



Dress designed by Mariapia Malerba, made of plastic



Designer Mariapia Malerba photo by Alicia Caverio

Art Walks The Runway At Davis Art Center

The 5th annual Art Walks the Runway Weekend of Fashion opens in Fort Myers on Thursday, February 25 with the Celebration of Fashion Opening Party. Fashion designer Mariapia Malerba will be highlighted in a solo runway show titled Metamorphosis, a haute couture recycled collection. Art Walks the Runway is produced and directed by Melissa Tschari DeHaven and presented by the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, taking place February 25 to 27 in the historic downtown River District at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. Back again for her third fashion show at Art Walks the Runway, Italian artist and fashion designer Malerba has created a unique collection of couture, avant-garde fashions from recycled products such as paper, plastic, foam and other unconventional materials.

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Roy Hobbs Sunshine Classic Generates Tourism Dollars For Lee



The 2016 Roy Hobbs Sunshine Classic is held at Lee County's five baseball complexes

Lee County is hosting the 2016 Roy Hobbs Sunshine Classic at the Lee County Player Development Complex and historic Terry Park. The President's Day 50+ and 60+ Divisions will take place February 11 through 15, followed by Family Ties, Veterans 35+ and Masters 45+ Divisions February 18 through 21. Nearly 200 players and a dozen teams participate in divisions for the 50-and-over and 60-and-over crowd. Former Heisman Trophy winner and Boston College alum Doug Flutie played second base for the Americans squad in the 50-and-over division, which also featured former Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee, who played for the Bahama Breeze in previous Sunshine Classics. Last year's tournament generated approximately \$400,000 in direct spending for

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The Mersey Beatles, an all-Liverpool-born Beatles tribute band, will perform in Fort Myers as part of their debut U.S. tour

Liverpool-Born Beatles Tribute Band On U.S. Tour

The Mersey Beatles, an all-Liverpool-born Beatles tribute band and the house band for 10 years at the world-famous Cavern Club, will perform at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center as part of an inaugural U.S. tour. The show will take

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Young Piano Sensation In Concert

The Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) presents Maxim Lando, a 13-year-old pianist, as the ninth concert of the Faculty & Guest Artist Series. The performance will in the U.Tobe Recital Hall in the Music Building on Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. Lando is recognized as one of the most outstanding pianists of his generation. Winner of the Juilliard Concerto Competition (where he attends school), Lando is also the Artemisia Akademie Fellow at Yale University and a Lang Lang International Foundation Young Scholar. In the past two years, Lando's solo and chamber concerts have taken him to Spain, Italy, France, Germany, England, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Russia, China, Canada and throughout the United States, including 16 performances at Carnegie Hall. Together with pianist Lang Lang, he has performed on WQXR Radio and on the historic United Nations Day Concert at the U.N. Headquarters in New York. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$7 for students and are available for purchase online at <http://www.fgcu.edu/CAS/Music>, or at the door. For more information, contact Joanna Hoch at 745-4268 or jhoch@fgcu.edu*



Maxim Lando

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Baby Nurse On Parade



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Genevieve Bowen remembers very little of her solitary promenade down the center of First Street during the Edison Festival Parade.

She doesn't remember which year it was – 1939 or 1940, when she had just turned only three or four.

But what she does remember is feeling very shy and embarrassed as she gazed down at the street and headed west.

And, she does clearly recall just once looking up and around -- at the intersection at Hendry Street.

Perhaps the thing that made the biggest impression on her was the delightful nurse's outfit her mother, Hollis Dye Smith, sewed for her: a dark blue cape that revealed a red lining when the breeze flipped it open.

As for having the courage to be a parade act unto herself at such a young age, Bowen said, "I was told to do it, so I did it."

Bowen, a long-time board member of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and a past president, says that no parents accompanied their children in the parade, so it was a solo.

Her parade appearance took place before the Baby Parade became a separate event, either the second or third year of the festival.

Sue Bennet Grimes, who was crowned Queen of Edisonia in 1955, remembers that children were always part of the parade, even in the year's before the separate children's events became official.

She says they rode bicycles or a float designed by a family business, or they simply walked, as Bowen did.

Grimes has been involved in the festival in one way or another for much of her life. She marched in the parade as a girl scout and remembers pulling small floats on wagons or strollers for younger children.

She herself was on floats starting about 10th grade on during her high-school years.

She is currently on the board of directors and is the corresponding secretary for the Edison Pageant of Light. Also, she has also served as historian.

It wasn't until 1946 that a baby parade and coronation that paralleled the adult ones were added to the festival. It was later renamed the Children's Parade and today is called the Junior Parade.

In the pre-World War II years, 1938 to 1941, the festival celebrating Thomas A. Edison's life and legacy was limited to only three days. It was suspended from 1942 until 1945, but resumed with great fanfare after the war.



Genevieve Bowen appeared in the Edison Festival Parade in 1939 or 1940 dressed as a nurse. Her mother made the costume with a dark blue cape and red lining.

courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society,
Bowen Collection

In 1946, the festival expanded to seven or eight days,

The year of 1947 was particularly special as the centennial of the great inventor's birth. Also, that February, Mina Miller (Thomas A.) Edison made a gift of the Edison Winter Estate and grounds to the City of Fort Myers.

In both 1946 and 1947, Mina took part in the pageant, crowning the Edisonia royalty. Her participation in the festival established to honor her husband was all the more meaningful because she died in August 1947.

No one could have missed a certain excitement in the air lately, as Fort Myers experiences its biggest manifestation of community spirit, an historic festival that plays a major role in the town's civic and social life.

Today, the numerous events and number of participants demand that the festival span a month or more, from late January to late February. Events range from a Regional Science & Inventors Fair and Strolling Flower Show to a Mutt Strutt, Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing and a 5K Run – and much more.

In 1989, the non-profit Edison Festival of Light, Inc. officially assumed responsibility for all public events celebrating Thomas Edison and the City of Fort Myers, as stated on the organization's website.

Take a walk downtown and imagine all the parades that have occurred since First Street was only a dirt street.

Then visit the nearby Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the town's beloved festival.

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

Your history research won't be complete until you visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center.

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

The center 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 and edisonfestival.org.✱

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Fort Myers Art:

Commemorating The First Meeting Between Governor And Calusa Chief



by Tom Hall

The Friends of Koreshan State Historic Site is planning a two-day event to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the first meeting between St. Augustine founder and Governor of Florida Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and Calusa paramount chief Carlos.

Presentations by internationally-renowned archaeologists and historians will be featured in a program on February 19 entitled *The Calusa in Colonial Florida* that will take

place from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Estero Elks Club, located at 3231 Coconut Road, Estero. The program will feature:

- Jerald T. Milanich – *When Worlds Collided – The European Invasion of La Florida*, professor emeritus at the University of Florida and contributing editor at *Archaeology* magazine
- Kathleen Deagan – *First Colony – Pedro Menéndez in Florida, 1565-1572*, distinguished research curator emerita at the Florida Museum of Natural History
- Michael Francis – *Slaves, Interpreters, and the Enterprise of Florida*, Hough family chair of Florida studies, University of South Florida
- John Worth – *Mound Key and the Dawn of Calusa-Spanish Relations*, associate professor of anthropology, University of West Florida
- Theresa Schober – *Bringing the Mound Key Story to Life – The Making of Escampaba: The Kingdom of Carlos*, documentary executive producer
- Public Workshop – Share your ideas for the future of Mound Key Archaeological State Park.



The event commemorates the 450th anniversary of the first meeting between St. Augustine founder and Governor of Florida Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and Calusa paramount chief Carlos. Pictured is a portrait of Chief Carlos.

Lunch will be available for purchase.

Mound Key once served as the capital of the Calusa nation, so on February 20, interpreters will be on Mound Key to provide guided tours of the island from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Transportation to or from Mound Key Archaeological State Park is not provided. Members of the public are encouraged, instead, to come by personal watercraft for free tours of the site. Reduced cost (\$35 per person) kayak rentals and guide to Mound Key can be arranged through College of Life Foundation. Contact Peggy Phillips at EsteroNaturalist@gmail.com or 992-2184 for reservations. If you have equipment, but don't know how to get there, it's just \$10 per person to join the group.

Both programs are free with donations to the Mound Key documentary project requested.

For more program information, contact Theresa Schober at 851-9040 or via e-mail at MakingHistoryMemorable@gmail.com.

Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled *Art Detective*. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.✱

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By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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Festival Of Light Grand Marshal Announced

The Edison Festival of Light Committee and program sponsor Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz announced Deputy Mike Zazwirsky as the honorary grand marshal of the Grand Parade of Light set for February 20.

Nominations were submitted by community members wishing to recognize exemplary altruistic individuals. The Rotary Club of Fort Myers nominated Deputy Zazwirsky. Finalists included Deputy Zazwirsky, Take Stock in Children Mentor of the Year Gary Avin, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters Board member Ben Simmons. The public placed online votes to determine the grand marshal.

Zazwirsky is a 12-year veteran of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, currently assigned in the North District of Lee County. Throughout his professional career and his personal life, Zazwirsky has been serving those in the community. One example of his dedication is his effort to coordinate a holiday food drive that resulted in food for nearly 3,000 families. "Deputy Zazwirsky truly demonstrates what our profession is all about," said Sheriff Mike Scott. "Not only has he done wonderful things for the community when it comes to feeding the hungry, he also developed a juvenile arrest monitoring system that is being modeled throughout our agency."

As honorary grand marshal, Zazwirsky will be spotlighted in the Edison Festival of Light Grand Parade. In addition, Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz will make a contribution to a charity of Zazwirsky's choice.

The Grand Parade of Light is a two-hour extravaganza featuring national and local marching bands, unique floats and giant balloons, local government and law enforcement officials. The parade, which has gained recognition as the largest night parade in the southeast, brings the community out in celebration of the life and achievements of winter resident Thomas Edison. The parade is free to the public and will take place on February 20 beginning at Fort Myers High School at 7 p.m. and concluding in the downtown River District. A Grand Parade Party and concert on the river with live entertainment the day of the parade is also free to the public. The fun begins at 11 a.m.

For more information on the Edison Festival of Light, visit www.edisonfestival.org or call 334-2999.*

Online Public Records Workshop

Lee County Clerk of Court Linda Doggett will hold a public seminar on The Value of Searching Records and Online Services on Wednesday, March 2 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Boulevard North, Cape Coral.

Public records are invaluable to businesses and organizations, and can help residents and consumers make better-informed decisions in their daily life. Learn what to do if you suspect fraud, waste or financial mismanagement involving court-appointed guardians over elderly, minor children and incapacitated individuals. Learn how to search public records for copies of deeds and mortgages; review court records of prospective tenants, employees, contractors and doctors; pay traffic tickets online; request postponement or excusal of jury duty and more.

The seminars are free. Seating is on a first come, first served basis and subject to capacity. Arrive early for best seating. Check the Community Outreach Schedule located within the Media Center at www.LeeClerk.org for additional dates and locations.*

Extended Hours During Passport Week

Clerk of Court Linda Doggett announced Passport Week to facilitate busy families and business travelers in obtaining the documentation they need to travel out of the country.

During Passport Week, extended hours during the weekdays and on Saturday are designed to accommodate the schedules of working families, especially those with children 17 and under. The Lee County Clerk of Court's Recording Office hours will be extended two hours each day and offer four hours on Saturday: Monday through Friday, March 14 to 18 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can always apply for passports during regular office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (must arrive to the office no later than 4:30 p.m.) at the downtown location 2115 Second Street, Second Floor, Fort Myers.

Bring your checkbook or money orders. The U.S. Department of State does not accept cash or credit cards. You need a separate check for each application. Fees vary based on age of applicant and speed of delivery.

County fees: The clerk's \$25.15 fee and \$15.90 passport photo fees can be paid by cash, separate check or money order.*

VFW 10097 Poker Run

On Sunday, February 28, VFW Post 10097 is sponsoring a poker run to raise funds for the VFW Relief Fund. All proceeds will be donated to support local veterans in need.

Registration takes place at the post, 17770 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers Beach, from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration fees are \$20 per driver, \$10 per rider. Participants may have free coffee and a cash breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon. The last bike will go out at noon

and last bike returns by 4:10 p.m.

The best hands will be announced at 4:15 p.m., along with raffles and a free buffet from 4 to 6 p.m.

First prize is a 50-inch flat screen LED HD TV; second prize, a \$500 gift certificate for FOS Furniture; and third prize is a barbecue grill and a dinner certificate.

This run is open to everyone with at least one wheel. For more information, call Chris at (561) 445-3068.*

Presidents Day Trash Schedule

On Monday, February 15, President's Day, the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division has announced that residential and commercial trash and recycling will be collected as regularly scheduled.

The utility billing office/payment center will be closed, as will city hall and all city offices.

For questions concerning service, contact the solid waste division at 321- 8050.*

Florida Entrepreneurship Program

Florida Gulf Coast University's Institute for Entrepreneurship is facilitating a free program for veterans in conjunction with four other Florida universities called Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program. The three-phase program is funded by the governor, and will enable veterans to start their own businesses in Southwest Florida with the help of FGCU faculty and mentors from within the local community.

The program, runs from March 15 to May 22 (with ongoing mentoring). For more information, call 590-7433.*

The League Of Women Voters Hosts Open Government & You Program

Open Government & You, a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lee County, will take place on Saturday, March 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the News-Press Building, 2442 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Democratic government depends on the active participation of informed citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect citizens' access to public information by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible.

Florida has traditionally been a leader in providing its citizens oversight and review of the actions of its elected officials at every level through its Sunshine laws. Unfortunately, privacy concerns and influential special interests are working to erode these laws and erect barriers to transparency and accountability.

The Open Government & You program will:

- Examine the current state of open government laws
- Highlight how these laws are being narrowed
- Present personal testimonials from citizens regarding their experiences with open government laws.

Program partners include The First Amendment Foundation, WatchdogCity.com, Office of the Lee County Clerk of Court, Lee County Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, City of Sanibel, Florida SouthWestern State College, Barry University, Lee County NAACP, Fort Myers/Naples NOW, ACLU of Florida (Lee and Collier Counties), Florida Gulf Coast University Office of Community Outreach, Sanibel/Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters of Collier County and the American Association of University Women.

For additional information, visit www.lwvlee.org/opengov.html or contact Charlotte Newton by email at lwvsunshineforum@yahoo.com.*

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Kirk Cameron Bringing Tour To Fort Myers



Kirk Cameron

Love Worth Fighting For, a national marriage tour, featuring television and film actor Kirk Cameron, will make a stop in Fort Myers on Friday, February 19. The three-hour program will begin at 7 p.m. at McGregor Baptist

Church. Through comedic stories, life-experiences, music and prayer, Cameron and musical guest Warren Barfield will travel around the country teaching singles, engaged, newly married and veteran couples about ways to encourage and strengthen a marriage.

The heart of the event emanates from the storyline of *Fireproof*, a popular movie that features Cameron playing the role of a firefighter who seeks to save his crumbling marriage.

"We've taken *Fireproof* and transformed it into a live event," Cameron says. "Along with wonderful music and our personal stories and experiences, we'll provide insight and teaching from the Bible on the subject of the most important relationship on the planet."

Throughout the past seven years, the Love Worth Fighting For tour has reached hundreds of thousands of people across the country, many exclaiming the lasting positive effects the tour had on their marriage. Cameron and Barfield want to continue to tear down more barriers, come together around the gospel, and build up more marriages and families.

"Marriage is one of the few things we can't afford to lose. We can lose our jobs, our savings, our friends, but we can bounce back from that. I don't want to come to the end of life and find that I've lost the love of my wife and the respect of my kids. Those are the important things... the things worth fighting for," added Cameron.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$50 each and are available as reserved seats or general admission for singles, couples and groups of 10 or more.

For more information, to order tickets or for other locations, visit www.love-worthfightingfor.com.

Kirk Cameron is a television and film actor and producer noted most recently for his work in the inspiring documentary film *Monumental: In Search of America's National Treasure*. He is also known for his memorable performance in the film, *Fireproof* (the highest grossing independent film of 2008), his roles on ABC's *Growing Pains*, the *Left Behind* movies, and as co-host of *The Way of the Master*.

His passion is to help people live in freedom and grace, fully devoted to faith in Jesus Christ. Cameron and his bride, Chelsea, are the founders of Camp Firefly, an all-expenses paid retreat for seriously ill children and their families. Together, they live in California with their six children, three dogs and two dozen chickens.

North Carolina-born singer/songwriter Warren Barfield is on a mission to make the truly important things important again in his life. Things like faith, love, marriage, children, truth and, with his songs, he challenges us all to do the same. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." Barfield has found those things in his faith, his

wife and his belief in love. "These are the things I would die for; things I will wake up every morning and spend my day fighting for."

McGregor Baptist Church is at 3750 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱

Democratic Women's Club

The Democratic Women's Club of Lee County is holding its monthly membership meeting at the Quality Life Center of Fort Myers at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 13. The center is at 3210 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Yemisi Oloruntola-Coates, manager of diversity and language services at Lee Memorial Health System will be the speaker. For the celebration of Black History Month, Yemisi will talk about the histories of the forgotten women heroes of the Civil Rights Movement.

Beverages available at the meeting but no lunch service. However, those wishing to lunch after the meeting will gather at the Oasis Restaurant, 2260 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Fort Myers at 12:30 p.m.

The Democratic Women's Club of Lee County is a member of the DWC of Florida. It works year-round to organize the Democratic voters of Lee County.✱



Downtown Fort Myers

Downtown Walking Tours

Get an insider's perspective of the shaping of Fort Myers and learn about colorful rivalries, grand dames and pioneer challenges each Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

The Southwest Florida Museum of History partners with True Tours to offer educational and entertaining guided walking tours of downtown Fort Myers through April 2. Learn about the original military fort (the city's namesake); a deep rivalry that fueled the establishment of the business district; historic landmarks and colorful characters; and tales of life in this unique community along the banks of the Caloosahatchee.

True Tours has provided carefully researched, insightful and entertaining tours throughout Lee County for six

years. Tours are \$12 plus tax. Space is limited; reservations required. Tours depart from the museum at 2031 Jackson Street in downtown Fort Myers. For reservations, call 321-7430.

When you book a walking tour, upgrade your experience with a discounted admission to the museum for only \$6.

Looking for bus tours to historic and cultural destinations in the region? Day Trips are offered by the FGCU Renaissance Academy.

Museum admission is \$9.50 for adults and \$5 for students; some discounts available. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to www.museumofhistory.org ✱

Republican Women Lunch

The Lee Republican Women Federated will have its March lunch meeting on March 14. The general public is encouraged to attend.

The program is the Lee County Sheriff candidate panel. It begins at 11:15 a.m. with a social, followed by lunch and program at Pinchers, located at The Marina at Edison Ford Estates, 2360 West First Street, Fort Myers. The restaurant is located adjacent to the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in the Fort Myers downtown River District.

Price is \$22. RSVP is necessary before March 10 at noon www.leerepublicanwomen.com/event or calling Wren Morefield at (270) 210-1284 or wrens-pet@hotmail.com.✱

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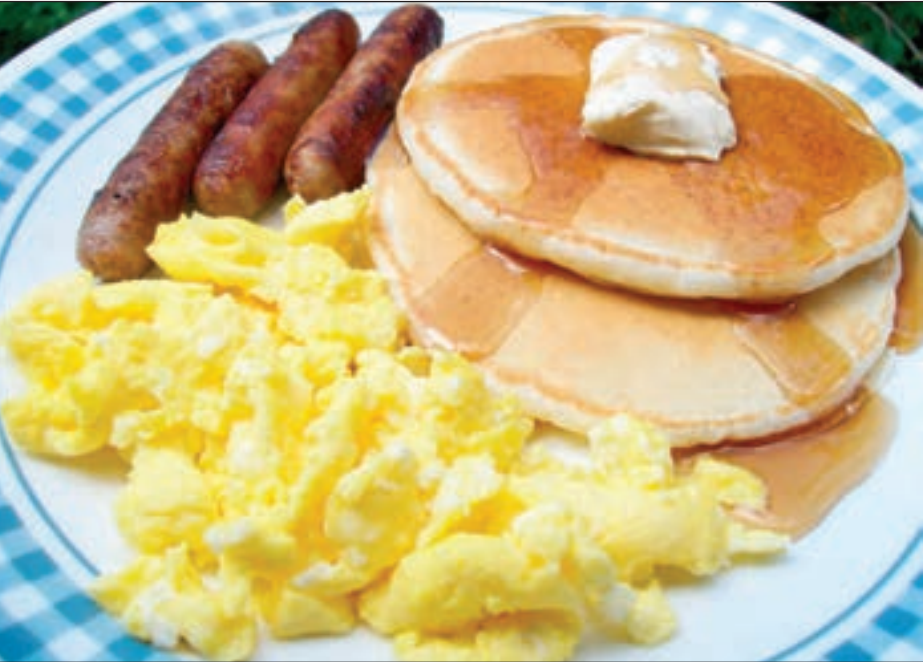
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Pancake Breakfast



On Sunday, February 14, the Bayside Men’s club will host its monthly pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Bayside Recreation Hall. The all-you-can-eat pancakes are served with scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice for the cost of \$5 (only pancakes are all-you-can-eat). For only \$1 more, get a made to order omelet. The final pancake breakfast of the season will be held on March 13.

Bayside Estates is off San Carlos Boulevard, just south of Pine Ridge Road. Signs are at both entrances. For more information, call Ken Wescoat at 609-226-9955.*

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Saloon Girls Entertain Residents



The Calendar Girls

Channeling saloon girls, The Calendar Girls entertained the residents of Pioneer Village in North Fort Myers on January 30.

For more information about The Calendar Girls, visit www.calendargirls-florida.com.*

Girl Scout Cookies Are Now Available

Girl Scout Cookies have arrived in Southwest Florida. Beginning February 13, Girl Scouts will be out in the community selling boxes of the traditional, beloved treats.



Girl Scout Cookies

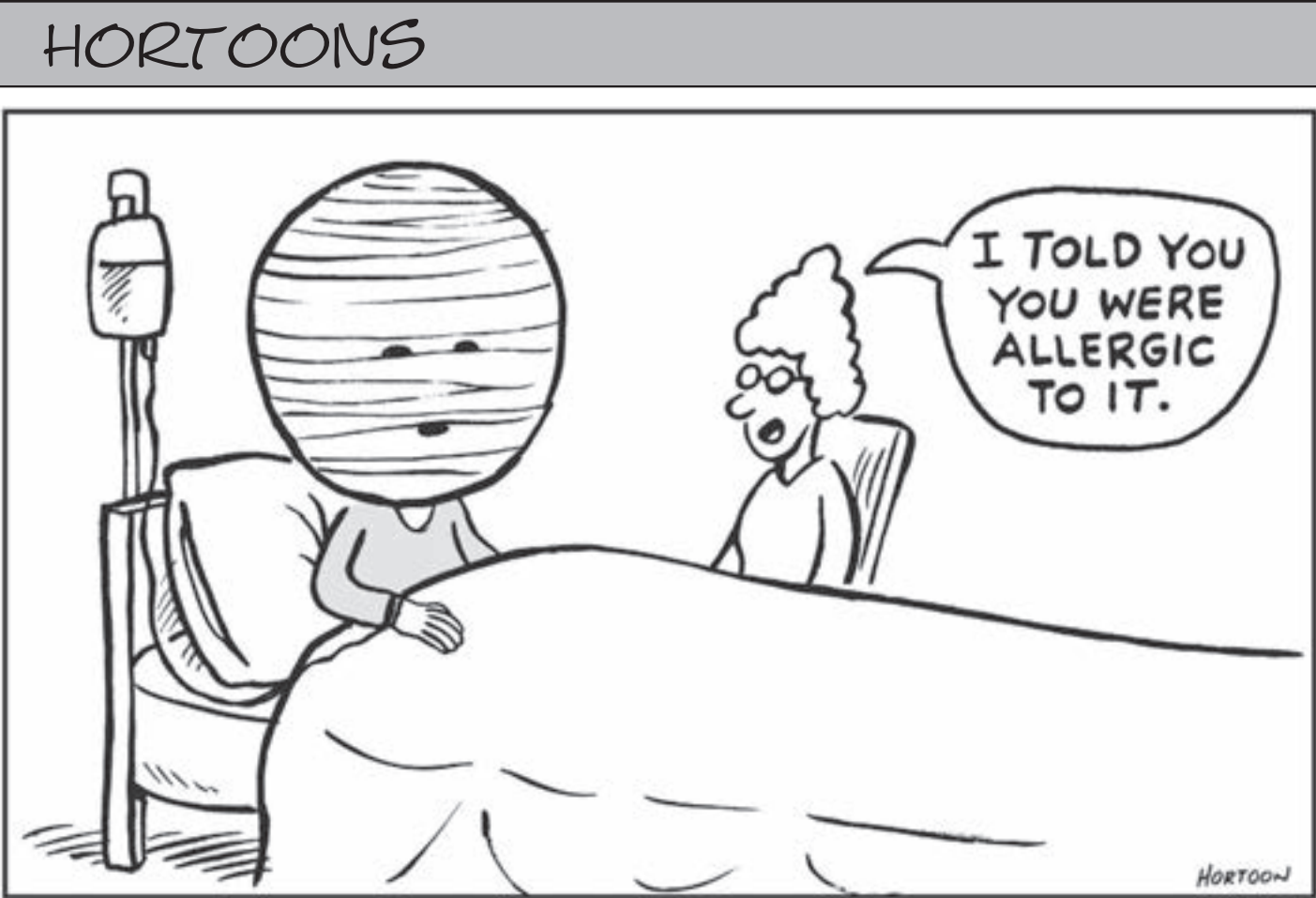
Customers may search for local booths by ZIP code, or download the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app for Apple or Android at www.girlscoutcookies.org. Both options identify cookie booth locations, dates and times.

The cookies are available in eight varieties: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Dos, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles, Rah-Rah Raisins and gluten-free Toffee-tastic (quantities limited). The cost per box is \$4 (\$5 for gluten-free).

Those observing restrictive diets can still support Girl Scouts by purchasing cookies through Mints for Military, to be donated to support active military personnel and veterans.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the world. Through the program, girls learn skills that are essential for leadership, success, and life: goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills and business ethics. Cookie sales help local troops fund their activities and community service projects, as well support council programs, camp properties and program scholarships. All proceeds stay within the local Girl Scout council.

For more information, visit www.gscgf.org/cookies-more.*



Taste Of The Cape Returns



The 2nd annual Taste of the Cape is Sunday, February 21

Following two successful years, Taste of the Cape returns to Four Freedoms Park on Sunday, February 21. This unique culinary and cultural event features local restaurants serving up signature dishes, and offering a range of tastes available in Cape Coral. There will also be a variety of craft beers, margaritas, sangria, and wine. The day also includes musical performances, and juried arts and crafts with works for sale by local artisans.

Participating restaurants are Cedar Café, Coconuts, Fathoms, Firehouse Subs, French Press, Hooters, Iguana Mia, Lee Memorial Health System, Moe's, Monkey Bar, Overtime, Pinchers, Sans Sushi, Sno Dreams, Stevie Tomatoes, Twisted Lobster, Water City Grill, and Zirilli's Chilly Treats. Art vendors are Hip Klips, Le French Gem Jewelry, Hats of Madagascar, Sammie's Jewelry Design, The Crème Perfume Co., and Connie's Calico Creations.

Musical offerings include performances by the Mariner High School Jazz Band under the direction of Fray Peralta, Ida Baker High School Woodwind Ensemble under the direction of Cadrick Smith, Christa McAuliffe Elementary Choir under the direction of Kathy Rivadeneira, and Studio Elite Dance under the direction of Danielle Irons. The musical performances conclude with the Gulf Coast Symphony's Symphony at Sunset concert, featuring a variety of symphonic pops music including Broadway favorites and light classics led by Gulf Coast Symphony Music Director and Conductor Dr. Andrew M. Kurtz.

Gates open at 12 p.m., and the free pops concert begins at 4:30 p.m. Admission is free, with food and drink prices ranging from \$3 to \$8.

The Gulf Coast Symphony and Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce Education Committee are again co-presenting Taste of the Cape, with proceeds benefiting the education committee's scholarship program, and the Gulf Coast Symphony's music education and community programs.

Taste of the Cape is supported by the Cape Coral Community Foundation, City of Cape Coral, Cape Coral Community Redevelopment Agency, BOOST Creative, Nova Southeastern University, JJ Taylor, Sun Trust, Century Link, and LCEC. Media partners include the Cape Coral Daily Breeze, The News-Press, CapeCoral.com, Gulf Coast Woman, Beasley Radio and Renda Radio.

For more information, visit www.tasteofcapecoral.com or call 277-1700.*



The Gulf Coast Symphony is co-presenting Taste of the Cape with the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce Education Committee

at the kissing booth.

T-shirts will be offered for sale with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting the shelter. A variety of vendors will be in attendance and music will be provided by the Bell Tower Shops.

Gulf Coast Humane Society, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, was established as the first non-profit animal welfare organization in southwest Florida in 1947. The 501(c)(3) mission is to rescue, provide safe refuge and compassionate care, and find forever homes for abandoned and neglected animals in the area. GCHS only takes in owner surrendered and transfers from other shelters and rescue groups with a high success rate of adoptions. Its veterinary clinic is open to the public and offers a full array of affordable services six days a week.

For more information, call 332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.*

Beach Friends Of The Arts Concert Series Continues

The Friends of the Arts concert series continues this winter season at the waterfront staging area on the bay, hosted by Fish-Tale Marina, 7225 Estero Boulevard.

On February 11, there will be a performance by the Florida Southwestern State College Jazz Ensemble (formerly the Edison Brass Band). The ensemble performs works from all eras and audience members are regularly treated to compositions that range from Dixieland to the jazz age; swing-era favorites to be-bop; cool jazz to hard bop and free jazz to fusion.

Concerts take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per concert.

Future concert performances include the Jazz-Matics featuring Lynn Richardson on March 24 and Jo List and Friends on April 7.

Tickets may be purchased at www.friendsoftheartsfmb.com or in person at Fish Tale Marina, 7225 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 463-3600.*

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The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. during Yappy Hour at the Bell Tower Shops. All are invited to join in with their own furry friend by sharing the love

Along The River

Friday kicks-off an exciting week of activities that are fun for the entire family.

On Friday, February 12, the River District Alliance (RDA) presents **Mystery Walk** in downtown Fort Myers. Held on every second Friday of the month, Mystery Walk is a new and exciting experience with a new theme each month. Free to attend, it begins at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, February 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the RDA presents the **Downtown Saturday Art Fair**. Held on select dates during season, the fair brings unique arts and crafts to the streets of the River District. On February 13, it will be held at Cornog Plaza, located outside of the Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street at the corner of Royal Palm Avenue.

River District Alliance was formed by a group of downtown property owners, business owners and residents whose purpose was to assist in the revitalization of the historic downtown district by promoting events and the redevelopment of downtown while supporting efforts to restore historic sites.

For more information about Mystery Walk, the Downtown Saturday Art Fair and other events organized by the RDA, go to www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com or call (855) RDA-EVENTS (732-3836).

Also on Saturday, grab your furry friends and head to the River District for the **Edison Festival of Light's Mutt Strutt**. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the costume parade will follow.

Dog lovers, families, vendors and pet agencies gather for fun, food and mutt strut. Pooches and owners dress in costumes or their finest bling. There are even a few dog-



The River District is going to the dogs on Saturday for Mutt Strutt, part of the Edison Festival of Light festivities. The dog above participated in the 2013 parade.

gie floats mixed in. It's free to the public and only requires a small registration fee for participating pups. Medals are awarded in several categories including the infamous look-alike and mayor's awards. You can also bring your wiener-dog to test its speed in the second annual Wiener-Dog Derby of Light.

Mutt Strutt takes place on Hendry Street between Edwards Drive and Bay Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Right around the corner from Mutt Strutt, the first ever **Edison Festival of Light Food Trucks & Craft Beer** event runs from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Attendees will experience mouth-watering cuisine from some of the most creative food trucks with different craft beers available from Budweiser. Torched will perform on stage from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Mutt Strutt and the Food Trucks & Craft Beer event, call the Edison Festival of Light office at 334-2999 or go to www.edisonfestival.org.

On Saturday and Sunday, the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** hosts its annual **Edison Garden Festival**. Dozens of vendors from all over Florida will have thousands of exotic and tropical plants and trees, along with garden art and supplies for sale. Multiple food trucks will be on site so come hungry.

The Edison Garden Festival also features live entertainment, kid's activities, and a petting zoo. A local brewery even made a special beer from the Edison Ford starfruit and will be giving out free samples of it and other beers, including their own root beer.

Parking and admission to the Edison Garden Festival is free.

Saturday activities include:

- 10 a.m., Garden Talk with Amy Bennett Williams
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Soul Brewing beer and root beer sampling (while supplies last)
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kid's crafts (locket, Valentine notecards, origami seed pots and origami flowers)
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Photos with a 1912 Model A and The Fords
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 95.3 FM The River will broadcast live
- 2 to 4 p.m., Live music with Dave Heveron

Sunday activities:

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Old Soul Brewing beer and root beer sampling
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kid's crafts
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Photos with the Moonlight Photo Booth and The Edisons
- Noon to 2 p.m., 107.1 FM Cat Country will broadcast live
- 1 to 4 p.m., Petting zoo
- 2 to 4 p.m., Live music with Dave Heveron

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 334-7419 or go to www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

Do you crave something more exotic, but don't want to travel far from home? The **29th annual India Fest Fort Myers** may be the perfect destination for you.

India Fest will be held at Hammond Stadium this year on Saturday, February 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person and free for children under five years of age.

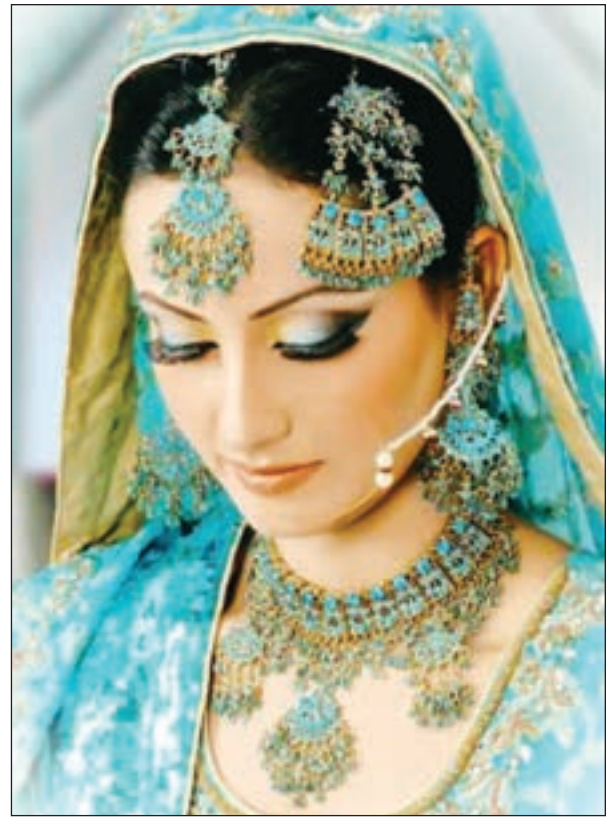
Each year, this celebration of Indian culture is attended by approximately 4,000 enthusiasts. It showcases highly-choreographed dances performed to Indian music, the latest in Indian fashion, intricate jewelry, handicrafts and authentic cuisine. The mission of India Fest is to demonstrate cultural pride and to further cultural awareness to the broader community.

Hammond Stadium is located at 14100 Ben C. Pratt/Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers. For more information, go to the India Association of Fort Myers' website at www.iafortmyers.org.

On Sunday, February 14, downtown streets will be closed for the **Edison Festival of Light Junior Events**.

The **Junior Run** begins at 1 p.m. and the annual **Junior Parade** follows at 2:30 p.m. The **crowning of the Junior King and Queen** winds up the afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street.

For more information, including the Junior Parade route, call the Edison Festival of Light office at 334-2999 or go to www.edisonfestival.org.*



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

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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.

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17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers. Call 466-5377.*

Dean's List

Blake O'Neill of Fort Myers has been named to the Elmira College Dean's List for Term I, 2015.

Students who earn a 3.6 or greater grade point average on a 4.0 scale for the academic term are recognized on the dean's list for academic excellence.

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

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers Reverend Fr. Dean Nastos, Proistamenos Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m., www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org, 481-2099

BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE
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BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD
16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166 Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall. Pastor Barry Lentz, 281-3063. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX
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.

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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. Reverend 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 Reverend Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Senior Pastor Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus. Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m. Nursery available.

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

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
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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 ½ 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. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service and Sunday School; 12 noon Wednesday Testimony Meeting. Child care provided at services. Reading Room located in church building for quiet study and information about Christian Science. Monday and Friday noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday 1 to 4 p.m. christiansciencefortmyers.net, christianscience.com

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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@embarkmail.com, www.facebook.com/nbcministry. Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers

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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.

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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
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REDEEMER 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
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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.

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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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1120 Ranchette Road, Fort Myers Sunday Services 9:15 and 11 a.m. Children's classes 11 a.m. Reverend Jim Rosemergy. 278-1511, www.unityoffortmyers.org. Our God is Love, Our Race is Human, Our Religion is Oneness

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN 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.org

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

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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✽

Christian Musician To Headline Lifeline Family Center Dinner

Lifeline Family Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a special dinner concert, Songs of Life, by award-winning Christian musician Steve Green on Thursday, March 3.

Green's music has received four Grammy nominations, 18 number one songs, and 7 Dove Awards, Christian music's highest honor. He has recorded 37 albums, including children's projects and Spanish language albums and has sold more than three million albums worldwide.

About 400 community leaders are expected to attend the 18th annual benefit dinner at McGregor Baptist Church on Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$70 each or \$400 for a table of eight. Sponsorships, which include a VIP reception with Green, are available from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Tickets may be purchased at www.lifelinefamilycenter.org/benefiddinner or by calling 242-7238.



Steve Green

"We are very pleased that Steve Green will be coming to Southwest Florida to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary of helping young women in crisis pregnancies. His music of Christian beliefs has touched thousands of lives around the world," said Kathy Miller, president and founder of Lifeline Family Center. "The Biblical values reflected in his music align with those of Lifeline Family Center," she added.

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

In the residential program, the center serves up to 12 young women, ages 16 to 22, and up to 24 babies at a time. In the Outreach Ministry program, more than 6,000 women have received assistance with material needs, adoption counseling and resource referrals. The non-profit also operates a 24/7 pregnancy phone helpline, provides free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds by appointment, and does outreach to all areas of Lee County, including college campuses.

Several young women who have graduated from the two-year residential program will speak about their experience how Lifeline made a difference in their lives.

Green is the son of missionary parents and was raised in South America. He established Steve Green Ministries in 1984 and has presented his music in 50 countries throughout the world including tours in Spain, Mexico, Dominican Republic, South Africa, Israel, Venezuela, South Korea, Philippines, India, Chile, Scotland, Greece, Turkey and Argentina.

Green also has performed several times as part of the Billy Graham Crusade and performed an entire concert in Spanish before 16,000 Hispanic Americans at New York's Madison Square Garden. Prior to beginning his own music ministry, Green spent two years with the music group TRUTH and four years with the Gaither family.

He and his wife Marijean have two grown children and live in Atlanta.

For more information about Lifeline Family Center, visit www.lifelinefamilycenter.org.✱

Examine Middle East Turmoil At Academy Lecture At Shell Point

The Academy of Lifelong Learning welcomes popular Professor Adrian Kerr to Shell Point Retirement Community for Middle East Turmoil, an educational presentation that will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. in The Village Church Auditorium, located at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The Middle East is the birthplace of three of the world's major religions, and a territory being fought over for more than 4,000 years. Kerr, an avid historian and published Egyptologist, will analyze the history and culture of the great powers that have ruled the region, examine the key historical events that led to the political and religious turmoil of today, and investigate current conflicts that continue to engulf the area.

Kerr has traveled around the world to research ancient civilizations in Egypt, China, the Middle East and beyond for more than 30 years. A resident of Southwest Florida, Kerr specializes in the interactions among early civilizations, and the impact that these ancient communities have on modern times.

"Professor Kerr's passion for this historical subject shines through in his animated and descriptive telling of current affairs and the ancient feuds that motivated modern-day crises," said Teri Kollath, manager of the Academy of Lifelong Learning. "Since Kerr is such a popular speaker, this class will be held during the evening in a large auditorium to accommodate a massive audience of working professionals and students, as well as retired history buffs and 'armchair enthusiasts,' who prefer to attend an after-hours presentation."

Tickets for this evening lecture cost \$10 each and may be purchased by calling 489-8472.

The award-winning Academy of Lifelong Learning at Shell Point is an educational initiative that provides approximately 80 classes each semester, and encompasses a



Professor Adrian Kerr, pictured here in Persepolis, Iran, brings his Middle East expertise to a local audience through Shell Point's Academy of Lifelong Learning on February 18

photo courtesy of Shell Point Retirement Community

well-rounded curriculum of educational opportunities for senior adults, from computer technology to financial, travel, artistic, entertainment, historical, and other topics. Preview a listing of open-to-the-public classes online at www.shellpoint.org/events.✱

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Bad Weather: Time For Sheepshead



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Plan on going fishing when the weather is as cold and windy as this past week was? To catch fish in these far from perfect weather conditions that we have been

dealing with, target the one species that feeds best during these nasty days: the sheepshead. Coolers full of these striped porgies are hitting fillet tables – then dinner tables – everywhere. Although sheepshead are not one of our more glamorous species, they can be relatively easy to catch, fight well on light tackle and make for great action – and a great meal – when no other species will even think about taking a

bait. When I have to catch fish during the worst the winter throws at us, the sheepshead is the go-to fish.

Our annual winter sheepshead spawn is now in full swing. Fishing for them has been on fire and will continue to go off all next month, too. Sheepshead are a shore anglers' delight and are successfully caught in huge numbers from the many docks, piers, bridges and jetties throughout the area. The Sanibel Fishing Pier, Blind Pass bridge and the causeway are just a few of the places that quickly come to mind. Any coastal structure is holding fish; the bigger the structure, the more fish it will attract and hold. Along the beaches, look for blow downs to be loaded up with schools of sheepshead that during clear, calm water periods can even be sight-fished.

Take advantage of the coldest windy conditions Mother Nature throws at us, tough it out and go fish one of the well known sheepshead landing spots. If you can take the cold, this can be some of the best sheepshead fishing of the year. And better yet, during bad weather, you will often have it all to yourself. Hands down, shrimp catch more sheepshead



The biggest one of the week, a 21-inch sheepshead

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

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than any other bait as they are the most easily accessible, although the true die-hard sheepshead fisherman swear by sand fleas, barnacles, oysters, tube worms and fiddler crabs to catch a real "Sheepzilla."

After just starting to think we might have escaped the worst of winter, this past two weeks our winter weather arrived in a major way, bringing dangerous thunderstorms, record January rainfall, strong winds and cold front after cold front. No matter what the rest of our winter weather pattern holds for us, we can still go catch sheepshead until conditions improve.

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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Art Walks The Runway

After 20 years in the fashion industry, Malerba decided to create something out of the ordinary, thus came her couture recycled fashion designs. She will be showcasing a full collection of twenty designs.

Malerba is an Italian-American artist who was born in Puglia in Southern Italy. She studied art in high school and then went on to study at Accademia di Belle Arti, a fine art institute in Florence. After earning a degree in art, with primary coursework in scenography, set design, and costume history, Malerba moved to Lake Como in Lombardy to work as a textile designer. She has created textile designs for well-known fashion designers, such as Dolce Gabana, Versace, and Cavalli. Working in Italy was an extraordinary time for Malerba to grow as an artist.

She was born with a penchant for examining the beauty of life. Every morning, she wakes up with enthusiasm to bring her ideas, her art to life. Colors, objects and shapes fascinate her. She

enjoys combining diverse concepts.

Malerba's work has been showcased in galleries all over Italy and America, winning the Raffaello Sanzio first-place award in Rome in 2006. She produces a great range of art from abstraction to hyperrealism.

The opening celebration and fashion show will be catered by Chef Mike Gavalá of G3 Catering.

Also during Art Walks the Runway Weekend of Fashion:

Friday, February 26 - Two local boutiques, Swanky Boutique and Co-op California, take to the runway with some of their hottest looks.

Saturday, February 27 - Art and Haute Couture Fashion collide, stimulating all of the senses with creations by local and worldwide couture designers: Sha Ali Ahmad with Ahmad Couture, Evgenia Luzhina-Salazar and Helen Gerro. Adriana Gomez's Elements of Body Art will, once again, be creating body art that will be brought to life using the human form as a canvas.

Art Walks the Runway hairstyles will be created by Red Salon & Spa. A makeup team will be led by Geancarla Sprella A. and Patricia Flores, certified makeup artists. Room design is by Planned

Perfection, Florals and Décor.

Tickets for the opening VIP party are \$40 advance/\$50 at door. Cocktails are at 7 p.m. and the runway show is at 8 p.m.

For the Friday, February 26 local fashion show, tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 at door. Cocktails are at 7 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m.

Couture Fashion on Saturday, February 27 is \$30 in advance/\$40 at door, with cocktails at 7 p.m. and the runway show at 8 p.m.

A VIP Pass is \$125 (limited number available). It includes preferred seating and access to all of the fashion show events.

For more information or tickets, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.✪

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Beatles Tribute Band

place Friday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. The center is at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers.

John Lennon's sister Julia Baird, author and a director of the Cavern Club, will be in attendance selling and signing copies of her book *Imagine This: Growing Up with My Brother John*

Lennon at the general merchandise table before, during and after the show. This is Baird's third tour with the band.

The Mersey Beatles are no ordinary tribute band. The lads grew up as childhood and school friends, just like the Beatles. They are the official Beatles tribute band representing the City of Liverpool and from 2002 to 2012, they were the resident tribute band at The Cavern Club, the nightclub in Liverpool where The Beatles perfected their act before launching a global rock music revolution in the 1960s.

Since 1999, the band has played sell-out shows in more than 20 countries, recreating the Beatles' most popular hits. The show spans the Fab Four's entire catalogue, and with four costume changes and authentic Liverpool accents, wit and charm, The Mersey Beatles recreate the Beatles' sound and image with amazing accuracy.

To purchase tickets (\$39 and \$59 VIP, including a meet and greet with the band and Julia Baird), visit www.sbdac.com.✪

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Sunshine Classic



The classic is named after fictional baseball hero Roy Hobbs as depicted in the book, *The Natural*, by Bernard Malamud

Lee County, including roughly 1,200 hotel room nights and \$6,000 in resort tax collections, according to Jeff Mielke, executive director of Lee County Sports Development.

"We are very happy to be back in Lee County," said Tom Giffen, president of Roy Hobbs Baseball. "We appreciate the hospitality in a community that has been incredibly welcoming and provided great venues and professional services from grounds crews to hotels to vendor services."

Operated by Lee County Parks and Recreation, five baseball complexes play host to more than 200 days of amateur baseball tournaments a year when they aren't being used for spring training



Nearly 200 players and a dozen teams participate in divisions for the 50-and-over and 60-and-over crowd

games. The estimated economic impact of these events is \$50 million annually.

Named after fictional baseball hero Roy Hobbs as depicted in the book, *The Natural*, by Bernard Malamud, the Roy Hobbs Baseball's annual Sunshine Classic in Fort Myers has expanded to include amateur player divisions for age 18 and up, with divisions for age 75 and older.

Lee County Sports Development was created in 2003 to meet the growing demand for sports development in Lee County, and is recognized by the Florida Sports Foundation as one of the state's 25 Regional Sports Commissions. For more information, call 533-2221 or visit www.leeparks.org.✪



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MONTHLY MEETINGS - FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Plant Smart

Dutchman's Pipevine

by Gerri Reaves

Dutchman's pipevine (*Aristolochia elegans*) is an evergreen twining vine with heart-shaped leaves and unforgettable flowers about three inches across.

The flower's color and pattern of its interior, as well as its shape, inspire several common names: Dutchman's pipevine, calico flower and, simply, pipe vine.

Twining and coiling woody stems allow it to climb fences and other structures up to 15 feet or higher.

The curved tubular shape of the flower's yellow throat flares out, giving it a shape similar to an old Dutch pipe or the one associated with Sherlock Holmes.

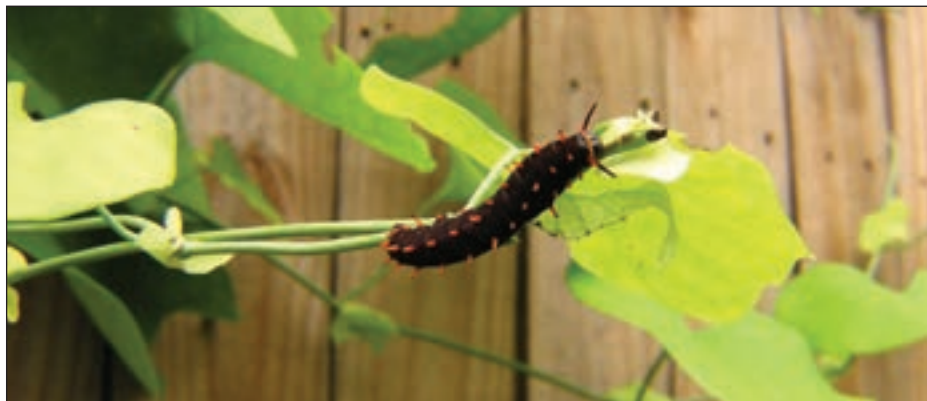
The flower's pattern of purple-brown with white spots is similar to calico fabric.

Although it is a native of Brazil, not Florida, it has been promoted even by some native-plant enthusiasts because it is a larval plant for several swallowtail



Dutchman's pipevine's large speckled flowers give it another common name: calico flower

butterflies. Also, the dense pretty foliage of this fast-growing vine makes it a good screen plant or a cover for unsightly fences.



A pipevine swallowtail caterpillar feeds on non-native Dutchman's pipevine

photos by Gerri Reaves

However, this native of South America is listed as a category II invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, so if you plant it, make an effort to control the spread of the winged seeds.

It is low maintenance and sometimes reseeds near the parent plant. Give it partial shade and some support.

This member of the birthwort family is used medicinally for the pain of childbirth and for treating malaria. The roots have been used to treat snake bites, giving it

yet another name: snakeroot.

Exercise caution if using it medicinally, for it is very toxic and its misuse can have serious, even fatal, consequences.

Sources: *Florida's Gardener's Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker, *Tropica Color Cyclopedic of Exotic Plants and Trees* by Alfred Byrd Graf, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and floridata.com.

*Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.**



Last year's 2015 winners, Team Sportfisha.com, pulled in four tarpon and more than \$11,000 in winnings

Registration Open For 'Ding' Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament

A 100 percent purse promises to make the fifth annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on May 7, one of the hottest competitions on the water. It pays out the entire entry fees as tournament awards. Registration deadline is April 29.

The competition is limited to 50 teams. The team fee of \$500 for up to four anglers also includes a captains dinner the night prior and an awards ceremony dinner the evening of the tournament. All events take place at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Fort Myers Beach.

Doc Ford's has again committed to being the title sponsor for the 2016 tournament, along with the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Diversified Yacht Services, Inc., of Fort Myers Beach will, for the fifth consecutive year, provide support at the Presenting Sponsors level. Proceeds benefit wildlife and conservation education at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

"There's not another tarpon tournament like this in the area," said Marty Harry, Doc Ford's co-owner. "In past years we've had fishermen from all over the country. Last year we paid out \$25,375 in awards to five out of 48 participating teams. We already have 24 teams signed up for this year – way ahead of past years."

"Doc Ford's has been a faithful supporter of our efforts at 'Ding' Darling, helping greatly to bolster refuge programs and research to balance federal budget shortfalls," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "Last year we raised \$50,000 for the refuge as a result of sponsorships, donations, and auction proceeds. We're so grateful to Doc Ford's for this huge effort on our behalf."

For more information on the tournament, visit dingdarlingsociety.org/tarpon-tourney. Anyone interested in becoming a tournament sponsor may contact Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

Edible Gardening Exchange

The Edible Gardening Exchange February speaker will be Cory Dombrowski, South Florida area manager and assistant watermelon product manager for Sakata Seeds of Fort Myers. He will provide insight on how to save seeds for future generations including how to prevent seeds from cross pollinating, controlling seed transmitted diseases, and how to clean, dry and store seed.

The meeting is on Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Fort Myers Rec Center located at 2000 North Recreation Park Way in North Fort Myers. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for an informal chat on edible topics. Consider bringing something to share with other gardeners (seeds, plants or a snack). Bring your own cup for free coffee and tea.

All fees are paid at the front desk. Membership fee for monthly meetings through March is \$10. Lee Parks and Rec lifetime membership card is also required, which costs \$10 per person. For more information, contact Karen Harty at 610-530-8883.*

Flood Control Operations

The South Florida Water Management District completed a rare "back pumping" flood control operation at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of January 27. Pumps at the S-2 and S-3 structures along the southern rim of Lake Okeechobee are now shut down after four days of operation, and no water is being sent into the lake through these structures.

Following the wettest January day in South Florida in 25 years, SFWMD water managers initiated temporary back pumping last week to protect thousands of families, businesses and property in the Glades communities, where 6 inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

The SFWMD Governing Board's policy limits back pumping operations solely for flood control purposes under emergency conditions, clearly defined in a Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit. After the board's policy was instituted, the practice has been used only eight other times since 2008 – four of which were following impacts from tropical storms.

Faced with record-setting rainfall this winter, SFWMD water managers have maximized the amount of water that can be safely stored in the regional system to maintain flood protection for residents and businesses throughout South Florida.

To increase water storage and operational flexibility, the district is making steady progress with projects that will provide these much-needed benefits. These include completion and operation of the A-1 Flow Equalization Basin, ongoing construction of the C-43 and C-44 reservoirs and rehabilitation of the Ten Mile Creek Reservoir.

Together, these and other initiatives will reduce the need for back pumping into Lake Okeechobee, reduce harmful freshwater discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries and help to restore South Florida's treasured natural systems. *

Rauschenberg And Albers Exhibit At Florida Southwestern State College



Robert Rauschenberg's art returns to Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) this spring with an exhibition that examines the student-teacher relationship and features pieces that Rauschenberg made following his permanent move to Captiva Island.

Rauschenberg & Albers: Box vs. Square opens February 26 to the public in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW. An opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. will include performances by internationally-acclaimed electro-acoustic violist Martha Mooke and Rauschenberg's own band Sonic Combine.

"Our exhibit will be the first in-depth investigation anywhere of the student-teacher relationship between these two modern masters," said Jade Dellinger, gallery director.

Works related to Rauschenberg's *Cardboards* and *Cardbirds*, a collection of cardboard box sculptures he created after first moving to Captiva in 1970, will be the focus. Not only did these boxes symbolize the vessels carrying his life and art from New York City to Lee County, but they were also a nod to his former Black Mountain



Josef Albers
courtesy Bob Rauschenberg Gallery



Robert Rauschenberg at Florida SouthWestern State College

College teacher Josef Albers.

Albers, known for his *Homage to the Square* series, revolutionized the teaching of art with his research into color theory. He later wrote *Interaction of Color*, now used as the core textbook for FSW's Color Theory class and in most art schools. Two copies of Albers' portfolio/book will be on display and used for live demonstrations with FSW students. They will have unprecedented access to these items all semester.

Rauschenberg & Albers is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture and the State of Florida with additional support from Chico's International.

Events at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more information, visit www.RauschenbergGallery.com or call 489-9313.✱

Art In The Eye Of The Beholder At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau



Laboratory Theater of Florida is presenting the popular Yasmina Reza play *Art*, a comedy about three friends who come unglued over a white-on-white painting. Serge

(Scott Carpenter) has just purchased the 5-by-4-foot painting for a jaw-dropping price of \$200,000. His longtime pal, Marc (J. Mitchell Haley), hates Serge's painting and tells him so. Their friend Yvan (Miguel Cintron) waffles about the painting as he does about most everything else in his life. The context is catchy and appealing.

With a stark and sophisticated set consisting of three large gray walls, and minimal furnishings, the actors quickly move from one apartment to the next. All that is needed is a different painting on the wall. The actors often portray their points of view by stepping into the spotlight and talking to the audience. It helps us get inside their heads.

The three actors are equipped to handle Reza's prickly dialogue with

numerous punch lines and insults sharply aimed at one another.

Yvan is the showiest role with tons of dialogue and Cintron is up to the challenge. In one scene where he rants on and on about the troubles facing him with his upcoming marriage, the audience applauds mid-scene.

Serge absolutely adores his new painting. The canvas is mostly all white with a few diagonal white lines. I found it interesting that my appreciation for the painting increased each time I looked at it. In fact, in the last scene when the painting is lit up, it's absolutely beautiful.

The play is more about relationships than it is about art. These guys have been friends for 15 years and now that friendship is being challenged by a painting. As each character reveals himself, one wonders how they could ever be best friends in the first place.

Art is funny, engaging and devilishly enjoyable. It plays through February 27 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Avenue in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets call 218-0481 or go online to www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.✱

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A Young Girl Feels Invisible In This Morrison Work

by Di Saggau

A must-see production is being performed at Theatre Conspiracy. It's *The Bluest Eye*, adapted for the stage by Lydia Diamond and based on the novel by Toni Morrison.

Pecola (Angela Pierre), a young black girl growing up in Ohio in the 1940s longs to see the world through a different set of eyes. She dreams of having blue eyes so she won't be invisible to the world around her. Maybe then people will notice her and stop doing "ugly things" in front of her.

Pecola plays with a white baby doll and idolizes Shirley Temple. Meanwhile, her friend Claudia (Cantrella Canady) despises Shirley Temple with her blonde ringlets and the fact that she gets to dance with Bo Jangles. He should be dancing with her and the jealousy she shows in dealing with this issue is a highlight of the show. Along with her sister Frieda (Katherine Oni), these two are the warmhearted narrators of the show and add light moments to the story. The two play off each other perfectly.

Pecola is the lonely and abused central character. She is a tough character



The cast of *The Bluest Eye*

to play and Pierre handles it gracefully. She is surrounded with a fantastic cast.

This includes Patricia Idlette, Jasmine Green, Gerald Shipman, Pottz Turlington,

Carolyn Green and Angel Duncan.

The opening narrative of the show comes from Claudia. "Quiet as it's kept, there were no marigolds in the fall of 1941. We thought, at the time, that it was because Pecola was having her father's baby that the marigolds did not grow. We had dropped our seeds in our own little plot of black dirt, just as Pecola's father had dropped his seeds in his own plot of black dirt."

Those painful words come directly from Morrison's novel. The audience experiences a book talking to us from the stage. Morrison's rich language, spoken with warmth and intelligence by a fine cast of actors, makes this a powerful production.

Claudia and Frieda feel Pecola's plight with both pity and distaste. They have a loving home presided over by their sharp-tongued but compassionate mother played so well by Idlette. All the actors give sharp, emotionally persuasive performances. This is a directorial debut for Sonya McCarter and she can take a well-deserved bow. I was with a group of eight on opening night and we were blown away by what we saw on stage.

The Bluest Eye runs through February 20. The Theatre Conspiracy is located in The Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For tickets, call 936-3239 or go online at www.theatreconspiracy.org.✱

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NOW Ensemble's Free Concert At College Campus



The NOW Ensemble

Florida SouthWestern State College's (FSW) Humanities Colloquium: Education for a New Humanity will present the NOW Ensemble at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, in Building U, Room 102, at the Thomas Edison Campus, Fort Myers. The concert is free and open to the public.

The NOW Ensemble is a dynamic group of performers and composers dedicated to making new chamber music for the 21st Century. With a unique instrumentation of flute, clarinet, electric guitar,

double bass and piano, the ensemble brings a fresh sound and a new perspective to the classical tradition, infused with the musical influences that reflect the diverse backgrounds of its members.

One of the ensemble's main goals has been to create a musical paradigm in which continuous collaboration between composers and the performers is taken as a given. This philosophy has been put into practice in residencies at numerous institutions including Yale, Princeton, University of Virginia and the New College of Florida. The ensemble's performances have been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* and live on WNYC, and its sophomore album *Awake* was number one in Amazon's Classical Chamber Music Charts. Since 2004, NOW has worked with over 60 of today's most exciting composers including Nico Muhly, Timothy Andres, Missy Mazzoli, Judd Greenstein, Kathryn Alexander, Jason Treuting and Sean Friar.

NOW has performed this new repertoire at such venues as Miller Theater, Merkin Hall, the Bang on a Can Marathon, The Kitchen NYC, The Stone, the Carlsbad Festival, the Festival International Chihuahua, the Look and Listen Festival, The Music Gallery Toronto, Sarasota's New Music New College, the Southern Exposure Series, Pittsburgh's Music on the Edge, Cal Arts, MIT, and Juilliard. This past fall and spring saw the group travel to the Apples and Olives Festival in Zurich, Switzerland, Town Hall Seattle, Da Camera Houston,

the Lincoln Center Atrium and the Carnegie Hall Neighborhood Concert series.

"We are thrilled to have this prestigious group perform for us, and we are excited to introduce a new audience to their music," said Dr. Wendy Chase, FSW humanities professor.

A full schedule of colloquium events can be found at www.fsw.edu/newhumanity/schedule. All are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Chase at 489-9470 or Wendy.Chase@fsw.edu.✱

Kiwanians Learn About Coral

submitted by Patricia Stevens

Do Nemo and the Little Mermaid know that this is under the sea?

The story behind Agatized Coral – Coral With a Tale to Tell – is a never-ending and fascinating story that the members of the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club learned about at the January 27 meeting.

How it formed, how it was found, can we just go and get some, are a few of the things Bill Courtwright, our treasurer, told us about. Courtwright he brought in several boxes of some of his prized and most beautiful pieces.

These coral rocks developed over



Bill Courtwright holds a piece of coral rock

thousands of years and when cut, they sparkle sometimes with brilliant quartz clusters.

In 1979 Florida designated agatized coral geodes as its state stone (although it is actually a fossil). The agatized corals of Tampa Bay, actually Hillsboro Bay, may be the world's most unique geodes.

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Laboratory Theater

Lab Theater Is Auditioning For Four Plays

On February 13, The Laboratory Theater of Florida will be auditioning for its original Rauschenberg Project Play, two summer shows and for its October season opener.

The first play is the Rauschenberg Project Play, created by young playwrights from material gathered from lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people in Southwest Florida age 14 to 24.

The three later plays will be *An*

Empty Plate at the Cafe du Grand Boeuf by Michael Hollinger, playing from June 3 to July 2; *Sirens* by Deborah Zoe Laufer, playing from July 15 to August 13; and *The Best Man* by Gore Vidal, playing from October 7 to 29.

Auditions for the three shows will be on Saturday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the theater, 1634 Woodford Avenue, on the corner of Woodford and Second streets in the Fort Myers River District. Auditionees will be seen on a first-come basis; appointments are not necessary.

Actors new to Lab Theater should go prepared with a one- to two-minute monologue; all should be prepared to read from scripts. They should provide an acting resume and a headshot. Male and female actors of any ethnicity, age 14 and up are sought for the roles in these three plays. Contact info@laboratory-theaterflorida.com or call 218-0481 for further information.

Performances of The Rauschenberg Project Play will be on March 31 and April 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

An Empty Plate will play on June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and July 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. and on June 19, 26 at 2 p.m.

Sirens will be on July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 and August 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and July 31 and August 7 at 2 p.m.

The Best Man will be staged on October 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 and November 3, 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and on October 16, 23 and 30 and November 5 at 2 p.m.*

Gulf Coast Writers To Hold Meeting

The Gulf Coast Writers Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Alliance For The Arts (10091 McGregor Blvd.) in Fort Myers on Saturday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The meeting will feature a special awards ceremony in honor of the group's annual writing contest winners as well as refreshments, music, mingling and a surprise honorary speaker.

The meeting fee for non-members is \$5, while members and first-time attendees are admitted free.

Contact Barbara Burnett at 247-4515 or go to www.gulfwriters.org for more information.*

New Exhibit At FGCU Library

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) library's new exhibit, *Uncommon Friends: The James D. Newton Collection*, opens Thursday, February 25 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. in the FGCU Library Archives and Special Collections.

Newton (1905-1999) was a prominent 20th century entrepreneur and author of *Uncommon Friends: Life with Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Alexis Carrel, and Charles Lindbergh*, which recounts his friendship with these visionary figures. The *Uncommon Friends* exhibit follows Newton, a young real estate developer whose fated encounter with Mina Edison would alter the course of his life. His friendships with the likes of Edison and Ford would inspire him throughout his adventurous life, including his time enlisted in the United States Army and his subsequent involvement with the Moral Re-Armament movement. Much like their influence on the 20th century, these men would have lasting impact on Newton's life until his eventual death in 1999 at the age of 94.

The *Uncommon Friends* Foundation, established in 1993 and named after Newton's memoir, is dedicated to lifelong character building among today's youth and business leaders, and the historic preservation of Newton's papers, photographs and artifacts in the City of Fort Myers. In 2012, the *Uncommon Friends* Foundation and Florida Gulf Coast University Library partnered to digitally preserve and provide public access to this captivating collection of materials which can be viewed on DigitalFGCU.

The exhibit is on display February 25 through April 22 in FGCU Library Archives, third floor, room 322. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Melissa VandeBurgt at 590-7658 or Kaleena Rivera at 590-7506.*

Relay For Life Karaoke Night

The First Ladies of First Care Fort Myers Relay for Life team is sponsoring a karaoke night on Friday, February 19 with all proceeds going to benefit the American Cancer Society in Lee County.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Mona Lisa Italian Restaurant, Pizza and Lounge, located at 7091 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The \$25 ticket includes a buffet of bruschetta, salad, meatballs, garlic rolls and a variety of pizza. There is a cash bar.

Participants can have as many trips to the microphone as they—and the audience—can handle. There will be a prize for the best and worst singer of the night,

as well as a 50/50 raffle with the winner capturing 50 percent of the total raffle prize and 50 percent going to the Relay for Life and American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is one of the strongest tools in the battle against cancer in Lee County. Made up entirely of volunteers working as teams or individuals, Relay holds a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year, culminating in the Relay Celebration festival, which will be held on April 2 at Lakes Park.

This is the 22nd year for Relay in Lee County. What makes Relay such a powerful tool against cancer in Lee County is that all the money raised in the County stays in Lee County except for a small allocation which is contributed to national research.

For more information, contact Leah at 239-822-7457 or Heather at 239-910-1642.*

Membership Appreciation Party At Library

submitted by Nancy Petralia

It's been a great year at our downtown library with new programs and events sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers Library. On Monday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m., the Friends will celebrate with a Member Appreciation Party. Everyone is invited to join or renew at the door for a modest membership fee starting at \$15, the best value in town. And every member receives a free auction ticket.

Mix with other members over refreshments and peruse the Friendly Auction table with items from The Standard, Veranda, Florida Repertory Theatre, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, and

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall as well as First Watch, Scoops and other downtown venues. Following a brief meeting, the featured speaker will be Nancy Stetson, arts and entertainment columnist for *Florida Weekly*. Her irreverent and humorous talk, *Whatever It Is I'm Speaking About*, will cover libraries, working the arts and entertainment beat and her favorite nightmare.

Friends of the Fort Myers Library is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to enhance the services of the Fort Myers Regional Library through funding of library-offered programs for children and adults. Friends also host their own monthly programs featuring speakers, theatrical performances, author talks, cooking demos, music and other events. Membership dues are the primary source of funding. The Member Appreciation Party will be held in the South Building of the library campus, next to the parking lot, at 1651 Lee Street.*

Call For Artists

The Arts of the Inland invite its members and local artists to submit up to two pieces of two-dimensional or three-dimensional art work with a fee of \$10 for each piece of work for Arts of the Inland members and \$20 each piece for nonmembers. This is a juried/judged show with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Applications and fees must be received by March 1.

The Inspirations Art Show is being held at the AOI Barron Park House Gallery, 471 North Lee Street, LaBelle. It opens on Thursday, March 3 from 2 to 7 p.m. and closes March 26. The gallery will be open Thursdays through Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m.

Accepted 2D mediums are: oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, collage, stained and fused glass, pen and ink, pencil, charcoal, pastel and photography. Digital art and hanging textile art are accepted mediums. Works, excluding textile art, must be suitably framed or gallery wrapped with painted staple free edges. They must be wired for hanging and framed works larger than 24 x 30 inches must be under plexi-glass/acrylic than regular glass. Works larger than 48 x 48 inches must be pre-approved by the gallery director and will count as two pieces if accepted.

Three-dimensional pieces and sculpture must not exceed 40 pounds in weight and artist must provide own pedestal.

Works must have been completed within the last two years. Works which have received an award higher than honorable mention in any AOI or Art Council of Southwest Florida show are not eligible. All work must be original.

For complete show prospectus and application, visit www.artsoftheinland.com. For information, contact Cristina Hutson at barronparkhousegallery@gmail.com or at 863-843-2929.*

Twins Celebrate Spring Training With Open House And Health Fair

The Minnesota Twins will mark the opening of Spring Training 2016 with the annual Spring Training Open House on Sunday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring HealthFest 2016: The Health Fair Of The Century.

Everyone is invited to meet the players and staff while learning about fun, creative ways to stay healthy and safe. The open house, along with parking, is free and open to the public.

The Twins will host a baseball clinic and have a bounce house for the children. Twins players will be on hand to meet and greet with fans as catchers and pitchers report for spring training. Fans can meet Kyle Gibson, Twins 2015 Pitcher of the Year, and Glen Perkins, All-Star Closer.

Lee Memorial Health System will provide free health information and screenings for all ages including a fun and interactive sports safety clinic where youngsters can learn about hydration, avoiding overuse injuries and preventing concussions. Adults can participate in sleep assessments, driving simulation and blood pressure screenings, along with meeting doctors from Lee Physician Group, getting education materials on CPR and first aid, early heart attack information, diabetes and weight management, asthma and COPD information.

A huge inflatable heart and brain will be on display to show how these vital organs are structured and function and how to keep them healthy. Attendees can also tour a real ambulance, fire truck and medical transport helicopter.

The HealthFest is part of Lee Memorial Health System's celebration of providing caring and healing to the people of Southwest Florida for 100 years.

Snacks and refreshments in the concession stand will be half price and will include healthy options. Attendees may register to win a stay at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, gift certificates and other prizes.



The Mega Brain will be on display when the Minnesota Twins will celebrate the opening of Spring Training 2016 with the annual Spring Training Open House on February 21

CenturyLink Sports Complex at Hammond Stadium is located at 14100 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in south Fort Myers.

For more information, go to www.leememorial.org, or call 343-4801.**

FSW To Facilitate Veterans Florida Grants

In response to Governor Rick Scott's drive to increase jobs in Florida, the State of Florida has carved out \$2 million in grants to assist veterans.

Newly launched by the state on January 1, 2016, Veterans Florida grants will assist companies in hiring and providing training to veterans. Companies can receive up to \$8000 per veteran to cover the training costs of new hires, with a maximum of \$200,000 total.

As a designated fiscal agent in

Southwest Florida, Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW), via the Corporate Training division of the School of Business and Technology, will help facilitate these grants throughout its service area of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties.

"As an approved institution for veterans education, FSW takes great interest in any program or service that assists our veterans," said Adrian Kerr, director, FSW Corporate Training and Services. "We look forward to providing this support to both our veterans and our businesses in the southwest Florida region."

For more information about Veterans Florida grants, contact Kerr at 432-5233 or adrian.kerr@fsw.edu.*

Dean's List

Congratulations to Caleb Chapman of Fort Myers for making the University of Akron's fall 2015 Dean's List.

To be eligible, Chapman, majoring in finance - financial planning, maintained

a grade point average of 3.500 - 3.999 and was enrolled in 12 or more credit hours.*

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Local Student Selected As National Youth Correspondent

Lauren Roellini, a student at Canterbury School, has been selected to represent Fort Myers as a National Youth Correspondent to the 2016 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University.

Roellini joins a select group of students from all over the country for an intensive study of journalism and media. Roellini was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in journalism and media studies.

National Youth Correspondents participate in hands-on, experiential learning through decision-making simulations that challenge them to solve problems and explore the creative, practical, and ethical tensions inherent in journalism and media. The experiential portion of the program is complemented by speakers who are well-known leaders in the media community. Presenters include prominent journalists, CEOs of major media outlets, researchers and recent college graduates successfully entering the field. Past speakers have included Hoda Kotb from NBC, Brian Lamb from C-SPAN, Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Carol Guzy, and Sonya Ross from the Associated Press.

With distinguished faculty, guest speakers, and direct access to elite DC practitioners, the Washington Journalism and Media Conference offers aspiring journalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience. The week-long program, held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus, will encourage and inspire young leaders from across the country who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry.

The Washington Journalism and Media Conference will be held July 10 to 15.**

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Readers:

I often get questions from parents about how to stay involved in their child's school. Families are busy, but there are many different ways you

can get involved in your child's education. No matter how little or how much time you have, there are many ways you can positively impact your child's education at school and at home. Remember, when families get involved and stay involved, all students achieve at higher levels. Here are some tips to help you stay involved:

- Show your child that you care. Have a conversation with your child about school and homework regularly. Ask specific questions that inform you about your child's day. Know what classes your child is taking, who your child's friends are, and other essential information.
- Keep in touch with the school. Get to know your child's teachers, principal, counselors and school's parent involvement coordinator. Make it a point to stay in contact with them throughout the school year.
- Express high educational expectations. Encourage your child to take challenging courses and monitor

your child's academic performance (homework, grades and test scores) throughout the year. Emphasize effort and achievement.

- Attend school meetings, functions and events. Make time to attend parent-teacher conferences, parent fairs, curriculum nights, award ceremonies and other school events. Your attendance and support matters to your child.
- Seek out information. Request a meeting with your child's teacher regarding any aspect of your child's education. If you have other questions, ask the school by calling or sending a note so they can link you with the appropriate person who can respond to your needs.
- Be an active part of school committees. Participate in parent or school leadership organizations. Ask your school about the Parent Teacher Association or Parent Teacher Organization, school council, parent advisory committee or other parent organizations and then join one.
- Make school important. Talk positively about school with your child. Send your child prepared for school each day with pens, pencils, notebooks and homework completed. Make school a priority by ensuring they are at school every day and arrive on time.
- Be seen at school. Arrange a visit to your child's classroom, have lunch with your child at school, or visit the Parent Center. Your presence matters and shows the school that you are invested in your child's education.

- Be informed and responsive. Ask, collect, read and respond, if needed, to all information (school policies, field trip information, student handbook, etc.) That is sent from your child's school or teacher. If you need to receive information in a language other than English, call or visit the school.

- Visit your school's website. Access all kinds of information, including homework, assignments, class schedules, lesson plans, test dates and grades on your child's school website. If you don't know your school's website, ask your child's teacher or the school.

- Provide a rich learning environment at home. Make time for meaningful dinner conversations, trips, games, reading time, family sports and daily routines. Activities like these will contribute to your child's academic achievement at school.

- Drop in on after school or extracurricular activities. Pick your child up from after-school activities or stop by a few minutes early to watch your child in action, if you are unavailable during the school day. It is also important to know your child's after-school teacher, instructor or coach.

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Yoga On The Beach



Instructor Becky Lang holds Yoga on the Beach classes every Saturday in February

Local instructor Becky Lang holds Yoga on the Beach every Saturday during the month of February from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The class is held on Fort Myers Beach just north of the pier in front of the Edison Beach Hotel.

It is a Level 1 flow, suitable for most people. No pre-registration required. Arrive at the beach a little before 8:30 a.m. with your yoga mat, sunscreen and water. Hourly parking is available nearby in the Times Square area. Suggested donation is \$10.

For more information, contact Lang at 791-6538 or at beckylang@comcast.net. To learn more about Becky Lang, visit www.beckylang.com.*

Boston's David Ortiz Has Earned Our Applause In His Final Spring Training



by Ed Frank

Whether you're a Red Sox or Twins baseball fan, you've got to tip your hat to 40-year-old David Ortiz whose remarkable career comes to a close in 2016 along with his final spring training in Fort Myers, where he has been a fan favorite for 20 years, six with Minnesota and 14 with Boston.

It would take volumes to list his accomplishments and records. In fact, the Red Sox Media Guide devotes 15 pages in small type to chronicle the achievements of this amazing athlete who has been the face of the Red Sox for more than a decade.

And perhaps even more importantly, his devotion to myriad charitable endeavors in Boston and his native Dominican Republic are never ending.

If you're a Twins fan, you regret to this day that Minnesota released him prior to the 2003 season in a move that Twins general manager Terry Ryan admits was one of his biggest mistakes in his otherwise successful and long tenure with the Twins.

The Red Sox grabbed him a month later for a base salary of \$1.25 million and, as the old saying goes, "the rest is history."

Ortiz sparked Boston to three World Series Championships including that never-to-be-forgotten 2013 Series win when he hit .688 (11 for 16) and drove in six runs to earn the MVP Award. He also has been selected an All-Star nine times with the Red Sox.

In an interview recently with Major League baseball writer Rhett Bollinger, the Twins' Ryan discussed the regretful dumping of Ortiz.

"There's no hiding that one," Ryan said. I'm not running from it. I'm proud of what David has done. Obviously it was a mistake. The guy has been a great representative of the Boston Red Sox and major league baseball for a long time. And it's Boston's gain and Minnesota's loss. And I take full responsibility."

That's about as candid as one can be, and it's a credit to Ryan for admitting the blunder.

In his tenure with the Twins, Big Papi's best season was 2002 when he hit .272 with 20 homers and 75 RBIs in 125 games. But, as Ryan explained, Minnesota was financially strapped in those days and through arbitration, Ortiz probably would have received \$2 million the next season.

He stressed, however, that money wasn't the sole reason for letting him go. "It was just a bad error in judgment of a guy's talent," Ryan said in the interview.

Some might wonder why Ortiz has decided to bow out after the upcoming season. Last year, he hit a respectable .273 as the designated hitter while blasting 37 home runs and driving in 108 runs.

His career average is .284 with 503 home runs and 1,041 RBIs.

Ortiz has signed a one-year deal with the Red Sox for 2016 at a salary of \$15.8 million.

Big Papi will be center stage in 2016 as he makes his final appearances city-by-city.

Along that way, he'll probably surpass some of the biggest names on the all-time home run list with each homer he records — names such as Eddie Murray, Gary Sheffield, Mel Ott, Ernie Banks and even the Red Sox-famed Ted Williams who hit 521 home runs.

For nearly two decades, Big Papi Ortiz has played the game the way it should be played. And off the field, with his countless good work, he has been a credit to baseball.

He deserves our standing ovations here during the next six weeks in this his last spring training in Fort Myers.*



David Ortiz

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Janzen Defends Title At TwinEagles

by Max Friedersdorf

Having lunch with a PGA golf professional can be a bit intimidating, especially for an ultra high handicap hacker. Not so, however if the pro is affable Lee Janzen, a friendly good old boy from Orlando.

This weekend, the sweet swinging Janzen, 51, will be busy at challenging TwinEagles Golf Club near Naples, defending his 2015 Champions Tour title against a strong field that includes Fred Couples.

Appearing earlier in the week at a media day press conference and luncheon, Janzen confessed his attention has not been entirely on golf since news just arrived about the birth of his first grandchild, Emmy, born in rural Oklahoma to his son Connor and his wife.

"I am already learning how great it is to be a grandparent, without the responsibility of a parent," Janzen explained.

A trim six-footer, Janzen looks the same physically as in his glory days as a twenty-something-year-old on the regular PGA Tour. The nineties were a golden decade for the Minnesota-born Janzen, winning two U.S. Opens at Baltusrol and The Olympia Club, both over his good friend, the late Payne Stewart; The Players Championship, and two Ryder Cup appearances, while banking nearly \$10 million in prize money.

A natural athlete, Janzen was a late bloomer in golf. He did not take up the game until he was 13, when the family moved to Florida. He quickly became a high school golf star before moving on to Florida Southern College in Lakeland where he led the golf team to the Division II National Championship.



Lee Janzen

photo courtesy of PGA TOUR, Inc.

Moving on to the senior tour at age 50, Janzen has intensified his fitness training to the point of daily workouts.

"I wished I had started earlier; a golfer needs strong core muscles. This means back stretches, pulleys, the medicine ball and weights."

A careful eater, Janzen finished his light lunch by passing up two delicious dessert offerings. Asked about alcohol, he replied with a big grin, "one beer."

Blonde with a fair complexion, Janzen appears unravaged by long hours, days and years in the sun. "When I was a young age," he explained, "a dermatologist told me to apply sunblock right after I shave and leave it on all day, without adding more. It works; I haven't been back in 20 years."

Janzen anticipates confusion at all levels of golf this season because of the ban on anchor putting. "The long putters can still be used. There are a lot of different

style grips and stances, so there will be questions about what is legal and not," he said.

Before leaving for the gym, Janzen brought up politics, and volunteered a prediction: "Jeb Bush would make a great president but will not be elected."

Then the pro was gone.*

Police Vs. Firefighters Basketball Battle

Hoops and hijinks are coming to Bishop Verot High School on Sunday, February 28 when local challengers, members of Lee County Sheriff's Office, City of Fort Myers and Cape Coral police departments, take on the firefighters and paramedics from various local stations in a lively basketball event the whole family will enjoy. The game starts at 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the event benefit Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) to raise money for 24-hour services for victims of rape/sexual assault, human trafficking, and domestic violence throughout Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

Get Involved In City Of Fort Myers Outdoor Sports



While Southwest Florida's warm winter weather makes the beaches a top destination for many people, in the City of Fort Myers it also means multiple outdoor sports leagues filled with activity. The city's parks and recreation department serves up a variety of sports almost every day of the week. Here are some options to get involved:

One of the most popular outdoor sports in the City of Fort Myers this time of year is volleyball. The beginners, intermediate, advanced and coed leagues play three nights a week in downtown Fort Myers and also at Gulfview Pool. Teams from Fort Myers to Naples to Sarasota have participated in the past, and this year looks to be another action-packed season. Chico's FAS plans to field 18 to 24 teams, and the city's outdoor sports athletic coordinator, Adam Lightfoot, is hopeful teams from Gartner Inc. and Hertz Global Headquarters in Estero will join in the future as well.

The City of Fort Myers Sunday Men's Competitive Softball League starts February 21, and there's still time to field at least one or more teams for the spring season that runs through late June or early July. This league has been in existence since the 1980s and continues to be a strong attraction for adults. Last year's team's fielded men from the early 20s to the early 50s who not only play for fun but for the competition as well. Games are played in four timeslots beginning at 9 a.m. with teams playing on two fields at Shady Oaks Park at 3300 Marion Street. For more information, contact Tony Schall at 691-4817.

The 60-plus Softball League works in partnership with the City of Fort Myers and consists of retirees from Fort Myers and the surrounding area who enjoy the sport. There are two games on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Shady Oaks Park through April 1. Ray Tibbs, 90, organizes the league and says if you think you're too old to play, you may not be because there are people like him still on the field. Contact Tibbs at 246-2632 for more information. Also at Shady Oaks Park is the 50-plus Softball League where teams

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This golfing event, honoring Bob Janes, the former Mayor of Sanibel, Lee County Commissioner, and first President of this chapter, will be hosted by Shell Point Golf Club Head Professional Gary Keating. A light breakfast will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, followed at 8:00 a.m. by the 18-Hole Four Person Scramble with handicaps. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of play, where winners will be announced and prizes awarded. The \$125 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf plus cart, player gift bag, a light breakfast and lunch. The Lee Coast Chapter MOAA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with IRS Tax Number 26-0156596. Letters documenting that portion of the entry fee as a charitable donation will be mailed out following the Outing.

**To Sign Up, contact Entries Chairman John Bathke at:
(651) 503-8893 or complete and mail the attached form.**

Power Squadron Boating Class Being Offered

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron will be offering the Local Waters/Local Charts class on Saturday, February 20 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. If you need information on obtaining the chart, call the number below. Optional on-the-water training is also offered at a later date. Check with the class instructor for details. The cost of the class is \$45 and includes all materials except the chart.

The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com



Dr. Carmen Fernandez Doctor Joins Physicians' Primary Care

Dr. Carmen Fernandez has joined Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida as a family medicine physician.

Fernandez will see patients at the Fort Myers family and internal medicine office at 7381 College Parkway, Suite 110. She is accepting new patients.

She graduate of Saint Thomas University in Miami, where she received her bachelor of science degree in biology and was on the Dean's List.

Fernandez earned her doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida, followed by a residency in family medicine at Larkin Community Hospital in South Miami. She is a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association.✽

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From page 21 Outdoor Sports

square off on Mondays and Wednesdays.

When it comes to soccer in the City of Fort Myers, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. The Women's 7v7 Soccer League plays on Sundays mornings at Lions Park beginning at 9 a.m. And the popular Coed 7v7 Soccer League is getting ready for another season that will kickoff in late February or early March with an estimated 24 teams participating once again. Games are played three days a week at Lions Park beginning at 6:45 p.m. Lions Park is located at 2550 S. Cleveland Avenue.

There are many more outdoor activities offered through public and private organizations this winter. For more information, visit www.cityoffortmyers.com or contact Adam Lightfoot at 321-7514. There is also indoor soccer at the Fort Myers Skatium located at 2250 Broadway for those who prefer playing on an air-conditioned field.✽



The Calendar Girls with the newst puppy-in-training, Pam

Calendar Girls Perform, Visit Puppy-In-Training

Along with Southeastern Guide Dog puppy-in-training Pam, The Calendar Girls performed their America The Beautiful show to the residents of Cypress Bend RV Resort

in Estero on February 6. Cypress Bend RV Resort has been a supporter of Paws For Patriots – a program of Southeastern Guide Dogs – for many years, and The Calendar Girls thanked them for their generosity.

Since 2006, The Calendar Girls have been sponsoring guide dogs for veterans, and are planning to sponsor puppy number 17 in 2016. For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.✽

PAWS Of Sanibel Island Girl



Island Girl

They call me Island Girl because I lived on an island. My foster mom rescued me and I don't have to live out there any more. I live in a house now. I was really afraid of people for a while, but I'm not afraid of my foster mom anymore. She is really good to me, and I can tell she loves me. I feel very special. I like the other cats around here too. We visit a bunch.

I really would like to find a forever home with people who would treat me like my foster mom. I would love to stay here, but she can't keep everybody. I hope there is someone out there who can love me.

If you want to foster or adopt Island Girl, call Pam at PAWS, 472-4823, who will be very sad to see her go, but very happy if she finds a wonderful forever home.✽

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editorial copy to:
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Doctor and Dietitian

Hemoglobin A1c And Your Diet



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

Many folks think their diet is correct because they eat "healthy," exercise and maintain a proper weight. Without a doubt, those three factors are hugely important. At our clinics, we see folks for painful joint conditions and sports injuries, whose goal is to heal and get better. Poor blood glucose control and an elevated hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) increase their risk for poor healing, compromising their goal. When necessary, we order tests such as glucose, insulin and HbA1c levels, to help achieve complete healing. Many are surprised when these results are abnormal.

Those with elevated HbA1c levels are commonly in a pre-diabetic condition, and will need to drastically change what they perceive as "healthy" eating habits.

They are often following one of two types of diets:

1. The standard American diet high in carbohydrates, fat and processed food, but low in vegetables, protein and good fats.
2. The presumed "healthy" American diet of low-fat, low-sodium and high carbohydrates.

Both diets are problematic for those with elevated HbA1c levels.

The common culprit causing a raised HbA1c is typically a high intake of carbohydrates, including a large consumption of fruit and fruit juice. Many with abnormal HbA1c's rate their diets as healthy and high in protein, so we recommend keeping a food diary, which to their surprise often reveals otherwise.

The HbA1c test measures average plasma glucose concentration over a period of about three months, which helps us know if glucose (sugar/carbohydrates) is being adequately processed. When necessary, we change a person's higher carbohydrate diet to a higher protein and fat diet, and the previously elevated HbA1c will go down.

A proper diet has consistently proven to aid in meeting the goal of optimal health and well-being. Never underestimate the power of food.

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.✽

dearRPharmacist

Your Thyroid Lab Test is Probably All Wrong



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

The current medical system isn't on your side. Some physicians don't stay current with the literature, or if they do, they are reading drug-funded studies. Some docs

actually still believe what they were taught 30 years ago in medical school. How does that help you?

When a physician uses knowledge from an outdated toolbox, you pay the price. Case in point, I received this email from someone, name withheld:

"Suzy, I've had all the tests for thyroid but they all come back fine, yet for years I've been losing hair on top of my head, and I have no leg or pubic hair, the driest skin, and dry eyes. So on and so on and now my bladder is overactive. Do you think I have a thyroid problem?"

So does this person have thyroid disease? Probably, although, we'd need lab tests to confirm. If you go to 100 doctors and ask them to test your thyroid, about 98 of them will use the standard TSH test and if it's normal, they will tell you that

you do not have thyroid disease, like my anonymous reader above. They will treat you for everything but thyroid!

The TSH test is old and outdated and if you base your life on the results of this test, you'll never get well. You'll be prescribed 10 different drugs to smack down all the symptoms of thyroid disease, rather than ever treating the thyroid disease itself. Imagine the arcade game Whac-A-Mole!

If your physician uses only the TSH test and it is normal, you may be told you have fibromyalgia and be given analgesics for the muscle pain, and you'll be diagnosed with either depression or anxiety and be prescribed either Zoloft or Xanax (or both), and you'll be sent to the pharmacy for Rogaine for the hair loss and Detrol LA for the overactive bladder. Good luck getting well.

All this expense, and misery because your TSH came back normal. A TSH can be normal and it's still very possible that you have some degree of hypothyroidism, or you are genuinely "thyroid sick" as I refer to it in my book, *Thyroid Healthy* available at my website, and Amazon.

Maybe instead of 10 drugs you need one drug as in thyroid medicine or maybe natural thyroid dietary supplementation, or a combination. A good doctor will know. Forget about the TSH test, it's just okay. It's part of a bigger scenario. The most important tests are the following: Total T3, Total T4, Free T3, Free T4, TPO and TG Antibodies, Reverse T3 and Ferritin.

I'm out of space here, but I have suggested "normals" that are much different from those on your lab tests. If you go to my website suzycohen.com and sign

up for my newsletter, I'll give you a free ebook, plus I will email you longer version of this article that includes the tests, and the normal reference ranges so you can compare your lab numbers to my recommended values.

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.✱

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,

Our dear grandson was diagnosed as being autistic and we were shocked. As a family, we decided to give him the very best of care, fight this early and then it would be over. Maybe that is the course of treatment for some illnesses and conditions, but not this one.

The expenses are tremendous and he is showing no improvement and, as a matter of fact, we think he is getting worse. We have had to dip into our retirement funds and the parents are very concerned with this present economic condition, and positively cannot continue on this present course.

What so you think is appropriate care?
Toby

Dear Toby,

I am sorry to hear about your grandson's diagnosis.

The causes of autism syndrome have not been identified and no one knows how to cure it. There seems to be varying degrees of this condition and these individuals are not all the same but have many common symptoms.

You have tried your best to help, but no amount of money spent at this time will cure your grandson's condition. Try if you can to find a public school system that has special facilities to serve exceptional children.

I worked many years ago for a public school district that served children with special needs like your grandson and other diagnosable conditions.

Lizzie and Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✱

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Mustang Club Donates To Builders Care Program



Annette Nilles and Michael Nilles, board members of The Gulf Shore Mustang Club; Christi Pritchett Sarlo, Builders Care executive director; Chris Brasher, president of Builders Care; Michael Reitmann, board member of Builders Care; and Toni DiGiacomo of the Gulfshore Mustang Club.

The Gulf Shore Mustang Club of Southwest Florida has donated \$3,941 to help the Lee Building Industry Association (BIA) Builders Care program provide free home repairs to disadvantage Lee County residents.

Mike Nilles, president of the Gulf Shore Mustang Club said, “We are proud to work with Lee Builders Care by volunteering and fundraising in support of their help of our neighbors in need.” The gift is a result of funds raised throughout the year at multiple events hosted and attended by the Gulf Shore Mustang Club.

The club members also volunteer to help at other Builders Care events throughout the year. Christi Pritchett Sarlo, executive director of Lee BIA Builders Care said, “We are so fortunate to have the Mustang Club members’ ongoing support in a variety of ways. They are one of our most active club partners.”**

PAWS Of Sanibel

Sonny And Cher



Sonny and Cher



This is Sonny and Cher. They were captured a few months ago between the Lantana Condominium and Sunset Beach Resort. They were about 12 weeks old at that time. Their mother, Lana, and brother, Tanner, were both adopted. These two were not ready for adoption at that time and needed some socialization, which, thanks to their foster dad, Gareth, they received and passed with flying colors. They come to him to be petted, they sleep with him and they get along well with his own two cats.

Now it’s time to find them a forever home. If you can provide a home for one or, preferably, both of these kitties, contact Pam at PAWS, 472-4823.**

Children Center Nets Four-Stars

Charity Navigator, America’s largest and most-utilized independent evaluator of charities, has given the Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida the highest rating it can give, four-stars. Charity Navigator uses a score system from zero to 100 as a way of measuring a nonprofit’s transparency, accountability and how responsible it is financially toward its cause. CAC has scored a perfect score of 100 on accountability and transparency, an 87.04 in its financial use, equating to an overall score of 90.85.

Michael Thatcher, CEO and president of Charity Navigator, said: “As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. Our goal in all of this is to provide donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make.”

Reviewer John Wood of Estero remarked: “I was involved in selecting a charity for our community to sponsor, and we chose CAC. I toured the facility and talked to the staff. I looked at the statistics on the need and their results. And I’ve seen how much Sheriff (Mike) Scott’s crew appreciates and utilizes CAC. They are incredibly caring and effective with barebones efficiency. I strongly support CAC.”

For more information on the Children’s Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, call 939-2808 or visit www.cac-swfl.org**

Zika Virus Found In Florida

Last week, the Florida Department of Health reported six new travel-associated cases of Zika in Florida to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Travel-related cases are defined as disease believed to be contracted outside of the state. Florida has reported a total of nine travel-related cases to the federal government. Lee County had two cases.

“Florida has many years of success in containing other mosquito-borne diseases and emerging health threats,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “Through these experiences, the department remains ready to protect residents and visitors from the Zika virus.”

While the CDC has not identified Florida as an area of local Zika risk, the Florida Department of Health is closely monitoring imported disease. None of the confirmed cases involve pregnant women.

Check some facts about the virus at www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html. More information about the Zika virus can be found online at wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information.

For additional questions, contact Diane Holm, public information specialist with the Florida Department of Health in Lee County at Diane.Holm@FLHealth.gov or call 332-9561 or 850-519-5728.**

Veterans Services Center Receives Pool Table

On January 27, the Wounded Warrior Anglers of America, Inc. presented Hodges University’s Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center (VSC) in Fort Myers with a pool table to be used by veteran students.

Capt. David Souders, founder and president of Wounded Warrior Anglers of America, Inc. and Hodges student, donated the pool table to Hodges’ VSC. Coordinating with David Cravens, owner of A-1 Billiards & Pool Table Repair, Inc., Cravens and his team donated their time and materials to have the table leveled, felted and delivered.

“I have family members who are veterans, so when I found out that this pool table was for not only a university, but for a center that is dedicated to helping student veterans returning to school, it just made sense to take on this project,” said Cravens.

“One aspect of the military that resonates with veterans is often times the camaraderie we experienced with our brothers and sisters in arms,” said Christine Manson, director of the Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center at Hodges. “The VSC is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment where veteran students can come and build relationships with other veterans. The pool table will be an excellent focal point to facilitate dialogue and relationships.”

Searching for ways to bring veteran students together and form a sense of camaraderie, Manson spoke with Souders about finding a pool table for the center.

“I told Christine that I would be willing to look into finding a pool table for the center. I found one in good condition and decided to purchase it and donate it to the center,” said Souders. “This is a great way to give back.”

“David Souders and David Cravens’ contribution to the VSC is going to impact our veterans in ways that cannot be articulated. Their generosity and support will have a long-term effect on the VSC and the veterans we serve,” said Manson.

For more information on the Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center (VSC) at Hodges University, call 938-7833 or visit www.Hodges.edu**

SPORTS QUIZ

1. True or false: Rod Carew is the career batting average leader for two teams -- Angels and Twins.
2. In 2015, the Angels' Mike Trout (23 years, 253 days) became the youngest major-league player to have 100 home runs and 100 stolen bases. Who has been the youngest?
3. Which NFL team holds the record for most consecutive winning seasons?
4. When was the last time before 2014-2015 that Wichita State's men's basketball team won back-to-back regular-season conference championships?
5. Name the last time the New Jersey Devils made the NHL playoffs.
6. Who was the last driver before Jimmie Johnson (2013) to win both Daytona NASCAR Cup races in the same season?
7. Name three of the most recent five male tennis players to win three of four grand-slam events in the same year.

ANSWERS

1. Antarchica 2. Doc 3. 2009 4. Strangers or foreigners 5. Bing.com 6. Benjamin Franklin Goodrich, company founder 7. Dalai Lama, XIV 8. Joe DiMaggio 9. Lion 10. Tab in 1963.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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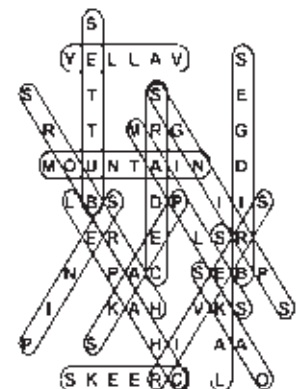
“The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.”
-- Steve Biko

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TWIN : U.S. PLACES





Pan-Seared Snapper with Roasted Red Pepper Chili

4 six-ounce snapper fillets
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
Sea salt, to taste
Ground black pepper, to taste
1 cup rice flour
4 tablespoons olive oil
Sprinkle fillets with seasonings then dredge in flour. Melt butter in shallow skillet over medium-high heat; add fillets and cook 3 to 5 minutes per side until golden brown and cooked through. Remove fillets from skillet and serve with Roasted Red Pepper Chili.

Yield four servings
Roasted Red Pepper Chili
1 pound red peppers, roasted, peeled, seeded and roughly chopped
2 tablespoons diced shallots
1/2 cup white wine
Salt and pepper

In a large sauté pan, cook all the ingredients over medium heat for 20 minutes. Puree mixture in a blender until smooth. Strain for a more refined sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste. ✨



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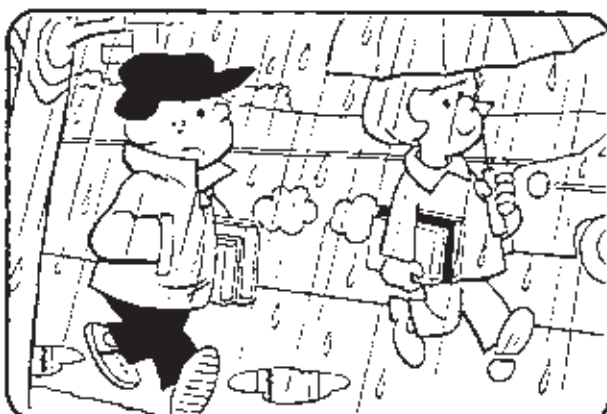
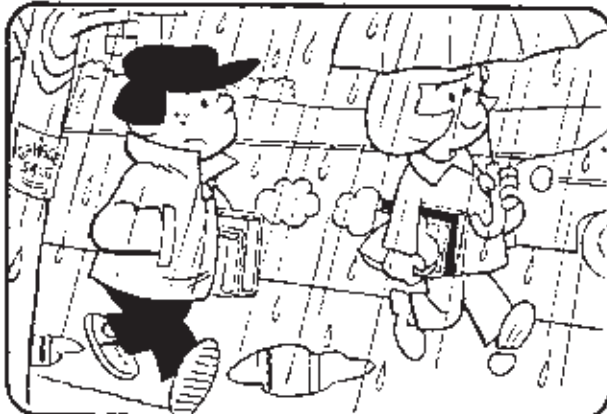
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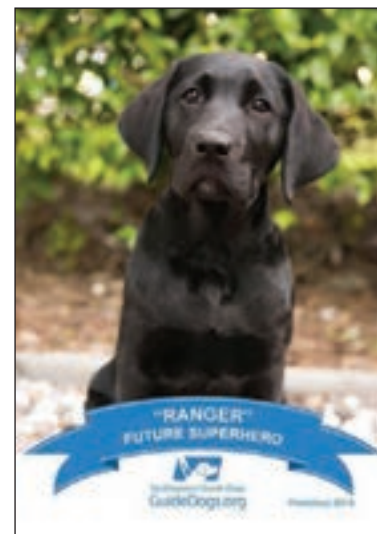
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**Calendar Girls
Introduce Ranger**

The Calendar Girls would like to introduce Ranger, their 16th sponsored puppy for Southeastern Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots Program.

Ranger will be raised in Cape Coral and will be seen at some of the Calendar Girls' performances.

For more information, go to www.calendargirlsflorida.com.



Ranger's puppy school photograph

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*NS 1/4 CC TFN

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Caregiver CNA lic., 16 years experience.

F.I.S.H. background check/referral.

Sanibel references. Shop, pet care, meal

prep., med. mgt., housekeeping, etc.

Sheila - 239-850-7082.

*NS 10/16 CC TFN

LOST AND FOUND

HELP FIND SOOKIE



A Sanibel family is seeking help in finding their beloved cat, Sookie. The 2-year-old female black cat (with one white toe) is very friendly. She was last seen on December 29 in the Angel Drive/Dixie Beach Boulevard area. If found, please contact Holli Martin at 618-401-0674 or holli@floridamartins.com

*NS 1/8 NC TFN

HELP WANTED

ADMINISTRATOR

Royal Shell Real Estate is currently seeking a dependable, Administrator for an extremely busy office. Looking for a well qualified individual. Full time work, Mon - Fri and possibly other days as needed. Email resume to: danielle@royalshellsales.com

*NS 2/12 CC 2/19

NOW HIRING

Now Hiring Servers, Bartenders, Food Runners and Host/Hostess. Matzaluna Italian Kitchen on Sanibel is looking for smiling faces to join our team. Please call 239-472-1998 (after 1pm) or reply with your resume. Come join the fun on the island and make great money this season

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*NS 5/29 CC TFN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.

*NS 11/1 NC TFN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum needs Education and Great Hall volunteers. No experience necessary, will train. Please contact Melanie at (239) 395-2233 ext 11.

*NS 7/11 NC TFN

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HELP WANTED

PART TIME HOST

The Bubble Room is now hiring an outgoing part time host for evenings 4pm-930pm, \$12 hour. Flexible or set schedule available and nightly staff meal. Apply within at 15001 Captiva Dr. Captiva FL 33924
*NS 2/12 CC 2/12

HELP WANTED

RETAIL SALES ASSOCIATES NEEDED

Sea Glass Lane, a new women's clothing store at Periwinkle Place, seeks energetic full-time and part-time sales associates. Please call 941-380-4478.
*NS 2/12 CC 2/12

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Cannondale Quick 4.24 speed, trigger shifters, bike computer, new tires, new \$750, sell \$365 & Raleigh Talus 4.0, bike computer, new road tires, front shocks, new \$525, sell \$265. Both excellent cond. Call 239-210-8488.
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GARAGE • MOVING • YARD SALES

GARAGE/YARD SALE

1854 FARM TRAIL, ISLAND WOODS OFF PERIWINKLE NEAR COMMUNITY CHURCH 2/20/16, 8:30-1:30 HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, SOME FURNITURE, CLOTHING, ANTIQUES, STORE DISPLAY FIXTURES
*NS 2/12 CC 2/12

Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landings 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.

Sanibel T-Shirts

Available at these locations...

T-Shirt Hut 472-1415
Amy's Something Special 472-4421
Needful Things 472-5400
Pak-n-ship of Sanibel 395-1220
Macintosh Books 472-1447



HELP WANTED

Billy's Bike Shop hiring Segway Tour Guide. Outgoing, ability to direct group activity & interest in Sanibel nature. Bike mechanic @ FM warehouse, interest in bikes? We'll train. \$10+/hr. Call Clare 239-472-3620
*NS 2/5 CC 2/12

BICYCLE RENTAL AGENTS & CASHIERS

Billy's Rentals now hiring bicycle rental agents & cashiers. Must be friendly w/good communication skills Transportation from FM warehouse. \$10/hr start. Fun work, good benefits. Call Robin 239-472-5248 or info@billysbikes.com.
*NS 2/5 CC 2/12

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*RS 3/13 CC TFN

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3. Antic; 4. Terse

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Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Poinciana Park	Fort Myers	2006	6,747	\$2,595,000	\$2,475,000	873
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1987	5,082	\$1,500,000	\$1,400,000	164
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	1999	3,277	\$998,000	\$950,000	197
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	4,007	\$875,000	\$850,000	160
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1999	2,430	\$710,000	\$695,000	262
Abbey Row	Fort Myers	2003	3,021	\$695,000	\$675,000	25
Town And River	Fort Myers	1978	2,452	\$689,000	\$639,500	159
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1979	2,194	\$649,900	\$637,500	28
Town And River	Fort Myers	1974	3,328	\$699,000	\$630,000	66
Santini Cross Unrec	Fort Myers Beach	1972	2,016	\$629,900	\$59,500	22

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

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

SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Buster. I'm a 3-year-old neutered male Pit Bull Terrier. I'm an all around great guy. I love to play with other dogs and I enjoy outings where I get to meet lots of people. I'm polite, congenial and well balanced. Don't I sound like the perfect pet for your family? Please make me your furry Valentine! My adoption fee is \$40 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services My Furry Valentine adoption promotion.



Buster ID# 648900

Hello, my name is Buggy. I'm a 1-year-old female black and white short-haired rabbit. Did you know that February is Adopt A Rescued Rabbit Month? Why not visit me at the shelter and see how I could be great addition to your family? I'm very friendly and love to be petted. In fact, I will quietly sit in your lap while you scratch my ears. My adoption fee is \$20.



Buggy ID #: 650963

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.

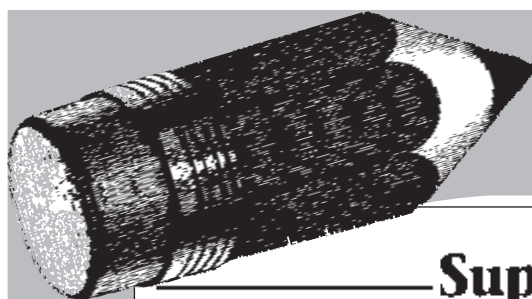
All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
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
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

To be listed in calling card email your information to: press@riverweekly.com



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

ALLOT THE PRESS!

ACROSS

- 1 "—, peel me a grape" (Mae West line)
7 "— Adventures in Wonderland"
13 Mobile locale
20 Pacific weather phenomenon
21 Sullen
22 Neighbor of Ukraine
23 Eccentric, corrupt rascals?
26 Part of A/C
27 "World Cafe" broadcaster
28 "Mama" of pop music
29 Spin artists' event
30 Seize illegally
33 Coarse
36 African mongooses
38 One dealing in red meat for a living?
40 Selling points
42 June hrs.
43 Bit of intimate apparel
45 Suff x with prop-

- 46 Number of Stooges
51 Audio system part line
54 Lovable male turkeys?
59 Jews living outside Israel
62 Corveys
63 Alternative to Red Hood
64 Ent — (as a whole)
65 Bit of formal apparel
67 Zee lead-in
68 AT&T mail, once
69 Hi-speed connection
70 Actor Depp being mushy?
75 Hit in a ring
77 "Really?" — who?
78 King, in Tol. lon
79 Barfy, say
80 Charles for whom a chair is named
83 One of golf's majors
85 Request in blackjack
87 More tempestuous

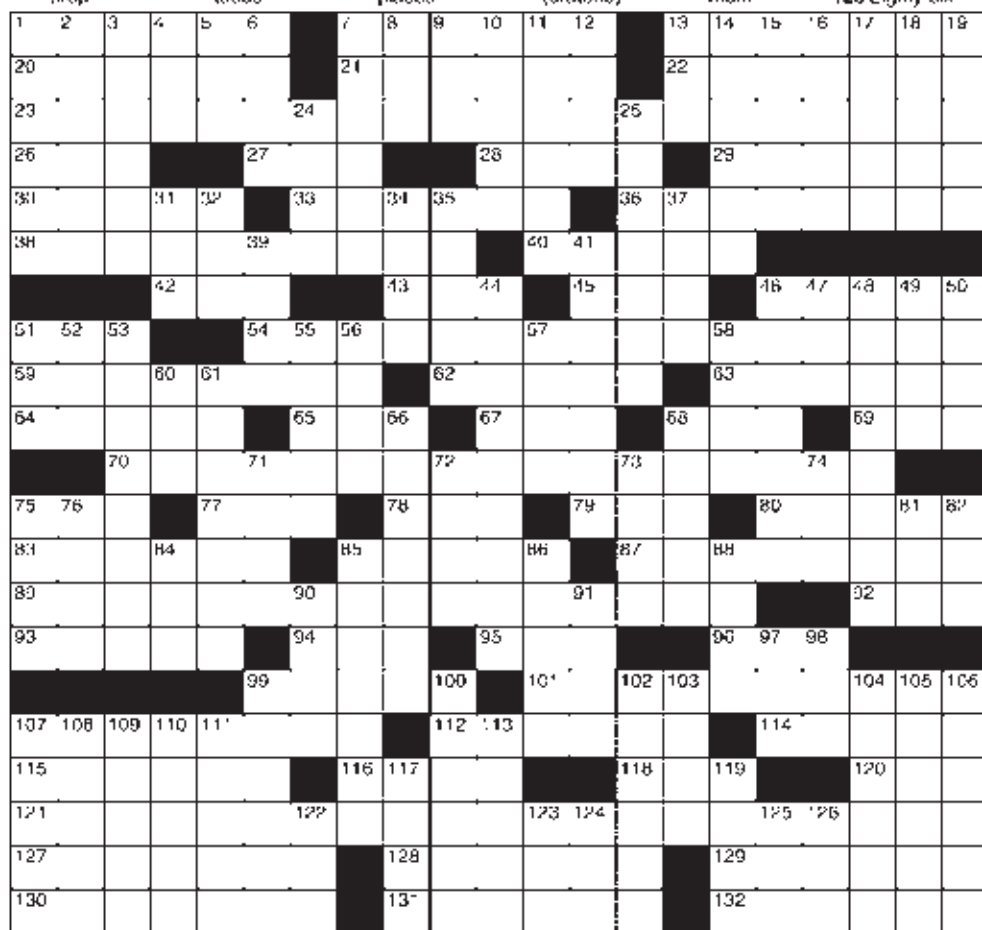
- 89 Stroke from the tee made while wearing a tee?
92 Strike marks, in bowling
93 Little squirts
94 Trains to Wrigley Field
95 Scano. land
96 Mini devil
99 Peror. of Argentina
101 Press chinos and corduroys?
107 Classical pieces
112 Inborn
114 Ben Arthur title role
115 Believer in God
116 Onel me teen idol Paul
118 Onel me tight lints.
120 They cross oves.
121 Use glue to mend paris?
127 Immunity trigger
128 Swooning fan, e.g.
129 Laud
130 Mosaic piece
131 Throws
132 Sacred places

DOWN

- 1 Smear
2 Plaza Hotel heroine
3 Erroneous
4 Set aflame
5 Is there hope?
6 It's hooked
7 Acata runner
8 Building site
9 Cholera
10 Spiral shell
11 English class assignments
12 Men. parts
13 — Dhahi
14 Zooms, e.g.
15 Tree of the birch family
16 Israel's Ehud
17 Boxing venue
18 Punish by fine
19 Burros
24 Intl. oil group
25 Singers Donny and Marie
31 Mayberry — (old sitcom)
32 Nightly-night garb
34 Union toes
35 Neophytes
37 Sane's kn
39 High Noon actor Kruger
41 — "Messiah" (oratorio)

- 44 Twice or thrice
46 Gym hirc
47 "Let me see..."
48 Having pre-pleaded ingredients
49 Finales
50 Series finale?; Abbr.
51 Nav. rank
52 Hammer on a soccer field
53 Deposits are recorded in L
55 David of the Red Sox
56 Really injure
57 "Book of Days" singer
58 Brow shape
60 Cleveland-to-Raleigh dir.
61 Mult. piece office gifts
66 Most weird
68 Maxim
71 Certain til. ill
72 Tube addict's punishment
73 Kid around
74 '60s war site
75 Barely
76 Pasty-faced
81 Wide shoe width
82 Yearbook div

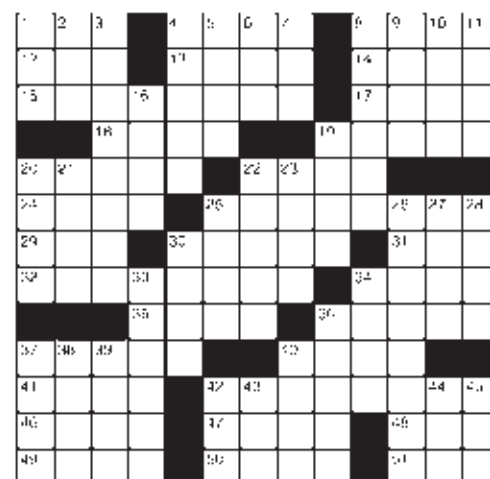
- 84 Kin of ante-
85 Spiral
86 Moses or Moose
88 Of ears
90 Strauss
91 Immunizing filics
97 May VIP
98 Sch. group
99 Sitcom actress Halle
100 Alternative to judo
102 River centers
103 Current events
104 Like the Kazakh language
105 Most weird
106 Tetley rival
107 Hitler's turn to hit
108 French river
109 Fair shelters
110 Calf-length skirts
111 Gas bill info
113 Small iPods
117 No-cutter
119 Tablet extras
122 Leaving — Jet Plane
123 Surg. carriers
124 Born, to fit
125 "—, who?" — cone?
126 Eighty-six



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cookie container
4 Acknowledgement
8 Work units
12 — Khan
13 Part of N.B.
14 Panorama
15 Acted as a go-between
17 Sicilian volcano
18 Data
19 Armada
20 Propaganda pamphlet
22 Unctuous
24 Solemn pledge
25 Hap- hazardly
29 Cravat
30 Square dance group
31 Ostrich's cousin
32 Chess climax
34 Finished
35 Addict
38 Small lizard
37 Characteristic
40 Antitoxins
41 Count counterpart
42 Fully filled
46 Regiment



- 47 N. Mex. neighbor
48 Historic time
49 Do in
50 Electrician's supply
51 Parched
52 Ceremony
53 Actor Hackman
54 Hit a fly
55 Foot fraction
56 Level
57 Schlep
58 Reason for a tarp
59 Playful water critter
60 Enrages
61 Pinnacle
62 Strayed
63 Portent
64 Gloom
65 Brewer's
66 oven
67 Culpable
68 Gumbo reed
69 Capture
70 Danson and Koppel
71 Bar
72 Geometry education
73 Use a teaspoon
74 Witnessed
75 "Entourage" role
76 Mess up
77 Rotation duration

DOWN

- 1 Precipitant
2 Life time?
3 Shone brightly
4 Sternward
5 Kill a bit
6 Inseparable
7 Marry
8 Novelist

MAGIC MAZE • TWIN — : U.S. PLACES

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

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

Bridges	Creeks	Mountain	Rivers
Bulges	Harbors	Oaks	Springs
Cedars	Lakes	Peaks	Valley
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