the Tropical News.

Take a walk down First Street and visit the spot where a family established a boom-time newspaper with an evocative name.

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

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

Be sure to check out the fabulous archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, one of the area’s best research centers for local history.

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 visit 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.
The 6th Annual Festival of Trees is still four months away, but it’s never too early to get involved in one of Fort Myers favorite holiday events. Event sponsors, tree sponsor/decorators and volunteers are encouraged to sign up early to secure a spot in the 2012 festival.

“We’ve had a handful of businesses contact us about sponsorships already,” said Madison Mitchell, community relations coordinator for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, which produces the annual holiday showcase. “Last year, the festival had 5,700 visitors and generated nearly 2.5 million media impressions, so our sponsors get a lot of visibility.”

Sponsorships range from small – just $50 for a “Merry Note” in the Tux & Trees Gala program – to large – $10,000 for title sponsorship.

Tree sponsorships are also available for the sixth annual Festival. Tree sponsors each receive a seven-foot pre-lit tree, which the sponsor then decorates and embellishes with gifts. Tree sponsors are asked to spend a minimum of $500 in decorations and gifts, but many contribute much more.

“Our sponsors have put electronics, airline tickets, hotel stays, and even diamond jewelry on their trees,” added Kirsten O’Donnell, Goodwill’s director of public relations. “The trees are auctioned off at our Gala, and we’ve received as much as $6,000 for them. It’s all for a great cause, helping people with disabilities and other barriers to employment.”

Volunteers are also needed for the 2012 Festival of Trees, Children’s Workshop and Tux & Trees Gala. The Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala are held annually by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The week-long festival starts the day after Thanksgiving at the historic Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the Fort Myers River District, and concludes with the elegant Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie auction and fundraiser which supports the mission of Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida. This year’s gala will be held on Saturday, December 1.

To become a Festival of Trees sponsor, contact Madison Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or madisonmitchell@goodwills-wfl.org. For more information, visit the Festival of Trees website at www.tuxandtrees.com.
Artwork by a Cape Coral man who was part of the creative team behind television’s first ever color cartoon, Colonel Bleep, will be on display at the Alliance for the Arts beginning on Friday, August 10.

Fran Noack was the creative art director and co-owner of Soundac, an animation studio in Miami, when it released Colonel Bleep in 1956, beating our Hanna-Barbera’s Ruff And Reddy by just a few months. Over the ensuing decades, Noack worked as a creative designer for many large foreign and domestic clients, creating visuals for magazines, television shows, store displays and even video games. He works in pen and ink, acrylics, watercolors and colored pencils, and he sculpts in clay and papier-mâché.

Since moving to Cape Coral from Key Largo, Noack has been active in the Southwest Florida arts community and has won awards for painting and sculpting. He will be displaying his current work in the Foulds Theatre lobby during the Alliance for the Arts’ Annual Member Exhibition, this year themed Black & White. All current member artists are invited to submit one piece following the theme. Non-members are encouraged to join in order to take advantage of this membership benefit. The opening reception is Friday, August 10 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. More information is available at www.ArtInLee.org or by calling 939-2787. The exhibit will run through September 1. Work by Harley Young will be on display in the Members Gallery.

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

Garden Talk On Orchids At The Edison Ford

Join Edison & Ford Winter Estates horticulturist, Debbie Hughes for a Garden Talk workshop on growing orchids this Saturday, August 11 at 9 a.m. to learn how to care for and tend to orchids.

At one time, the Edison Family had the largest collection of orchids in Florida, and today the Edison Ford Estates has hundreds of orchids throughout the site. Participants are encouraged to bring in their ailing orchids for tips and care for growing healthy orchids.

Edison Ford Members are admitted free, and non-members are $5 per person. Participants will receive 20 percent off in the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe.

New Family Sermon Series At New Hope

On Sunday, August 12, Dr. Curt McDaniel, interim senior pastor at New Hope Presbyterian Church, will begin an eight-week sermon series on Family Foundations: Reclaiming The Ground For Healthy and Fulfilling Relationships In The Home and In The Church.

Family is the dimensional portrait that the Bible presents for the home and for the church in scope, stage and season: scope of relationships (immediate family, extended family, church as a spiritual family), stage in marriage (unmarried, married, post-married) or season in life (young, middle, senior).

Family Sermon Series
• August 12: “The Divine Reason: The biblical case for marriage between a man and a woman” from Genesis 2:19-25 and parallel texts. Here, the Scriptural design will be presented in light of the cultural practice of same-sex marriage.
• August 19: “Marital happiness through mutual submission: The biblical case for mutual love and respect” from Deuteronomy 24:5 and Ephesians 5:15-33.
• August 26: “Marital harmony through mutual submission: The biblical case for living out God’s will and authority in the marital relationship” from 1 Peter 2 and 3.
• September 2: “When a family member is hurting” from Proverbs 25:20.
• September 9: “God’s Choice: Reclaiming the trust in God’s sovereignty in bringing together a man and a woman in marriage” from Genesis 24 and parallel texts.
• September 23: “Marital roles and states: How the knowledge of the End Times clarifies the function and purpose of marriage and the home” from 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:40.
• September 30: “Family Care: How the Fifth Commandment (Honor your father and mother) is applied practically in today’s world” from 1 Timothy 5:1-16 continued on page 25
Everyone knows that Fort Myers got its start as an actual fort more than a century ago. But did you know that Fort Myers instigated the war that led to the deportation of Chief Billy Bowlegs and his Seminole tribe to a reservation in Oklahoma? Or that Fort Myers was a Union stronghold in the Civil War that played a key role in hastening Lee’s surrender to Grant at Appomattox? Or that a small but gallant regiment of African American soldiers repelled an attack by a Confederate force twice its size in the southernmost battle of the Civil War?

If not, you’re not alone, and it’s the reason that University of Florida photography professor Barbara Jo Revelle chose to shine a light on Fort Myers’ early history when the federal government chose her to make a mural in 1997 for the federal courthouse building being built on First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

The mural is known as Fort Myers: An Alternative History. It towers 20 feet up the eastern façade of the federal courthouse, and stretches an astonishing 100 feet along the courtyard the federal building shares with Hotel Indigo, HOWL Gallery, Starbucks and Lush Bakery. Even more astounding, the mural consists of tiny one-inch-square ceramic tiles onto which Revelle printed an amalgamation of old photographs she unearthed and digitized during nearly two years of research into our town’s beginnings in the mid-19th century.

To build the mural, masons had to use a master digital montage print-out like the blueprint to an enormous jigsaw puzzle. Working on scaffolding, they first had to sandblast the precast concrete “immediately prior to the installation to fully clean the surface.” Then they applied a thin layer of skim coat before bedding the tiles in thin-set latex enriched Portland cement to prevent cracking in Southwest Florida’s torrid temperatures.

“Unfortunately, they applied it all over the compression joints built into the walls,” noted Public Art Committee member William Taylor, who is taking stock of the condition of all of the city’s public artworks. “The rows of tile over each joint are ready to pop off,” Taylor reported to the PAC last month. As yet, a repair plan is yet to be formulated.

But the defect in workmanship does not gainsay the importance of the mural in helping to explain our early history to both longtime residents and newcomers, who are equally eager to know more about the people and events that helped build Fort Myers into the city it is today.

Fort Myers is so much more than Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone,” insists True Tours’ Gina Thomas, who regularly shares fascinating stories like the ones embedded in the sepia-toned ceramic tiles of the Barbara Jo Revelle mural.

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

Referendum items appearing on the November 6 Florida General Election ballot will be explained during the Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club monthly luncheon program on Tuesday, August 21. Matt Caldwell will provide both the pros and cons of each referendum item. The audience will have an opportunity to ask specific questions about each of the items.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the candidate forum held about each of the items. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting and referendum explanation follow.

The cost to attend the luncheon is $16. Reservations are required by Thursday, August 16 and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women’s Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president Gale Anthony at 292-5212.

Rumrunners Celebrity Chef Night August 23

The 9th Annual Rumrunners Celebrity Chef Night is set for Thursday, August 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Rumrunners in Cape Harbour. The event raises funding for Barbara’s Friends-The Children’s Hospital Cancer Fund.

Chefs Todd Johnson and Ralph Centalonza of Rumrunners and The Joint, Chef Harold Balink of Cru, Chef Ron Duprat of Gulf Harbour Yacht & Country Club and Chef Brian Roland of M Waterfront Grille will create spectacular culinary delights for this truly special evening. Norman Love of Norman Love Confections will delight guests with a grand finale dessert extravaganza. The beautiful waterfront setting of the Marina at Cape Harbour sets the stage for a truly memorable culinary event.

The evening is presented by Century 21 Sunbelt Realty and features some of the biggest local culinary talents. The perennially sold-out event serves as the kick-off celebration for the Cat Country 107.1FM “Helping Kids with Cancer” Radiothon.

Tickets to Rumrunners Celebrity Chef Night 2012 are $150 per person. Admission includes the culinary stations, Chef Night 2012 are $150 per person. Admission includes the culinary stations, refreshments and the opportunity to bid on trips and travel, fine dining experiences, boating and fishing excursions, one-of-a-kind memorabilia, tickets to sporting events and stunning jewelry, including a champagne toast with an opportunity to win a beautiful Mark Loren creation. A live auction standout sure to garner a very high bid will be a private dinner for 10 created by Chef Todd Johnson of Rumrunners.

To register to attend, call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 343-6950 or visit www.leememorial.org/foundation.

Community Yard Sale in Lehigh Acres

Veterans Park Recreation Center will conduct a Community Yard Sale this Saturday, August 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center is located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres.

Clean out your closets, garages and homes and turn your trash into another’s treasure. Take advantage of the crowds that a community yard sale can generate or just stop by and shop until you drop. Rain or shine, you will be in the comfort of their indoor, air-conditioned gymnasium.

Adults must work the tables and children should be supervised at all times. Cost is $5 per six foot table and space, or bring your own six foot table for $3 per space. There is a maximum of three tables/spaces per person. Setup starts at 7 a.m.

Call the center at 369-1521 for more information or to register.
Beach Chamber Receives $500
To Start Buy A Bambi Promotion

Ellis Etter, regional director of sales for Boykin Management Co., presents the check to Norma Jean Pevey, chair-elect, Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and Bud Nocera, president, Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce’s Buy A Bambi fundraiser was launched with a $500 check presented by Pink Shell Resort. “The Pink Shell believes the Chamber is on the right track to bring visitor information back to Fort Myers Beach,” said Ellis Etter. “We are happy to kick off the campaign with this check for $500.”

Buy A Bambi is a fundraising campaign to get the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce visitor information back on Fort Myers Beach. The campaign goal is to have a mobile visitor information center at each end of the beach.

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce represents more than 400 local businesses, working to promote a positive business climate in the Fort Myers Beach area by providing networking opportunities, community events and tourist information.

For more information about the chamber, call 454-7500 or visit www.FortMyersBeachChamber.org.

Fiesta With The Calendar Girls

It was a fun fiesta at the Lehigh Acres Senior Center when the Calendar Girls arrived to perform last week. They brought their new “sound engineer” with them, 6-year-old Alexander Milstein, who operated the iPod flawlessly. Alex is the grandson of team member Deb Watch.

Standing from left is Marianne McSweeney, Rita Farley, Lyn Carlson, Deb Watch and Katherine Shortlidge. Kneeling is Tina Pegler, Pat Benner, Linda Floyd, Debby Dorr (seated with Alex) and Barbie Graff

National Spirit Of ‘45 Day In Bonita

In celebration of the National Spirit Of ‘45 Day, a World War II veterans’ tribute and ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 12 from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. at The Colony Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs.

The Spirit Of ‘45 is a non-profit, non-partisan initiative to preserve the legacy of the men and women of The Greatest Generation so that their example of courage, self-sacrifice and commitment to community can help inspire a renewal of national unity in America.

The goal is to establish an annual day of remembrance and national renewal to remind America of the values and accomplishments of the generation who endured the hard times of the Great Depression, fought to defeat the greatest tyranny in history, and then went on to rebuild their shattered world in an unprecedented effort to help assure a better future for both friend and former foe alike.

Following the dinner service from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., with music from the 1940s playing throughout, ceremonies will include:

- Opening speech and introductions
- Marching of the color guard(s)
- Pledge of allegiance and national anthem
- Opening prayer
- Speech on the Spirit Of ‘45
- Guest speakers (including WWII veterans and local dignitaries)

- Laying of wreath
- Poppy service (with Amazing Grace performed by bagpiper)
- Honor guard 21-gun salute
- Playing of Echo Taps and closing speech
- All World War II veterans and their spouses are invited to the dinner and ceremony free. All others pay $20 per person, with tickets to be purchased in advance.

For more information, contact Eryka at 800-527-5395 ext. 852 or visit www.spiritof45.org.

The Colony Golf & Country Club is located at 4101 Pelican Colony Boulevard, Bonita Springs.

Big Summer Book Sale

On Saturday, August 18 in the Fort Myers Library Meeting Room, the Big Summer Book Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books, audios, CDs and DVDs for all ages will be sold. As much merchandise as you can fit into a bag is just $3. Bags are provided by the Friends of the Fort Myers Library.

The Fort Myers Library is located at 2050 Central Avenue in Fort Myers. Please come and help support the library programs and services.

For additional information, call 549-9625 or visit www.fortmyersfriends.org.

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On Saturday, August 11, The Morgan House is hosting its second annual Groovy Music Festival from 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free with a $5 donation of canned goods to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. There will be live music from the 60s, 70s and 80s on the restaurant’s outdoor stage by Stolen Fruit, Indecision and the M-80’s.

Top of the Town is the neighborhood bar upstairs from The Morgan House. Ladies drink for free from 9 to 11 p.m. on Saturday while late night happy hour is served 11 p.m. to close. Overlooking the historic Patio de Leon, it offers two large bars, 12 draft beers, a full liquor bar and an exciting gourmet menu. Dress in your grooviest threads and win one of three prizes awarded for best 60s, 70s and best 80s costumes. Beer tubs and a special groovy menu will also be available.

The Morgan House is located at 33 Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers. Call 337-3377 or go to www.morganhouserestaurant.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. 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 as the privileged daughters of wealthy businessman Nelson Burroughs and his wife, Adeline, await visitors who want to take a step back in time.

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 six 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.

Yo-ho! Yo-ho! A pirates life for me! Do you think pirates are just for kids? Think again. Now you can spend the evening with Captain Jack, Picpocket Pete, Everlynn Gray and the rest of the crew for the all new adults only Friday Night Pirate Party on the Pieces of Eight. The 90-minute cruise leaves the dock every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a fun interactive show that includes a boatload of pirate shenanigans. Tickets are only $20 and cruisers will receive a complimentary Painkiller rum cocktail upon boarding the ship. The ship also has a full bar and snacks available on board.

The entire cruise takes about 90 minutes beginning at Salty Sam’s Marina going through the back bay and out to the Gulf of Mexico just off of Fort Myers Beach. From a local standpoint, the cruise offers a fun way to spend a Friday night with friends. For visitors it offers a unique cruising experience only to be found at Fort Myers Beach. The whole experience is one that you won’t forget!

Salty Sam’s Marina is located at 2500 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-7272 or go to www.piecesofeight.com.

Nervous Nellie’s Crazy Waterfront Eatery is Fort Myers Beach’s liveliest beach party destination offering food, drinks and live music daily from the area’s premier talent. Just upstairs from Nellie’s is Ugly’s Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier. Happy hour specials are served all day, every day.

Nellie’s is a casual, family-fun restaurant that boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. The friendly staff will magically satisfy everyone with the very best food and drink without breaking the bank. Call ahead to reserve a spot in air-conditioned comfort or outside on the expansive waterfront patio.

While relaxing on the outdoor patio, swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music. Go to www.nervousnellies.net for a daily listing of live music from the area’s premier local talent along with upcoming social events. 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 is open for lunch, dinner and snacks in between. Call 463-8077.

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Anonymous Donor Pledges $20 Million Matching Challenge In Support Of The Children’s Hospital

An anonymous donor has pledged to match $20 million in donations in support of The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign, the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced. The donor has challenged the community of Southwest Florida to raise $20 million, which the donor has committed to match dollar for dollar for each contribution. The donor will match all Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign contributions from May 16 of 2012 to May 16 of 2014. When fulfilled, the matching gift of $20 million will be the single largest philanthropic gift in Southwest Florida’s history.

“This truly remarkable gift is one that will rewrite the future for the children of Southwest Florida. The vision of building a world-class children’s hospital is now within reach,” said Sharon A. MacDonald, chief foundation officer for Lee Memorial Health System. “We hope the tremendous generosity of this pledge inspires the community to help build America’s newest children’s hospital.”

The capital campaign supports construction of a new state-of-the-art, 128-bed (with expansion capabilities to 160 beds) comprehensive pediatric health care facility on the grounds of HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers. The building will consolidate into one location the medical and ancillary specialty services required to treat critically ill or injured children in a five county region. The new facility is expected to open in 2016.

“This generous pledge puts us another step closer to making the new children’s hospital a reality,” said Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System. “Even during these economically stressed times the demand for children’s services in our community has grown, and our current facilities are often at capacity. This impressive new building will expand our capabilities and keep children’s care close and their families as close to home as possible.”

All gifts to the Capital Campaign are eligible for the match and include but are not limited to estate gifts, multi-year pledges, corporate donations, grants, special event sponsorships and auction revenues.

The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida is the only comprehensive children’s hospital between St. Petersburg and Miami and provides life-saving health care and treatment to children from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

To make a gift or learn more about the many giving opportunities available, contact the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 343-6950 or visit www.ChildrensHospitalGoal.org.

Goodwill Reveals Plans To Open River District Boutique

On August 1, Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. signed the closing documents on 4,100 square feet of space located in the Fort Myers River District. The Goodwill Retail & Donation Center will be within the First Street Center building, at 2401 First Street.

“The new River District store will feature, what we like to call, ‘boutique’ items,” said Robert Randall, Goodwill’s vice president of retail operations. “This includes more exclusive brand names than you might see in our other Retail & Donation Centers.”

The new boutique will be Goodwill’s first downtown location in its 47 years in Southwest Florida. The boutique will offer about 2,500 square feet of actual retail sales space, which is slightly larger than Goodwill’s popular Sanibel boutique.

The boutique is expected to open during the first or second quarter of 2013.

“We’ve wanted to be downtown for a number of years but, the right opportunity never came along,” said Randall. “The timing with this location was perfect and we are excited to be part of the revitalized Fort Myers River District.”

Goodwill currently has 25 Retail & Donation Centers across Southwest Florida, with two additional locations (Naples and Estero) planned to open in September of this year. For store locations and more information about Goodwill’s mission, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.

2012 Summer Concert Series

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Sunday School 9 a.m.
Church School 10:15 a.m.
Traditional services 11 a.m.

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Cantorial soloist: Lawrence Dermer
Temple educator: Dale Cohen, MaEd, REJ
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UNITARIAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS:
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Rev. Mark Lusk
Sunday Services: 10-11:30 a.m.
Church School: 11-12:30 p.m.

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220-8519
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noon Sunday Fellowship Lunch
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7 a.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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9:30 a.m. Contemporary; 9:45 a.m.
Children's Church K4 Kids for Jesus.

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH
4801 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-5442, Randy A. Alston, Reverend.
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11 a.m., Evening Worship.
9 a.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting.
3:30 pm.
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www.templeofgodbaptist.com
Affiliated: United Synagogue of Temple Beth El.

The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler, pastor.
Weekly Classes, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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Each grant is not just a check – it is an opportunity to make an impact, from providing essential supplies to food banks in Florida, to mentoring students in Phoenix and supporting environmental education in New England,” said Drew Madsen, president and chief operating officer of Darden Restaurants Inc. “Our service philosophy extends far beyond the walls of our restaurants. These grants bring that philosophy to life by helping to develop a better future for the people we serve, one community at a time.”

For more information about the Darden Foundation, visit www.darden.com/community/home.

The Grace Community Center opened in late 2008 to address the needs of the poor and marginalized in the Southwest Florida area. It provides a path for its neighbors to live lives of freedom with dignity through an abundance of compassion ministries. For more information, call 656-1320 or visit www.eunitycenter.org.

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Scott is also survived by uncles Rick and Brad Schubert, aunt Jill Schubert and cousins Libby O’Connell and Sally Bauer, all from Minneapolis. Scott leaves behind his college sweetheart, Michelle Arguelles of San Francisco, California. Scott was making plans to move to San Francisco this month to be closer to Michelle. Scott was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tatsie and Dutch Schultz and Betty and Bob Schubert.

Scott lived in Dubuque and Bettendorf before moving with his family to Sanibel in kindergarten. He attended Canterbury High School in Fort Myers and graduated last year from Boston College. Scott was an avid reader and gifted writer. He would buy a Harry Potter book at midnight and have it finished by noon. As senior class president, instead of reading a graduation speech, he wrote a poem. He wrote and produced a film at Boston College, which took first place in competition. He also played clarinet in his high school band. He had a passion for roller coasters and Disney parks. Scott had a quick wit and would often do eccentric things to the amusement of his colleagues, such as dressing up with a friend as the Brokeback Cowboys to attend a high school Sadie Hawkins dance. Seldom has a life so short yielded so much joy.

A celebration of Scott’s life was held on August 7 at the Cedar Memorial Park Chapel of Memories. Burial was in Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery next to his grandmother.
Personal Tarpon
Time Is Here
by Capt. Matt Mitchell

With summer here, my guide business slows down enough this next few months that I get some time fishing without clients. Yes, that is really what I enjoy to do when I'm not working. Until last week, I do not remember the last time I personally was out fishing.

When I am on the water during any free time the next few months, my favorite thing to do when conditions are right is sight-fish for tarpon. After a pretty good spring of catching tarpon with clients, I had yet to catch one myself.

Even though our main springtime push of tarpon is over, they are still around and will be until our first big cold front of the fall or winter. Tarpon fishing can be even better late summer than it is in the spring. As long as the tarpon can stay on a good food supply they stick around. There might not be as many as in the spring, but the ones that are around have much less boat pressure on them and now that their annual spawning is over, they have one thing on their minds and that is to eat before they migrate out of our local waters.

The main factors on getting on these late season tarpon are a consistent weather pattern, time of day and locating their favorite food. Light winds first thing in the morning and right before sunset make spotting and catching these fish rolling much easier. The calmer the conditions, the more tarpon come up and roll to gulp air. During slick calm conditions, they stay up on the surface for a much longer period of time than when it's choppy. The longer they stay up near the surface, the more of a chance you have at presenting a bait to them.

Another important factor in finding these tarpon is finding schools of small Spanish mackerel, ladyfish and jacks, which, it seems to me, they love. This can happen just about anywhere from within 50 yards of the beach, in and around the passes and the open bay. Generally, these smaller predator fish are feeding on large schools of glass minnows, which in turn draws in the tarpon for an easy meal. Small terns and seagulls working the surface of the water are always worth checking out.

Plain and simple, if you can find the favorite bait of the tarpon, they will be there. These late season tarpon are generally not in a hurry to go anywhere. They seem to lay up happily and gorge themselves, often not moving very far for days. Watching tarpon come up and crash through these bait schools is an awesome sight.

A few places I look for these hungry tarpon for the next few months are close to the beach from West Rocks to Redfish Pass, the middle to south end of Fort Myers Beach and in the bay from Red Light Shoal to Captiva Rocks. That is a lot of water to cover, but once you put in your time and locate tarpon, they often will hold in the same place for a week or more, or until the weather pattern changes and the bait moves.

While out solo one morning this week, I ran into a school of 100-plus happy, feeding tarpon milling around up close to the beach on Captiva. As I moved around the rolling fish slowly on the trolling motor, every bait I pitched at them for more than an hour was inhaled. Even when I cast too close to the rolling fish, the lead fish would spook, then 30 seconds later, the pod would turn back and eat the bait. This never happens in the spring.

The three tarpon I landed that morning were of all different sizes, from about 30 pounds up to around 80 pounds. By 10 a.m., the sea breeze kicked up and the fish slowly stopped showing themselves and the bite was over. In just over an hour, I ended up hooking four tarpon. Now that's a great morning off!

With all the crazy tarpon boat traffic and chaos behind us, a little time scouting can get you some of the best tarpon fishing of the year all to yourself. No matter how many tarpon I catch in my life, it never gets old, nor do I ever get over the thrill of seeing them, chasing them and then hooking up. The only thing that makes it sweeter is having them all to yourself without another boat in sight.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

by Patricia Molloy

On July 27, CROW released one Eastern screech owl, two Coopers hawks and two Mottled ducks after successful treatment at the clinic. Both ducks were released together because they formed a strong bond at the clinic as stranded fledglings. After months of intensive care and around the clock feedings, they matured into strong, healthy ducks. Upon release, they easily found their way to the water and began exploring their new home in Sanibel.

The Coopers hawks were released separately, so they could establish their own territories. Each bird quickly took to the skies over Sanibel once their carrier gates were opened.

The Eastern screech owl was also grateful to be released after a long but successful, stay at the wildlife clinic. It often takes weeks or months for young or injured animals to be rehabilitated at the clinic and become strong enough to survive in the wild. You can do your part to help local wildlife by donating items from the clinic’s wish list: paper towels, Purina ONE Kitten Chow, Purina Puppy Chow (no colored chunks), wild bird seed, bleach, fragrance-free laundry detergent, new or gently used bath and hand towels, red heat lamps (250W), garbage bags (42 gallon size) and ceramic crocks of all sizes (ramekins, etc.).

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.

Both Coopers hawks were successfully rehabilitated and released in Sanibel

The Mottled ducks were released together and quickly found their way to the water photo courtesy of CROW

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The greenish yellow pods belong to the appropriately named necklace pod (Sophora tomentosa), a Florida native whose spikes of creamy yellow flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies all year long.

However, its bead-like necklaces are not friendly to people. Ingestion of the seeds induces vomiting.

The purple plum-like fruit is less deceiving. Both the fruit and kernels of native cocoplum (Chrysobalanus icaco) can be eaten raw or cooked. The plant is a good food source for humans and wildlife. Cocoplum jam is a traditional local treat, and the flowers make this species a valuable honey plant.

Those gorgeous exotic red and black seeds are just that – exotic. Carrotwood (Cupaniopsis anacardoides) is listed as a category-one invasive plant by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council and as a noxious weed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Unfortunately, it’s a prolific seed producer, and birds and mammals eat the orange-yellow fruit and disperse the seeds. Consider replacing this tree with a native species that provides wildlife with food without harming Florida’s ecosystems.

Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create an environmentally responsible, low-maintenance South Florida landscape.

Tasty peas in a pod, or a toxic snack?

Pod, Fruit And Seed Identification

by Gerri Reaves

In Southwest Florida, plants are as likely to flower and fruit in in the winter months as in the depths of summer. Identifying the stunning number of local plant species, let alone their pods, fruit and seeds, can be a daunting task. But there are many reasons that make the enterprise worthwhile.

First of all, it’s simply fun to know something about the thousands of plants that surround us here in the sub tropics. Is it a Florida native? If not, is it deemed Florida-friendly? Will the plant benefit native wildlife or attract birds and butterflies to the landscape?

Is it categorized as invasive? If so, it’s advisable to eradicate the plant or at least prevent it from spreading further.

Are any of the plant’s parts poisonous and therefore a potential threat to pets or children?

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Coconut Palm

By Justen Dobbs

Whether you trim your own coconut palms (Cocos nucifera) or pay a tree trimmer or landscape maintenance company to trim them, it should be done correctly in order to assure optimal health for the tree. Coconut clusters are the reproductive part of the palm. The clusters produce both male and female flowers making it a monocious palm (each tree can reproduce on its own). The male flowers pollinate the female flowers with the help of some friendly honey bees and the female flowers then develop into coconuts.

A lot of people are weary about cutting all of the flowers and coconuts off the tree, thinking that it will somehow harm the tree. This is false. In landscape settings, coconuts should be removed as early as possible to prevent them from potentially falling on people or cars. When growing in nature, the coconuts do not pose a problem to people or possessions, so they should be left to grow. While it is faster to remove the coconut clusters with a chain saw, it is ideal to remove them with a handsaw if possible – cut the cluster’s stem as close to the main trunk as you can. Or, rip the cluster off by hand if it is loose.

Now to the fronds. They should be removed entirely if possible by tearing the entire frond off of the main trunk instead of cutting it at the base with a chainsaw. You may need to use a hand-saw to help you remove or separate the frond from the palm’s trunk. If done correctly, your palm should look like the one in the picture.

How many fronds should be removed? If you look at the picture, you will notice that all of the lower, hanging fronds have been removed. In the industry, this is called cutting the palm to “nine-and-three.” Think of the hands on a clock pointing to a time of 9:15. Those hands are the lowest fronds in relation to the coconut palm.

You have undoubtedly heard of the “hurricane cut”, in which all of the fronds on a palm tree are cut except for the two newest and highest fronds. This is very bad for the long term health of any palm tree. A palm depends on its fronds to photosynthesize and produce healthy new fronds, a healthy stem and a strong immune system. When you hurricane cut a palm, you are basically starving it for four to six months, making it look ugly, and weakening its immune system.

Coconut palms can be cold sensitive, so you want to encourage a strong immune system, especially in winter months. A proper trimming job will put the palm’s fronds at nine-and-three or at 10-and-two if you want to trim less often. You will be surprised to know that after having read this article, you probably know more on the subject than most lawn maintenance companies in Southwest Florida.

Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.
SFWMD, FWC Expand Kissimmee River Recreation Area

O utdoor enthusiasts have a newly expanded area for a variety of outdoor activities near the restored Kissimmee River as part of the South Florida Water Management District’s (SFWMD) effort to expand public access for recreation on conservation lands.

Working with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the District is adding an additional 60 acres to the expansive Kissimmee River Public Use Area. Hiking, hunting and wildlife viewing are among the activities allowed in the new section.

“One of the most inspiring locations to view successful restoration and a healthy ecosystem is along the Kissimmee River,” said SFWMD Governing Board vice-chairman Kevin Powers. “Opening more of these restored lands for compatible recreation provides an opportunity for the public to really get out and enjoy the natural South Florida landscape.”

Comprised of more than 30,000 acres, the Kissimmee River Public Use Area stretches along the Kissimmee River from State Road 60 south to Lake Okeechobee. Access is primarily by boat and is facilitated by a number of boat ramps within an area that spans portions of Glades, Highlands, Okeechobee, Osceola and Polk counties.

From camping and bike riding to hunting and horseback riding, the area offers a variety of outdoor experiences. A portion of the Florida Trail traverses the area, where hikers may see wildlife including white-tailed deer, alligators, wild turkeys, gopher tortoises and many species of wading birds. (Special-use licenses available from the district may be required for some activities, and FWC rules apply.)

This is the second time in recent years the district has worked with FWC to expand the Kissimmee River Public Use Area. In 2008, the SFWMD Governing Board passed a resolution requesting coordination with the FWC to add the 3,722-acre Chandler Slough to the public use area.

Inclusion of conservation lands into the public use area was inspired by the effort to restore the Kissimmee River, which once meandered for 103 miles through central Florida. The Kissimmee River Restoration Project will return flow to 40 miles of the river’s historic channel and restore about 40 square miles of river/floodplain ecosystem. The restoration project – a 50-50 partnership with the District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – is projected to be complete by 2015.

Throughout South Florida, the district provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the district owns 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the district’s 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

New Paddlers As Eco Travelers

A free program to help newcomers to canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding is slated for Wednesday, September 12 in South Fort Myers. Attendees can learn about launches, safety, equipment, eco-etiquette and more.

New Paddlers As Eco Travelers will cover planning a paddle (launch locations, equipment suggestions, safety considerations), etiquette for viewing wildlife and trash conservation, the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail (using the maps, outfitters and kayak fishing) and beginner basics such as proper strokes, choosing a kayak and watching the weather.

The new, two-hour program is part of the Eco Travelers program, coordinated by the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism (SEE). It’s co-hosted by the Southwest Florida Paddling Club and Lee County Parks & Recreation.

The 6:30 p.m. event is open to the public. Organizers encourage paddleport newcomers, paddling club members, eco-tour providers, SEE members, Lee County Parks & Recreation volunteers and Calusa Blueway supporters to attend.

There will be handouts, brochures, maps and hands-on information.

The program will be held at the Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Blvd. in Fort Myers. Directions can be found at www.leeparks.org. For more information and to RSVP, contact John Kiseda at 432-2163 or email kisedajb@leegov.com. For questions about the Southwest Florida Paddling Club, email President Pat Owen at p8ower@aol.com. Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail information is at www.calusablueway.com.

Groovy Music Festival August 11

E veryone is invited to get groovy by attending the Groovy Music Festival on Saturday, August 11 at The Morgan House in the Patio De Leon, downtown Fort Myers. Live music will be provided by Stolen Fruit, M-80s and Indecision between 7 p.m. and midnight.

Admission is free with a $5 donation of nonperishable canned goods, which will be donated to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. A portion of the night’s proceeds will also be given to the food bank.

For additional information, contact The Morgan House at 377-3377.

Detailed map of the Kissimmee River Public Land Use Area Addition

Comprised of more than 30,000 acres, the Kissimmee River Public Land Use Area stretches along the Kissimmee River from State Road 60 south to Lake Okeechobee.
10th Annual Tapa Hop To Hit The Road

Tickets sales are underway for the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber Annual Tapa Hop, which will take place on Tuesday, September 18. Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door.

Tapa Hoppers will be transported to participating locations by trolley for an evening of fun and tapas at five participating member locations. Locations will provide a variety of tapas and a cash bar. A poker run is a part of the festivities and participants are able play for various prizes plus a grand prize giveaway.

Guests will be treated to tapas at the following restaurants which will vie to win “Best” votes in different categories:
- Parrot Key Caribbean Grill
- Gulfshore Grill
- Pinchers Crab Shack Tiki Bar at Holiday Inn
- Junkanoos on the Beach
- Big Game Waterfront Grill

Check-in begins at 5 p.m. at Parrot Key Caribbean Grill. The first beach trolley will depart at 5:30 p.m. All trolleys will return to the Big Game Waterfront Grill by 9 p.m. for dessert, the final prize drawings and poker awards. With the nominal additional purchase of $1 per poker scorecard (no limit - while they last) the player will draw a playing card at each of the six locations. The winner will be determined at the final restaurant location.

“Tapa Hop has grown to be such a fun and exciting event not only for Chamber members also for various community groups. It always sells out and brings business to our participating restaurants at a historically slow time of year,” said event chair Eric Tibbs. “The Chamber hosts various events throughout the year with the primary goal being to create business for members.”

Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 at the door and can be purchased at the Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce on online at www.FortMyersBeachChamber.org. For more information, call 454-7500.

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce will again host the annual Tapa Hop on September 18.

Participants from last year’s Tapa Hop

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The Alliance for the Arts concludes its Summer Indoor Concert Series on Friday, August 10 when four of Southwest Florida’s best singer-songwriters take the stage in the Foulds Theatre beginning at 8 p.m.

Barbara Lynn hails from Detroit, but has been in Southwest Florida for more than 20 years. She has performed as a solo act, in duos and in bands at area restaurants, block parties, private functions and fundraisers. Her guitar style reflects her love of jazz and country music with a steady acoustic rock edge. While she has a high, sweet voice, she has the power to belt out classic rock tunes and has been compared to Ann Wilson of Heart.

Anthony Wayne has been playing the guitar since age seven and is a seasoned professional with many years of live performance to his credit. His versatility has allowed him to play everything from large venues to intimate coffee houses, and he often plays live around Southwest Florida. Alan Bradford has been compared to Harry Chapin or Cat Stevens. He’s a singer-songwriter who, in his own words “refuses to look the other way.” He says he hopes to open his audience members’ eyes and ears to the entirety of the world around them. Bradford’s songs are said to make people look, listen and learn.

Bill Metts performs finger picking delights from now and then. He’s a versatile musician who has performed alongside bluegrass legend Eddie Adcock and such greats as Arlo Guthrie and Meatloaf.

After they perform individually they’ll be joined by other musicians, including Kevin Nolan, Matt Hembling and Linda Di’Gloria. The evening will conclude with the group performing together.

Doors open at 7:30 and the first performance begins at 8. There is a $5 suggested donation at the door and it’s open seating. Go to www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787 for more information. The concert is brought to you by the Alliance, Southwest Florida Music and the Americana Community Music Association.

The Alliance for the Arts is at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.
Call To Artists For Paint The Beach

A call to artists is being sent out to artists nationwide to invite them to participate in the third annual Paint The Beach plein air competition in Fort Myers Beach. It has been a very successful festival in the past and continues to grow. A maximum of 60 artists will be accepted to display their works.

The plein air art festival will be held from November 5 to 11. There will be more than $2,500 in cash and prizes awarded. Judging this year’s competition is Kevin Dean, director of Selby Gallery at Ringling College of Art & Design. An awards ceremony and preview collectors gala will be held on November 9.

Artists will paint throughout the town of Fort Myers Beach and festivities will be held at Santini Marina Plaza on Estero Blvd. The event is hosted by the Fort Myers Beach Art Association, Santini Marina Plaza and Fish-Tale Marina.

This is a non-juried event open to artists over the age of 18. The non-refundable registration fee is $40, with a $10 late fee after October 30. A separate Quick Draw competition will be held on November 10, with a $10 entry fee. Visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com for complete details and registration information.

Proceeds help support the promotion education, appreciation and study of the arts in the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

CROW Launches Summer Campaign

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife announced the launch of a summer campaign to raise funds for the rescue and rehabilitation of our sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife.

“Summer is traditionally a busy and challenging season for CROW,” said Steve Greenstein, executive director of CROW. “In addition to our regular patient admissions, it is also nesting and baby season so our patient load becomes heaviest at a time when donations are usually the slowest. Our wildlife hospital has often been wall-to-wall with baby birds including cardinals, owls, doves, ospreys, eagles, jays, herons, mockingbirds and hawks; and baby squirrels, opossums, raccoons and rabbits will soon be arriving. Caring for those infants is costly, not only because of the special baby formulas needed but also because of the labor-intensive nature of baby care. It is not uncommon for babies at CROW to be fed every two hours and also requires a hands-on approach to providing necessary stimulation to induce healthy growth. Summer puts a tremendous strain on our resources, both financial and human.”

Summer is also the time when injured sea turtles begin to appear at CROW’s special sea turtle rehabilitation facility. According to CROW’s hospital director Dr. Heather Barron, the care and rehabilitation of those special patients can be a long and costly process.

“So many of our sea turtles are admitted with life-threatening injuries and illnesses and their critical care often involves surgical intervention and long-term rehabilitation” said Dr. Barron. “The daily care and rehabilitative process includes diagnostic testing, antibiotics and other expensive pharmaceutical care that can last for months due to the slow metabolic healing process in sea turtles. The cost of care for just one injured sea turtle can be thousands of dollars.”

So far this summer, CROW has admitted several sea turtles including green, loggerhead and Kemp’s Ridley species. With nesting season lasting through October, more admissions are likely at CROW, the only licensed sea turtle rehabilitation center between Sarasota and Miami.

CROW president John Schubert is confident that CROW can continue to provide the level of care needed to survive this busy season.

“Over 40 years, CROW has survived thanks to the hard work, dedication and commitment of the special people who provide care for our patients. But we have also survived thanks to the passion and generous donations from our supporters who believe strongly in what we do every day of the year to save wildlife,” said Schubert. “As we have in past summers, we are reaching out to our members, supporters and everyone in our community to help us by providing the extra resources we need to get through this busy summer season.”

Everyone at CROW would like to say thank you for helping us give wildlife a voice in the world and for helping us teach people to care for and care about our wildlife friends and neighbors.

If you would like to support CROW and its efforts to treat these summer patients, please make your check payable to CROW and mail it to P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957 and note “Summer Campaign” on the check.

You may also donate online at www.crowclinic.org
Love That Dress! Tickets

- Nu Image Cleaners-Central, 3722 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers
- Nu Image Cleaners-Fiddlericks, 8911 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers
- SPADA Salon & Day Spa, 3161 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
- Tribeca Salon, 2340 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel
- White House Black Market at Bell Tower Shops, 13499 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers
- White House Black Market at Coconut Point: 23161 Fashion Drive, Estero

The Big, Bad Musical
At Firehouse Community Theatre


Cried Wolf. Join in the fun and see the cast of characters in action.

The Big, Bad Musical by Alec Strum and Bill Francoeur on August 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and August 12 at 2 p.m. The Big, Bad Wolf is being sued by a storybook of characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her grandmother, the Three Little Pigs, and the shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. Join in the fun and see the cast of characters in action.

Tickets are $12 purchased in advance or $14 at the door until the show is sold out. To order tickets in advance, call the ticket hotline at 863-675-3066 or email firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is at 241 North Bridge Street in LaBelle. Visit the website at www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Infinite Mirror: Images Of American Identity Exhibit To Open At FGCU

The Galleries at Florida Gulf Coast University opens early this year with an exhibition dedicated to contemplating the diversity of the American fabric.

Infinite Mirror: Images of American Identity opens Thursday, August 9 at the Arts Complex. The show runs through September 27. A reception for the exhibit is planned during the Welcome to the Arts event on Thursday, August 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Arts Complex.

Infinite Mirror tells the story of generations of Americans through artists’ examination of themes such as race, gender, religion, history, politics and family. Utilizing portraiture and figuration to represent emotional and social ideas, these artists have created works that are simultaneously narrative, reflective, autobiographical and universal.

Four main themes run through Infinite Mirror: Self-Selection, Pride, Assimilation and Protest, providing audiences with the opportunity to explore both the story and storytellers of the quintessential “American dream.”

Curator for the exhibit is Blake Bradford, director of education at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, where he oversees the foundation’s longstanding adult classes, its K-12 outreach and other public programming. Co-curators are Benito Huerta, associate professor of painting and director and curator of The Gallery at the University of Texas at Arlington; and Robert Lee, executive director and curator at Asian American Arts Centre in New York.

Infinite Mirror is developed by Artrain, Inc. and Brandywine Workshop, Philadelphia, and is toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C. Presented with support from the Institute of Museum & Library Services and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Art Gallery is located inside the Arts Complex on FGCU’s main campus. The University is located off Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, east of I-75 between exits 123 and 128. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors; parking passes are available at the parking information booth located at the university’s entrance.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday nights from 4 to 8 p.m. Evening with Art, Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m., or by appointment by contacting Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199.

For further information, visit www.artgallery.fgcu.edu.

Collier County
- BB&T: All locations in Collier County
- D'Amici Salon & Spa, 5628 Strand Boulevard, Naples
- Laser Lounge & Spa, 20400 Trailside Drive, Estero
- Pristine Fine Dry Cleaners, 506 9th Street North, Naples
- Waterside Shops-Management Office (next to Coach), 5415 Tamiami Trail North, Naples
- White House Black Market on Fifth, 555 Fifth Avenue South, Naples
- White House Black Market at Waterside Shops, 5485 Tamiami Trail North, Naples

Tickets to the Love That Dress! are limited, and Lee County’s event sold out last year with over 800 attendees.

“It’s truly the ultimate night out for women where they can shop and enjoy great bargains from Gap to Gucci while spending time with friends,” said Nannette Staropoli, Collier event co-chair.

The best part is the outpour of community support,” added Amy Sanford, Lee event co-chair and PACE board member, “Everyone has a place in their heart for PACE.”

With the support of presenting sponsor White House Black Market and many more generous contributors, Love That Dress! is expected to raise over $100,000 to help abused, neglected and abandoned teenage girls served by PACE. Collier County is also hosting a “Backstage Pass-LTD! Live” preview fashion show on August 16 at Waterside Shops for $75 per person. For more details about all the fun in either county, visit www.lovethatdress.org.

PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a non-residential delinquency prevention program targeting the unique needs of girls, ages 12 to 18, facing challenges such as abuse, school truancy, academic failure, foster care, exposure to substance use and/or incarcerated parent(s). At PACE, girls find a supportive environment focusing on their strengths through a gender-responsive approach that centers on the emotional and physical safety of each girl. As a result, PACE reduces the significant long term costs associated with teen pregnancy, substance abuse, unemployment and long term economic dependency.

For more information, visit www.pacecenter.org.

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**Snapper Caribe**

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 1/2 cups white onions, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons garlic, minced
4 cups plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1/2 cup yellow bell pepper, chopped
1 1/2 cups dry white wine
2/3 cup green olives, sliced
1/4 cup capers, drained
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
4 six-ounce snapper fillets
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

In a large sauté pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until soft. Stir in garlic; sauté 1 minute. Add tomatoes and yellow pepper; cook until softened. Stir in wine, olives, capers, and red pepper flakes and bring to a simmer. Place fillets into sauce; cover pan and gently simmer for 10 to 12 minutes until fish flakes easily with a fork. Transfer fillets to a serving plate and keep warm. Add butter to sauce and simmer until thickened. Stir cilantro into sauce and serve over fillets.

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**August At Lakes Regional Library**

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

**Adults**

**English Café – 6 p.m. Mondays, August 6, 13, 20, 27**

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

**Book Discussion: David Treuer’s Rez Life – 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 21**

David Treuer gives readers a gritty, raw and authentic look at contemporary reservation life. The author was raised on a reservation and is able to correct a number of misconceptions outsiders have about American Indians. Registration is required.

**Family**

**Fun with Parents and Kids – 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 9**

Fun with Parents and Kids is for parents, grandparents, childcare providers and other caregivers, and their children, ages two to five. Parents and other primary caregivers are children’s first teachers. This workshop presents the five early literacy practices along with interactive literacy activities. Registration is required. Please register both yourself and your child for this event.

**Children**

**Ants in Your Pants Dance Party – 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 13**

Get ready to twist and shout at this special dance party for toddlers and preschoolers. Boogie down to great music, from golden oldies to pop favorites to kiddie classics. For ages two to five. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

**Kids Read Down Fines – 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, August 16**

Children and teens can earn a $2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only.

**Teens**

**Kids Read Down Fines – 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, August 16**

Children and teens can earn a $2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only.

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

Check the Lee County Library System’s website at www.lee-county.com/library or pick up an events calendar on your next visit to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.

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Shell Point Golf Club To Participate In Patriot Golf Weekend Program

Shell Point Golf Club is pleased to participate in the nationally recognized Patriot Day Golf Weekend from August 31 through September 3. To show support during this worthy weekend event, Shell Point Golf Club will donate $1 from every paid round over the weekend to the Folds of Honor Foundation. Additionally, Shell Point Golf Club will double the final total of the rounds donations from the weekend.

“This is an amazing organization that gives back to those who have given so much for the freedom of our country, and we are honored that we can participate,” said Michael Raber, head golf professional for Shell Point Golf Club. “We hope that everyone comes out to support this worthwhile cause, while also enjoying a game of golf. We believe that every day is a great day for golf at the Shell Point Golf Club.”

Patriot Golf Day is the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides postsecondary educational scholarships for the children and spouses of military men and women disabled or killed while serving our great nation. The Patriot Golf Day campaign is jointly supported by the PGA of America and the United States Golf Association.

To make your reservation to participate in this event, call 433-9790. To learn more, visit www.patriogoldday.com.*

New Film – With Local Connections – Delves Into The Shadowy World Of Baseball In The Dominican Republic

by Ed Frank

The free-wheeling, virtually unregulated recruitment of baseball prospects in the Dominican Republic, where 20 percent today’s Major League players were born, is the subject of a fascinating new movie that provides an insight into this $125 million per year industry in that impoverished country.

And interestingly, the movie, Ballplayer: Pelotero, has strong local connections. The movie tracks the signing of two young players – Miguel Angel Sano and Jean Carlos Batista – two teenagers with dreams of earning millions playing baseball to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Sano, you may recall, was signed by the Minnesota Twins in 2009 for a whopping $3.1 million when just 16 years old, and is progressing through the Twins’ farm system. Baseball America labels him the Twins’ top prospect. Batista, now 20, plays for the Greenville Astros in the Rookie Appalachian League.

The second local connection to the movie is Bobby Valentine, manager of the Boston Red Sox, who was executive producer of the documentary.

Over the years, we have written about the world of baseball in the DR, where unlicensed agents known as buscones recruit prospects as young as 12, housing them in crowded quarters on antiquated ballfields.

If a Major League team is interested in a prospect, they must deal with the buscone, who usually gets a large share of any signing bonus.

Nearly every baseball organization operates an academy there, and, in fairness to the Major Leagues, these academies have been vastly improved in recent years. Whether you’re a baseball fan or not, you will find this movie fascinating as it delves into the shadowy world and lofty dreams of baseball in the DR. Both Sano and Batista speak for themselves in the movie.

One scene shows a secretly recorded episode of Sano and his family talking with a scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates. The family believes there was collusion to delay an age investigation of the teenager to deflate the value of the signing bonus. That claim was never proved.

Now 19 years old, Sano plays for the Twins’ Low A Beloit Snappers, leading the team with 22 home runs, 84 RBIs while batting a respectful .254 through Monday of this week. It’s likely he will move up to the High A Fort Myers Miracle next year.

The inherent talents of Sano and Batista have enabled this duo to escape the crippling poverty they endured in the DR. The question unanswered, however, is what remains to correct the abuses dealt thousands of other youngsters that will never make it to “the show.”

Three Blind Mice Results In Umpire’s Ejection

Booing and yelling at an umpire over a disputed call are as much a part of baseball as chasing a foul ball. But at a game last week between the Fort Myers Miracle and the Daytona Cubs, the young intern working as disc jockey at Daytona’s Jackie Robinson Ballpark was ejected by the umpire for playing Three Blind Mice after a close call at first base went against the home team.

The summer intern, Derek Dye, a student at the University of Illinois, got the old
18th Annual Gold Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament

Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, Inc. will present the 18th Annual Gold Ribbon Classic Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, September 15 at The Bonita Bay Club East, 3700 Wildwood Boulevard in Naples. This is the charity’s major fundraiser which provides the necessary dollars to support local children with cancer or blood disorders. The children and their families are able to attend free of charge special events and family activities which are organized by the Candlelighters. Many of these events may otherwise be unable to afford but are so important in giving them added support throughout their child’s diagnosis.

The Candlelighters golf tournament is open to the public, we are currently seeking various levels of sponsorship, which include title sponsors, beverage carts, holes, golfers and other opportunities ranging from $100 to $10,000.

Advance registration is required as there is limit on the number of players accepted. The $150 per golfer fee includes a round of golf on one of Florida’s most prestigious golf courses, practice balls, goodie bags for each player, a buffet lunch and an awards presentation immediately following play.

Pools Receive Five-Star Rating

Lee County Parks & Recreation’s four swimming pools have received the prestigious Five Star Award from the national Starfish Aquatics Institute following an unannounced performance audit of the lifeguards and management staff.

“Very few aquatic facilities qualify receive this honor,” institute president Leslie Donavan said. “It represents a tremendous commitment to safety and training, and exceptional performance by the lifeguard staff on duty at the time.”

The Lee County-operated pools include Lehigh Acres Community Pool, North Fort Myers Community Pool, Pine Island Community Pool and San Carlos Community Pool. All received surprise inspections during the past three months.

“Five stars says a lot about the safety of our pools,” said Nancy Apperson, Lee County Parks & Recreation senior aquatics supervisor. “Our staff is really diligent, and I’m proud of them.”

The Starfish Aquatics Institute is one of the largest lifeguard, swim instructor and pool operator certifying agencies in the United States. The Institute offers state-of-the-art training courses and also provides services such as performance audits to the aquatic industry in an effort to improve safety and reduce the risk of drowning.

For more information about pool locations and hours, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7275.

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The incident recalls a more famous example at Chicago’s Wrigley Field about 10 years ago, when former Chicago Bears great Steve McMichael, who had sung Take Me Out To The Ball Game during the seventh inning stretch, questioned the eyesight of the home plate umpire over the PA system. McMichael was quickly given the “You’re out of here!” order by umpire Angel Hernandez.

Read us online at IslandSunNews.com
Dear Shelley,

We were very laid back this summer and now I would like to get my kids into some routines for school. They are in first and third grades. Do you have any suggestions?

Jennifer B., Cape Coral

School Smart by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,

You are very wise to implement routines for your children. Consistent daily routines provide security for children. When they know what to expect, anxiety and stress are reduced.

There are many areas where routines are important to develop but here are some that relate to school success: healthy eating, exercise, sleep, TV and computer/Internet usage, and homework.

Healthy Eating

- Provide well-balanced meals and limit caffeine and junk foods.
- Always make time for your child to have a good breakfast so he or she will be alert and able to pay attention and learn.
- Exercise
- Involve your child in physical activity for 30 minutes every day (i.e. walking, bicycling, playing sports, etc.).
- Sleep
- Maintain consistent bedtime and morning routines, including weekends.
- Young children need approximately 8 to 10 hours of sleep per night.

Television And Computer/Internet Usage

- Limit the amount of time your child watches television and uses the computer each day.
- Monitor the types of programs that your child watches and the websites he or she visits.
- Turn off scary or violent television (for example, programs with vicious animals, monsters, natural disasters, stories involving death of a parent, etc.). Young children have a difficult time telling what is fantasy and what is real.

Homework

- Setup a specific time and location in the house where you children will complete their homework daily. Even if they don’t have homework, this could be their reading time. Make sure this location has the tools necessary to complete their work so they don’t waste time hunting for paper, pencils, scissors, etc. every day. Also set a specific amount of time for them to do their work or reading.

Schools typically suggest how much time by grade level, they think is appropriate for homework. You will want to be close by to the homework area in case they need some help and for encouragement, but don’t do their homework for them.

With these simple routines implemented regularly your children will be prepared to learn and ready to enjoy school every day.

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

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

FWC Workshop Teaches Women Outdoor Skills

Are you an adventurous, nature-loving woman wishing to learn more about Florida’s great outdoors in a comfortable, noncompetitive, hands-on environment? If so, now is the time to register for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission’s Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW) workshop near West Palm Beach.

The three-day workshop is October 19 to 21 at the Everglades Youth Camp in the JW Corbett Wildlife Management Area. The workshop begins that Friday at 10 a.m. and ends that Sunday with lunch. Although designed with women in mind, the workshop is open to anyone 18 years and older wanting to learn or improve their outdoor skills and enjoy several recreational activities.

The program offers a fun and supportive atmosphere for participants wishing to try new things and enjoy the camaraderie of other women wanting to do the same. In four, three-and-one-half-hour sessions, the BOW workshop teaches some of the basic skills associated with fishing, hunting and other forms of outdoor recreation, at all levels of physical activity, with hands-on experience.

The most popular classes women sign up for are bow hunting, archery, wilderness survival and outdoor cooking,” BOW state coordinator Lynne Hawk said.

Other classes available are canoeing and kayaking, reading the woods, geocaching and GPS, shooting sports, camping and backpacking, deer hunting, small game hunting, outdoor photography, wilderness first aid, map and compass, parashooting, fly fishing, bird watching, personal safety, shotgun, bass fishing, turkey hunting, hunter safety course, muzzleloaders, bowhunting and knot tying.

The total cost for the three-day workshop is $200, and there are half-price slots available for low-income participants, single parents and college students attending the workshop for the first time. There is also a $50 early bird discount for participants who register by September 19.

The workshop is restricted to 100 people on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the BOW workshop or to sign up, visit www.MyFWC.com/BOW or call Lynne Hawk at 561-625-5122.

Pelleccia Named To Dean’s List

L auren Pelleccia, a resident of Fort Myers, was named to the Marist College Dean’s List for the spring 2012 semester. She is a member of the Class of 2014 and is majoring in Psychology/Special Education.

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**Porcelain Music**

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

The number of hours the average human spends on a toilet seat in a lifetime is:

- a. 25
- b. 2,500
- c. 250 days per year for patients

with irritable bowel syndrome
- d. 25 times the number of Taco Bell’s in your neighborhood

In fact, the average 80 year old will have spent 2,500 hours of their life – almost 105 days – on a toilet seat and about 105 days in their 81st year complaining about it. A Swiss inventor, Roger Weisskopf, recognizing the amount of time that is spent perched on the porcelain potty, has brought us the singing toilet seat, a device that plays music to accompany a picture that decorates the singing seat. Soothing cowbells, for example, are emitted by the seat to match a pastoral alpine scene. There is a wide variety of music to select from in order to match your particular mood whilst waiting to squeeze the Charmin.

Classical music aficionados can select from the likes of Beethoven’s 5th Movement, Shumann’s Unfinished Symphony and, of course, good old Pomp and Circumstance. A host of more contemporary songs are available including Sittin’ On The Dock Of The Bay, Fat Bottomed Girls and even Dancing On The Ceiling. Movie buffs can enjoy entire soundtracks from films like Deliverance, Titanic or The Big Chill. In fact, you can now customize the music to suit your frame of mind while in the biff. That means for the 15 to 20 percent of North Americans who suffer to some degree from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), songs like Livin’ On The Edge, Tubthumping or anything by Dire Straits would be most appropriate.

To impress your dinner companions this evening with your Dr. Dave medical acumen, you might want to share a few of these fascinating fecal facts:

- IBS is a very common, uncomfortable condition characterized by bloating, abdominal cramping, mucus passage and alternating diarrhea/constipation.
- The bowel is a 25-foot muscular tube that normally contracts in a nice, relaxed, slow waltz rhythm controlled by the bowel’s own nerves, hormones and chemicals. When the rhythm changes to rap or rumba, problems develop. Worse still, if part of the seat starts waving to Lawrence Welk while another part of the bowel is jumping to the macarena, the abdomen becomes a mishmash of cramps and bloating.
- Many are either embarrassed or perhaps frightened that these symptoms may reveal a more ominous condition, and they don’t seek help. IBS is it’s own condition and does not turn into anything worse, so see a doctor and get some relief.
- IBS has a 2.1 female-to-male ratio. A recent study indicated that there is a significant difference in the levels of some sex hormones in IBS patients. In fact, patients with IBS may also have other conditions found more commonly in the latter sex, such as fibromyalgia, bladder dysfunction, deliberately hiding the remote control during playoffs, etc.
- The onset of this common condition (a gastroenterologist told me that half of the referrals he sees are patients with IBS) may occur at any age but more often it begins in the 20’s.
- Common triggers include alcohol, chocolate milk, caffeine and menstruating (women only).
- Major psychological and emotional events experienced over a lifetime may contribute to the development of IBS, explaining the high incidence in Canuck families.
- Treatment of IBS revolves around stress reduction, antispasmodic medication including peppermint, and a gradual increase in soluble (not insoluble) fibre intake. How nice it would be for you to trade in that seat for Fleetwood Mac soothing you with You Can Go Your Own Way.

**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.**

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**Magnolia Bark Is A Natural Tranquilizer**

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: What herb do you suggest for relieving stress? The side effects of alprazolam are intolerable.

- R.T., Denver, Colorado

Answer: Many herbs and nutrients can help, please use my search box at my website because I have many articles archived. Also, I wrote a full chapter, “Frazzled, Frustrated and Freaked Out” in my book, The 24-Hour Pharmacist.

Today, I’m excited to tell you about Magnoliae officinalis, a flowering plant used for eons in traditional Chinese and Japanese medicine to control anxiety and promote better sleep. Various parts of the plant can be applied topically, ingested orally, or taken as a tea to relieve digestion, constipation, toothaches, inflammation, depression, headache and asthma. You’re going to love this next part.

Magnolia bark extract has powerful stress-busting effects, largely due to “honokiol,” a well-studied and potent anxiolytic. It works similarly to prescription medications like alprazolam (Xanax), clorazepoxide (Librium), diazepam (Valium) and lorazepam (Ativan). Both magnolia and prescription sedatives work by increasing levels of GABA, a relaxing hormone that helps calm and soothe an overactive brain. The difference is that honokiol is picky and works in specific areas of the brain (raising GABA). The net effect is relaxation.

Prescription drugs affect GABA receptors throughout your entire body, causing systemic side effects such as morning hangover effect, muscle weakness, daytime fatigue and more. Magnolia, being more selective, should not produce these problems, and should not make you feel doped up.

Magnolia helps manage stress eating so I suggest you take it while watching your favorite reality show (wink). A couple of studies found that overweight women ate fewer calories while on magnolia, versus those who did not supplement. It’s not an appetite suppressant, I suspect it just tames the compulsion to eat while under stress.

Millions of Americans with generalized anxiety disorder, grief, depression and panic attacks may benefit from magnolia bark, so it’s a bright future. I love that magnolia bark offers a safe alternative for people concerned about addiction and excessive sedation from medications. The biggest deal to me, as a pharmacist is that studies published in the Journal of Pharmacology have shown that honokiol induces a specific stress-relieving effect and is less likely to cause “motor dysfunction” as well as sedation as compared to medicine. I’d still tread carefully if you have to operate machinery or drive a car, until you are certain of magnolia’s effect on you. The best part is that withdrawal symptoms are absent in people who discontinue magnolia bark. I recommend “HonoPure” by Econugenics, “Magnolia Extract” by either Nutricology or Allergy Research Group.

Even though multiple studies have confirmed the safety magnolia bark, I suggest you get your physician’s approval. Stop magnolia two weeks prior to surgery, you don’t want it in your blood stream while receiving anesthesia. Alcohol’s sedative effect enhances magnolia’s effect, so this combination should be avoided.

And finally, magnolia is not recommended for pregnant ladies, as certain side effects of alprazolam may reveal a more ominous condition, and does not turn into anything worse, so see a doctor and get some relief.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.dearpharmacist.com.

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**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,

My husband and I married two years ago. We are in our late 60s and it was a second for both.

We haven’t even tried to blend our adult children into a family, because we know that it would never work. One of his daughters is extremely immature and she has announced that she is engaged to an equally immature and obnoxious individual.

My husband wants to give her the wedding of her dreams, and we are continued on page 25
Know Your Rights

by Susan M. McLaughlin, Attorney at Law

Most associations do a good job of negotiating the price and service terms with their vendors, but often execute the form of contract presented to them by the vendor without consulting with counsel and without carefully reviewing the general terms and conditions contained in the contract.

In the last column, we reviewed two of four areas (Termination/Automatic Renewal and Dispute Resolution) where the vendor’s/contractor’s form typically needs to be revised to protect the association. Today, we will discuss the other two areas:

Insurance

Failure to maintain the necessary insurance coverages should be a material breach of the contract. The contractor should have a worker’s compensation policy in its own name. Contractors who use corporate exemptions, employee leasing companies and insured subcontractors may be in compliance with the law, but they are not supplying worker’s compensation coverage. These arrangements are nearly impossible to police and leave the association with substantial exposures for liability and worker’s compensation claims. Forged Certificates of Insurance are not uncommon. Even after verification, it is difficult to monitor for cancellation and non-renewal for most insurance coverages, but the Florida Division of Worker’s Compensation’s free website includes a proof-of-coverage database that is an easy way to verify and monitor worker insurance.

Licenses/Subcontractors/Material Suppliers

The contract should provide that the contractor will maintain all necessary licenses and preclude the use of subcontractors without prior written authorization. Consideration should also be given to putting conditions on the association’s duty to pay the contractor for things such as mulch or building materials prior to receiving proof that the contractor has paid for those materials.

Conclusion

The general standard terms and conditions in the contract are often not even discussed in negotiations. We find that the contractors almost always agree to the changes proposed by the association without requesting any adjustment in the price. Getting these concessions on the front end can save substantial trouble and expense if the relationship sours.

This information is general and is not intended as specific legal advice applicable to your Association. Further, you should not assume that the principles of law cited herein are subject to change from time to time. Each case is fact and condominium document specific. McLaughlin limits her practice to representing community associations, although in the course of that she handles a wide range of legal matters. She can be contacted at inquiry@condoandhoalawgroup.com.

International Airport’s Bond Rating Affirmed

Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services has affirmed the outstanding ‘A-’ rating in Southwest Florida International Airport’s $309 million airport revenue bonds. The Rating Outlook on all bonds is Stable. The bonds are payable from the net revenues generated by the operations of Southwest Florida International Airport.

The ‘A-’ rating is based on Southwest Florida International Airport having a very strong liquidity position with unrestricted cash and investments; excellent airline diversity; continuation of good financial management and metrics; improved signatory cost per enplanement; a manageable capital improvement program with no additional debt plans; a hybrid agreement that the Lee County Port Authority entered in with its airline partners in 2008; and limited competition in the region.

The Stable Outlook reflects the expectation of continued good passenger enplanment trends, debt service coverage and liquidity during the next two years.

The Lee County Port Authority is very pleased that Standard & Poor’s has recognized the credit strengths of Southwest Florida International Airport,” said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. “During these difficult economic times, we continue to effectively manage all of our resources and maintain a high level of service for our customers and business partners.”

For more information, log onto www.flylcpa.com.

Cyber Safety Class Offered

A class on Cyber Safety, presented by the Lee County Sheriff’s Department and sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be held on Friday, August 10 at 7 p.m. Youngsters and their parents are highly encouraged to attend. To register for the class, call 677-8833.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is located at 1928 Chiquita Blvd. South in Cape Coral.

Financial Focus

Diversify Your Investment Risk

by Jennifer Basey

All investments carry risk. But as an investor, one of the biggest risks you face is that of not achieving your long-term goals, such as enjoying a comfortable retirement and maintaining financial independence throughout your life. To help reach your objectives, you need to own a variety of investment vehicles – and each carries its own type of risk.

If you spread your investment dollars among vehicles that carry different types of risk, you may increase your chances of owning some investments that do well, even if – at the same time – you own others that aren’t. As a result, you may be able to reduce the overall level of volatility in your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can’t guarantee a profit or protect against all losses.)

To diversify your risk factors, you first need to recognize them. Here are some of the most common types of investment risk:

- Market risk – This is the type of risk that everyone thinks about: the risk that you could lose principal if the value of your investment drops and does not recover before you sell it. All investments are subject to market risk. You can help lessen the impact by owning a wide variety of investments from different industries and even different countries.
- Inflation (purchasing power) risk – If you own a fixed-rate investment, such as a Certificate of Deposit (CD), that pays an interest rate below the current rate of inflation, you are incurring purchasing power risk. Fixed-income investments can help provide reliable income streams, but you also need to consider investments with growth potential to help work toward your long-term goals.
- Interest-rate risk – Bonds and other fixed-income investments are subject to interest-rate risk. If you own a bond that pays 4 percent interest, and newly issued bonds pay 5 percent, it would be difficult to sell your bond for full price. So if you wanted to sell it prior to maturity, you might have to offer it at a discount to the original price. However, if you hold your bonds to maturity, you can expect to receive return of your principal provided the bond does not default.
- Default risk – Bonds, along with some other more complex investments, such as options, are subject to default risk. If a company issues a bond that you’ve bought and that company runs into severe financial difficulties, or even goes bankrupt, it may default on its bonds, leaving you holding the bag. You can help protect against this risk by sticking with “investment-grade” bonds, those that receive high ratings from independent rating agencies such as Standard & Poor’s or Moody’s.
- Liquidity risk – Some investments, like real estate, are harder to sell than others. Thus, real estate is considered more “illiquid” than many common investments.

Make sure you understand what type of risk is associated with every investment you own. And try to avoid “overloading” your portfolio with too many investments with the same type of risks. Doing so will not result in a totally smooth journey through the investment world, but it may help eliminate some of the “bumps” along the way.

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

Clerk Of Courts Commences eFiling Of Cases

Linda Doggett of the Lee County Clerk’s Office announced last week that all Civil court cases can now be electronically filed. “This will save hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs,” said Doggett.

Under state mandate all Civil court cases will have to be electronically filed (eFiling) by April 1, 2013 and Lee County is just waiting for completion of the training for attorneys to get under way in September.

This effort is the coordinated product of the Lee County Clerk’s Office, the Judges of the 20th Judicial Circuit, the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers Association.

For additional information that will provide attorneys and the public with a more detailed understanding of the eFiling process, and the Florida Supreme Court’s requirements, visit the following:
- eFiling video: http://www.youtube.com
- Florida eFiling Authority: http://www.flclecrs.com
- Lee Clerk’s website: www.leeclerk.org

For more information, contact Roy F. Hyman, public information officer for Clerk of the Circuit Court, Lee County at 533-1416 or RHyman@leeclerk.org.

By Jennifer Basey

The eFiling video is located at 1928 Chiquita Blvd. South in Cape Coral, FL 33904. If you would like to attend a class on Cyber Safety, presented by the Lee County Sheriff’s Department and sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, please register by calling 677-8833.
Support Group For Families Of Long Term Care Facility Residents

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, August 21 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers.

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

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders and their caregivers. For more information, the Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center can be contacted at 457-3007.

Dear Myrtle,

Let me see if I understand… you and your husband have been married for two years? You are very resentful that your husband wants to pay for his daughter’s wedding because you think the daughter and soon to be son-in-law are both immature? And the marriage will not last more than a year? Since when is everything about you and what you think and want? Let’s look at the possible consequences of your actions. If you choose to argue against the marriage and not support it, you risk harming your relationship with your husband and family in general.

It seems to me, Myrtle, the better choice is to grin and bear it. You will support your husband, not pit family members against family members. And if the marriage fails, perhaps it will be a learning experience for the daughter and she can mature from it.

Lizzie

Dear Myrtle,

Marriage is difficult even in the best of times, in spite of what the songs and the poems on greeting cards tell us.

It doesn’t get any easier for most of the seniors, just a different set of problems. In young marriages, it may be the in-laws, and in senior marriages, it could be the adult children.

To avoid problems, many people are advised to keep estates separated and have prenuptial agreements. If this had happened in your marriage, maybe this problem could have been avoided. But as it is, counseling is a possibility. But if that is not possible, you will just have to learn to accept what you cannot change.

Lizzie

Mom and Me

expected to pay all of the costs. I know that the marriage will last 12 months at most, and I am very resentful that my husband is prepared to spend so much of our money on this young woman. What do you think I should do?

Myrtle

Dear Myrtle,

Marriage is difficult even in the best of times.

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Family Sermon Series

New Hope Presbyterian Church is located at 3825 McGregor Boulevard, one block south of the Fort Myers Country Club. For more information, call the church office at 274-1230 or visit www.newhopefortmyers.org. Sunday morning worship times are at 8:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

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NARFE Meeting

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), South Lee County Chapter #1263, will meet on Thursday, August 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant, Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Parkway. The program will cover the upcoming NARFE National Convention in Reno, resolutions, etc. For more information, call 482-6713.

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Buy A Bambi Fundraiser

electronic messaging. A local artist will be selected to design the exteriors with scenes of Fort Myers Beach, making them fun and attractive to visitors. These visitor centers will be staffed by well-trained volunteers who will provide fair and impartial visitor information to meet visitors’ needs.

The fundraising goal is to raise enough money to buy and convert two Bambi’s by September 30. To do that, the chamber is asking for donations through the special fundraising website at www.BuyABambi.com.

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FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 13, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Relations continue to thrive, but watch for any telltale signs of potential problems. Take needed action now to set things straight before they become troublesome later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might still be a bit reluctant to face up to some less-than-pleasant realities. But the sooner you accept the facts, the sooner you can set about making some needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Expect to make adjustments, even when things seem locked up and ready to go. But cheer up: At least one change could lead to something you’ve been hoping for.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The success of a recent project should do a lot to boost your self-confidence. You might want to start now to check out ways to make that long-deferred bigger and bolder move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up on the pressure you might be putting on the new person in your life. It takes time for a budding relationship to blossom. Show more patience and understanding.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have lots of inner strength in reserve. Use some of it to resist intimidation from those who might try to impose on your good nature for their own reasons.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your on-the-job status is improving. The one cautionary note, however, involves a personal situation you might have been ignoring for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations. Once again, your sharp Sagittarian “horse sense” helps you work through a complicated situation that would leave most people confused.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Plan on indulging yourself in some well-earned good times through much of the week. Then be prepared to face some thought-provoking issues by the 18th.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Positive factors continue to dominate following a recent change in both your professional and personal lives. Expect to make contact with someone from your past.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace stability allows you to continue making progress on your projects. But don’t ignore your personal life. Spend more quality time with those special folks.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“If a rabbit defined intelligence the way man does, then the most intelligent animal would be a rabbit, followed by the animal most willing to obey the commands of a rabbit.” — Robert Braut

TRIVIA TEST

1. 1. MYTHOLOGY: What creatures are combined to form the mythical creature called a centaur?
2. LANGUAGE: What kind of website is named for the Hawaiian word for “quick”?
3. ETIQUETTE: What is the traditional type of gift given on fifth wedding anniversaries?
4. PERSONALITIES: Who was the prince who married actress Rita Hayworth in 1949?
5. RELIGION: Who is the patron saint of sailors?
6. MUSIC: What does the musical direction “sostenuto” mean?
7. TELEVISION: What is the name of the mayor on “The Simpsons”?
8. INVENTIONS: Who invented the artificial heart?
10. ART: Who created the “Vitruvian Man” illustration?

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Yankees pitcher to record back-to-back 20-win seasons?
2. True or false: Nolan Ryan spent more seasons in the National League, but won more games in the American League.
3. When was the last time the University of Minnesota won a Big Ten football championship?
4. Steve Nash holds the record for most NBA seasons shooting 50 percent from the field, 90 percent on free throws and 40 percent on 3-pointers. How many seasons?
5. In 2012, Brayden Schenn became the second player in Flyers history to tally three points in his first NHL postseason game. Who was the first?
6. When was the last time before Brad Keselowski’s victory in 2012 that a Dodge won at NASCAR’s Talladega Speedway?
7. Who holds the record among men’s tennis players for most victories at the ATP World Tour Finals?

ANSWERS

DID YOU KNOW

1. A human being and a horse
2. Wiki
3. Wood
4. Prince Aly Khan
5. St. Brendan
7. The longest game in the history of professional baseball was played between the Washington Senators and Boston Red Sox on June 22, 1920. It lasted 81 1/2 hours, and ran for an unbelievable 33 innings.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

2. True. He had 189 victories in 13 A.L. seasons and 135 in 14 N.L. seasons.
3. The United States is the only country with more land than the United States.
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Puzzle Answers

The puzzle answers are included in the image.
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Shore Fishing: Don’t Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you’re going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.
• Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you’re going to release it.
• The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
• If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
• Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it’s ready to swim off.
• Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

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Even though my former owners neglected me, I still love people and want to be part of a real family who will take good care of me. I promise to love you and be a good companion.

My adoption fee is $8 (regularly $75) during Animal Services’ Dog Days of Summer Adoption Promotion.

My name is Havana and I am a 1-year-old female chocolate and white domestic short hair.

My coat is a stunning chocolate brown with white and my eyes are a beautiful combination of green and gold. I am a very petite and lady-like kitty, but my best feature is my personality. I enjoy cuddling, purring and spending quality time with people. I appreciate the company of other pets, too!

My adoption fee is $8 (regularly $50) during Animal Services’ Dog Days of Summer Adoption Promotion.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at $500.

SUDOKU

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

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

answer on page 27
NEW LISTING: NEAR BEACH
3 Bedroom, 3 Bath home across the street from the beach located in Palm Lake Subdivision off of prestigious West Gulf Drive. This home has an open floor plan, wood burning fireplace, 2 car garage, extra Murphy beds, screened sun deck and a separate attached pod that can be used as a private office or a private guest bedroom with full bath. This home has a handicap ramp located on the East side of the Home. Offered for $220,000. Contact Connie Walters “Ms Listr” 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters “Mr. Listr” 239/994-7975

NEW LISTING: THE DUNES
This well appointed home features bamboo flooring throughout, 10 foot ceilings, crown molding, large master bedroom suite offering privacy with large closets, vanities, large jacuzzi soaking tub and more thoughtful touches. There is a large den that can be used as two guest bedrooms. Open up the French doors to the screened-in porch and go for a swim. The enclosed garage is large enough to store several automobiles with lots of storage. This home is beautiful and “built to code”. Offered for $849,000. Contact Connie Walters “Ms Listr” 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters “Mr. Listr” 239/994-7975

NEW LISTING: SUNDIAL K-203
Direct Gulf Front. Beautiful condominium at Sanibel Island’s only resort. Two bedrooms, 2 baths and fully furnished with everything you need for a fabulous vacation residence. Currently doing extremely well in Sundial’s on-site rental program. Sparkling second floor gulf views from the family room, kitchen and master bedroom with sliding glass doors to the screened in lanai. Has updated kitchen and baths and is the cheapest direct gulf view residence in Sundial Resort. Enjoy glowing sunsets, walks on the beach or a dip in the pool just steps from your home. Don’t miss out on this opportunity! Offered for $784,500. Contact Kelly Palmer Clark 239/634-7629

NEW LISTING: BEACH RD. VILLA
The name, “Beach Road Villas” says it all. Just a short walk or ride to the beach sands of the Gulf of Mexico. This East End complex consists of six town homes and their own private pool. The highlights of this home include recently remodeled kitchen and baths featuring stainless appliances, granite counter-tops, new cabinetry and more. Beautiful natural tile throughout the living area including the lanai. Master suite upstairs includes a private bath, ample closets and a balcony overlooking the tranquil lake. Offered for $349,000. Contact Brian Murty 239/565-1272

TRADEWINDS
Wonderful 3 Bedroom 3 Bath Tradewinds Near Beach Home. Privacy is enhanced by white fenced yard, caged topaz pool and lush green tropical landscaping. Step inside and instantly you will see this property was designed with that calming easy-living island atmosphere in mind. Cozy but still spacious so your family can enjoy that relaxed beach home feeling. Tradewinds owners also benefit from an exclusive Beach Access with plenty of parking so you, your family and friends can enjoy the warm sun soaked sands and breathtaking Sanibel Sunsets. Peaceful surroundings, stellar sunsets, restful beaches, relaxed outdoors, easy maintenance. This home will make sure everyday feels like a day at the beach. Offered for $659,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805

JONATHAN HARBOUR
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17059 Marina Cove Lane This lot has a great dock system with a lift and deep water, electric and water on dock. 140 feet of water frontage and only 10 minutes by water to the Gulf. Private gated community with pool, tennis, and clubhouse. Custom blueprints available for a home if purchaser is interested. Offered for $625,000. Contact Ralph or Cathy Galletti 239/826-5897 or 239/828-5807.

SOUTH SEAS TENNIS VILLAS
Comfort, convenience, and a serene sense of inspired living in a Resort Community. Outside in the Tennis Villa community is an abundance of well maintained, matured, and manicured grounds offering a private community pool, sun-deck, bbq area and more.

#3110
Quaint corner 1 bedroom/1 bath unit overlooking lush gardens and courtyard. West Indies-style décor, fully furnished turn-key villa located within the Southern Enclave of South Seas Island Resort. Extra side windows in dining area for additional light. Walking distance to beaches, Village of Captiva, restaurants and much more. South Seas Island Resort amenities offered with a club membership. Offered for $350,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.

#3139
Every aspect of the interior is designed to enhance the island experience. The entry level offers a private guest bedroom and bath, a great room that encompasses an open floor plan with sliding glass doors in living and side window in dining area in this end villa. The privacy of the master bedroom with en-suite bath is located on the upper level overlooking an enclaves of sunlight through the picture window. Offered for $425,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.

#3229
It all starts here with this 1 bedroom, second floor unit carefully designed to take full advantage of the sq footage. Ideally located in the southern enclave of South Seas Island Resort overlooking tennis courts. With its prime location it is a short stroll to the Beach, Captiva Village hosting an array of restaurants, shops, water sports and more. Decorated in island style! A private retreat thoroughly embraced by the natural island splendor while offering sale and convenient lifestyle for those seeking an extraordinary vacation location. Offered for $235,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.

PUNTA RASSA 302
This elegantly appointed home has been completely renovated. The cupola and turret are filled with light and charm. On the top floor is a spacious master suite and guest bedroom. First floor includes a large open living area, kitchen, den and courtyard. West Indies-style décor, fully furnished turn-key and ready! Offered for $599,990. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.

CROWN COLONY
Fantastic Lake View in the prestigious Crown Colony Golf & Country Club. This Heron model has so many options, the best may be the greatly expanded pool and deck area with a commanding long view of the lake with a sunset view. Location is always important, and this house really delivers. More options include stainless kitchen, custom coffered ceiling treatments, custom fans, built-in wood cabinets for the office/3rd br, built-in custom entertainment center in living room with large screen HDTV, satellite dish and built-in surround audio system that stays. The very large pool with spa has both solar and electric heater. Electric shutters at front and rear entries. Offered for $389,900. Contact Larry Hahn at 239/898-8789.

CROWN COLONY
This 2 level Kingfisher has been modified from 4 bedrooms to 2 master suites and a guest room. Upstairs master can be reconfigured to 2 bedroom layout. Pool and spa overlook lake with Southern exposure. This home is totally complete. Beautifully finished and furnished. Furnished is included (with few personal exceptions) and golf membership transfer is included but not required. There are too many details & extras to list, so call to see it soon! Offered for $429,000. Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789.