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## Symphony Presents Classic Country: A Salute To Dolly & Patsy April 3-4



Chelsea Packard



Sam Pacetti

The Southwest Florida Symphony will present the next concert in its Pops Series, Classic Country: A Salute to Dolly & Patsy, on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m. Conducted by local favorite Leif Bjaland, A Salute to Dolly & Patsy features great traditional country music made famous by Grand Ole Opry stars Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash and others.

"Orchestral instruments have been an integral part of country music," said Maestro  
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Previous Future of Art exhibition shown at The Alliance

## Elementary And Middle School Art Students Exhibit At The Alliance

Artworks created by elementary and middle school art students in Lee County are currently gracing the gallery walls at the Alliance for the Arts. This 23rd annual partnership with the Lee Arts Educators Association (LAEA) gives students a chance to display their work in a formal exhibition. The show features more than 40

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## Upcoming Events At Edison Ford

New at the Edison Ford Winter Estates is Meet the Horticulturalist, a free daily program at 9:30 a.m. Meet in the Garden Shoppe.

Participants may bring questions or even dying plants. The Propagating Nursery, the Member and Community Plot Garden and the Garden Shoppe are part of the program. Learn what can grow in a pot or a plot. Get advice from the experts about soil, watering and pruning.

See the newly expanded Garden Shoppe and what flowers are in bloom and for sale. Let the horticulturalist help you choose what is best for your yard or vegetable plot, and if you have time, join a full garden tour every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for an additional cost.

Other events:

- The Founding Females Art Exhibit will continue through May 28. It opened in February in the Edison Caretaker's House and has been well attended. It not only captures the unique attributes, which these "pioneer women" brought to the community, but also presents the works of a well-established group of artists. The result is a history exhibit and an art exhibit



Founding Females of Fort Myers Art Exhibit continues through May

combined.

Group lectures may be scheduled and can include refreshments or lunch. To schedule a group tour or for more information, call 334-7419.

- KIDding Around is planned for April 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bell Tower Shops, Fort Myers. It includes free children's activities. "Professor Pearce" will be making the popular "slime." There is always something new to experience at this event. Other activities on-site include a bounce house, face-painting, refreshments and musical fun. The Edison Ford Shoppe at Bell Tower carries educational toys and books for young readers.

- A Ford Thunderbird Exhibition is also planned for April 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Edison Ford Winter Estates. Thunderbirds, or T-Birds, as they are



Garden Talk: Improving Your Florida Soil with Easy Gardening Techniques

called, will be displayed on the historic, riverside property of Henry Ford. Owners will be on hand to visit with guests and answer questions.

The Ford Thunderbird lives on in the hearts of so many people, in the garages of collectors and in the memories of millions. At one of the most beautiful sites in Fort Myers, this is a fitting tribute to the legacy of the American automobile and Henry Ford.

The history of the Thunderbird has included two-seaters, roadsters, convertibles and four-door models, hardtops and sedans, more than four million of them. Over the years there have been several different models, but the nostalgia has never waned.

A portion of the proceeds from the show will benefit the restoration of the



The Thunderbird Exhibition

antique car collection of Edison Ford. The event includes:

- "Henry and Clara Ford" leading informal tours throughout the event
- Thunderbird Car Talks
- Everglades BBQ for purchase at the Ford Cottage Lawn
- Live Music with The Flashback Duo

Thunderbird owners can register their cars for this special show by calling LEEANNE CRISWELL at 334-7419. There is no fee for registration.

Admission is free for members, \$20 for adults and \$11 for children and includes an audio tour, admission to see the homes, gardens, laboratory and museum.

- Garden Talk: Improving Your Florida Soil with Easy Gardening Techniques will

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Half A Century At Five Points



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The Liberty National Life Insurance Company building pictured here was built on McGregor Boulevard during the 1960s, a decade of major upheaval for Five Points.

Now the half-century-old structure is being made “new” again and repurposed for today’s downtown.

If you don’t recognize the name Five Points, it’s probably because the name is used infrequently except by Fort Myers natives and history buffs.

Today, the complicated multi-level traffic intersection on the western edge of the main business is usually referred to as the Caloosahatchee Bridge overpass rather than Five Points.

But the intersection wasn’t always the network of lanes it now is, nor was it quite so daunting to pedestrians and motorists alike.

A glance at early maps and photos will show that Five Points was at first the convergence of only four streets: Cleveland Avenue; Main (originally called Oak); Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (originally Anderson Avenue); and McGregor Boulevard (originally named Riverside Drive).

Only after the construction of Carson Street at the river in the early 20th century did the intersection become five-way.

For many years, the Tootie McGregor Terry memorial fountain at the middle of Five Points, placed there a century ago, lent coherence and picturesqueness to the busy intersection. That fountain was not only a landmark but a convenient reference point in giving directions.

The fountain’s removal in the 1950s, along with the subsequent clearing of neighborhoods for the construction of the Caloosahatchee Bridge, which was completed in 1964, changed Five Points forever. (The restored fountain is now located at the Fort Myers County Club farther south on McGregor.)

The one-story brick Liberty National building, constructed in 1966, was part of that disassembling and reassembling of process that began more than half a century ago.

It was an insurance office for nearly four decades. Then an engineering firm occupied it briefly, but for several years now it has been vacant.

And, the neighborhood around it has changed significantly, with street widening, building demolitions, the disappearance of residential housing, and an increase in traffic.

The former Liberty National is being reinvented as a veterinary clinic. This “recycling” or adaptive reuse of a structure – versus demolition – is a wise use of resources and a principle of historic preservation and sensible redevelopment.

The building joins an impressive list of older Five Point structures that also have been preserved, renovated and adapted for a new purpose.

Across McGregor stand the impressive 1885 William Towles house and the 1941 former Christian Science Church, both now law offices.

Today, the 58-foot-high lanes of the Caloosahatchee Bridge sail above the historic intersection, casting shadows on the paths where ox carts, bicycles, marching bands and Model-Ts once traveled, and dogs and horses drank from a marble fountain.

Walk down to Five Points and contemplate the dramatic changes that sheer automobile traffic has dictated in historic downtown -- and appreciate the efforts of those who make old buildings new again.

Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the changes the mid-twentieth century brought to that part of town.

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Five years ago, the former Liberty National Life Insurance Company at Five Points was vacant. Reflected in windows of the 1966 building from across McGregor Boulevard is the 1885 William Towles House, now a law office.



The former insurance building shaded by old oak trees is being renovated and will start its second half-century as a veterinary clinic

photos by Gerri Reaves



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Fort Myers Art:

## Art In The Gardens Returns



by Tom Hall

The 7th annual Art in the Gardens returns to Edison Ford on Sunday, April 12 with a reception in the Heritage Garden from 2 to 4 p.m. to honor the teachers and their students

who created the artwork.

More than 20 Lee County schools will have their artwork on display for visitors to enjoy, including Bayshore Elementary, Bonita Springs Elementary, Challenger Middle, Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, Cypress Lake Middle, Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, Fort Myers High, Lehigh Senior High, Mariner High, Mirror Lakes Elementary, Pine Island Elementary, Rayma C. Page Elementary, St. Andrew Catholic School, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Tice Elementary, Tortuga Preserve Elementary, Trafalgar Elementary, Trafalgar Middle, Varsity Lakes Middle, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts.

Each art piece must be made with recycled materials, kinetic sculpture and placed with materials that can withstand the Southwest Florida environment: rain,



A piece from last year's Art in the Gardens exhibit. Artwork from more than 20 Lee County schools will be on display from April 12 to May 19.

wind and humidity. In recognition of the fact that Thomas and Mina Edison loved their winter retreat and adorned it with flowers, plants and trees used for research purposes as well as aesthetics, the theme for 2015 is Flowers in the Garden.

Art in the Gardens is a free event. RSVP at 334-7419 for opening day. The exhibition runs through May 19.

Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled Art

Detective. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.✱

## Taste Of The Beach Returns

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce announced that the 20th annual Taste of the Beach will be held on

Sunday May, 3. The popular food festival held on Fort Myers Beach will include approximately 20 restaurants plus a live on-stage concert featuring Jo List and Friends.

Local restaurants will serve up samples of their best signature dishes available for purchase. They will also be competing for the top Taste of the Beach Award honors in several categories including Best Appetizer, Best Dessert, Best Beef or Veal Dish, Best Chicken Dish, Best Seafood Dish, Best Non-Meat, Best Decorated Booth and People's Choice.

Festival gates will open at 11 a.m. and food will be served up until it runs out or until 5 p.m. Tickets will be available on-site. Admission is \$5 for adults and children over 12. All children under 12 years will be admitted free. Food tickets are \$1 each, with the average plate costing around \$5.

There are many restaurants participating in this event, all of which are members of the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

A 3,500-plus is expected to attend this event this year. There will be a panel of celebrity judges to do the honors of judging. Winners will be announced from the stage at 4 p.m.

For more details, visit [www.tasteoffortmyersbeach.com](http://www.tasteoffortmyersbeach.com) or email [frontdesk@fmbchamber.com](mailto:frontdesk@fmbchamber.com).✱

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## Pilot Club Distributes Bicycle Helmets At Reading Festival



Melissa Ramos with her sons Deangelos and Michaelangelo and their grandmother Elba Ramos

Kirsten and Keenan Walker, mother and son, were among 300 individuals receiving free bicycle helmets, compliments of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers, during the March 21 Reading Festival in Centennial Park. The Walkers are Lehigh Acres residents and Keenan attends Varsity Lakes Middle School.

Other recipients were Deangelos and Michaelangelo Rios.

The helmets are fitted to each person and safety information is provided about wearing them any time the individual is on "wheels." The Pilot Club distributes approximately 1,000 helmets during several events each year.

The focus of the Pilot Club of Fort Myers is helping organizations seeking to improve the quality of life for individuals with brain-related disorders through volunteer activities, education and financial support. For more information about the Pilot Club, contact the president, Linda Hessler, at 332-0971 or email linda1538@embarqmail.com.✱



Kirsten and Keenan Walker

## Concealed Weapon Licenses At Lee County Tax Collector's Office

Beginning April 1, local residents will be able to apply for a statewide concealed weapon license at the Lee County Tax Collector's office at 2480 Thompson Street, 2nd Floor, Fort Myers. Appointments are required and available by calling 533-6073.

Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart stated, "I am pleased to offer this program to local constituents. Our efforts to pass the legislation that allows our office to accept concealed weapon license applications will save both time and resources."

Florida concealed weapon licenses are processed solely by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Due to rising demand, tax collector offices have been given authority to take applications, fingerprint the applicants and send the information securely to the department for final determination. Valid photo identification and training certificates are among the documents required to accompany the application.

Lee is the sixth tax collector's office statewide to offer the application process. Additional county offices are scheduled to come online later in the year.

For more information, log onto [www.leetc.com/other-services](http://www.leetc.com/other-services).✱

## Republican Womens Club

The Lee Republican Women's Club (LRWC) will hold its April luncheon meeting at Rumrunners at 5848 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral on Tuesday, April 7. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and program starting at noon.

Featured speaker will be Ita Neymotin, appointed by Governor Rick Scott in 2011 as Counsel for the Second District Court of Appeals. Also a board member

of LRWC, Neymotin will give a fascinating look at her work in the justice system, and discuss the governor's appointment system.

Five regional counsel offices were created by the legislature in 2007 to provide legal representation to indigent persons in some cases: certain criminal cases, dependency and civil cases and certain authorized civil commitment proceedings.

The deadline for reservations is Friday, April 3. Reservations may be made at [reservations@leerwc.com](mailto:reservations@leerwc.com) or by calling 573-6913. Cost is \$18 inclusive. Checks or cash only accepted at the door.✱

## Cape Coral Police Chief To Speak At Monthly MOAA Meeting April 11

Cape Coral Police Chief Bart Connelly will be the guest speaker at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Calusa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America on Saturday, April 11. The 9 a.m. meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral. All military officers and spouses are invited to attend.

Connelly will discuss current activities within the Cape Coral Police Department. A question-and-answer session will follow his prepared remarks.

The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Reservations may be made by contacting Dixie Buick at 945-5030.

The Calusa Chapter is inviting the public to attend its Hootchie-Cootchie Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 18. The event will be held at the German-American Club, 2101 Pine Island Road SW in Cape Coral, beginning at 5 p.m., with a dinner buffet starting at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will be available from 5 to 11 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Casual dress attire is recommended. The cost is \$25 per person. All proceeds support local veterans and JROTC scholarships. Tickets and additional information are available by calling Bob Saldarini at 549-2339.

The Military Officers Association of America is a national organization representing the interests of the military. Florida is the third largest state of membership. Information about the Calusa Chapter of MOAA may be obtained by contacting the Calusa Chapter President Nick Hubbell at 240-381-3975. Membership information may be obtained by contacting Tim Cook at 945-6155.✱

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## Five Points

Call 321-7430 for information, or go to [museumofhistory.org](http://museumofhistory.org). Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Then head south from Five Points to the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center, where you can see photos of the intersection from

more than a century ago.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Hours are Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. Call 939-4044 for more information.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.✱



## Inaugural Blues By The Bay Fundraiser Is Tuesday, April 7

The Heights Foundation announced that Lily & Co. Jewelers is the title sponsor for the inaugural Blues by the Bay, an evening of live music, food and drinks, which will be held Tuesday, April 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the waterfront Sanibel home of Sandy Stilwell. Guests will taste samplings from some of Sanibel and Captiva's finest restaurants including Blue Coyote Supper Club, Cantina Captiva, Keylime Bistro, Sanibel Catering Company by Bailey's, SS Hookers and The Timbers. Fine wines and a signature Blue Bay Martini will be served courtesy of E&J Gallo Winery. The champagne sponsor is The Lighthouse Resort & Tiki Bar. Live music will be provided by The Marty Stokes Band, and Lori and Randy Thomas with Rob Robinson. Dress is resort casual.

Guests will have the opportunity to bid on auction lots including a \$5,000 gift certificate to Lily & Co. Jewelers; A Lux Life package including a week in a premium Jaguar courtesy of Jaguar Land Rover of Fort Myers, \$1,250 in designer clothing and a \$1,000 premium jewelry gift certificate; a Sanibel-Captiva staycation showcase featuring lodging, meals and golf at some of the best the islands have to offer; a sunset

cruise courtesy of Captiva Cruises for up to 20 guests with gourmet hors d'oeuvres; and wine and dinner for eight guests in the winning bidder's home created by top local chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire. Also featured will be a fishing excursion and a year membership to The Blue Coyote Club of Fort Myers.

All proceeds will benefit the School Success programs for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights neighborhood in Fort Myers. Additional sponsors include Comcast, RE/MAX of the Islands, *The Sanibel-Captiva Islander/Island Reporter* and Stilwell Enterprises. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

"We are appreciative of the commitment Lily & Co. has made to support the children of our community," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "Our School Success program includes academic tutoring, after school and summer camp programs, scholarship and college access assistance, school supplies and tuition support. Each program is geared to meet the specific needs of children and young adults who seek to further their education."

"Lily & Co. is thrilled to be the title sponsor for Blues by the Bay," said Dan Schuyler, co-owner of Lily & Co. "The Lily & Co. family believes in giving back to our community and we support the important work of The Heights Foundation."

Tickets are on sale for \$125 each and space is limited. Sponsorships with exclusive benefits are also available. Purchase tickets at [www.heightsfoundation.org/blues](http://www.heightsfoundation.org/blues) or call Laurie Stanley at 482-7706.✱

## Sexual Abuse Survivor Completes Lee County Leg Of 1,500-Mile Walk



Lauren Book greets children at a St. Petersburg school

Child sexual abuse survivor, educator and internationally-recognized advocate Lauren Book recently completed the Lee County portion of her 1,500-mile walk across Florida to spread awareness about child sexual abuse, help survivors heal and support legislation that protects Florida's children. Throughout the state, Book's organization Lauren's Kids has spread a message of hope and healing to victims of sexual abuse and has worked to educate communities about their role in abuse prevention.

Armed with the knowledge that 95 percent of sexual abuse is preventable with education and awareness, Book is on a mission to shine light on the dark issue of abuse in Florida. The Walk In My Shoes campaign calls on survivors, their families, and passionate community members to walk across Florida in the name of protecting childhood.

"I am working to create a culture of safety. To truly end the epidemic of childhood sexual abuse, we need to stop hiding from it and start talking about it," Book said. "We must teach our children about personal safety from a place of fun, not fear -- and empower them to seek help in situations that make them feel unsafe or uncomfortable -- and we need to educate adults to recognize the signs of sexual abuse and the traps predators set."

The Lee County leg of the 1,500-mile journey began March 29 from the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida to Hunter Park, where Spring Fling in the Park was held that same day. Book was joined by hundreds of supporters, including survivors, their families and passionate community members.

"We are so proud to host the walk for the sixth year in a row," said Carrie Root, executive assistant at the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida. "What Lauren does is so important and amazing. We need people like her -- people who are so dedicated and passionate about their cause."

The walk will be documented through frequent blog posts, YouTube videos and a photo gallery that, in years past, has generated hundreds of thousands of web visitors and thousands of followers on Facebook and Twitter.

The walk will continue to zig-zag across the state, ending on the steps of the

Capitol Building in Tallahassee on April 22. Book also will be spending time with clinicians and "residents" at the Florida Civil Commitment Center, which houses the state's most dangerous sexually violent predators. The walk's 42 days symbolize the 42 million people affected by child sexual abuse in the U.S. April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and also National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

On the eve of the 6th annual Walk in My Shoes event, the Lauren's Kids foundation provided Florida legislators with a detailed research study that documents the drastic effects of child sexual abuse on Florida taxpayers.

This year, Book supports legislation that would allow secret recordings of abusers in court and would create mandatory supervision for violent offenders. She also supports extending the statute of limitations from four to 10 years for victims 16 or older and requiring any state university or Florida College System institution to implement and administer various sexual assault prevention, education and training initiatives.

In 2014, the organization supported legislation that made Florida the harshest state for sex offenders in America.

Book's Safer, Smarter Kids curriculum, developed at the direction of the Florida Legislature, is currently in 16,000 pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms, and was expanded to grades 1st through 3rd this school year through Teachers' Institutes. The 4th through 12th grade curricula are to be released in the 2015-16 school year.

For more information, visit [laurenskids.org](http://laurenskids.org).✱

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## Calendar Girls Visit All Star



The Calendar Girls performed at the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled All Star Baseball Awards Picnic



The Calendar Girls with some of the players

The Calendar Girls scored a “home run” performing at the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled All Star Baseball Awards Picnic on March 28 in Collier County.

For more information on how The Calendar Girls can knock your next event out of the park, go to [www.calendargirls-florida.com](http://www.calendargirls-florida.com) or 850-6010. ✧

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## HORTOONS



## Derby Day Celebration At The Pier

Guardian Ad Litem Foundation-20th Judicial Circuit will hold its inaugural Derby Day Celebration on Saturday, May 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Fort Myers City Pier, 1300 Hendry Street.

Share the splendor of the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby with live entertainment, contests and a night of Las Vegas-style gaming.

Watch the last race of the Kentucky Derby on a large screen at 6:21 p.m. Guests will have a chance to predict the winner and win a chance to split one-half of the race pot with the charity. The evening will include guessing the winner of six additional horse races as well as playing blackjack, slots and poker, all for prize opportunities. A Derby Hat contest, food, drink and a Dixieland band will round out the evening. There is also a rumor that Elvis will be in the building.

The fundraiser will benefit Guardian ad Litem Program of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida – Lee, Glades, Hendry, Charlotte and Collier Counties. The program recruits and trains volunteer child advocates who are paired with an attorney and an advocacy coordinator for the purpose of representing abused, neglected and abandoned children in court, school, the child welfare system and the community.

General admission tickets and ticket packages in which patrons are given the opportunity to name a horse are available online at [www.voicesforkids.org/viva-la-derby](http://www.voicesforkids.org/viva-la-derby). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, contact Terry Brennen, development director, at [Terry@galfoundation20.org](mailto:Terry@galfoundation20.org).

As a United Way partner, the foundation’s goal is to raise funds necessary to ensure every child in the dependency system has a qualified volunteer advocate, and all volunteers are trained and certified. ✧

## MOAA Meeting At Crown Colony

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club at 5:45 p.m. Monday, April 13. The speaker will be Johathan Helmreich, professor of European and Russian history, Allegheny College.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA should contact Brian Boyd at 314-359-0625 for membership information. ✧



## Rotary Club Supports Worthy Causes



Rotary Club of Fort Myers partnered with Fort Myers Sunshine Rotary Club to help support the Imaginarium Science Center's educational mission. From left: David Gallentine of Sunrise; Fort Myers South President Rebecca Goff; Imaginarium Director Matt Johnson; Jonathan Romine of Fort Myers South; and John McGowan of Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South recently presented donations to some local not-for-profit organizations. The motto of Rotary International is Service Above Self, and Fort Myers South is an exceptionally active chapter that pools its resources to support community-building organizations. It recently presented checks to The Imaginarium Science Center, ECHO and Meals of Hope.\*



David Seitz and Meals of Hope's Founder and Executive Director Stephen Popper

## Volunteer Appreciation Receptions

Community Cooperative honored hundreds of its volunteers and presented several awards at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception, held on March 26 at The Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers.

"We are lucky enough to have some of the most dedicated volunteers here at Community Cooperative. They contribute countless hours of their time without ever asking for anything in return," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of Community Cooperative.

Award recipients included:

Rising Star – Jeanne Varney

Group Volunteers of the Year – Next Level Church

Volunteers of the Year – Carolyn and John Smith

Meals on Wheels Driver of the Year – John Walsh

Volunteer Spirit Award – Cathy Komatz and Claudette O'Connor

"In the 30 years we have been serving our neighbors in need, countless volunteer hours have assisted in facilitating the programs we provide to our clients," added Galloway. "Our Meals on Wheels delivery volunteers have driven over 100,000 miles in the past year, delivering over 100,000 meals to our customers. The 1,200 dedicated volunteers at Community Cooperative donated over 54,000 hours of their time in 2014."

Community Cooperative is an innovative nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres and Fort Myers Beach. Community Cooperative works in close

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Fort Myers South President Rebecca Goff, ECHO advocate Pam Rambo and Stan Doerr, ECHO's president/CEO

## Wanderlust Travel Extravaganza Promises Fun, Food And Libations

Enjoy food prepared by area chefs, fine wine and crafted cocktails plus a host of tantalizing travel packages at the 26th annual Wanderlust Travel Extravaganza, a fundraiser that benefits the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) School of Resort and Hospitality Management.

The event, set for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, will take place in Suggden Hall on the FGCU campus and is planned and carried out by students from the School of Resort and Hospitality Management.

Proceeds from the event are used for scholarships for deserving students, operation of the school's Spa Lab and for resources for a variety of classes, helping to train students to become the future leaders of the hospitality industry.

There will be silent and live auctions of travel-related packages, including golf four-somes at top Southwest Florida golf courses, fine wines and hotel stays in establishments near and far. One of the most popular items each year is the four-year FGCU tuition provided by President Wilson G. Bradshaw's office.

Food stations featuring a variety of goodies will be provided by SS Hookers, the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point as well as resort and hospitality management students led by Chef James Fraser. There will be wine and a signature drink for the festive evening with a western theme.

Tickets are \$150 each. For further information, visit [www.fgcu.edu/wanderlust](http://www.fgcu.edu/wanderlust) or contact Scott Lee at [slee@fgcu.edu](mailto:slee@fgcu.edu) or Alana Martin at [agsmartin@fgcu.edu](mailto:agsmartin@fgcu.edu).\*

## Fort Myers Beach Art Association

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association will have two new shows running March 28 until April 9.

The association's Studio I is currently featuring a show called Anything Goes, in addition to the usual art offerings. It includes photography, sculpture and, for the first time, computer-generated art.

Studio II has a show featuring art using the pastel medium. Both shows will continue until April 9.

For more information, call 463-3909 or stop by the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery located at Donora and Shell Mound boulevards.

The gallery summer hours, beginning April 9, are Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon. Visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com) for further information.\*

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# Along The River



Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, second from left, at Banglafest 2012. The event returns to the Alliance for the Arts campus on Sunday. Admission is free.

**H**op on over to **Sunshine Grille** for brunch on **Easter Sunday**. The popular restaurant is serving an Easter buffet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call ahead to make a reservation for parties of five or more. Prices are \$29.99 per adult, children six to 12 years of age are \$12.99 and children five and under are free (limit two free children per adult).

Sunshine Grille's Easter buffet includes Belgian waffles, a made-to-order omelet station, prime rib roast with au jus, slow roasted leg of lamb with mint jelly, slow roasted ham with brown sugar glaze, lobster mac and cheese, eggs Benedict, sausage, applewood bacon, fried potatoes, mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, Southern cheese grits, assorted vegetables and salads, fresh fruit, yogurt, smoked salmon, bagels, croissant, Danishes and Sunshine Grille's famous desserts.

Sunshine Grille is located at 8700 Gladiolous Drive in Fort Myers. For more infor-



Captiva Cruises Thursday Lecture Series continues through April. The company also offers the half-day Out-Island Cruise to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande (pictured) or Cayo Costa along with dolphin and wildlife cruises, sunset cruises and shelling cruises.

mation, call 489-2233.

For waterfront dining on Fort Myers Beach, go to **Nervous Nellie's** and meet the Easter Pelican. Nellie's is serving a special Easter Sunday dinner from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

With more than 100 menu items, you can reel in the largest selection of fresh seafood, prime steaks and delectable sandwiches. Catch fine spirits and get hooked on the beautiful waterfront atmosphere. Dine in air-conditioned comfort or outside on Nellie's expansive waterfront patio.

Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier, and happy hour is all day, every day. Go to [www.nervousnellies.net](http://www.nervousnellies.net) for a complete schedule of its daily live entertainment, special events and coupons. Great food, good times and live music are always on the menu at Nellie's and Ugly's.

Nervous Nellie's and Ugly's are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. Parking for patrons is free whether you arrive by car or boat. The GPS coordinates are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W. For more information, call 463-8077 or go to [www.nervousnellies.net](http://www.nervousnellies.net).

On Sunday, April 5, the 4th annual **Banglafest** returns. Organized by Bangladeshi American Society of Southwest Florida, the event consists of cultural performances which showcase the heritage of the Indian republic. These include fashion displays featuring cultural motifs as well as sharing the traditions in dressing and colorful lifestyle. A food fair brings the authentic taste and rich flavors of Bangladeshi cuisine to the community. The event presents the best of local talent who will perform songs, music, arts, dance and fashion shows. The main attraction is Bangladeshi renowned singer Anima de Costa, known for her melodious voice.

Banglafest takes place from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. There is no charge for admission free. For more information, contact Syed Elahi at 699-8397.

The **Captiva Cruises Lecture Series** continues throughout the month of April on Thursdays at noon under the tiki hut pavilion. Speakers include:

**April 9**, Bob Wasno, Florida Gulf Coast University, Vester Marine Field Station. Coordinator of marine education and outreach, Wasno will discuss the history and projects associated with FGCU Vester Marine Field Station.

**April 16**, Karen Maxwell, horticulturist – An Interpretive Tour of the Plant Life found on Cayo Costa.

Master gardener and master naturalist, Maxwell will lead a walking tour of the north end of Cayo Costa discussing the landscape with an emphasis on the native plants and trees and their roles in earlier cultures.

**April 23**, Pam Rambo, blogger, [iLoveShelling.com](http://iLoveShelling.com). Artist and "shell-ebriety" Rambo will lead a walking tour on the north shore of Cayo Costa sharing shelling tips and insight into sea life, as you search for treasures along the beautiful shoreline.

For transportation from Captiva, call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300; from Punta Gorda, call Kingfisher Fleet at 941-639-0969; from Pine Island, call Tropic Star at 283-0015; or book online at [www.cayocostaferry.com](http://www.cayocostaferry.com). Attendees are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch; some locations will have pre-ordered bagged lunch options for an additional cost, ask for details when making a reservation.

Captiva Cruises also offers a complete schedule of guided cruises, including a 90-minute Dolphin Watch & Wildlife Adventure Cruise; a one-hour Sunset Serenade Cruise with live entertainment; a three-hour Beach and Shelling Cruise to Cayo Costa State Park Islands; half-day Out-Island Cruises to one of four exciting destinations, Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande, or Cayo Costa; and private charter Sailing Cruises aboard the *Adventure*.

Captiva Cruises is located at McCarthy's Marina, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. For more information, visit [www.captivacruises.com](http://www.captivacruises.com) or call 472-5300.✦

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10291 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers Divine Liturgy Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Rosary begins 10 a.m. Lenten services (Pre-sanctified Liturgy) will be on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. starting February. Very Reverend Peter Lickman, 305-651-0991. Church of the Eastern Catholic or Byzantine Rite, 1.5 mi. east of Interstate 75.

### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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15675 McGregor Boulevard. Rabbi Judah Hungerman. Friday Service, 8 p.m., Saturday Service, 11 a.m. Shabbat School Saturday Morning, Adult Hebrew Classes. Call for information 437-3171

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5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz. 433-7708, [rabbic@chabadswf.org](mailto:rabbic@chabadswf.org). [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org). Friday service 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon. Minyan Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

### CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

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### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937 Reverend Dr. Jeffrey DeVoe, Senior Pastor Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus. Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m. Nursery available.

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8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend. Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us). Clint Cottrell, Pastor. Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m., Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11 a.m. Summer Prayer Service 8 a.m. Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m.

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Downtown Fort Myers River District, 2466 First Street, 332-1152. [www.fumcftmyers.org](http://www.fumcftmyers.org). Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship; 10:10 a.m. Sunday School; 11:15 a.m. Traditional Service; 5:30 p.m. Youth Group.

### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330 Pastor Reverend Mark Condrey. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Church School: 9:15 a.m.

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3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers. Pastor Eddie Spencer. 8 and 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship. 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship. 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School. Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services. Nursery care provided at all services. 274-1230. [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org).

### PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Meets at Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge. 17625 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers Beach 267-7400. Pastors Bruce Merton, Gail and RC Fleeman. Adult Discussion Classes 9 to 10 a.m. Countdown to Worship 10:10 a.m. Amazing Grace Worship: 10:30 a.m. 267-7400. [peacecommunitychurch.com](http://peacecommunitychurch.com). [peace1265@aol.com](mailto:peace1265@aol.com).

### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, [www.templebethel.com](http://www.templebethel.com). Rabbi. [barras@templebethel.com](mailto:barras@templebethel.com). Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Victor Geigner, Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Inna Vasser. Union For Reform Judaism Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Learning Tree Monday through Friday.

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14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan: Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Services Friday 6:15 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org).

### THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL, 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, behind Zoomers. Reverend Gabriella Cahaley. Sundays 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events on Fort Myers Beach. <http://www.newchurchflorida.com>. 481-5535.

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister The Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. 561-2700. [www.uucfm.org](http://www.uucfm.org).

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2120 Collier Avenue, Fort Myers. 274-8881. Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi

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## Holy Week

Fort Myers Beach Ministerial Ecumenical Services will be held on Good Friday at noon at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fort Myers Beach. The Easter Sunrise Service will take place at 6:30 a.m. at the pier.

Other Easter services include:

- Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian, 2500 Estero Boulevard, will hold Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m. and a Maundy Thursday service at 11 a.m. Easter Day services will be at 8 and 10 a.m.

- Beach Methodist Church, 155 Bay Road, will have Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and a Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. The Easter Sunday service will be at 10:30 a.m.

- Beach Baptist Church, 130 Connecticut Street, will celebrate Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Easter Day at 10:30 a.m.

- St. Peter Lutheran, 3751 Estero

Boulevard, will hold Palm Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. A Maundy Thursday service is planned for 7:30 p.m. A Good Friday service will be at noon and Easter Sunday services will take place at 8, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

- St. Raphael's Episcopal, 5601 Williams Drive, will have a Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m.; Maundy Thursday at 6 p.m.; Good Friday Meditation/Stations from noon to 3 p.m.; and Easter at 10 a.m.

- Ascension Catholic Church, 6025 Estero Boulevard, will celebrate Palm Sunday with services at 6:45, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. A Holy Thursday service will be at 5:30 p.m. and Good Friday, 3 p.m. Easter Vigil (Saturday) will be at 8 p.m. and Easter Sunday services will take place at 6:45, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

- St. Raphael's By the Sea Anglican, 6425 Estero Boulevard (Beach Movie Theater) will hold a Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m. and an Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m.✱

## Easter Services At St. Peter Lutheran

St. Peter Lutheran Church on Fort Myers Beach will hold Good Friday service at noon. Easter Sunday services will be at 8, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Beginning April 12, worship will be held at 9:30 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church is at 3751 Estero Boulevard. For more information, call 463-4251 or visit [www.stpeterfmb.com](http://www.stpeterfmb.com).✱

## Evening Shabbat

On Friday, April 10, Temple Judea hosts its monthly Jammies and Jeans Shabbat evening especially for young children and their families. Rabbi Sack will help celebrate the joy of Shabbat with stories, songs and dancing.

Jammies and Jeans Shabbat is held on the second Friday of each month and is open to the entire community.

Throw on your jeans and get your kids in their jammies for a casual, warm and kid-friendly Shabbat service filled with singing, storytelling and lots of fun.

The service begins at 5:30 p.m. in the synagogue and is followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The service is in addition to the regular 6:15 p.m. Shabbat service.

To make dinner reservations, send an email to [jenmanekin@yahoo.com](mailto:jenmanekin@yahoo.com).

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A & W Bulb Road, Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-0201 or go to [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org).✱

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## Volunteers

partnership with The Harry Chapin Food Bank and The School District of Lee County as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups, churches, businesses and community support organizations.

For more information, call 332-7687 or visit [www.CommunityCooperative.com](http://www.CommunityCooperative.com).✱



Back, from left, Todd Adams, Nancy Olson, Patrice Cunningham, Jeannine Joy, Pegie Fay, Diane Connell, Ketty Rodriguez, Bill Martin and Cliff Smith; front, from left, Kim Berghs and Maureen Coble

## Family Mentor Program Graduates Inaugural Mentor Class

Ten new mentors have recently graduated The United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee Volunteer Center's recently launched Family Mentor Program. While partnering with the Children's Network of Southwest Florida, the United Way is recruiting additional volunteer mentors who will be trained and matched with parents who have been involved in the Child Welfare system and are ready to be re-unified with their children.

Each mentor will work to build a committed and trusting relationship with the parents to support them through this transition. The mentor will empower them to define and meet goals for themselves, to achieve self-reliance and offer advice that parents may be uncomfortable seeking from elsewhere. Building these kinds of relationships is particularly important for struggling families in low-income neighborhoods, which frequently offer few role models or positive outlets for children and adults.

Training classes covered the areas of Safety, Confidentiality, Planning for Success, Family Engagement and gave an overview of the Child Welfare system.

To register to become a mentor or request additional information, contact Patrice Cunningham, special projects manager at [Patrice@UnitedWayLee.org](mailto:Patrice@UnitedWayLee.org) or 433-2000, ext. 272. Future training classes will be announced and posted on the website at [www.unitedWayLee.org](http://www.unitedWayLee.org).✱

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# A Trip To Remember



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The rainy passing of what should be, hopefully, the final cold front that we will see until next fall, marked the end to an exceptional week of fishing. Despite having to deal with a few hours of slow to almost zero tide movement for a few days, snook fishing was about as good as it gets. We caught snook of all sizes both in the passes and while mangrove fishing. Big trout were also caught in good numbers while targeting snook in the passes. Add to that a few bonus, slot-sized redfish and a few monster over-the-slot snook and it was certainly a week to remember.

Fishing with the Schlosser family from

Ohio, we had a day it seemed that everything just went right. After starting out in the passes we caught lots of under-slot-sized snook for the first hour of the trip along with a few trout for dinner. Once the tide totally quit the bite, as expected, totally stopped in the passes. I picked up anchor and made the move to a favorite wind-blown shoreline hoping the wind would at least move the water a little bit and we could catch a few more snook while waiting on the tide to switch and come in. This bite was just on fire too with lots of little snook and a bite on almost every cast. We also landed one bonus 24-inch redfish in the same hole, so with the trout from earlier their dinner was now easily covered and the pressure was off.

Finally the tide had now started to come in so I moved a few miles further south to another deep mangrove shoreline looking for that one big snook. After catching a few snook in the mid 20-inch range we spotted a huge snook chasing one of our shiners on the surface. The fish followed the bait in circles but just would not eat it.

Making a long cast to a sand hole out



Blake Schlosser, age eight, from Howard, Ohio with a 41-inch snook he caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

from the mangroves, it did not take long for 8-year-old Blake to get slammed.

This big snook took off like a freight train. Everyone scrambled to clear their lines as I helped Blake lift and pump the rod as he reeled. The snook, after being out in open water for the first long run, turned and headed right for the trees making one explosive head shake on the edge of the bushes as we struggled to steer it clear.

Once the big fish turned back into the open, Blake had a good chance of landing this pig. After one more big run, the big snook came boatside and gently slid into the waiting landing net. This 41-inch

snook was over that magical 20 pounds. We shot a few quick photos and then revived the beast and watched her kick off unharmed.

Blake's dad Matt was next up, hooking a snook of almost the same size on what seemed like the very next cast, to the same sand hole. After a few awesome jumps though, this big fish did make it back to the mangroves and broke the leader. Even so, it was sweet to watch the battle and the impressive jumps. With the sea breeze picking up, the wind direction was now wrong for this shoreline. so with the flood tide finally moving good, we headed out.

During the last hour of the trip we caught lots more undersized snook and a few trout over 20 inches.

This was just one of those trips where every place we fished was just right. For sheer numbers of fish caught it was as good as it gets and a 41-inch snook caught by an 8-year-old to top it all off, I can't think of a charter that could be any better. Thanks, Schlosser family, see you next time.

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](mailto: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](mailto:press@riverweekly.com).

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## CROW Case Of The Week:

# The New Adventures Of Ozzie And Harriet



by Patricia Molloy

**I**t's not often that a wildlife hospital finds itself caring for a bona fide celebrity.

On the evening of March 17, Florida Fish and Wildlife Service (FFWS) delivered an injured adult male

bald eagle that had been found down and depressed on railroad tracks in North Fort Myers to CROW. After a thorough exam, the veterinarians radiographed the bird and determined that the patient, #15-0543, had suffered a broken clavicle (collarbone) on the left side of its chest as the result of blunt force trauma.

During the entrance exam, the veterinarians at CROW noticed that the new patient was missing a talon on his left foot. Based on that highly unusual trait, FFWS was able to provide his identity. His name is Ozzie and he is an Internet star of local origin. He and his mate, Harriet (they were named after the stars of *The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*, a sitcom that ran from 1952 to 1966), are co-stars of their own reality



Ozzie is recuperating in an outdoor flight enclosure designed for large raptors

show.

Since 2006, the actively mating pair have maintained a nest in Fort Myers that has been tagged and monitored by FFWS. From a tree-mounted camera placed next to the nest, the Southwest Florida Eagle Cam Foundation live-streams the couple's activities – including the hatching of their nine chicks – to a growing number of dedicated fans. (Go to [www.southwestfloridaeaglecam.com](http://www.southwestfloridaeaglecam.com).)

"He's doing well now, but he decided to go on a hunger strike for about 24 hours on his second day here. We had to force-feed him a couple of pieces of fish then as soon as we put him back (in his

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Every three days, Ozzie's wings are gently stretched during physical therapy sessions  
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## Plant Smart

# Bushy Seaside Oxeye

by Gerri Reaves

**N**ative bushy seaside oxeye (*Borrichia frutescens*) is an excellent choice for a coastal landscape. Its natural habitat is salt-water wetlands such as salt marshes and brackish swamps. It is also found in swales and ditches.

This wildflower spreads via rhizomes, which stabilize the soil. Typically growing two to four feet tall, it is much broader than tall.

This member of the aster family works well as a groundcover, border or low hedge and provides cover and food for wildlife.

The showy flowers bloom throughout the year and attract a variety of pollinators, such as the great southern white, gulf fritillary, large orange sulphur and southern broken-dash butterflies.

About an inch across, the flowers have bright yellow rays surrounding darker yellow disc flowers. Below each flower is a sharp bract.

The fleshy obovate or spatulate leaves are evergreen and covered with soft hairs. They measure two to four inches long, less than an inch wide, and have pointed tips.

Their silver-green color gives the plant another name, silver sea-oxeye-daisy. Bushy seaside tansy is yet another com-



**Bushy seaside oxeye is a salt- and drought-tolerant native wildflower perfect for coastal landscapes**

photo by Gerri Reaves

mon name.

Plant bushy seaside oxeye in full sun to partial shade and avoid over-watering it. It has moderate drought tolerance and soil-salt tolerance and will survive in a variety of soils and even brackish conditions.

The small dry fruit is four-sided and

one-seeded and does not split open at maturity. Propagate this plant with the seeds or with cuttings.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *The Shrubs and Woody*

*Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, fnps.org, and regionalconservation.org.

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## Nature Walk With Bird Patrol Guide



**Eastern phoebe**

photo by Meg Rousher

**T**ake an easy walk along clear paths and see birds nestled among native vegetation with experienced bird patrol guides at Lakes Regional Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many species.

The next Morning Meander will be held on Saturday, April 4 at Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Please meet at Shelter A7. Enter Lakes Park gate from Gladiolus Drive and turn right. Drive to end of road, continue through the parking lot. Shelter A7 is located near the Train Station.



**Piping plover**

Participants are asked to arrive a few minutes after 8 a.m. for a brief introduction and to sign waivers. Tours start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. The guided walk is free with paid parking. For more information, call 533-7580 or 533-7576 or visit [www.birdpatrol.org](http://www.birdpatrol.org). \*

### Fisherman's Paradise:

## The Power Of Faith



by Cynthia A. Williams

**B**erry C. Williams (1915 to 1976) was something of a legend as a fisherman in the waters off Fort Myers in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Reproduced for you here are chapters from his unfinished *Fisherman's Paradise*, an account of his fishing adventures that are often hilarious and always instructional. It is presented by Williams' daughter, Cynthia Williams, a freelance writer and editor living in Bokeelia on Pine Island.

### Chapter VIII Part VI

The Episcopal Mission Church to which Berry belongs is throwing a fish fry as part of a membership drive. Berry has a few hours to catch the fish needed to feed 200 people at the senior warden's house on the river that afternoon. With nine redfish on ice, he has fished out his first spot and is in a hurry to move on. He switches the keys in both electric motors, only to receive a dead click from each of them.

I hurriedly checked my battery cables



**A Coca Cola cooler like the one in which Berry Williams kept his lunch and water jug**

and jiggled them. I frantically tried both switches again three or four times, but I might just as well have been singing *Lead Kindly Light*. I was stuck out in the middle of God-knows-where several miles off the beaten course of any average fisherman, even if I could stop one whizzing by.

By this time, I was mentally pleading for help. Then it came as a sort of revelation to me to pull the starter rope on the motors. I felt like a fool when the Johnson started purring like a cat. After

four or five yanks on the other starter rope, I had both motors chortling. My faith was restored and I roared out of the small bay, headed for Wulfert Keys.

I eased noiselessly into my first spot off the Sanibel promontory, determined to execute flawlessly. No careless approach casts or reel-ins. I was now working against time and had to make every lick count.

In two hours, I boated 16 more slithering reds, from seven to 16 pounds each. I was so grateful, I was downright humble. But I was also bone weary, hungry and thirsty. I went back to my red Coca Cola cooler where I usually kept my lunch and water jug on ice, only to stop short with the realization that I had been so anxious to get out fishing I'd neglected to bring

either. That was really disheartening, but I'd been so lucky, I really didn't mind. I laid down my rod and walked back to the ice chest overflowing with reds, reached under them and groped around until I found a sliver of ice, dipped it over the side to wash it off with salt water, then sucked on it. Thus resuscitated, I picked up my rod and thought, "Those 25 are for you, Lord. Now how about a few for old Berry?"

*To be continued next week...\**



## Anchoring Restrictions Currently Under Review By Florida Legislature

The 2015 Florida legislative session is under way, and the regulation of boat anchoring and how to take care of derelict boats remain hot topics in both the Florida Senate and House. Each are taking very different approaches that could affect how Florida boat owners as well as visiting cruisers use their boats in state waters:

FL Senate Bill 1548, introduced by Senator Charles Dean (District 5), would impose a substantial statewide restriction on overnight anchoring within 200 feet of the high water mark of residential property. Additionally, it would prohibit statewide anchoring or mooring a vessel that is incapable of moving under its own power, or exhibits other specific characteristics like being partially sunken, demonstrating it is at risk of becoming derelict.

Over the last decade, Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS) has understood that derelict boats in Florida have muddied the waters with regard to rational conversations about anchoring. As a result, BoatUS wholeheartedly supports any effort to reduce the state's derelict vessel population. However, BoatUS is very concerned over the chilling effect that a significant, statewide anchoring restriction could have.

In the Florida House, Committee Bill HWSS 15-06 introduced by Representative Holly Raschein (District 120) deals with derelict vessels without changing current anchoring law. The bill creates an "at risk" category of boats and gives local governments new tools to take care of these boats. Because local governments have sought anchoring restrictions to address problems with derelicts, BoatUS believes that HWSS 15-06 is a common sense step in providing new tools to deter vessels from becoming derelict in the first place.

Two actions are needed now:

1. Because of its onerous 200-foot statewide anchoring restriction, BoatUS urges boaters to request that their Florida State Senator reject SB 1548 by emailing them at <http://goo.gl/TUscmr>.

Read Senate Bill 1548 online at <http://goo.gl/lBnzeP>.

2. Because of its common sense approach to derelict vessel issue, BoatUS urges boaters to voice their support of Committee Bill HWSS 15-06 by emailing their FL Representative at <http://goo.gl/wDZKUO>.

Read Committee Bill HWSS 15-06 online at <http://goo.gl/XYp6lp>.

Additional information on Florida anchoring is available online at [BoatUS.com/gov/floridaanchoring.asp](http://BoatUS.com/gov/floridaanchoring.asp).✱✱

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## Story Of Survivors Brought To Life



Actress Deborah Jean Templin portrays the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown in her original one-woman show, *Unsinkable Women*, playing at 7:30 p.m. on April 9 at BIG ARTS  
photo by Carol Rosegg

by Jeff Lysiak

Based on actual diaries, letters and interviews, *Unsinkable Women* – a one-woman show written by and starring critically-acclaimed stage actress Deborah Jean Templin – brings to life nine famous figures who survived the sinking of the RMS *Titanic*.

Presented as a fundraiser by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club, Templin's

dramatic performance of *Unsinkable Women* will be brought to Sanibel for one night only, on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS' Schein Hall, 900 Dunlop Road. Proceeds from this show benefit several local organizations, including Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc. (HTAP), the Sanibel Historical Village & Museum and BIG ARTS.

After touring with the award-winning musical *Titanic* from 1998 to 2000, serving as a "swing performer" covering the roles of seven women characters on the ship, Templin became intrigued with the original music of the period and the lives of the women in the lifeboats while performing to over 45 cities throughout the United States. Soon, she began her site specific research at the homes of *Titanic* survivors and the nation's libraries.

"When I began reading about the women who made it to the lifeboats, it made me think about their stories – who they were and what happened with their lives," said Templin, speaking from her home in Manhattan last week. "Then, I visited The Jane Hotel in New York, where survivors of the *Titanic* were allowed to stay for 25 cents per night. When you stand in the places where those people stood, it really helps you imagine what they may have been thinking."

Subsequently, Templin visited Pier 54 in New York City, where *Titanic* survivors were initially dropped-off following the disaster at sea. She also visited other sites – including the Molly Brown House in Denver, Colorado – and read the original diaries and letters written by the survivors themselves during her extensive research before writing the play.

"I think that my interest in history comes from my mother's archival inter-

est in photography – she never threw anything away and said that every picture told a story," said Templin. "I love bringing these people to life. In fact, in many ways, they've become my friends."

Some of the characters featured in *Unsinkable Women* include:

- Madeline Astor, the beautiful teenage bride of John Jacob Astor, one of the wealthiest men in America
- Margaret Tobin Brown, the "Unsinkable Molly" herself, whose account of the ship's final moments brings the evening to its dramatic climax
- Nora, a flamboyant music hall performer on her way to New York to try her hand at American vaudeville
- Violet Jessop, a ship's stewardess who tells of the friendships and loves of the serving crew below decks
- Ida Straus, wife of Isador Straus (owner of Macy's Department Store), who refused rescue to stay on board with her husband of 38 years
- Eleanor Elkins Widener, founder of the Widener Library, one of Harvard's most prestigious research centers, in honor of her beloved son Harry, who was lost on the *Titanic*

Asked which of the characters she identifies the most with, Templin responded quickly.

"Nora," she said, "because as a fellow actress, she does something I do every day. Auditioning, hoping she might get the job, being friends with musicians. But she is also a third-class passenger, which is something I can really relate to."

With musical underscoring and accompaniment on CD created by musical director C. Colby Sachs, choreography by Broadway veteran Ron Schwinn, nine intricate period costumes designed by Sara Jablon and direction by Nancy Robillard, *Unsinkable Women* offers vivid portrayals, punctuated with songs

from vintage vaudeville numbers to Victor Herbert's *Toyland*. Drawing wigs, costume and props from an authentic 1912 wardrobe truck while on stage, Templin transforms herself, shifting from character to character – in 15 seconds or less – in full view of the audience.

"From everything that I've researched, these survivors all felt a sense of 'What can we do?' with their lives," added Templin. "In many ways, these women could make choices that otherwise they couldn't have made before."

During her career, Templin has performed in leading roles with some of America's most prestigious theater companies. Her national tours include *Mamma Mia!*, *Titanic* and *Annie*. She was given Philadelphia's Barrymore Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her work as chanteuse Kay Goodman. The Los Angeles Arts Council awarded her the Richard Burton Award in Acting.

Reviews for *Unsinkable Women* include *The Westchester Journal News*, which wrote "Templin had an audience spellbound" while *The Times of London* (UK) boasted "The production is unfussy and intelligent and centers around a performance of luminous understanding from Deborah Jean Templin."

A handcrafted paper-mache mermaid sculpture created by Sanibel artist Jerry Churchill will beckon attendees at a post-performance wine and dessert buffet following the performance.

Rotary thanks Churchill for contributing his talents toward making this fundraiser something special on the island.

Tickets are available at the BIG ARTS Box Office, located at 900 Dunlop Road on Sanibel. For more information or to purchase tickets, priced at \$55 each, call 395-0900. Following the show, a wine bar and dessert buffet will be available.✱

## Hendrix Tribute Band To Close Out Sunset Series



Matthew Newland as Jimi Hendrix



Gimi Jimi is a Jimi Hendrix tribute band from Michigan. Pictured are Dave Frania, drummer Mike Somers and Matthew Newland

Now in its fifth year, the concert series honors the memory and community contributions of musician, photographer, architect and longtime Alliance board member Bruce Gora.

Attendees are invited to bring coolers, lawn chairs and blankets and join the party on the lawn to listen to hits from the Jimi Hendrix Experience and Band

of Gypsies from Gimi Jimi, a tribute band dedicated to the great Jimi Hendrix featuring Matthew Newland as Jimi.

Newland was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he was introduced to the guitar at the age of 12. Coming from a family of entertainers, he quickly mastered the guitar and formed a band with his two brothers. The Newlands gave

Matthew an opportunity to develop as a musician and play his originals. They were a local hit, receiving air time on both AM and FM radio. Gimi Jimi also features keyboardist Dave Frania and drummer Mike Somers.

Gates open at 4 p.m. and the concerts begin at 5 p.m. Guests are encouraged to picnic on the lawn as they listen to the music.

General admission tickets are \$20. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for members, available at the Alliance for the Arts, located on the corner of Colonial and McGregor boulevards in Fort Myers. Call 939-2787 or buy online at [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org). Proceeds from the concert series will benefit Alliance education and outreach programs.✱

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The Alliance for the Arts' 2015 Bruce T. Gora Sunset Concert Series concludes on Sunday, April 19 with Gimi Jimi.



## CROW's Southern Comfort On Sanibel Fundraiser Debuts April 11



Both Rhett and Scarlett will be at CROW's Southern Comfort On Sanibel fundraiser

Rhett will be bringing Scarlett to the dance. Come get your picture taken with life-sized cut-outs of the *Gone With The Wind* stars at CROW's Southern Comfort On Sanibel, to be held on Saturday, April 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. at The Dunes Golf & Tennis Club. The event will also feature southern food by Madam Mac's Radical Rations and specialty Southern Comfort drinks.

Tickets for Southern Comfort on Sanibel are \$65 each, and all proceeds will benefit direct patient care at CROW's wildlife hospital. In addition to dinner and dancing, revelers may buy raffle tickets, make silent auction bids and more. The silent auction will feature artwork from local artists, a coral necklace and earring set as well as CROW gift baskets.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact James Robinson at CROW at 472-3644 ext. 232 or [jrobinson@crowclinic.org](mailto:jrobinson@crowclinic.org).

## South Cape International Beer Fest



The South Cape Hospitality and Entertainment Associations announced The South Cape International Beer Fest will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Some of the South Cape's best restaurants and bars will be offering international beer, music, appetizers and, of course,

great drink specials. A fleet of trolleys will whisk participants around South Cape, stopping at various restaurants and bars. Each stop will feature a different international beer sample accompanied by a tasty appetizer. Several of the stops will have live entertainment as the whole area is turned into one big party.

There will be two check-in booths for your convenience. One will be located in the Big John parking lot while the second one will be behind Backstreets, in front of the Aubuchon building.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and will be available for purchase on the day of the event at the check-in booths for \$15.

Participating locations are:

Backstreets Sports Bar, 915 SE 47th Terrace

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Attendees of this event must be at least 21 years old. For more information, send an email to [SouthCapeHEA@gmail.com](mailto:SouthCapeHEA@gmail.com).

## Alliance Unveils New Logo And Campus Enrichment Plan

The Alliance for the Arts celebrated its 40th anniversary on March 24 by unveiling an updated logo to a packed house in the Foulds Theater. Alliance Executive Director Lydia Black treated the audience to an entertaining retrospective of major milestones, and the many people who have been instrumental in the Alliance's success over its first 40 years. The logo, which symbolizes the Alliance community, is contemporary yet playful and inviting.

"The right side of the logo represents the structure, the architecture, the cultural campus that the Alliance has become. The left side represents the creativity, innovation, imagination, energy and motion that happens within the structure. One without the other does not create the 'A' but together they create a BOLD visual image for the campus," said Black.

The presentation also included a footprint for the future – a campus enrichment plan that would create a state-of-the-art public gathering space with new and enlarged facilities for events, classes and activities. From its beginning 40 years ago, the Alliance has continuously grown and evolved to better serve the arts community, Alliance members, and the public at large. Its 10-acre campus on the corner of McGregor and Colonial boulevards is the place where people connect to the arts in Fort Myers. The non-profit Alliance also advocates for the importance of art to both individuals and the broader economy.

The Alliance thanks everyone in attendance for making the evening such a huge success. For more information about upcoming events, visit [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787.



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## Evening With The Red Sox Raises Nearly \$140,000



**Brennan Whitley of the Boston Red Sox, Jim Larkin from Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rodney Ford from Coca-Cola and Wally the mascot with children from Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County at JetBlue Park**

The 10th annual Evening with the Red Sox raised nearly \$140,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County.

Funds raised during the annual dinner and auction will provide more than 33,000 hours of service to more than 450 young people in the clubs' programs, including the Summer Enrichment Program. Last year, more than 1,300 youth demonstrated academic success, character and leadership and healthy lifestyles from the agency's programs.

More than 400 guests attended the evening, which included a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, dinner, a silent and live auction, and autograph signings from Red Sox Manager John Farrell, former Red Sox player Derek Lowe and current players Brock Holt, Joe Kelly and Tommy Layne. The list of silent and live auction items included trips to major cities, sports memorabilia packages, theme park passes and golf outings.

Joe Castiglione, radio announcer for the Red Sox, author and lecturer, served as emcee, while Red Sox Executive Vice President and Senior Advisor Dr. Charles Steinberg was the guest speaker, sharing his experience working with the team and how small actions can make big impacts in the community.

Presenting sponsors for the event were Allstate Insurance and Ted Todd Insurance. Additional sponsors included Bell Tower Shops, Coca-Cola Company, Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Bell Tower Shops, CVS Pharmacy, Devitt & Smith, Diversified Yacht Services, Dr. Ralph Garramone, Encore Bank, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Power & Light Company, Hoover & Associates, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, Jaguar, JetBlue Airways, Morgan Stanley, Owen-Ames-Kimball, Perfect Game in Ft. Myers, Pools Pros, Inc. and Aqua Illusions, Priority Payment Systems, Quattrone

& Associates, Red Sox Foundation, Ron's Painting, St. John's Insurance, Suncoast Beverage, TECO Energy, UBS Financial Services, Inc. and Universal Insurance.

Celebrating almost 41 years of providing quality youth programs and brighter futures for young people in the Lee County community, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County works to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

The area's five clubs are located in communities with the greatest need where similar services are limited or nonexistent. Membership dues are \$10 per school year so that all children can have access to its programs. For more information, visit [www.bgcl.net](http://www.bgcl.net).



**Isai Santiago of the Pueblo Bonito Club, the 2015 BGCLC Youth of the Year, with Wally**

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## Events At Edison Ford

take place on April 11 at 10 a.m. on the museum West Porch.

Want to grow plants as well as Thomas Edison did? Join Edison Ford horticulturists Debbie Hughes and Janice Schmidt, to unlock the mysteries of Florida gardens. Learn the importance of soil, mulch, compost, fertilizer and the right plants for the right place. Learn the best techniques to achieve a spectacular garden with less difficulty... organically.

Participants will receive a 20 percent discount in the Garden Shoppe. Cost: members, \$5; non-members, \$10. Pre-register by email [lciswell@edisonfordwinterestates.org](mailto:lciswell@edisonfordwinterestates.org), or by calling Leanne Criswell at 334-7419 or register the day of class.

• Art in the Gardens, an annual exhibit of children's garden sculptures will be held from April 12 to May 19. On opening day, light refreshments will be served from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Heritage Garden, to honor the teachers and their students who created the artwork. More than 20 Lee County schools will have their artwork on display. Edison Ford invites student groups each year to participate in the annual event, in collaboration with the Lee Art Educator's Association.

Thomas and Mina Edison loved their winter retreat and adorned it with flowers, plants and trees used for research as well as aesthetics. The theme for 2015 is Flowers in the Garden. Each art piece must be made with recycled materials, kinetic sculpture and placed with materials that can withstand the Southwest Florida environment: rain, wind and humidity.

Admission is free. RSVP to 334-7419 for opening day.

Schools scheduled to participate: Bayshore Elementary, Bonita Springs Elementary, Challenger Middle, Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, Cypress Lake Middle, Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, Fort Myers High, Lehigh Senior High, Mariner High, Mirror Lakes Elementary, Pine Island Elementary, Rayma C. Page Elementary, St. Andrew Catholic School, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Tice Elementary, Tortuga Preserve Elementary, Trafalgar Elementary, Trafalgar Middle, Varsity Lakes Middle and Veterans Park Academy for



**KIDding Around at Bell Tower Shops**

the Arts

On Sunday, May 10, in celebration of moms, Edison Ford will once again offer activities for Mother's Day, some of them in collaboration with The Marina at Edison Ford, next door, through the Coconut Grove.



# Author Speaks To Sold-Out Crowd



From left: Lifeline Family Center Board member Lazaro Miel, Rev. Paul deJong of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers, Sheryl deJong and board member Bob Minahan

Even the standing room was gone for the 18th annual Benefit Dinner for Lifeline Family Center featuring *New York Times* best-selling author Lee Strobel.

Strobel was the keynote speaker at the March 26 dinner attended by a record crowd of 550 people at McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers.

He is the former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune* and the author of 20 books, including his best known work, *The Case for Christ*, and other faith-based books. Formerly an avowed atheist, Strobel became a Christian after his investigation proved to him that God does exist.

"We are very pleased that Lee Strobel came to Southwest Florida to share his insight from the exhaustive research he has done affirming that God and Jesus Christ exist," said Kathy Miller, Lifeline Family Center president and founder.

The center provides a home in Cape Coral for homeless young women in crisis pregnancies to help them become self-supporting through education, job training, parenting classes, professional counseling and spiritual guidance. It is the only residential program in Lee County for homeless young women in crisis pregnancies who are not part of the foster care program.

Lifeline Family Center serves up to 12 young women, ages 16 to 22, and up to 24 babies at a time. The non-profit also operates a 24/7 Pregnancy Phone Helpline, provides free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds by appointment and does outreach to all areas of Lee County, including all college campuses.

The center receives no government funding and is wholly dependent upon donations from individuals, churches and corporations as well as United Way funding.

For more information, visit [www.LifelineFamilyCenter.org](http://www.LifelineFamilyCenter.org) ✨



Board member Camille Herdoiza and Duane Kaitfors



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Lifeline Family Center founder and CEO Kathy Miller with Lee Strobel



Vice chair Cheryl Hilldore, author Lee Strobel and board member Lazaro Miel



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Board member Wanda Jones and her husband Richard



Joanne Atkins, board advisor Fred Atkins and *New York Times* best-selling author Lee Strobel



Board chair Barbara Montgomery with Lee Strobel



Board advisor Phil Rice and his wife Regina



## ArtPoems Returns

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the Alliance for the Arts with the return of ArtPoems on Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

Now in its 9th year, ArtPoems pairs a group of 11 visual artists with 11 poets, each receiving inspiration from the other to create new works to be read live on the night of the event. Poets perform their works, while the paintings, sculptures, photography and mixed media artworks they inspired are exhibited. A local musician and Dance Alliance will accompany several of the ArtPoems presentations.

There is a \$10 suggested donation at the door. Visit [www.ArtnLee.org](http://www.ArtnLee.org) or call 939-2787 to learn more.

Participating poets include Dorothy Brooks, Carol Drummond, Dan England, Joyce Berrian Ferrari, Holly McEntyre, Gary MacLouth, Joe Pacheco, Sid Simon, Larry Stiles, Lorraine Walker Williams and Dr. Pat Washington.

Participating artists include Honey Costa, Megan Davis, Vic Delnore, Paula Eckerty, Kellen Beck Mills, Jan Palmer, Paul Rodino, Roy Rodriguez, Jonas Stirner, Berry Van Boekel and Christina Wyatt.

On Thursday, April 16, the Poetry

Alliance presents BroadSides: Poetry Off The Shelf. Now in its second year, BroadSides merges the words of 15 poets with images created by 15 visual artists into printed posters. Historically, "broad-sides" are a form of printed communication containing a mixture of text and images, typically designed to be posted in a public places. BroadSides: Poetry Off The Shelf begins at 7 p.m. There is a \$10 suggested donation.

Participating artists include Hoolie Prytyka, Sheila Elsea, Toni Ferrell, Krista Johnson, Cheryl Fausel, David Acevedo, Buck Ward, Tracy Cullimore, Dennis Church, Steve Chase, Leila Mesdaghi, Jeffrey Scott Lewis, Celeste Borah, Marilyn Hedlund and Terry Lynn Spry.

Participating poets include Lorraine Walker Williams, Mary Beth Lundgren, Linda Hughes, Robert Hiatt, Marilyn Mecca, Jim Gustafson, John Robilotta, Marnie Heenan, Joan Heller Winokur, John Davis, Larry Stiles, Jim Brock, Gary McLouth, Joe Pacheco and Jesse Millner.

These events are made possible in part with support from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs. For more information about both of these unique celebrations of poetry and art, visit [www.ArtnLee.org](http://www.ArtnLee.org) or call 939-2787.

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

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## New Adventures Of Ozzie And Harriet

cage), he decided to eat on his own," said Dr. Brittany Stevens, DVM intern. After two days in the clinic, he lost weight, a common but concerning development that usually occurs due to stress. Most wild animals that find themselves in captivity – and subjected to the unfamiliar sights, sounds and smells of humans – become frightened, which can trigger weight loss. "He was a little bit down from intake weight," Dr. Brittany added.

Being quite familiar with this type of reaction, Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director, made the decision to give Ozzie a change of scenery. "If he's outside, it is so much easier to keep him clean and he'll have the normal daylight cycle which will help his appetite. We put branches out for him, for low perches."

After a few days in a quiet room in the clinic's ICU, the eagle was indeed moved to an outdoor enclosure that is specifically designed for raptors: large avians like hawks, great horned owls and eagles need plenty of space to extend their expansive wings. Ozzie should begin taking short flights once the fractured bone has healed and the bandages are removed.

In the meantime, he relaxes by perching atop tree branches between feedings and therapy sessions. Every three days, he is carried inside for physical therapy during which his wings are manually extended so that the muscles don't shorten from lack of use.

Ozzie continues to eat well on his own and appears to enjoy the protein-rich meals that are being offered to him at CROW: rats, mice and herring, a fatty fish that helps him maintain a healthy weight.

When word spread that Ozzie had been injured and was being treated at CROW, his fans wanted to know every detail of his progress. "I am receiving over 100 Ozzie emails a day!" exclaimed Kenny Howell, CROW's marketing manager. If you would like to keep up with his progress, go to [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org) and look on the Patient Status page. Ozzie's condition is updated regularly.

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 PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit: [www.crow-clinic.org](http://www.crow-clinic.org).✱

### Book Review

## Comes The Revolution: Birdie's Story



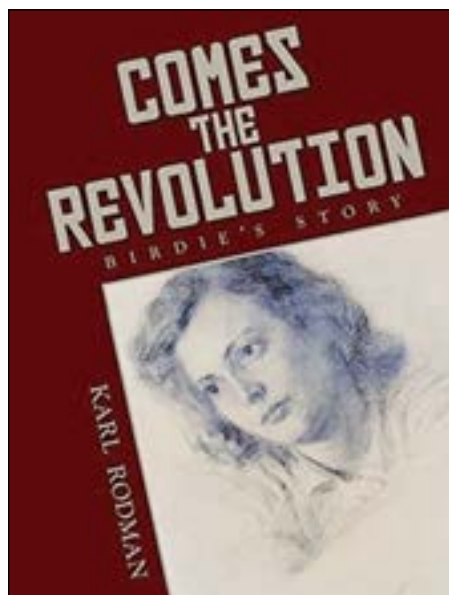
by Di Saggau

Sanibel author Karl Rodman has penned a fascinating, fiction-allized biography of his aunt Birdie, a strong, determined woman who worked hard for what she believed.

The book is a sort of love-letter to her. Rodman told me that when Birdie died at 100, it seemed to him that her story was worth telling. He said Birdie was quite reticent to talk about the Russia period in her life. He knew a few details and felt free to invent those that he didn't know. Having led tours to the Soviet Union, much of the settings and some of the characters come from his own experiences.

On the front of the book is a charcoal sketch of Birdie. That portrait hangs today on her daughter's wall. She and her daughter had a complicated relationship which is obvious in the first few pages of the book. The exchange between the two of them is a true one.

Birdie's story starts out in 1931, under the cloud of the Great Depression. Twenty-one-year-old Birdie, a Jewish New Yorker, loses her job. A friend convinces Birdie that her role in life is to make the world a better place, specifically by working to bring a Soviet revolution



to America. Rodman feels that boredom, and having no prospects along with idealism, made her want to help build a better world. Birdie travels to Russia where she has a romance with a writer who is denounced and sent to Siberia. Birdie, pregnant with his child, makes several trips to the camps in Siberia to try and set him free.

After meeting an American journalist whom she marries, Birdie moves back to America just before World War II. However, she does not turn her back on her socialist ideals. Over the span of 50 years, many important events take place including The Korean War, the Rosenberg trial, Krushchev's speech, the House Un-American Activities Committee and even a concert by political activist Paul Robeson. If that name doesn't ring a bell, picture the young man who sang

*Ole Man River* in the movie musical *Showboat*. That's him.

Rodman paints a beautiful verbal picture of Russian landmarks, including the ornate church of Saint Basil, just outside Red Square. He talks about how Birdie always carried with her a bust of one of Russia's leading stage directors, Vladimir Mayerhoff. This fact is true. He also invented a relationship between the two that may or may not be true.

Birdie's feelings and the issues she struggled with are expressed in the book when she tells a friend, "I saw how bad it was. I've always known it. I lived through it. I saw people starve while I ate royally. I saw the terror firsthand. You know

all about my husband being sent away on trumped-up accusations and none of it matters. When I hear the Red Army band playing *The International* or when Paul Robeson sings the Soviet National Anthem, my heart still beats faster, tears come to my eyes. Right away, I'm home. These are my people and I'm not able to let go of the dream."

The book is an inspiring tribute to a strong-willed woman who had a complicated affair with Soviet Russia. *Comes The Revolution: Birdie's Story* is available at Bailey's General Store, island bookstores and on Amazon.com. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and know you will too.✱

## Symphony Holds Competition For Young Artists

On Saturday and Sunday, April 11 and 12, the Southwest Florida Symphony Society will hold two young artists competitions in the U Tobe Performance Hall on the campus of FGCU. Admission is free.

Saturday's activities will feature the Jillian Prescott Music Competition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is open to students ages 12 to 22. The competition is two-tiered with a youth category for ages 12 to 17 and a young adult category for ages 18 to 22. Prizes are awarded in the different instrument classifications (voice, strings, woodwinds, percussion, keyboard, and brass) as well as an overall winner for

each category. In addition to the monetary awards, the overall winner is given a guest performance with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra during its 2015-16 season.

Sunday's activities feature the Marilyn Van Sickle Voice Competition from noon to 4 p.m. It is open to high school, college and graduate school students majoring in music whose primary instrument is the voice. The winner is awarded a scholarship of \$2,000 per year not to exceed four years.

Further information about these competitions, including an application form is available on the SWFLSO.org under the Symphony Society section. Email Nancy Eppe, competition chairperson, at [neppe@earthlink.net](mailto:neppe@earthlink.net) if additional assistance is needed.

A continental breakfast is served on both days for a fee of \$5.✱



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### Apr 13 **Anna Tsukervanik, Violinist**

at 7pm. Violinist Anna Tsukervanik has studied music from the early age of 4. By age 15, Anna had won first place in multiple international competitions. Hear Anna's talented touch on the violin during an intimate hour of classical music. Discussion and refreshments will follow. Tickets are \$25.

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## Gulf Coast Symphony To Honor Two Community Leaders

The Gulf Coast Symphony's Phantom of the Opera Masquerade Ball on Saturday, April 11 will be an evening reminiscent of the elegant masquerade ball in the *Phantom of the Opera*. The evening will feature a live and silent auction, gourmet dinner, and awards presentation to two people for their dedication and commitment to the Gulf Coast Symphony and arts community-at-large. They are: Scott Saxon, general manager of the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, and Jonathan Daitch, MD, medical director of Advanced Pain Management and Spine Specialists. A special cabaret performance by Gary Mauer and Elizabeth Southard, who performed the roles of the Phantom and Christine on Broadway, will complete the evening.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Gulf Coast Symphony music education programs and community performances. Tickets are \$150, and may be reserved by calling 277-1700 or visiting [www.GulfCoastSymphony.org](http://www.GulfCoastSymphony.org). The event begins at 6 p.m., and will be held at the Kelly Greens Country Club, 12300 Kelly Greens Boulevard in Fort Myers.

"We are thrilled to honor two members of our community who have consistently worked to make Southwest Florida a better and stronger cultural region," said Gulf Coast Symphony Music and Executive Director Andrew M. Kurtz. "These two men embody the ideal community member, actively giving of themselves to make Lee County a better place to live, work and play."

Saxon is in his ninth season as the general manager of the Barbara B. Mann



Scott Saxon

Performing Arts Hall. Under his direction, the hall presented numerous blockbuster Broadway musicals, including the Southwest Florida premieres of Disney's *The Lion King*, *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* featuring the Rockettes, *Jersey Boys*, and *The Book of Mormon*. The hall also gained national recognition for opening the second national tour of the Broadway mega-hit *Wicked*, as well as the national tour of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. His producing credits include *Flanagan's Wake*, *Late Nite Catechism*, *The New York Rat Pack* and *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. In 2008, Saxon founded the Lee County High School Musical Awards, which has awarded over \$50,000 to local high school musical programs and over \$35,000 in scholarships to individual performers in those musicals. He currently serves as a board member of the Florida Repertory Theatre, previously served on the Board of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts (2008-2013).

Daitch has volunteered with the Gulf Coast Symphony since its inception 20 years ago. He serves as concertmaster and string section leader, and is a longtime and generous benefactor of the organization. In addition to the Gulf Coast Symphony, Daitch is an ardent supporter of the annual Edison Science Fair in Fort Myers. He has resided in Fort Myers since 1991, where he opened the first office-based interventional pain management practice in Southwest Florida, Advanced Pain Management and Spine Specialists (APMSS) in 2001. With the sustained success of the practice, APMSS moved to a larger location on College Parkway in late 2008. The new building contains APMSS as well as an ambulatory surgery center where interventional pain procedures are performed. Daitch's credentials include being a fellow of the World Institute of Pain, board certified by the American Board of Interventional Pain Physicians, a certified independent medical examiner, and an active member of ASIPP. Daitch teaches and lectures throughout Florida and the United States.✧



Dr. Jonathan Daitch

## Sanibel Is Voted Best For U.S. Family Vacation



Children at the Sanibel Lighthouse

photo by Milissa Sprecher Photography

In the April 2015 issue of *FamilyFun* magazine, Sanibel Island was declared the Number One Top Tourist Town in the Country and the overall Number One Family Tourist Attraction winner across all categories and regions.

Sanibel beat global attractions, such



Fishing and wildlife are among Sanibel's attractions

photo by Nick Adams Photography

as the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C., Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Nebraska and the town of Savannah, Georgia for the most coveted prize of Favorite U.S. Family Friendly Vacation Destination.

Sanibel boasts 250 types of shells, 230 types of birds, 50 species of fish, 25 miles of bike paths, 15 miles of unspoiled beaches and zero stop lights.

The awards came as a result of a survey given to families traveling with kids ages three to 12 from across the

USA. The *FamilyFun* recommendations covered a wide variety of locations and interests that included animal attractions, state parks and science museums. The two thousand respondents from four regions – West, Midwest, South, and Northeast – were asked to rate more than 460 vacation spots in the five categories. Results have been revealed in *FamilyFun* April 2015 issue which features the full list of winners, as well as the Top 10 that received the highest scores across all categories. Sanibel was rated top overall – the best of the best – with an award for The

Best Family-friendly Vacation Spot in the U.S. as well as Top Tourist Town.

"The Travel Awards are such a unique program because we rely on real families to vote on their favorite destinations – from awe-inspiring science museums to charming American towns with rich history and culture," said Ann Hallock, editor-in-chief of *FamilyFun* magazine. "The winners in each category represent places where families have formed lasting memories and offer adventures for all types of interests, for animal lovers to history and science buffs."

"We are absolutely delighted that Sanibel Island was chosen by American families as their most favorite of all vacation destinations in the U.S.," said Ric Base, president of the Sanibel and Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce. "We have always treasured our family visitors and this is the greatest compliment that they could pay us."

The Francis P. Bailey, Jr. Chamber Visitor Center, is located on the right at the entrance to Sanibel Island and welcomes over 165,000 visitors each year. The visitor center, open 365 days a year and provides visitors comprehensive information about things to do, places to visit, where to stay, shop and dine. The chamber website [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org) provides nearly 1 million website referrals per year to chamber members.

Reaching an audience of more than 4.6 million, *FamilyFun* magazine gives parents ideas and inspiration needed to create unforgettable family moments.✧



## String Quartet To Perform

The Cypress String Quartet – comprised of Cecily Ward, violin; Tom Stone, violin; Ethan Filner, viola; and Jennifer Kloetzel, cello – will perform a recital at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street, on Friday, April 24 at 8 p.m. The program will include Schulhoff's *Divertimento*, Bartók's *Quartet No. 4* and Beethoven's *String Quartet Op. 59 No. 3*. Cocktails will be served before the concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call 333-1933 for go online at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).

Beethoven's *Quartet Op. 59 No. 2* is featured on the Cypress' newest album, *Beethoven: Middle Quartets*, released last November. The Cypress Quartet has steeped itself in performing Beethoven's string quartets over the last 18 years.

"Hardly a week has passed that we haven't been studying or performing one of Beethoven's string quartets," said cellist Jennifer Kloetzel. "Our first 12 years together were spent exploring, performing, and crafting our 'take' on the Late Quartets and then we made the choice to move backwards in time to these robust, earthy pieces – the Middle Quartets – so rich and massive after the more spiritual Late Quartets."

The Cypress Quartet released recordings of Beethoven's late string quartets in three volumes from 2009-12, with a full box set released in March 2012. Of Czech composer Erwin Schulhoff's rarely performed *Divertimento*, Kloetzel said,



Cypress String Quartet

photo by Gregory Goode

"Schulhoff's rarely heard *Divertimento* is full of cleverness and shows the promise of this amazing young composer (the piece was written when he was just 20 years old)."

Formed in San Francisco in 1996, the group created a signature sound through intense readings of JS Bach's chorales. Built up from the bottom register of the quartet and layered like a pyramid, the resulting sound is clear and transparent, allowing the texture of the music to be discerned immediately.

The Cypress String Quartet continues to maintain a busy national and international tour schedule, making appearances in concert series and in venues including the Kennedy Center, Library of Congress, Stanford Lively Arts, Krannert Center and the 92nd Street Y's series at SubCulture, a new downtown music venue in New York. Their collaborators include artists

such as Leon Fleisher, Jon Nakamatsu, Awadagin Pratt, Gary Hoffman and Zuill Bailey.

To date, the Cypress Quartet has commissioned and premiered over 30 pieces, four of which were chosen for Chamber Music America's list of 101 Great American Ensemble Works. Commissioned composers include Benjamin Lees, Jennifer Higdon, Kevin Puts and Elena Ruehr.

The members of the Cypress Quartet play exceptional instruments including violins by Antonio Stradivari (1681) and Carlos Bergonzi (1733), a viola by Vittorio Bellarosa (1947) and a cello by Hieronymus Amati II (1701). The Cypress Quartet takes its name from the set of 12 love songs for string quartet, *Cypresses*, by Antonin Dvorák.

For more information, visit [www.cypressquartet.com](http://www.cypressquartet.com).

## Teen Improv Workshops



Lucy Harris

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will be hosting two workshops on improvisation on Sunday, May 3. Popular local improv instructor Lucy Harris, whose training includes Improv with Chicago City Limits, will be back at The Laboratory Theater to lead these informative and fun workshops.

The workshop, for ages 12 to 15, will be from noon to 3 p.m. The workshop for ages 16 to 18 will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thanks to a generous grant from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the theater is able to offer free theater instruction to young people ages 18 and under. The young people benefit by growing their interpersonal communication and thinking skills and by being directed to work cooperatively and creatively by trained professionals. The community benefits by having young people involved in a safe, cooperative activity which teaches life skills, quick-thinking, self-confidence, reading and understanding non-verbal communication, and sharing. Popular improv games such as Freeze, Forward/Reverse, Fairytale and House Party are just a few of the games that will be played.

The free workshop will accept 25 students for each of the workshop sessions on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the workshop.

Upcoming workshops will include Set Design and Audition Skills.

For more information, call 218-0481. The theater is located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers.

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Grille serves all of your favorite dishes for lunch and dinner. In addition to its previous menu, the restaurant is also serving gourmet flat breads prepared in a wood fire stove with fresh oak. Wood-fired steaks fill out the menu, including a ribeye and a porterhouse, to go along with our famous wood fired filet mignon.

Happy hour and live music are featured daily.

8700 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers. Call 489-2233.

## Young Artists Awards Gala

On Monday, March 16, the 12th annual Young Artists Awards Gala was held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers. With over 450 in attendance at the sold-out event, \$25,000 in cash scholarships were awarded to area students in the performing arts.

Proceeds from the silent auction benefitted the Young Artists Awards Art by Kids with Cancer program.

The overall category winners named were:

Jinji Miel Martine, Contemporary



From left: Katherine Boren, executive director; Lois Thome, WINK-TV; Jinji Miel Martine; Courtney Camarillo; Noah Waddell; Bryanna Walker; Sarah Nelson; Danny Pate, CenturyLink; Brian Hamman, Lee County Commission

Voice/Musical Theatre, Fort Myers High School;

Courtney Camarillo, Drama, Cypress Lake High School;

Noah Waddell, Instrumental Music, homeschooled;

Classical Voice, Bryanna Walker, Cypress Lake High School;

Dance, Sarah Nelson, Pace University.

Noah Waddell was also named Judges Overall winner and Audience Choice winner.



## Fiddlesticks Tops United Way Campaign Goal

The Fiddlesticks Community recently concluded its United Way Campaign and at a closing reception announced that it exceeded its goal of \$200,000 by raising \$207,029.

Fiddlesticks Campaign Chair Jack Rogers made the announcement at a reception and thank-you event held at the Fiddlesticks Club House. He also announced that 10 Fiddlesticks residents gave \$10,000 or more and became members of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way. Fifty residents gave \$1,000 or more to the campaign and became members of the United Way's Keel Club. Since 1998 the Fiddlesticks Community has raised over \$2.3 million for the United Way.

"The tremendous enthusiasm and hard work of the Fiddlesticks campaign committee really made a difference," said Cliff



**The Fiddlesticks United Way Campaign Committee: Dick Bean, Paul Pearson, Katherine Van der Mey, Ann Deming, Nancy Clair, Gerry Wolken and Jack Rogers.**

Smith, president of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee. "Fiddlesticks residents have shown that they want to make our community a better place for all of us by helping people when they need it the most."

Since the inception of United Way in 1957, \$137 million has been raised in our community. All money raised stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. The 82

United Way Partner Agencies and more than 200 programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Children's Advocacy Center, and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community such as nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neigh-

borhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives.

For more information, or to make a contribution, call 433-2000 or visit [www.unitedwaylee.org](http://www.unitedwaylee.org).✱

## Publix And March Of Dimes Celebrate 20 Years Together



**March of Dimes National Ambassador Elijah Jackson, center, his parents Todd and Elise Jackson, with Publix CEO Ed Crenshaw and President Todd Jones**

Since 1995, Publix Super Markets, Inc. has worked alongside the March of Dimes towards its mission for stronger, healthier babies. During those 20 years, Publix customers and associates have raised \$51 million to help give all babies a healthier start.

In that time, March of Dimes has seen great success, including in 2000, such as when the Folic Acid Campaign led to a sharp decline in neural tube defects, in 2006; The PREEMIE Act sped development of prevention strategies for preterm labor and birth; in 2008, when all states required screening of newborns for 21 or more serious but treatable conditions; the 2012 launch of the Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait campaign to ensure that more babies get at least 39 weeks; and the 2013 Prematurity Campaign paid off in a 15-year low in the premature birth rate.

To support more breakthroughs for babies, Publix will ask its customers to join in its annual fundraising drive from April 6 to 26. The campaign coincides with March for Babies, the March of Dimes signature event, on April 25 in most areas. Associates will sell the cutouts at the checkout and ask customers to sign their name or the name of a baby they love.

Publix is the #2 March for Babies Team in the country.

"Publix is one of our most valued partners and their commitment to the community is matched by their associates' enthusiasm for this campaign. We are grateful to have the support of Publix, and their associates and customers," said Julie Laird, regional vice president, March of Dimes. "The dollars they raise are vital to continuing the life-saving research, advocacy, and education."

Everyone is encouraged to join in the celebration. To find a March for Babies near you, visit [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org) to sign up and raise additional funds.✱



**Renaissance at Rosemary Park, a completed Habitat development**

## Habitat 101 Luncheon Set For April 21

Habitat for Humanity offers a hand up – not a hand out – to struggling families in need of affordable homes in the community. Those interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity and the organization's work in Lee and Hendry counties, may attend a Habitat 101 session at noon on Tuesday, April 21, at the Administrative Office, 1288 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers. A tour of the North Fort Myers campus will follow the luncheon.

Lunch will be provided; reservations are required; call 652-1678.

"I am so happy to be in my new home with my wife Patricia and our three children," said Edgar Garcia a Habitat homeowner in Bonita Springs. "I was surprised at the number of people who came to our home dedication to bless our home. We slept in it that very night! I felt



**Patricia and Edgar Garcia**

as though I had died and gone to heaven. I could barely get out of bed the next morning because I was so comfortable."

He said having a home has allowed the family to have a social life again. "We have reconnected with friends because we now have a gathering place. My children are so happy and have made great neighborhood friends. We are very thankful to have this home."

Habitat 101 is offered the third Tuesday of each month. Visit [habitat4humanity.org](http://habitat4humanity.org) for dates, time and location.✱



## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPE

**D**ear Shelley, My fifth grade son, who is gifted, is not at all challenged at school. He does not have to study and finishes all his work without any

effort. I know this does not sound like a problem but it is because he is not enjoying school, not learning how to study, nor how to apply himself to complete difficult tasks. I don't know how to help him with this situation. What can be done?

Jennifer P., Estero, Floirda

**Jennifer,**

This is not an unusual situation for a gifted student. Many students who are gifted already know the information presented to them at school. While many people do not think that gifted students need guidance, in fact they do. The needs of many gifted children are largely overlooked, some educational experts say. "There is a pervasive myth that gifted kids will be fine on their own," said Jane Clarenbach, director of public education at the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC).

The NAGC estimates that there are about three million academically gifted students in the United States and most of these children spend at least 80 percent of their time in regular education class-

rooms. Many of these students already know as much as half of the material being covered at school, and the majority of their teachers have no specialized training in education for the gifted, according to NAGC.

"The most common problem is that they don't learn to work," said Maureen Neihart, a clinical child psychologist and coauthor of the book *The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Children*. Children who earn good grades and high praise with relative ease may not learn how to try hard and to persevere when things are difficult. They begin to link their academic success with innate intelligence and fail to understand the role that consistent work and effort plays in achievement. When schoolwork finally becomes demanding, usually in high school or college, they are often in for a shock and may lack the determination and self-confidence to succeed, Neihart said.

This places them at risk for underachievement that can become a significant problem for these children. Some refuse to do the work that is asked of them; others rebel against school. Boys are two to three times more likely to underachieve than girls. Some students act out to make things more interesting, including becoming hostile toward their teachers and peers. Others melt into the woodwork in an attempt not to be noticed. In the most severe cases, children can develop school phobias, anxiety, or depression.

"The best learning takes place when

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Mentors with the graduating students

## Aspiring Entrepreneurs Graduate

**T**en aspiring entrepreneurs are now closer to starting their own small businesses after completing the Goodwill MicroEnterprise course. The graduation ceremony took place on March 26 at Keiser University, Fort Myers.

The Goodwill Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute helps emerging entrepreneurs start new ventures and grow small businesses. Graduates complete a 12-module business and management training course over six weeks and work with mentors who are successful businesspersons. Mentors for the recent session were Fred Elliott, Debra Newman and Steve Thomas. The class facilitator was James Wallert.

Graduating the course were David Ambrozewicz, Cynthia Carlson, Ellen Elfstrom, Carlos Goncalves, Heather

Hawk, Louise Jackson, Jane Manning, Latoyia Sorey, Corey Stamereilers and Dale Thompson. Business plans ranged from cleaning services to jewelry kiosks.

"The class meant trying something I wasn't sure I could," said Hawks, who hopes to launch her business, Hawk Advocates, for individuals with disabilities. "Being myself a person with a disability, I'm going to help other people with disabilities."

Delivering the commencement speech was Dr. Guido Minaya, managing partner at Minaya Learning Global Solutions LLC.

"You're going to need to be inspired every day," said Minaya. "The only way to find out what you don't know is to learn."

The institute is administrated by Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. and is part of Goodwill's mission to provide life-changing opportunities to people with disabilities and disadvantages to achieve independence.

To learn more visit [www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise](http://www.goodwillswfl.org/microenterprise) or call 995-2106 ext. 2219.✪

## FSW Dedicates Community Room



FSW President Jeff Allbritten, FSW Foundation Board Chair Tammy Surratt, Carl Grissom, Diana Grissom, daughter Carly Schwartzel, and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Louis Traina

**T**he Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation dedicated The Carl and Diana Grissom Community Room on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus on Tuesday, March 17.

The College dedicated AA-177, a multi-purpose room, in honor of Sanibel Island residents Carl and Diana Grissom after the couple made a generous gift to the FSW Foundation.

"The foundation was very proud to accept the gift from the Grissoms to benefit the FSW Faculty Development Center, a place where our faculty can meet and share new ideas," said Dr. Louis Traina, vice president of institutional advancement at FSW.

"This gift will go a long way towards the continued education and development of our faculty. Everybody who comes here will be able to realize how much Carl means to this institution and how his generosity will go a long way," said FSW President Jeff Allbritten.

Grissom, a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, first moved to Lee County in 1979. Besides having served on the FSW Foundation Board of Directors since 2011, Grissom has consistently given to the college to benefit various academic programs.

"I have always believed in education," said Grissom. "When you see progress and

hear about the needs, you want to give because you know how it helps our community."

He was particularly interested in Room AA-177 because the space is often used for educational panels, faculty meetings and campus events. With the community room, he hopes to ensure that FSW graduates are highly-trained, creative and possess the ability to strike up important relationships with others in the community.

"I can't tell you how important those things mean to you in life," said Grissom.

For more information about the FSW Foundation or how to make a gift, visit [foundation.fsw.edu](http://foundation.fsw.edu).✪

## Teacher Nominations Sought

**T**eachers who have utilized the Uncommon Friends Foundation curriculum are encouraged to apply for the Character Education Teacher Award to be presented by the foundation. The deadline for applying for the annual award has been extended to Wednesday, April 15. Teachers in public, private, and charter schools in Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties are eligible to be nominated – either by themselves or co-workers.

Awards will be presented to the 2015 Champion Teachers during the Uncommon Evening dinner in the fall. The award recognizes outstanding educators who incorporate Lessons Learned from the Uncommon Friends to teach character education. These educators

inspire their students to adopt the characteristics of the five Uncommon Friends: Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel, and Charles Lindbergh – intellectual giants who helped shape the 20th century, and incorporate them into their lives.

Nominated individuals must have used lessons from the Uncommon Friends Character Education curriculum, exhibit characteristics of the Uncommon Friends in their personal and professional life, and have the endorsement of a school administrator.

Criteria and the nomination form are available on the foundation's website at [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org). The nomination form and a letter of support from the nominee's supervising administrator need to be sent to the Uncommon Friends Foundation, via email at [angela@uncommonfriends.org](mailto:angela@uncommonfriends.org) by the April 15 deadline. Additional information about the nomination process and the award are available by contacting the Uncommon Friends Foundation at 337-9503.✪



## Habitat Marks Anniversary Of Women Build



Pat Benner, Women Build 2014 Habitat volunteer

children is worth it alone, we are creating a place where they can feel safe and call home," she adds.

In Lee County, over 17,000 families spend more than 40 percent of their income for rent. Many are forced to move often, requiring children to change schools and lose academic momentum. Habitat provides decent homes for qualified low-income families with zero percent mortgages. Mortgage payments are set at 30 percent or less of family income, keeping the home affordable.

"The women of Women Build have changed my family's life. My son and I now live in a safe, welcoming neighborhood, thanks to the hard work of many women through the course of the Women Build process. My son now has a yard where he can play freely without me worrying about his safety. I am so grateful to Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties and the Women Build program for giving us this opportunity. I have been so inspired by the work of the volunteers who came together to make our dream come true," says Vanessa Saez, 2014 Women Build homeowner.

The local initiative coincides with Mother's Day for its significance as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing. Work on the homes is scheduled to begin April 25 and continue through May 8, pending the fundraising goal of



Vanessa Saez and Ashley DeLeon, 2014 Women Build recipients



Women Build volunteers working on a Cape Coral rehab

\$100,000 is achieved. Rehab work will be completed in time for dedication of the homes on Saturday, May 9, when keys are turned over to the new owners.

During Women Build 2015, homes will be rehabbed in San Carlos Park and Cape Coral.

During National Women Build Week May 2 to 9, Habitat affiliates across the nation join with women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis that has resulted in more than 12 million children

living in poverty conditions in the United States.

Local women are needed to help raise \$100,000 to fund the rehab of the two homes and to provide womanpower (men are welcome, too) for the construction.

For more information on donating or participating, call 652-1677 or visit the Women Build website to create your team: [www.habitat4humanity.donorpages.com/2015WomenBuild](http://www.habitat4humanity.donorpages.com/2015WomenBuild).

## Dress For Success Project Raises Funds For ACT

Barbara Dell, executive director of Dress for Success Southwest Florida, has announced that Michelle Kotarski of the Professional Women's Group has been selected to chair this year's Community Action Project (CAP). Kotarski's project is called Knock Out Domestic Violence.

The public is invited to attend the free Knock Out Domestic Violence event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at Hodges University, 4501 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. Guest speakers will include life coach and abuse survivor Amy Enee and Colleen M. Henderson, community education coordinator at Abuse Counseling & Treatment (ACT). A self-defense demonstration will be given by Fight Zone.

A light lunch will be provided and a \$10 donation to ACT is suggested. Seating is limited, and RSVP is required by March 28 at [knockoutdomesticviolence@gmail.com](mailto:knockoutdomesticviolence@gmail.com).

Herself a survivor of domestic violence, Kotarski wishes to provide knowledge to help individuals avoid the various types of abusive relationships, recognize the warn-

ing signs and locate community resources to help themselves or those they care about who are involved in an abusive relationship.

Kotarski said, "It is an unfortunate fact that domestic violence is a prevalent issue. I believe that spreading knowledge about this issue will help people prevent themselves and others from falling victim to domestic violence. If this workshop saves one person from the devastating effects of domestic violence, then it will have been successful."

Kotarski was selected as the 2014-15 Dress for Success SW Florida delegate to represent PWG Worldwide with the Community Action Project, an annual project designed by Dress for Success Global for the purpose of reaching out into the community and helping an underserved organization.

The Professional Women's Group (PWG) is a networking, job retention and professional development program that empowers employed Dress for Success SW Florida clients to aspire to self-defined success through motivation, mentoring, resources, training and partnership with professional women in the community. Membership is life-long, free and open to all Dress for Success clients who are working or in school.

Dress for Success is located at 12995 South Cleveland Avenue, Suite 153, Fort Myers in the Pinebrook Plaza. For more information, email [swflorida@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:swflorida@dressforsuccess.org), call 689-4992 or visit [www.DressForSuccess.org/swflorida](http://www.DressForSuccess.org/swflorida) for women.✴



# It's Been 25 Years Since Pete Rose Was Banned From Baseball; Is It Time For Him To Be Reinstated?



by Ed Frank

Just as spring brings the start of the Major League Baseball season, it seems that nearly every year, the question arises – Should Pete Rose be reinstated in baseball?

You may recall that 25 years ago, on August 23, 1989, to be exact, Rose signed an agreement with then-Baseball Commissioner Bart Giamatti that made him “permanently ineligible” from participating in Major League Baseball.

The agreement came after a lengthy probe revealed that Rose had bet repeatedly on the team he was managing, the Cincinnati Reds, and other teams as well. The all-time hits leader also had wagered as a player.

Now, with a new commissioner in office, Rob Manfred, Rose has filed a petition for reinstatement. He has filed such petitions in the past that have been rejected.

If you ask 25 people on the street whether Rose should be re-admitted, you'll probably get 25 different answers.

But the fact is there is a wide circle of fans and players that feel the once-fiery Rose has been punished enough and his ineligibility should be lifted. No question he was a great player, and many feel that still today, he would be a valuable ambassador to the game.

It's doubtful, however, that even if he is reinstated he would ever be voted into Baseball's Hall of Fame. There's a special Hall of Fame Committee composed of Hall of Famers, executives and media that meets next year that could consider Rose if he becomes eligible.

But just look at the lowly votes players such as Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire and others – players tainted by the steroid scandal – have received in previous balloting.

To date, all Manfred has said is that he wants to carefully consider the matter and review the facts of the investigation that led to the ban. He is the fifth commissioner since Rose was banned.

There's another matter that must be considered regarding Rose: He has a nearly full-time job in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino, signing autographs and other memorabilia. Reportedly, it is a lucrative job and he is under contract until 2017.

So how does this casino job fit into his request for reinstatement?



Pete Rose during his playing days with the Cincinnati Reds photo by Stephen Dunn/Getty Images

Cincinnati is host to the All-Star Game in July, and the Reds faithful would sure like to have their former player and manager partake in the festivities.

It's certain, however, that Manfred s not going to be rushed into making a decision on Rose.

### Playoff-Bound Everblades In First-Place

The streaking Florida Everblades hockey team closes out the regular 2014-15 season playing five of their remaining six games on home ice at Germain Arena.

Florida began the week with a season record of 46-13-2-5, having gone unbeaten in their last 14 games. They finished a

seven-game road trip last weekend, capturing 13 of the possible 14 points.

The Everblades host Reading at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and South Carolina on Saturday at 7 p.m. Then they complete the regular season next weekend here against Orlando Friday and Saturday nights.

Florida rides atop the ECHL Eastern Division, three points ahead of Toledo.

If the Kelly Cup playoffs were to begin now, Florida, with the No. 1 seed, would oppose sixth-seeded Orlando in the first round. The Everblades are 8-3-1 against Orlando this season.\*

## Goodwill Annual Golf Tournament

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida's fifth annual golf fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 16 at Coral Oaks Golf Course in Cape Coral. Last year's tournament raised over \$14,000 in gross proceeds to benefit the agency's programs and services.

"This tournament is always such a good time," says Goodwill's community relations coordinator, Madison Mitchell. "Our players have fun, our staff has fun, and it is all for a wonderful cause."

The Goodwill Golf Classic will feature a raffle, and multiple contests such as Closest to the Pin, 50/50 raffle, and a longest drive competition. The Hole in One challenge winner will receive a getaway package.

The cost to play is \$60 for a single player, \$240 for a four-person team and \$100 to sponsor a hole.

"Last year Goodwill was able to assist nearly 40,000 people in Southwest Florida," says Mitchell. "That was possible because of the support of events like this one."



Previous year's tournament

To RSVP or for more information, call Mitchell at 995-2106 ext. 2213 or email madisonmitchell@goodwillswfl.org. Players may also register at www.goodwillswfl.org/golfclassic2015.\*

## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Captiva Landings	Captiva	1993	7,149	\$6,750,000	\$5,900,000	281
Creekside	Bonita Springs	1997	5,755	\$2,100,000	\$1,950,000	45
Seagate	Sanibel	1981	3,750	\$1,995,000	\$1,850,000	484
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1969	2,610	\$2,175,000	\$1,830,000	85
Sanibel Estates	Sanibel	1988	2,782	\$1,294,500	\$1,275,000	531
River Ridge	Bonita Springs	1993	4,237	\$1,395,000	\$1,225,000	32
Fairview Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1958	3,608	\$1,094,000	\$967,500	104
Lakewood	Fort Myers	2014	3,410	\$881,790	\$860,000	153
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2004	3,492	\$849,000	\$800,000	109
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	2,500	\$769,000	\$735,000	352

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate



## Financial Focus

# Control Your Emotions In Volatile Markets



by Jennifer Basey

**F**or the past few years, the stock market has moved up fairly steadily, with no major “corrections.” But thus far in 2015, we’ve already seen periods of volatility – enough, in

fact, to make some investors jittery. Nervous investors may be more prone to make decisions based on short-term market movements – so how can you stay calm?

First of all, when evaluating your investment decisions, stay focused on those factors that have historically driven stock prices. The U.S. economy is growing at a reasonably good pace, and corporate earnings remain fairly strong. Plus, stocks may not be as undervalued as they were a few years ago – as measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) – but they still aren’t overly expensive, either. Things can change, of course, but when market volatility seems to be primarily caused by short-term events, such as plunging oil prices, it’s important to look beyond the headlines to these less glamorous, but probably more important, fundamentals of good investing. By doing so, you can help avoid making fear-driven investment choices.

What else can you do to help ensure that you don’t let feelings of anxiety influence your investment moves? For one thing, evaluate your investment mix. If you own too many stocks and stock-based vehicles, you could take a big hit

if stock prices fall sharply during periods of volatility. Historically, however, bond prices have typically increased when stock prices fell – although, of course, there are no guarantees. So, if your portfolio consists of stocks and bonds, you are better positioned to weather the harshest effects of market turbulence.

To further prepare yourself for downturns, you may also want to diversify your fixed-income holdings to include investments such as U.S. Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and municipal bonds. The percentages of each type of investment within your portfolio should be based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Finally, you can help yourself maintain an even-keeled approach to investing by always looking for quality. Typically, higher quality investments fare better during market declines and recover more quickly when the markets rebound. How can you judge whether a particular investment is of good “quality?” A long-term track record is useful to study. It’s certainly true that, as you have no doubt heard, “past performance is no guarantee of future results,” but it’s nonetheless valuable to know how a particular stock, for example, has performed in various economic environments. If it seems to have done well relative to others in its industry and over long periods of time, that may give you a good idea of its quality.

It’s never easy to take all the emotions out of investing, especially during periods of market volatility. After all, you count on your investments to help provide you with the type of future you’ve envisioned. But by focusing on the fundamentals, putting together an appropriate investment mix and constantly looking for quality, you can help “de-stress” yourself – and, as the American poet, novelist and historian JG Holland once said, “Calmness is the cradle of power.”

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## Chamber To Host Program On Networking

**A**bove Board Chamber of Florida will host a program titled Master Your Networking Skills from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 at The Landings Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club, 4540 S. Landings Drive in Fort Myers and Monday, April 13 at the Hilton Naples, located at 5111 Tamiami Trail North in Naples.

Spring is in the air, the perfect time for new growth. Business growth is as much about who you know as what you know. Do you know how to leverage your relationship network to your best advantage? The April meeting will feature a panel of master networkers who will teach attendees how to establish relationships and turn their personal network into a major business asset.

The Fort Myers luncheon will be emceed by Lee County Commissioner Brian Hamman. Panelists include: Erica Castner, Queen of Results – business and breakthrough coach; Lisa Doyle-Mitchell, president of Your Walking Billboard; Barry Nicholls, adventurer/entrepreneur; and Rick Williams – CFO of Conric PR & Marketing/Publishing.

Sue Huff, owner of E. Sue Huff & Associates, Inc. Marketing and Management Consulting will emcee the Naples luncheon. Panelists include: Erica Castner, Queen of Results – business and breakthrough coach; Eileen Connolly-Keesler, President/CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County; Bob Harden, host and producer of *The Bob Harden Show*; and Barry Nicholls, adventurer/entrepreneur.

### Fort Myers registration:

Registration on or before Friday, April 3 will be \$22 for members and \$28 for friends. After April 3, registration will be \$28 for members and \$32 for friends. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/mpnsbx9](http://tinyurl.com/mpnsbx9).

### Naples registration:

Registration on or before Thursday, April 9 will be \$25 for members and \$28 for friends. After April 9, registration will be \$28 for members and \$33 for friends. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/noqmf53](http://tinyurl.com/noqmf53).

Fuller On-Line Solutions is the sponsor for the Fort Myers meeting. Realtor Kristen Weardon will sponsor the Naples meeting. For each luncheon meeting, non-profits can put up a free table, and members can put up a table for \$25. Attendees must RSVP. The event includes a plated lunch.

Non-members are encouraged to attend two meetings, then consider joining the chamber. To become a member, contact Jeanne Sweeney at 239-910-7426.✴

## Correction

**T**he Uncommon Friends Foundation’s 2015 scholarships application deadline was incorrectly reported as April 15 in the March 20 edition of *The River Weekly News*. The correct deadline for submitting 2015 scholarship applications was April 1. For more information, visit <http://uncommonfriends.org> or call Angela Melvin at 337-9503.✴

## AppleJuice

## How To Customize Your Mac Dock



by Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, SWACKS

**T**he dock of your Mac, where Application Icons can be stored, provides options to change many aspects of the dock’s appearance and how it

behaves. You can adjust its size, where it’s located on your screen (left, bottom, right) and the magnification level when you hover your mouse over those App icons. You can also set for toggling the app-launch bounce, dock auto-hide, and

active application indicators.

To make changes to your dock, go to the Apple icon in the top left corner. Here you’ll find two options to use to make your changes – System Preferences and Dock.

Open System Preferences > Dock. The first thing you see is a slide bar for Size. You can change the size of your dock stretched across the screen. Hard to see the small dock? Just slide the bar up to the right and it expands in length and size of the icons. If you use a lot of Apps and have them on your dock, adjusting the size of the dock goes only so far.

So, now look at the next slide for Magnification. This slide adjusts the size of your App icons as you move your mouse over the dock.

Position on Screen is next allowing you to move your dock to one of three sides of your screen. Go ahead and try the different positions.

Next is Minimize windows using two options – Genie effect and Scale effect. The Genie effect is what all Macs do by default. Whenever you minimize a

window, the window gets skinny at the bottom and gets “sucked into” the dock. Switch to the Scale minimize effect and you’ll see windows now fly down into the dock in less than a second.

You now have five choices to try. Clicking Double-click a window’s title bar to minimize lets you double click the window’s title bar instead of the green dot in the upper left hand corner of your window. Minimize windows into application icon helps to reduce clutter at the right side of your dock if you have multiple applications open. With Animate opening applications, you can see the application icon “bounce” in the dock while it is opening. Automatically hide and show the dock is great if you like to use a full screen view and not have to worry if your mouse travels near the dock and you accidentally click on app icon and open another app. The Show indicator lights for open applications turns on a small spotlight under the open app icon in the dock. While sliding your mouse across the dock, look under the icons for the spotlight for programs you have open.

Another option to make your changes starts again with the Apple icon. Instead of System Preferences, click on Dock for some short cuts to make the above changes.

Workshops are held the second Tuesday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., and meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m., with the exception of July and August at Zion Lutheran Church, 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers.

For more information on the South West Florida Apple Computer Knowledge Society (SWACKS), visit [www.swacks.org](http://www.swacks.org).✴

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## Lee Memorial Named Among Best



Healthgrades representative Christopher Lee, left, presents Donna Giannuzzi, chief administrative officer of HealthPark Medical Center, Lisa Sgarlata, chief administrative officer of Lee Memorial Hospital, and Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System, with the Healthgrades 2015 America's 50 Best Hospitals Award

Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center have received the Healthgrades 2015 America's 50 Best Hospitals Award, a distinction that places them in the top one percent of hospitals nationwide. This is the second consecutive year that Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center have received this prestigious recognition.

Healthgrades, a leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals, evaluates nearly every hospital in the nation (over 4,500 hospitals), and no hospital can opt in or opt out, nor can they pay to be evaluated.

"We are proud to be recognized among the best in the nation for consistently providing safe, quality care," said Jim Nathan, president and CEO of Lee Memorial Health System. "This achievement is a testament to the extraordinary care that our team of physicians, employees and volunteers provide and the lasting contribution they are having on the community's health through achieving excellent outcomes."

Being in the top one percent means patients of Lee Memorial Hospital and HealthPark Medical Center are less likely to experience medical or surgical complications, and have the best chances for survival during and after hospitalization.

Healthgrades America's 50 Best designation recognizes hospitals for consistent clinical excellence and exhibiting consistent superior performance in clinical outcomes for patients across a broad spectrum of care. Hospitals that have achieved this distinction set a clear and formal framework for improving quality which allows teams to evaluate and build on success, and quality is embedded in their culture.

Other hospitals in the top one percent include the Mayo Clinic and New York Presbyterian.

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## School Smart

you have to reach – and have the supports to make the grab. We improve when we work at the edge of our competence, not when we stay in our comfort zone," Neihart said.

Parents who suspect that their child is gifted should trust their judgment about their child's abilities and approach the school to determine specifically what the child's needs are and how they can be met. It is best to start by talking to the child's teachers and move on to the principal if necessary. You may also want to provide challenging opportunities outside of school as well to help develop motivation and skills for achievement.

For more information on underachieving gifted students visit <http://www.nagc.org>.

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### Doctor and Dietitian

## A Little Wisdom About Our Smart Devices



by Ross Hauser, MD and Marion Hauser, MS, RD

We all love our cell phones, tablets and mobile devices. From children to teenagers, middle-aged adults to seniors, all of us enjoy the benefits, fun and conveniences these mobile devices offer. The problem is that we don't want to put them down.

The information overload from our devices has actually been linked to depression and anxiety, especially when overly attached or using multiple devices at once. Give your brain a break and power off the device. Consider putting it away in a drawer for a few hours, or choose to not look at it after a certain

time in the evening or for a few hours in the morning.

There's more. Next time you're out, notice all the heads down, necks and shoulders hunched over cell phones. This forward and curved posture actually causes health issues such as headaches, neck pain, shoulder pain and more. Dr. Dean Fishman, a chiropractor in Plantation, Florida, coined the phrase "text neck" to describe this condition.

Texting isn't the only culprit. We also spend hours hunched in front of our computers, tablets, readers, media players and games. Here's what happens: As the head moves forward from the shoulders, the center of gravity changes, causing an increase in pressure on the musculature over the head and shoulders due to the downward angle and weight of the head. Can you believe the head weighs about 10 pounds? The more the head shifts forward, the greater the pressure around the neck area. This pressure also increases when in this head forward posture for prolonged periods of time. The frequent and prolonged flexion of the neck causes changes in the cervical spine, the curve of the neck and the structures that support the neck. This can cause neck pain and can eventually lead to arthritic degeneration of the cervical spine.

Prevention is key. Try holding your phone at eye level. Take breaks from your digital devices, along with practicing good ergonomics at home and at the office. For those who use a computer throughout the day, investing in a stand-

ing unit can help keep the spine in better alignment and relieve unnecessary pressure on the body.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical and Rehabilitation

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# PACE Center Raises Over \$40,000 At Grande Dames Tea



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PACE Board Chair Sandy Stilwell and Grande Dames Mistress of Ceremonies Mei-Mei Chan



Laura Hamel Jones, James Dozier and 2015 Grande Dame Sharlene Hamel Dozier



Front row, 2015 Grande Dame Melvin Morgan, Fred Morgan; back row, son Fredrick Morgan, II and daughter Felicia Mouzon



Claudia Sailor, 2012 Grande Dame Anna "Boots" Tolles and Tolle's sister Linda Hart of Chicago



2009 Grande Dame Eleanore Kleist and 2012 Grande Dame Michel Doherty

**P**ACE Center for Girls of Lee County raised a record \$40,395 at the 7th Annual Grande Dames Tea on March 20 at the Broadway Palm in Fort Myers.

Sharlene Hamel Dozier of Fort Myers, M. Jacqueline McCurdy of Bonita Springs and Melvin Morgan of Fort Myers were honored for their roles in Southwest Florida history and their decades of service and helping others. Mei-Mei Chan, The News-Press Media Group president and publisher, once again served as mistress of ceremonies.

Chair of the event was Deanna Hansen with Mary Fischer serving as co-chair. Both are members of the PACE Lee Board of Directors.

"These three outstanding women come from varied backgrounds and offered some insightful advice for the audience and the PACE girls," Hansen said.

"Our theme of The Wisdom of Age - Honoring the Female Spirit was

so appropriate because each of these women had much to share from their own life's journey," Hansen said.

A special theatrical performance by the PACE girls was added this year, titled *A Lot Can Happen In a Year*, that described the challenges and triumphs they have face in their young lives. The emotional performance was directed by Stephanie Davis and Andi Horowitz.

This is the seventh year of the historic Grande Dames Tea. Previous honorees have included philanthropists Berne Davis, Eleanore Kleist and Barbara B. Mann in 2009; Jeanne Bochette, Helen Hendry and Veronica Shoemaker in 2010; Myra Daniels, Kathleen Nealon and Mimi Straub in 2011; Michel Doherty, Mavis Stinson Miller and Anna "Boots" Tolles in 2012; Thelma Hodges, Helen O'Rourke McClary and Ettie Francis Walsh in 2013; and Barbara Brown, Sarah Sciple and Margaret Sirianni in 2014.

The Grande Dames Tea was origi-



PACE Executive Director Meg Geltner and Dawn-Marie Driscoll



2014 Grande Dame Sarah Sciple and her daughter Elaine Sherer

nated by PACE Center for Girls of Lee County to honor women who have played major roles in Southwest Florida history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others.

The agenda for the tea included interaction between the PACE girls and the three Grande Dames, in a question and



Kim Nealon with her mother, 2011 Grande Dame Kathleen Nealon

answer format.

White House/Black Market was the title sponsor of the Grande Dames Tea. Other major sponsors were the Broadway Palm. Edison National Bank and R. S. Walsh Landscaping along with media sponsors *Grandeur Magazine* and The News-Press Media Group.✽



Stephanie Davis, Andi Horowitz and Andrea Prather



Arden McCurdy and her sister, 2015 Grande Dame Jacke McCurdy



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dearPharmacist

## H. Pylori, Probiotics And Autoimmune Disease



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Readers:

A lot of you suffer from disturbing problems such as diarrhea, constipation, gas, belching, bloating, nausea, reflux, esophagitis, stomach ulcers and fatigue

related to anemia. These symptoms might be tied to H. pylori, the ulcer bug. Complications of untreated Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) lead to severe reflux, dysphagia, peptic ulcer disease, stomach cancer and gastric lymphoma.

Without a pill to fix you, this leaves little hope for relief, even if you're restricting yourself to chicken soup and a glass of water! It's clear to me we need something other than conventional treatments and pharmaceuticals which have limited effectiveness and adverse reactions.

H. pylori can easily survive stomach

acid, in fact it thrives in it. People often look surprised when I tell them that H. pylori can infect you all over, and plays a role in the pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis, ITP (idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura), Hashimoto's thyroiditis and iron deficiency anemia.

Treating H. pylori is tough. Today, the standard of treatment is dubbed "triple therapy" and includes two antibiotics (usually amoxicillin and clarithromycin) along with a PPI (proton pump inhibitor like omeprazole). Unfortunately, there's a high rate of relapse. You can improve your odds of beating this infection if you take probiotics. More on that soon, but first, I want you to really wrap your head around this destructive pathogen.

H. pylori causes mineral malabsorption and vitamin B12 deficiency which contributes to dementia, irritability, memory loss, arrhythmias and hypothyroidism. The mere presence of H. pylori activates your immune system causing it to stay on guard 24/7 and that pours a cytokine waterfall of inflammatory compounds all over your body. Then you become flooded with antibodies. The immune system activation appears to stir up bad superantigens and molecular mimicry which confuse your body. It will cause you to lose "tolerance of self" so you attack yourself. You develop an autoimmune disorder which can be different for every-

one. Lupus for you, rheumatoid for her, Crohn's for him, and so forth. Infections combined with genetic SNPs are often the root cause of an autoimmune disorder.

Recently, researchers evaluated 33 different trials that involved 4,459 participants with H. pylori. They wanted to know whether probiotics had any beneficial effect. They compiled statistics on three groups: People who took a dud pill (placebo), people who took antibiotics (triple therapy), and people who took probiotics with their antibiotics.

Individuals who had taken probiotics with the triple therapy had a much higher success rate in treating the H. pylori overgrowth and experienced fewer adverse events. In fact, it helped people who

had already done the antibiotic course unsuccessfully. Four probiotic strains stood out: Lactobacillus acidophilus, Lactobacillus casei, Lactobacillus gasseri, and Bifidobacterium infantis. This is so awesome and it's simple. Taking a probiotic supplement with these strains (about four to six hours after your antibiotic) may ultimately beat this infection. I've posted a longer version of this article at my website if you'd like to learn more about soothing symptoms while treating the infection.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).*

## 5K Run Aids Cancer Patients

The nonprofit 21st Century CARE Foundation is hosting the 3rd annual 5K Run/2-Mile Walk to support head and neck cancer patients in Southwest Florida. The event will take place on Saturday, April 11 at Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, kicked off by Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson.

Stacey Brill, a speech pathologist who helps head and neck cancer patients re-learn how to swallow, noticed that many of her patients were unable to afford copays and other costs associated with cancer treatment. She started this event to help such patients. The 5K Run/2-Mile Walk coincides with Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month, observed in April.

All funds raised will help provide head and neck cancer screenings, treatment, follow-up care and financial assistance to patients in Southwest Florida. It will feature awards for certain age groups, refreshments and chance drawings. The first 100 registered participants will receive a gift bag with a T-shirt and other gifts.

The registration fee for adult runners and walkers is \$25. Youth runners and walkers (ages five to 17) can register for \$15. There are no fees for children five and under.

Race day registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The 5K Run/2-Mile Walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments, awards and drawings will follow the walk.

For more information, visit [www.kintera.org](http://www.kintera.org).

## 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 fed up with cell phones or the poor manners of their users. Everywhere I go, people have them at their ear: grocery shopping, offices, churches, restaurants and, of course, driving on the interstate at 75 miles an hour.

My bridge club is also fed up and they penalize players when their phones ring.

The other day I was at a small business meeting. Their phones were constantly ringing. Others just had their signal on vibrate but would leave the meeting and go and return the call. There was a five- or 10-minute delay in which nothing could be accomplished in their absence.

Will this ever end, or do you think it will gradually fade away?

Verna

### Dear Verna,

I think it will only get worse if that is possible.

Yesterday, a friend told me her husband decided for a special treat to take their two sons to a very posh golf course for a day of fun and relaxation.

As the first son went to tee off on the first hole, his phone rang. He stopped, answered the phone and went over to the side. His father went over and when the call was finished he told him "turn that damned thing off - we're here to relax." As they approached the hole, he saw his other son in the rough talking on his phone, so the father went over and told him the same thing. The father was furious, and the day was not as he had planned.

When four-year-olds arrive at day care with their phones in their pockets to call mummy at their break, I can't see it ever ending, but we won't be here to be annoyed!

Lizzie

### Dear Verna,

I agree there are a lot of cell phone users with poor manners... myself included. I have recently noticed businesses are fighting back. Some fast food restaurants are refusing to take orders unless one is off the phone. The clerk at the post office refused to wait on me because I was listening to voicemail. She served the person behind me. My friends' kids are driving them nuts with their constant texting. The one that gets me is texting and talking on the cell phone at the same time. I do not think cell phones will be going away any time soon, but maybe cell phone manners will improve... including my own.

Pryce

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## Students Exhibit



Students and their parents at last year's Future of Art exhibit

schools and hundreds of works in a variety of mediums.

The elementary and middle school students will be on display through April 10, with an opening reception on Tuesday, April 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. High school work will then be exhibited, with a second opening reception on Wednesday, April 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. and remain on display until April 24. Winners will be selected in several

categories and a Best in Show will be awarded. Refreshments for the high school reception will be provided by Evan's Neighborhood Pizza in Fort Myers.

LAEA is a group of art teachers who work to recognize and promote students who show an interest and aptitude in the visual arts. Artwork by LAEA member teachers will be on display in the Alliance Member Gallery. The Theatre Lobby will feature BroadSides: Poetry Off The Shelf, works created by artists and poets.

Join your friends and neighbors at the Alliance on April 7 and April 15 to support these youth artists, or come by anytime to explore the exhibits while they're on display. The Alliance galleries are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

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

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## Symphony Classic Country

Bjaland. "This is a perfect marriage of musical styles."

A Salute to Dolly & Patsy features performances by celebrated Florida guitarist and vocalist Sam Pacetti and rising vocal star Chelsea Packard.

Tickets cost between \$22 and \$82 per person and may be purchased online at [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org), by visiting the Southwest Florida Symphony Box Office located at 8290 College Parkway, Suite 103 in Fort Myers, by calling the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or at the Barbara B. Mann Box Office one hour prior to the concert. Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall is located at 13350 Edison Parkway in Fort Myers. ✱

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## 'Ding' Darling Launches Summer Day Camp



Archery will be one of the outdoor activities at the refuge's Nature Explorers Day Camp

JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel is offering its first ever day camp program for the summer of 2015. Four consecutive weeklong Nature Explorers Day Camp sessions will start on June 15. Campers can attend only one session.

Each session will be limited to 14 middle school students (completed fourth, fifth, or sixth grade) from the Lee County and surrounding school districts or homeschool equivalent. Students attending Title 1 schools will receive preference. Lottery drawings will determine the remaining spots. Cost per one-week session per student is \$50.

The camp program was made possible by a \$15,000 grant from an anonymous donor to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). The donation will cover costs of lunch and transportation for day campers, scholarships, T-shirts, digital cameras and other program materials. It will also underwrite stipends for one education intern to assist with the program. A donation from the Gardner Families will go towards backpacks for the campers. Tarpon Bay Explorers will be assisting with water-related activities.

"The refuge feels that our new Nature Explorers Day Camp fills an urgent need in our community," said Ranger Becky Larkins, who will oversee the program as refuge education specialist. "Existing day camps fill quickly, so we felt we could provide an excellent alternative that gets kids out in nature. By targeting Title 1 schools, we hope to reach children who cannot otherwise afford summer camps."

Larkins designed day camp programming to reflect the mission and purposes set by the National Wildlife Refuge System. Weekly activities will include nature photography, wildlife observation, saltwater fishing, kayaking, a beach walk, nature sketching, archery, biking and nature crafts.

Students interested in applying for Nature Explorers Day Camp should visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/day-camp](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/day-camp) for a printable application. To receive an application by mail, call Larkins at 472-1100 ext. 236. Deadline for application is May 1.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarling-society.org](http://www.dingdarling-society.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).✱

## Theatre Conspiracy And College Collaborate On Play

Theatre Conspiracy and the Florida Southwestern State College Theatre Department will present the Florida Premiere of August Schulenburg's *Jane The Plain* April 2 through 11 at the The Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. The production will be directed by Theatre Conspiracy's producing artistic director Bill Taylor.

Football, popularity and the clash of the gods: it's all going down at Plainview High School's homecoming game in the comic fairy tale *Jane The Plain*. Jane's status takes a sudden rise after she saves the mysterious girl and is given the gift of beauty. Everyone starts falling for her: quarterback Scotty, second-stringer Lesson, even the most popular girl in school, Lexi. As the jealous Betty seeks to eliminate her newfound rival, Leonard tries to win his best friend Jane back. But when a mysterious man starts haunting Scotty, this battle of love and social status takes a dangerous turn of cosmic proportions. What if the wrong choice in high school really could end the world?

*Jane The Plain* was the winner of the Full Length Play category for The Chameleon Theatre Circle's 13th annual New Play Festival, a finalist for the Bloomington Playwrights Project's 2013 Woodard/Newman Drama Award, a finalist for the 2013 Theatre Conspiracy New Play Contest, and was featured in Stella Adler Studio of Acting's 2013 First Breath Playwriting Festival, the Brick Theatre's Oven Series and Purple Rep's Dark Night Serials Series. This production will be the play's Florida premiere.

*Jane The Plain* will be presented April 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m., with matinees on two Saturdays – April 4 and 11 – at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22, \$11 for students with proper ID and \$5 for FSW students. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.theatreconspiracy.org](http://www.theatreconspiracy.org) or by calling 936-3239.✱



# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. LITERATURE: How many publishers rejected James Joyce's "The Dubliners" before it finally made it to print?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Falkland Islands are located off which continent?
3. MYTHOLOGY: What does the Greek goddess Aphrodite represent?
4. PRESIDENTS: When was Lyndon Johnson elected president?
5. MEDICAL TERMS: What is the common name for "epistaxis"?
6. RELIGION: In the Christian calendar, what is Low Sunday?
7. THEATER: What was the name of the female protagonist in the play "West Side Story"?
8. LANGUAGE: What would "turbid" water look like?
9. U.S. STATES: What state's nickname is the Pine Tree State?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do the first three numbers of a Social Security number signify currently?

## ANSWERS

1. 22 2. South America 3. Love and beauty 4. 1964 5. Nosebleed 6. The Sunday after Easter 7. Maria 8. Muddy or cloudy 9. Maine 10. The state or district where the applicant resides

## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF APRIL 6, 2015

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might be upset about having to deal with problems that are no fault of your own. But you can turn the annoyance into an asset by showing how quickly and how well you can resolve them.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's fondness for tidiness pays off when you untangle a situation that seems hopelessly snarled. You might later be surprised to learn who will be expressing his or her gratitude.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Although you can tackle your assignment the way you prefer, it might be a good idea to at least ask for suggestions. Who knows? One or two might even turn out to be helpful.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Make all the changes in your plans or proposals that you feel are necessary before -- repeat, before -- you submit them to your colleagues. You'll come off looking more decisive that way.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You might feel a mite intimidated in a new environment, be it a job, a classroom or meeting the future in-laws. But enter with a big smile, and everyone will see you as a real take-charge Cat.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This could be a romantic time for you if you can set aside your cynicism and let yourself believe that someone really cares. If you're already in a relationship, expect your partner to be extra-loving.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to shed any doubts about your abilities. You've proved yourself in the past, so why not accept that you'll do just as well, or better, in dealing with the new challenge ahead?

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your suspicions might be on the mark, but unless you can prove what you assume, you need to exercise that Scorpion discretion and let events unfold without your assistance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Be careful not to go over the top this week. Avoid overeating (especially of the wrong foods), or drinking too much, or working too hard. You can do it all, but in moderation.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A family matter is given to you to resolve because you have the gift for bringing quarrelsome kinfolk together. But while you're

playing Dr. Phil, don't neglect your career obligations.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Someone of importance shares your goals but disagrees with your plan to achieve them. Never mind. Defending your methods with logic and facts earns you admiration and respect.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Consider getting away, perhaps for the week-end, despite all the demands made on your time and energies. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle it all with your usual finesse.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sense of honesty that makes people believe and trust in you.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 12, 1633, the inquisition of physicist and astronomer Galileo Galilei begins. Galileo was ordered to turn himself in for holding the belief that the Earth revolves around the Sun. At the trial, he was sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to recite once a week the Seven Penitential Psalms.

- On April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is founded in New York City by philanthropist Henry Bergh, who pleaded on behalf of abused workhorses. By the time Bergh died in 1888, 37 states had passed anti-cruelty laws.

- On April 6, 1896, the Olympic Games are reborn in Athens 1,500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I. A crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed athletes from 13 nations to the international competition.

- On April 8, 1935, Congress votes to approve the Works Progress Administration, a central part of President Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal," an expansion of the federal government as an instrument of employment opportunity and welfare. The WPA employed more than 8.5 million people on 1.4 million public projects before it was disbanded in 1943.

- On April 9, 1959, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) introduces America's first astronauts: Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton. The seven men were selected to take part in Project Mercury in 1961.

- On April 11, 1961, Bob Dylan plays his first major gig in New York City, opening

1. When was the last time before 2014 that the Boston Red Sox ended a game by hitting back-to-back home runs?
2. Who was the manager of the Chicago White Sox during the 1919 "Black Sox Scandal"?
3. Name the last running back from a college in the state of Florida to win a Heisman Trophy.
4. How many Chicago Bulls have won the NBA Defensive Player of the Year award?
5. In 2014, the Florida Panthers and Washington Capitals set an NHL record for most rounds of a shootout (20). What had been the mark?
6. Who holds the record for most NASCAR Cup wins on road courses?
7. Name the last time before the 2014 U.S. Open that a Grand Slam singles final in men's tennis did not feature Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic.

## ANSWERS

1. It was 1999, when Darren Lewis and Jeff Frye did it against Minnesota. 2. Kid Gleason was the manager from 1919 to 1923. 3. All eight Heisman winners from Florida schools have been quarterbacks. 4. Two -- Michael Jordan (1998) and Joakim Noah (2014). 5. Fifteen rounds, between the New York Rangers and Washington in 2006. 6. Jeff Gordon, with nine victories. 7. The 2005 Australian Open (Marat Safin defeated Lleyton Hewitt).

for bluesman John Lee Hooker at Gerde's Folk City. Dylan was too young to obtain the necessary union card and cabaret license needed to appear on a regular bill at Gerde's. One of the club owners, Mike Porco, signed as Dylan's guardian.

- On April 7, 1970, the legendary actor John Wayne wins his first -- and only -- acting Academy Award, for his performance in "True Grit." Wayne appeared in some 150 movies over the course of his long and storied career.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- You probably won't be surprised to learn that when author (and noted wit) Oscar Wilde arrived in the United States in 1882, he told the customs officers, "I have nothing to declare except my genius."

- A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

- If you're planning a summer vacation in Maine this year, you might want to keep in mind that in that state, it's against the law to tickle a woman under the chin with a feather duster.

- Despite the fact that 95 percent of the world uses the metric system of measurement, we in the United States still stubbornly cling to the archaic units of measurement derived from the old British Imperial system. This hodgepodge ranges from the mile (originally the distance a Roman soldier could march in 1,000 double steps) to the foot (originally the length of Emperor Charlemagne's foot, later "standardized" to the length of 35 barleycorns laid end to end) to a yard (the distance between King Henry I's nose to his extended fingertips) to an inch (the length from the tip to the first joint of a man's thumb).

- Brazil nuts do come from Brazil, but they're not technically nuts; they're seeds.

- When you think of the band ZZ Top, you probably think of long beards -- that's become a sort of signature for them. The drummer, though, is beardless -- and his name is Frank Beard.

- A ground squirrel typically has a heart-beat of around 300 beats per minute. During hibernation, though, that drops dramatically -- to only three or four beats per minute.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Those who will not reason are bigots, those who cannot are fools, and those who dare not are slaves." -- Lord Byron

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

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to frail elderly individual who are  
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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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## Don't Harm The Fish by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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fish. Dragging a fish up onto  
the sand if you're going to release  
it is not an option as it usually  
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- Hold the fish in the water  
while you unhook it if you're going  
to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish  
before release the better for the  
fish.

- If you want a picture with the  
fish, support it as you lift it out of  
the water – and do it quickly.

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- ¼ cup onion, chopped
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons celery, chopped
- 1 teaspoon parsley, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- ⅓ cup butter
- ½ cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Arrange oysters in shells on rock salt in a baking dish. Process spinach, onion, bay leaves, celery, parsley and seasonings in a food processor until smooth. In a saucepan, cook spinach mixture in butter for 5 minutes. Add bread crumbs and lemon juice, mixing well. Spoon the spinach mixture on top of oysters and bake at 400 degrees F until oyster edges curl.

Yield: six servings  
Nutritional Value per serving: calories 203, calories from fat 113, total fat 13g, saturated fat 8g, trans fatty acid 0, cholesterol 71mg, total carbohydrate 13g, protein 9g, omega 3 fatty acid 0.56g

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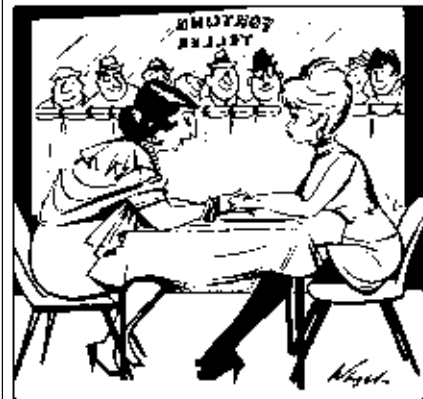
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FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

Differences: 1. Blanket roll is missing. 2. Camp is missing. 3. Sign is different. 4. Log is smaller. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Log is smaller.



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Quick  
DRAIP

Goal  
GRETTA

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 37

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

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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.

answer on page 37

Pets Of The Week

My name is Britta and if you believe in love at first sight, you may fall head over heels in love with me. I'm young, gentle, balanced and smooth. I'm "teddy bear" huggable and cute. My tongue always seems to be hanging out, which adds to my unique charm. I enjoy the company of other dogs and love participating in doggie playgroups. My adoption fee is \$40 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Catch Spring Fever adoption promotion for dogs 40 pounds and over.

They call me Priscilla and I'm a long haired beauty with big eyes but that's not the only reason you'll want to adopt me. I have a sweet and loving personality too. Why settle when you can have the whole package? My adoption fee is \$50 (get \$20 off during Animal Services' adoption promotion when you donate an item for Animal Services' Kitten Shower throughout April).

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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.

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Priscilla ID# 614294



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Horticulture and Tea Society.....472-8334

Horticultural Society.....472-6940

Lee County Genealogical Society.....549-9625

Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....939-7278

NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....482-6713

Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....731-1901

Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....667-1354

Sons of Confederate Veterans.....332-2408

Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....939-1338

Southwest Florida Music Association.....561-2118

**Kiwanis Clubs:**

Fort Myers Beach.....765-4254 or 454-8090

Fort Myers Edison.....694-1056

Fort Myers South.....691-1405

Gateway to the Islands.....218-5768

Iona-McGregor.....482-0869

**Lions Clubs:**

Fort Myers Beach.....463-9738

Fort Myers High Noon.....466-4228

Estero/South Fort Myers.....898-1921

Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....768-0417

POLO Club of Lee County.....477-4906

Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....332-8158

Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....472-6940

United Way of Lee County.....433-2000

United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....211 or 433-3900

**AREA ATTRACTIONS**

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....395-2233

Burrough's Home.....337-9505

Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....275-3435

Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....334-3614

Fort Myers Skate Park.....321-7558

Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....321-7420

JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....472-1100

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Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....765-8101

Skatium.....321-7510

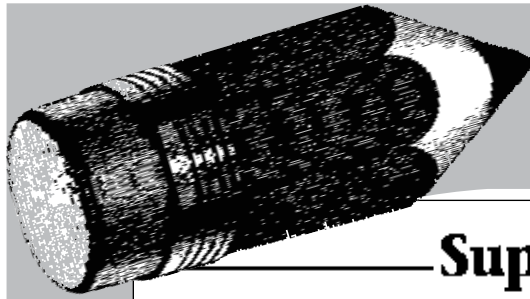
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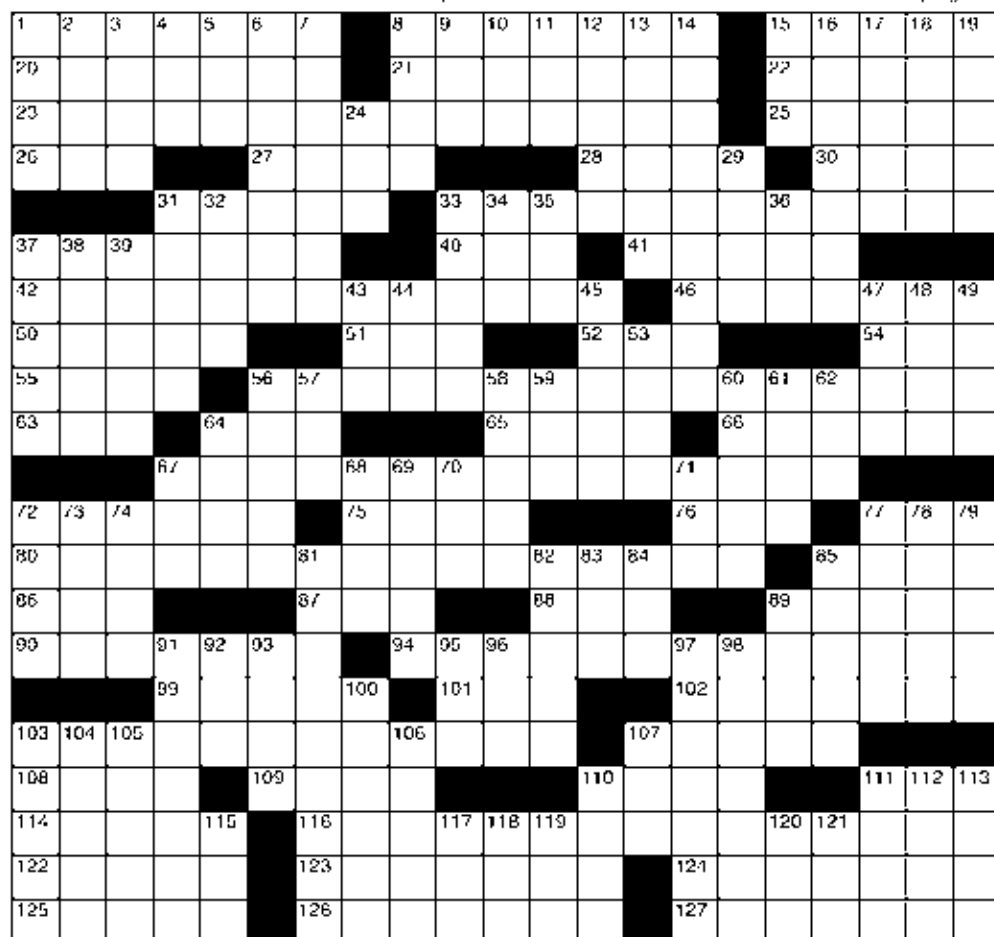
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## Super Crossword

### OUT OF THE ORDINARY

#### ACROSS

- 1 It may begin "Here lies..."  
 8 Like fabrics with morals  
 15 Sprayed like a firelighter  
 20 Composer Saint-Saëns  
 21 Maui tourist town  
 22 Wash away  
 23 Like overly harsh punishment  
 25 Consolidate  
 26 Suffix with prophet  
 27 Calc. prereq  
 28 Hosiery hitch  
 30 Transmission option  
 31 Coil of yarn  
 33 1985 hit for Sheila E.  
 37 Female graduates  
 40 Middle: Abbr.  
 41 Cello bow rub-on  
 42 Monkey of kid-li  
 46 Upholstered footstool  
 50 Country singer Travis  
 51 Ints. on a navy vessel  
 52 Neighbor of Ger.  
 54 Apple pie — mode  
 55 Just makes with "oul"  
 56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit  
 63 Dial-up alternative for short  
 64 Fall away  
 65 Cube inventor  
 66 Feeble  
 67 Noncircular paths around bodies  
 72 Homeland, affectionately  
 75 Big name in dog food  
 76 108-card game  
 77 Toque or fez  
 80 1967 hit for the Doors  
 85 Infrequent  
 86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.  
 87 Pitter from  
 88 Singer Yoko  
 89 Leaks slowly  
 90 To no extent  
 94 Mismatched collection  
 99 Knife of old infomercials  
 101 — Kippur  
 102 Stream of electrons  
 103 Witches in "Macbeth"  
 107 Can't oupe or honeydew  
 108 Body gel additive  
 109 "There's — haven't heard!"  
 110 prayer for  
 111 Univ. Web site suffix  
 114 Beach hi ls  
 116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly  
 122 Mrs. Bunker  
 123 Use an umbrella, say  
 124 Posts again  
 125 Hunter's lure  
 126 Fusible alloys  
 127 Bad-mouth  
 11 Western treaty inits.  
 12 Pope before Gregory XIII  
 13 More nonsensical  
 14 Prison, informally  
 15 and haw  
 16 Pizza herb  
 17 More irritated  
 18 Rocker Winter  
 19 Plow pioneer  
 24 Noisy clamor  
 29 Basic idea  
 31 Actor Jimmy  
 32 Granny, e.g.  
 33 At — ol (priced at)  
 34 Item in a P.O. box  
 35 Part of NATO: Abbr.  
 36 Acne spot  
 37 Performed on stage  
 38 Lies in wait  
 39 Apocryphal archangel  
 43 With 115-Down nervous and apprehensive  
 44 Part of i.e.  
 45 "... wife could — lean"  
 47 Injure badly  
 48 Jai  
 49 DEA agent  
 53 "Shape — ship out!"  
 56 Alphabet opener  
 57 "May — ol service?"  
 58 Burglar's job  
 59 Missile's path  
 60 "Deathtrap" star Michael  
 61 "For — us a child is born"  
 62 Guitarist Paul  
 64 "Green" sci  
 67 Sci-fi power  
 68 Robert De —  
 69 1990s exercise tad  
 70 Bldg. units  
 71 Virus, e.g.  
 72 Not closed  
 73 Jay of NBC  
 74 Biblical verb  
 77 Betitting frat brother  
 78 Circus venue  
 79 Touchy  
 81 Bohemianism  
 82 Meanders  
 83 Question's opp.  
 84 Turndowns  
 85 Like Brutus  
 89 Prince — von  
 Bismarck  
 91 Go along with  
 92 Christie's cry  
 93 — many words  
 95 Coloring stuff  
 96 Camera —  
 97 Ones facing the line  
 98 Tag anew  
 100 In the habit of  
 103 Crossed a ford  
 104 Get by  
 105 Like a charged atom  
 106 Cyclical at the beach  
 107 — la: (drink)  
 110 "The — the land!"  
 111 Markoy of Tarzan films  
 112 Nixing mark  
 113 Stalin's land  
 115 See 43-Down  
 117 English dramatist  
 Thomas  
 118 Lyrical verse  
 119 Bruin  
 Bobby  
 120 Peru's  
 Sumac  
 121 Campaigned



## King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Wound cover  
 5 Block of bread  
 9 Once around the track  
 12 Malana symptom  
 13 Jason's ship  
 14 Savings plan  
 15 acronym  
 16 Almost 6 trillion miles  
 17 Wildboost  
 18 Approximately  
 19 Mrs. Fred Merz  
 21 Abdomen  
 24 Leave out  
 25 Surrounded by  
 26 Fall month  
 30 Big truck  
 31 Pie nut  
 32 Actress Hagen  
 33 Intang ble  
 35 Czech or Bulgarian  
 36 Prepared to drive  
 37 Anstocratic  
 38 Vaults  
 40 Fermi's bit  
 42 Past  
 43 Bar order  
 48 Ultramodern  
 49 Beige  
 50 "Cogito, — sum"  
 51 Superlative ending  
 52 Favorable votes  
 53 Carry on  
 8 Construction bosses  
 9 Symbol for an idea  
 10 "Rule, Britannia" composer  
 11 One of the Beatles  
 16 Attempt  
 20 Allen or Burton  
 21 Naked  
 22 Send forth  
 23 "Sundown" singer  
 Gordon  
 24 Elliptical  
 26 Require  
 27 Goose (Sp.)  
 28 And others  
 29 Four-star review  
 31 "The King"  
 34 Shoe width  
 35 Dark and gloomy  
 37 "To be or —"  
 38 Logical  
 39 Many, many years  
 40 City of India  
 41 So  
 44 "Rocks"  
 45 Historic period  
 46 Early bird?  
 47 Wade  
 opponent

#### DOWN

- 1 Bando of baseball lore  
 2 Hollywood tackery (Abbr.)  
 3 Calendar abbr.  
 4 "Lo!"  
 5 Deposits  
 6 Dunkable treat  
 7 — Khan  
 107 — la: (drink)  
 110 "The — the land!"  
 111 Markoy of Tarzan films  
 112 Nixing mark  
 113 Stalin's land  
 115 See 43-Down  
 117 English dramatist  
 Thomas  
 118 Lyrical verse  
 119 Bruin  
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## MAGIC MAZE • BILLYS AND BILLIES

I T Q N G L J G D A X U R O L  
 J G D A X N L P V S P N K N I  
 F C A X V S I E Q O C L I J H  
 E C A X V P T K R R A T P N L  
 J H F G E D B O N C R Y X V T  
 R P Y R D O L M L A T S Y R C  
 K I G A E I E E M D E I B E Z  
 X W U H D E K T O R R J M D Q  
 O N L A J N B E I J G B U L C  
 F D Y M C A U O H Y X W V I T  
 S R P O N L K S B T A O G W J

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Beer	Goat	Joel	Sunday
Carter	Graham	Martin	The Kid
Club	Holiday	Mitchell	Wilder
Crystal	Jean King	Piper	





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