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FREE Take Me Home

Songwriter Fest Schedule Announced

The 2nd annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest promises more talent, more free performances and more venues for music fans.

The line-up, which includes some of Nashville's biggest hit-makers, boasts more than 70 performers and 138 performances at 24 venues throughout the islands of Lee County.

The 10-day festival has added four headliners including Kristian Bush, who built his reputation as one half of the multi-platinum, Grammy-winning country duo Sugarland. Other talents include Parmalee, a country/ rock group made famous by its No.1 smash

Carolina and single Musta Had A Good Time. Jana Kramer, a country singer and actress on One Tree Hill, will sing her smash single Why Ya Wanna. LOCASH, with songs such as Keep in Mind and Best Seat in the House, will also perform.

"Island Hopper is an exciting festival that showcases great talent and a great destination," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau "It's a rare event that offers fans the chance to hear their favorite songs and meet the people who wrote them."

The festival kicks off September 17 with Kristian Bush in concert at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island. Downtown Fort Myers, which is new to the festival, will feature midweek performances. The festival closes the weekend of September 25 to 27 on Fort Myers Beach.

The event features mostly free performances, with the exception of \$15 tickets for Kristian Bush and Jana Kramer. Parmalee offers a free show, but tickets must be secured to purchase tickets. All other shows do not needsecured tickets – seats are on a continued on page 4

Bark On The Ark Returns October 3



Man's best friend enjoy the waters of Picnic Island during Pure Florida's recent Bark On The Ark excursion on August 15

Pure Florida will take passengers and their dogs aboard the Fort Myers-based M/V Edison Explorer for Bark On The Ark on Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. The sightseeing cruise will travel along the Caloosahatchee to



`Ding' Days Photo Contest Deadline



Bill Fischer took second place last year with his cormorant photograph

Tuesday, September 15 marks the deadline for the 28th annual "Ding" Darling Days Amateur Nature Photography Contest.

The contest, sponsored by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), is held in conjunction with the 26th annual "Ding" Darling Days, returning from October 18 to 24.

Complete contest rules folow. For an entry form and other contest information, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/photo-contests. Or contact DDWS at sarah@dingdarlingsociety.org or 472-1100 ext. 233.

Winners will be announced and awarded prizes at Conservation Art Day on Saturday, October 24, during "Ding" Darling Days.

Entries may be delivered in person to JN "Ding" Darling NWR or by mail to "Ding" continued on page 7



Canines and owners make new friends aboard Pure Florida's Bark On The Ark cruise

Picnic Island, an island located between Sanibel and Pine Island, where man's best friend and their owners can explore the natural Southwest Florida environment.

Humans and animals can enjoy the fresh air on the Caloosahatchee while making new friends with other passengers. Once on land at Picnic Island, guests and their pets will have the opportunity to frolic on the shoreline or take in the beauty of the island. Canines will receive the royal treatment with water, Frisbees and dog treats available for all of Pure Florida's new furry friends. There will also be soda, wine and beer available for purchase.

The M/V Edison Explorer departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 continued on page 4

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now: In The Trenches On First



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

mind you of the massive Fort Myers Utility and Streetscaping Improvements Project that was

was diverted. Among other things accom-

were replaced before the vintage bricks repaved the

streets. The historic photo of the northeast corner of First and Hendry captures a moment when another infra-

one The Bradford Hotel, not yet fully occupied by businesses and only months from a grand opening, presides over the trench-ridden street.

In contrast to the unpaved streets and wooden structures, the brick hotel stands for 20thcentury modernization.

Definitely out-of-step with that modern look, however, is the circular concrete water trough in the center of the intersection.

That drinking trough might have been unsightly by today's standards, but was a necessity for thirsty horses, mules and oxen, not to mention dogs.

Even more important than quenching the thirst of local transportation, however, was the well's role in the town's first fireprotection system.

When that trough fed by an artesian well had been installed in July 1904, it was hailed as a wonderful addition to a downtown without any public water supply. That

Lorin Arundel

and Ken Rasi

his 1905 photo might re-

One by one, the streets were fenced off and dug up, and traffic

plished during that project, under-

structure project was underway, albeit a less disruptive

completed several years ago.

ground pipes as old as a century

well was the second one dug on First Street, the first having been dug the previous May at Dean Street.

The photo was likely taken when those two wells were being connected to Harvie E. Heitman's private well at First and Jackson (far center right). Both his store and home were located on the north side of First at that intersection.

A series of fire hydrants was also part of the project.

By the time this photo was snapped, the trough already looked anachronistic, especially against the backdrop of the impressive Bradford. The new Stone Block (now Leon Building) diagonally across the intersection, which was also built in 1905, would only have emphasized the trough's old-timey appearance.

That practical no-frills trough didn't last for long. It was removed in May 1910, by which time automobiles were taking over the streets.

It appears more frequently in historic photos and postcard images than might be expected, given its rather small size and short existence, probably because of its prominent location and sheer oddness.

Walk down to First and Hendry and imagine the scene 110 years ago, when history was being made underground.

Then, treat yourself by walking a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street, where you'll learn more about the historic intersection.

Call 321-7430 for information, or go to museumofhistory.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Lovers of local history will also want to be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Sources: The Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, The Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer, and The Fort Myers Press.☆



In 1905, three unidentified men observe what was probably the construction of a fire-protection system on First Street. In the background is the nearly complete first section of the Bradford Hotel. The men are unidentified. photo courtesy Bill Turner Collection)



At First and Hendry, the Bradford remains. But since 1905, the intersection has undergone more than one infrastructure project, both above and below ground.

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Fort Myers Art: Call For Budding Artists For Youth Art Competition



by Tom Hall

otWorks. org presents the 16th Bi-Annual Estero Fine Art Show on November 21 and 22 at the Miromar Design Center and is calling for budding artists in kindergarten to

eighth grade (ages 5 to 12) to apply for inclusion in its associated Youth Art Competition. All categories of discipline are open, including sculpture, painting, clay, glass, drawing, fiber, jewelry, wood, photography, digital and mixed media.

All entries will be displayed during the art fair, and there will \$250 in cash awards.

"Be imaginative and creative as you begin to learn the rules of being part of a professional art fair," encourages Festival Director Patty Narozny. "Be inspired by the more than 150 professional artists who will be participating in the show."

The deadline to apply for admission



Aurora Badia, 11, won the \$100 Best of Youth Art Award in the 15th Bi-Annual Estero Fine Art Show held in January of this year. Badia is a student at Canterbury School in Fort Myers. She is pictured with her winning drawing.

into the competition is October 15. Youth Art Awards will be presented on Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. The competition is sponsored by Monkey Bars Storage Solutions of Southwest Florida and the Institute for the Arts & Education, a 501(c)(3) organization committed to bringing art education into the community.

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Tom Hall is both an amateur artist

Big Band Pianist Concludes Shell Point Summer Concert Series September 10

Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes Dick Hyman: Big Bands & Combos as the final performance in its 2015 Summer Concert Series. This concert will be held on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. in The Village Church on The Island at Shell Point.

Dick Hyman has had a long-standing career as a pianist, organist, arranger, music director and composer. While developing his own musical style, Hyman researched and recorded works by piano greats from the early periods of jazz, like Joplin, Gershwin, Jelly Roll Morton and Duke Ellington. His performance will feature film clips of famous Big Band



Dick Hyman

recordings, followed by Hyman's own solo version.

Tickets for this concert cost \$20, and may be purchased online at www.shellpoint. org/concerts or by calling 454-2067.



Sponsors Announced For 8th Annual 5K

A number of local businesses and organizations have signed on to sponsor this year's Cops & Joggers 5K and Family Fun Night to be held on Saturday, October 10 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Centennial Park, located at 2000 West First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Top sponsors for the 8th annual event include Beasley Media Group, Cintas Corporation, JetBlue Airways and Survival Armor. Additional sponsors include Chico's FAS, Inc., Edison National Bank, Florida Security & Firearms Training, Inc., Good Deals Appliances, Mission BBQ, Scanlon Auto Group, State Farm Insurance, Suncoast Beverage, Papa John's Pizza and Zaxby's.

Sponsorship opportunities, from \$150 to \$1,000, are still available. Sponsorships should be reserved no later than Friday, September 11. For more information about sponsorships or to become a sponsor, contact Denise Egolf at degolf@fmpolice.com or 321-7723.

Benefiting fallen first responders, this year's event will take place during the evening hours with the glow of first responders' lights lining the race path. The family event will also include food vendors, music by 96 K Rock and B103.9, emergency equipment displays, and a children's fun area with bounce houses, a dunk tank, SWAT obstacle courses and more.

Beginning at 7:45 p.m., the 3.1-mile run begins and ends at Centennial Park and will cross the Edison Bridge. The early registration fee is \$20 per adult and \$15 per youth, 17 years old or younger, on or before October 8. Fees increase to \$25 per person for all participants on October 9 and \$30 per person for all participants on October 10. The first 700 registered participants are guaranteed an event goodie bag and T-shirt.

"We hope to reach our goal of 1,000 registered joggers this year and encourage families and community groups, including organizations and clubs, to register early and help make that goal possible," said Lt. Jeffrey Bernice of the FMPD. "As always, participants are running for the memories and honor of these fallen warriors who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

Participating joggers may obtain more continued on page 19



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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.口



Matt Mederios, principal at North Fort Myers High School; Sarah Florio; Sydney Lowman (Sarah Florio "Re-gifted Scholarship" recipient); and Mike Fahnlander, president of the Rotary Club of North Fort Myers

Rotary Club Recipient Re-Gifts Her Scholarship

For over 25 years, the Rotary Club of North Fort Myers has been awarding \$4,000 college scholarships to a graduating senior at North Fort Myers High School. The scholarship is for \$1,000 per year for each year the student is in school, up to a maximum of four years and they must maintain a 3.0 GPA. While past students have been very appreciative, the interaction between the club and the student has been limited to occasional visits to the club when the student is home on break.

This past year was a truly overwhelming experience. Sarah Florio, recipient of the scholarship in 2004, contacted the club and told said she wanted to "re-gift" her scholarship; she wanted to donate \$4,000 to the club to give an additional scholarship. Florio had gone to the University of Central Florida, graduated with a degree in hospitality management, and is having a successful career in the Orlando area. Rotarians were flabbergasted, and at the same time ecstatic, as this was the first time a student had made such an offer.



Pure Florida guests are invited to bring their dogs aboard the *M/V Edison Explorer* for a special Bark On The Ark sightseeing cruise

From page 1 Bark On The Ark

W. First Street in Fort Myers. Registration for the tour is \$39 per human. Reservations are required as room is limited to 25 passengers and their pet. All dogs that can follow basic commands are welcome.

For more information or to book your ticket, call 919-2965, email info@ PureFortMyers.com or visit the website at www.PureFortMyers.com.‡



Pets enjoy a peaceful cruise on the Caloosahatchee River with Pure Florida's Bark On The Ark



Seafaring canines and their owners enjoy a cruise along the Caloosahatchee River

With Florio's re-gifting of her scholarship, the club was able to award a second \$4,000 scholarship recipient, Sydney Lowman, graduating senior at North Fort Myers High School. Lowman plans to attend the University of South Florida and major in psychology.

The Rotary Club of North Fort Myers would like to recognize the significant donation made by Florio and challenge all students who receive Rotary scholarships to consider matching her generosity.

For more information, visit www.rotarysouth.org.

Call For Artists For Biennial National Art Exhibition

The 10th Biennial National Art Exhibition, to be held in Punta Gorda, will take from January 29 to March 12, 2016. The exhibit juror is Jeffrey T. Larson, a still life, figurative and landscape artist from Minnesota who has won several Artist Magazine awards and is an ARC Living Master. Larson's paintings, entitled Bread Rack and In the Light of Life, respectively, won 1st Place in the Still Life/Floral category of the magazine's 2013 and 2012 Annual Art Competitions.

"I believe all art is about conveying one individual's idea, whether it's a thought or just an emotional response to something poignant and beautiful," said Larson. "If what excited and inspired the artist enough to spend the time to create it is conveyed through visual language to the viewer, I consider it a successful work of art."

Prize money for the show will be in excess of \$7,000 (with the Best of Show taking home \$2,000) and includes the \$750 Bowles Award for Portrait Excellence. The deadline for submissions is December 4. Entries can be made online through Juried Art Services by visiting www.juriedartservices.com/index. php?content=event_info&event_id=962. Entry into the 2016 NAE will continue through 5 p.m. on December 4.

Call For Artists

The works selected for the 2016 National Art Exhibition will be determined on the basis of digital images.

- Awards are based upon actual artwork: Best of Show – \$2,000 Second Prize – \$1,000 Third Prize – \$750
- Bowles Award for Portrait Excellence -\$750

(Traditional 2-D mediums: drawing, painting, pastel only)

People's Choice Award – \$1 per vote (50/50 split between Visual Arts Center and winning artist)

Additional monetary awards for excellence and merit will be given at the discre-

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first-come basis until the venue is full.

Island Hopper is presented by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, iHeartMedia, Cat Country 107.1 and BMI, the largest music rights organization in the U.S.

Visit www.islandhopperfest.com for more information, to book tickets and view the list of artists, performance schedules and venues. Special Island Hopper lodging packages are also available.





Juror Jeffrey T. Larson at work on *Vintage*, completed in 2014.

tion of the judge.

The Visual Arts Center is located at 210 Maud Street in Punta Gorda. For more information, call the Visual Arts Center at 941-639-8810, send an email to info@visualartcenter.org or visit www. visualartcenter.org.



The Junior League of Fort Myers' Leap Into Literacy event held on August 15

Junior League Hosts Leap Into Literacy Event

Literacy is the key that unlocks an individual's ability to learn, which is why the Junior League of Fort Myers, Inc. hosted a Leap Into Literacy event at the Literacy Council Gulf Coast on August 15.

"This was our first year of hosting the Leap Into Literacy event in partnership with the Literacy Council Gulf Coast, and the response we received from the community was phenomenal," said Junior League Literacy Outreach Chair Kristine Smale. "This wasn't just a backpack giveaway; we wanted to get kids excited for the new school year and show them that learning and reading is fun."

According to Smale, children were divided into different age groups and spent two hours doing literacy related games and activities. Parents were also involved with their own activities and games, which gave them an opportunity to have fun and get to know one another better.



Leap Into Literacy was held last month at the Literary Council Gulf Coast

"It was truly a wonderful opportunity to serve our community, and given the smiles and laughter I saw and heard throughout the day, I believe everyone had a great time," Smale added.

All children received a backpack with three books and school supplies. Children, ages 2 to 12, who are part of the Literacy Council Gulf Coast's literacy programs, including its Moms & Tots and tutoring programs, as well as other local children who are interested in literacy were invited to attend.

To celebrate the Junior League's 50th anniversary in 2016, its members are encouraging all of Southwest Florida to join them in continuing their ongoing volunteer efforts. The challenge is simple. From June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016, the Junior League is asking adults to commit to volunteering 50

hours of community service and/or \$50 to the local nonprofit(s) of their choice. Children, ages 6 to 16, are asked to donate 25 hours. Families are encouraged to take the challenge together if they wish. During this same time, JLFM members will also commit to completing 50 community service projects.

Participants may commit to the challenge and track their hours by downloading a form on the Junior League's website at www.jlfm.org. At the end of the year, the Junior League will hold a celebration honoring all participants with a certificate and commemorative pin next May.

For more information, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org.

Brunson Celebrity Basketball Classic Returns To Dunbar

n Sunday, September 6, the 8th annual James Brunson Celebrity Basketball Classic will be held at the Dunbar High School gym. The event is hosted by First Lady Nikki, co-host of The Freak Show. Music is by DJ Q of 105.5 The Beat. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The event features an exhibition game beginning at 6:15 p.m. and a slam dunk competition during half-time. Concessions will be available for purchase. General admission tickets are \$10. VIP premium seating tickets are \$20. There is no admission charge for children age 5 and under. All proceeds benefit the James Brunson Youth Scholarship Fund.

Special guests include six-time NBA All-Star Amari Stoudemire; Markihe Anderson, Florida Gators; three-time NFL champion Henry Lawrence; three-time NBA champion Mario Chalmers, Miami Heat; 2015 NBA Slam Dunk finalist Victor Oladipo, Orlando Magic; 2015 NBA champion Maresse Spieghts, Golden State Warriors; former Florida Gator star and Cape Coral native Teddy Dupay; Jamal Rodgers; Andrew Layton; Edggerin James; Dwayne Jackson; Steve Woods; Richard Washington; Ernest Graham; and Quinton and Marcus Willis.

The James "Boosie" Brunson Youth Development Educational Foundation's (JBF) mission is to create "universal understanding through educational scholarships to recipients who are trying to make a better life for themselves and their families." With an education, local youth can achieve their goals and the foundation continues to assist students in making their dreams come true.

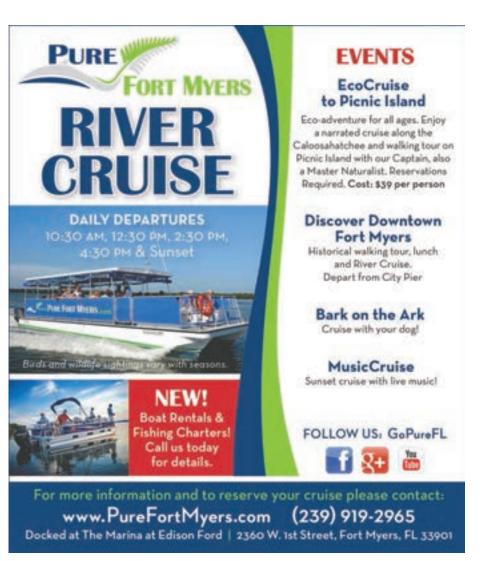
The James Brunson Celebrity Basketball game takes place in the gym at Dunbar High School, located at 3800 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information, call 305-896-0157 or go to www.jamesbrunsonyouthdevelopmentfoundation.org.

Solid Waste Labor Day Holiday Collection Schedule And Closings

The City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division will observe Labor Day on Monday, September 7. The Solid Waste and Utility Billing Offices will be closed. City Hall and City Offices will also be closed.

There will be no residential or commercial trash or recycling collection on Monday, September 7. Residential and commercial customers will be serviced one day later for collection the entire week.

All regular collection schedules will resume on Monday, September 14. If you have any questions concerning your service, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050.[‡]



Explorers Get Ready To Dress To Impress At The Law & Order Ball

Fifteen local Police Explorers are looking forward to arriving in their smartly pressed Class A dress uniforms at the Law & Order Ball, to be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 19 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers, to serve the distinguished guests and honor the law enforcement heroes they look up to. Rotary Club of Fort Myers South presents this 2nd annual gala event to recognize the everyday heroes who keep our communities safe and raise funds for Lee County-area law enforcement youth programs, including the Explorers.

Aspiring officers return as volunteers for gala event, which honors law enforcement heroes while supporting youth programs

Law Enforcement Exploring is offered through Learning For Life, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America. The program allows young adults ages 14 through 21 to explore a career in law enforcement by working with local law enforcement agencies. Returning for their second year from their posts at Cape Coral Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department and Lee County Sheriff's Office, these young people will serve as greeters, runners and in other capacities to ensure a good time is had by all.

All of the proceeds raised at the Law and Order Ball will benefit the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation and Lee County law enforcement youth programs. Some of the funds will help cover the costs of training and gear for the Explorers program, which has produced alumni who currently serve in our county's law enforcement agencies.

To support youth programs such as the Explorers, and the law enforcement officers who serve our community, purchase your tickets today, become a sponsor or make a donation. Tickets are \$150 per person and \$1,200 for a table of eight, and are available now at www.lawandorderball.org. Information about in-kind donations and sponsorship opportunities can also be found at that website or by contacting Lori Cook North at lori@eventfulinc.com. Our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to protect Southwest Florida, and our community can show their appreciation by underwriting the cost of law enforcement tickets through the Fund-A-Cop program.

This gala event includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a silent and live auction, entertainment and some very special surprises. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Officer of the Year Award to one special hero, who will receive a custom designed piece by Rotarian Mark Loren of Mark Loren Designs. Five finalists will be recognized: Staff Officer Darryl Aubuchon, Deputy Chris Meyer and Deputy Michael Zazwirsky (Lee County Sheriff's Office), Officer David Conticelli (Fort Myers Police Department) and Detective Patricia Enterline (Cape Coral Police Department).

The finalists for Officer of the Year were selected in a blind judging process from nominations provided by their respective agencies based on their consistency in going



above and beyond the call of duty, the totality of their contribution to the agency and/ or community throughout the year, their service as a role model to others and other extraordinary actions.

Creighton Construction & Development, along with Ada's Natural Market, graciously returns as the Title Sponsor for the Law and Order Ball. Rotary Club of Fort Myers South is also grateful to these generous sponsors: LeeSar, Survival Armor, Fort Myers News-Press, Edison National Bank, CONRIC PR & Marketing, The Eventful Company, Enterprise Holdings, NBC-2, Siesta Pebble Inc., Haven, CFS Roofing, FineMark Bank, Florida Gulf Coast University, HBKS Wealth Advisors, The Huff Insurance Agency, Jason's Deli, Kagan Law Firm, Mark Loren Designs, Rapid Print, Southern Wine and Spirits, TOTI Media, UBS, Wicked Dolphin, PepsiCo and Fort Myers Police Department.

For more information, visit www.rotarysouth.org.

Jammies And Jeans At Temple Judea

n Friday, September 11 beginning at 5:30 p.m., Temple Judea hosts Jammies and Jeans, a Shabbat evening especially for young children and their families. Held on the second Friday of each month, it is open to the entire community. The Jammies and Jeans Shabbat service is in addition to the regular 6:15 p.m. Shabbat service.

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 followed by dinner. The Shabbat service is held in the Synagogue, followed by dinner_at 6 p.m.

To make dinner reservations, send an email to jenmanekin@yahoo.com. Rabbi Sack will help you enjoy and celebrate the joy of Shabbat with stories, songs, dancing and more.

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A & W Bulb Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-0201 or go to www.tjswfl.org.**

Breakfast Debuts

The first ever Get Connected Breakfast will be held at the Edison Restaurant, Bar & Banquet, located at 5383 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers on Thursday, September 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Hosted by the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, the topic of the meeting will be Maintaining A Work and Life Balance. Guests will have an opportunity to choose from topics including:

• Wellness: How to Fit Exercise Into Your Busy Schedule

- Employee Incentives
- Employee Retention

 Employee Benefits
Managing Your Charitable Giving/ Volunteerism

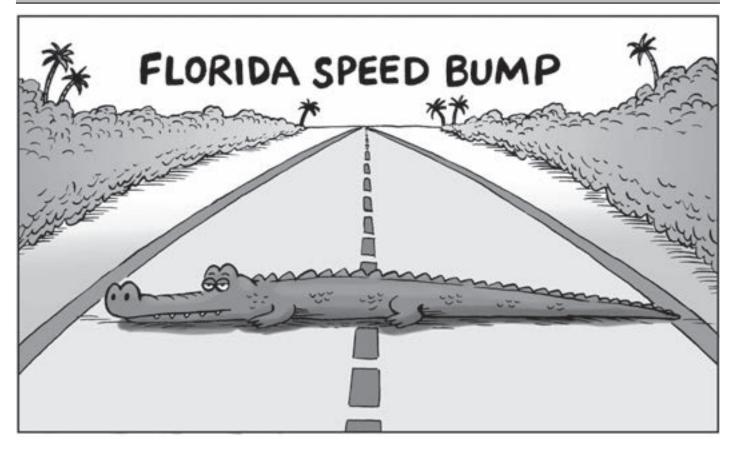
- How to Invest In Your Future
- Internet Security
- Healthy Organic Eating

• Team Building Notepad Sponsor is Fifth Third Bank's Summerlin Financial Center

Cost to attend is \$25 for members and \$35 for future members or pay at the door. (Please note: this event will be taking the place of our September Business Before Breakfast event. We do not have a Chamber luncheon in the month of September.)

Register by calling 332-2930. Sponsorships are still available. Contact Nicole Stefanick at Nicole@fortmyers.org for more information.

HORTOONS



From page 1 Photo Contest

Darling Wildlife Society (DDWS), One Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957 (Attention: Sarah Lathron)

(Attention: Sarah Lathrop). • There is a \$25 per person entry fee that provides you with a membership to the Society and is used to defray the cost of the contest. One \$25 fee covers two entries per person.

• Only amateur (all ages) photographers are eligible to enter (may not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs).

• Photos must be taken at JN "Ding" Darling NWR and have been taken within two years of entry date.

• Photos must be 8x10-inch (or full frame 8x12-inch) with an 11x14-inch mat. This will facilitate display in the Visitor Center. (Please, no hangers on the backs of photographs.) Frames are not permitted. Please submit a digital copy on a CD/DVD/Flash Drive. Each photo must be at least 2MB. The two photo entries can be copied onto the same CD/ DVD/Flash Drive.

• Each person may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award. One \$25 fee covers two entries per person.

• Photos that have won awards in previous "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society photo contests may not be resubmitted.

• Judging will be anonymous. Please do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photograph.

Judging criteria:

1) Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure) 2) Originality/creativity

3) Interest

4) Ability to be reproduced for publication

• On digital photos, only limited image modifications are permitted. Minor manipulation should be used only to produce a more natural looking photograph. Cropping is allowed but adding any elements not existing in the original scene will not be allowed. Judges, at their discretion, will disqualify any photos that appear to be manipulated beyond these guidelines.

• All photos will become the property of DDWS and will not be returned. There is no need to include a return envelope or postage. Photos may be used by DDWS in any way with appropriate credit.

• First, second, and third place winners and honorable mentions will be formally announced during the "Ding" Darling Day's weeklong celebration held in October. Cash prizes will be awarded.

• The refuge and Wildlife Society cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of photos.

• There are three judges: A refuge staff person, a professional photographer and a member of the Sanibel community.

• Cash prizes are as follows: 1st Place – \$100; 2nd Place – \$50; 3rd Place – \$25.

DDWS sponsors "Ding" Darling Days with support from Tarpon Bay Explorers, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other private and business partners. To become a friend of the refuge, visit www. dingdarlingsociety.org.

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TGIM: Thank God for Indie Mondays returns on September 7. Those in attendance will have a say in the Fort Myers Film Festival's April 2016 programming shedule.

n Friday, September 4 from 6 to 10 p.m., Art Walk returns to downtown Fort Myers' historic River District.

Held on the first Friday of each month, more than 10 art galleries invite locals and visitors to a self-guided walking tour throughout the River District core and the Gardner's Park area. Art enthusiasts can meet the artists at most of the art galleries and enjoy the live art demonstrations throughout the unique brick-lined streets of Fort Myers' historic downtown.

For more information about Art Walk, call 337-5050 or go to www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

As part of Art Walk, the opening reception for **Justin Markley**'s Aquatic Sealife exhibit is at the **Arts for ACT Gallery** from 6 to 10 p.m. Other artists featured this month include whimsical artist Rachel Moorman and Rob Goldey, a pen and ink artist. The exhibit will be on display through September 28.

Markley is 31 years old and this is his first art exhibit. It is a special night for him, as he did not find his passion in life until he found a hidden talent for art. He is self-taught, and through trial and error, he now has an art career specializing in ocean life. His passion for aquatic art led him to more travel, exploring oceans, lakes, rivers and wildlife. Some of his favorite pastimes are fishing, snorkeling, boating, kayaking, biking and hiking.

Markley is dedicating the opening night of his show to his aunt, Cheryl Kuder, who passed away from colon cancer four years ago at the age of 43. The artist will unveil a painting he had done of his much-loved aunt at the Friday night reception, which will be attended by his close-knit family. For more information about Justin Markley, go to www.artbyjmarkley.com.







The opening reception for Justin Markley's Aquatic Sealife exhibit is on Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Arts for ACT Gallery in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District

The Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in Fort Myers. Call 939-2553 or go to www.artsforactgallery.com.

Monday, which is Labor Day, is the perfect time to relax on the water with a river tour aboard Pure Fort Myers' M/V Edison Explorer. Captains Lance and Harry Julian invite you and your family to join them on an exciting Caloosahatchee tour with Pure Fort Myers. No strangers to the waters, the Julians draw on five generations of maritime business and 40 years of maritime tourism experience to make their tours as fun and informative as possible.

On the 1.5-hour river tour, they'll introduce you to dolphins, mangrove forests, bald eagles, bird rookeries and nature's cutest cow, the manatee. Also learn about the fascinating history of the Caloosahatchee and the exploits of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, who spent many winters at this estate in Fort Myers. Edison conducted many interesting scientific experiments and his science lab remains to this day.

Pure Fort Myers has a sunset river cruise scheduled for departure at 7 p.m. on Labor Day. Call 919-2965 for more information and reservations, or go to www.purefortmyers.com.

On Monday evening, TGIM: Thank God for Indie Mondays returns to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Doors open for happy hour at 6:30 p.m. with pizza from Capone's and coffee from Bennett's. Films are presented at 7 p.m.

The featured celebrity guest judges will be Terry Tincher, Tincture Gallery owner; fashion designer Kariza; Ask An Expert radio host Tom Conwell; and FMFF programming director Toni Gonzales. The entertainment will include musical guest Gabrielle Macafee and stand-up comedy by legendary swing dancer and film star Norma Miller. TGIM is lead and hosted by Eric Raddatz and co-host Melissa DeHaven.

The popular TGIM film screening series will be held the first Monday of each month through February 1. It features short indie films being considered for the 6th annual Fort Myers Film Festival. Those in attendance will have a say in the Fort Myers Film Festival's April 7 to 10, 2016 programming. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. For

more information about TGIM, call 333-1933 or go to www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

On Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m., Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes Dick Hyman: Big Bands & Combos as the final performance in its 2015 Summer Concert Series. This concert will be held in The Village Church on The Island at Shell Point.

Hyman has had a long-standing career as a pianist, organist, arranger, music director and composer. While developing his own musical style, Hyman researched and recorded works by piano greats from the early periods of jazz, like Joplin, Gershwin, Jelly Roll Morton and Duke Ellington. His performance will feature film clips of famous Big Band recordings, followed by Hyman's own solo version.

Shell Point Retirement Community is located at 15101 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets for the Dick Hyman: Big Bands & Combos concert cost \$20 and may be purchased online at www.shellpoint.org/concerts or by calling 454-2067.

Two State Park Campgrounds Closed

he Department of Environmental Protection announced that two state park campgrounds are closed in Southwest Florida. The state parks remain open. Collier-Seminole State Park, located at 20200 Tamiami Trail E. in Naples, is

closed for remodeling. Myakka River State Park, located at 13208 State Road 72 in Sarasota, has closed two of three camping loops because of local flooding.

Visit www.FloridaStateParks.org to stay updated on state parks closures and alerts.

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DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's bestselling mystery novels.

It's a well known gathering place with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.

708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-9660.

ICHIBAN

Ichiban is a downtown favorite for Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The name means "Number One" in Japanese and offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for 10 years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

1520 Broadway #106, Fort Myers. Call 334-6991.

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Get hooked on great cuisine and spirits at SS Hookers. The restaurant pays tribute to the rich history of Punta Rassa, the home of big game fishing. It serves American cuisine with a Cajun twist. Waterfront dining is available daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

After a triumphant day of fishing, bring your catch to the restaurant: "If you hook it, our chef will cook it." A late night bar features live music nightly. A fresh seafood market, bait shop and gifts are also on site.

17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers. Call 466-4377.

Republican Women Monthly Luncheon

Ita Neymotin, Regional Counsel with the Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel of the Second District Court of appeal Region of Florida, will be the featured speaker at the monthly Fort Myers Republican Women's luncheon on Tuesday, September 15. She will discuss civil liberties and her responsibilities within the regional counsel offices, especially as it handles immigration cases. A questionand-answer session will be held following continued on page 14



Churches/Temples ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION (UUA)

2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m., Adult Education Workshop 10 a.m., Reverend Margaret L. Beard, Minister. 226-0900.

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5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz. 433-7708, rabbi@ chabadswf.org. 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

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers 850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove Retirement Center on HealthPark Campus An ecumenical non-denominational community of believers. Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. Reverendt Ted Althouse, Pastor revtedalthouse@aol.com

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188. Pastor Bud Stephens; A nondemonimational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday Service: 9:15 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 Contemporary. **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** 1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers. Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978, Pastor Douglas Kelchner, Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m. Website: www.taecc.com COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937 Reverned Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Senior Pastor Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus. Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m.

Nursery available **CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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. CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. 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. CYPRESS LAKE UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 482-1250, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Praise Service Sunday School all times. FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Voice of Faith, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m. Nursery care for pre-school children and Children's Church ages 5 to12 available. FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 15690 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-2030. Pastor David Stauffer. Traditional Service Sunday 8:45 a.m., Contemporary Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is 1/2 mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST 2390 West First Street, next door to Edison Estates. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Child care provided at all services. Visit our Reading Room for quiet study at: 2281 First Street, River District. www. time4thinkers.com, www.christiansciencefortmyers.com. www.christianscience.com FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 13545 American Colony Boulevard off Daniels Parkway in the Colony, Fort Myers, 936-2511 Pastor Reverend Joey Brummett

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Downtown Fort Myers River District, 2466 First Street, 332-1152. www.fumcftmyers. org. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Blended Church 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 FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: 8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers. 482-3133. Philip White, pastor. Morning

Worship: 10 a.m., Church School: 10:15 a.m., Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m. IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778. Reverend Ray Buchanan Rector. Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing; Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One; 9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing and Church School. Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist with Healing. Child care available Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. services. JESUS THE WORKER

CATHOLIC CHURCH 881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143 Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH 2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 218-8343. Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. LAMB OF GOD CHURCH A few federated Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal Congregation. 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. 267-3525. www. lambofgodchurch.net. Reverend Dr. James

Reho. Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday's Cool for Children 10 a.m. **NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER**

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, North Fort Myers, 656-0416. Weekly Friday meeting meet and greet 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Teaching 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments. nbcministry@embarqmail. com, www.facebook.com/nbcministry. Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers NEW COVENANT EYES CHURCH

See Clearly. Meeting monthly at 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers. 220-8519. Pastor Alan Bondar. www.newcovenanteyes.com. LIFT Kidz program, free coffee and donuts. **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

OF FORT MYERS 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10. 985-8503. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m Sunday Morning Worship. 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study. NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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 PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge 17671 Pine Ridge Road. 267-7400 Pastors, Gail and RC Fleeman. Adult Discussion Classes 8:45 a.m. Countdown to Worship 10:10 a.m. Amazing Grace Worship:10:30 a.m. www.peacecommunitychurch.com.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Peace a member of ELCA. Weekly communion with traditional liturgy, organ and choir. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, on the way to Sanibel. 437-2599, www.peaceftmyers.com, peace@peaceftmyers.com. **RÉDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH** 3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services Daily early learning center/day care. RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 21580 River Ranch Road, Estero. 495-0400, Senior Pastor Todd Weston. 8 and 9:45 a.m Services; 11:30 a.m. Legacy Service, multi-generational. SAMUDRABADRA BUDDHIST CENTER

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2157 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, 334-2157 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, 334-2161. Masses: Mon.-Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Fri. 6:45 & 11 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun 6:45, 9:30 & 11 a.m., 12:15, 4 Creole & 6 p.m. SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH 3049 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,

344-0012. Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi. An Affirming and Inclusive Congregation Sunday Services 10 a.m. SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

CHURCH & SCHOOL (LCMS) 3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, 939-1218, Worship: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Bible Study for adults and children Sunday at 9:15 a.m. SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH 3751 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, 463-4251, www.stpeterfmb.com Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Church and Bookstore. 111 Evergreen Road (southwest corner of Evergreen Road and Gail Street.) Liturgical services conducted in English and Church Slavonic; following the Julian (Old) Calendar. Liturgical Services Sundays and Holy Days 9:30 a.m. Holy Liturgy 0 a.m. Call to confirm service schedule: 997-2847; Bookstore 691-1775. www.saintnicholas-

monastery.org. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard (3 miles east of I75) East Fort Myers (across from Fort Myers Shores) 693-0818. 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday. SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

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CHURCH

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

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

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

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. 481-4040. Pastor Curtis Deterding. Sunday 8 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 a.m. Blended, 9:30 a.m. Eductional Hour. www.zionfm.org.

OBITUARY



DARON LYNN SCHERR, MD

aron Lynn Scherr, MD, 46, was born on May 10, 1969 in Valley City, North Dakota to Pius and Delphine (Klose) Scherr. He was killed in a motorcycle accident near his home in Fort Myers on August 7, 2015. Daron was baptized and confirmed at St. Catherine's Church in Valley City. He graduated from Valley City High School in 1987. Daron obtained his BS in biotechnology from NDSU in 1991. He graduated from the University of Alabama in Birmingham Medical School with his MD in 1995. While attending medical school, he met and married Susan Waller on July 24, 1993.

Daron and Susan made their home in Falmouth, Maine where Daron completed his residency and internship in internal medicine at nearby Maine Medical Hospital in Portland. They moved to Idaho Falls. Idaho where Daron became board certified in internal medicine and began his practice of medicine. He later became board certified in sleep medicine from Stanford's School of Sleep Medicine in Palo Alto, California and Southwest Cleveland Sleep Center, Cleveland, Ohio. Daron ran the Sleep Institute in Idaho Falls and the Health and Wellness Center in Pocatello. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Sleep Medicine, the American Board of Internal Medicine. and a fellow of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. Daron was beloved by both his patients and staff. He was a talented physician and natural teacher who truly believed in educating patients so that they could be their own best advocate.

To adequately put Daron's life into words would be next to impossible. He had a "larger than life" personality and his energy and presence would fill any room he entered. Daron loved adventure; nothing was ever too high, too fast, or too deep for him to pursue. He was a private pilot, sailor, spelunker, scuba diver, skydiver, climber, snow skier, snowboarder, camper, avid cyclist and runner.

Daron had a passion for living and lived his life to the fullest every moment of every day. He fiercely loved his family, nuclear and extended. He gave of himself to anyone who needed his help or guidance. His sense of humor was exceptional and his smile and laughter were contagious. Daron did everything with gusto: he gave amazing bear hugs, whisker rubs and was known for his playfulness, youthfulness and fun-loving spirit. He couldn't toss his sons, nieces or nephews high enough or be out played. Daron celebrated life with ferocity, fearlessness and – most of all – with loving generosity.

Daron was inquisitive, yet matter of fact. He did not sugarcoat his opinions but had a direct and purposeful manner of communicating and explaining things to others. Daron was full of intense, boundless energy. He was talkative and yet, was a good listener and was accepting of others. He would spend countless THE RIVER - SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

hours exploring the world with his wife and sons. He wanted to share in their interests, hopes and dreams. He reveled in their successes and accomplishments as well as accompanied them in their losses and disappointments. Daron was fully engaged in life's journey.

Daron's loving spirit lives on: in his wife, Susan; his sons Jacob, 16, and Berringer, 14; his parents, Pius and Delphine Scherr of Valley City, North Dakota; his brothers Neil and his wife Ann of Nelson, Minnesota; Lonney and his wife Jodie of Valley City; his nieces and nephews, Garret Scherr, Valley City, Hunter; Allison and Lauren Scherr, Nelson, Beau (Jess) Noeske, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mattie Cruff, Michaela, Grace and Gabriel ("Buddy") Scherr, Valley City; Brianna Waller, Birmingham, Alabama; and Susan's parents, Richard and Jan Waller, Huntsville, Alabama and Sue O'Conner of Idaho Falls.

A funeral mass celebrating Daron's life was held on August 22 in Valley City. Memorials may be sent to the charitable organization Big Brothers and Big Sisters, 545 Shoup Avenue, Suite 341, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

As per Daron's expressed wishes, celebrations of his life will take place in Idaho, Alabama and Florida in the coming months.

Charity Classic Benefits Students

Tickets and sponsorships are now available for The Immokalee Foundation's 2015 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction, taking place at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 20 at The Ritz-Carlton in Naples.

Donors are invited to support TIF's mission of providing sustained educational opportunities that make aspirations come true for the youth of Immokalee. The evening of fine dining, entertainment and auctions of once-in-a-lifetime experiences benefits TIF's programs while showcasing students, the challenges they face and how they are working to overcome adversities.

This year's event theme, We Are Immokalee, emphasizes the successes of TIF's education programs and its students. Charity Classic Celebration participants have multiple opportunities to support the students' futures during Fund A Dream, a unique live bidding experience enabling donors to contribute to Immokalee's children in specific and tangible ways.

Fund A Dream is organized into TIF program categories that provide students



Alex Arreguin, Jesus Brito, Aniah Gonzalez, Valiei Aquila and Louise Penta at TIF's 2014 Charity Classic Celebration

with opportunities to grow, learn and advance: Immokalee Readers, an after-school early intervention literacy tutoring program; Leadership Experiences & Life Skills, with programs providing leadership and life skills training; Tutoring & Advocacy, providing students extra support through afterschool tutoring and professional instructors and advocates; and Post-Secondary Success scholarships, pairing students with the right post-secondary education, whether it is a two-year college program, vocational/technical training, or a two- to four-year Take Stock In Children scholarship.

Every dollar donated during Fund A Dream benefits the TIF program category selected by the donor, and all contributions are 100 percent tax-deductible.

The event chair is Joyce Hagen and co-chair is Louise Penta; both are TIF board members.

Golfers can be a part of the inspirational action by teeing up with some of the biggest names in golf during the Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament on Monday, November 16 at Bay Colony Golf Club in Naples. This fundraising event pairs more than two dozen of the world's greatest golfers with some of Naples' most charitable amateur players for an unforgettable day of philanthropy and camaraderie. Ticket prices for the Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction are \$550 per guest. Entry fees for the Pro-Am tournament begin at \$5,000; all Pro-Am golfers receive tickets to the Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities also are available.

Sponsors of the 2015 Charity Classic Celebration and Pro-Am are Florida Community Bank, presenting sponsor; Arthrex Inc., partner circle sponsor; Jaguar Naples, Porsche of Naples and Kelly Tractor, education circle sponsors; *Naples Illustrated*, media sponsor; Huntington Bank, success circle sponsor; and Central Bank, pathways circle sponsor.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences, and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about TIF, its signature events, volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

Snook Season Now Open



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

'f you fish, you probably know that September 1 marks the opening of snook season for the west coast of Florida. With good numbers of snook of all sizes spread

es all the way to the back country, catching a snook has been relatively simple... although catching one in the five-inch legal slot size always proves much tougher. Landing the first slot-sized snook of season is a thrill with the only thing that makes it better for many anglers is being able to release it unharmed, watching it swim off to fight another day. Either way, if you choose to harvest or release a legal-sized snook, the population can support it.

A real plus for local snook anglers this

still something memorable about that first keeper snook of season, though now it's more about getting the client that first legal fish of season, which still brings that same excitement as if I had caught it myself. Some diehard snook anglers will be out from the beachset up fishing from the bridges, piers and passes by midnight on September 1. Heavy gear and big baits are the usual for this type of late night fast water snook

fishing. Others with lighter tackle will be on the shorelines in these same areas, generally throwing plugs and jigs along the shadow lines and rips around the structure. Dock lights are also another popular place to be on opening night. Big snook fishing is often nocturnal pasttime, and many of the best at it are extremely secretive to say the least.

year is that opening day of season does not fall on Labor Day like it did last year.

was forecast to slide by us Monday into

we should have good snook action on

opening day. No matter how old I get and how long I fish our waters, there is

Tuesday, bringing lots of rain. With good tide movement and a falling barometer,

Traffic will be pretty quiet out on the water for the opener as it not only does it fall on a Tuesday, but Tropical Storm Erika



Brooke Ferrara from Daytona Beach with her 34-inch snook caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

The older I get, the more of a daytime snook fisherman I have become, with live shiners and spinning tackle being my usual method of choice. No other bite in fishing compares though to the earthquake-like thump you feel while fishing in the pitch black of night while holding a 18-inch-plus live ladyfish straight down a bridge piling.

When a snook inhales your ladyfish on a 100-pound test tackle, if you can't get its wildly shaking head out of the water in the first few seconds, this battle will be over as quickly as it started. This is brute strength, close quarters, one-on-one fishing. When I think back to many of the late night hours spent on docks and piers during my youth, it's more the memory of the crazy adrenaline rush when that big snook is hooked than it was the size of the snook that was caught that comes to mind.

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.

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crow case of the week: Curious Brown Pelican



by Patricia Molloy

ne of the most beloved seabirds in North America is the brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentali*). These comically graceful avians waddle awkwardly on land, yet fly and dive with unparalleled grace. They have long bills with expandable pouches that can hold more than their bellies can. And their dark, probing eyes

convey a curiosity and intellect.

A brown pelican (patient #15-2354) was recently admitted to CROW after being found down and depressed. "He came in with some hook wounds," explained Dr. Allison Daugherty, DVM intern. The bird was anesthetized so that the multiple wounds could be thoroughly cleaned and debrided. Bandages were placed on both wings.

"I couldn't find much scabbing on his left flank. I really think he'd be OK to go outside pretty soon, but I think he's not eating on his own yet. Hopefully he will once he's outside," said Dr. Molly. In addition to being force-fed nutrient-rich food, the pelican is receiving iron supplements and subcutaneous (under the skin) fluids.

CROW is in the precarious position of treating infirm wildlife while limiting human contact as much as possible. This is to ensure that the patients do not become accustom to people so that they can successfully survive upon return to their natural habitats. Staff, students and volunteers undergo extensive training to ensure that proper procedure is followed at all times. These rules that are meant to minimize the stress of captivity for its wild patients, however, some patients are more curious than stressed.

As pelicans are seabirds, CROW's staff ensured that he had daily "tub time." In addition to being good physical therapy, it allows them to monitor the bird's strength and stamina at a safe distance without causing undue stress. During a recent tub time session, two students took the opportunity to thoroughly clean the pelican's cage. No sooner had they turned their backs to tidy-up, they heard a splash, followed by a soft "kerthunk." They turned around to find that the curious pelican had hopped from the water onto the edge of the tub in order to obtain a better view of their activities. The pelican was quickly and gently encouraged to return to the water, then the curtain was drawn to give the students – and the patient – a bit of privacy. It was a comical reminder even the best-laid protocols can be foiled by the unpredictable behavior – and curious nature – of the clinic's wildlife patients.

As Drs. Allison and Molly explained, the patient will soon be moved to the pelican complex, a secluded outdoor enclosure with a large pool surrounded by plenty of sand. It will continue to be fed nutrient-rich food each day, and its progress will be evaluated and documented. Thanks to the excellent care it is receiving at CROW, the brown pelican is well on its way to full recovery.

The patients at CROW do not have health insurance. If you would like to help with the cost of care for this brown pelican, go to www.crowclinic.org and make a donation toward patient #15-2354.

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



The curious pelican took a break from "tub time" to quietly observe the two students who were cleaning its cage

OBITUARY



ROSEMARY HOPE ROBINSON

Robinson, 80, of Bonita Springs, passed away on August 27, 2015. Formerly of Simsbury, Connecticut, she moved to Florida in 1982, living in Sanibel, Fort Myers and, most recently, Bonita Springs. She was born September 16, 1934 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the daughter of J. William and Mildred C. (née Donnelly) Hope.

Rosemary grew up in Fairfield, Connecticut. She was a graduate of Unquowa School in Fairfield, Covenant of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut, and Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York. Her favorite summers were as a young mother spent on Fairfield Beach with her daughters, sisters, cousins, nieces and nephews. Her love of the beach brought her and her husband of 28 years, Leo, to Sanibel Island in 1982, where she was a real estate professional for 25 years.

Robinson is survived by her loving daughters, MaryLynn (David) Shepherd of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Rosemary "Kim" (Michael) McDonnell of Burlington, Connecticut, Hope A. Zicari of Rochester, New York, Amy Sanislo of Bonita Springs; stepdaughter, Pamela Robinson of Kittery, Maine; her sister, Justine Hope Dunn of Trumbull, Connecticut; and seven cherished grandchildren, Alicia Hope, James "Chip", Chelsea, Katelyn, Scott, Geoffrey and Isabella Hope; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Leo F. Robinson, and her sister, Patricia Forbes.

There will be a private service at St. Isabel Catholic Church on Sanibel Island, Florida at a future date.

The family wishes to express their appreciation for the thoughts and prayers of so many friends at this difficult time. Online condolences may be offered at

www.shikanyfuneralhome.com.



Pure Fort Myers' Edison Explorer Marine Science Cruise Offered For Children

Pure Florida will provide a handson learning experience during its Marine Science Cruise in Fort Myers on September 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Children in first through seventh grade are invited aboard the Fort Myers-based M/V Edison Explorer to participate in activities that encourage creativity, problem solving, teamwork and critical thinking as they experience and learn about the Southwest Florida environment.

The 1.5-hour cruise will sail out to the Caloosahatchee, where children will

work in groups to test local waterways for water temperature, salinity levels, pH, nitrate, ammonia and phosphate levels, and complete other related activities. The cruise will showcase Southwest Florida ecosystems and the wildlife native to the area, providing the opportunity for students to connect the subject matter taught in school with their firsthand experience on the water.

The upcoming Marine Science Cruise will depart from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers. Space is open to the public and tickets for the educational cruise are \$15 for children and \$25 for adults. To make your reservation, or for more information on Pure Florida and its cruises, visit www.PureFL.com or call 793-7529.*

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An invasive umbrella tree has taken up residence below the crown of a native cabbage palm photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

The appearance of a volunteer in the landscape calls for a decision. Let it be, or get rid of it?



This cabbage palm growing in a seawall is a picture of tenacity

Sometimes the decision to eliminate a plant is easy – if it's listed as a category-1 invasive species, for example. Such plants have caused "documented ecological damage," according to the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

So there's no reason to spare a carrotwood (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*), Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolia*), or umbrella tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*) if you spot one in your yard.

The umbrella tree growing just below the crown of the cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*) threatens the native tree. The invader will sends down aerial roots to



Scarlet milkweed, a nectar and host plant for butterflies, is a welcome interloper

establish a ground base and could eventually envelope and out-compete the host tree.

A more pleasant scenario is when plants sprout in very unlikely spots where they can do no harm. It's worth leaving them alone out of sheer curiosity and respect for the seedling's resourcefulness.

Seeds end up in wall crevices, on roofs or in other unlikely places by being

deposited in bird dropping, by wind or water, and other means.

Florida's state tree is one such master self-propagator, an admirable or damning characteristic, depending on the gardener's point of view.

Witness the palm growing in the crack of a seawall. How did it get there – wave action or a particularly acrobatic bird?

But even a desirable species might have to be eliminated because of property or safety concerns. Vines can ruin house paint, and roots seeking purchase can create or enlarge wall crevices.

Volunteers such as the scarlet milkweed (Asclepias curassavica) pictured growing in a juniper and silver buttonwood hedge, are absolute gifts. Although this species is not a native, it is extremely Florida friendly and low-maintenance, not to mention beautiful.

It is a host plant for the monarch and the queen butterflies and a food source for a variety of nectar-sipping insects and hummingbirds. With monarch butterfly populations plummeting, the appearance of any species of milkweed should be something to celebrate.

Just be sure to guard milkweed against all lawn chemicals and tolerate those chomping caterpillars that turn into gorgeous butterflies.

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Fisherman's Paradise: A Labor Of Love



by Cynthia A. Williams

Berry 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.

The submission to the *River Weekly* of 13 chapters of my father's book, *Fisherman's Paradise*, has been for me a labor of love. Until now, no portion of this unfinished book has ever been published. My father also left unpublished, at his untimely death in 1976, a book about his childhood in Tennessee (*The Hickory Tree*). Necessarily, his business affairs ultimately took precedence over his literary ambitions and even, believe it or not, over fishing.

If you have followed this column, you have read only a third of the chapters he wrote about his fishing adventures out of Punta Rassa during the late 1950s and early 1960s. I have chosen not to publish 24 of the 37 chapters because they are not about fishing. Some are gleeful



Berry C. Williams in 1960 on a 20-foot Commodore

accounts of the pranks he played upon friends and family with fish; others retell the marvelous stories of legend and fact surrounding Punta Rassa, Mound Key and the barrier islands. In one chapter, he gives us the origins of the place names in Lee County, all of which to him were "beautiful." He devotes a chapter to my mother's hushpuppies, another to the death of his beloved basset hound, Sad Sam, and another to the pet pelican, Stanley, at Punta Rassa. However sweet and sad, funny or informative, these chapters would be of no special interest in fishermen.

In culling the chapters I would submit

to this column, I discovered a list of 27 more that he never had time to write. Such intriguing titles as *Fire Fishing at Night* and *Generally Fair, Wind 6 to 12 mph, S. by SE and Cynthia and the Shark* make me wish fervently that he had written them – especially the last, as I do not remember any encounter with sharks on the fishing trips I took with him.

But I do remember that he would spend whole mornings at home writing *Fisherman's Paradise*. Sometimes he would call mother and whichever of his kids might be home into the living room and sitting cross-legged on the couch, still in his pajamas and bathrobe, he would read aloud to us the chapter he had just finished. His favorite, *Russell and Ollie at the Ferry Slip* and some of the chapters about the devilish pranks he played with fish, left him weeping with laughter.

I hope you have laughed a little, too. \ddagger

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Republican Women Luncheon

his formal presentation.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings in South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program. The luncheon cost is \$18. Reservations are required by Thursday, September 10, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president Carole Green at 850-590-2206.*

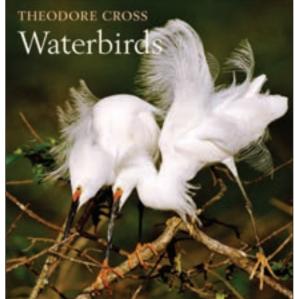
Last year's first place went to Matthew Boutelle from

Fort Myers High School for his photo Linesiders

'Ding' Darling Hosts 3rd Annual Photo Contest For High Schoolers

he 3rd annual "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest kicks off on September 1, with a deadline of January 1, 2016. It invites high school students in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties to enter for prizes that include a Canon digital SLR camera package, chartered class trips to the refuge, and copies of Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Cross, who lived part-time on Sanibel Island and has family still living here, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; advised the Johnson and Nixon administrations on anti-poverty programs; wrote the influential book *Black Capitalism*,



Theodore Cross' coffee-table book of stunning bird portraits

among others; played a prominent role in President Obama's election; and created Birders United, a birding website that ranked legislators according to their record of bird protection support.

Late in life, Cross decided to indulge his love for birds and photography and traveled the world to collect stunning portraits and stories to chronicle his adventures. He shot often at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, and a number of the images in his book reflect his love for the refuge. Cross published *Waterbirds* in 2009 at age 85; he passed away shortly after that in February 2010.

NPR's All Things Considered called Cross' collection of 179 images and countless anecdotes "spectacular." The New York Times described it as "part visual encyclopedia, part memoir."

"The Theodore Cross Family Charitable Foundation has made possible this contest with a generous grant to the 'Ding' Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS)," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "We couldn't be more thrilled that they wanted their donation used in this way for a third year."

"We are so happy to be supporting a contest in my father's name, a contest that will get our youth involved with nature by looking at it – as my father so loved doing – through a camera lens," said daughter Amanda Cross.

Digital image entries can be shot from any outdoor venue in the state of Florida. A writing component to the contest requires entrants grades nine through 12 to submit a 100-word description of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to the photographer.

Entry rules and guidelines are listed below. Guidelines and prize information are also posted at www.dingdarlingsociety.org/photo-contests. Call DDWS at 472-1100 ext. 233 for more information.

All entries and personal information must be submitted in digital format to the email address ddhsphotocontest@gmail.com. Submit your full name, high school, grade and an original photograph that you took of nature and/or wildlife in the open outdoors. Include a title for the photograph and a written description (minimum 100 words) of the "moment" captured and how it reflects what nature and wildlife mean to you. You and your entry must comply with the following requirements:

• High school students attending schools in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Charlotte (Florida) counties in grades nine through 12 may enter the contest.

• Only digital images are accepted and may be taken with any camera, including smartphones.

• Images must be submitted in JPEG format and must have a size of at least 2000 x 1500 pixels or resolution of 2 megabytes.

• The photograph must be taken of nature and/or wildlife in the open outdoors in the state of Florida, which may include parks, refuges, backyards and other open spaces.

• Panoramic photos are not allowed.

• Filters, cropping, enhancements and boarders are permitted. However, adding any elements not existing in the original scene will not be allowed. Judges, at their discretion, will disqualify any photos that appear to be manipulated beyond these guidelines.

 \bullet Each participant may enter up to two photos but is eligible to win only one award.

• Judging will be anonymous. Please do not put your name or anything that will identify you on your photograph.

• There are three judges: A refuge staff person, a professional photographer, and

a resident of the five-county region. Judging criteria:

Technical excellence

(sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure)

Creativity

• Explanation of photograph (minimum of 100 words)

All photos will become the property of the society. Photos may be used by the society in any way with appropriate credit.

After the images have been submitted electronically, they will be printed out for judging. The winners of the contest

will have their images matted and displayed in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.



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Art League Call To Artists For Dancing With Dolphins Project

ape Coral Art League invites artists to submit an applications and proposals outlining designs for the 2016-17 Dancing With Dolphins project. The deadline for submissions is September 15.

Dancing With Dolphins is a public arts project to promote the arts and tourism for the community of Cape Coral, with all proceeds going to the Cape Coral Art League to sustain the building and programs.

Local artists will create designs for a fiberglass dolphin, which is 72 inches tall. The art league will match sponsors to artists and a plaque will be placed at the base of each sculpture to indicate the name of the sponsor, the artist and the dolphin's name. The finished creations will appear in city approved locations throughout Cape Coral. The locations will be chosen by the sponsors. There will also be public activities, fundraisers and special events associated with the project.

The committee is soliciting original designs for approximately 20 statues. Artists may submit more than one design. Designs will be reviewed for content. Embellishments or additions will be reviewed for safety or mounting concerns. No company or political statements will be allowed. The designs will be placed in a notebook that sponsors will use to select a design. Sponsors may also provide a design of their own. For each design selected, artists will be paid \$500 to paint or otherwise embellish one fiberglass dolphin in the October-November time frame. Once the dolphins are completed, they will be clear coated by the art league members. All sculptures will be property of the Cape Coral Art League and the league will have all rights to reproduction of the image.



Artists will pick up the dolphins and take them home to paint. The dolphins are 72 inches tall and weigh 65 pounds. They are 31 inches front to back and 27 inches side to side.

Email ccal@capecoralartleague.org for an application packet. Submissions must include a completed application form, completed design sketch, 250-word or less biography and three images or photos of your work.

If you have any questions, call Betsy Koscher at 413-335- 0521, Marian Borneman at 848-0960 or Suzanne Sims at 322-8676.*

End Of Summer Variety Show Fundraiser

That do circus acts. tap dancers and stand-up comedy have in common? One wild night of theater fun in the Fort Myers River District. The Laboratory Theater of Florida presents its second annual variety show fundraising event on Friday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the theater located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in



Fort Myers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Featured entertainment includes comedy, singing, tap dancing and a drag show. In between acts, guests can participate in a silent auction of original art, jewelry and local services which will help the non-profit theater raise money in support of its creative and education programs and needed equipment costs.

The Laboratory Theater was founded to share classical works and evocative comedies and dramas that give audiences something to think and talk about.

'We try to push the envelope a bit with each season's play selections," said Artistic Director Annette Trossbach. "Our subscribers love that our shows leave them with something to think about.

The educational programming includes traditional classes and summer camp sessions, but the largest educational contributions happen in rehearsals for each show.

"When actors are cast in one of our plays, they are signing up for a master class in acting and all facets of producing live theater. The talent you see on our stage often includes beginners in their very first play performing alongside classically trained and seasoned actors," Trossbach said.

The vaudeville fundraiser gives the community a fun way to support the Lab, at the same time as giving actors creative, individual ways to show their gratitude to audiences. Seating is limited. Guests will receive complimentary drink tickets and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

All donations to the theater will be matched by an anonymous donor, up to \$10,000.

Tickets are \$70 per person, or \$125 per couple, and can be purchased on www. brownpapertickets.com or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com, or by calling 218-0481.



Coastal Cleanup volunteers, from left, Diane and Payton Ziegler, Jaea Bobo, Ar-reyana Wortham and Yanixa Garcia, picking up debris at Lighthouse Beach in 2013

Coastal Cleanup Is September 19

by Jeff Lysiak

n Saturday, September 19, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) again invites island residents and visitors of all ages to participate in an international volunteer

photo by Jeff Lysiak

effort to rid our coastlines and waterways of marine litter, pollution and debris.

On that day from 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers worldwide remove millions of pounds of coastal trash that can hurt local economies, injure and kill marine wildlife and choke the ocean environment. SCCF'S partner in the Ocean Conservancy's 29th annual Coastal Cleanup is Keep Lee County Beautiful.

According to local event coordinator

Dee Serage-Century, SCCF's Landscaping For Wildlife educator, every piece or garbage removed from our beaches - big or small - can make a difference.

"Just because it's small doesn't mean that it's not important," said Serage-Century. "Birds get caught in small clumps of monofilament line that washes up on our beaches.³

The Keep Lee County Beautiful website notes that marine life can easily be entangled in fishing line, nets and sixpack rings. Fish, birds and turtles mistake trash like styrofoam, plastics and cigarette butts for food, which may eventually lead to starvation.

"Marine debris weakens coastal economies by sapping dollars from the tourism and seafood industries," the website explained. "Tourism in Lee County contributed \$2 billion to the regional economy last year, and we'd like to keep it that way.

Last year in Lee County, Coastal Cleanup volunteers - including more than 200 who participated on Sanibel, Captiva and the Causeway Islands - gathered 8,601 pounds of trash. Worldwide last year, more than 560,000 volunteers picked up 16 million pounds of refuse. Cigarettes and food rappers topped the list of debris found, with plastic bottles

coming in third.

Friends, families, neighbors, co-workers and church groups are encouraged to come to the SCCF Nature Center, located at 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road, on September 19 at 9 a.m. to check in and pick up their Coastal Cleanup data cards and trash bags. Participants are asked to bring their own water to reduce the use of plastic water bottles. Also, please bring your own work gloves to reduce the use of the plastic gloves that will be available.

We're always looking for families to come out with their kids, who can get some community service hours for school," said Serage-Century. We've got a lot of groups who have already been assigned their cleanup locations, too.'

Among this year's local participants who have already signed up are groups from Norris Home Furnishings, Noack & Company, Barrier Island Title Services, John R. Wood, VIP Realty, Pfeifer Realty, John Naumann & Associates, RE/MAX of the Islands, McCallion & McCallion and the Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva.

"Actually, you don't have to do your pick up between 9 a.m. and noon on the day of the Coastal Cleanup," added Serage-Century. "You can do it at low tide the night before when it's cooler or continued on page 24



Ocean Dreamer by Shelly Salter

2015 Art Expo Comes To Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host the 2015 Art Expo by the Portrait & Figure Painters Organization of SW Florida, opening on Friday, September 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. during Art Walk.

This exhibition showcases paintings that follow the rich tradition of classical artwork that grew out of the Renaissance. The artists will also host an Art Talk that will be held on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located in the historic downtown River District at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. The Portrait & Figure Painter Society's continued on page 19



Painting by Wanda Carter



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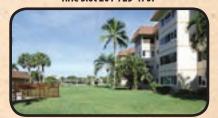
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Broadway Palm Opens 23rd Season With Rodgers And Hammerstein Hit



A scene from Some Enchanted Evening

Broadway Palm opened its 23rd season with Some Enchanted Evening, playing through September 26. Rediscover the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein in this delightful musical revue! Broadway Palm is offering a season opener special: all tickets are just \$45 for dinner and the show.

Some Enchanted Evening takes the audience on a journey through some of the greatest Broadway hits of all time. Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II wrote some of the most beloved songs ever performed and this musical brings their greatest hits together in one romantic night of music, laughs and love. Featuring songs from musical theatre classics including Oklahoma, Carousel, The Sound of Music, South Pacific, State Fair, The King and I and many more.

Directing and choreographing Some Enchanted Evening is Amy Marie McCleary, whose critically-acclaimed directing/choreography has been seen in many Broadway



Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Bob Rauschenberg Gallery At FSW Awarded \$25,000 State Grant

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) was awarded a \$25,000 Specific Cultural Projects grant from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Specific Cultural Projects grants benefit arts in education, discipline-based cultural or artistic projects, and underserved cultural community development. The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, which received the maximum grant amount available, will use the funds to organize a February 2016 exhibition further highlighting the contribution of the late artist Robert Rauschenberg. "We are honored to receive a DCA grant this year, and are excited to move for-

we are nonored to receive a DCA grant this year, and are excited to move forward with planning the forthcoming Rauschenberg exhibition it will support," said Jade Dellinger, director of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW. "As the project is rapidly developing, we are hesitant to release much information at this point. But, the exhibition will focus on the first body of work Rauschenberg was inspired to make upon moving to Florida and will simultaneously explore the student-teacher relationship with



A scene from Some Enchanted Evening

Palm productions including *Footloose, CATS, 9 To 5 The Musical* and *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story.* She also directed and choreographed the Prather Entertainment Group 2015 national tour of *Memphis: The Musical*. The cast includes Broadway Palm veteran Kate Marshall who was most recently seen as Milly in the national tour of *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers*, along with Rachael Haber, who recently appeared in *Footloose.* Making their Broadway Palm debuts are Michael Santora, Jacob Waid and Jenna Leigh Zito.

Performances of *Some Enchanted Evening*, playing through September 26, are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

his Black Mountain College instructor Josef Albers."

"The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery continues delivering world class, innovative exhibitions that enrich our students' experiences as well as the Southwest Florida community," said Dr. Jeff Allbritten, FSW president. "We are proud that the State of Florida, specifically the Division of Cultural Affairs, has also recognized the contribution our continued on page 19

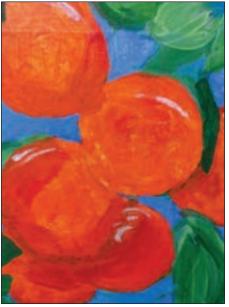
Special Populations Art Exhibited

submitted by Monica Rahman, President and Art Gallery Chair; Friends of the Cape Coral Library

Artwork created by participants in the City of Cape Coral Special Populations Center will be on exhibit from September 2 through September 29 in the display cases of the art gallery inside the Cape Coral Library, located at 921 SW 39th Terrace.

A joint artists' reception for Special Populations and for art by the disABLEd in the Lee Memorial Healthcare system will be held at the Cape Coral Library on Saturday, September 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served in the small conference room near the gallery. Call the Friends of the Cape Coral Library gallery chairperson at 258-2991 for more information on the library's art exhibits.

The Mission Statement for the Special Populations Center, which is part of the Parks and Recreation Department, is as follows: "To promote independence for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities through education, exposure,



Artwork created by one of the participants in the Special Populations art sessions

experience and encouragement in a safe, caring environment." Programs include life skills development and adult day training in addition to after school, evening and special events providing an array of activities and options. The colorful paintings, sculpture and craft items for this exhibit in the Cape Coral Library were created during art sessions held at the Center.









Sarah Coward

Andrew West Kinfay Moroti Jack Hardman Ricardo Rolon Visual Voice Reception And Exhibit

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation will host a reception to kick off its Art, Community & Conversation The Visual Voice exhibit, featuring a photojournalistic view of the Southwest Florida community by award-winning photographers of The News-Press.

The reception will take place Thursday, September 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Community Foundation's Community Hub, located at 8771 College Pkwy., Suite 201, Building 2 in Fort Myers. Reservations are requested by September 10 by contacting Kim Williams at KWilliams@floridacommunity.com or 274-5900.

Attendees may meet the photographers and listen to their experiences photographing events and happenings in the community that often puts a spotlight on social justice issues in our own backyard.

News-Press photographers exhibiting their work and participating in the reception include Andrew West, Kinfay Moroti, Jack Hardman, Ric Rolon, Sarah Coward and Amanda Inscore.

The exhibit is sponsored by Palm Printing Strategic Solutions.

The exhibit will be on display from September $1\overline{7}$ through October 23 and be available for public viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As leaders, conveners, grant makers and concierges of philanthropy, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation is a foundation built on community leadership with an inspired history of fostering regional change for the common good in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The Community Foundation, founded in 1976, connects donors and their philan-

thropic aspirations with evolving community needs. For more information, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacommunity.com.3



The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point Retirement Community launches its fall semester with The Story of China. This series of six historical lectures, will be held at Shell Point on Tuesdays this fall, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Beginning on September 15, The Story of China explores the impact of China's history, religion, and culture on the world. Professor Adrian Kerr will examine this immense and varied country, from the origins of its native people to taking its position on the world stage. The schedule of lectures will include:

• September 15 – Prehistory and Early Times

- October 6 The Qin to the Han
- October 13 From the Han to the Mongols

• October 20 – The Great Ming Dynasty

• October 27 – From the Ming to the Republic

• November 3 – From the Republic to Today

Professor Kerr, a resident of Southwest Florida, has studied ancient civilizations in Egypt, China and more for over 30 years. A regular world traveler, Kerr specializes in interaction between early civilizations, and the impact these ancient communities have on modern times.

Separate tickets are required for each session, and cost \$10 each. To purchase tickets for these presentations, call 489-8472 or visit www.shellpoint.org/events.

From page 17 Art Expo



Painting by Dorothy Salcedo

mission is to promote, stimulate and foster creative and classical painting and to encourage and promote portrait and figure artists in their professional growth and success.

Many of the exhibiting artists have studied under top national art teachers. The knowledge of technique, materials, composition and craftsmanship possessed by the exhibiting artists is extremely high.

The exhibition will consist of 10 professional, award-winning, classical fine artists: Dorothy Salcedo, Hugette Haaland, Patricia Dunker, "Nadi" Renate Reuter, Julie Dean Griffin, Javier Martinez, Wanda Carter, Cathy Beard, Vanessa Morris and Victoria Hamachek.

Come and experience the Classical Representational Art after the Renaissance and Baroque traditions. Admission is free.

From page 3 Cops and Joggers

information and register online with the Fort Myers Track Club at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com.

This year's race committee will be presenting the top three runners and walkers in their age group with new custom-made Cops & Joggers race medals, which will feature the front of a police car with emergency lights that flash.

The Fort Myers Cops & Joggers 5K was established in 2008 to assist the

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On opening night, guests may also enjoy live music by Love Hunter.

The 2015 Art Expo will be on display through September 24.⅔

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

Kings And Queens Of Comedy Show

Seasoned local veteran comedians Just Don, Sheena Reagan and John Charles during the Kings & Queens of Comedy Show on Friday, September 25. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Be prepared for an unforgettable eve-

Be prepared for an unforgettable evening of comedy that will have you laughing out loud. Enjoy a get-together with friends for a night of fun and fabulous comedy.

Admission is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Appetizers and beverages will be served. BYOB. Preregistration is required.

Lake Kennedy Senior Center is located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. For more information, call 574-0575.%

From page 18 Rauschenberg Gallery Grant

gallery makes to the arts."

From September 11 to November 7 the gallery is hosting Wayne White: Here Comes Mr. Know-It-All. White is an artist who won three Emmy Awards for designing the sets and puppets on *Pee-Wee's Playhouse* and is now exhibiting new work he created while in the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Residency program on Captiva Island.

For more information about the gallery or upcoming events, visit www. RauschenbergGallery.com or call 489-9313.[‡]

family of Officer Andrew Widman who was shot and killed in the line of duty on July 18, 2008. Proceeds from the event now benefit the FMPD Fallen Officers Memorial Fund and The Brotherhood Ride, nonprofit organizations that aid the families of first responders who have been injured or killed in the line of duty, including law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

For more information about the event, contact Lt. Jeffrey Bernice at 321-7698 or jbernice@fmpolice.com.☆

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Professor Adrian Kerr

Famed Dodgers Broadcaster Vince Scully Will Return Next Season For His 67th Season



by Ed Frank

Here in the land of retirees – many of whom retired decades ago – can you imagine working into your late 80's and then, maybe for just the first time, you begin thinking about hanging it up?

A few weeks ago, we wrote about 82-year-old Max Schumacher, president and chairman of the Indianapolis Indians baseball team, who has worked full time for this team for 59 consecutive years.

And then last week, Vince Scully, the famous 87-year-old announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers, said he would be back next year as the voice of the Dodgers for his 67th year. Maybe its baseball that provides the fountain of youth.

The ageless Scully, who will turn 88 in November, began with the Dodgers in 1950 when they were the Brooklyn Dodgers. His 66 seasons are the longest tenure any broadcaster has been with a single team in professional sports history.

In his announcement about returning for the 2016 season, the personable Scully said it would be the last one.

"I do feel in my bones that will be enough, for sure. I'm sure the people say that will be enough too," he said during a press conference.

There has been a litany of great sports casters through the years, but any list would have to include Scully at the top. His love of the "Dodger Blue" was evident in 1964 (the Dodgers had moved from

His love of the "Dodger Blue" was evident in 1964 (the Dodgers had moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles in 1958) when the New York Yankees offered Scully the opportunity to succeed Mel Allen as their lead play-by-play announcer.

He chose to remain with the Dodgers and his popularity in the Los Angeles area became such that in 1976 Dodger fans voted him "the most memorable personality" in the history of the franchise.

We should point out that there is one other Dodger with a longer tenure that Scully's – the iconic former player, manager and executive Tommy Lasorda. But it's only one year longer than Scully's 66 years.

Scully's broadcasting resume is not limited to baseball as he also has worked football and golf for both NBC and CBS.

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Lexington Country Club Cares 5K Race Benefits Breast Health Centers

exington Country Club and The Fort Myers Track Club are teaming up to present the Lexington Cares 5K to help patients who receive care from the Regional Cancer Center's Breast Health Centers.

This year's 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Fun Walk take place on Saturday, October 3 at Lexington Country Club, with a start time of 7:30 a.m. Lexington Country Club is located at 16257 Willowcrest Way in Fort Myers. Since the race's inception in 2009, the event has raised over \$100,000.

Pre-registration, with discount, for the race is currently open. Online registration is available through October 2 at 5 p.m. by visiting www.ftmyerstrackclub.com, while pre-registration by mail must be post-marked by September 26. Register in person at the Lexington Country Club Clubhouse through October 2 at 5 p.m. Race day registration begins at 6:30 a.m.

Individual adult entry fee is \$25 through September 10; \$30 from September 11 through October 2, and \$35 the day of the race. Children, age 12 and under, are \$20 through September 10, \$25 from September 11 through October 2, and \$30 on race day.

Packet pickup, free T-shirt and race number distribution is set for Friday, October 2 from noon to 5 p.m., at Lexington's Administration Office. Shirts are guaranteed only to those registered by September 10.

The certified race begins and ends at the Lexington Country Club Clubhouse. Awards will follow the race with results posted later in the day at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com. Awards will be made to overall male and female: Overall, Masters, Grand Masters, Senior Grand Masters and to males and females in the following age group categories, three deep: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and 75 and up.

The race will be held rain or shine; no refunds, please. Due to the nature of the course and for the safety of all participants, unauthorized vehicles, bicycles, roller blades, skates, heelys, skateboards, strollers and pets are strictly prohibited. Hot and humid conditions may exist; participants are advised to drink plenty of fluids before and after the race.

All participants are invited to a complimentary pancake breakfast buffet following the race in recognition of their support of the event and the Regional Cancer Center's Breast Health Centers.

Learn more and register online at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com. Call Lexington Country Club at 437-0404 for additional details, or contact Sally Wilson, Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, at 343-6057 or Sally.Wilson@LeeMemorial.org.‡

Red Sox Announce 4th Annual Swings For The Sox Golf Tournament

A s part of its continuing community outreach efforts, the Red Sox Foundation will hold its 4th annual Swings For The Sox golf tournament on Friday, October 23.

The tournament will take place at Tiburon Golf Club located at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort at 2620 Tiburon Drive in Naples. A scramble format with prizes for the longest drive, putting, closest to the pin and more will begin at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the newly created Red Sox Scholarship in partnership with the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. The Red Sox Foundation plans to award a \$5,000 scholarship to attend college to one deserving student from each of the 13 public high schools in Lee County.

Prior to the tournament, JetBlue Park at Fenway South, the Red Sox's 106acre Spring Training and Player Development Complex located at 11500 Fenway South Drive, will host a Party in the Park "Tee Off" Party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 22. All guests will receive ballpark bites and cocktails on the Green Monster. The night will also include opportunities for participants to take batting practice swings from home plate for the chance to win 2016 Spring Training season tickets. Self-guided tours, a one-of-a-kind silent auction and raffle prizes will also take place during the event. Individual tickets are available for \$25. Kids, 12 years old and younger, are free.

Last year's 3rd annual event raised more than \$50,000 to support the Children's Advocacy Center and The Immokalee Foundation

"We were very excited that the first three years of this local Red Sox Foundation golf tournament not only sold out but has raised \$110,000 for local nonprofits," said Katie Haas, senior director of Florida business operations.

This year's presenting sponsors are CVS Pharmacy and The Hertz Corporation, along with additional sponsors Marco Island Marriott, Westin Resort Cape Coral, Aramark, Duffy's Sports Grill, Crowther Roofing, Marquis Wealth Management and Suffolk Construction.

Tournament sponsorships are still available from \$150 to \$10,000. Individual play-

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ing positions are also available for \$250 per person. Foursome player packages begin at \$800.

All golfers will receive a gift bag, breakfast and lunch at Tiburon before and after the tournament on Friday, entry into the Party in the Park on Thursday and the opportunity to take batting practice on the playing field at JetBlue Park. Tournament participants will also have the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind silent auction items and win unique raffle prizes.

Raffle and silent auction items that can be used to aid in raising more money for the Red Sox Scholarship and additional funds for those in need throughout Southwest Florida are also being accepted.

The Red Sox Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and the official team charity of the Boston Red Sox. The foundation's primary focus locally is in serving the health, education, recreation and social service needs of children and families across Southwest Florida. The Red Sox Foundation is one of the most successful in all of Major League Baseball.

For more information, call 226-4783 or e-mail redsoxgolf@redsox.com.

Registration Open For 3rd Annual Surf And Turf Experience On Captiva

Registration is now open for the 3rd annual Surf & Turf Experience fundraiser to benefit Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers (DVIC). The fundraiser will take place from October 16 to 18 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva. The three-day, two-night sportsman's weekend consists of three-person teams competing in fishing and golfing contests.

The weekend activities include a fishing and golf tournament, accommodations at South Seas Island Resort, evening cocktail receptions, breakfast and lunch. The \$1,500 entry fee also includes the Friday evening dinner and casino night and the Saturday evening dinner featuring an auction and awards ceremony. In addition, players will receive custom, limited edition apparel and a commemorative gift.

All proceeds from the event will support the mission of DVIC to educate, train and create meaningful employment opportunities within the insurance industry for disabled veterans.

To register or become a sponsor of the event, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or SMercado@BBandT.com. \updownarrow

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP **Dear Shelley,** My son has dyslexia. I have been reading about a new font that is just for people with dyslexia. What do you know about this font? Is it for real?

Jeff G., Fort Myers

Jeff,

Yes, I too have seen reports about a new font that makes reading for those with dyslexia much easier. Current research tells us that there is evidence that the presentation of specific types of text has a significant effect on a text's accessibility for people with dyslexia.

Approximately 10 to 17 percent of the population in the U.S. has dyslexia, a neurological disability that impairs a person's ability to read and write. Dyslexia is typically characterized by difficulties with accurate word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. According to the National Center for Learning Disabilities, some with dyslexia have trouble with reading and spelling, while others struggle to write, or to tell left from right. Dyslexia can also make it difficult for people to express themselves clearly. It can be hard for them to use vocabulary and to structure their thoughts during conversation, per the National Center for Learning Disabilities.

Dan Britton, a graphic designer, has come up with a font that could potentially help people better understand the emotional experience of dyslexic people when reading texts. Britton himself was diagnosed with dyslexia while he was still in college.

Britton who set out to create a font that would make reading more accessible and less frustrating designed Dyslexie, the name for this new font. It uses several techniques that help certain letters and punctuation stand out to a dyslexic person: a heavy base line, alternating stick/ tail lengths, larger than normal openings on letters like "c" and a semi-cursive slant.

While there is no hard science on the success rate of this font presently anecdotal experiences support it's use. "It gives students additional clues to what the letters may be," said Lisa Oswalt, assistive technology coordinator and speech pathologist at Eastside Elementary.

Jana Chao, the fourth grade reading and language teacher also at Eastside Elementary, said she uses the font for many of her materials and has seen a difference in her students. She currently has three who are dyslexic.

"I've asked them if it helps as far as reading and... all of them have spoken positively about the font that it helps them. Especially with the b's and the d's. I've definitely seen a difference," Chao said. "If nothing else, it keeps them from being as frustrated."

One of Chao's students said he noticed a difference when his teacher and started using the font. "It's bigger, and it makes the words look different where I can look at it better."

It may be worth a try for your son

to use this font to see if it helps him. Dyslexie is available for a free download for personal usage. Visit dyslexiefont.com for more information.

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Mak Earns Dean's Award

Viktor Mak, a resident of Fort Myers and a member of the Colgate Class of 2015, has earned the Dean's Award for academic excellence for the spring 2015 semester. This recognition is awarded to students with a 3.30 or higher term average.

Three Local High Schools Listed In Magazine's Beating The Odds List

Three Southwest Florida high schools were recently listed in *Newsweek's* Beating The Odds list identifying those that do an excellent job of preparing their students for college while also overcoming the obstacles posed by students at an economic disadvantage.

Lorenzo Walker Technical School in Naples ranked 97th, Edison Collegiate High School in Punta Gorda ranked 154th and Fort Myers High School ranked 368th in the top 500 high schools across the country who are "beating the odds" with high graduation and college bound rates despite high levels of poverty.

Fort Myers High has a college readiness of 78.8 percent with a 98.1 percent graduation rate and 35.8 percent poverty. Edison Collegiate has a college readiness of 83.9 percent with a 97.7 percent graduation rate and 35.7 percent poverty. Lorenzo Walker has a college readiness of 86.8 percent with a 100 percent graduation rate and 69.6 percent poverty.

In an effort to address the effect of socioeconomic disadvantage on education, *Newsweek* published two lists: America's Top High Schools 2015, which ranks schools solely based on performance and Beating The Odds 2015, which ranks schools based on performance while also controlling for student poverty rates.

In Southwest Florida, only 27 percent of the population has earned a college degree; the number of residents with technical school or specialized training certifications is still being determined.

The FutureMakers Coalition is working to increase post-secondary certification completion in Southwest Florida and promote the knowledge and skills needed for success in the workplace and in life. Formed in 2015 around existing regional collaborations, the coalition's goal is to transform the workforce by increasing the number of college degrees and post-secondary certifications from 27 percent to 40 percent by 2025 throughout Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

Two of FutureMakers' six regional action teams include Aspirtation/Preparation and Access/Entry. The first team includes experts and advocates focused on infant mental health, early-childhood learning, parenting, and elementary, middle and high school education. This includes the alignment of K-12 curriculum and preparation of students for post-secondary exploration and entrance. The second includes experts and advocates focused on post-secondary access, which includes student interest and skill identification, mentoring for post-secondary access and entrance, as well as support to access needed financial assistance.

For more information, visit www.newsweek.com/high-schools/beating-odds-2015.*

Local Authors Release Children's Book About The Effects Of Greed

their new storybook, *The Greedy Wolf and the Magic Baobab Tree*. Their entertaining book has been released nationwide in hardback and paperback editions.

In The Greedy Wolf and the Magic Baobab Tree, Rabbit tells Wolf about a magi-

inside. However, Wolf is tempted by the yummy feast across the river. Will he keep his promise, or will he learn a valuable lesson about the perils of greed? Young readers will gain an important life lesson as they enjoy flipping through every page of this colorful children's read.

cal cave full of food, but he makes Wolf promise never to cross the treacherous river

Mamour Dieng is a published author and business manager for over a decade. His wife and co-author Gwendolyn (Asia) Dieng traded her finance career to become a full-time kindergarten teacher. Mamour embraced storytelling at a very early age. He grew up in a very large family where his grandmother told him a bedtime story every evening. Both Mamour and Asia live in Florida with their three grown children. Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, *The Greedy Wolf and the Magic*

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, *The Greedy Wolf and the Magic Baobab Tree* is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www. tatepublishing.com/bookstore or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

Children's Charities Announces 2015-16 Board Of Directors

Superior WFL Children's Charities, Inc. introduces its 2015-2016 board of directors, elected during the organization's annual trustee meeting to serve a one-year term through July 2016. The president of the board of directors is Elaine Hawkins, and vice-president is Dorothy Fitzgerald. Other officers are: Dave Copham, treasurer; Debbie Toler, vice president of public relations and marketing; and Bev Cherry, secretary.

Board members are responsible for supporting the operations and mission of the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. and administering funds that support local programs benefiting the care and well-being of children in Southwest Florida. In addition to managing the operations of SWFL Children's Charities Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, the board's officers oversee the planning and execution of the charitable organization's signature fundraising event, the 2016 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, to be held February 26 and 27 at Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club.

The SWFL Children's Charities' annual signature fundraiser, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, has raised nearly \$15 million over the past seven years, making it the most successful fundraising event in Lee County and one of the top-grossing wine fests in the country. Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is the primary beneficiary of the event. To date, SWFL Children's Charities has raised nearly \$15 million over the past seven years to benefit the building of the new family-centered children's hospital that will provide new and expanded medical services and subspecialty services to children from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. In addition to providing funds for the new state-of-the-art Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, the SWFL Children's Charities supports programs at Florida SouthWestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University. For more information, visit www.swflwinefest.org.

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Financial Focus Investors Can Learn Much From The American Workforce



by Jennifer Basey e're getting close to Labor Day, a celebration of the men and women who roll up their sleeves and go to work each day. If you're in the work-

can appreciate this recognition of your efforts. And as an investor, you can employ these attributes of the American worker:

• Organization – The most productive workers are those who organize their time and efforts to maximize their productivity. When you invest, organization is also important. You might have trouble gaining traction toward your goals, such as a comfortable retirement, if you own a bunch of scattered investments that aren't really working together to help you Instead, try to build a portfolio in which all your investments combine to provide the opportunities for growth and income you need to help reach your objectives.

• Perseverance – As workers, all of us go through difficult times, whether with our bosses, co-workers or even the work itself - but we persevere. As an investor, you, too, will experience bumps in the road, in the form of market downturns. Yet, if you avoid making hasty and illadvised moves in response to potential short-term volatility, you can maintain your focus on your long-term needs and goals - and, as a result, you can help improve your chances of meeting those needs and attaining those goals.

• Vision – Workers put in their time, year after year, because they have a vision of what they hope their efforts will yield – a rewarding career, sufficient financial resources for their family, and so on. As an investor, you also can benefit from articulating a picture of what you hope to achieve. And that means you need to be specific about what you want. Instead of saying to yourself, "I'd like to retire comfortably someday," pin yourself down as to what this really means. At what age would you like to retire? Will you want to travel the world or stay close to home to pursue your hobbies? How much money will you need to make these wishes come true? Where will this money come from? By answering these and other questions, you can define a vision for your financial future, leading you to the next step – creating a strategy to help turn this vision into reality.

• Diversity – The American workforce benefits from drawing on the experiences and viewpoints of people from all differ-ent backgrounds. When you invest, you should also seek diversity. If you only owned one type of investment vehicle, such as growth stocks, and the market hit a downturn, your portfolio would likely take a big hit. It's a given that the value of investments will fluctuate, which means, under some circumstances, you could lose some or all of your principal. But if you spread your dollars among a range of vehicles - including stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and real estate – you can reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

Labor Day will come and go quickly. But by emulating some of the characteristics of the American workforce, you can continue making progress toward your goals - without even having to work overtime.

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AppleJuice Using Apple AirDrop - Mac To Mac: Part I



by Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, **SWACKS**

sing Apple AirDrop with the Yosemite operating system, you can move files quickly, securely and wirelessly back and forth between nearby (usually

within 25 to 30 feet) Macs and your iOS8 devices - iPad, iPhone or the iPod Touch

Today, we'll talk about using AirDrop between Mac computers. To use this feature between two or more Mac computers, you need to have one of the Mac models listed, with Wi-Fi turned on and OS X 10.7 or later installed. The Mac models include: MacBook Pro (Late 2008 or newer)*, MacBook Air (Late 2010 or newer), MacBook (Late 2008 or newer)*, iMac (Early 2009 or newer), Mac Mini (Mid 2010 or newer), Mac Pro (Early 2009 with AirPort Extreme card, or Mid 2010). *The MacBook Pro (17-Inch Late 2008) and the white MacBook (Late 2008) do not support AirDrop.

To see if your Mac will work with AirDrop, you have to be in the Finder. You can do this multiple ways. Click on the desktop, then on the "Go" menu at the top of your screen. You can click on the Finder icon in the Dock – that's the smiley face icon, and in the menu on the left side of the Finder Window, click on AirDrop. Or using the file you want to transfer right click on the file and choose "Share." If you don't see AirDrop listed using any of these options, your Mac doesn't support this feature.

When you choose AirDrop in Yosemite, your Mac looks for nearby devices that can also use AirDrop. Remember, these computers need to be within 25 to 30 feet of your computer, have AirDrop open, Bluetooth enabled, WiFi turned on, and the most important thing - it needs to be awake and active, not shut down or in sleep mode.

When you click on AirDrop, you'll see "AirDrop lets you share instantly with people nearby." Underneath that in blue are your options on how you want to be discovered. Clicking on that blue arrow gives you the options: "No One," "Contacts Only" or "Everyone." As long as the other computer has the ability to AirDrop and is allowing others to access that computer by AirDrop, you'll see the Mac computers you can share with. I have mine set to "Contacts Only" so if I want to AirDrop to my husband's Mac computer, his photo that I have attached to his Contact card shows with his name. I can then just drag the file to his icon, have him accept the transfer and it's done!

To transfer files to a Mac that was built before 2012, click on "Don't see who you're looking for?" and ask them to go to AirDrop in their Finder. If they are using OS X 10.7 Lion or later, you should be able to see them in your AirDrop window.

When you send files to a Mac that uses your iCloud account, the files transfer automatically. If you transfer files to another Mac user, the receiver needs to "accept" or "decline" your file transfer. The accepted file will go to your "Downloads" folder.

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.**

Third Quarter **Business Climate** Survey Report

The results from the Third Quarter 2015 Horizon Council FGCU Lee County Executive Business Climate Survey have been released. This survey is completed each quarter and provides insight into the Lee County economy and expected economic trends as perceived by its business community. The online survey was sent to 575 business executives in Lee County and the results are based on responses from 79 executives, resulting in a 13.7 percent response rate.

This survey provides a key economic indicator for Lee County, the Executive Business Climate Index. This index value is computed each quarter and released to the public as a way to provide an established economic indicator on the state of the local economy. The index is computed using the two questions concerning the current and future economic conditions, and a third question concerning the expected industry economic conditions. The index is an average of the

responses with substantially better equal to 100, moderately better equal to 75, same equal to 50, moderately worse equal to 25, and substantially worse equal to zero. The index value can range from 0 to 100. Although this quarter's index fell to 70 from the previous quarter's measure of 73, it remains within a five point band that has persisted since 2013.

Given the role of access to affordable housing in firms' decisions to expand or relocate to Lee County, the third quarter survey also included questions regarding business executives' impressions of the housing market. Some of these findings, as well as others from the third quarter survey, are:

• 74 percent of executives stated that the current economic conditions have improved over last year, while 25 percent stated that they were the same;

 74 percent of the executives expect the economy to improve over the next year;

• 67 percent of executives expect economic conditions for their industry to improve over the next year;

 68 percent of companies expect to increase investment next year and none expect to reduce investment levels;

 61 percent of executives reported increasing employment over the last year, while four percent reported reducing employment;

• 57 percent of executives expect to increase employment at their companies during the next year and only one percent of executives expect to reduce employment;

• 28 percent of executives believed that their ability to attract employees is being impacted by a lack of affordable housing while 72 percent did not.

• 32 percent of executives indicated that employee access to housing is an issue they consider when deciding on workforce expansion while 68 percent did not;

• 41 percent of executives believed that workforce housing will be an issue for their employees within the next three years, 12 percent believed it would be an issue in 4-10 years, and 47 percent indicated it was a non-issue;

• 53 percent of employees indicated that commute times were an important factor when considering the needs of their employees, while 47 percent of them did not consider it as important a factor

• 35 percent of executives considered density and development incentives to be effective forms of housing policies, while 12 percent believed housing subsidies to low-income workers to be among the least effective:

• Choosing among a set of alternatives addressing problems associated with affordable housing, 45 percent of executives believed markets provide the best solutions, 35 percent believed these problems are best dealt with by state and local governments, and 27 percent believed that affordable housing was not a problem at all.

To access the third quarter Lee County Business Climate Survey, visit www.fgcu. edu/cob/reri/reports.html#reports_top.☆

How Chile Relieves Nerve Pain



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: It is very ironic that something so hot as chile could provide such amazing pain relief to millions of people. Sometimes you see it spelled as chili or chilli but no matter what culture

you live in the same thought comes to mind: HOT!

Chile gets it's heat from an alkaloid compound called "capsaicin" which is mostly in the seeds of the pepper. That reminds me, if you don't want your guacamole hot, leave out the seeds from the jalapeño. When you compare a chile to an orange, ounce for ounce, the chile actually has more vitamin C.

Capsaicin preparations may be able to help you if you have nerve pain, which is termed "neuropathy." This nerve pain sometimes goes hand in hand with syndromes like post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), autoimmune disorders or diabetic neuropathy. Now let's talk about how putting the 'flame' on pain helps reduce it. Weird, I know. When capsaicin is applied to the skin, it causes a brief initial sensitization, where you might feel some pain. But if you do it properly, it shouldn't be painful. After a few applications, there is a desensitization of the local pain nerves. In other words, the pain may still be there, but you don't feel it because your nerves are a little numb to it. This effect occurs through repeated stimulation of TRPV1 (transient receptor potential vanilloid-1) nerve fibers. These heat-sensing fibers alert you when you've touched the stove.

A 2013 study in Current Medicinal Chemistry showed that resveratrol eases diabetic neuropathy too, but this herb is taken orally, it's not a cream. Resveratrol was once thought to sweep up free radicals, and that's all but today we know it activates SIRT1 and Nrf2 antioxidants, while shutting the flood gates to your pain-causing NF Kappa B pathway. I taught you this in my diabetes book in 2010. Over time, resveratrol protects against pins and needle sensations, numbness and neuronal cell death. Resveratrol is one ingredient in GlucoScript capsules, my patented supplement intended to protect you from the ravages of insulin dysfunction and elevated blood sugar

As it pertains to shingles or Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN), capsaicin seems counter-intuitive because your skin already hurts. Blisters from this virus can be excruciating and can last for months in some people. The prescription Qutenza 8% Patch is available, however continued on page 24

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My mother is a mean, miserable person and unforgiving... at least to me. When I was in college, I went crazy with the freedom. I did drugs, drank alcohol and totaled the car my parents had given me. I was expelled and went and lived in a commune.

After a couple of years, I saw the light and turned my life around. I went to another college and graduated with a 4.0 average. I finished graduate school in record time and have a great job.

My mother is totally unforgiving. She

ignores my loving wife and our children. My siblings have tried to talk to her, but she will not change.

Am I unrealistic to expect forgiveness after almost 25 years?

Dear Bryan,

Our parents' acceptance and love are always important to us, regardless of our age. I am sorry you are in this position... it must be hurtful. It sounds like many people have tried to intercede on your behalf. Have you tried to talk to her? Let her know how you feel and how you would like her forgiveness.

If it continues, I would limit the time you spend together. She is your parent, but your relationship sounds dysfunctional.

Pryce

Bryan

Dear Bryan,

I do not think your mother's behavior will ever change. Keep in touch with other members of your family and avoid any more discussions. The older I get, the more amazed I am at how many stories I hear that are similar to yours. Your mother seems to be a very troubled soul and certainly you alone cannot change her.

Lizzie

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Our email address is press@riverweekly.com

When Summer Is A Pain In The Back



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

During the summer we see a lot of average folk as well as athletes with low back pain. Summer is a time for people to enjoy sunny outdoor activities and it is also when athletes are training and getting ready for marathons and fall sports.

Overall, regular exercise and staying fit prevent back pain. Low back pain is more common among people who are overweight, since the extra pounds put stress on the back, especially weekend warriors who push themselves hard after sitting around all week. Yet, anyone can get back pain.

When an athlete injures the lower back

it is almost always a sacroiliac injury, and the athlete will experience pain on one side more than the other. It doesn't necessarily mean they did something wrong, only that they are maximizing their training. And sometimes they overdo it and an injury occurs.

On the other hand, poor running form is a very common cause of low back pain. Good form means the abdominal muscles are engaged, the pelvis is level and the torso is tall. Proper running form also involves landing on the mid-foot to the balls of the feet and not on the heels.

When experiencing low back pain, applications of heat, gentle exercise and movement, acupuncture, yoga and chiropractic care may all be beneficial. If there is a lack of relief with these modalities or when the low back pain injury is not significantly better after massage, chiropractic, or other manual therapies, another course of action to consider is Regenerative Injection Therapy, also known as Prolotherapy. These natural injection treatments stimulate the body to repair itself. As the source of the injury repairs, the nagging back pain can be relieved as well as a feeling of increased stability

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical and Rehabilitation Services has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@caringmedical.com.

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Roxanne Wendling New Director At Guardian Ad Litem Foundation

The Guardian ad Litem Foundation: 20th Judicial Circuit, a nonprofit agency advocating for locally abused and neglected children, has announced the selection of Roxanne Wendling as its new foundation administrator.

Hailing from western New York state, Wendling has worked in public relations and teaching roles with Chautauqua Institution, the Chautauqua County Humane Society, Jamestown Community College and most recently as the Executive Director of the Western Kentucky American Red Cross. Wendling is highly skilled and prepared to bring effective growth and expansion to the GAL-20 Foundation.

As director, Roxanne will work closely with the Foundation's board of directors to expand the presence of GAL through an increase in fundraising strategy and outreach, building community relationships and expanding the promotion of the foundation's mission and goals.

"I would like to grow and ensure a sustainable financial base for the Guardian ad Litem Foundation in its efforts to provide GAL advocates for the vulnerable children in our region," said Wendling. "These children desperately need a 'voice' and our Guardian ad Litem advocates are a very important party to each case. The child's interest is their only interest. The need, unfortunately, continuously grows. I hope to help build the endowment needed to ensure we have the appropriate capacity to recruit and train the volunteer advocates and to provide necessary items for the children not funded through any other source.'

The Guardian ad Litem Program of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida – Lee, Glades, Hendry, Charlotte and Collier counties – 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.

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.

If you are interested in becoming a

volunteer, or would like more information regarding our organization, contact The Guardian ad Litem Foundation Fort Myers office by calling 533-1435, via email at program@GALFoundation20.org or visit www.voicesforkids.org.*

Rogers Recertified As Fund Raising Executive

FRE International has recertified Carolyn C. Rogers, vice president of development and communications for Southwest Florida Community Foundation, as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Rogers joins more than 5,300 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation. Rogers received her CFRE in 2000.

"The CFRE credential was created to identify for the public and employers those individuals who possess the knowledge, skills and commitment to perform fundraising duties in an effective and ethical manner," said Jim Caldarola, CFRE, immediate past chair of CFRE International. "As the certification is a voluntary achievement, the CFRE credential demonstrates a high level of commitment on the part of Carolyn C. Rogers to herself, the fundraising profession and the donors who are served."

In addition to her CFRE, Rogers holds accreditation as a public relations professional (APR) and certification as a public relations courselor (CPRC) both through t



Carolyn Rogers

relations counselor (CPRC) both through the Florida Public Relations Association. As leaders, conveners, grant makers and concierges of philanthropy, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation is a foundation built on community leadership with an inspired history of fostering regional change for the common good in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. With assets of more than \$93 million, the Community Foundation has provided \$61.2 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. Last year, it granted more than \$2.9 million to nonprofit organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts, healthcare and human services.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacommunity.com.

San-Cap Community Bank Names Treasury Management Vice President

Mona Strasser has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as vice president of treasury management. She is responsible for implementing the bank's deposit software products for business customers.

"Our software products make banking easier and more efficient for businesses," said President and CEO Craig Albert. "Having someone with Mona's expertise and depth of banking knowledge on staff to work with our business customers is a significant advantage for them. She is saving our customers time and stress."

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank's online services include electronic bill payment, ACH origination, wire management, Positive Pay fraud detection and a new mobile banking app. Strasser visits the bank's business customers individually to



Mona Strasser

help install the software. She also trains them to take full advantage of the software's capabilities, to make funds management as simple and fast as possible.

Strasser has more than 14 years of banking experience, including serving as vice president/banking center manager with a regional bank. A Lee County native, she is a Red Knight Foundation committee member.

"Word is spreading that we offer these convenient products at no cost to the business customer, providing huge savings," added Albert. "Our demand deposit accounts have increased 30 percent since this time last year, primarily because of our new business accounts."

From page 23 How Chile Relieves Nerve Pain

it is derived from a synthetic form of capsaicin. There are OTC patches available in all pharmacies.

In a human study of 250 patients with diabetic neuropathy, half were given capsaicin cream and half were given a plain moisturizing placebo cream. Satisfactory treatment of this debilitating disorder (which can lead to amputations) has

From page 16 Coastal Cleanup

earlier in the morning on cleanup day. Then, you can come by later and have lunch with us."

Lunch and snacks on the SCCF Nature Center's porch will be avail-

escaped physicians for decades.

Patients receiving capsaicin cream enjoyed a nearly 70 percent reduction in neuropathic pain symptoms (after the initial transient burning, of course). Controlling blood sugar and other cytokines is key to reducing diabetic neuropathy pain, so in case you missed my recent article on this topic, it's archived at my website suzycohen.com.

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.

able from 10 a.m. until noon as well as a dumpster to deposit collected trash. Participants should fill out their data cards and turn them in at SCCF.

If you have any questions, want to reserve your favorite "cleanup" spot, or get your data cards ahead of time, call SCCF's Dee-Serage-Century at 472-2329.

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TRIVIA TEST

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Guadalcanal is part of which island group in the Pacific Ocean?
- TELEVISION: What was Norm's last name in the sitcom series "Cheers"? 2.
- MOVIES: Which actors voiced the two main characters. Woody and Buzz, in the "Toy 3. Story" movies?
- 4. ARTS: What country holds a festival of music, literature and performing arts called an eisteddfod?
- INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the Hula Hoop? 5
- 6. HISTORY: Who was known as "The Iron Chancellor"?
- 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature does the Australian bandicoot most resemble?
- 8. RADIO: When did the soap opera "The Guiding Light" begin as a serial show on radio?
- 9. MEASUREMENTS: The term "vicennial" refers to a period of how many years?
- 10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the symbol for the zodiac sign Capricorn?

ANSWERS

10. The goat. Arthur "Spud" Melin 6. Otto von Bismarck, Germany 7. A large rat 8. 1937 9. 20 years 1. Solomon Islands 2. Peterson 3. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen 4. Wales 5. Richard Knerr and

My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cupid is strong in the Aries aspect this week, with the cherub opening romantic possibilities for single Lambs, and strengthening ties 'twixt loving pairs already in a caring relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your dramatic flair might make things more interesting as you recount an event to your colleagues. But be careful not to exaggerate reality to the point that facts and fancy combine to form fiction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, and this week you should get lots of chances to share your thoughts with people who will not only pay attention to what you have to say, but will want to hear more.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The pattern of recent changes could begin to shift from mostly workplace-related events to more personal matters. Continue to keep an open mind as you prepare to deal with them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity for work-related travel could be just what the Terrific Tabby needs to get a new perspective on a balky situation. The trip also could prove to be personally rewarding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to suggest resolving an old disagreement before it can affect a matter expected to come up for discussion. It's always best to start with a clean slate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The week favors combining dollops of creativity and practicality to work out both professional and personal problems. A longtime friend could have something of note to suggest

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising facts could come to light if you decide to probe deeper into an "opportunity" than you might usually do. What you'll learn could determine what you'll earn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone close to you might seek your counsel. Hear him/her out, but hold the line at giving actual advice until you get credible answers to all your questions

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) What seems to be an overwhelming workplace project can be dealt with quite well if you handle one category at a time. Things will soon begin to fall into place.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A personal matter might need more of your time than you had expected. Try to prioritize between your many outside commitments and your domestic responsibilities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A developing situation still needs more time to grow, and more time to study before you can plunge in and make some attentiongetting waves. Patience is best for wise Pisceans.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for organization that would make you a fine archivist. (Are you listening out there, Library of Congress?)

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Sept. 10, 1608, English adventurer John Smith is elected council president of Jamestown, Virginia -- the first permanent English settlement in North America. Smith had won popularity in the colony because of his organizational abilities and effectiveness in dealing with local Native American groups

• On Sept. 7, 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a New York meat packer who supplied barrels of beef to the Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's."

• On Sept. 9, 1939, audiences at the Fox Theater in Riverside, California, get a surprise showing of "Gone With the Wind" as a second feature. Producer David O. Selznick sat in the back and observed the audience reaction to his highly anticipated film.

• On Sept. 12, 1940, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings is discovered by four teenagers. The roughly 16,000-year-old paintings, mostly of animals, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period.

• On Sept. 11, 1965, the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) begins to arrive in South Vietnam, bringing U.S. troop strength to more than 125.000. The unit was the first full U.S. Army division deployed to Vietnam.

• On Sept. 8, 1974, in a controversial executive action, President Gerald Ford pardons his disgraced predecessor Richard Nixon for crimes committed while in office involving the Watergate scandal.

• On Sept. 13, 1990, the drama series "Law & Order" premieres on NBC. It

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. When was the last time before 2014 that St. Louis Cardinals pitchers combined to record at least 23 shutouts in a season?
- 2. Who has the best career regular-season winning percentage among these three major-league managers: Sparky Anderson, Davey Johnson and Earl Weaver?
- 3. In 2014, running back Todd Gurley set a record at the University of Georgia for most allpurpose yards in a game (293). Whose mark did he break?
- 4. The Spurs' Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker set a record in 2014 for most NBA postseason wins of any trio. Who had held the record?
- Name the last team before the Los Angeles Kings in 2015 to miss the NHL playoffs a season after winning the Stanley Cup.
- Who holds the men's soccer record for most appearances as a captain in the World Cup?
- In 2015, Lindsey Vonn set a World Cup skiing record for most career wins (63). Who had held the mark?

ANSWERS

yards in a game in 1987. 4. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Cooper and Magic Johnson had 110 playoff wins for the Los Angeles Lakers during the 1980s. 5. The Carolina Hurricanes, in 2007. 6. Diego Mara-dona, with 16 appearances for Argentina (1986-94). 7. Austria's Annemarie Moser-Proell, with 62. 1. The Cardinals had 30 shutouts in 1968. 2. Weaver, with a .583 winning percentage in 17 seasons, topped Johnson (.562 in 17 seasons) and Anderson (.545 in 26 seasons). 3. Rodney Hampton had 290 all-purpose

would go on to become one of the longestrunning prime-time dramas in TV history -- 20 seasons. The "Law & Order" franchise was created by Dick Wolf, who began his TV career as a writer for "Miami Vice."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was 20th-century Hungarian author and psychiatrist Thomas Szasz who made the following sage observation: "The greatest analgesic, soporific, stimulant, tranquilizer, narcotic, and to some extent even antibiotic -- in short, the closest thing to a genuine panacea known to medical science -- is work."

• The story that's been adapted to film more than any other is the fairy tale "Cinderella."

• While it's true that paying to use transportation routes is nothing new, you might be surprised to learn the extent of some early pay-for-travel routes. In England in the early 1800s, there already were 30,000 miles of toll roads -- not to mention 8,000 toll gates.

• During World War II, money was smuggled into German POW camps using Monopoly games -- the real stuff was stashed in among the fake cash.

• Twerking may be a modern phenomenon, but in the 16th century, it was not unusual for a gentleman to be caught twirking (with an "i," not an "e") in public. Of course, twirling the hairs of one's mustache generally didn't raise an eyebrow in polite society.

• If you see a group of ducks in the water, you can call them, collectively, a "paddling" of ducks. In the air, however, the correct collective term is a "team."

• Before he became famous in his eponymous sitcom, Jerry Seinfeld appeared on the TV show "Benson" -- he played the governor's speechwriter. He didn't last long, though; he was fired after just three episodes.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"By the age of six the average child will have completed the basic American education. ... From television, the child will have learned how to pick a lock, commit a fairly elaborate bank holdup, prevent wetness all day long, get the laundry twice as white, and kill people with a variety of sophisticated armaments." -- Russell Baker

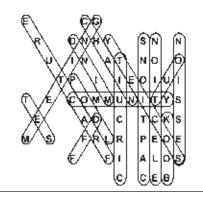
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Dodgers

It would take pages to document his accomplishments, awards and Hall of Fame honors.

And he is proof-positive that if you love what you are doing – despite your age – you should keep doing it.

Here's what Scully's doctor told him when he discussed possible retirement:

"Do you enjoy what you're doing? Do you still do it reasonably well? Then



Vince Scully photo courtesy Los Angeles Dodger why would you give it up? You retire and a year from now, you'll be an old man."

That's pretty good advice for everyone.

Miracle Season Ends Sunday

The Fort Myers Miracle baseball team will be unable to defend their 2014 Florida State League Championship with the season ending Sunday and the Miracle out of playoff contention.

As the week began, the Miracle's second-half season record was 34-29,

seven games behind first-place Palm Beach in the FSL South Division with only seven games to play.

The Miracle will close out the season with two home games this weekend at Hammond Stadium against Charlotte, the division's champion in the season's first-half. Fort Myers will host Charlotte Friday at 7:05 p.m. and Sunday at 11:05 a.m.

Combined for the entire season, the Miracle was 72-61.



Blue Crab Salad with Avocado

1/3 cup red onion, finely chopped

- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, finely chopped
- 3 teaspoons fresh squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon lime zest
- 8 ounces jumbo lump blue crabmeat, picked over for shells
- 1 large ripe avocado, halved, pitted and peeled

Mix together red onion, mayonnaise, cilantro, lime juice, cumin and lime zest in medium sized mixing bowl. Gently mix in crabmeat. Season salad with salt and pepper. Drizzle avocado halves with remaining 1 teaspoon lime juice to prevent discoloration and season with salt and pepper. Arrange avocado halves, cut side up, on plates. Fill tops of avocado with crab salad. Garnish salad with lime wedges.

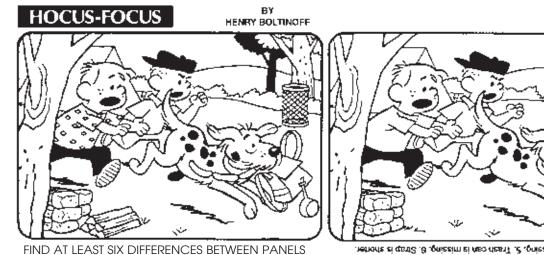
Yield: two servings.

Look for Fresh From Florida ingredients at your grocery store.



Blue Crab Salad with Avocado







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Today's Word

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Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish by Capt. Matt Mitchell



anding a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish. • Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.

• The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.

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

• Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

• Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

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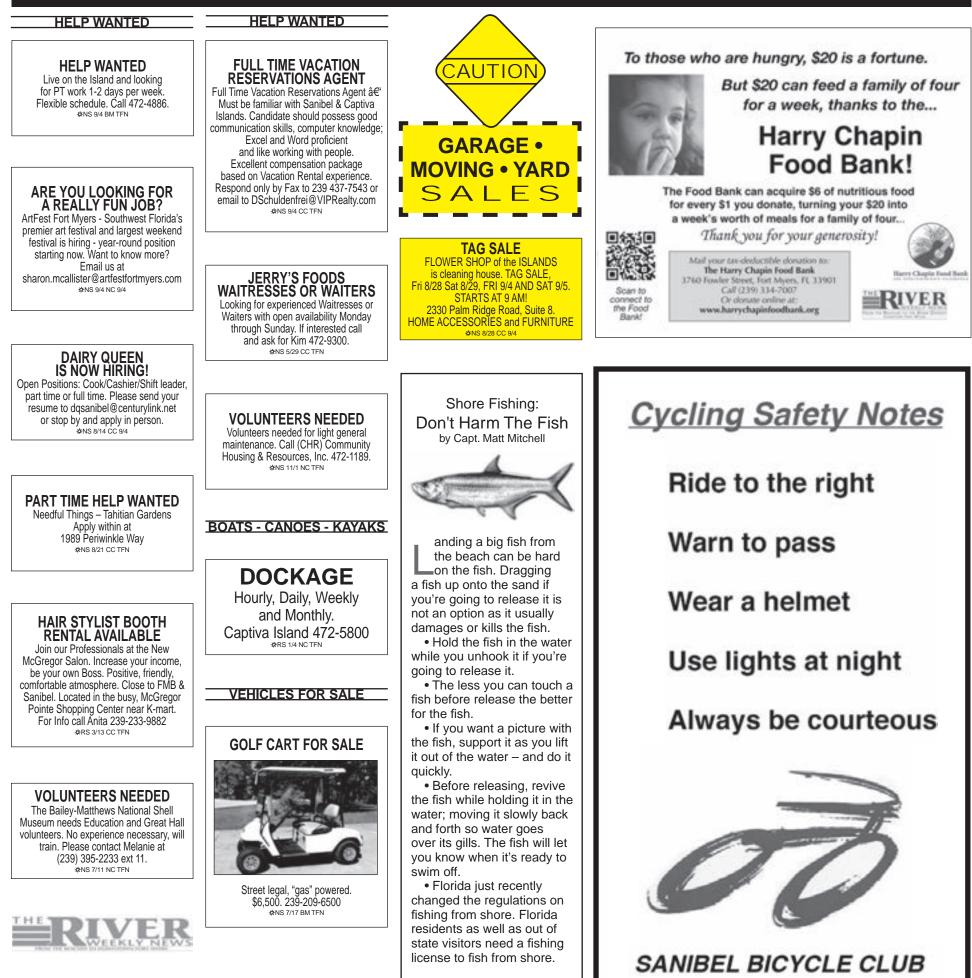
Development	City	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market	Year Built
Tuscany Isle	Bonita Springs	4,959	\$2,795,000	\$2,550,000	78	2005
Lanes FA Bayview Subdivision	Captiva	3,092	\$2,349,000	\$2,225,000	184	2001
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2,789	\$849,900	\$775,000	115	2004
Castaway Key	Captiva	3,500	\$885,000	\$750,000	81	2010
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	1,588	\$735,000	\$685,000	45	1979
Savona	Estero	2,623	\$640,000	\$625,000	0	2006
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	4,000	\$639,000	\$605,000	83	2003
Suburban Ranchettes Unrec.	Fort Myers	2987	\$519,888	\$519,888	16	1976
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	3,106	\$509,900	\$500,000	674	2002
Briarcliff	Fort Myers	2,830	\$549,900	\$490,000	33	1987

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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 27

Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Marmaduke. I'm a 1.5-year-old neutered male hound mix. Don't worry I'm not as big as the famous Marmaduke from the comic strip nor will I get into as much trouble as he does. I am just as goofy and cute, though! I promise to be a great family dog.

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Fall In Love adoption promotion.

Hello, my name is Erin. I'm a 4-month-old spayed female domestic shorthair. I'm all the things you are looking for in a kitten – playful, inquisitive, cuddly and, of course, cute.

tive, cuddly and, of course, cute. My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Fall In Love adoption promotion. Cats and kittens are also two-for-one adoption fee.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.☆



Marmaduke ID# 634150



Erin ID# 624472

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Emergency.	
Emergency.	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Highway Patrol.	278-7100
Poison Control	-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
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Alliance for the Arts	
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	
Cultural Park Theatre.	
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	288-2525
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
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Young Artists Awards	574-0321
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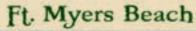
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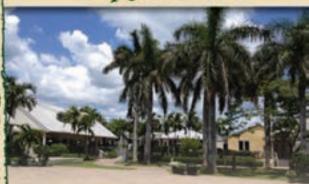
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