Some of the children who attend Gladiolus Learning and Development Center

Local Charity GLAD Of New Name

What began as the Lee County Migrant Mission in the late 1950s to provide the migrant gladiolus field workers and their children warm clothing and blankets during the cold winters, gradually expanded to become a child care center serving over 160 children. That charity has been known as Brightest Horizons Child Development Center.

In a move to return to its roots, Brightest Horizons has rebranded itself by taking on a new name, the Gladiolus Learning and Development Center (GLAD).

The center is at 10320 Gladiolus Drive in South Fort Myers, and there are plans to build a new center on property it owns on the opposite side of Gladiolus Drive. The organization is looking for people who would like to get involved. Call 481-2100 to hear about volunteer opportunities.

The following fundraising activities are planned:

February 9 – Cruise with Captiva Cruises to Useppa Island. This cruise includes lunch

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Rare Aircraft Will Visit For Wings Of Freedom Tour

Aviation enthusiasts and history buffs will have the opportunity to tour or take flight in rare, historic World War II aircraft when the Collings Foundation brings rare aircraft to Fort Myers.

The Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress Nine-O-Nine heavy bomber, Consolidated B-24J Liberator Witchcraft heavy bomber and North American Dual Control P-51C Mustang Betty Jane fighter will be on display at Page Field General Aviation Airport January 31 through February 2.

The stop in Fort Myers is part of the Collings Foundation’s Wings of Freedom Tour, an annual 110-city nationwide tour in its 25th year of showcasing rare aircraft.

The B-17G is one of the most recognizable bomber aircraft of World War II. The B-24J and Dual Control P-51C are the sole remaining examples of their type flying in the world.

The public is invited to take ground tours or make reservations for flight experiences. The planes will be displayed on the ramp at Base Operations at Page Field, off Fowler Street. Walkthrough tours are available for a donation of $12 for adults and $6 for children under 12.

World War II veterans can tour the aircraft at no cost.

Ground tour and display hours are 2 to 4 p.m. on January 31; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 1; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 2.

Flight experiences are normally scheduled before and after the ground tour times. Flight costs for the B-17 or B-24 are $450 per person for a 30-minute flight. P-51 flights are $2,200 for a 30-minute flight and $3,200 for a full hour. Flight experiences are a tax-deductible donation.

For flight reservations, call 800-568-8924. For more information, visit www.collingsfoundation.org.

Acoustic Afternoon At The Alliance

The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents three hours of bluegrass and acoustic music in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, February 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. The concert features three acts; solo blues guitarist Frank Corso, Pain in the Grass, and Captain Joe & the Bottom Feeders. The Sunday afternoon concert series continues on March 30.

Tickets are $7 at the door or $5 for Alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first served. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 for more information.

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

Gale Bennett 75 Retrospective Exhibit At Alliance

Eyes Into Art, the long-awaited book about internationally-known contemporary artist Gale Bennett and his unique way of seeing and making art, will be officially released at the opening reception of Gale Bennett 75 on Friday, February 7 at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. The reception will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Gale Bennett 75 is a retrospective covering the years 1969 to 2007 in honor of the 75th anniversary of Bennett’s birth. It will feature 39 works on canvas and paper from the collection of Bennett’s widow, Cello Bennett. It will be presented at the Alliance through March 1.

Alicia Schmidt, nationally-known award-winning artist and Southwest Florida’s leading minimalist painter, was a friend of Bennett’s for over 30 years. She explained, “Written as though Bennett is personally speaking to the reader, this engaging approach communicates to us his thoughts, techniques and philosophy about art that provides an exceptional experience.”
Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Tonnelier House

by Gerri Reaves, PhD

In the mid-1920s, Peter and Alice B. Tonnelier built a house on what would have been the outskirts of downtown, the corner of McGregor Boulevard and Virginia Avenue. The two-and-one-half story Tonnelier house suggests Bungalow and Prairie architectural styles: a broad pyramidal roof, front dormer, small portico on the roof overhang at the entrance, and the distinctive four-over-one windowpane pattern with unshuttered or trimmed windows.

The house might bring to mind another historic downtown landmark, the Langford-Kingston Home at First and Fowler. But perhaps because the Tonnelier house stands on a busy corner, the historic structure is easily overlooked.

A comprehensive survey of Fort Myers historic resources that was commissioned by the city council in 1982 evaluated the structure as “significant,” a rating second only to “outstanding.”

Peter Tonnelier, a prominent Michigan businessman and a native of Indiana, was one of the most influential developers in Fort Myers history.

He had started wintering in Florida in 1910, and serendipitously discovered Fort Myers in 1912 when seeking refuge from stormy weather at sea.

He immediately started buying property and helped kick-start the early 1900s building boom. His first acquisition was the Stone Block Building on the southwest corner of First and Hendry. He built Tonnelier Court (later renamed Patio de Leon) between 1913 and 1915.

He built four hotels, various commercial buildings and invested heavily in the area. He gave the land to extend Main Street through to Jackson when he built the Grand Central Hotel in the early 1920s.

He died in 1932, but his wife lived in the McGregor house until her death in 1963, capably managing the substantial property that her husband had acquired.

During Alice Tonnelier’s long residence in the house, the landscape around it altered drastically. The biggest change, perhaps, was the construction of the town’s first shopping center, Boulevard Plaza, in 1960 to her east. That plaza just across Virginia Avenue was later renamed Edison-Ford Square, and has since been demolished.

Since her death, a variety of businesses and offices have occupied the house, among them a décor business in the 1970s, and law, real estate and engineering offices since then.

Today, the addition of a ramp is the most notable change of the last few years.

By 2009, the windows reflect the towers of High Point Place nearby and Edison-Ford Square is gone.

In 2003, eastern windows reflect the soon-to-be-demolished Edison-Ford Square.

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Fort Myers Public Art:
Art Meets Archaeology
by Tom Hall

Three years ago, I embarked on an unexpected journey. In the course of investigating Fort Myers’ public art collection, I discovered that the vast majority of these artworks told stories about Fort Myers’ early history. Along my odyssey, I learned a great deal about vagabonds Edison, Ford and Firestone, early developers like William H. Towles, Harvie Heitman, Walter Langford and Peter Tonnelier, and a ton about the fort from which our town derives its name. But until I met archaeologist Theresa Schober and attended ArtCalusa last November, what I knew about Southwest Florida’s original residents could be figuratively packed into an antique thimble with about two-centiliters of volume left over.

Schober came to Fort Myers in 1998 to direct the restoration and exhibit development at Mound House and Newton Park on Fort Myers Beach. During her nine-year tenure, she amassed a prodigious amount of information and understanding about the life and times of the Native Americans who reigned over this area of the country from roughly 100 BC to 1704.

Schober translated her knowledge and national contacts into a Viva Florida 500 exhibition that was designed to introduce Southwest Florida residents and visitors to this once mighty, ever proud, never bowed race. ArtCalusa: Reflections on Representation included paintings of the Calusa and their cities and settlements rendered by leading historical artists.

The information presented sent me packing for the library to learn more about Fontaneda, Juan Ponce de Leon, Pedro Menendez de Aviles and his treacherous nephew Menendez Marquez, as well as the great Calusa chiefs forced to contend with the Spaniards attempts to convert, if not enslave their people.

Recently, my fiancee and I boarded a Banana Bay tour boat with 26 other curiosity seekers to take a Schober-guided tour to Mound Key, a tiny island in the middle of Estero Bay which served as site of the Calusa empire from roughly 100 BC to 1,000 AD.

Mound Key is not just rustic. It is downright primitive. Which delights Schober, who notes that in spite of the site’s historic significance, there’s been virtually no archaeological exploration of the island.

Tour-takers will not learn everything there is to know about the once-mighty Calusa from touring Mound Key with a thoughtful and thought-provoking guide like archaeologist Theresa Schober, but they will become much better equipped to envision, appreciate and understand their society and what was lost when their civilization collapsed under the weight of their deleterious contacts with first the Spanish, and later the British, who armed Creek Indians and dispatched them to hunt, capture and enslave these native Americans.

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Festival Of Trees Raises Over $92,000

Goodwill Industries’ 7th annual Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala, presented by FineMark National Bank & Trust, is celebrating the end of another successful fundraiser. The combined events raised over $92,000 to support The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation.

The Festival of Trees is a week-long showcase of holiday trees, each beautifully decorated by Southwest Florida businesses, organizations and individuals. More than 5,000 people visited this year’s free holiday showcase at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

The festival concluded December 7 with the Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie charity auction which serves as the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation’s primary fundraiser. Auctioneer Mike Joyce and hostess Stacey Adams of WINK News sold 26 trees at the gala’s live auction.

The top selling tree was the annual Very, Beary Christmas tree. The tree, which featured over 600 new teddy bears donated by the community, raised $13,800. The tree was donated to the children’s hospital.

“Every year we grow this event,” said Goodwill’s Community Relations Coordinator Madison Mitchell. “The Festival of Trees has become such a holiday tradition for so many families in Southwest Florida.”

Over 300 people attended the Tux & Trees Gala, an event record.

“Last year we had about 250 RSVP for the event,” said Mitchell. “This year, the support was just outstanding. Everyone was having a great time.”

The Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala were made possible by event sponsors FineMark National Bank & Trust, GCG Construction, The Home Depot, Azteca America/Univision SWFL, D’Latinos Magazine, Grandeur Magazine, The News-Press Media Group, Sunny 106, Ryder, OFM Builders & Consultants, g3 Catering, Jason’s Deli, Two Men and a Truck, HONC Destruction/Environmental/Marine Contracting, and East Coast Recycling Equipment.

For more information, or to be part of the 2014 Festival of Trees, visit www.tuxandtrees.com or call 995-2106 ext. 2213.

Alva Craft Show

Craft vendors are welcome to register for a space at the annual Alva Craft Show on February 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spaces are available for $5. Tables, tents, chairs, etc., are not provided.

This show will be held at the Alva Community Park. For further information or to become a vendor, contact Sandra Bates at 728-2882.
GLAD New Home

on board the Lady Chadwick, guided tours of Useppa’s botanical and butterfly gardens, Barbara L. Sumwalt Museum and the Collier Inn. Dessert, coffee, wine and cheese will be served on board during the return with a live auction to raise funds for scholarships/needs;

February 17 – Glow Golf Tournament at Gulf Coast Town Center’s indoor miniature golf course. School is out and this activity is geared for the family and friends. Tickets are available from by calling 481-2100;

February 24 – Sanibel Chico’s Wardrobe Party, at the original Chico’s on Sanibel. Hand them a GLAD flyer and 10 percent will go to GLAD. Flyers are available at www.gladkids.net;

March 1 – Fish Tale Marina Fishing Tournament;
March 28 - Gulf Harbour Luncheon with entertainment by children from GLAD;
May 6 – Derby Party at George and Wendy’s Sanibel Seafood Grille;
Call 481-2100 for more information.

Rockin’ Concert Series In The Park

Centennial Park will be rocking the first Saturday of each month from March 1 to August 24 with the Sounds from the River Concert Series. Centennial Park, located at 2000 West First Street, will be the location.

The concert series will showcase the number one tribute bands in America. Not only do they look like the real artists, they sound just like the real deal. The lineup is:

March 1 – AC/DC
April 5 – Bon Jovi
May 3 – Billy Joel
June 7 – Journey
July 5 – Sheryl Crow
August 2 – Michael Jackson

The concerts start at 5 p.m. and go to 10 p.m. Tickets are $5 pre-sale for each concert or $8 at the gate. Kids 12 and under are free. This is a family event for all ages and pets are welcome on a leash. Arrive early and bring your own chairs or blankets. There will be chairs to rent for $5. Food vendors will be on site serving up food, beer, wine and other beverages. No coolers are allowed. For more information, go to www.soundsfromtheriver.com.

Sounds from the River helps raise money for the Passion Foundation. The Passion Foundation’s purpose is to build shade structures over playgrounds in Southwest Florida and to educate the community about sun safety and the benefits of early detection of skin cancer. For more information, go to www.passionfoundation.org.

Arts And Music In LaBelle Park

Arts of the Inland is sponsoring the 3rd annual Inland Arts & Music Festival on Saturday, February 1, at Barron Park in LaBelle, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Artists, crafters, photographers and authors will display and sell their works.

LaBelle High School art and craft students will be showing their creations and there will be face painting for the children. The Boy Scouts will perform the flag presentation and LaBelle Mayor Dave Lyons will open the festival.

Entertainment will follow on the gazebo stage with The Firehouse Singers, The Shock Sisters and fiddle/dulcimer player Joyce Waltman.

Food vendors include Authentic Maine Lobster Bake.

For further information contact La Von Koenig at 303-5849 or email artsinland@gmail.com.

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On Sunday, February 2, the Bayside Men’s Club hosts its monthly pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Bayside Recreation Hall. There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice for $5. The final pancake breakfast of the season is scheduled for March 9. Bayside Estates is off San Carlos Boulevard, just south of Pine Ridge Road. Signs are at both entrances. For more information, call Ken Wescoat at 609-226-9955.

Republican Women’s Dinner

Lee County Supervisor of Elections Sharon Harrington will be the speaker at the Lee Republican Women Federated dinner meeting on Monday, February 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn–Fort Myers, 12600 University Drive.

Cost is $20 all inclusive. RSVP to 432-9389 or email rmh738@aol.com or go to www.leerepublicanwomen.com.

Cost is $20 all inclusive.

MOAA Meeting

The Calusa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will have a breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 10 at 9 a.m. at Wine & Roses Restaurant, 1404 Cape Coral Parkway, Cape Coral.

Jack Wagner will speak about the Pride and Patriotism Program in Lee County Schools, the Combat Infantry Association and the local Purple Heart Chapter.

All military officers and spouses are invited to attend.

The cost for the breakfast is $10 at the door. Reservations may be made by contacting Dixie Buick at 945-5030.

Current Calusa chapter officers are president, Nick Hubbell; vice president, Paul Sechtman; secretary, Marilyn Stout; treasurer, Gray Warmunde; and member-at-large, Jean Van House.

Information about the Calusa Chapter may be obtained by contacting the president, Nick Hubbell, at 240-381-3975. For membership information, contact Tim Cook, 945-6155.

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Gale Bennett 75 Retrospective

With his students, friends and community. This most informative artist/instructor generously shared a lifetime of knowledge and experience. A lifetime of knowledge and experience. Tool for artists of all levels to develop and enjoy. Tool, but to enjoy. This publishing about Bennett’s art and method of teaching art, which was begun by the artist more than 30 years ago, was completed by Cello Bennett with the assistance of 15 artists, all former participants in Gale Bennett workshops both in Southwest Florida and at his famed ArtStudy Giverny in Giverny, France. Most of the committee members will be at the opening reception to autograph copies. Committee members are Sanibel residents Marcy Callans, Sheila Hoen, Jane Hudson and Marilyn Miglio; Cape Coral residents Paula Eckerty, Barbara Mintz and Joanna Olsen; Fort Myers resident Barbara Wilson and former resident Pat Dunn (now of Nashville, Tennessee); Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte residents Liz Hutchinson-Sperry, Jane Geronime and the late Muriel Van Patten as well as Gayle Keith Ashley of Useppa and Caroline Homes Nuckolls of Marietta, Georgia.

A native of Southwest Florida, Gale Bennett (1939-2008) was an internationally-known contemporary artist whose work can be found in collections throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. He was the founder and director of ArtStudy Giverny in Giverny, France, a school for artists and photographers. He studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Bennett has been called Southwest Florida’s most renowned native artist and art teacher. During the years 1996 to 2007, he welcomed nearly 1,000 artists to his workshops in Monet’s famous village of Giverny where they had the rare privilege of painting in Monet’s gardens seven days a week. Bennett also regularly exhibited his paintings at exhibitions in Giverny and Paris. Bennett has been called “one who could justly lay claim to the title of successor to the great Monet” by French magazine, Plaisir de peindre, in “Gale Bennett: The Heir from America” in 2002.

Jay Williams, curator of the Vero Beach Museum of Art and former curator of what is now the Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison College, said, “Gale Bennett’s landscape paintings remind us of the essential harmony underlying sensory experience. The poetic composition of his lines and forms corresponds to a larger truth, the human need for connection to the binding energy within nature — a nameless but very real presence that saturates his canvases. Bennett’s work bridges the sensibility of Corot, Rousseau and the Barbizon painters with the tradition of abstraction found in the works of Kandinsky, Hofmann and de Kooning. In Bennett’s paintings, visual experience undergoes a kind of alchemy, what Degas called “a transformation in which imagination and memory work together.” The works in this exhibition are evidence of that mysteriously powerful process. Every one is a love story, demonstrating to gallery visitors Bennett’s passion for the beauty of paint on canvas.”

In addition to teaching his life drawing class at the Alliance, Bennett also taught painting and drawing workshops at BIG ARTS on Sanibel, at the Cape Coral Art Studio and at the Art League of Bonita Springs. He was honored twice by the Angels of the Arts in 2006 as Artist of the Year and posthumously in 2008 for Lifetime Achievement.

The price is $34.95 per book. This limited-edition book will be available for sale at the Alliance for the Arts beginning February 7.

For more information about the exhibit, call 939-2787. The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.
Along The River

Friday, January 31 through March 16, the Florida Repertory Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein’s A Grand Night for Singing. An enchanting love letter to Rodgers & Hammerstein, the performance features over 45 of the duo’s most beloved songs. The musical revue is a glamorous and spellbinding night at the theater that the whole family will love. Relive songs from South Pacific, The Sound of Music, Carousel, Oklahoma and Cinderella.

Florida Repertory Theatre is located in the historic Arcade Theatre, 2267 First Street, Fort Myers. Call the box office at 332-4488 or go to www.floridarep.org.

On Saturdays during winter season, Guided Nature Walks are provided by Conservation 20/20 volunteers and IFAS master gardeners. Parking is free and no fee or registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera and closed-toed shoes or boots. Meet in the parking lot. Walks are scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Restroom facility are on site.

On February 1, the trip is through Prairie Pines, 18400 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers. The trail length is 1/4 of a mile and the degree of difficulty is easy.

Explore the wonders of the beautiful 2,650-acre preserve. Learn about some of the plants and animals that call the preserve home.

Conservation 20/20 is part of Lee County Parks & Recreation. It is located at 10130 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers. For more information, call 707-0862 or go to www.conservation2020.org.

Experience classic movie favorites on the big screen at Regal Bell Tower Stadium 20. On Sunday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 5, the series features the 1993 comedy Groundhog Day. Bill Murray portrays a weatherman who finds himself living the same day over and over again.

Tickets for the Classic Film Series are on sale now. Showtimes for each classic film are 2 p.m. on Sundays and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Regal Bell Tower Stadium 20 movie theater is located at 13499 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers. Call 437-2020 or go to www.regmovies.com.

If you prefer new independent films, go to the Sidney & Berne Davis Center for Thank God it’s Monday (TGIM). Every Monday through February 24, local film buffs gather to view and judge short indie films to determine if they will earn a spot in the Fort Myers Film Festival held in March. TGIM features happy hour at 6:30 p.m.; the show starts at 7 p.m. Hosted by Eric Raddatz and co-host Melissa DeHaven.

TGIM takes place at The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. For more information, go to www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

The El Galeon Andelucia and the Nao Victoria are arriving on Ft. Myers Beach on February 12. Both ships will be docked at the Fort Myers Beach historic seaport at Nervous Nellie’s Marina, the winter home of the tall ship Lynx, and will be open for tours starting February 13.

Travel back in time 500 years when you step onboard these magnificent ships and experience firsthand what it was like to explore the world in the 16th century. The Nao Victoria is 75-foot, 170-ton exact replica of Ferdinand Magellan’s ship that was the first to circumnavigate the globe on a three-year, 32,000-mile voyage from 1519 to 1522. She will be joined by El Galeon Andelucia, a replica of the late 16th century fabled merchant vessels and war ships that made up the early navies of Europe.

John Bowyer, a ship tour guide, said, “El Galeon is a 170-foot, 495-ton replica of a Spanish galleon.” Although El Galeon represents the later galleons, Bowyer said, “Ships like this actually date back to the time of Columbus’ voyages.” Bowyer, who has done extensive research on colonial period ships, said, “Galleons have a long history.” He explained that the larger ships were either merchant or military ships. As time went on, a need was seen for armed merchant ships.

The ships are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily for public tours. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children.

Nervous Nellie’s Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. It is open for lunch, dinner and snacks in between. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnellies.net. For boat tour reservations, go to www.tallshipevent.com/Fort_Myers_Beach.

Step aboard the El Galeon Andelucia and Nao Victoria and travel 500 years back in time. The ships are coming to Nervous Nellie’s on Fort Myers Beach in February.
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Torah Study At Temple Judea

On Thursday, February 6 at noon, Temple Judea Rabbi Sack begins a one-hour Torah study that includes an open discussion of Torah and Judaism where all levels of background and all questions are encouraged. The session is held on the first Thursday of the month at the Edison National Bank. Bring a chumash if you have one. Rabbi Sack will bring the text for the session.

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A&W Bulb Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-0201 or email tjswfl@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Live! Lectures

The 13th annual Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture series continues through February at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers with the following topics:

- February 5 - The Calusans presented by Charles LeBuff, local author, environmentalist and historian.
- February 12 - Feed My People presented by Al Brisbane, president and CEO of the Harry Chapin Food Bank.
- February 19 - A Portrait of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor presented by Joanna Olson, local actress.
- February 26 - You Don’t Have To Be A Minister to Talk About Business Ethics presented by Dawn-Marie Driscoll, business ethics expert.

The one-hour lectures begin at 10 a.m. preceded by coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free. Covenant Presbyterian Church is at 2439 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, phone 334-8937 or www.covpcfm.com for additional information.

New Organist At St. Peter’s

James Kreger has been named as the new organist at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Myers Beach.

His professional career has included serving as music director of several churches, most recently Faith Lutheran in Lehigh Acres. He was a faculty member at Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

He has also written a ballet for Tidewater Ballet Company in Virginia and has had several musical compositions and arrangements published for string orchestra, orchestra, brass and choir.

He has served as music director of the Lehigh Singers, and is currently their board president.

Kreger received a bachelor of fine arts in music education from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, as well as completing some of his work toward a master of music degree in clarinet performance. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

James Kreger

St. Peter Lutheran Church is located at 3751 Estero Boulevard. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Wrap Up And Get Out There

As the reports of the crazy cold winter weather up north continue to make the headlines, we have also had a much colder than usual winter in Pine Island Sound too.

However, our water temperature seems to have finally bottomed out and leveled off right around 60 degrees. Without any more drastic drops in our water temperature, the fish seem to be used to it.

Although I’m not currently catching lots of huge fish, action has been pretty much non-stop. Anglers willing to bundle up and go fishing have been rewarded with lots of tasty tillets to take home.

Sheepshead and rat redfish made up the majority of the action on my boat this week. During the coldest days these were the main two species that would consistently cooperate and keep the rods bent.

Sheepshead fishing continues to improve as conditions remained about as chilly as it gets for us. The longer it stays cold, the larger the average size of these sheepshead seems to get. Generally this action does not peak until the end of February.

Any dock, rocky jetty, blow-down or bridge pilings throughout the sound is a good place to get hooked up on one of these stripped porgies. Be patient as the bite will often start off a little slow then get better and better. Chunks of shrimp with a small hook is the go-to rig for these soft-hitting bait stealers.

Big numbers of just below-the-slot-sized redfish were also found throughout the sheltered mangrove creek systems in the sound. Deep mangrove channels with good current on the lower stages of the tide held the largest concentrations of these rat redfish. These blue-tailed, cold water redfish are about as pretty as they get all year. If you caught enough of them, you just might get a few that would be over the 18-inch minimum.

We did manage a few bigger redfish this week, right around 22 to 24 inches but they were few and far between. Handle these fish carefully as you unhook and release them, they will be big one day soon.

During the very few warmer days we have experienced over the last week there was some pretty good action to be found out on the flats. Deeper flats (four to six feet) within close proximity of the passes had good numbers of ladyfish and jacks along with a few pompano and keeper trout in the mix. Live shrimp fished under a popping cork was the best method for this open water action. When things got windy and cold this bite just totally shut down as the fish, like most anglers, sought out a warmer and more sheltered refuge.

On the coldest days I have been switching my bait up from a live shrimp to a chunk of shrimp rigged on a ¼ oz. hook-up jig. When you think you’re fishing this rig as slow as you can along the bottom, slow it down some more and that should be just about right.

Deep sheltered creeks and canals will always produce fish no matter how cold it is.

Don’t let a cold weather forecast keep you off the water; simply change up your tactics – the fish are still there.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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State legislation requires anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 h.p. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, February 15.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies and reading channel markers to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable.

The cost of the course is $45 with a $20 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials.

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard. Students can register at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.

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CROW Case Of The Week:
American Kestrel
by Patricia Molloy

When it comes to the American kestrel (Falco sparverius), size certainly doesn’t matter. Despite being the continent’s smallest falcon at 12 to 14 inches long, it is a fast-flying, fiercely intense predator. Nicknamed the sparrow hawk, the kestrel is as comfortable in a bustling city as the quiet countryside. The next time you are near an open field or along a roadside, take a moment to scan the nearest power line for a small, colorful bird examining the ground below in anticipation of an unsuspecting rodent or lizard.

The American kestrel is one of only three raptor species in North America in which the colorful males and females are easily distinguishable. Both genders have rusty-red feathers on their tails and backs along with two black stripes – sometimes called sideburns – on either side of their light-colored faces. Males, however, also possess slate-blue markings on their wing-tips and atop their regal heads.

Last month, an injured American kestrel was admitted to CROW after being found on the ground. The initial exam, which included palpation of the bird’s drooping wing, concluded that the adult female had sustained a metacarpal fracture or broken bone. Dr. Heather ordered radiographs to determine the extent of the patient’s injury followed by surgery to realign the bone. After the procedure, a bandage was placed over the incision to keep it clean and the patient was given antibiotics and a pain reliever for 10 days.

One of the greatest challenges of wildlife medicine is keeping patients calm so that they do not hurt themselves further. Wild birds, particularly adults, become extremely stressed in captivity; not only are they likely to perceive caregivers as predators, but they are prone to injuring themselves in their cages in an effort to escape. Additionally, they often become depressed and unwilling to eat on their own if they are immobilized.

Thanks to the skilled efforts of CROW’s staff, patient #3388 is recovering very nicely. “She eats everything we put in front of her,” said Dr. Kristen Dube, DVM intern. “Soon, very soon, she can go outside. She’s perky enough.”

While the kestrel is still not well enough to fly properly due to the bandage on her wing, Dr. Heather plans move the bird to an outdoor small-flight enclosure this week. “We plan to put her in with burrowing owls and just open up the door,” she explained. “That would give her enough space to exercise, since she cannot really fly.”

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

Sargent’s Palm

Sargent’s palm (Pseudophoenix sargentii) is a Florida native once found in the coastal hammocks of the Keys. However, the species has been devastated by development in the state and is now listed as endangered.

It is slow-growing, prefers full sun and alkaline soil, and is of significant ornamental value. It is speculated that it can live up to a century. Besides being highly salt- and drought-tolerant once established, it is very wind- and pest-resistant, too.

Along with the royal palm, it is one of two native palms with a crownshaft, an area where frond bases wrap around each other.

However, Sargent’s palms usually grow only 10 to 15 feet in height, rarely beyond 25, so it’s a good choice for a royal palm-like look without huge dimensions.

The gray-green trunk is shiny between leaf-scar rings, the crown short and wide.

The four- to 10-foot fronds have stiff pinnate leaves, which are bluish to grayish green with silvery undersides.

Greenish yellow flowers bloom throughout the year and are a nectar source for bees.

Clusters of bright red berries inspire another common name, cherry palm. It is also called buccaneer palm.

Seeds allowed to stay on the ground will likely germinate.

Cold-sensitive Sargent’s palm is suitable only for the southern parts of Florida. Be sure that any specimen you buy is cultivated responsibly and not plundered from the wild.


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Lee County Extension Service Opportunities For Yard-Lovers

Homeowners interested in gardening or native landscaping can mark their calendars for upcoming Lee County Extension Service opportunities:

- The annual Homeowner Garden Series will be held weekly from 10 a.m. to noon through March 26 at Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting Rooms site, 1651 Lee Street in Fort Myers. Lee County Master Gardeners Donna Cressman and Gayle Edwards will teach participants how to attract butterflies and inform them about an on-going Monarch Butterfly Monitoring program. Series topics also include palms, lawns, flowering trees, roses, citrus and invasive critters. The cost is $8 per class or $30 for the series.

- The Florida Yards & Neighborhoods introductory class is being held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 1 at Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road in Cape Coral. The Florida Yards & Neighbors program teaches homeowners about “Florida Friendly” gardening. This method is a sustainable way to have a beautiful yard while being kind to the South Florida environment.

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Family Movie Nights At The Alliance

The Alliance for the Arts announces the return of its popular Outdoor Family Movie Nights beginning on Friday, January 31 at 7 p.m. with a screening of The Wizard of Oz. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnic baskets and coolers and watch this all-time classic film under the stars with family and friends.

The series continues on Friday, February 28 at 7 p.m. with Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 and concludes on Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m. with Despicable Me 2. A suggested $5 donation helps ensure continued free family programming at the Alliance. Support for Family Movie Night generously provided by Briers CPA, DinoLingo.com, Riverside Realty, Staging Matters and Winged Foot Title.

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

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Archaeology

to the point where they disappeared from the pages of history.

And for a neapolitan local historian like this author, the trip begins to fill in the gaps and missing links in the history of Southwest Florida, which all too often considers the sad plight of the Seminole Indians to the exclusion of the far older and longer entrenched Calusa simply because the latter disappeared from the scene a hundred or so years before the Seminoles migrated into South Florida.

Each tour departs from West Bay in Estero and includes a guided tour by Schober focused on the rich history of Mound Key. A light lunch is also provided. Each tour is limited to 25 people and costs $45 per person. The proceeds realized are being donated to help underwrite a documentary that is being coordinated with the Viva Florida 500 celebration about the remarkable island capital of the Calusa Indians. For reservations, call 851-9040 or email MakingHistoryMemorable@gmail.com.

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

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Beach Art Association Juried Show

On Sunday, the Fort Myers Beach Art Association’s finest exhibit of the season opened at the association gallery. This is the one exhibit each season that is open to all members of the Southwest Florida Art Council.

The exhibit was juried and judged by Mary Alice Baukman, who taught workshop at the gallery last week. Baukman said, “The paintings were exciting and showed great diversity, many different approaches in their selection and treatment of subject, and great imagination in treatment of their painting medium. I congratulate the artists who won awards. You were among so many fine artists.”

Awards were given at the reception January 26 by the association’s first vice president, Floyd Lawrence, and Fran Myers of Red Coconut RV Resort, which sponsored the show. This exhibit will hang until February 13.

First place painting, Burberry meets East and West by Cheryl Fausel

Second place painting, Mesa Verde by Sue Pink

Third place painting, Sea Infinity by Julie Nusbaum

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Fort Myers Fare

of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. Dine in air-conditioned comfort or outside on Nellie’s expansive waterfront patio. Happy hour is all day. Grab a bite to eat or drink and swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area’s premier musical talent.

Just upstairs from Nellie’s is Ugly’s Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier, and happy hour is all day, every day.

Whether you arrive by land or sea, parking for patrons of Nellie’s and Ugly’s is free. The GPS coordinates are 26°27′23.41″ N • 81°57′15.18″ W. 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach at the historic Fort Myers Beach Seaport. Call 463-8077.

Young Film Maker Honored

Lee County Schools Superintendent Dr. Nancy Graham poses with Fort Myers High School student Sarah Adler at the Lee Coast chapter of the Military Officers Association of America’s monthly dinner on Monday, January 13. Sarah shared her documentary film Uncommon Valor, Common Virtue at the dinner. Her film won first place at the Pride & Patriotism event in November 2013. ©
Musical Evening At The Alliance

Naples singer-songwriter and author Carlene Thissen will be performing on the Musical Evening with Cello and Friends at the Alliance for the Arts on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. The concert which also features sopranos Cello Bennett and Jenny Hayden, bass Irwin Densen, violinist Rachel Cox and pianist Judy Richey, is part of the three-week-long Gale Bennett 75 Celebration at the alliance.

Thissen will sing several of her own songs, both solo and in duet with Cello Bennett, as well as covering songs by other songwriters.

Tickets are $18 and can be purchased at www.theatreconspiracy.org. Two of Thissen’s books, Immokalee’s Fields of Hope and Called from Silence: The Father Sanders Story, were inspired by her work with the immigrant population of Immokalee. When music was needed for a video based on Immokalee’s Fields of Hope, Thissen wrote her first song, Take these Hands. Since that time, songwriting has become as important as her work as coordinator of a farm labor supervisor training program at the University of Florida in Immokalee.

Thissen’s first album, Spring Rain, was released in 2010 and is available for purchase in the gift shop at the Alliance for the Arts.

Shell Point Offers Two Sessions On Shakespeare

The Academy of Lifelong Learning recognizes the 450th anniversary of the birth of The Bard with two February sessions of “A Salute To Shakespeare,” the first being scheduled on Thursday, February 6.

Session one offers an examination of one of Shakespeare’s greatest tragedies, Othello. The discussion will first explore the dramatic elements that support a true tragedy and how Shakespeare incorporated them into his plays. The class will then focus on this play’s source, plot, characters and themes.

On Thursday, February 20, session two highlights one of the playwright’s romance plays: the tragicomedy The Winter’s Tale. This story presents a plot that deals with jealousy and redemption while incorporating a companion set of contrasting actions that are truly entertaining. The play also contains a stage direction that has both amused and horrified audiences for more than 400 years.

The sessions will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Cypress Room at The Woodlands at Shell Point. “A Salute To Shakespeare” will be taught by Ray Boyce, a Shell Point resident who studied Shakespeare at Oxford University as a part of his ongoing passion for continuing education.

Both sessions are free; however, seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 489-8472 for more information.

Uncommon Evening To Honor Berne Davis

On Wednesday, March 26, Berne Davis will be honored at the annual Uncommon Friends Evening to mark her 100th birthday and her philanthropy.

The evening will be presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

The Southwest Florida community is invited to participate in this special celebration at a gala evening at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street, Fort Myers.

The event will also feature the presentation of the 9th annual Business Ethics Award, Character Education Teacher Awards and scholarships to 20 recipients.

A table for eight costs $750; individual tickets are $100. Sponsorships are also available. The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m.

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Unique Gifts At Alliance Gallery

The Alliance for the Arts gift shop will expand into the gallery on Saturday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and local artists will display and sell their hand-crafted works in a variety of mediums. This is a good opportunity to find unique Valentine’s Day gifts while supporting these artists. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Alliance members receive 10 percent off their total purchase.

More than a dozen artists will be on hand and featured works include Aboriginals (jewelry and sculpture), Jayne Baker (candles, boxes, jewelry), Gay Cable (jewelry), DLynne Designs (fused glass and jewelry), Lucia Garcia (jewelry), Katie Gardenia (dolls, cards, books, jewelry), Shirley Litman (pottery), Eileen Loro (baskets), Marc Oeldon (pottery) and Union Artist Studio artists (paintings, jewelry and frames). You can also explore the Gale Bennett 75 retrospective exhibit in the main gallery and the weekly Alliance GreenMarket that takes place outside from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Alliance for the Arts gift shop supports local, independent artists and is continuously restocked with new items including jewelry, hand bags, pottery, paintings, fabric art, repurposed art, hand-made books, photography, and more.

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

Poster Sales To Benefit Three Art Organizations

Exhibit posters from internationally known contemporary artist Gale Bennett’s past exhibits will be available for sale at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers beginning Friday, February 7 at the opening reception of Gale Bennett 75, a 40-year retrospective, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. All proceeds from the poster sales will be shared among three nonprofit arts organizations based in Fort Myers: the Alliance for the Arts, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s Fund for the Arts and Young Artist Awards, Inc.

The eight posters will be displayed at the exhibition, along with information about the three arts organizations. The posters will be available individually for $15 each and in a set of eight for $60, packaged separately.

On how she chose these organizations as beneficiaries, Cello Bennett, Gale Bennett’s widow, explained, “The arts have always played the central role in both my life and Gale’s, in inverse proportions. Gale was a visual artist who adored classical music – and as many here in Southwest Florida remember, he wrote wonderful music reviews, taught music appreciation classes, and even did radio broadcasts spreading the gospel of classical music.

“I am a classical singer who has always loved the visual arts – I’ve always said that if I ever went back to college, I would study art and become a curator. With this background, it was a natural choice to want to do something special for the arts here in Southwest Florida. I am sure Gale would be delighted to know that all proceeds from poster sales will be going to three organizations that contribute greatly to the artistic life of our community. The Alliance for the Arts is the real umbrella organization for all artistic endeavors in this area. I hope to see the newly-established Fund for the Arts of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation grow into a major source of support for artists and arts organizations. The Young Artist Auditions represent the future of performing arts, with their support of budding classical and popular musicians. I was delighted to be a judge of their recent classical singing auditions.”

In 1975, the Alliance for the Arts opened with a Gale Bennett retrospective. In 2004, the Alliance again featured Bennett’s works in the exhibition When Florida Meets Normandy.

More information about the three organizations can be found online at www.artinlee.org, www.floridacommunity.com and www.youngartistawards.org/audition.html.

The Alliance for the Arts is at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787.
School Smart

by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

D ear Shelley,

I am worried that my 4-year-old son’s reading skills won’t develop appropriately because his preschool uses electronic devices much of the time. Should I complain to his teachers?

Crystal B., Estero, Florida

Crystale,

This is an interesting and complex question. We must realize and accept that for young children, electronic tools will be a main source of textual information at school and in their lives. Given the ever-increasing number of e-books, e-texts, games and the upsurge in apps, the traditional picture book reading experience of early childhood has transformed into a highly interactive, multi-media literacy experience for most preschool children.

Research indicates that we still don’t know much about the impact of e-books on children’s early literacy knowledge, skills and desire to read, but we are beginning to collect valuable information. In the next few paragraphs I’ve reported some new data that may help you to make more informed choices for your child.

According to recent research published in The School Library Journal, researchers from John Carroll University examined how different digital tools—an iPad, an iPod and a tabletop touchscreen computer captured and held children’s attention to print media delivered electronically. They looked specifically at the children’s behaviors of looking, listening and touching while reading, speculating that the requirement for multisensory actions used may be what directs preschoolers “attention to e-text in ways that support early literacy experience and learning.”

The researchers discovered that there were some differences between the larger tabletop computer and the smaller mobile devices, although all types of devices supported listening relatively evenly, which has implications for instruction in oral language comprehension for literacy.

In regard to the touching, moving and gesturing behaviors of the children, some differences were found among the digital tools. Larger table top touch screen devices typically require some instruction by the teacher, while mobile devices allow children the opportunity to freely move and shift position as they read. Given the emerging motor skills of preschoolers, the chance for them to physically engage through movement by touching the screen or moving around to interact with the text may increase and engagement with e-book text in ways that promote early literacy skills.

A great deal more research must be conducted before we can know for certain how to use digital media to the best advantage in regard to attracting readers and increasing reading achievement and skills. I think it’s safe to say right now that providing your child as many reading experiences as possible through a variety of digital tools and hard cover books is an excellent way for him to become an interested and skilled reader.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.

Early Childhood Education Conference Scheduled For April 12

Child Care of Southwest Florida invites early childhood educators and caregivers to Circles of Care, a daylong conference designed to inform and inspire those who work with children from infancy through elementary school.

The 19th annual conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. at the Fort Myers campus of Edison State College. Presentations, age-specific workshops, hands-on experiences and exhibits will provide information and specific workshops, hands-on experiences and exhibits will provide information and resources for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, family-care providers and parents. Up to .65 continuing education credits will be available.

Sponsorships help keep the advance registration cost to $40 per person. Admission at the door will be $55. To register as a participant or exhibitor or for more information, log onto www.ccsowfl.org or call 278-1002.

“Useful content, compelling presenters and great value have made this the conference of the year for early childhood education in Southwest Florida. More than 600 people typically participate,” said Beth Lobdell, executive director of Child Care of Southwest Florida.

Keynote speaker Ron Mohl will share teaching methods with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and math) and provide ideas to arouse students’ natural curiosity and activities to engage their families. Glenn “The Wild Wizard” Beitmen is returning to Circles of Care with an entertaining and enthusiastic presentation that includes a year’s worth of STEM curriculum ideas.

Circles of Care conference partners are Edison State College, Florida Gulf Coast University, Southwest Florida Parent & Child Magazine and Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children.

A United Way agency established in 1967, Child Care of Southwest Florida Inc. also provides state-mandated training for child care professionals and administers the federal food program for eligible centers and family child care homes throughout Southwest Florida. Visit www.ccsowfl.org to learn more.

President’s List

Matthew Carlson, a Fort Myers resident and student at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, was among more than 1,000 students who made the President’s List in the Fall 2013 semester.

Dean’s List

Francis Ferdinand, of Cape Coral, has been named to the Fall 2013 dean’s list at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. Ferdinand is a music major.

Fall Dean’s List

Jessica Norris, a Fort Myers resident and a student at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, was among more than 1,100 students who made the Dean’s List in the Fall 2013 semester.
Weather Is The Big Question For Outdoor Super Bowl

by Ed Frank

As the icy sub-zero winds swirl in the coldest winter in decades throughout much of the nation, the big question is not who will win Sunday’s Super Bowl XLVIII, but what’s the weather going to be for the first outdoor Super Bowl in a cold weather site?

Writing this column early this week, it obviously was too early to predict an accurate forecast for the Denver-Seattle title game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

But we can say with certainty that it will be the coldest of the previous 47 Super Bowls, the present record being a game-time temperature of 39 degrees for the 1972 Super Bowl at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans.

Monday of this week, the New York-area forecast for Sunday called for mid-30s temperatures with mild wind, which wouldn’t be bad. But mid-week Polar Vortex temperatures leading to the weekend are likely to be brutal.

Obviously, the National Football League downplays the weather dilemma. When a 13-inch snow buried MetLife Stadium last week, the league said the stadium was cleared of snow in 18 hours. And the normal 800-member stadium maintenance staff has doubled for the big game.

However, there were also reports last week that the NFL was considering moving the game to another site or even rescheduling the biggest event in sports.

The Super Bowl always has been a super-expensive ticket, and this year’s Big Apple region site had expected to fetch record prices. But that has not been the case.

A week before the game, the NFL Ticket Exchange reported average ticket prices of $1,779, $409 cheaper than this time last year and $809 less than 2012. When prices opened on the exchange the day after Denver and Seattle won their conference championships, the price was $2,700.

Weather is the contributing factor to the price decline.

James Kimmel, owner of Epic Seats, a Seattle ticket broker, said, “What we have now is like a panicked stock market. The buyers have frozen and the sellers are panicked.”

He added that he even had an offer to buy a man’s ticket at face value, “something I never expected to hear.”

Clearing snow from MetLife Stadium, site of Super Bowl XLVIII

How will the players adjust to the questionable weather? How will the coaches adjust their game plans? And who will be crowned Super Bowl XLVIII champion?

Those questions pale compared to the big question: What’s the weather going to be?

Chuck Knoblauch Elected To Minnesota Twins Hall Of Fame

Former Minnesota Twins second baseman and the 1991 American League Rookie of the Year Chuck Knoblauch has been named to the team’s Hall of Fame. He became the 27th member to join that exclusive group.

Knoblauch played 12 years in the Major Leagues, seven with the Twins, and retired with a career .304 batting average. He was a four-time All Star and remains as the Twins all-time leader in several offensive categories.

He was Minnesota’s first-round draft choice in 1989. He completed his career with the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals.

Player Of The Year Kenny Perry Joins To Compete In Ace Group Classic

Kenny Perry, the 2013 Champions Tour Player of the Year, joins the stellar field for the February 14 to 16 Ace Group Classic at TwinsEagles Golf Club in Naples.

Perry will be competing with nine of last season’s top 10 money winners on the senior circuit.

Edison College Seeks Input On Buccaneers Logo

Edison State College will host four town hall meetings to give students, faculty, staff and the public an opportunity to provide input in the design of the college’s logo for the Buccaneers.

The Buccaneers is the mascot for the athletic teams, which are planned for a Fall 2015 debut.

“This is an exciting time for the college,” said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, president. “Bringing athletics back has created an added buzz for our students, our faculty, our staff and the community as a whole.”

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, January 23
Lee Campus (Fort Myers), 11 a.m. in Building U, Room 102
Collier Campus (Naples), 3 p.m. in Building M, Room 201
Monday, January 27
Charlotte Campus (Punta Gorda), 1 p.m. in Building O, Room 117
Hendry/Glades Center (LaBelle), 5:30 p.m. in Building A, Room 119

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Cape Chorale

Cape Chorale To Deliver Singing Valentines Again

Quartets from the Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus will deliver Singing Valentines again this year on February 13 and 14. For a fee of $50, a quartet dressed in tuxedos will deliver two songs, a live rose, a card and a box of chocolates to the recipient.

Singing Valentines may be ordered by calling 855-425-3631. Deliveries will be made in Cape Coral, Fort Myers, North Fort Myers and Pine Island. Call for changes in other areas.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Pediatric Speech Therapy unit of Lee Memorial Health Systems.

Reading Festival Vendors Sought

There are still a few Marketplace exhibit spaces available for literary or educational organizations, publishers, writers, merchants of reading/education themed merchandise on a first-come, first-served basis at the 15th annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival planned for March 15 at the Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park in the Fort Myers River District.

Exhibit space is available outdoors in the youth area and inside Harborside Event Center in the adult area for a fee. Marketplace applications can be found at www.readfest.org/Marketplace or contact Debbie West for more information at 533-4805.

Continental Women’s Club

The next meeting of Continental Women’s Club of Fort Myers will be held on Thursday, February 6 at Colonial Country Club. Prizes will be awarded for those wearing special hats that tie into a specific theme. This is always a fun time for everyone to don a hat that will be judged for its beauty, originality and creativity.

If you are interested in joining other women in various group activities, both social and philanthropic, consider joining the Continental Women’s Club. Numerous activities are offered including lunch bunch, dining out, bridge, book club and more. Luncheon meetings with featured speakers or entertainment are held the first Thursday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club.

For more information about becoming a member, call Margie Connor at 561-8973.

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When you started out in your adult life, things were probably pretty simple: no house, no spouse, no kids, few investments. So, when it came time to do your taxes, you might have gotten along just fine by using Form 1040EZ which, as the name suggests, is pretty darn easy to use.

Fast forward a few years, however, and here you are today: family, mortgage, 401(k), IRA, stocks, bonds, debts, charitable contributions. Now, when you sit down to do your taxes, they're looking a lot more like your high school trigonometry. If that's the case, it might be time for you to get some help.

“However, anyone can claim to be a “tax preparer.” How can you find the one that’s right for you? Here are a few tips:

• Check credentials. While your brother-in-law, your barber and your daughter’s friend who is really good in math all may be able to do your taxes, none of them are going to be as familiar with tax law as a CPA, a tax attorney or an “enrolled agent” (an individual licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service).

• Get references. Ask your friends, relatives and co-workers who they use for their taxes, and if they’re satisfied with this person.

• Avoid preparers who promise “big refunds.” No reputable tax preparer can guarantee you a big refund — or any refund — before looking at your taxes. Stay away from these people. Also, avoid tax preparers who base their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund. While refunds are nice, you don’t want one that might invite serious questions, or an audit, from the IRS.

Get Organized

Once you have chosen a professional to do your taxes, what can you expect? Can you just toss a shoebox full of receipts, investment statements and pay stubs at your preparer and then wait for your return?

It’s not that easy. Even if you use a tax preparer, you’re going to have to do some work, too. Try to be as organized as possible with your documentation. For example, you may want one envelope devoted solely to investment information, one to earnings, one to charitable gifts, one to other deductions, and so on. The more organized you are, the easier it will be for your tax professional to complete your return in the most favorable manner possible.

However, don’t assume that what you’re giving to your preparer is sufficient. If you have sold shares of stock, make sure you’ve got the cost-basis of those shares available. If this information is not printed on your statements, call your investment professional to get it.

Here’s one final tip: See your tax preparer as soon as possible. Once the tax season gets into late March, you’ll find few people anywhere as harassed and harried as tax preparers, so give them the time they need to help you.

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

Free Community Health Fairs

The Lee Memorial Health System Parish Nurse Program is teaming up with Right At Home In Home Care & Assistance and Shell Point Retirement Community to provide a series of free health fairs open to the public. With the help of sponsors, the Parish Nurse Program will provide wellness screenings to the Southwest Florida community at churches throughout the area.

“We are truly blessed to be able to reach out into the community and address health issues and improve the quality of life for individuals who otherwise would not seek medical attention,” said Nancy Roberts, manager of the Parish Nurse Program. “At every health fair, the screenings identify the need for immediate care in at least one or two people. Life-threatening conditions such as high blood pressure and heart disease often have no symptoms. These free screenings are saving lives.”

The annual community-wide health fairs will take place at the following locations:

- February 1, 9 a.m. to noon, St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3593 Broadway, Fort Myers
- February 7, 1 to 4 p.m., Sanibel Center 4 Life, 2401 Library Way, Sanibel
- February 27, 9 a.m. to noon, Hope Lutheran Church, 25999 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs
- April 5, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Cape Coral Faith Presbyterian, 4544 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral

Door prizes and healthy snacks will be provided for participants. Free screenings by health care professionals include: memory screening, varicose veins, balance test, pulse oximeter readings, glucose, skin cancer, spinal alignment, manual breast exam screening, hearing, vision, BMI, blood pressure, foot health, and advance directives. Various health care community resources will also be available.

“Parish nursing plays an important part in the continuum of care between our healthcare system and the community by connecting healing and faith,” said Roberts.

The Parish Nurse Program is part of the Spiritual Services Department of Lee Memorial Health System. The Parish Nurse Program promotes holistic care of the body, mind, and spirit by addressing the spiritual and emotional needs of patients, families, employees, volunteers and faith communities. More information is available at www.leememorial.org/spiritualservices or by calling 343-5182.

The Annual Foundations of Faith Community Health Fairs will be held May 2 to 10 to credential RN’s for this special Health Ministry. For more information, contact Nancy Roberts at 343-5182.

Right At Home provides in-home care to seniors and others throughout Lee and Collier counties who need help maintaining their independence and a healthy lifestyle; and offers caregiving services for most any situation. For further information, contact Danielle at 949-1070 or visit www.rightathome.net.

Shell Point Informational Meetings

Residents of Southwest Florida who would like to learn about resort-style retirement options and lifecare from an experienced retirement counselor are invited to attend one of several informational meetings at Shell Point Retirement Community.

The meetings will be held at 10 a.m. in the main Commons located in The Woodlands neighborhood at Shell Point on February 4, 12 and 18. Meetings will also be held at 2 p.m. on February 5, 11 and 19.

After the presentation, guests can tour The Island neighborhood and visit furnished models in The Woodlands neighborhood. Guests will also learn more about The Estuary, Shell Point’s newest neighborhood, which will include 50 residences in a combination of single-family and twin villa homes, a community center, and a pool.

Admission to these informative sessions is free; however, seating is limited, so reservations are required and may be made by calling Maureen Thomson at 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.

To learn more about Shell Point, visit www.shellpoint.org.

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

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Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate
Overweight People Have Leptin Resistance

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I’m frustrated and happy at the same time because last week, you taught me about a blood test called “leptin” and how it relates obesity. I’ve been the same weight for five years and can’t lose anything, yet I eat very little. Please share more.

AS, Gainesville, Florida

Leptin and “leptin resistance” may explain why you eat nothing and hold on to weight. I want to make this a house-hold term and educate you so you can get tested correctly.

Leptin is your stop sign at the dinner table. This hormone is released while you’re eating. Special fat cells in your body secrete the leptin which sends a powerful message to your brain saying, “Stop eating, you’re full now!” Erratic fluctuations of leptin (and the hormone ghrelin, which makes you feel hungry) complicate your ability to lose weight and triggers intense hunger. The imbalanced leptin hormone, can impede weight loss even in the presence of proper levels of estrogen, progesterone and thyroid. Some of you have adequate leptin, but your body doesn’t care; it is desensitized to the hormone and resistant to leptin. This is called leptin resistance and unfortunately for your waist line, there’s no stop sign at the dinner table anymore. You’ll eat more than you should, and more frequently than others. You’re hovering over the fridge at all hours of the day. Yo-yo dieting creates the problem, and makes it much worse.

This begs the question, “Why have I become leptin resistant? There are many causes. A common one is because, long ago, you followed your taste buds too long because the food was so yummy. Perhaps your portions were too big and ate until your stomach hurt. There’s no blame here. The typical diet of processed, fast foods contains ingredients that are delicious, if not addictive, so there’s a strong crave for these meals. Some of you will down your food down. It takes 10 to 15 minutes for your brain to get the leptin “stop” sign, so if you eat too fast, then you’ll eat too much. Slow down when you eat to allow the leptin signal to be heard.

How can you tell if you’re leptin resistant? The hallmark sign is that you can virtually starve yourself and still not lose weight. That’s a sign that leptin resistance has been going on a long time. Diet pills won’t help you, but exercise will. You can have a blood test done to determine leptin levels. If you can normalize it, your body will start burning fat. It helps if your thyroid hormone is optimized. Leptin resistance occurs years before insulin resistance and full blown diabetes. I wrote the book on that entitled Diabetes Without Drugs and offer solutions there.

Meet Shell Point’s Gift Shop Authors

Visitors to the Shell Point Gift Shop will find all types of books – from mysteries to cookbooks – written by resident authors. On Monday, February 10, the authors of the Gift Shop books will be on hand from 10 a.m. to noon to share back stories, details and insights behind the books they’ve written. The authors will also personally autograph Gift Shop book purchases.

In addition to meeting the Gift Shop authors, guests will have an opportunity to win prizes, including a gift certificate redeemable at the Shell Point Gift Shop. The Shell Point Gift Shop accepts cash or checks and is located on The Island at Shell Point. For more information, call Melody Desilets, volunteer coordinator, at 454-2290 or visit www.shellpoint.org.

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The Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF) hosted the FutureMakers Season Opener, marking the beginning of the college scholarship and financial aid application season last week at Hodges University in Fort Myers.

FutureMakers is the SWFLCF’s first regional call to action evolving from its 3-D research on broad regional needs last year. The SWFLCF brought together the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Southwest Florida Works, The Education Foundation of Collier County-Champions for Learning, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast as the FutureMakers coalition focused on helping high-school class of 2014 to successfully take their next step in higher education.

The event included an update on FutureMakers’ efforts, including early reports from high school seniors and their mentors, the latest statistics from the Florida College Access Network (Florida C.A.N.), information on the GradApp which is a mobile application developed as an aggregate of postsecondary educational resources and funding, and the launch of GradApp’s public service announcements that are being aired in schools and media outlets throughout the region featuring Sherwood Brown, former shooting guard for the Florida Gulf Coast University Eagles from 2009 to 2013 and 2012-13 Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year.

According to the Florida C.A.N., it is estimated that during 2012, Florida’s high school graduates left behind more $100 million in Pell Grants by virtue of not completing the FAFSA form.

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**TRIVIA TEST**

1. HISTORY: What was the name of the treaty that ended the American Revolutionary War?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of the prison in “Hogan’s Heroes”?
3. THEATER: Which U.S. president was featured in the musical “Annie”? 
4. AD SLOGANS: Which car company is part of the advertising slogan “Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and...”
5. ENTERTAINMENT: When did the Miss America pageant begin?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the names of the stone lions at the entrance of the New York Public Library?
7. LITERATURE: What was the name of the monster in “Beowulf”?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African nation Burkina Faso?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What type of creature belongs to the order Siphonaptera?
10. MATH: In geometry, what is the shape of a torus?

**ANSWERS**

DID YOU KNOW

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**


**SPORTS QUIZ**

1. In 2013, for the third time in major-league history, the reigning Cy Young Award winners (R.A. Dickey, David Price) faced each other in a regular-season game. Name either of the other two pairings.
2. Name the Rolls-Royce that pair Greg Maddux strike out 200 or more batters in a season during his 23-year major-league career?
3. In 2012, Adrian Peterson became the second Minnesota Vikings running back to have five consecutive 100-yard-rushing games. Who was the first?
4. Who was the last time before 2012 that Harvard’s men’s basketball team made the NCAA Tournament?
5. Name the last time before the 2013-14 season that the Colorado Avalanche started a season at least 6-0-0.
6. Austrian skier Mario Matt set a record in 2013 for the oldest skier (34) to win a World Cup slalom. Who had been the oldest?
7. Who was the last British men’s golfer before Matt Fitzpatrick in 2013 to win the U.S. Amateur golf tournament?

**ANSWERS**


**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

1. It was noted Irish author and wit Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: “There are only two tragedies in life: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.”
2. The very first CD of a musical recording was made in 1982. The album was “The Visitors” by Swedish pop superstars ABBA.
3. Immigrants arriving at New York’s Ellis Island in the early years (1892-1920s) were given bananas to eat. Many had never seen a banana and didn’t know how to eat one -- some ate the peel and all.
4. In the small African nation of Swaziland, the Civil Aviation Authority has set a ceiling of 500 feet on light aircraft. These aircraft, as well as kites and remote controlled toys, are not allowed to go above that limit. Also included in the category of light aircraft are broomsticks. Any witch who flies on a broomstick above that limit is subject to a fine of more than $50,000 and possible arrest.
5. If you’re thinking about moving to another country, you might want to consider Finland. In that country, employees are offered, on average, 44 paid vacation days every year. Of course, you might want to consider that even in the warm southwestern part of the country, winters last about 100 days, with snow covering the ground from mid-October to early May.
6. The name of the state of Iowa (unsurprisingly) comes from a Native American language. The original word, “ayuxba,” means “sleepy ones.”
7. Early science-fiction author E.E. “Doc” Smith wasn’t just a writer; he was (or current) engineer. He’s the guy who figured out how to get powdered sugar to stick to doughnuts.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“To be capable of embarrassment is the beginning of moral consciousness. Honor grows from qualms.” — John Leonard
Florida Chicken with Mozzarella and Tomato

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed of fat
1 teaspoon paprika
4 cloves fresh garlic, minced
2 large tomatoes, diced
olive oil
1 teaspoon natural sugar
1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, hand-torn, plus more for garnish
1/4 pound fresh mozzarella, diced into large pieces
sea salt to taste
freshly ground pepper to taste

Season chicken breasts with salt, pepper and paprika. Preheat a medium-sized sauté pan over medium heat. Add a small amount of olive oil to the pan and carefully add seasoned chicken breasts. Cook chicken on both sides until golden brown, about 5 minutes per side. Remove from pan and set aside.

Add a small amount of olive oil to the pan the chicken was cooked in. Add garlic and cook until fragrant. Add diced tomatoes and scrape the bottom of the pan to release the flavor. Add broth to the pan and bring to a slight boil. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt, pepper and sugar. Stir in basil, reserving some for garnish.

Add the chicken to the tomato mixture in the pan. Bring the ingredients back to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes. At this point the chicken should be completely done throughout the thickest part. Always check the chicken to make sure it is cooked.

Evenly distribute the mozzarella cheese over the entire pan and, without stirring, continue to simmer until the cheese is melted. To serve, garnish with fresh basil and serve the dish family-style.
**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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

Outlaw

CURTLIP ______ ______ ______ ______

Quiet

SEEENER ______ ______

Grace

SOPIE ______ ______

Motion

COATIN ______ ______ ______

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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

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Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Brave. I’m a white, 6-year-old male American bulldog. I’m a big sweet, lovable hunk and just like my favorite football team, I’m “Brave.” I’m also loyal, humble and well-mannered, just like my favorite quarterback. A certain Animal Control Officer takes me out for walks after dinner and we just relax and enjoy each other’s company. I’m easy-going and low maintenance. So, if you’re looking for a football buddy to share your couch and life with, I’m your guy!

My adoption fee is free ($25 off the regular adoption fee of $25 for pets 6 years and up, during Animal Services’ Resolution Buddies Adoption Promotion).

Hello, my name is Doreen. I’m a white-and-black, 1-year-old female domestic short hair. My foster mom says I am cute, quiet, affectionate and a perfect little companion. I’m always by your side but never under foot. How’s that for a testimonial?

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

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

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

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Brave ID# 506095

Doreen ID# 579742

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