Latest Alternative Transportation Study Results Announced
by Jeff Lysiak

After nearly six years of work, it appears that the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands program – now known as the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program – is closer than ever before to finding an appropriate plan for improving visitor traffic in the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge and on Sanibel.

However, according to some people who attended the March 29 open house which revealed the study’s latest findings, there remains room for improvement. The open house was held at The Community House on Sanibel.

According to a summary of refined project recommendations, the primary goals of the study were to identify ways to reduce congestion and pollution along Wildlife Drive, improve visitor mobility and accessibility while enhancing the refuge experience, conserve natural, historic, and cultural resources while being both cost effective and supported by the public.

Paul Tritaik, manager of the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, explained that the recommendation presented at the open house is made up of seven elements, developed by incorporating public comments collected at last year’s public workshops (held in January and April 2011) and online surveys (August and September 2011).

“Draft elements that did not have a majority of public support have been eliminated,” said Tritaik. “To date, over 20 draft elements have been eliminated, including all forms of public transit outside the refuge.”

Among the suggestions for the project submitted by members of the public were:
- There should be NO circulator elements outside the refuge
- Emphasis should be on protecting the natural habitat
- The existing refuge tram should be maintained with some enhancements
- Wildlife Drive should be resurfaced for easier bicycling
- Existing refuge trails should receive surface enhancements (crushed shell) for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Improve the canoe launch at Tarpon Bay Explorers
- Provide a new trail connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use paths
- Investigate parking options at the former Island Water Association site

Tritaik explained that while improvements to the Tarpon Bay Explorers canoe launch have already been initiated and completed earlier this year, the proposed resurfacing of Wildlife Drive is scheduled to take place next year.

Gloria Hannan, right, shares her thoughts on the study’s findings with Sanibel City Councilman Doug Congress, left, and refuge manager Paul Tritaik.

100 Years Of Life Along The Caloosahatchee

Gloria Hannan, right, shares her thoughts on the study’s findings with Sanibel City Councilman Doug Congress, left, and refuge manager Paul Tritaik.

Lee Student Wins Contest For Third Year In A Row

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is soaring high in schools throughout Florida. This year 1,793 K-12 students from 38 Florida schools and homeschooled participated in this national contest.

The Junior Duck Stamp contest was created by Jaye Boswell at The Sanibel School in 1989 and adopted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1992. This year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the contest. The program is a take-off of the annual Federal Duck Stamp competition started by JN “Ding” Darling in 1934. Last year over 28,000 students from across the country learned the importance of protecting wetland environments to waterfowl management practices and other wildlife conservation methods while participating in the Jr. Duck Stamp art contest.

Morning Pair by Jefferson Jones, Florida Best of Show
Morgan Hotel, The Early Years

by Gerri Reaves

Part I of II

Long before it became the site of the boom-time Morgan Hotel, the northeast corner of First and Dean was home to paying guests.

For many years, SW “Sal” Sanchez and his wife operated the Cottage Home, a boardinghouse-hotel on land once owned by the Langford family.

Sanchez also served as town marshal and collector from 1904 to 1911.

After her husband died in 1915, Mrs. Sanchez continued to operate the Cottage Home.

Reports of its social life in the Fort Myers Press in July 1917 characterize it as a small-town respectable establishment, where “young men of the city” entertained “young lady friends” at a private party and dance with punch and music.

Later that year, the business became the Elton under the new management of Mrs. Charles Christian Jones. It touted a remodeled dining room and a “competent chef, who knows how to cater to the most exacting epicure.”

In 1923, however, John Morgan Dean of Providence, Rhode Island purchased the site of the former Cottage Home and ushered it out of pioneer times and into the modern age by constructing a new hotel on that corner. Some sources state that the Morgan was built around the extant hotel.

One of Fort Myers’ most important and progressive developers ever, Dean is best remembered for developing Dean Park, today an historic district east of downtown.

In January 1924, just in time for high tourist season, the Morgan Hotel opened. It was one of three new structures that significantly raised the skyline of little Fort Myers – difficult to believe nowadays, when condo towers of more than 30 stories are only blocks away from the Morgan.

It should be noted that Dean Street did not exist until Dean obtained permission from the city commission to create it, thus giving his new hotel entrances on two streets.

The Morgan Hotel in the mid-1920s… the Caloosahatchee River out back and a shoe store on the first floor.

It had only 22 rooms originally, but in 1925, 70 rooms were added and in November, the much-expanded building was opened. Other upgrades included a larger lobby with a telephone booth for privacy, plush rugs, and a modern phonograph.

As seen in the historic postcard image, the hotel also featured brass railings on the windows – most of which are still there today – as well as ornate features that have disappeared over the last 88 years.

This undated postcard image shows the Morgan’s dining room of decades ago.

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Good Friday Concert At First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will present its annual Good Friday concert, Portrait of Grace, this Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the church, located at the corner of Jackson and Second Street in downtown Fort Myers. The public is invited to attend, free of charge.

Portrait of Grace, led by Director of Music Ministries Joseph Caulkins, includes a variety of musical presentations performed by First Baptist’s Sanctuary Choir, handbells and soloists. It will feature the church’s music ministry outreach ensemble, Vocal Artistry, a professional orchestra led by Reiko Niiya and special guest, Southwest Florida artist Leoma Lovegrove.

At each concert, Vocal Artistry shines the spotlight on other non-profit organizations in the Southwest Florida area. Partners are chosen based on their financial and awareness need basis. Concerts help to raise a little extra of both. A free-will offering will be collected, and proceeds will benefit two local non-profit organizations: the Royal Palm Christian Counseling Center and Senior Friendship Centers of Lee County.

Rev. John Daugherty and Caulkins designed the Portrait of Grace program, combining an array of inspirational Holy Week selections and classical compositions. It brings together the works from two cantatas, one by Mary McDonald and the other by Joseph Martin, and interjects them with traditional hymns and other sacred music. Woven together with biblical narration, the music tells the story of Jesus.

Polly Kiely, alto of Vocal Artistry, is a featured soloist in the cantata. Jeana Malone, soprano, will perform Their Could Not, made popular by Sandi Patty. Vincent Gonzalez, baritone, will sing Dottie Rambo’s Behold the Lamb. Vocal Artistry will perform three pieces: Lacrimosa, a captivating movement from Karl Jenkins’ Requiem; Jesus, My All, to Heaven is Gone, featuring Dr. Daniel Davis on the soprano saxophone; and O Holy Jesus, traditional text in a new arrangement by Jonathon Willcocks.

Painting Out Loud
While Lovegrove is the product of a Middle America upbringing, her artistic reach extends worldwide. A friend to presidents and European royalty, her works are in the private collections of the White House, George W. Bush, Congressman Connie Mack, Senator Marco Rubio, The Carter Center, Ringo Starr, Sharon Stone and Sir Richard Branson, to name a few. She currently has works on exhibit at Hotel Indigo and under consideration for the Southwest Florida International Airport, where her billboard size canvas of “Remember 9-11,” was on exhibition last year.

Her Painting Out Loud with Leoma Lovegrove performances started with her “Passion Paintings,” powerful portraits of Christ that she paints in front of a congregation with sacred music of worship as her inspiration. These live painting performances now keep her busy traveling the globe. Museum quality originals like the one you will see created on Friday are much sought after.

A graduate of the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Lovegrove’s international headquarters are on the little island of Matlacha where she lives with author husband, Michael J. Silberg, Solomon the demanding cranky parrot and Lois and Fred, the feral cats.

For more information about the Portrait of Grace concert, call 334-7747.
Desperate Housewives Star Visits Edison & Ford Estates

Actor James Denton of ABC’s Desperate Housewives, his wife Erin, son Sheppard, daughter Mailin, cousin Sandy Barraco (of Fort Myers) and uncle John Sheppard visit Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Harley Easter Bunny Toy Run

On Saturday, April 7, Harley Davidson of Fort Myers and the Harley Owners Group, Southwest Florida Chapter, will host the 9th annual Easter Bunny Toy Run to help provide toys to patients at The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

The event includes an escorted route, entertainment, giveaways and a free post-run meal. If you don’t ride a bike but want to help, bring items for donation, such as arts and craft supplies, toys and games, to Harley Davidson of Fort Myers the week preceding the event. Riders will deliver them to the children (no stuffed animals, please).

Pre-registration takes place at Bike Night on April 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers, or register from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers on Saturday, April 7.

Registration fee is $5

The 17-mile ride goes from Harley Davidson of Fort Myers, 2160 Colonial Boulevard, to The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, a part of the Lee Memorial Health System, located at HealthPark Medical Center (corner of Summerlin and Bass Roads), Fort Myers.

For more information, visit www.swfl-hog.com or call 209-7968.

Trip To Sebring International Raceway

The Kennedy Krusiers of Cape Coral are hitting the road again to tour the Sebring International Raceway, one of America’s premier sports car racing facilities, on Wednesday, April 11. Nestled among the orange groves and cattle ranches of central Florida, it is the oldest permanent road racing track in North America, evolving from a World War II air base.

Sebring is world famous for the annual 12 Hours Of Sebring endurance race, that is part of the prestigious American Le Mans Series, which is celebrating it’s 60th anniversary in 2012.

After a morning filled with racing excitement, participants will make a pit stop at the Runway Café for a “Dutch Treat” lunch. This local eatery is a diner-style establishment and a local favorite that boasts great food at reasonable prices.

The tour then takes guests to The Lost Mines of Atlantis to mine for precious and semi-precious gem stones and crystals. Enjoy the thrill of the hunt and discover amethyst, citrine, emerald, ruby, sapphire, garnet, agate, opal, tiger’s eye, petrified wood, Herkimer diamonds, moonstone, onyx, peridot, hematite, chrysocolla and more.

Pre-registration is required for the trip. Contact Lake Kennedy Senior Center in Cape Coral at 574-0575 for more details.

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Celebration Of Women Benefit

For the past five years, nearly 1,000 women have gathered each spring in downtown Fort Myers to honor the female spirit and the important role women have in our society as caregivers. The Celebration of Women to benefit Hope Hospice has been a sellout every year. Tickets are now on sale for the 2012 event, and organizers are projecting another sellout.

What makes the celebration so popular? The fun, of course. This year, guests will enjoy a champagne reception, silent auction, raffle, boutique shopping, lunch and a fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue, Jennifer’s and Brodeur Carvelle. Also, nationally-acclaimed musical artists Mark Sanders and Lee Van Asten will perform Broadway show tunes.

Winners in the auction and raffle will have even more reasons to celebrate. Among the available items:
- A pink Piaggio Vespa LX50 scooter, valued at $6,000
- Unprecedented personal pampering with a $1,500 gift certificate to Azul Spa
- A 46-inch flat screen TV from Bill Smith Appliances and Electronics, valued at $1,399
- A Whirlpool Cabrio Energy Star, high-efficiency washer and dryer, valued at $1,800, courtesy of Home-Tech
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“See you at the celebration!” has become something I hear throughout the year from so many people in the community,” said Hope President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. “We really look forward to this fun afternoon with long-time friends and new ones, in support of a very important cause.

The Celebration of Women will be held on Thursday, April 26 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets are $55 per person, and tables for eight guests are $550. Event sponsorships are available from $1,000 to $10,000. Tickets may be purchased online at www.hopehospice.org/celebration.

To purchase tickets or for sponsorship information, contact Sherri Holly at 855-454-3104 or sherry.holly@hopehcs.org.

Proceeds from the event benefit Hope Hospice, with a special emphasis on Hope Kids Care, for children with a serious illness, grieving or at the end of life.

The Celebration of Women event committee includes co-chairs Sandy Stilwell and Rose Bernal-Rundle, along with members Victoria Black, Dodie Boomer, Michel Doherty, Sharlene Dozier, Heather Fitzthenagen, Deanna Hansen, Elaine Hawkins, Ann Hawthorne, Jacqueline Miloff, Liz Munz, Jenna Persons, Betty Sanders, Judy Sowers, Rena Tchekemian and Mary Jo Walker.

For more information, visit www.hopehcs.org.

Pioneer Picnic Returns April 28

The Pioneer Club of Lee County will hold its 63rd annual picnic on Saturday, April 28 at the Lee County Civic Center’s Tinsley Pavilion, located on Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The eligibility requirement for membership in the Pioneer Club is that a person was a resident of Lee County prior to 1962.

The Pioneer Picnic provides an opportunity for the old families of Lee County to come together to preserve and memorialize the history of the county where they spent so many years of their lives. Discovering old friends, neighbors and school friends makes for a happy lunch bunch. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

The classes of 1962 from Fort Myers Senior High School, Dunbar Senior High School and Alva High School will be recognized at the picnic as celebrating their 50th class reunions. Also recognized at the picnic will be the man and woman who have lived here the longest number of years; the couple married the most years and the one who traveled the longest distance to come to the picnic.

Approximately 1,000 invitations are mailed out for the picnic, of which two-thirds are sent to local residents and the remainder to those people who live out of the area. There are normally 700 to 800 people in attendance and lunch is served to around 650. There is no charge to attend the picnic and parking is free. Barbecue chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, chocolate chip cookies and iced tea are available to the attendees for $10 per plate. It is not mandatory that you eat.

To receive an invitation, send the following information to Pioneer Club, 2233 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901:
- Your name/s (any woman registering is asked to provide her maiden name if applicable)
- The year you arrived in Lee County
- Your mailing address
- Which school you attended and the year you graduated
- You may register on the day of the picnic.

Through the generosity of the City of Fort Myers, free admission on that weekend is given to the members of the Pioneer Club by showing their membership card to the Edison & Ford Estates, Southwest Florida Museum of History (Friday through Sunday, April 27 to 29) and the Burroughs Home & Garden Tour (Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 at 11 a.m. only).
Veterans Park April Classes

Lee County Parks & Recreation is offering a number of classes that are beneficial for improved health while also being fun for the whole family.

The following classes are held at Veterans Park Recreation Center, located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres:

Pole Walking
A new corrective exercise, pole walking helps improve your posture, burn calories, build bone density and increase your cardio stamina.

Morning classes in April are held Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. In May, classes are held Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Each session offers four classes for only $40, which covers instruction and use of loaner poles. All fitness levels are welcome to sign up. Class will meet outside the recreation building’s main front doors.

Local resident Lindy Smith, trained walking instructor for 10 years, will teach everything you need to know to become and “upright citizen.” With a pair of walking poles in your hands, a basic stroll becomes a surprisingly easy full body workout.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing, closed toe shoes and bring a water bottle. Walking poles are provided for each class.

For questions regarding April/May pole walking classes, call Christine Susterich at 369-1521 or e-mail justerin@leegov.com. To register for classes, visit www.leeparks.org or call 369-1521.

Soulful Beat Workout
Sharon Hill, founder of the Colours School of the Arts, is offering a variety of dance classes at Veterans Park Recreation Center. A resident of Lehigh Acres for 22 years, Hill has been serving the community reaching out to underserved youth and adults through the art of dance.

This workout class moves you to the rhythm of a variety of exciting music from around the world. Class is comprised of appropriate stretches, floor exercises, muscular strengthening and endurance as well as a cardiovascular workout.

Classes for ages 18 and older are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Cost is $34 for eight classes. The current session runs through April 25 (8 classes/session). Upcoming sessions include April 30 to May 23 (8 classes/session) and June 4 to 27 (8 classes/session). A $10 facility membership fee is required to participate in this program.

For more information, call 369-1521.

Adult Ballet
Students will learn the fundamental principles of ballet technique that involve and challenge the entire body. The aim is to improve body posture and carriage.

This ballet class for ages 18 and older will introduce the strict discipline of learning to articulate specific terminology verbally and physically. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is $30 for four classes. The current class runs through April 24 (4 classes/session).

Upcoming classes will run May 1 to 22 (4 classes/session) and June 5 to 26 (4 classes/session). A $10 facility membership fee is required to participate in this program.

For more information, call 369-1521.

African Dance
Students will learn traditional dances that have been handed down from generation to generation. These movements originated from the Senegambia region (West Africa), also known as the Ivory Coast or the Slave Coast. Students are taught the rich heritage that African descendants inherited through music and dance.

Classes are ages 18 and older and held Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is $30 for four classes. The current session runs through April 24 (4 classes/session). Upcoming sessions run May 1 to 22 (4 classes/session) and June 5 to 26 (4 classes/session). A multiple class discount is offered; contact the center at 369-1521 for more information. A $10 facility membership fee is required to participate in this program.

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Morgan Hotel

The image indicates that the ground floor was occupied by a shoe store, and the First Street access to the hotel rooms is by an elevated entrance.

The hotel also featured a rooftop solarium. In the 1930s, rooftop tea dances were held at the Morgan.

It operated under the original name until around 1963 and eventually became the Hotel Dean. Today the upper floors are the Dean Executive Center.

The ground floor, home to the popular Morgan House Restaurant before it moved to Patio de Leon, is now Ford’s Garage, which bills itself as “your neighborhood burger and beer joint” inspired by 1920s style.

Walk down to First and Dean to pay tribute to a boom-time hotel that’s still playing a big part in downtown life.

Then stroll the short distance to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the developers like Dean, who changed Fort Myers’ self-image forever.

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

Visit one of the area’s best research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can see photos of the many hotels that greeted tourists through the decades.

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

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

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, Lee County: A Pictorial History by Prudy Taylor Board and Patricia Pope Bartlett, Historic Fort Myers by Prudy Taylor Board and Esther B. Colcord, and the Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer.
Taste Of The Beach Returns On April 29

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce will host the 17th annual Taste of the Beach on Sunday, April 29 at Bay Oaks Recreation Campus, located at 2731 Oak Street in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., with a full day of food, drinks, music and cooking demonstrations by celebrity chef Tim Creehan.

Area businesses will be showcasing their products at the T.O.B. Business Expo, which will be held in the in the air conditioned main building of Bay Oaks Recreation Center. This will provide an opportunity to take a break from the heat to browse through the Expo and see what the Fort Myers Beach business community has to offer.

“It seems like the perfect venue to mix a little fun with business at the annual Taste of the Beach,” said Terri Luster, organizer of the Business Expo. “Make sure you stop by the Expo and enter to win one of the many exciting prizes the businesses will be giving away throughout the day.”

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber is seeking local restaurants and other businesses to participate in the event.

Area restaurants will be offering sumptuous samples of their top selling appetizers, entrees and desserts. This is a great opportunity to sample these tasty fares. A list of participating restaurants can be found on the T.O.B. website at www.tastoffortmyersbeach.com.

Local restaurants will go head-to-head in the always fun waiter/waitress competition, where servers from participating Fort Myers Beach restaurants will test their prowess with various physical challenges and obstacles.

This year’s Taste will be like no other with a special concert by Supernatural, a nationally renowned Santana tribute band made up of world-class musicians from around the globe. Supernatural will perform from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Celebrity chef Tim Creehan is a certified executive chef, author, teacher, inventor, dynamic entertainer and a steward of his community. He is currently the proprietor of the award-winning Cuvee Bistro in Destin, Florida. His reputation for professionalism and love of cooking has allowed him to work with some of entertainment’s biggest stars. He has served as personal chef for such celebrities as Amy Grant, Vince Gil, Cybil Shepherd, Timothy Hutton, Debra Winger and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. Recently, he served as special guest Chef de Cuisine at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival.

There is also a playground on site for children to enjoy. Event-goers are encouraged to bring bathing suits and towels and enjoy the Bay Oaks swimming pool and waterslide.

If you would like to participate in the Taste of the Beach or for more information, contact the Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500 or visit www.fortmyersbeachchamber.org.

**To advertise in The River Weekly News Call 415-7732**
On Friday, April 6, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) invites the public to a birthday party for Trouper, the blind raccoon. He is celebrating his third birthday along side his loving caretaker and spokesperson, Dot Lee. The presentation starts at 11 a.m. and is a great opportunity to learn about respect for wildlife from an extraordinary raccoon. It is followed by ice cream and cake at noon. Proceeds from the event benefit the rebuilding of the raccoon enclosure at CROW.

CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel. Call 472-3644. For more information about Trouper, go to www.trouperraccoon.com.

On Saturday, April 7, the final Saturday Art Fair of the season is being held on the sidewalks of First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and is hosted by ACT Gallery and Art Walk Fort Myers.

Now accepting reservations for Easter Sunday at the JACARANDA. Open at 4 pm.

Along The River
Local Churches Doing Their Part To Fight Hunger

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) is benefitting from several local churches holding food drives at a critical time of need. Next Level Church in south Fort Myers held a month-long community food drive called Feeding Fort Myers which resulted in 39,000 canned food donations as well as monetary donations for CCMI.

“Economic times continue to affect Lee County and we were looking to help those in need,” said Morgan Kirk, volunteer at the church. “Our goal was to have 150 neighborhood or workplace parties to generate dozens of cans at each party for a total of 25,000 cans of food for CCMI. Obviously, we exceeded that and are so thankful to everyone who participated.”

Next Level Church put a challenge out to its congregation to host parties in their homes with admission charges of canned food. On Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, parishioners dropped off their collections before church services.

“We conduct this food drive each year and as this is our fourth year, we are very pleased with how this challenge has grown for the benefit of those hungry in our community,” said Gabe Bedenbaugh, director of community outreach for the church.

“Inventory value on this food is $62,000 or the equivalent to two and a half times our two Fort Myers market’s budgets combined,” said Meghan Madden, food innovation team leader for CCMI.

Madden said last weekend Cape Christian Fellowship held a food drive called Feeding Cape Coral which was expected to bring in about 25,000 cans for CCMI’s Cape market.

“We are really excited to collaborate with CCMI to provide for hungry in Cape Coral that need food,” said Chad Wooll, director with Cape Christian Fellowship.

“We are so thankful for this outpouring of support these churches, their parishioners and their friends and neighbors are providing us at such a critical time as we head into the summer months,” said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. “The religious community has always been one of our strongest support systems and we know we could not be providing the services we do to the hungry in our community without them.”

CCMI has continued to develop new and innovative ways to fight hunger and homelessness across Southwest Florida. It recently launched the Groceries on Wheels program to deliver food to approximately 40 senior clients currently in the Meals on Wheels program who cannot get to the grocery store or shop for themselves.

“Twenty dollars per month sponsors one senior for groceries for the month and $250 sponsors a senior for a year,” said Kelly DeBoy, delivered meals team leader for CCMI.

For more information, call 332-7687 or visit www.ccmileecounty.com.

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Hibiscus Series At Beach United

Each United Methodist Church on Fort Myers Beach announced the final concert in their Hibiscus Series on Thursday, April 12. The concert will feature the Southwest Florida Symphony Palm Strings Quartet. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Sanctuary of the church, located at 155 Bay Road (behind the Library) on Fort Myers Beach. A free offering will be collected to offset expenses.

This outstanding string quartet is making its second performance as part of this highly acclaimed concert series, and will conclude the 2011-12 season.

The string quartet is made up of principal players of the Southwest Florida Symphony. Hannah Cho (violin) is enjoying her fourth season as Assistant Concertmaster with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. She came to Fort Myers after completing a three-year fellowship with the New World Symphony in Miami Beach. Cho hails from Seoul, South Korea, where she began studying violin at the tender age of four. She completed her undergraduate degree at Seoul’s prestigious Yonsei University, studying with Jae Hong Park.

Although Ms. Cho was raised in South Korea, she was actually born in Hamilton, Ontario just south of Toronto. Hannah returned to Canada when she studied at the University of Toronto, receiving an Advanced Certificate while studying with Mayumi Sellier.

Born in Timisoara, Romania, Danuta Muresan (violin) began experiencing the violin at the age of four. The love for music brought him to play throughout Europe, and eventually Florida, where he came to study in 2000. Muresan enjoys performing classical, chamber music and pops concerts (with the Southwest Florida Symphony), opera (with the Palm Beach Opera), as well as jazz, pop and rock concerts on the electric violin.

Rachel Cox currently performs violin and viola with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Viola Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Among her performing credits is a performance in Carnegie Hall under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas and two PBS nationwide broadcasts as a member of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Erich Kunzel. She has published six books on Ohio and U.S. history, which are used in schools, libraries and universities throughout the country.

She recently published her first novel, The Horror Within.

Returning this season after a one year hiatus, and former principal cellist of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, Susie Kelly began studying cello at the age of six in her native Windsor, Connecticut. Her education includes degrees in cello performance from the Eastman School of Music and in chamber music from the University of South Florida. As an orchestral musician, she performs frequently with the New World Symphony, Orlando Philharmonic and Sarasota Orchestra.

A reception will follow the concert which is open to the public.

For more information, call the church office at 463-9656.
Caribbean Trumpet Tree

by Gerri Reaves

One of South Florida’s most popular ornamental trees, the Caribbean trumpet tree (*Tabebuia aurea*), has a fairly short but spectacular spring blooming season—when it’s a showstopper.

It is native to the West Indies and parts of South America, but not to Florida, and typically grows to about 25 feet high.

Some specimens have silvery gray leaves that give the tree another common name, silver trumpet tree.

The furrowed and corky bark provides a good platform for air plants and adds character to the tree.

The Caribbean trumpet tree is native to the West Indies by Gerri Reaves

The furrowed bark provides a good platform for air plants and adds character to the tree.

Dropping leaves, a shallow root system, and wind breakage are maintenance concerns, but it is generally pest resistant.

Give the tree full sun, which will accent its beauty in the flowering season.

The dark pods of about six inches long contain water seeds.

Springs brings profuse clusters of bright showy flowers

by Justen Dobbs

Here in south Florida, we have a host of pests that attack our beautiful tropical plants and trees. How do you deal with these without spreading chemicals around your garden? There are a few simple tricks that you can use to reduce your insect, bacterial and fungal friends in your garden or landscape.

I think it’s safe to say that most people would rather use a safe, organic agent rather than a harmful chemical in their garden, especially with pets and grandchildren running around.

If you have small white flakes on your plants, they are likely mealy bugs. Or, you may have even smaller brown or beige lumps covering your plants’ leaves or stems. This is likely scale. Insects lay these eggs which hatch on your plants’ leaves and then eat them. Both of these infestations can usually be treated with coffee grounds. Whether you use fresh grounds or used ones, simply sprinkle them generously around the base of your palms and plants. This will create acidic soil conditions which deter pests and alter your plants’ pH (systemic agent). While healthy for the plants, it is not preferred by most insects and they will soon leave. Or, you can add coffee ground to tap water and spray the solution on your plants’ leaves. This also helps deter pests, but only after several applications.

Many plants in Southwest Florida (especially on Sanibel) are becoming more and more susceptible to sooty mold, which is dirt and dust that clings to urine deposited by insects. This sooty mold can quickly spread and greatly affects the health of the plants it covers. You will often find it on plants that are in too much shade or have too little airflow. This sooty mold can be removed with a mixture of organic soap and water. All it takes is a bucket, sponge and a little elbow grease.

Recently, I witnessed a rare palm tree on Sanibel get butchered down to its center spear (i.e. they removed almost all its leaves) because it was covered in sooty mold. This was quite a tragedy. The palm will take years to recover (if it survives) for a simple coating of dust on its leaves that could have been treated with soap and water. I blame ignorant landscape maintenance crews, which is why I am trying to educate the public.

If you have a problem with squirrels, opossums or other vectors digging up your flowers, hibiscuses or vegetables, try sprinkling them with some paprika. Animals will stay far away from hot spices as it bothers their noses. Keep in mind, this may not be as effective in our rainy summer months.

There are hundreds of other organic remedies on the Internet, too. Please do some research to see what your options are before taking drastic measures.

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

Bonsai Society Picnic and Auction

The annual picnic and auction of the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Community Garden Center adjacent to the Edison Laboratory on McGregor Boulevard. The picnic is in lieu of the monthly meeting.

The public is invited. There is no charge for attendance and free parking is on Larchmont Street (running south from McGregor Boulevard, one block east of the Edison Laboratory).

The auction will begin at 11 a.m. and a buffet line for the picnic will begin at noon. Beginner bonsai demonstrations will be in the south gazebo at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. at 1 p.m., raffle numbers will be drawn and silent auction winners will be announced.

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. Information about bonsai and the association will be available at the picnic.

For more information call Greg Lignelli at 560-3275.
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CROW Case Of The Week:
Swallow-Tailed Kite
by Patricia Molloy

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Know The Rules Before Wetting A Fishing Line

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The big trout bite is still going on all over the sound and even along the beaches. This week I did get on some better size trout in the southern sound, which was a change from having to make the run to the clear water in the northern sound. Trout over 20 inches were common all week with a few real ‘gator trout in the 25- to 26-inch range caught. Shiners and small pinfish are the bait of choice for these ‘gator trout, although I have caught a few on handpicked shrimp too. Fishing the white sandhollies in thick, healthy grass in two- to three-foot depths produced the biggest trout of the week. Bright sunny conditions really seem like the best time to target these larger trout.

With so many trout out there, don’t get greedy by taking too many. Seatrout are in their spawn right now they should be handled as little as possible if being released. If you plan on harvesting trout, they should be eaten fresh within a day or two of being caught as the meat does not freeze well. Regulations on trout are four fish per angler per day between 5 and 20 inches of which only one can be over the 20-inch maximum.

Recently there was a picture in this newspaper of an angler with eight trout he kept in a day. That is over the limit. Trout are a natural resource and the bag limits and size limits along with good management of the species are the reason the resource is in such great shape. It does not take too many meat fisherman to wreck this for everyone. Fishing trips are judged on so much more than the size of the Ziplock bag of fillets you go home with. There is nothing wrong at all with taking home a fresh fish dinner, but if you plan on stocking your freezer, please go to a grocery store.

Not knowing our state and local fishing regulations is no excuse to break the law. If you are new to fishing, new to the area or are on vacation, pick up the FWC fish identification with the regulations at any local tackle store. Regulations do change so go online and check out www.myfwc.com for the latest news.

With another windy March behind us, tarpon fishing will really kick into high gear in the next few weeks. For a few hours one morning with clients I had my first chance this season to go out and fish for tarpon. Although we did not hook up a single fish, every place I went we saw a few rolling fish and even had one tarpon come up and swirl on and miss a live bait. The rush of seeing tarpon while they are free jumping, rolling or even flashing on and missing a live bait, to this day, makes my heart race. After catching and putting anglers on hundreds or more tarpon in my life, the adrenaline rush it brings just seeing these awesome fish still amazes me. In my book there is not a more exciting, hard fighting, shallow water gamefish to target, period.

This week daytime redfish took a lot more work than expected. Although this bite was all wind that had the tide blown up higher than expected. Although this bite was all smaller reds, the action was wide open with more than a dozen caught in 20 minutes. The bigger reds took a lot more work and we caught only one here and one there. The bigger reds took a lot more work and we caught only one here and one there.

While riding around mangrove islands, I did see some good numbers of redfish but with the tides very slow moving if at all they simply would not eat. The big redfish of the week on my boat measured only 24 inches.

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.

Basic GPS Class

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering a class in basic GPS operation on Saturday, April 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This class will be offered again in the fall of 2012.

The class is designed to introduce new users to GPS. The class will include discussions of marine navigation, how a GPS works and GPS limitations. There will be an extensive presentation on what a GPS can do and what a boater can do with GPS. For those interested in purchasing a GPS, you will understand what a GPS can do for you and some of the key features to look for as you shop for a GPS.

The cost of the class is $40.

The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd. at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers.

Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040 for more information.

Conner Brown with his first shark, a three-foot bonnethead, caught while redfish fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week
Free Guided Beach Walks

Lee County Parks & Recreation invites visitors and residents to get out and explore the ecosystem and wildlife at area beach parks, preserves and shorelines.

Barrier Islands Guided Walk

Follow our guide as they lead you through Bowditch Point Park. Learn the importance of the barrier islands, their unique ecosystem and how they protect the mainland. Explore the beach front tropical hardwoods, coastal scrub and wetland plant communities. Walks are held every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Parking is $1 per hour or free with a valid Lee County Parks & Recreation parking sticker. Meet on the upper patio for this free walk. Bowditch Point Park is located at the north tip of Estero Island.

Low Tide loafing at sunset

Join a naturalist and leisurely explore the mud flats to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers and enjoy a beautiful Florida sunset as well. Bring a camera, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, bug spray and drinking water. The next walks are scheduled for Thursday, April 5 and Thursday, May 3 from 6 to 7 p.m. Parking is $1 per hour or free with a valid Lee County Parks & Recreation parking sticker. Meet on the upper patio for this free walk. Bowditch Point Park is located at the north tip of Estero Island.

Mangrove Walk at Matanzas Pass Preserve

Take an educational and inspirational guided walk through Matanzas Pass Preserve out to the Estero Bay. Learn about the diverse plant community including a maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands and a mangrove forest. Walks are held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so arrive early. Meet at the entrance of Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, behind the Fort Myers Beach Library and school.

Exploring Ethnobotany

Learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing. Find out about the historical importance of some of Florida’s plants to humans. This program is offered the fourth Wednesday of every month 9:30 to 11 a.m. The next program is scheduled for April 25. This is a free walk and parking is free, but space is limited so arrive early. Meet at the entrance of Matanzas Pass Preserve, 199 Bay Road, behind the Fort Myers Beach Library and school.

For more information about any of these guided beach walks, visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7444.

Duck Touch Screen to be Unveiled at ‘Ding’ Friday

April 6 promises to be “Just Ducky” at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge as the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) unveils its new Duck Touch Screen computer at the Spranilde Duck Decoy Exhibit in the Refuge Education Center starting at 10 a.m.

The exhibit, which debuted last year, displays 47 wooden duck decoys carved by renowned bird sculptor and past DDWS president Jim Sprankle.

“To enhance the educational value of Jim’s beautiful collection, we are unveiling an interactive computer station that will tell visitors more about each species of duck in the exhibit as well as a number of additional features,” said Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger.

“When installed, it will have a bunch of cool features such as duck calls, flyway zones, a list of all the nation’s refuges by state, information on the junior duck stamp competition, and the history of the national duck stamp contest.”

Westland and Spranilde will be speaking about ducks and duck-carving at two lectures, which take place after the 10 a.m. unveiling and again at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

Wiggins Pass Nature Festival

The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park in conjunction with the staff of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park will present Wiggins Pass Nature Festival on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is located in North Naples at 11135 Gull Shore Drive (at the end of 111th).

This festival focuses on educating youth and adults about Florida’s natural areas and native wildlife. There will be nature and educational exhibits, children’s games and a variety of other activities.

The event is free with park entrance fee; pedestrians and cyclists are $2 each, auto with one person is $4 and auto with passengers $6. If assistance is needed to participate, contact the park office 72 hours in advance.

For more information visit http://www.delnorwiggins.org or call 239-597-6196.

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Indians as well as one of Fort Myers' first families. Dr. Hanson was physician to Thomas Seminole-Miccosukee Indians in Southwest Florida in 1884, when the community's relationship with the neighboring Seminole-Miccosukee Indians included unrivaled insight into the community's relationship with the neighboring Seminole-Miccosukee Indians.

The Hanson family began its own history in Southwest Florida in 1884, when London-born Dr. Wm. Hanson and his wife, Julia Allen Hanson, opted to settle in Fort Myers while on their way to Cuba. Dr. Hanson was physician to Thomas Edison and the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians as well as one of Fort Myers' first real estate developers. Mrs. Hanson was active in almost every movement or institution in Southwest Florida and beyond and was called "the most beloved woman in Florida" upon her death in 1934. Their son, W. Stanley Hanson (1883-1945), dubbed "the White Medicine Man," was a trusted advisor to the Seminole-Miccosukee Indians from the early part of the 20th century until his death in 1945. He wanted to dispel myths about the tribe, including those shared by some of those who would help them, and offer a true portrait of their lives. With the permission of his tribal friends, he recorded their lives in hundreds of photographs, writings and drawings, illuminating a world that had been invisible to outsiders. "Excerpt taken from the Hanson Family website (www.seminole-lodge.com/about.php)

The program takes place at the Fort Myers Central Library, not at SCCF's Nature Center. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling SCCF at 472-2329.

**Duck Stamp**

**Morning Pair** is the title of the 2012 Florida Best of Show entry. The painting was created by 17-year-old Jefferson Jones from Lehigh Acres, Florida. It is an acrylic painting and depicts a pair of fulvous whistling ducks. Jones' painting will compete against the other 53 Best of Show winners in the National Junior Duck Stamp contest finals on Friday, April 20 at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland. If Jones' entry places among the top three, he could earn a cash prize. The first-place national winner's artwork will be made into the 2012-2013 National Junior Duck Stamp that sells for $5 and the winner will receive a $5,000 cash prize.

Jones attends the Sacred Heart of Jesus Private School in Lehigh Acres. With guidance from local artists, carvers and his family, Jones has been able to win the Florida Best of Show title for the past three years. His passion for art and wildlife is highlighted in his conservation message that accompanied his painting: "Do not alter the plans of the master artist."

An awards ceremony will be held on October 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. during the annual "Ding" Darling Days celebration at the JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Winning students will receive ribbons and prizes sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. All Florida winners' works will be on display at the refuge education center for the entire year. All Florida entrants will receive a certificate of completion in the 2012 Junior Duck Stamp Art competition.

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**Symphony At Alliance For The Arts**

The Southwest Florida Symphony presents the next program in its family Cupcake Concerts Series on Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. at the Alliance for the Arts. These Cupcake Concerts are part performance and part family outing. They are designed to educate, engage and spark the whole family's imagination.

Members of the Symphony Brass Quintet will present the story of the brass instruments, from the earliest use of animal horns for signaling, to jazz and pop music of today. The program includes *William Tell Overture* by Rossini, ragtime music by Joplin and *Semper Fidelis March* by Sousa.

Kids and parents can get up close with brass instruments from the Symphony's "Instrument Petting Zoo" and enjoy a fun-filled, hands-on experience with the trumpet, trombone and horn.

The programs are free of charge thanks to sponsorships from LCEC and the City of Fort Myers. For more information call the Symphony Office at 418-0996 or visit www.sfswso.org.

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On Friday, April 6, Young Artists Awards vocalists Halie Boling and Nicholas Hambruch will be performing at the Art of the Olympians Museum from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with April’s Fort Myers Art Walk.

Boling, 16, is a sophomore at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts and was named the 2012 Young Artists Awards category winner in Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre. Hambruch, 15, attends the ninth grade at Ida Baker High school and was a finalist in the 2012 Young Artists Awards Competition.

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

Art of the Olympians is located at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. The performance is free and open to the public.

For more information on the Young Artists Awards, visit www.youngartistawards.org or Young Artists Awards on Facebook.
The Alliance for the Arts and WGCU Public Media will present the Season 6 premiere of ART: 21 – the only primetime national television series focused exclusively on contemporary art – at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance. This event is free with a $5 suggested donation, but reservations are required to ensure a seat.

ART: 21 premieres on WGCU-TV on Friday, April 13, with new episodes each Friday during April and May. Through in-depth profiles and interviews, the four-part series reveals the inspirations, visions and techniques behind the creative works of some of today’s most thought-provoking artists.

WGCU will premiere the episode, Change, which features artists who bear witness, through their work, to transformation – cultural, material and aesthetic – and actively engage communities as collaborators and subjects. Ai Weiwei infuses his sculptures, photographs and public artworks with personal poetry and political conviction, often making use of recognizable and historic Chinese art forms in critical examinations of a host of contemporary Chinese social and political issues. In sculptures of clay, wood, and metal El Anatsui uses and explores materials and formal elements that relate to his aesthetic and cultural environment, exemplifying change and revealing the eternal cycle of all things—destruction, transformation, and regeneration. Catherine Opie investigates the ways in which photographs both document and give voice to social phenomena in America today. Working between conceptual and documentary approaches to image making, she examines the familiar genres of portraiture, landscape and studio photography in surprising uses of serial images, unexpected compositions, and the pursuit of radically different subject matters.

Over the last decade, Art: 21 has established itself as the preeminent chronicler of contemporary art and artists through its Peabody Award-winning biennial television series Art in the Twenty-First Century. The organization has used the power of digital media to expose millions of people of all ages to contemporary art and artists and has created a new paradigm for teaching and learning about the creative process.

The premiere begins at 7:30 p.m. on April 12. Doors open at 7 p.m. A wine and cheese reception will follow the premiere. Seating is limited, so reserve your spot now by calling the Alliance at 939-2787 or going to www.wgcu.org/events and registering online. The screening is free with a $5 suggested donation.

Photograph taken by Catherine Opie, featured in the Art: 21 premiere episode

Image from the Art: 21 episode entitled "Change"

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Thespian Troupe
superior for her costume design in Chess.
- Senior Anastasia Smetkova earned superior for costume design in The Importance of Being Earnest.
- The duet of seniors Amy Alexander and Talia Moorey received superior for duet acting in The Nerd.
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The Edison State College Theatre Program presents Savage/Love by Sam Shepard and Joseph Chaikin. In a note from Chaikin at the beginning of one edition of the play, he bills the piece as, "Savage/Love: common poems of real and imagined moments in the spell of love." Different from Shakespeare's broad observations about love, Shepard and Chaikin write from deep within the most familiar and terrifying intimate moments.

Savage/Love is the outcome of two engaging collaborations. The first is that of Sam Shepard (winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Buried Child) and Joseph Chaikin (founder of the Open Theatre in New York) who created Savage/Love over the course of three weeks of improvisational writing sessions. The creative team behind Edison State College Theatre's production keeps with the collaborative spirit and consists of Stuart Brown (S/L's director and Professor of Theatre at Edison) and Alyce Bochette (S/L's choreographer and co-director of Dance Bochette.)

Edison State College Theatre mounts a full production each fall and spring semester. In the spring of 2011, they produced Some Things You Need To Know Before The World Ends (A Final Evening With The Illuminati) by Larry Larson and Levi Lee, and this past fall, a production of Servant Of Two Masters by Carlo Goldoni.

Many parts of this production of Savage/Love were created by the cast through experimentation during movement rehearsals. This, with smart and challenging direction and choreography from Stuart Brown and Alyce Bochette, yields an engrossing bit of theatre.

Savage/Love will be performed on April 5, 6 and 7. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission and $5 for students.

For more information, visit www.BrownPaperTickets.com or call Stuart Brown at 239-433-8007.

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American Virtuosi Chamber Concerts

On Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host this season’s American Virtuosi Chamber Concerts. The two unique programs will feature the music of the great masters combined with the talent of some of the world’s leading concert artists. Special guests this season include violin virtuoso James Ehnes. Hailed as “the Jascha Heifetz of our day” (Globe and Mail), violinist James Ehnes is widely considered one of the most dynamic and exciting performers in classical music. He has performed in over 30 countries on five continents, appearing regularly with many of the world’s most well-known orchestras and conductors. Mr. Ehnes appeared as guest soloist recently at the Naples Philharmonic with the Toronto Symphony in a dazzling performance of the Barber Violin Concerto. He plays a 1715 Stradivarius violin.

Violinist Peter Winograd returns to Fort Myers. Mr. Winograd was recognized early as an exceptionally promising young artist and was a top prize winner in the 1988 Naumburg International Violin Competition. He then made his New York debut to critical acclaim and has since appeared as a guest soloist with numerous orchestras around the world. He is currently first violinist of the American String Quartet and is in residence at the Manhattan School of Music and Aspen Music Festival.

Caterina Szepes, violinist, is a member of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. A native of Berlin, she has appeared both as a soloist and as a chamber musician throughout Europe, Australia, South America and the United States. Her concerto performances include those with Rheinische Kammerphilharmonie Cologne, the Symphony Orchestra of Aue and the Stuttgart Philharmonic Orchestra. Among her numerous awards are first prize in the Cleveland Institute of Music concerto competition, one of the top prizes in the Mendelssohn competition in Berlin, and first prize in the Berlin National Youth Competition. Ms. Szepes has been invited to participate in various chamber music festivals in the U.S. including the Taos summer music festival and the Marlboro festival in Vermont.

Also returning this year is cellist Andres Diaz, winner of the First Prize in the 1986 Naumburg International Cello Competition. His numerous orchestral appearances around the globe include engagements with the Atlanta Symphony, performances with the American Symphony at Carnegie Hall, the symphony orchestras of Milwaukee, Seattle, Rochester, the Boston Pops and Esplanade Orchestras, the Chicago Symphony at the Ravinia Festival and the National Symphony Orchestra. Among the highlights of Diaz’s recent seasons are tours of Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Hawaii and Canada and appearances in Chile, Venezuela, Argentina and the Dominican Republic. He has also appeared with Russia’s Saratov Symphony and toured in New Zealand with the New Zealand Chamber Orchestra. Currently, he is Associate Professor at Southern Methodist University.

Jim Griffith, violist, received his M.M. degree from the Juilliard School. He is a former member of the Hudson String Quartet in New York, faculty member of Point-Counterpoint Chamber Music Camp in Vermont, and director of the New Arts Festival in Fort Myers. Griffith is a Florida native and has been a member of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra since 1988. He has successfully managed the acquisition, planning, design and restoration of the historic Federal Building in downtown Fort Myers, transforming it into the premier fine art center now known as the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

At the age of 15, pianist Wendy Chen debuted with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under conductor André Previn. In 1990, she became the youngest winner ever of the National Chopin Competition, was one of the inaugural recipients of the Irving S. Gilmore Young Artists Award, and was named a Presidential Scholar by the National Foundation for the Arts. Since then, her career has flourished, adding Young Concert Artists International Auditions and Washington International Auditions and Washington International Competition to her numerous awards. Ms. Chen has garnered critical acclaim for her engagements with leading orchestras and concert halls worldwide, with reviewers exclaiming that “having pianist Wendy Chen on the program is a guarantee that sparks will fly.”

The Friday, April 13 evening program will include the Rachmaninov Étude tableau op. 39 #5 (Chen), the Faure Sonata (Ehnes and Chen) and the Beethoven Archduke trio (Diaz, Chen and Winograd).

The Saturday, April 14 evening program will begin with the Rachmaninov Cello sonata (Diaz and Chen), which will be followed by the Shostakovich Quartet #8 (Diaz, Griffith, Szepes and Winograd) and the Kodaly Duo (Diaz and Ehnes).

Cocktail receptions begin at 7 p.m., with performances at 8 p.m. Tickets are $33 each. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

NARFE Meetings

NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), South Lee County Chapter #1263, will hold its quarterly evening meeting April 10. The meeting will be held at the Myrlee County Club, 1380 Myrlee County Club Drive. Buffet dinner will be at 5:45 p.m., the meeting will follow at 6:30.

The monthly luncheon meeting will be April 19 at 11:30 a.m. at International King Buffet, 9061 College Parkway. For more information call 482-6713.
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Wishing you all the Blessings Easter Brings
Work Begins On Fort Myers Regional Library

Lee County and City of Fort Myers officials broke ground on the new state-of-the-art Fort Myers Regional Library on March 27. The facility, a joint venture between the City of Fort Myers and Lee County, will be approximately 43,135 square feet and include two buildings and an outdoor plaza.

The estimated cost of the facility is $20 million and funding for the library comes from existing library fund balances. The City of Fort Myers owns the land. The library is expected to open in 2013.

The Lee County Library System serves Lee County with free books, downloadable eBooks, digital content, books-by-mail, bookmobile, electronic resources, music and movies, programs and meeting space.

For more information, contact Terri Crawford, deputy director of the Lee County Library System, at 533-4832.

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Book Signing With Langlas

Do you want to know the secret to a great life? Jim Langlas, author and Edison State College professor, has seven secrets to share during a book signing and question-and-answer session on Tuesday, April 17. The event will be held in the Seminar Room of the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall on the Collier Campus of Edison State College beginning at 4 p.m.

The book, entitled Heart of a Warrior: 7 Ancient Secrets to a Great Life, is inspired by the ancient Korean history of Hwarang – young student-warriors who worked to strengthen their spirits as well as their fighting skills.

“These principles are rooted in the long-standing tradition of Taekwondo, and these are easily transferred to modern-day character education,” said Langlas, who added that these principles are then divided into four fundamentals.

Langlas, who has taught English for more than 30 years and has practiced Taekwondo for more than 40 years, included in the back of the book a special leader’s guide that offers tips on using the book with teenagers.

“The book is a mix of storytelling and writing from my former students,” he said. “I wanted readers to see for themselves how these principles and fundamentals can be applied to everyday life.”

The book is also available for purchase online at www.freespirit.com.

The Edison State College Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, is located off Collier Boulevard, three miles north of Tamiami Trail East in Naples.

CESE Book Recently Published

submitted by Andrew Stansell

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education (CESE) at Florida Gulf Coast University recently revised a book for an international audience about the concept and practice of sustainable development. Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran and editorial associate Joseph P. Weakland collaborated with Dutch author Niko Roorda to translate and edit the textbook, Fundamentals of Sustainable Development. London-based publisher Routledge Press recently published the book on March 26.

“Thanks to the ideas and contributions of Corcoran and Weakland, the scope of the book has been made fully international, making it suitable for students and scholars in the USA, the UK and everywhere else in the world,” said Roorda.

Fundamentals of Sustainable Development is an interactive and complete educational tool for both teachers and students. The book comes with a website containing exercises, learning goals and summaries for each chapter as well as over 40 video clips. It also offers a “lecturer section,” which includes a PowerPoint to accompany every chapter with answers and explanations to the exercises.

Those with no previous knowledge of sustainable development can read the book with ease. The first part presents an overview of the conceptual and practical challenges in sustainable development stemming from human-environment relations as well as ensuing issues of inequality and insecurity. The second part explores strategies and solutions for facing these challenges. It presents a number of case studies drawn from India, China, the European Union and Africa, and draws on a range of disciplines to investigate topics such as climate change, energy, technology, political and economic instruments, and sustainable business practices.

“It was an honor for the Center to be called upon to assist in this important international book project,” said Corcoran. “We are excited by the extensive online resources that will be available to teachers as part of the book.”

If you would like more information on the Center’s work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education and action, visit www.fgcu.edu/cese. For more details on the book or purchasing information, click on the link found on the Center’s homepage titled “Fundamentals of Sustainable Development.”

Lee Republican Women To Meet

The Lee Republican Women Federated will meet Monday, April 9 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Myers. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. with dinner and program to follow. Speakers will be the candidates for Lee County Sheriff: Mike Scott (incumbent), Lee Bushong, and Tim Fisher. Cost is $20. Cash bar will be available. RSVP by calling 432-9389 or email cindylynnel-li222@gmail.com.

The Hilton Garden Inn is at 12601 University Drive.
Alternative Transportation

“We already had the road resurfacing on our five-year plan for construction projects, but working along with this alternative transportation study, we applied for and received funding to have that work done in 2013,” he said. “This study, at least, can justify our ability to compete for funding for additional enhancements. It also helps to have a lot of public support.”

After considering both public input and the technical evaluation, the steering committee refined the Draft Project Recommendation to seven elements. They include:

Wildlife crossings – Areas adjacent to the refuge of high wildlife fatalities would be identified and evaluated for new wildlife crossings: specific locations and physical features would be determined in the next phase of the study. The design would be consistent with City of Sanibel design standards and all modes of transport (motorized and non-motorized) associated with the refuge will be subject to wildlife protection guidelines.

New trail connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path – A new trail for hikers and bicyclists would connect the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area with a direct connection to the city’s shared use path, directly to the south. The new trail would include trail surface (similar to other refuge trails) for use by non-motorized users; markings for obstructions and drop-offs near paths; improvements in signage and markings at path intersections. The trail would provide wildlife-dependent recreation by adding an additional pathway through the refuge mangrove forest and would increase safety by providing a non-motorized vehicle connection between the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area and the existing shared use path adjacent to Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Enhanced refuge wayfinding plan for existing refuge signage – Small information kiosks and directional signage made of durable materials would inform visitors of the recreational opportunities offered by the refuge in addition to other transportation and congestion information. All efforts would be taken to enhance, replace, and consolidate existing signage. Each kiosk would display information about its location and maps showing its location in relation to other island features and destinations. Information pertaining to restrictions on activities may also be posted at wayfinding kiosks.

Bailey Tract wayfinding to the shared use path – Improved wayfinding techniques would instruct users to the available connection between the refuge’s Bailey Tract, other areas of the refuge, and to the shared use paths along Tarpon Bay Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road. This strategy is focused on providing enhanced connectivity between the refuge and shared use path; the refuge would collaborate with the City of Sanibel and its Shared Use Path Master Plan. Expanded refuge parking options at existing satellite overflow parking – The refuge owns the former Island Water Association site (located on the south side of Sanibel-Captiva Road, east of Rabbit Road). The site is currently being used as an overflow parking site for events. The site is proposed to be converted to a formal parking site that would be consistent with the parking design standards, vegetation and landscaping requirements, drainage and environmental performance standards as stated by the City of Sanibel’s Land Development Code. Formalizing refuge parking options at the site would help address the need for additional parking during peak season. Bicycle rentals at the refuge (continent upon preceding element) – Due to current parking limitations at the refuge education center, bicycle rental facilities are only feasible at the refuge if additional parking capacity is formalized at the existing satellite overflow parking site. The bicycle rental facilities could be operated by a project partner, concessionaire or private entity.

Enhancements to the refuge tram and new shuttle service – The existing refuge tram circulator would continue to operate along Wildlife Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road. An expanded dropoff and pick-up location is proposed at the former Island Water Association site. Refuge visitors may take the existing 90-minute guided tour, or visitors would also be able to access the refuge through a new non-guided shuttle service to the education center and through the refuge. The non-guided shuttle service would only operate during peak season. The mode of transport chosen would accommodate bicycles, canoes/kayaks, and other recreational equipment. The expanded and new services would also be environmentally friendly, as they would run on compressed natural gas or solar-electric propulsion technology, and they would allow visitors to choose an alternative to the single occupancy vehicle.

Additional details of the alternative transportation study may be found online at www.dingdarlingtransportation.com.

Gloria Hannan, a Sanibel resident for the past 12 years, attended the open house. She remained skeptical that the suggested program proposals would be effective in reducing traffic within the refuge.

“Wy, we Americans, are so attached to our cars,” Hannan told Tritts. “I think that if you’re worried about traffic impacts at the refuge, you might think about installing a vehicle quota system.”

Hannan further explained that a reservation system, similar to those in use at other national parks and wildlife refuges, might only be required during peak periods of visitor activity.

“They keep saying that their plan is going to help relieve traffic congestion, but you’re always going to have people coming here in cars and on buses,” she added. “Maybe they should think about other enhancements for cyclists… perhaps an option that they could come back along Wildlife Drive from the Indigo Trail. There would only be a short section of two-way traffic, because not everybody can do the entire eight-to-ten-mile route.”

Patti Sousa of the Sanibel Bicycle Club said that overall, she is pleased with the new proposals suggested by the study, including the trails connecting the Tarpon Bay Recreation Area to the shared use path.

“I think they have a great opportunity to really think ‘outside the box’ with that trail,” said Sousa. “I think it should be designed to be more than just a straight, blacktop path.”

Sousa also thought the plan to improve wayfinding between the Bailey Tract and the shared use path was “lacking,” wondering aloud “Who is this path for… bikers or motorists?”

Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Demenh called the study proposed plans “closer to what seems reasonable to us as a city,” but reiterated his opinion that any future refuge circulator should be an electric vehicle.

“None of the other alternatives are acceptable,” said Denham. “We, as a nation, have a problem with ‘public transportation,’ but it is the most reasonable alternative to using our cars and it is better for the environment.”

According to the study, any new circulator vehicles would be the same size and style as existing refuge trams, which seat 25 visitors.

“Propulsion of new vehicles would be compressed natural gas or solar-electric. Any increased emissions would be counteracted by the reduction of emissions from the reduced number of single-occupancy vehicles entering the refuge,” the project proposal reads in part.

In addition, the study revealed that it is no longer considering the five-stop Environmental Institution Circulator along Sanibel-Captiva Road, no extension to island resorts, no circulator to the mainland or Captiva and no canoe/kayak landing at Dixie Beach Boulevard.”

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Proceeds from the 19th Annual Boston Red Sox Children’s Hospital Celebrity Classic topped $1 million. Taking part in the check presentation ceremony at JetBlue Park on March 27 are, from left, Ron McEwan, Forest Country Club; Jack and Shelley Blais, Matching Sponsors; Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine; 2012 Most Valuable Patient Ben Klassen and his sister, Dana; Sharon MacDonald, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation; and Katie Haas, Director of Florida Business Operations for the Red Sox.

Red Sox Children’s Hospital Celebrity Classic Raises Record $1 Million-Plus

The Economics Of Baseball

submitted by Commissioner Ray Judah

As Lee County celebrates the new jetBlue Park, it is important to reflect on how close we were to losing the Boston Red Sox and on the importance of baseball to our local economy. Since 2000, five Major League Baseball teams have relocated their spring training from the Florida Grapefruit League to the Cactus League in Arizona.

In the summer of 2008, the Boston Red Sox indicated a strong desire to leave the City of Palms Park and pursue various options for a new Spring Training site. The Lee County Board of County Commissioners acted decisively to ensure that the Red Sox remained in Lee County by entering into a 30-year contract with the team. Unlike the previous contract, the new contract expressly prohibits an opt-out clause, broadens the use of the new facility for non-baseball events year-round, increases the annual lease from $300,000 to $500,000, and requires the Red Sox to increase their proportional share of the stadium refurbishment fund from $20,000 annually to an average of $100,000 per year. Furthermore, the stadium naming rights given to jetBlue Airlines provide $1.2 million to Lee County over eight years.

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Our baseball-friendly environment has attracted the interest and attention of amateur baseball organizations such as the Roy Hobbs, Gene Cusic Classic, the Perfect Game, and men’s and women’s collegiate baseball and softball tournaments. Collectively, the Boston Red Sox, Minnesota Twins and amateur baseball place a lot of heads in beds while pumping in excess of $75 million annually into our local economy. jetBlue Airlines’ recent announcement of a new direct flight between Leeward Airport and Southwest Florida International will facilitate ease of travel and translate into increased tourist dollars, gas tax and sales tax dollars into our local economy.

The presence of Major League Baseball offers a multiplier effect further benefiting Lee County. Both the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins contribute substantially and participate in local fundraising events and community programs and activities. Both teams have raised millions of dollars through charity golf tournaments and fundraising auctions to provide resources for the Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, Boys and Girls Club, and Little League Baseball in addition to numerous other community service organizations.

jetBlue Park will be the catalyst for increased real estate value and explosive business growth along Daniels Parkway. The old Yankee Stadium may have been “The House That Ruth Built,” but jetBlue Park is the house that our valued tourists built. And it will be a gift that keeps on giving.
Cast Your Vote For Comedy Team

The search for the funniest college has begun. Florida State University’s comedy team has two members who grew up right here on Sanibel Island. Dan Scott and Connor Simmons will be competing in April against other college teams and need your vote to advance. Online voting runs through Saturday, April 7 at www.rooftopcomedy.com/college. Click on “choose your school,” pick Florida State University and then vote for Scott, Simmons and the whole FSU team.

Let’s give these local kids a shot at becoming professional comedians. Who knows... one of them could be the next Jerry Seinfeld.

Golf Classic At Grandezza To Raise Funds For Harry Chapin Food Bank

Golfers in Southwest Florida still have time to register to participate in the second annual Harry Chapin Food Bank golf classic being held at Grandezza Golf and Country Club in Estero on Wednesday, May 9. The four-player scramble shotgun start begins at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Golfers, sponsors at all levels, and silent auction items are all needed for the event. The $125 cost per player includes green fees with cart, awards and dinner. For non-golfers, there are many ways to support this event without actually playing, including auction donations, volunteering and a variety of sponsorships. Every dollar raised at this event enables the food bank to distribute $6 worth of food to those in need.

Co-chairs of the golf classic are JoAnna Bradshaw and Nancy Klaas. To register for the classic, to obtain sponsorships, to donate silent auction items or to become a volunteer, contact Chris Robinson at chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org for additional information.

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Art By Kids With Cancer Exhibition

Art By Kids With Cancer is a project of the Young Artists Awards, a not-for-profit organization benefiting children in the arts from throughout Southwest Florida, beginning its 10th year of programming. The organization works with the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology program at the Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, donating and delivering art supplies throughout the year for the children being treated to use in a therapeutic setting. Selected pieces of artwork are matted, framed and exhibited at various venues throughout the community. The proceeds are donated to the Family Emergency Fund, assisting families undergoing the financial challenges of childhood cancer.

This year, with proceeds from the sales of artwork and a silent auction held at the Young Artists Awards gala in March, the organization presented a check for $5,000 to Dr. Emad Salman to assist the families of young cancer patients.

Upcoming sales and exhibits of Art By Kids With Cancer include the Foulds Theatre bobby at the Alliance for the Arts, now through April 30, with an opening on April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 10091 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers; May 4 to 24 at BIG Island, 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel, with an opening on Sunday, May 6; and June 5 to July 1 at Harbour View Gallery, at 5789 Cape Harbour Drive #104 in Cape Coral, with an opening on June 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.youngartistsawards.org.

Firefighters And Paramedics Collect Funds To Find A Cure

The Southwest Florida Firefighters and Paramedics, IAFF Local 1826, worked hard over the weekend of March 23 through 25 but it was not a typical day on the job. Many of these local heroes spent their weekend collecting donations from generous motorists throughout Lee County for the annual Fill-the-Boot campaign.

Their relentless spirit and determination helped the firefighters of Local 1826 collect just over $81,000 for the families on Lee County served by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. A special thank you goes out to the following departments that participated in the drive (in order of money raised): City of Fort Myers, Tice, Pine Island, Estero, Lehigh, Fort Myers Beach, North Fort Myers, Iona-McGregor, San Carlos Park, Bayshore, Fort Myers Shores, LC CFR and South Trail.

IAFF Boot Drive Coordinator Ryan Gagnon said, “The firefighter Fill-the-Boot drive has been a tradition for over 55 years. As firefighters, we are put in a position to help those in need on a daily basis. The Southwest Florida Professional Firefighters and Paramedics are an amazing group of men and women that always step up when called upon. This weekend we witnessed the community stepping up to help us. Thanks to all that stood on the street collecting and thanks to those that donated to help find a cure.”

MDA helps children and adults who are affected by any of 43 neuromuscular diseases through comprehensive medical services and research programs. MDA receives no government funding and charges no fees to those served by the Association. Funds collected by IAFF Local 1826 will remain local and help members living here in Lee County.

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced a gift of $50,000 by Lexington Country Club of Fort Myers. The funds were raised at a recent golf tournament and will support Barbara’s Friends – The Children’s Hospital Cancer Fund.

The tournament celebrates the ninth year of Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida support by Lexington Country Club and its members. All donations to date have been directed toward the Hematology/Oncology program at The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. The hospital’s cancer fund helps provide cancer and blood disorder treatments and programs for local children.

With this recent donation, the total amount to date contributed by Lexington Country Club and its members is more than $509,000.

Al Kinkele, chairman of Lexington Country Club, said, “We are always inspired and moved by the children that we meet at The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. We believe it is vitally important to support health care in our community. Our club and its members are incredibly proud of the money we’ve raised to help save the lives of these very special children who are fighting for their lives.”

Lee Memorial Health System’s Chief Foundation Officer Sharon MacDonald said, “We are truly grateful for the outstanding generosity of Lexington Country Club and its members. We depend on philanthropy to continue to provide excellence in medical care to our community. Al Kinkele, his staff and the members of Lexington Country Club are a remarkable group and we are honored to have their continued partnership and commitment to saving the lives of Southwest Florida children.”

Country Club Donates To Hospital

The Young Artists Awards exhibit My Heart Is Yours, part of the Art By Kids With Cancer exhibition. The proceeds will be donated to the Family Emergency Fund, assisting families undergoing the financial challenges of childhood cancer.

Dr. Dan Goldman of the Young Artists Awards, left, delivering art supplies to Child Life Specialists Stacie Margaritis, right, and Danielle Barth of the Children’s Hospital.

Katherine Boren, executive director, left, and Dr. Dan Goldman, right, board member of the Young Artists Awards, presenting a check to Dr. Emad Salman of the Children's Hospital.
Dear Shelley,

I will be attending an IEP meeting very soon for my child who has a learning disability. This is my second such meeting. I am nervous about attending; what should I expect?

Tanya M., Fort Myers

Financial Focus

Early IRA Funding Can Pay Off Over Time

by Jennifer Basey

You’ve got until April 17 to contribute to your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for the 2011 tax year. That’s not a lot of time, but if you have some money available, and you haven’t completely funded your IRA for 2011, consider doing so before the deadline.

And once you’ve “maxed out” on your IRA for last year, why not get a jump on 2012?

Actually, you could have started contributing to your 2012 IRA as early as the previous tax year. But none of these options present themselves.

Put your tax refund to work. In 2011, the average tax refund was about $3,000, according to the IRS. If you received that amount in 2012, and you applied it toward your IRA, you would already have met half the contribution limit (if you’re 50 or older) or more than half (if you’re younger than 50).

Take advantage of interest paying investments. If you own income-producing investments, you may find that they can help you fund your IRA early. For example, if you own dividend-paying stocks, and you don’t typically reinvest the dividends, consider putting some of these funds into your IRA. (Keep in mind, though, that stocks can reduce or discontinue dividends at any time). And you can do the same thing with any interest payments you receive from bonds.

Put other “windfalls” into your IRA. If you receive a windfall, such as a bonus from your employer or a gift of cash, think about putting it into your IRA.

If none of these options present themselves, and you can’t afford to write out a big check to fund your IRA very early in the year, do the best you can to reach the contribution limit as soon as possible. To make this happen, consider setting up a monthly automatic transfer from your checking or savings account into your IRA. Even if you were to divide these transfers into 15 equal payments totaling $5,000 (or $6,000 if you’re 50 or older), you would still be funding your IRA more quickly than if you would have scrambling to contribute in the last few months before the tax filing deadline.

No matter when you do it, fully funding your IRA is a great way to help build resources for retirement. But the earlier, the better – so do whatever you can to beat that tax deadline each year.

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Small Business Workshops, Seminars At FGCU

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University hosts several workshops April through June to assist small business owners with social media, getting certified as a minority business, and networking with other professionals about finance, law and insurance.

The SBDC offers educational seminars and workshops for small business owners from the latest in technology, finance, accounting, to doing business with the federal government,” said Trish Leonard, marketing director for the SBDC. “Our goal is to provide the best resources available for business owners to succeed in their business. We look for the best presenters to help orchestrate and teach the seminars so that attendees will walk away with good content that they can apply in their business.”

Most programs are no cost or little cost to attend. In addition to the workshops and seminars, the SBDC provides no-cost confidential business consulting by certified business analysts.

To register for the many programs scheduled, visit www.sbdcseminars.org or call 745-3700.

For further information, contact Trish Leonard at 745-3706 or tleonard@fgcu.edu.

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Northern Trust Establishes Scholarship Fund In Support Of FGCU Programs

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John Fumagalli, Northern Trust president and chief executive officer for the West Florida region is committed to supporting education for the next generation of leaders.

Through this scholarship, Northern Trust is proud to assist in the development of student leaders at FGCU, who will reflect a positive image in the community and beyond,” said Fumagalli, vice chairperson of the FGCU Foundation Board. He has served on the FGCU Foundation Board since 2007.

“My experience with leadership programs at FGCU has been outstanding,” said freshman Jordan Nation of Sunrise, Florida. “I participated in many programs hosted by Leadership Development including Emerging Eagles, Leadership Academy, Leadership Summit, and LeaderShape Catalyst. Each program uses a different approach to help students develop leadership, motivating and inspiring participants to do great things for the FGCU community.”

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Letter Carrier Food Drive

Letter carriers in Lee and Collier counties are gearing up for the 20th annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive. The nation’s largest single-day food drive, called Stamp Out Hunger, will be held on Saturday, May 12. This is the one day when letter carriers collect non-perishable food that has been left by mailboxes. Food collected in Lee County goes to the Harry Chapin Food Bank and several other food banks; food collected in Collier County goes to Collier Harvest.

All food collected in food drives is distributed to participating agencies at no cost.

Volunteers are needed to assist letter carriers with their pickups on May 12. Contact Debi Mitchell in Lee County at 573-9638 or Jesse Costin in Collier County at 643-4716. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preliminary food sorting on May 12. Contact Bedzaida Bryen at the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 334-7007 or Kim Berghs at the United Way at 433-2000 ext. 260.

Lee Republican Women’s Club

The Lee Republican Women’s Club (chartered) will hold a luncheon meeting at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn, 1305 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, April 10. Social hour/registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the lunch/program to follow at noon.

Featured speakers will be Heather Fitzhenagen and Jonathan Martin, candidates for the Florida House of Representatives District 78.

For more information and reservations, call 574-2571.

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The U.S. Postal Service has added Premium Forwarding Service to the suite of online products and services available through usps.com.

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Premium Forwarding Service makes your mail a priority when you’re away from home. Even while on the go, your mail can go with you. All mail – including bulk business mail, magazines and catalogs that would not qualify for regular forwarding service – is packaged weekly and sent Priority Mail. Customers taking a trip, traveling on business, or planning to be away from home for a period of time – from two weeks up to one year – can receive all of their mail while they’re traveling.

Getting started with Premium Forwarding Service online is quick and easy. There’s no longer the need to go to a Post Office to enroll, modify or cancel the requests. With more than 413 million visits in 2011 – averaging more than 1.3 million visitors each day – www.usps.com is one of the most frequently visited government sites.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. To schedule a presentation for your community, club or group on how the Postal Service brings the Post Office to your home or office computer, call 573-9638.
Nearly 400 guests enjoyed the afternoon festivities at Shell Point’s Brighten The Day & Light Up The Night Fashion Show, which raised $10,000 towards medical equipment and special services in the J. Howard Wood Medical Center and Larsen Pavilion at Shell Point.

Shell Point partnered with Bell Tower Shops to show off 90 of the newest spring and summer fashions in a beautiful setting. Several stores in Bell Tower participated, including Talbots, Cache, Draper’s & Damon’s, Swim ‘N Sport, GAP, Patchington’s, Trader Rick’s and Francesca’s.

“The Shell Point and Bell Tower Shops Fashion Show has always been a popular event for our residents and guests,” said Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of sales and marketing for the resort community. “This year, we added the element of a boutique for guests to shop before and after the show, and it was a hit. Local vendors brought unique and exquisite items for guests to browse over and purchase, which included purses, jewelry and clothing.”

“Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch while previewing the gorgeous fashions, which included a variety of spring and summer wear, cruise and resort styles, casual day and evening wear, plus updated looks for the office,” added Schneider. “In addition to the spring fashions displayed, the door prize giveaway added excitement to the event as over 100 members of the audience won unique items or gift certificates donated by local businesses. Each guest at the fashion show also received a gift bag from the Bell Tower Shops filled with special items, discount coupons and thank you gifts.”

To learn more about Shell Point, visit www.shellpoint.org or call 1-800-780-1131.
Mom And Me

by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am told that I am a very well functioning senior woman. Every two years for the past 25 years, my husband and I have gone to a well-known hospital as part of a research study. This year it was not convenient for us to go together, so I decided to go alone and fly up rather than drive. I was told by the facility that I would be met at the airport.

When I arrived, no one was there so I waited and finally went up to the airport information desk. There were three women at the counter and I asked if I was in the proper area, and they said, “Yes.” I waited some more as I had no contact number with me. Finally, I went up again to get information and inquired if anyone had called. They said, “No.”

The three women looked at me and asked if I knew where I was, because I was probably in the wrong city. The facility I was going to did not exist and I was so furious I asked for their phone book and telephone and they very reluctantly gave them to me.

Of course, I was in the right city. The name of the facility I was going to had been changed and the women did not know the new name. I was definitely in the right place, the driver had gone to the wrong place and he had been too involved talking to his friends.

I was furious. All of these people had immediately assumed, because I was older, I was confused, disoriented and impaired. There was never a thought that the driver could be confused or the three people at the airport information desk lacked knowledge.

Before you make hasty conclusions about a person’s mental abilities, be sure you know exactly what you are talking about and the information you have is correct.

I would like you to share my experience with your readers.

Dear Josie,

Ageism, like so many other “isms,” are still very much a part of our everyday experience.

Jossie

Dr. Stephen Prendiville

A new FDA-approved procedure that firms and lifts facial skin without surgery is now available locally. Dr. Stephen Prendiville is the first facial plastic surgeon in Fort Myers to offer Ultherapy, which uses ultrasound technology to treat the skin’s deep support structures resulting in natural lift and toning without surgery.

“For patients who do not wish to have surgery or who have aging changes that do not yet necessitate surgery, Ultherapy may be a good choice,” Dr. Prendiville said. “Low levels of focused ultrasound energy are delivered at just the right depth below the skin to achieve tightening and firming, while leaving the surface of the skin undisturbed. The procedure also stimulates the creation of new collagen, which gives the skin its youthfulness.

There is no downtime with Ultherapy and the regenerative process continues gradually for up to one year, Dr. Prendiville added.

In clinical trials by the Food and Drug Administration, nine out of 10 patients had a noticeable, significant lift of the brow line, resulting in reduced skin laxity on the eyelid and a more open, youthful look to the eyes.

Ultherapy will be discussed along with other procedures for rejuvenating the face at a seminar conducted by Dr. Prendiville on Wednesday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers. A light lunch will be served. The seminar is free, but reservations are required by calling 437-3900. Space is limited.

Ultherapy is one of several procedures, both surgical and non-surgical, that Dr. Prendiville will discuss at his All About Face seminar. Using before and after pictures of actual patients, he will discuss the latest advances in facelifts, eyelid lifts, nose surgery, lasers and reconstructive surgery. He will also review injectable wrinkle fillers Botox, Sculptra, Juvederm, Restylane and Radiesse. In addition to a light lunch, attendees will be able to make an appointment for a free consultation with Dr. Prendiville.

For more information about Dr. Prendiville, visit www.drpprendiville.com.

Free Seminar On Skin Rejuvenation

Younger people are always very quick to evaluate the mental functioning of anyone over 50, frequently making the wrong conclusions.

What you experienced is common and is resented by the victims. Some older people are impaired but with better health we hope it will become less of a problem.

Dancing With The Docs Fundraiser

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Dancing With The Docs Fundraiser

On Sunday April 29 at 6 p.m., there will be a fundraiser for Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Bell Tower Shoppes in Fort Myers. Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties provides information, referral and counseling services to the community including support for individuals with special needs, the elderly and indigent. JFS also operates a food pantry. Individual and group counseling services and support groups provide an emotional safety net to individuals and families who find themselves vulnerable.

The Fred Astaire Dance School is offering eight complimentary lessons to each of the participating doctors to learn a dance routine for the competition. The instructors will participate in the competition as dance partners for the doctors. They will also open the evening with a professional dance show. The school has also arranged with a costume designer a of costumes for the doctors and instructors, for the evening. Red Salon and Spa will provide complimentary hair and make-up services for the dancers.

The guest emcee for the evening will be Patrick Nolan, news anchor on Fox 4. The evening promises to be lots of fun and everyone attending may participate in judging the winners by buying votes for their favorite dancing doctor. Votes cost $1 each. There will also be a silent auction at the event.

Doctors participating in the dance competition include Dr. Lowell Hart, Dr. Amy Wecker, Dr. Tatiana Reynolds, Dr. Konnie Yankopulos, Dr. Anne McNamara, Dr. Peter Denk, Dr. Lynn Einbinder and Dr. Marish Bhalia.

Sponsors for the gala are Arden Courts Memory Care Community, Fred Astaire Dance School, Crowne Plaza Hotel Fort Myers, Vein Specialists at Royal Palm Square, Dr. James Rubenstein, Dr. Steven Paletsky, Dr. Ira Zucker, Dr. Scott Schwartz, and Red Salon and Spa. Additional sponsorships remain available from $200 up to $1,500. For more information, visit www.DancingWithDocs.com.

General admission tickets are $65 each and include one cocktail, one vote, a three-course dinner and dance show (cash bar and entrée choices: salmon or vegetarian). Tickets are available online at www.DancingWithDocs.com.

Contact Naomi Rubin at Jewish Federation by calling 481-4449 ext. 3 or by e-mail at naomirubin@jjeflcc.org with any questions.

Calendar Girls Debut Website

The Calendar Girls have launched a new website created by Natalie and David Dewhurst of Three Twelve Creative. The site address is www.calendargirlsflorida.com.

“Three Twelve went way beyond our expectations. Not only did they design a customized website at a reasonable price. They also bailed us out of an unpleasant situation left over from our previous site,” said Calendar Girl program manager Katherine Shortledge.

The Calendar Girls have supported Paws For Patriots, a program of the Southeast Guide Dog School in Palmetto, Florida for many years. This program provides guide dogs for veterans. To allow those with visual impairments to “see” the new site, the design incorporates a screen reader feature. Full information about the school and the six dogs the Calendar Girls have thus far sponsored is detailed.

The web design also includes a complete calendar listing all upcoming events at which the dance team will perform. And, naturally, a way for those who wish to help support their mission to donate via PayPal.

For more information about the Calendar Girls, call 850-6010.

Our email address is press@riverweekly.com
Dear Readers, The most wonderful thing about our planet is that it grows good medicine. Making herbal teas is one of my secret passions. You can drink teas, and in some cases apply them to your skin. I’ve been playing with herbs for years, it’s fun and I honestly think it’s a wonderful adjunct to your other medical treatments.

Here are the basics. Use one tablespoon of herbs per cup of water. Consider brew time; you will lose some health benefits over brewing certain herbs. An “infusion” is best when using delicate parts of the plant, like the leaves, flowers and aromatic aerial portions (I’m thinking rose petals or wood betony). Infusing means you steep the herbs in hot water for 20 to 30 minutes, as opposed to simmering them. Some herbs take a cold water infusion versus boiled water.

Roots, bark or seeds are tougher parts of the plant and therefore, require a “decoction.” You simmer them for 20 to 45 minutes in gently boiling water. Experiment with combinations of various herbs to find the best taste and physiological effect. Herbs are medicine, so research what you learn today and make sure they are safe for you.

It’s amazing that some herbal teas improve heart rhythm, reduce blood pressure, clear brain fog or ease hormonal concerns. Most herbal teas are safe for people with kidney stones. My favorite book on teas is Rosemary Gladstar’s Herbal Recipes for Vibrant Health.

Health food stores sell herbs, or look online or Google “herbal apothecary.” I insist on organic herbs. Here’s a recipe for “Tummy Tea.” I make this in bulk so “one part” equals one cup. Mix all the herbs together in a big container. When you actually make the tea, put one tablespoon (total herb) per one cup of hot water. You can make a few cups at a time, and store in the fridge.

One part Mint – Provides awesome flavor, plus it’s carminative, meaning it’s high in volatile oils which soothe the digestive tract, may help with gas and nausea. This is a “bitter” herb, so it stimulates bile secretion.

One part Fennel – A warming herb good for bloating, gas and liver support. It may relieve intestinal spasms and inflammation. Stimulates milk secretion in nursing moms.

One-half part Meadowsweet – A fabulous pain reliever, it contains salicylic acid (related to aspirin); this has anti-rheumatic and anti-inflammatory properties and may relieve nausea.

One-half part Chamomile – So strong that one of it’s extracts (apigenin) helps with pancreatitis. It relieves intestinal inflammation, improves spasms while inducing a sense of calm.

One-quarter part Calendula – Offers lymph support, this anti-inflammatory, antispasmodic herb acts as an astringent and anti-fungal for the body. May help with leaky gut and irritable bowel.

One-quarter part Marshmallow root – This is a demulcent so it adds moisture to the mucus membranes. It is cooling and soothing to the mouth, esophagus and digestive tract; great for people with heartburn.

One-quarter part Meadowsweet – A fabulous salicylate herb that can help with headaches, migraines and anti-inflammatory. May help with gas and flatulence.

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For Week of April 9, 2012

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Avoid having someone else take credit for the project you started by finishing it yourself. Then it will be you, lovely Lambs who will be wearing those well-deserved laurels.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Congratulations. You're really getting things done to purr-fecction. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

Libra (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're perceived, both at home and on the job.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

This Week: You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

On April 13, 1742, George Friedrich Handel's "Messiah" premiers in Dublin. Although singing the oratorio has become a Christmas tradition, the Messiah received its world premiere during the Christmas season of 1741. Handel composed the score for Messiah in just 24 days.

On April 14, 1818, Noah Webster, a Yale-educated lawyer with an avid interest in language and education, publishes his American Dictionary of the English Language. The dictionary, which took him more than 20 years to complete, introduced more than 10,000 "Americanisms."

On April 12, 1861, the Civil War begins when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in South Carolina's Charleston Bay. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort.

On April 10, 1906, O. Henry's second short-story collection, "The Four Million," is published. O. Henry was the pen name adopted by William Sydney Porter. Porter began writing in the late 1880s but didn't apply himself seriously until 1898, when he was jailed for embezzlement from a bank in Austin, Texas.

On April 15, 1924, Rand McNally releases its first comprehensive road atlas. The first version was called the Rand McNally Auto Chum. Today Rand McNally is the world's largest maker of atlases in print and electronic media.

On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar, Germany. Buchenwald will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

On April 9, 1969, the Chicago Eight, indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to cross state lines with intent to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, plead not guilty. The trial turned into a circus as the defendants and their attorneys used the court as a platform to attack President Richard Nixon, the Vietnam War, racism and oppression.

It was American humorist Evan Esar who defined a zoo as "an excellent place to study the habits of human beings."

The New York Times Best Seller list was first published on April 9, 1942. Since that time, only eight authors have managed to have books place No. 1 on both the fiction and nonfiction lists. Those who have accomplished that feat include Ernest Hemingway, Jimmy Buffett, William Styron, Dr. Seuss and John Steinbeck.

If you're planning a trip to New Orleans, you might want to keep in mind the following law: It's illegal in that city to curse while he or she is engaged in official duties.

America's first vending machines were found in New York City train stations; they dispensed gum.

The European sturgeon (also known as the beluga sturgeon) is the source of the highly coveted beluga caviar, which is the world's most expensive, bringing up to $5,000 per pound. This sturgeon can live more than 100 years and is the largest freshwater fish in the world; the record holder, caught in 1827, was 24 feet long and weighed 3,460 pounds.

In a 1982 issue of the magazine American Film, a writer named Chuck Ross claimed that he retyped the screenplay to the 1942 film "Casablanca," changing only the title and one of the character's names, and submitted it to 217 agencies. Of the 85 who responded, only eight recognized it as "Casablanca," though it seemed familiar to another 25. Three of the agencies thought it might be commercially viable, while one thought it should be turned into a novel. The Oscar-winning screenplay was rejected outright by 38 of the agencies.


Types of Hats

Thought for the Day

"The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal." -- Erich Fromm

1. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of meat is used in a Reuben sandwich?
2. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many maids are milking?
3. BIBLE: What was Matthew's profession before he became an apostle of Jesus?
4. AWARDS: The annual PATSY Award is given for outstanding accomplishment in what area?
5. SCIENCE: What is the most abundant element in the human body?
6. SPORTS: What ancient sport gave rise to the modern version of kickboxing?
7. THEATER: What Shakespearean character said, “Neither a borrower nor a lender be”?
8. LITERATURE: Whose biography was titled “One Giant Leap”?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Which one of the Great Lakes is located entirely within the U.S. border?
10. EXPLORERS: Who discovered the St. Lawrence River?
The management of Shell Point Retirement Community has completed the construction and renovation of the community’s newest assisted living facility (ALF) called The Springs at Shell Point.

The Springs, which was formerly The Country Inn & Suites, is located at the corner of Shell Point Boulevard and McGregor Boulevard in South Fort Myers. The recent renovations included the construction of a full kitchen on the main floor, the construction and creation of additional common meeting spaces and offices, as well as targeted renovation in guest rooms. The new recreation rooms include, but are not limited to a cinema, arts and crafts studio, and game parlor.

From start to finish, the renovations took approximately four months to complete. The overall cost of the renovation was $2 million, and the facility has 105 units ready for occupancy.

The facility has passed all final inspections with the Lee County Building Department, The Lee County Health Department and the Iona-McGregor Fire Department. Once The Springs successfully completes the licensing inspection by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, residents will be able to start the move-in process.

“The Springs assisted living product provides a wonderful opportunity for residents to receive the care, service, and support that is needed in order to help them live with the greatest level of independence and dignity that their health will allow,” said Peter Dys, president of Shell Point. “In addition to the presence of 24-hour on site nursing and concierge services, residents enjoy a great dining experience with wholesome meals of dietary delight that serve to improve socialization. In addition, scheduled activities stimulate the mind and enhance physical strength, and when coupled with housekeeping and support staff assistance, residents enjoy greater security, support, and independence.”

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

“We are excited about the upcoming opening of The Springs,” said Rita Southern, director of assisted living and resident support services for the community. “Both the King’s Crown and The Arbor remain almost fully occupied and with the increased population of aging retirees in this area, there is a growing need for additional high quality assisted living options in Southwest Florida.”

The Springs all-inclusive monthly rate, excluding personal laundry, helps residents and their families plan for the most effective use of their resources while also providing the added security of access to the network of quality health care services provided by the Shell Point health care team, when and if those services are needed.

“The Springs assisted living facility and services have been priced with monthly rates that are very competitive to the local marketplace and are not subject to daily rate adjustments based on special needs or fluctuating health conditions,” said Dys. “Additionally, Springs residents will have access to our daily pharmacy delivery services, physician services, and other benefits associated with Shell Point Retirement Community that have become a hallmark of our community.”

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Causeway. Priority reservations are being taken to allow individuals to reserve a unit and plan ahead for their move into The Springs. Representatives will be available to assist individuals or families through the steps involved in making the transition as smooth and simple as possible.

For more information about The Springs at Shell Point or to request a brochure, call 454-2077, e-mail thesprings@shellpoint.org or visit www.shellpoint.org/assistedliving.
Lee County is rolling out the red carpet for celebrity pets during the month of April. Some famous felines and canines have taken up residence at Animal Services’ Shelter and the public will be able to adopt a celebrity canine for only $35 or a famous feline for just $25. Child stars (puppies and kittens) will be just $50 and veteran stars (6 yrs+) are only $20. Among the stars are Grace Kelly, Elton John, Jack Black, and Willie Nelson.

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

The famous line-up of pets waiting to be adopted can be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com or visit the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers next to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Celebrity viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You can submit your adoption application online before you come to the shelter.

Volunteers and staff are available to help you find the pet star that is best suited for you and your lifestyle. For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). If you are inquiring about a pet you have seen online, please have the animal ID number ready for faster assistance.

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5 9 7 3 8 2 6 1 4
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**SCRAMBLERS**

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

Gather
Pogur

Array
Sharas

Temp
Centie

Salve
Blam

**Today's Word:**

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5 9 7 3 8 2 6 1 4
4 3 1 9 6 5 7 2 8
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**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Group; 2. Harass;
3. Entice; 4. Balm

Today's Word:

MOTHER

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Gather
Pogur

Array
Sharas

Temp
Centie

Salve
Blam

**Today's Word:**

answer on page 35

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Can you trust your eyes? There are 12 visual differences between you and Calvin Peeler. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

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

answer on page 35

**Pets Of The Week**

Bob Newhart ID#: 530771

My name is Bob Newhart. Like my name sake, I’m a shy and quiet kind of guy. Being lost and ending up at the shelter was very scary for a young dog like me. I’m in a foster home which is great but I’m ready for my forever home. I love to go for walks and enjoy the outdoors, especially being around water. I’m house trained and neutered and get along well with other dogs.

Tanya Tucker ID#: 530038

Services’ website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal’s ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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

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 $500.00.

If you would like your club/organization listed in _The River Calling Card, phone 415-7732_.

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