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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

MARCH 4, 2016

Lee County Band To Present Rhapsody And Rhythm Concert

n Sunday, March 13, the Lee County Community Band will perform Weber's famous Concertino for Clarinet. Soloist Art Tomasino, who divides his time between Fort Myers and the Boston area, is principal clarinetist for the Arlington (Massachusetts) Philharmonic Orchestra and a professor at Bentley College. The concert will being at 3 p.m. at Cape Coral High School.

The concert, Rhapsody and Rhythm, also will feature the band's trumpet section performing Trumpet Filigree by Harold Waters. Band director Richard Bradstreet has rounded out the program with a selection of seasonal melodies, including An Irish Rhapsody and When Irish Eyes Are Smiling; old favorites, including Gershwin! - featuring five of the George Gershwin's most-loved melodies - and I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen with emcee and vocalist Norman Jones.

The remaining concert of the season is set for April 12 at 3 p.m. at Cape Coral High School, 2300 Santa Barbara Boulevard (one block north of Veterans Parkway) in Cape

Coral. All of the band's concerts are free (donations accepted) and open to the public.



Richard Bradstreet directs the Lee County Community Band at a recent concert photo by Jay Payne Photography

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Luau performer using a lighted torch Luau Of Life Set For March 19

wo-time leukemia survivor Chansen Savakinus invites everyone to come out and support Luau of Life on Saturday, March 19 at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. More than a fundraiser, Luau of Life celebrates the unique bond between pediatric cancer patients, their families, caregivers and friends.

Proceeds from the evening's activities will benefit Barbara's Friends - Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund and the national Children's Oncology Group (COG).

Back for its second year, Luau of Life offers guests authentic Polynesian food, traditional hula and fire dancing, a production of Blue Hawaii – with a special appearance by Elvis (aka Peter Alden) – and the chance to bid on auction packages. Tickets are just \$150 per continued on page 23



A shrimp princess riding in the festival parade Shrimp Festival Parade Ready To Roll

The Fort Myers Beach Lions Club and parade chair Diane Clifton are ready for a parade. Organizations, businesses, clubs, families and individuals participate each year in Fort Myers Beach's biggest parade and celebration. The 58th

annual Shrimp Festival Parade will be held on Saturday March 12 at 10 a.m. Beginning on Estero Boulevard just south of the Beach Library and ending at the Matanzas Bridge, this parade is one of the oldest parades running the same route for 58 years. The Beach Lions are extending an invitation to participate or be a spectator.

This year is scheduled to include floats, fun and the Budweiser Clydesdales, which will follow the route that is approximately 1.25 miles in length.

Join the salute to the Beach shrimping fleet and its history. "Please remember and spread the word that the Matanzas Pass Bridge will close by 9 a.m. and not reopen

until noon so please arrive early" said Clifton. Applications and complete details of the Fort Myers Beach Lions Shrimp Festival can be found at the www.BeachShrimpFestival. com 💥

Spring Egg Hunt

he City of Fort Myers Recreation Division invites all children up to age 6 to join in the fun for the annual Spring Egg Hunt at Centennial Park on Sunday, March 20 at 10 a.m. Some 4,000 eggs will cover the park, and a special visitor is expected.

Happy festival goers

There will be free children's activities, including face painting, sidewalk chalk area, bean bag toss and a pre-egg hunt warm up with "Mr. Gary." Concessions will be available as well as a photo opportunity with the bunny.

The egg hunt begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. Children must be able to walk on their continued on page 4



Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Gem Of A Library Repurposed



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This 2004 photograph captures the renovation of the Fort Myers Public Library's first home on Edwards Drive. The building was the town's first to be built specifically

as a library, following decades of the institution migrating hither and thither around town.

In December 1950, it was announced that the City of Fort Myers had selected the site for the proposed library.

The weekly magazine *Hello, Stranger!* described the future location in local terms — "between The White Swan Drive-In and the river."

And what a marvelous location to land in after so many years of languishing for attention and funds: on Edwards Drive at Lee Street across from the Yacht Basin.

It was a beautiful haven for library lovers, with its open-air reading porch, profusion of natural light, friendly intelligent staff, brick-tile floors and, of course, the river view.

On March 30, 1952, the \$64,000 building was dedicated in open-house ceremonies attended by approximately 500 people.

That first proper library had been a long time coming – almost 50 years -- since the Fort Myers Woman's Club established the public reading room from which the library evolved.

The reading room that opened in 1903 at First and Hendry made books, magazines and newspapers available.

(It should be noted, however, that some students of local history date the library's true inception to April 1888, when a letter by Julia Allen Hanson was published in the *Fort Myers Press*. The Nickel Club, she announced, would raise funds to establish a public reading room where attendees could socialize and enjoy programs.)

That 1903 reading room was supported by subscriptions, lending charges and fundraising. Not until 1927 did the library become a publicly supported institution, when the library association, which had taken over the library, deeded it to the city.

It would move four or five more times before opening on Edwards, always being kicked out for some reason, the first being the commencement of construction of the Bradford Hotel in 1904.



In December 2004, the former Fort Myers Library on Edwards Drive across from the Yacht Basin was undergoing renovation. It was the library's first permanent home from 1952 to 1979.



Today's Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce occupies the former library, which retains many of its original winning features, including glass-block windows in the rear of the building. The Tidewater Building peaks over the roof. Currently, sculptor Edgardo Carmona's work *Don Quijote* is installed out front (right, partially behind palm tree).

photos by Gerri Reaves

The library remained on Edwards until 1979. In 1964, the decision to create a county-wide library system had been made, so the city library had been renamed the Fort Myers-Lee County Library by the time it moved to the Central Avenue location, next door to the Southwest Florida Museum of History.

About two and a half years ago, the library moved into a brand new home at First Street and Royal Palm Avenue and assumed yet another name, the Fort Myers Regional Library.

That former library on Central was recently demolished to make way for the new fire station now under construction.

As for the former library building on Edwards post-1979, it was vacant for a short time and then was occupied by various city agencies,

beginning with Neighborhood Redevelopment and the Housing Authority in the early 1980s.

After another period of vacancy in that decade, the Chamber of Commerce moved there in the 1990s, occasionally sharing space with other city agencies, such as Downtown Redevelopment or Tourism and Marketing.

Since it was renovated in the middle of the last decade, only the chamber has called it home.

Walk down to the corner of Edwards and Lee, enjoy the stunning view, and imagine curling up with a good book on a reading porch.

Tom Hall

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Fort Myers Art: Sculpture Bathes Art Center In Alphabet Soup

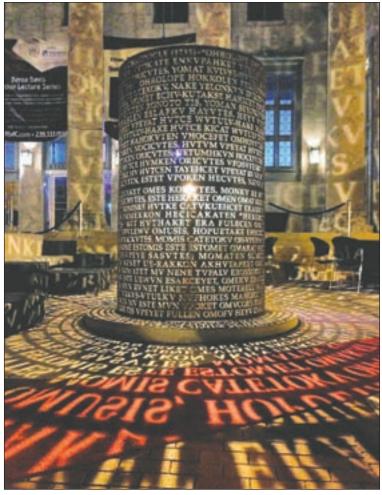
by Tom Hall

At night, the tapered ionic columns and limestone steps of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center glow with the images of thousands of letters like a phosphorescent alphabet soup. The source of this bedazzling light show is two large bronze cylinders that sit on the sidewalk at the foot of SBDAC's stairs. It is a light sculpture called

Caloosahatchee Manuscripts, a gift to the City of Fort Myers made by Florida Power & Light Company in 2001.

Caloosahatchee Manuscripts, also called Lux, is the brainchild of Jim Sanborn, a brilliant artist whose career spans three decades. His work has been exhibited at the High Museum of Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Phillips Collection and Hirshhorn Museum. But you'll also find commissioned works sitting outside the Central Intelligence Agency's offices in Langley, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The light sculpture that Sanborn installed at the CIA's headquarters has been an enigma for more than two decades. *Kryptos* contains four encrypted cylinders that were presented to CIA employees in 1990 as a challenge. To date, the CIA has only been able to decode three of them. The fourth cylinder has eluded deciphering by the agency's code breakers and other professional and amateur cryptographers.



Caloosahatchee Manuscripts is located in front of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers photo courtesy of Mish DP

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Less mystery surrounds

Caloosahatchee Manuscripts. In recognition that the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center sits on what was once the site of a settlement of Calusa Indians, one of the drums contains the text of a story told by Maskoki Indian leader Tchikilli to James Ogelthorpe about the migration of Native Americans into the lower southeast, including Georgia (where Ogelthorpe had founded his colony) and Florida. The Seminoles, Miccosukee and the Creek trace their ancestry to Tchikilli and his people.

Into the bronze of the second cylinder, Sanborn incised the Latin names of some 500 botanicals Thomas Edison tested at the request of his buddy, Henry Ford, in an effort to develop a local source of latex from which to make rubber. Latex is produced by many flowering plants, including dandelions (it's the milky substance that bleeds from the stem when you pick one) and goldenrod. Unfortunately, Edison died before he successfully developed a local species that could rival the South American rubber tree.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the River District.

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.

Soup Kitchen Benefit Donors

Menu donors for this year's annual Soup Kitchen Benefit have been announced. The Sam Galloway Jr. & Friends Annual Soup Kitchen Benefit will be held on Thursday, March 10 at the Sam Galloway Ford, located off Boy Scout Drive and Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Cocktails start off the evening at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

This year's menu, which is donated by local restaurants and individuals, includes appetizers from Sandy Stilwell of SS Hookers and Sunshine Grille, and The Rao Family of Mastello Ristorante and A Touch of Italy Market; garden salad from Will Prather of the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre; barbeque chicken and sauce from Jim Stewart of Jim Bob's Bar-B-Que; BBQ pork and swamp cabbage from Wesley and Deanna Hansen; fried shrimp and cheese grits from John and Paul Browning of The Three Fishermen Restaurants; gourmet meatloaf and mashed potatoes from Jordan Webster of J.G. Webster's Catering; broasted chicken by Steve and Jeanne Sexton of The Alva Diner; collards, corn bread and hot pepper sauce from Chip and Betsy Barnwell of The Farmer's Market Restaurant; green beans and banana pudding from Reuben Sliva and Arvey Krise of Reuben's Smokehouse; okra and tomatoes from The Soup Kitchen at Community Cooperative; desserts from Norman and Mary Love of Norman Love Confections and Uncle Charlies' Cookie Ministry; and beverages from The Ranch Concert Hall & Saloon, Mast Family Culligan and The Mitchell Family of Suncoast Beverage.

The goal of this event is to raise over \$450,000 for Community Cooperative, the umbrella agency for the Community Cafés and Markets, the Soup Kitchen, Meals On Wheels, Healthy School Pantry and Food Literacy in Pre-School (FLIP) programs, Mobile Food Pantries, and Social and Education Resource Centers for area hungry and homeless residents in need. The event has sold out for several years and continues to be one of the signature events in our Southwest Florida community.

To purchase a seat or sponsorship for the event or for more information, contact Nicole Rieg at Nicole@CommunityCooperative.com or visit www. CommunityCooperative.com.

From page 1 Lee County Band Concert

The 60-member band is comprised of musicians from all walks of life who reside in

Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. The band welcomes new members every year. For more information, visit www.leecountyband.org or call Norman Jones at 995-2097.





From left, CFA Commission Chairman Sheriff Deryl Loar, Clerk of Court Linda Doggett, Deputy Inspector General Lawrence Haut, Sr. Internal Auditor/Accreditation Manager Thomas Cianflone, Chief Internal Audit Officer/Inspector General Timothy Parks, Deputy Internal Audit Officer Tamera Anderson and CFA Executive Director Lori Mizell

County Clerk Inspector General Department Receives Accreditation

The Lee County Clerk of Court Inspector General's Office was awarded accreditation on February 24 from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation, Inc. (CFA) during a meeting in St. Augustine. An accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the

highest standards of professionalism.

Accreditation is the certification by an independent reviewing authority that an entity has met specific requirements and prescribed standards. The CFA Commissioners meet three times per year to oversee Florida's accreditation program and to officially accredit agencies that have passed the rigorous review process. The Lee County Clerk Inspector General program was created in 2014 and began working toward the accreditation soon thereafter. The goal of the creation of the Clerk's IG was to improve transparency in local government operations and confidence in local government by enhancing the mechanism for reporting and investigating fraud, waste and abuse of county resources and guardianship assets.

"It takes a team of very accomplished and dedicated professionals to earn this highly respected award," said Clerk of Court Linda Doggett. "Having the IA/IG accreditation provides another layer of protection for the public.

The department combines the Internal Auditor and Inspector General and provides powers to investigate complaints. Valid suspected cases can be reported to the fraud



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hotline at 337-7799, emailed to Info_InternalAudit@leeclerk.org, reported using the Anonymous Tips Online Reporting tool on LeeClerk.org or mailed directly to Lee County Clerk of Courts, Internal Audit/Inspector General Department, 1825 Hendry Street, Suite 312, Fort Myers, FL 33902-2469.🌣

Uncommon Friends Invites Teachers To Character Education Curriculum

he Uncommon Friends Foundation will be conducting a free training seminar for local teachers interested in teaching character education to children. The training program will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 5 p.m. at the Lee County Public Education Center, located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. The program concludes with a private tour and reception at the historic Burroughs Home and Gardens, located at 2505 First Street in Fort Myers.

Using interactive Smart Board technology, educators will learn the different chapters of the character education manual, entitled Lessons Learned from the Uncommon Friends, a popular and fun series of lessons based on Southwest Florida's history. Excerpted from Uncommon Friends by James Newton, the lessons focus on the generational values upheld by Southwest Florida legends - Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Charles Lindbergh and Nobel Prize-winning surgeon Alexis Carrel. Educators will learn how to integrate character education into today's classroom curricula, keeping children interested and engaged while learning how to live with integrity and make good decisions.

The courses are designed for those who educate children and young adults and can be integrated into all academic subject areas. The curricula are offered at no charge and are aligned with the Florida State Department of Education's Florida Standards, which can also be easily aligned with other states' education standards. Additional programs for home school teachers, nonprofit organizations, and other educators are planned in the near future.

For additional information or to sign up for this (or a future) training program, con-tact Angela Melvin at 337-9503 or angela@uncommonfriends.org.

Five Minutes Of Fame

n open invitation is extended to all music students, local performers and recording artists to join the 4P Music Network, perform during Music Walk, recording artists to join the H music ricework, perfected article and to share and learn with others in the field.

Beginning March 18, the 4P Music Network will meet and perform during Music Walk the third Friday of every month on the steps of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Friends, family and the general public are also welcome to participate in the evaluation and discussion with the performers.

The 4P music studios will be available to those who are pursuing careers in the recording arts and any who are not yet ready for the stage.

All live performances and studio recordings will be posted, evaluated and discussed in person the night of the event and afterwards, online at www.4Pmusic.com/network.

Admission for 4P Music Network Five Minutes of Fame is \$10. Refer a friend and get admission half off. Register for free at www.4Pmusic.com/network to sign up and contact Michael Paul, music director at 209-5972 or MP@4Pmusic.com. The studios and network are a part of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Eclectic Education program.

They connect musicians with the four key aspects of the music and recording industries: publishing, production, promotion, and performance. Utilizing multiple desktop audio workstations (DAWs) running ProTools software, Paul offers a hands-on learning experience to engage students of all ages.

He said, "It's great fun to play with a band and the technology available today affords us the opportunity to give students a taste of this experience from day one."*

Bluegrass At The Alliance

almgrass will present three hours of live bluegrass in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, March 6 beginning at 2 p.m. The concert features Andy Wahlberg, Southwind and Banyan Bluegrass.

Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$6 for alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first served. Children 12 and under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1 p.m.

The Sunday afternoon concert series continues monthly throughout the 2015-16 season. Visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 for more information.

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

From page 1 Spring Egg Hunt

own as parents will not be able to assist them. There will be a drawing for special prizes following the egg hunt! Children should bring their own basket to collect the eggs. There is no registration or fee required. Plan to bring the kids and enjoy a great Fort Myers tradition. 從



Mound House March Events

The following are the calendar of events at Mound House in March: March 5: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Guided Kayak Eco-Tour, \$45; Members \$15 (reservations required)

March 8: Tuesday 9 a.m. – Guided Beach Walk (at Newton Park), Free: 11 a.m. - Gardens of the Mound House, \$5 (Members free); 2 p.m. – Gardens of the Mound House, \$5 (Members free)

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March 9: Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

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to 12:30 p.m. – Guided Kayak Eco-Tour, \$45 - Members \$15 (reservations required)

March 15: Tuesday 9 a.m. – Guided Beach Walk (at Newton Park), Free; 9:30 a.m. to noon - Caloosa Carvers Demonstration, Free; 11 a.m. - People of the Mound House, \$5 (Members free); 2 p.m. – People of the Mound House, \$5 (Members free); 4 p.m. – Beach Nesting Birds, \$5 (Members free)

March 16: Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Guided Kayak Eco-Tour, \$45 - Members \$15 (reservations required) March 19: Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guided Kayak Eco-Tour, \$45

- Members \$15 (reservations required) March 22: Tuesday 9 a.m. - Guided

Beach Walk (at Newton Park), Free; 11 a.m. - Food, Fortunes, Medicines, and Poisons, \$5 (Members free); 2 p.m. -Food, Fortunes, Medicines and Poisons, \$5 (Members free)

March 23: Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Guided Kayak Eco-Tour, \$45 – Members \$15 (reservations required)

March 29: Tuesday 9 a.m. - Guided Beach Walk (at Newton Park), Free; 11 a.m. - Calusa Tools Demonstration, \$5 (Members free); 2pm – Calusa Tools Demonstration, \$5 (Members free); 4 p.m. - All About Oysters Youth Program, \$5 (Members free)

March 30: Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Guided Kayak Eco-Tour, \$45 – Members \$15 (reservations required

The following are program descriptions:

All About Oysters Youth Program: Join Penny Jarrett, education coordinator, and Sydney Monahan, local high school student, for a fascinating, in-depth look at the ever-important oyster. This program will include live demonstrations, interactive games and the opportunity to learn about the vital role the oyster and other filter feeders play in marine ecosystems.

Beach Nesting Birds: Explore the wondrous life cycle of beach nesting birds and the importance of the critical nesting habitat for these species on Fort Myers Beach

Caloosa Carvers Demonstrations:

Join the Caloosa Carvers on the grounds of the Mound House for woodcarving demonstrations featuring several replica artifacts from the Calusa culture.

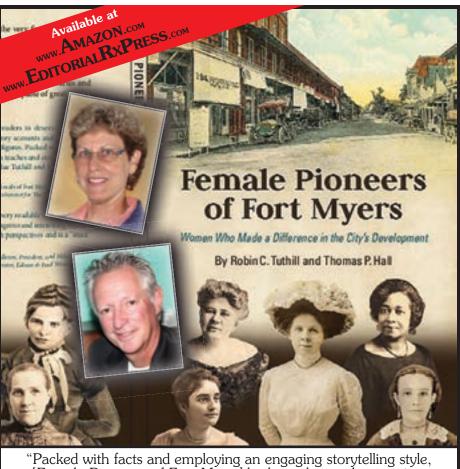
Calusa Tools Demonstrations: This hands-on demonstration will explore how the most powerful American Indian tribe in Southwest Florida crafted their tools, weapons and implements of daily life from their natural surroundings. Participants will be able to handle and use several reproduction Calusa tools to experience life in the shell age.

Food, Fortunes, Medicines and Poisons: This engaging and informative walk along the Mound House grounds educates participants about many of the over 100 plants and trees from Florida and around the globe that have influenced human history.

Gardens of the Mound House: Discover the unique plants that make up the gardens of the Mound House and how the Calusa and Early Settlers used them for survival.

Guided Beach Walks at Newton Park: Explore the natural treasures on Fort Myers Beach through a guided walk along the shore. Participants should meet at Newton Park (4650 Estero Blvd). Wear sunscreen, appropriate clothing, shoes and hats. Tours are approximately 1 hour - weather permitting.

Guided Kayak Eco-Tours: Explore the winding mangrove tunnels, tidal creeks and hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique continued on page 14



[Female Pioneers of Fort Myers] both teaches and entertains. Local history buffs and newcomers to history will value Tuthill and Hall's research and appreciate the accessible format, too.³ Gerri Reaves, PhD, author of Legendary Locals of Fort Myers and Fort Myers, Then & Now



Mound House

outheastern Guide Dog Puppy Raisers and The Calendar Girls of Florida will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Southeastern Guide Dogs on Saturday, March 5 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's, located at 2228 Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral. Tickets are just \$10 and the meal includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage, all served up by celebrity servers.

Southeastern Guide Dogs is an internationally accredited guide dog school located in Palmetto, Florida. They receive no funding from the government, their services are free, and it costs tens of thousands of dollars to raise up one guide dog team. Their Paws For Patriots program provides at no charge service dogs for our veterans suffering from PTSD.

For more informa-



Scout, one of the Paws For Patriots guide dogs, leads his family on a walk

tion or advance ticket sales, call JJ Jones at 415-5881.*

American Legion Post 274

n Friday, March 4, the Kiwanis Club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. On Saturday, March 5, the pool league plays at 1 p.m. Queen of Hearts starts at 7 p.m. Choose either a prime rib or a baked fish dinner. Harry Boyle plays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 6, a breakfast buffet is served from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bingo runs from noon to 3 p.m. Karaoke with Mike Russell is held from 6 to 10 p.m.

On Monday, March 7, the pool league plays at 6 p.m. The Executive Committee meets at 5 p.m. and the Legion members meeting is at 7 p.m. A pot roast dinner will be served.

On Tuesday, March 8, choose from fettuccine alfredo with 25 shrimp or a fried chicken dinner. Mega-Money is at 6:30 p.m., which is also the time that country line dancing and two-step instructions begin. Birdie Lee performs from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 9, Bingo is played from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Spaghetti and meatballs are served.

On Thursday, March 10, a barbecued baby back ribs dinner will be served. The Classix play from 6 to 9 $\mathrm{p.m.}$

Dinner is served nightly from 5 to 7 p.m.

The American Legion Melvin Cowart Post 274 is located at 899 Buttonwood Drive on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 463-6591.³

Jammies And Jeans At Temple Judea

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

Throw on your jeans and get your kids in their jammies for a casual, warm and kid-friendly Shabbat service filled with singing, storytelling and lots of fun followed by dinner. The Shabbat service is held in the Synagogue, followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

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

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

Community Bank Opens Off-island Branch

Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has opened a fifth branch, located in its operations center at 7500 College Parkway, a third of a mile west of U.S. 41. Customers can transact banking business and take advantage of hands-on, individual service Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and until 5 p.m. on Fridays. The location's ATM is accessible around the clock.

"The location on the north side of the College Parkway corridor is very convenient for our customers, as well as individuals and small businesses that may be looking for a banking partner," said bank President and CEO Craig Albert. "The high visibility of the location is great for us and our customers."

In addition to the new branch, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has two locations in Fort Myers, one in the Myerlee community and the second on McGregor Boulevard near Kelly Road. It is the only bank chartered on Sanibel Island, where it has two additional locations. The bank is well-capitalized, with \$277 million in assets, and generates the third highest return on equity of Florida's 157 chartered banks.

To learn more, visit www.sancapbank.com.炎

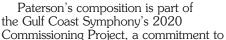
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Gulf Coast Symphony To Perform Brahms' *Requiem* With 150 Voices

The Gulf Coast Symphony's Classical Access Series continues on March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall with a performance of Johannes Brahms' *German Requiem* and world premiere of Grammynominated composer Robert Paterson's Walt's America.

Some 150 singers from the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers and Fort Myers High School Green Wave Singers will join the Gulf Coast Symphony in the performance of the *German Requiem*. This classic work was inspired by the deaths of Brahms' mother and fellow composer Robert Schumann. Unlike other requiems of the era that were sung in Latin, this is sung in German. Also uncharacteristic of a requiem is the sense of hope that pervades the work, especially towards the conclusion.





Robert Paterson

the creation of new music by the organization, bringing 20 new works to Southwest Florida by composers from around the United States by the year 2020.



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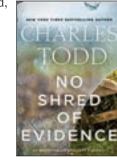
Walt's *America* is based on Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* and follows through six of the poems comprising the work. Paterson's goal was "to capture and highlight a variety of themes that permeate Whitman's poems and in particular, themes that have to do with his love of America and American ctizens."

The Gulf Coast Symphony's Classical Access concerts engage audiences with multi-media technology that creates an immersive and welcoming concert experience. Classical Access performances are also live streamed on the evening of the concert. Patrons can retrieve the free link by visiting GulfCoastSymphony.org. The feed is available starting 30 minutes prior to the concert.

Tickets to the Gulf Coast Symphony's March 6 performance start at \$22 and can be reserved by calling the box office at 481-4849 or visiting GulfCoastSymphony.org 🛠

Charles Todd Co-Author To Give Lecture At The Davis Art Center

aroline Todd, mother of Charles Todd, will join guests at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center for a lunch and lecture on March 7 at noon to lead a discussion about their newest book No Shred of



Evidence. A question and answer session and book signing opportunity will follow.

Charles Todd is the pen name used by the mother-and-son writing team of Caroline and Charles Todd. They live in North Carolina and Delaware and are well known for a series of novels set in post World War I England, including the Ian Rutledge series and Bess Crawford novels.

Charles Todd's love of history led him to a study of some of the wars that shape it: the American Civil War, WWI and WWII. Caroline Todd's background in history and her enthusiasm for suspense films led to creating a detective who had to make his own decisions and live with his own conscience.

In this absorbing new entry in the acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling series, Scotland Yard's Ian Rutledge is caught up in a twisted web of vengeance and murder in *No Shred of Evidence*.

On the north coast of Cornwall, an apparent act of mercy is repaid by an arrest for murder. Four young women have been accused of the crime. A shocked father calls in a favor at the



Caroline Todd

Home Office. Scotland Yard is asked to review the case.

However, Inspector Rutledge is not the first inspector to reach the village. Following in the shoes of a dead man, he is told the case is all but closed. Even as it takes an unexpected personal turn, Rutledge will require all his skill to deal with the incensed families of the accused, the grieving parents of the victim and local police eager to see these four women sent to the infamous Bodmin Gaol. Then why hasn't the killing stopped?

With no shred of evidence to clear the accused, Rutledge must plunge deep into the darkest secrets of a wild, beautiful and dangerous place if he is to find a killer who may – or may not – hold the key to their fate.

A gourmet salad lunch prepared by Chef Mike Gavala of G3 Catering will be served, followed by the lecture. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street, in the downtown Fort Myers River District. Tickets are \$35 each. Tables are available. Visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933 to purchase tickets. 🌣





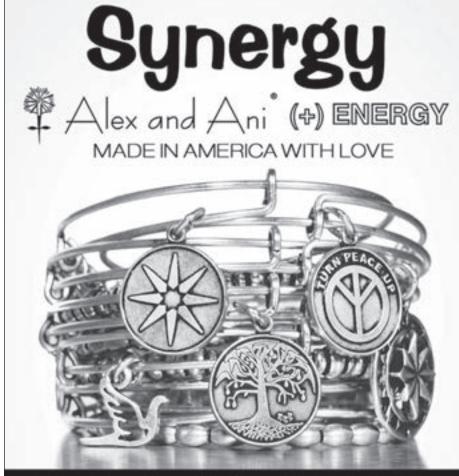
Art Walk, held on the first Friday of each month in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District, runs from 6 to 10 p.m. photo by Jamie Kuser

n Friday, March 4 from 6 to 10 p.m., Fort Myers Art Walk returns to downtown Fort Myers. The monthly event features new art exhibits and live artist demonstrations while providing a great atmosphere for shopping and dining. Art Walk is held on the first Friday of every month (rain or shine) in the historic River District.

Art buyers and art enthusiasts can meet the local artists during the exhibit openings at most of the downtown galleries and art spaces. The River District is home to more than 10 galleries and a handful of retail shops. Art enthusiasts can meet the artists at most of the art galleries and enjoy the live art demonstrations throughout the event.

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

Commemorate the end of another beautiful day at the **Sunset Celebration** at Times Square in Fort Myers Beach. The square is full of shops, restaurants and bars,



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The 18th annual Heron's Glen Art Show is Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watercolors, oils, acrylics and photographs, including this great blue heron by Ruth Meine, will be for sale.

and on Friday and Saturday nights, live music. Entertainment begins at 5 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m., weather permitting. Sunset Celebration is free for the entire family

On Friday, popular local band **High Tide** takes the stage to play their high-energy blend of reggae, classic rock, alternative rock, R&B and funk. On Saturday, let the good times roll with Rock Solid from Naples.

For more information about Sunset Celebration, call 463-5900.

On Saturday, March 5, Alliance for the Arts has scheduled a morning of fun activities that are suitable for the entire family.

GreenMarket, the Alliance's weekly famers market, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local vendors set-up their booths on the art center's 10-acre campus and offer shoppers an exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. Enjoy live entertainment by local musicians, fun activities for kids, gardening classes and live cooking by local chefs.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., registered yoga teacher Anna Withrow leads a free yoga session under the shade of the trees. It is suitable for all levels and beginners are welcome. Supervised children are also encouraged to join in.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., watch members of the Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild create works in a variety of mediums during a free demo day. It's a great opportunity to meet some of this area's finest craftswomen. Members of the guild combine old world craftsmanship with contemporary techniques to produce unique works of art.

From 10 to 11 a.m., there's a Gallery Walk & Talk with Melissa Barry and Lee Brotherton. The artists will discuss their current show, which runs through March 31 (the opening reception is Friday, March 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.). Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers near

Colonial Boulevard. Call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

On Sunday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Heron's Glen Artist Group presents its 18th annual Heron's Glen Art Show at the Heron's Glen Golf and Country Club in North Fort Myers.

Watercolors, oils, acrylics and photography artworks will be for sale. Meet and purchase directly from the artists. There is no admission charge for the event. Heron's Glen Golf and Country Club is located at 2250 Avenida Del

Vera, North Fort Myers. For more information, call 731-6524 or go to www. HeronsGlenArtistGroup.org

On Monday, March 7, Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes the Chicago Brass Quintet. The concert takes place at the Village Church Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Price is \$36.

The Chicago Brass Quintet was formed in 1964 to promote appreciation and enjoyment of brass chamber music through performances, educational workshops, broadcast recordings and commissioning new works. Hailed as "one of the premier ensembles of our time" by the International Trumpet Guild Journal, they have performed throughout the US and Canada, South America and Asia. They also perform live from their studio and often broadcast on National Public Radio and the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

Shell Point is located at 15101 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers. For tickets, call 466-1131 or go to www.shellpoint.org/events.☆

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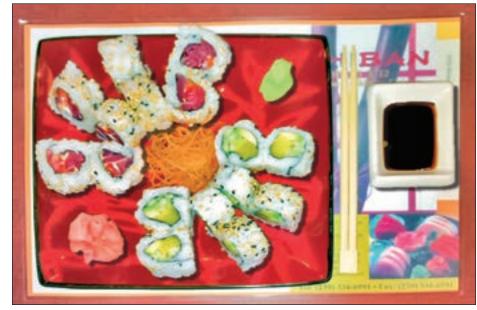
It's a well known gathering place with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich and there's a well provisioned raw bar.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

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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 11 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.🌣

MOAA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Calusa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m. at Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard, Cape Coral.

All current, former, and retired military officers and spouses are invited to attend. The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10. payable at the door. Reservations are requested and may be made by contacting Dixie Buick, 945-5030, or calusamoaa@ yahoo.com.



Churches/Temples

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION (UUA) 2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m., Adult Education Workshop 10 a.m., Reverend Margaret L. Beard, Minister. 226-0900.

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

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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**

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

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6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Voice of Faith, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m. Nursery care for pre-school children and Children's Church ages 5 to12 available. FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 15690 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-2030. Pastor David Stauffer. Traditional Service Sunday 8:45 a.m., Contemporary Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is 1/2 mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIŚT, SCIENTIST 2390 West First Street, next door to Edison 2390 West First Street, next door to Edisor 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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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. Šunday 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@embargmail. com, www.facebook.com/nbcministry. Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers NEW COVENANT EYES CHURCH

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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.

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of I75) East Fort Myers (across from Fort Myers Shores) 693-0818. 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Šunday.

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16940 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 454-3336. Robert G. Kasten Pastor. Sunday 11 a.m. Nursery 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages. Junior Church grades one to five. Wee Church Pre-K to K. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednsday Service 6 p.m. TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE 16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, www.templebethel.com. rabbi.barras@ templebethel.com. Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Victor Geigner, Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Inna Vasser. Union For Reform Judaism Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Learning Tree Monday through Friday. **TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)** 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan:

Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Services Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. www.tjswfl.org. THE NEW CHURCH

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

CHURCH FORT MYERS 13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister The

Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. 561-2700. www.uucfm.org. UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

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11120 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

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WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

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

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

Porrels To Receive Humanitarian Award

Leven though raising six children, five boys in six years and then a girl later, was their main role in life, Dick and Betty Porell have always managed to find time to give back to their community. The couple will receive the Catholic Charities Frank Galeana Sr. Humanitarian Award at the 2016 Venetian Charity Ball on Saturday, March 12 for their dedication to the organization.

"Both my wife and I grew up in low income situations," Porell said. "My parents never owned a house or a new car."

He was awarded a full scholarship to Yale from a benefactor at his high school.

"Someone provided me a free education. I owe it to others to help them," he added. The Porells resided in Hartford, Connecticut prior to moving to Fort Myers. There, he was on the boards of directors for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and public television. He also was the treasurer for the board of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Hartford. She volunteered and was a board member at House of Bread that serves the homeless with food and housing.

When they moved to Fort Myers, Betty Porrel volunteered for AFCAAM, a program of Catholic Charities, and enlisted Dick to be a treasurer for a small mission Catholic Church just up the road. He soon became treasurer of the board for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. and Catholic Charities Housing, Diocese of Venice, Inc. and as an advisory board member of Catholic Charities of Lee County.

"You can't help getting involved at Catholic Charities," he said. "The people they serve and the programs they offer are so diverse. It is easy to recognize that they make a difference for people in need."

The Venetian Charity Ball, hosted by Bishop Frank J. Dewane of the Catholic Diocese of Venice, will take place at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Spring. It will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment by the Paul Vesco Orchestra, and a live auction. In addition, one attendee will become the owner of a new 2016 Jeep Wrangler with a donation for the car raffle.

Proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities programs and services in Lee, Hendry and Glades counties. Visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org for tickets, exclusive sponsorships, and car raffle tickets.

For more information, call 337-4193, email VenetianBall@ccslee.org or visit www. catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Community Co-op March For Meals

ommunity Cooperative will be participating in the 14th annual March for Meals, a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meals on Wheels and the homebound and vulnerable seniors who rely on it.

The celebration will include a doughnut party for the driver volunteers, surprises for program participants and a week of celebrity volunteers.

"The services that we provide the seniors of Lee County are critical and the need is rapidly increasing," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of Community Cooperative. "Together, we can keep seniors living independently, healthier at home and feeling more connected to their community as they age."

This campaign is an effort to fill the gap between the seniors served and those in need that is widening due to increased demand with a rapidly aging population combined with declining public and private resources, and rising food, transportation and operational costs.

For more information on how to volunteer, contribute or speak out for the seniors in Lee County and across the country, visit www.CommunityCooperative.com.*





n Sunday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m., the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Fort Myers is sponsoring The Healing Perspective of Christian Science, a lecture with Evan Mehlenbacher. The event is free.

"Prayer heals!" Mehlenbacher exclaims when he recounts the many examples of spiritual healing he's witnessed over the years in his life and with friends and neighbors. "Divine help is at hand to solve problems and cure suffering. Anyone can find it."

Five years after graduating from Stanford, Mehlenbacher married, made a career change and began the full-time practice of Christian Science healing. He went into the full-time ministry of healing others through prayer. He has written dozens of published articles and lectured on the subject of prayer-based healing for over 19 years.

Today, Mehlenbacher travels widely, inspiring audiences with spiritual perspective that helps them find better health,



Evan Mehlenbacher

live a happier life and improve the world they live in. Mehlenbacher is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. He and his wife, Kathy, have two college-aged children and live in Richland, Washington.

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Rabbi To Speak On The African And Afro-American Jewish Experience

Rabbi Capers Funnye from Chicago is coming to Southwest Florida as the guest speaker at area congregations for the weekend of March 11, 12 and 13. His purpose is to build bridges to mainstream congregations. His visit is made possible by Bat Yam Temple of the Islands on Sanibel, Temple Judea in Fort Myers and the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties with additional support from the Leo Rosner Foundation in honor of June Rosner.

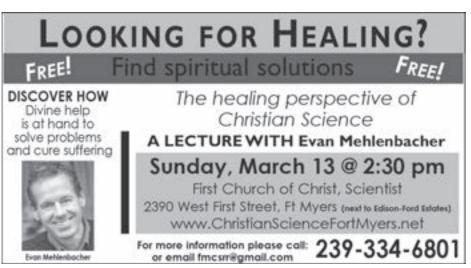
Funnye is the rabbi and spiritual leader of Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in Chicago, one of the largest black synagogues in the United States. Since October 2015, Rabbi Funnye has also served as the chief rabbi of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis, serving African American and African Jewish congregations in the United States, Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda.

Rabbi Funnye received his undergraduate degree in Jewish Studies and a Masters degree from Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago. He is a graduate of the Israelite Academy and received his ordination from Chief Rabbi Levi Ben Levy in 1985.

He has lectured at numerous universities, synagogues, churches and community organizations. He has appeared on local and national television and spoken on numerous radio programs.

His weekend of speaking engagements begins on Friday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Bat Yam, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel (meeting within Sanibel Congregational UCC). His topic will be, My Sacred Journey to Judaism.

On Saturday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m., he will join the congregation of Temple continued on page 22





Dick and Betty Porrel

Snook Season Opens With Low Expectations



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

March 1 marks the opening of the Gulf of Mexico snook season. Most years this short two-month season is an exciting time for anglers offering them a chance to

harvest one of these premier gamefish. This year is going to start off a little differently as the snook bite continues to be hampered by the cold weather. The low water temperatures cause snook to not actively feed.

Snook are a very temperature sensitive tropical fish and can die in huge numbers during unusually prolonged cold periods during a south Florida winter. We experienced one such cold water snook

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kill in 2010 causing the Florida Wildlife Commission to take emergency action and close the harvest of snook for three years until 2013. Luckily this winter, even though it's been colder than normal, we

have not had long periods of extreme cold water. Water temperatures have fluctuated between high 50s and high 60s, never staying in that dangerous mid to low 50s range for more than just a day or two that could cause another snook kill.

A really warm December brought above average temperatures and some simply awesome catch-and-release snook fishing. Then winter hit us like a ton of bricks, giving us an extremely cold January and February.

Catching snook of any size with regularity – let alone catching one that falls in the 28-33 inch slot size requirement to be harvested – the past two months has been tough going. Since the cold arrived and stayed around snook have basically gone into hibernation and the shiners which are their preferred bait have moved out to warmer water.

So with the odds seeming stacked against you, what's a good plan to catch that first legal snook of season? Target these fish during the warmest part of the day during the mid to late afternoon and snook will be the most active. Fish the sun-warmed side of shallow sheltered creeks and larger bays that have dark colored bottom working like a natural solar panel. Find that sun-cooked shoreline that's a few important degrees warmer and wintertime snook will be laid up there.

If you can find some shiners on the deeper bridge pilings, that's a plus but I would not waste my time and instead would go right to using soft plastic jigs. Slowly troll-motor these shorelines to cover as much ground as possible while picking it apart with a slow bounced jig and looking for that reaction strike. It's going to be a tough few opening days for snook anglers but without another major cold front in the 10-day forecast, it will get better.

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.*



he River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches.

at the River Weekly, 1609 Hendry Street, Suite 15, Fort Myers, Florida 33901,

Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch,

species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them







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crow case of the Week: Red-Shouldered Hawk Egg



by Patricia Molloy

Two weeks ago, CROW received a call from a local elementary school about a hawk that was down and in obvious distress. A volunteer was immediately dispatched to the

school to rescue the bird, which turned out to be an adult female red-shouldered hawk.

"She was in shock on arrival due to her inability to pass a large egg," said Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director. "I was able to get the egg out, but she passed away right after that." Hoping that the egg was viable – the staff at the elementary had confirmed that the female hawk had a mate – it was placed in an incubator in the clinic's nursery with a hygrometer (thermometer) monitoring its temperature and humidity.

While CROW has a lot of success incubating turtle eggs until they hatch, avian eggs are an entirely different matter.

"We've been turning it," explained Melissa Fox, CVT, veterinary assistant. "You have to turn it six times a day, a quarter turn each time. What Dr. Barron said is that it's kind of like the baby is in a little hammock, so the hammock is twisted one way and it needs to be twisted back the other way. So when we are turning it a quarter turn six times a day, we're turning it right, right, right then left, left, left, because then it's putting the baby back in the right position. She said, 'Otherwise, it will fall out of the hammock if we just kept turning it in one direction.' So it's really interesting."

"But it's not the same with reptiles," Fox, continued. "Those eggs – I mean, they abandon them after they lay them – so they don't have to be turned. We can just have them in an incubator in some vermiculite and the right humidity and they are successful. It's weird to think that (birds) are that smart that they know to turn it a certain way and then turn it back. It's not like their mom teaches them that. It's just instinct."

After several days of dedicated care, the staff had to face a sad truth: a fuzzy little chick was not forthcoming.

little chick was not forthcoming. "The egg was not fertile," Dr. Heather explained. "(The hawk) was probably already having some reproductive problems from laying the previous eggs."

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



Dr. Heather Barron was able to extract the egg from a red-shouldered hawk before it passed away. The egg was immediately placed in a makeshift nest inside an incubator with a hygrometer monitoring its temperature



Event hosts Tim and Bonnie McClure, Commodore Patty Korn, Museum Director Alison Giesen, host Kelly Gartner, Vice Commodore Rosemary Davidson, Treasurer Jack Dorn, event hosts Margaret Schmidt and Art Holzer and Jean and Chris Christensen with the banner they gave to The Mound House

Yacht Club Donates To The Mound House

submitted by Past Commodore and Club Historian Chris Christensen

n February 27, 26 members of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club went by boats and cars to tour The Mound House, a unique archaeological and historical site located on Estero Bay.

After the tours, a picnic was held on the beautiful grounds overlooking the bay. A financial donation was then presented to Mound House Museum director Alison Giesen for the benefit of the non-profit facility. A banner was also donated which reads, "It is with knowledge of the past that we better understand the present and plan for the future."

After the picnic, four yacht club boats, captained by members Art Holzer, Pete Oiderma, Jack Dorn and Chris Christensen, shuttled the attendees to Dog Key, a five-acre island in Hell Peckney Bay, across from Snook Bight Marina. This island is where the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club had its clubhouse, cistern, goat pen and pier from 1958 to 1970. They rented the island from the state of Florida for \$25 a year. Most current members had never before been to their "roots," which made this excursion an exciting "voyage of rediscovery".

Estero Island's oldest standing structure at Mound House has recently been restored to its 1921 splendor and is now open as a cultural and environmental learning center that sits atop a 2,000-year-old Calusa Indian shell mound. The Mound House offers a variety of group tours and programming for local residents, visitors and school groups. It is located at 451 Connecticut Street, Fort Myers Beach and offers site rentals, memberships, kayak eco-tours and other special programs.

For more information call 765-0865 or visit www.moundhouse.org.

The Ft Myers Beach Yacht Club was formed in 1953 and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of promoting safe, enjoyable boating and good fellowship. This community-oriented club, with over 100 members and 40 boats, maintains an active schedule of year-round activities, both on and off the water, for members and guests. Evening meetings are held once a month - usually on the 4th Wednesday at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining its own waterfront facility, dues are kept to \$150 per year per couple or \$75 per single. To learn more go to FMBYachtClub.org or call Pete Oiderma, membership chair, at 463-6240 or 415-328-5415.

Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering America's Boating Course beginning Saturday, March 5, from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class. The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, March 12 also from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to 18 months of membership in a United States Power Squadron at the 12 month price.

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

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com or by calling the office at 466-4040.[‡]

14 | THE RIVER - MARCH 4, 2016 Plant Smart Pine Fern

by Gerri Reaves

Florida is the only one of the 48 states in which pine fern (Anemia adiantifolia) grows and one of only four ferns native to pine rocklands. It is found growing on limestone, in hardwood hammocks, and even on the walls of sinkholes.

It grows in only a handful of counties, mostly south of Lake Okeechobee, and is thought to be extirpated in at least one. This member of the flowering-fern

This member of the flowering-tern family is also known as maidenhair anemia and maidenhair pineland fern.

"Flowering fern" is a misleading term, though, for ferns don't produce flowers in the usual sense. However, some species in the family have showy fertile fronds, thus the name. But the state's two native species of the family do not have particularly showy fronds.

Although the word fern might connote a finicky delicate plant, this species is rather adaptable in terms of moisture, sun and location.

It prefers alkaline soil and has evolved to thrive in the fire cycles of pinelands.

If your yard offers the perfect spot for this lovely plant, use it in a natural garden or fern glen. It is rarely available commercially, but is propagated by native-plant enthusiasts.

Propagating pine fern -- with spores or rhizome cuttings - can be difficult.



Native pine fern's natural habitat is pine rocklands, hardwood hammocks, sink holes, and other rocky areas

photos by Gerri Reaves

The fern's hairy horizontal rhizomes creep only a few centimeters under the soil. The fronds are generally triangular in shape and dimorphic, meaning that they have both sterile and fertile portions.

Sori, or spore-producing structures, appear on the undersides of the fertile section of the fronds.

The leaves that grow in two vertical rows on opposite sides of the erect fronds are subdivided with a slightly frilly look. The yellowish or greenish stalks are also hairy.

It typically reaches one-half to a foot high.

Sources: The Ferns of Florida by Gil Nelson, levypreserve.org and regionalconservation.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.🌣

From page 5 Mound House

tour, guided by staff biologist and Florida Master Naturalist Parke Lewis offers a rare and close-up opportunity to experience the abundant natural beauty of the estuary.

History of the Mound House: Explore the diverse history of this most unique archaeological and historical site.

People of the Mound House: An engaging opportunity to learn about the people who have lived on this unique site over the past 2,000 years and how the various inhabitants influenced the different aspects of its history. Sea Turtles on Fort Myers Beach: Join

Sea Turtles on Fort Myers Beach: Join Eve Haverfield of Turtle Time as she talks about these fascinating animals and the role they play in the health of our oceans.

The Mound House is located at 451 Connecticut Street. Museum hours are: January through April: Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; May through December: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Available for special event rental. Parking is free for kayak tour or group tour reservations: Call 765-0865. For more information, visit moundhouse.org or call 765-0865.*

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Library Gem

Then, walk several blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street and learn more about that classic little library.

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

Continue your history research at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center, where you can learn about the remarkable women who created the library we now enjoy.

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, The Epic of the Fort Myers-Lee County Library by Richard Powell, Fort Myers Press, and The Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer.**

Garden Club Sets Fundraiser

March in the Park is the annual fundraiser of the Garden Club of Cape Coral and will be held at Jaycee Park on March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

In addition to the garden club having a booth, Calusa Palm in Naples will have palms, flowering trees, ginger and heliconias, and Brittain Tropicals will have pitcher plants, orchids and air plants. Other plants include bonsai, bromeliads, succulents and perennials. Homemade canned goods will be available from Judy's Jungle, and Bella Verde Farm will have veggies from its garden. Garden art will include painted pots by Sandy Sacco, Glory Days will have metal sun yard decor and balancing birds. Chemwise will have liquid fertilizer, and MW Horticulture Recycling will have compost and green soil. Lee County IFAS Extension/Master Gardeners will be available for plant questions.

Food, music and opportunity drawings will be available all day. Opportunity drawing items include a rain barrel (hand painted by a club member), garden cart filled with plants and gardening items, two tickets to Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, two tickets to Edison Ford Winter Estates, four tickets to Cultural Park Theater, plus donations from all vendors. Opportunity drawings will be \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased the day of event or before from any garden club member.

A free Kids Corner will be manned by club members with creative nature related fun activities for all ages. Speakers will be making informative presentations every hour throughout the day. Kathy Woodlock, a Garden Club member and master gardener will demonstrate Earth Boxes. Vanessa Hazleton will demonstrate making a basket out of a palm. The Trafalgar Middle School Garden Club will demonstrate how to plant in a bale of hay. Students from Cape Coral High School Bella Verde Farm will talk about biochar.

All proceeds from March in the Park help the non-profit Garden Club achieve their objectives of educating members, awarding local high school seniors Marty Ward merit awards, civic beautification, Habitat for Humanity, Wekiva Youth Camp sponsorships, donate to local middle and high school garden projects and to promote civic awareness of environmental and conservation concerns.

The Garden Club of Cape Coral has open meetings the second Wednesday of every month (no meetings June, July and August) at 7 p.m. at the Cape Coral Art League, 516 Cultural Park Boulevard in Cape Coral,

For more information about March in the Park or the club, contact Ginny Huffer at 257-2654 or Huffmom5@aol.com or visit www.gardenclubofcapecoral.com.*

Nature Walk At Creeks Preserve

A volunteer naturalist will lead a onemile nature walk at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve East on Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m. The preserve entrance is at 10130 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers.

The walk will be held on an ADAcompliant boardwalk that takes participants through wetlands, oak hammocks and pine flatwoods.

Restrooms and picnic shelters are available at this Conservation 20/20 preserve. Participants will meet in the parking lot. No reservations are required, and no pets are allowed. Dress for the weather. Hats, binoculars, camera, bug spray, water and sturdy, closed-toed shoes are recommended.

Call 707-0862 for additional information. \updownarrow

Local Waters/ Local Charts Class

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering the popular Local Waters/ Local Charts class on Saturday, March 19 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



Hikers check out ferns from the Caloosahatchee Creeks boardwalk

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. Optional On-the-Water training is also offered at a later date. Please check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$45. It 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 or by calling 466-4040.*

Teen Volunteers Wanted For Alliance Summer Arts Camp



Volunteers are needed to help out at art camp this summer

The Alliance for the Arts is now accepting applications for its Summer Arts Camp Teen Volunteer Program. Volunteer positions are offered to students aged 14 years old and older who are looking to gain experience and confidence through assisting the Alliance Camp Education Team with art activities, classroom management, cleanup and much more. Interested teens must complete an online application, submit the \$30 training fee, and participate in a 30-min-ute interview on Saturday, May 21. A mandatory training session will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to noon.

This is the 28th year the Alliance has offered Summer Arts Camp, which features eight themed weeks that give kindergarten through 6th graders the chance to explore the visual and performing arts in a fun and interactive environment. To complete the volunteer application, or learn more about Summer Arts Camp at the Alliance, visit ArtInLee.org. Summer Arts Camp online registration is now open. The Alliance also



Campers from a past summer arts camp program

offers Minis Camp for ages 4 and 5 and Musical Theatre Intensive Camp for 6th through 12th graders. Members always receive 20 percent off camp tuition. Summer Arts Camp is proudly sponsored by Family Thrift Center in Fort Myers.

The Alliance for the Arts proudly supports artists and arts organizations in our area as the state designated local arts agency for Lee County. The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.☆

From page 11 Spiritual Healing

First Church of Christ, Scientist is located at 2390 West First Street, Fort Myers, next door to the Edison Ford Winter Estates. For more information, call 334-6801, send an email to fmcsrr@gmail.com or go to www.christiansciencefortmyers.com.

Broadway Palm's Concert Series

roadway Palm's 2016 Concert Series is in full swing! March concerts include Charlie Thomas' Drifters, Sinatra Forever featuring Rick Michel and Back Home Again: A Tribute to John Denver. All Sunday concerts begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the concert at 7 p.m.; Monday concerts begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the concert at 7:30 p.m.; matinee concerts begin with lunch at 11:45 a.m. and the concert at 1:15 p.m. All concert tickets are \$62 for dinner and the concert, and \$39 for

the concert only. On Monday, March 7 is Charlie Thomas' Drifters featuring Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Charlie Thomas, an original member of The Drifters. Charlie Thomas' Drifters will perform their greatest hits such as Dance With Me, Under Yhe Boardwalk, This Magic Moment, On Broadway and more.

Coming to Broadway Palm on Sunday, March 13 and Monday, March 14 is Sinatra Forever featuring Rick Michel. Back by popular



Tom Becker as John Denver

demand is Michel and his spectacular interpretation of Frank Sinatra. He, along with a seven-piece big band, will pay homage to one of the greatest singers of all-time performing American Songbook classics.

Back Home Again: A Tribute to John Denver will hit the Broadway Palm stage for performances on Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21. Tom Becker and his band take you on a musical journey from the foot-stomping fun of Thank God, I'm A Country Boy, the tenderness of Annie's Song and the sweeping grandeur of Rocky Mountain High in an uplifting and powerful tribute to John Denver.

Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.☆

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ENGEL & VÖLKERS



The American Virtuosi dinner is on March 26 March Events At Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center announces its events for March.

On March 4, Art Walk will feature Alina Eydel with Sacred Symmetry in the Grand Atrium involving geometric snowflake/kaleidoscope compositions out of sustainably farmed butterfly wings. Anastasia Zappas' Hair Today, Art Tomorrow will be in the Capital Gallery. Zappas, artist, owner of Zappas Hair Salon and creator of Definitely New Art with 40 years of experience in the world of color, sculpting and design, states the concept was born to apply hair to canvas which has transformed her love of hair into a unique new medium of art. See both exhibits March 4 to 16.

On March 7, there will be an Author Lecture and Lunch Series. Savor a lunch and lecture with best-selling critically acclaimed authors. Sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust.

On March 10, there will be a Connect Networking Event. Expand your business and personal relationships. Get to know each other and Connect in your community. Connect Networking is held the second Thursday of every month. Admission includes raffle prizes and appetizers. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$10 and vendor tables \$30.

Art Talk Tuesday and Closing Party is on March 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. Meet the artists and join in for a walk and talk about the exhibiting artwork, learn about different mediums and see what inspires and evokes the artist to create. General Admission \$5. Free for members.

On March 18, there will be a Music Network at 4 p.m. Anyone connected to music through their art, business, or love of it is invited to attend and network with the players in the field. SBDAC also welcomes talent interested in performing on Music Walk to email Michael at mp@4pmusic.com. Register at 4pmusic. com/network and your performance will be recorded. For more information on 4P Music Network activities, check the SBDAC website calendar and visit www.4PMusic.com.

Music Walk is monthly on the third Friday of each month.

On March 24, it's an Art and Poetry Networking Event at 8 p.m. *Gulf Coast Leisure* presents Art and Poetry Networking Events, showcasing the best art and poetry Southwest Florida has to offer. Artwork of every media is represented as well as music, spoken word,



Artwork by Anastasia Zappas. Meet her on March 15 at Art Talk Tuesday

poetry, and crafts. Network with likeminded people and expand the artistic community. Held monthly on the fourth Thursday. General Admission \$10

On March 25, Chamber Music Series will feature The American Virtuosi Chamber Concert thast is returning for a seventh season. It will feature the music of the great masters combined with the talent of some of the world's leading concert artists. The group includes violinists Peter Winograd, first violinist with the American String Quartet and Erin Keefe, concertmaster of the Minnesota Orchestra, concert cellist Andres Diaz, violists Cynthia Phelps, principal violist of the New York Philharmonic and Jim Griffith, CEO of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center and concert pianist Wendy Chen. Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m. and the performance is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Tables Available.

On March 26, spend An Evening with the American Virtuos. Join Berne Davis for an evening of gourmet food, wine and world-class entertainment. Guests will enjoy music from renowned classical musicians, including violinists Peter Winograd and Erin Keefe; violist Cynthia Phelps; cellist Andres Diaz; violist and CEO of the Davis Art Center, Jim Griffith; and pianist Wendy Chen. Tickets are \$125 and tables of eight \$900.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. For more information and to purchase event tickets, call 333-1933 or visit www. sbdac.com.

Facial Rejuvenation Seminar

The latest procedures to smooth wrinkles and rejuvenate the face will be explained at a free seminar on Friday, March 4 conducted by facial plastic surgeon Dr. Stephen Prendiville.

Laser resurfacing is one of the more popular and effective procedures to rejuvenate the face and reduce wrinkles and skin irregularities such as blemishes and acne scars, according to Dr. Prendiville.

"Individuals with fine lines or wrinkles around the eyes or mouth or on the forehead are good candidates for laser resurfacing as are individuals with shallow scars from acne," he said.

The laser beam used in laser resurfacing removes the outer layer of skin while simultaneously heating the underlying skin, called the dermis. This action works to stimulate growth of new collagen fibers. As the treated area heals, the new skin is smoother and firmer.

The two types of lasers most commonly used in laser resurfacing are carbon dioxide (CO2) and erbium. The newest version of CO2 is the fractionated CO2 which uses very short pulsed light energy or continuous light beams delivered in a scanning pattern to remove thin layers of skin with minimal heat damage.

Erbium laser resurfacing removes surface-level and moderately deep lines and wrinkles on the face, hands, neck and chest.

"One of the benefits of erbium laser resurfacing is minimal burning of surrounding tissue. This laser causes fewer side effects – such as swelling, bruising and redness – so recovery time is gener-



Dr. Stephen Prendiville

ally faster than with the CO2 laser," Dr. Prendiville said.

Using before and after photos of actual patients, he will discuss the latest advances in facelifts, eyelid lifts, nose surgery, lasers and reconstructive surgery. He will review injectable wrinkle fillers Botox, Sculptra, Juvederm, Restylane, Restylane Silk, Radiesse and Voluma.

He also will discuss SculpSure, which is approved by the FDA as the world's first non-invasive fat-melting laser device to treat stubborn fat in just 25 minutes. SculpSure is available exclusively at the Assuage Luxury Spa in Naples, where Dr. Prendiville serves as medical director.

The seminar, which includes a light lunch, starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in South Fort Myers. Reservations are required by calling 437-3900.**

Artists Demo Day At Alliance

Members of the SWFL Fine Craft Guild will demonstrate their specialties at the Alliance for the Arts during Artists@Work. This free, family-friendly demo day is on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the weekly Alliance GreenMarket.

Attendees may watch local artists create works in a variety of mediums. The artists include Lorraine Capps, Sherry Moesch, Martha Grattan, Lynn Ondercin and Trudy Sampson, Renee Farr, Toni Ory, Randy



continued on page 18 knitting by Sandra Johnston

Lakes Library Hosts Jeri Magg

Teri Magg, author and historian, will speak at the March 11 meeting of the Friends of Lakes Regional Library at 1 p.m.

• Magg, who wrote Historic Sanibel and Captiva Islands – Tales of Paradise in 2011 is working on a book about the women who are part of the history of the islands from the Calusa to the present.

All are welcome to attend the talk and the book signing to follow. Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road. \updownarrow

Founding Females Portrait Exhibit Opens At Edison Ford



A painting from the Founding Females Portrait Exhibit

n March 6 from 3 to 5 p.m., the Founding Females Portrait Exhibit opens at Edison & Ford Winter Estates. The opening includes a gallery talk, reception and book signing with authors Tom Hall and Robin Tuthill. The reception also will feature a painting demonstration by Linda Busch Benson.

Along with the exhibit, there will be lectures, films, teas and other activities to explore the lives of women both in Southwest Florida and throughout the world. The exhibit is open through May 27 and commemorates National Women's History Month. The exhibit "puts a face with the names of the women who settled in Fort Myers in the years following the end of the Civil War and helped transform the town in the last third of the 19th Century from a rough-and-tumble cow town into the commercial, cultural and tourist center of Southwest Florida," said Hall, co-author of Female Pioneers of Fort Myers..

"For myriad reasons, the names and accomplishments of these female visionaries were largely relegated to footnotes and paren theticals in the annals that recounted the achievements of their male counterparts,' say Tuthill and Hall. Published after the 2015 showing of the Founding Females of Fort Myers exhibit, the authors note that the book "brings the personal stories of 24 remarkable women to the forefront."

Hall and Tuthill will speak at the exhibit opening and will be available to sign copies of their book, which is available in the Edison Ford Museum Store. There will also be a book signing at the Edison Ford Shoppe at Bell Tower Shops on March 23 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Admission is free for Edison Ford members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.☆



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\$30,000 To Be Awarded On March 6 At The Young Artists Awards Gala



Young Artists Awards finalist Callie Atkinson auditioning

he entire community is invited to celebrate the best of performing arts students from throughout Southwest Florida at the 13th annual Young Artists Awards Gala on Sunday, March 6 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. A limited number of tickets to the event are still available at \$55, including a silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the show starting at 7 p.m.

In addition to enjoying the performances judged by the professionals in attendance that evening, the program will also feature the Audience Choice award, where ticketholders in attendance are invited to vote on their favorite performer at the event. Cash scholarships totaling \$30,000 and



Finalist Carson Maschmeier auditioning

other prizes will be awarded to the students this year. The not for profit Young Artists Awards program continues to expand in its 13th year of operation.

On four separate auditions days during two weekends in January, seven panels of professionals and educators in the performing arts adjudicated hundreds of registered auditions by students from a five county area in dance, drama, instrumental music, classical voice and contemporary voice/musical theatre.

Call 278-4422 or go to www.broadwaypalm.com to purchase your tickets.





Finalist Selena Masters auditioning

2016 Young Artists Award winners include:

Drama ages 13-16

Finalists Callie Atkinson, Cypress Lake HS, and Sarah Heidrick, Cypress Lake HS; Runner-ups Chloe Lamb, Cypress Lake Middle, and Grace Rucker, The Village School of Naples

Drama ages 17-21

Finalists Tommy Short, FGCU, and Courtney Camarillo, Cypress Lake HS; Runnerv-ups Kevin Moody, Charlotte HS, and Steven Angulo, FGCU

Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre ages 8-12

Finalists Avery King, Challenger Middle, and Jennifer LaRue, North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts; Runner-ups Kaatia Veldhuyzen van Zanten, homeschool, and Annika Veldhuyzen van Zanten, homeschool

Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre ages 13-16

Finalists Molly Spiroff, Naples HS, and Lolina Bruggeman-Munoz, North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts; Runner-ups Callie Atkinson, Cypress Lake HS, and Shelby Ironmonger, North Fort Myers HS

Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre ages 17-21

Finalists Bryanna Walker, Cypress Lake HS, and Noelle Aparte, FGCU; Runnerups Tommy Short, FGCU, Skye Sena, Gulf Coast HS, and Sam Bowling, Florida Southern College

Dance ages 8-14

Finalists Carson Maschmeier, St. Michael's Lutheran, and Halle Nygaard, homeschool; Runner-ups Zoe Syska, Cypress Lake Middle, and Kaitlyn Nicolosi, Fort Myers Christian

Dance ages 15-21

Finalists Andrea Damiani, Bishop Verot HS, and Gabriella Martina; Runner-ups Ben Lamoureux and Jamie Harris, Fort Myers HS

Classical Voice ages 13-16

Finalists Makayla Davis, Lehigh Senior HS, and Callie Atkinson, Cypress Lake HS; Runner-ups Lolina Bruggeman-Munoz, North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts, and Samantha Brister, Veteran's Park Academy

Classical Voice ages 17-21

Finalists Austin Cripe, FSU, and Selena Masters, Florida Southwestern; Runner-ups Noelle Aparte, FGCU, and Bryanna Walker, Cypress Lake HS

Instrumental Music ages 13-16

Finalists Hannah Diller, Classical Christian Academy, and Alexander Cohen, Fort Myers HS; Runner-ups David Carlson, Mason Classical Academy, and Tuan Tran, Cape Coral HS

Instrumental Music ages 17-21

Finalists Chansik Youn, FGCU, and Jossecarlo Romo Bocanegro, FGCU; Runnerups Elise Sherron, FGCU, and Ceren Su Sahin, FGCU.

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and Analilia Clay, Nancy Gray-Giffin, Suzanne Suber, Nancy Van Tassell, Sandy Johnston and John Hampton

Some artwork will be for sale. Members of the SWFL Fine Craft Guild combine old world craftsmanship with contemporary techniques to produce unique works of art. For more information about Artists@Work visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787.

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

Lee County Farmers Markets



Lee county has three farmers markets that are open year-round and several more that are open yearly during the winter tourist season

For the peak of the growing season. That means produce is at its ripest and tastes the best and is typically grown near where you live, not thousands of miles away or even in another country. In Southwest Florida, it also means fabulous fresh



Actors act out a scene in the play, The Nether

All Female Playwright Seaon

Theatre Conspiracy continues its All Female Playwright Season with Jennifer Haley's mind-blowing play *The Nether*, which challenges audiences to confront an explosive and controversial conversation that resonates with disturbing current events of the day. *The Netherasks* the question, "How can the virtual world be policed—and should it be?"

In the future, the internet has evolved into a virtual reality world where you can live out your every fantasy in complete anonymity. Identities are blurred, dreams real and culpability seemingly nonexistent. This is the world of *The Nether*, a crime drama and sci-fi thriller that explores the moral and psychological implications of human relationships in an increasingly technological age. A new virtual wonderland provides total sensory immersion. Just log in, choose an identity and indulge your every whim, no matter how dark or sinister; it's not real" right? But when a young detective uncovers an ominous brand of entertainment, she triggers a dark battle over technology and human desire.

Winner of the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, *The Nether* is both serpentine crime drama and haunting sci-fi thriller that explores the consequences of living out our private dreams.

The Nether runs March 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. as well as March 13 at 2 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$24. Women under 41 yrs old and students with proper ID are \$11. For more information you can call Theatre Conspiracy's box office at 936-3239 or visit www.theatreconspiracy.org.



Warm up with Yoga Bird this Saturday at the Alliance for the Arts. The free yoga session begins at 9:30 a.m. during GreenMarket, which runs until 1 p.m.

seafood, chemical-free and organic produce, fresh baked goods, native plants, local raw honey and all-natural products.

If access to healthy and delicious food isn't enough to draw you there, what about organic gardening classes, live entertainment, culinary demonstrations, art exhibits and kids' activities? The most important aspect of shopping at farmers markets is that it's fun for the entire family.

For example, every Saturday at GreenMarket at Lee County Alliance for the Arts, you may join registered yoga teacher Anna Withrow, owner of Yoga Bird, for free yoga sessions beneath the shade trees from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The sessions are suitable for all levels and beginners are welcome. Supervised children are also encouraged to join in. Bring a yoga mat, sunscreen and water. Registration is not required.

Here is a list of Lee county's weekly farmers markets:

Friday: Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruits, vegetables, breads, honey, soaps, jams and seafood. Call 533-7275 or go to www. buylocallee.com. Open through April 29.

Fort Myers Beach Farmers Market, at Bay Oaks Recreational Campus at 2731 Oak Street (Town Pool parking lot). 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. Fruits and vegetables, flowers, seafood, baked goods, snack foods and plants. Call 765-0202 or go to www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov. *Open through April 29*.

Marinatown Farmers Market, 3446 Marinatown Lane, North Fort Myers, off Hancock Bridge Parkway just west of US 41. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. BBQ, crepes, Cuban food truck, jams, pickles, seafood, baked goods, pet treats, exotic mushrooms, crafts and special items. Go to www.buylocalee.com. Open through March 25.

Saturday: GreenMarket at Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard near the Colonial intersection. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. An exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. Enjoy live entertainment by local musicians and fun activities for kids. It is open yearround. Call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

Florida SouthWestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fresh organic foods and baked goods, BBQ ribs and smoked chicken, healthy smoothies, international and domestic cheeses, gluten-free treats, meals to go, hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, wood products, soaps, essential oils and glass-fused art. Call 489-9061 or go to www.buylocalee.com. *Opening through April 30*.

Cape Coral Farmers Market in Club Square, downtown Cape Coral. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown produce, native plants, fresh Gulf seafood, live music/entertainment and informative community presentations. Call 549-6900 or go to www.capecoralfarmersmarket.com. Open through May 14.

Sunday: Sanibel Island Farmers Market, 800 Dunlop Road (City Hall – next to the library). 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May. Call Crystal Mansell at 472-3700. *Open through April 24*.

Wednesday: Health Park Farmers Market, Village Shoppes at Health Park, 16200 Summerlin Road at the intersection of Bass Road. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine). Local produce and citrus along with baked good and other eatables. It is open year-round. Call 470-9007 or email healthparkfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Fenway South Farmers Market, 11500 Fenway South Drive, Fort Myers in front of JetBlue Park. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fresh local produce, cheeses, fresh pastas, seafood, baked breads, meats, herbs, organic vegetables, ready-to-eat meals, plants, flowers, crafts, soaps, candles and other items. Parking is free. Call 226-4783 or go to www. buylocalee.com. Open through March 30.

Thursday: River District Farmers Market, under the US 41 Caloosahatchee bridge. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruit, vegetables, local honey, bread, seafood, BBQ, flowers and plants. It is open year-round. Call 321-7100 or go to www.cityftmyers.com.

Three Last-Place Finishes Anger Red Sox Ownership; Major Shift Ordered



by Ed Frank

Three last-place finishes in the last four years are totally unacceptable to the Boston Red Sox faithful, and totally unacceptable to Red Sox management.

"I was shocked at how bad we were last year," said principal owner John Henry last week as the team gathered here at JetBlue Stadium for the start of spring training.

"You can't have the type of talent we had on the field, or at least attempt to put the kind of talent we thought we had, and get these kind of results and not look for answers," Henry added His action to ressurect the storied franchise was first to hire

veteran baseball executive Dave Dombrowski as president of

baseball operations and dump Ben Cherington as general manager. And his comments last week also revealed another major change – less reliance on statistical analysis and greater reliance on time-tested scouting and other methods of traditional baseball preparations.

"One of the things that we've done is, and I'm fully accountable for this, we have perhaps overly relied on numbers. Too much a reliance on past performance and trying to project future performance -- that obviously hasn't worked three of the last four years," Henry said.

The Red Sox was one of the first teams in Major League Baseball to fully adopt sabermetrics, a form of advanced analytics which results in downgrading the importance of scouting.

They hired Bill James, the father of this statistical phenomenon, and the very next year the Red Sox won their first World Series in more than 80 years.

But that was 2004 and this is 2016. Despite Henry's insistance that the numbers game be reduced in importance, James remains with the organization as senior advisor of baseball operations.

Most baseball experts predict a rebound for Boston in 2016 on the strength of better pitching and bigger contributions from the youngsters on the team such as Mookie Betts, Xander Boggaerts and Jackie Bradley, Jr.

The signing of David Price, one of the three best pitchers in baseball, to a mega contract also should give Boston a huge boost.

Sports Illustrated Magazine recently gave the Red Sox a pre-season ranking of Number 8 among the 30 major league teams.

Let's hope they are right. Remember, however, many thought Boston would reach the World Series last year and look what happened.

Playoff-Bound Everblades Move Into Final Month Of Regular Season

With only 18 games remaining in the regular season, the Florida Everblades started the week with a 34-16 record in the ECHL South Division and a third-place standing in the league's Eastern Conference.

Florida is home this week at Germain Arena for three games against Toledo, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. This gives the local hockey team the opportunity to gain on second-place Toledo in the conferance standings. The Everblades trailed Toledo by only one point going into Wednesday night's game 🗱

Pretty In Pink Golf Tourney March 16

erons Glen Ladies Golf Association announced the 2nd annual Pretty In Pink Golf Tournament, to be held on Wednesday, March 16 at Herons Glen, 2250 Avenida Del Vera Drive in North Fort Myers.

The tournament is benefitting Partners For Breast Cancer Care, a community funded non-profit organization that helps Lee County residents with low income and no health insurance get breast screening and diagnostic testing including mammograms, ultrasounds, biopsies and surgery. The program is funded by grants and donations from Southwest Florida residents. The tournament title sponsor is Fuccillo Kia of Cape Coral. Thrive Media in Bonita Springs is contributing promotional services.

The event will kick off at 7 a.m. with arrival of the Pink Heals pink firetruck. Pink Heals is a nonprofit volunteer group dedicated to supporting women and families who are fighting illnesses through fundraising and awareness campaigns. The local chapter started in 2013 and has since been touring its signature pink fire truck across Southwest Florida. Breast cancer survivors at the event will have the chance to sign the truck.

The tournament will begin at 7:45 a.m. with a shotgun start. The luncheon will run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. with a raffle and silent auction.

According to Bernadette Schirra, Herons Glen Ladies Golf Association Pretty in Pink Golf Tournament co-chairwoman, the community has been involved with raising funds for breast cancer for years.

"Breast cancer is a concern for women of all ages, including those in Herons Glen," said Schirra. "When Janet Darnell. a breast cancer survivor, and director of Partners for Breast Cancer Care shared her personal experience with the disease, we were very impressed and wanted to help the cause."

"There are many people in SWFL who are dealing with breast cancer. This diagnosis can be overwhelming as these people have so much to deal with including securing treatment, caring for their famililies and managing their finances," Darnell added.

Schirra also said she's honored Fuccillo Kia of Cape Coral has offered to be a title sponsor of the event which includes a car donation for a hole-in-one, a \$1,000 donation to Partners For Breast Cancer Care, and a 55-inch flat screen TV for the silent auction.

On April 6, the firetruck will pick up Darnell and bring her to the Herons Glen Ladies Golf Association luncheon to present her the donation.

The event is open to all members of the Herons Glen Golf Course. Resident nonmembers will be able to play in the tournament, space permitting.

Tickets are \$55 and include lunch. For those wishing to attend the luncheon only, tickets are \$40. For more information, call 973-722-4195. 🌣



Donna Clarke, Susan Black and Steve Nordahl

Coalition Official Addresses Kiwanis Club

submitted by Pat Stevens

We want to thank Susan Black, the CEO of the Early Learning Coalition, for speaking to the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club on February 24 on a subject that is so near and dear to our hearts – children and their needs.

We all know that showing a child love is the basic element of their self-esteem. From the beginning of their life in their home, children need to know they are loved. At a very early age, children also need to be taught values, behaviors and disciplines in order for them to realize any dream they wish to pursue in their futures. They need to learn that success does not necessarily mean wealth. We need to show children that they must first seek the wealth that is in and of themselves and their community. The popular saying these days is pass it forward. Success in the heart is the self-willingness to pass it forward.

The Early Learning Coalition is doing just that with its pre-kindergarten program. The emphasis that is on School Readiness takes into account a child's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development. It involves parents as their children's first teacher. It provides developmental screenings for children and referrals to health and educational specialists. It works with other programs for young children such as Head Start and the Early Head Start programs. This program is aptly called School Readiness. On the first day of school, the child who has participated in this program is ready and eager to move through the upcoming years of educational growth

Another program that really caught the attention of the membership is the Literacy Buddy Program that provides children with books to take home and share with their families. Several of the members who are currently involved with our Reading Rocks Program were interested in learning more about the Literacy Buddy Program.

For information about the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club and our wednesday luncheon meetings and speakers, contact Pat Stevens, secretary, at 226-1556. All luncheon meetings are catered by Gwendolyn's Café and Catering.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

DShelley, I have tried to use rewards to motivate my children so they will do their homework without a struggle, stay on schedule and complete their

chores and responsibilities at home. Sometimes the rewards work, and sometimes they don't. Do you have any ideas on how to make rewards work all the time with kids?

Melanie W., Fort Myers Beach **Melanie**,

I am not sure there is anything that works with kids 100 percent of the time, but there are ways to make a reward system more successful. First of all, as you review the rewards, you want to make sure that they are acceptable, available and that they truly motivate your child. A reward is acceptable when you approve of it, or in other words you have not allowed your child a reward that you don't approve of, such as unlimited video games. An available reward is one that is readily accessible and does not impinge on your time and finances as the parent giving the reward. And most importantly, does the reward actually motivate your child or is it something that you think should motivate your child.

Reward systems are usually most powerful when a child can select from a range of reward choices often called a reward menu. Offering children such a menu can be effective because it both gives children a meaningful choice of reinforcers and decreases the likelihood that your child will eventually tire of a specific reward.

Here is a clever way to establish a reward menu that is fun to create, easy to implement and should be highly successful. It is called the "Reward Deck" (Intervention Central) and you and your children can build this together quickly following these steps:

• First, make a master list of all the rewards that you and your children find acceptable. Make sure to be very specific about the conditions of each reward.

• Then you and your children write out the acceptable reward choices on index cards to create a master Reward Deck. You may want to have a separate Reward Deck for each child.

• To make these rewards more powerful you could label them with specific values like a big reward or a small reward. So for each reward choice, the child indicates whether he or she (a) likes the reward a lot, (b) likes the reward a little, and then you can sort the reward a little, into two distinct piles and identify which chores and responsibilities can earn a big or a small reward.

• Now whenever your child earns a reward, they can pull a "card" from the appropriate deck and begin to enjoy it immediately without any negotiation or hesitation from you or them.

• Periodically, you and your child should review and renew the Reward Deck so it stays motivating and acceptable for both of you.

Remember that you must be consistent with rewards in order for them to work well and motivate your children.

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Alliance Summer Arts Camp Scholarship Applications

The Alliance for the Arts is now accepting scholarship applications for its award-winning Summer Arts Camp. Scholarships are awarded based on need for pre-kindergarten through 6th grade students. Submission of a formal application is required for a child to be considered for a full or partial scholarship.

This is the 28th year the Alliance has offered the camp, which features eight themed weeks that engage kids in visual and performing arts in a fun and interactive environment. Go to ArtInLee.org to complete the application online or call 939-2787 for more information.

The Alliance for the Arts proudly supports artists and arts organizations in our area as the state designated Local Arts Agency for Lee County. The Alliance campus and galleries, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, 🗱

Lee Republican Women Federated Lunch Meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, March 14 at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West First Street, located adjacent to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in the Fort Myers downtown River District. The gathering starts at 11:15 a.m. with a social hour, followed by lunch and the program. March's featured speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez Cantera.

Cost to attend the luncheon meeting is \$22. Make reservations before March 10 online at www.leerepublicanwomen.com/ event or contact Wren Morefield at 270-210-1284 or wrenspet@ hotmail.com.**



Carlos Lopez Cantera

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Financial Focus

'Cost Basis' Can Affect Your Investment Strategy



by Jennifer Basey

Now that it's tax season, you may want to pay close attention to every part of your financial picture because it's important to understand the factors that affect your

taxes. One area to be aware of is the "cost basis" of your investments.

Cost basis – also known as "tax basis" – is essentially your investment in a financial asset, such as a stock. Your cost basis is generally the amount you will use to determine your taxable profit or loss when you sell the investment.

Let's look at an example. Suppose you bought 50 shares of XYZ stock for \$1,000 several years ago. Now you decide to sell your shares and use the proceeds for a different investment, which you think will help further diversify your portfolio. (Keep in mind that while diversification can reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.) Your shares are now worth \$1,500, so you will have a \$500 gain – but will you be taxed on all of it?

To answer that question, you'll need to review what has transpired with your investment since you bought it. You know that the value has gone up \$500, but let's also assume that, during the last few years, you received \$150 in dividends and you reinvested the entire amount into your shares of XYZ stock. Your adjusted cost basis would increase to \$1,150, rather than the original purchase price of \$1,000. Since your sale price is \$1,500, your taxable gain would actually only be \$350 (\$1,500 minus \$1,150), rather than \$500. Consequently, if you were to report your cost basis as \$1,000 – your original purchase price – you'll end up paying taxes on a bigger gain than is necessary.

And we've just looked at one isolated example. If you were to under-report the size of your cost basis on all your investments when you sell them, you could end up paying far more in capital gains taxes than is actually necessary.

Fortunately, you probably don't have to worry about constantly calculating cost basis on your own; if you're investing with a financial advisor, he or she will likely provide you with statements that include these calculations.

Still, your knowledge of cost basis is important. For one thing, you can choose which particular shares of an investment to sell first. In the above example, we looked at what might happen if you bought shares at one time and then sold the same shares a few years later. But if you purchase shares of the same investment at different times, you are almost certainly buying them at different prices – and these differences in price will affect your cost basis when you sell. So your decision on which shares to sell first – as expressed in different accounting methods, such as "first in, first out" (FIFO) or "last in, first out" (LIFO) – can be more, or less, beneficial to your tax situation. Your tax professional can help you make the right choices.

By learning the basics of cost basis, you will become a more informed investor – and you can help potentially minimize your tax burden.

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President's List

arah Kafei, Fort Myers resident and a student at the Pratt Institute, was among more than 1,000 students who made the President's List in the fall 2015 semester.

Pratt Institute prepares its 4,700 undergraduate and graduate students for careers in art, design, architecture, information and library science, and liberal arts and sciences. It is located in New York City.茶

Spring Juried Art Show Winners

n February 28, Fort Myers Beach Art Association's gallery instructor Patty Kane gave a gallery talk accompanied by a reception sponsored by Matanzas On The Bay. Association president Floyd Lawrence, presented The Lucy B. Campbell Award and Best of Show to Tracy Owen Cullimore for *The Tasting*. First prize went to Kathleen C. Taylor for *The White* Ones, second prize was awarded to Dannica Walker for *Lily Too*, and third prize went to Maggie Rapp for *Copper Teapot Blue White Vase*.

Cheryl Fausel received the Lee Ackert Award for *Red is My Color*. The Florida Watercolor Award went to Judi Miller for *Tropical Beauty*.

Merit awards went to: Susanne H. Brown for he is small but he is quick and Silvia Kasparie for Walker River Canyon.

Honorable mentions went to Pamela Gill Flaherty for Valley of Horses, Susan Macintire for Beautiful Nature and Robert Mueller for Old Sayville Creek.

This exhibit continues until March 24. The Plein Air Show will continue in Studio II until March 10. Studio II will then feature a new show from the watercolor group from March 12 until March 24. Admission to both shows in the gal-



Tracy Owen Cullimore 's The Tasting won the Lucy B. Campbell Award and Best of Show

lery is free and visitors are welcome. For anyone interested in learning to

For anyone interested in learning to paint, several short workshops are being taught this season as well as Patty Kane's watercolor classes on Monday. For more information, send e-mails to the art association publicity chair Pam Flaherty at fmbaapublicity@gmail.com or stop by the gallery at 3030 Shell Mound, one mile south of the Matanzas Bridge. Call 4633909. The gallery is open daily through mid-April, Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday noon to 3 p.m. Visit the website for updates at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.*

deaRPharmacist Natural Cough Suppressants To Shut You Up





Dear Readers: Wintertime is one of my favorite

Ahh... snowy days, crackling fire, fluffy sweaters. Cough! Cough! Haaaaack! While there is a lot to enjoy during this

season, the winter months are commonly known as Cold & Flu season or Sniff & Sneeze season because of the nasty little viruses that come with it. I just dealt with the 'flu recently and posted a video about how I overcame the bug in less than 24 hours.

No matter how long it takes you to recover, the winter season always starts and ends with an annoying cough. Coughing is the body's natural way of clearing out the air passages in our lungs. Did you know, a bad cough can clock speeds up to 60mph? We're all going to have to run a little faster to get away from the germs. I have many natural options for you today. These will help tame your cough:

1. Honey with coffee. Honey has been widely used to treat coughs for years and years. Swallowing a spoonful or two calms the throat and has been shown just as effective as an over-the-counter cough suppressant ingredient, dextromethorphan (or DM) according to the Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine, 2010. In the Primary Care Respiratory Journal, researchers evaluated drinking honey with coffee every eight hours and found it to be more effective than steroids.

2. Ginger has been used medicinally for thousands of years and has been effective in supporting almost every condition including asthma, migraines, constipation, and bronchitis. It is a superior antioxidant and can be cut or crushed into small pieces and added to five cups of water with some lemon and honey. Boil the mixture until half of the tea remains and then sip or slurp (what I do) the tea. Do this every two to three hours for cough relief. You can also put one drop of essential oil in hot water and do a steam inhalation.

3. Bromelain is a natural enzyme that fights inflammation and infections. High amounts of bromelain are found in pineapples. Bromelain has been found to help reduce the airway inflammation in lungs which could ease a cough. That's according to Alternative Therapies in Health & Medicine, 2012. Bromelain capsules are sold at health food stores.

4. Afrin or similar stops post nasal drip in about 10 minutes and that can shut you up very quickly if your cough is triggered by a drip. That's what it was for me when I was sick. I also used Flunada, which is a natural cough/cold reliever sold next to all the Afrin products.

5. Vodka or brandy. This is not your excuse to get sloshed but many seniors out there know that a shot or even just

a teaspoonful of one of these drinks can soothe a cough within minutes, especially if you follow it with a teaspoonful of honey.

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.

From page 1 Luau Of Life

person or \$250 per couple. Tables of eight are available for \$1,200.

Chansen Savakinus is your special host for this evening dedicated to giving kids the chance to win their battles with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. Chansen finished treatment for leukemia the second time a little over one year ago. Along the way, he suffered six fractures to his spine, a blood clot, a stroke and the emotional trauma of losing three friends to cancer. Chansen is all for making a difference and helping so that other children do not have to go through what he did just to survive.

"Our hats go off to Chansen, a remarkable 15-year old who knows firsthand the value of having access to the finest possible hospital care," said Skip Leonard, chief foundation officer for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation. "Chansen's desire to help others through Luau of Life sets a wonderful example that others would do well to follow. We hope the community will come out to support Chansen and those children who are still fighting their battles against cancer." Barbara's Friends provides lifesaving medical equipment and speciallytrained physicians, nurses and clinicians needed to help young patients from across Southwest Florida win their battles with cancer and life-threatening blood disorders. All children receive services regardless of their families' ability to pay for care. The Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Center at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, supported by Barbara's Friends, is the only facility of its kind here in Southwest Florida.

To learn more about Luau of Life, visit www.LuauofLife.com or email bill@ stars-etc.com or deshaggett@gmail.com for complete information and to register online. Information is also available by calling 699-8318 or by contacting Sally Wilson of Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6057 or Sally. Wilson@LeeMemorial.org.X

From page 11 Rabbi Capers

Judea, 14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers and discuss Prophets in Our Times: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel.

For the third presentation, on Sunday, March 13, at 1 p.m., Rabbi Funnye returns to Sanibel's Temple Bat Yam The topic of his lecture is, The History of Judaism in the African American Community from 1918 to the Present.

All three programs are free and open to the public. For further information or directions, call Temple Bat Yam at 395-2544 or Temple Judea at 433-0201.

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,

Please tell me why some seniors still fall for the financial scams of the telemarketers. It seems to me that advice is given to avoid these scams in all of the newspapers, magazines and on television... and it still keeps happening. Please help me understand this behavior. Verna

Dear Verna,

sional legal advisor. Li Dear Verna, Telemarketers and scam artists are

nest eggs.

so darn good at what they do and so plentiful, unfortunately many people can get caught in their webs, young and old alike. Telemarketers and scam artists have a knack of exploiting needs and vulnerabilities. Combine that with an individual experiencing some cognitive or mood changes, and that is a recipe for exploitation.

The criminal elements that operate these telemarketing scams are very experienced and know their trade very well. They absolutely have no conscience

and will convince vulnerable seniors to voluntarily turn over their hard-earned

The seniors are probably lonely,

depressed, may not read newspapers or discuss their problems with others. Some seniors may have some mental impairment and really need to have their financial assets protected by a profes-

In our area, the attorney general's office is an invaluable resource to assist individuals who have been exploited. If you have been or know someone who has been exploited, call your local attorney general's office for assistance.

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

What To Look For In Nutritional Supplements



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

e are often asked about the benefits of supplements. Many of us take nutritional supplements, hoping for the same benefits found in the health articles we read: fish oils for brain function, glucosamine for joint health, vitamin D for immunity, or pro-biotics for digestive health, among many other popular ones. Prices and quality range considerably in brands. When many cheaper brands are tested, it is usually found that there is very little of the touted ingredient, making it little more than window dressing. This is common in multi-vitamins that have added an ingredient highlighted on the label for women's or men's health, hearth health, vision and the like.

So, how do you know you are getting a quality product? Do a little research on the company. You are putting their prod-

uct in your body, and therefore it is worth making sure that the company upholds rigid standards of excellence. This starts with obtaining the purest, high quality raw materials. If they test the potency and purity of each batch of raw materials, and then create formulas established through evidence-based clinical studies, chances are better that their entire product line measures up. When studies are released showing the health benefits of a certain herb, vitamin or other ingredient, a good supplement company will source that same product in the amounts studied. Just by claiming that an ingredient has been added in to a product, does not indicate if it has been added at a high enough dose to have therapeutic potency. This is why there is such a price difference in supplements. Purity and rigorous testing procedures cost more for the manufacturer, but are generally worth it in the end for those patients working with their doctor to get a therapeutic effect from supplements.

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Bridget Zalesak, left, with Addy Wallace and here family at the fundraiser on February 13.

Mariner High Club Fundraiser To Help 3-Year-Old Fight Cancer

The Mariner High School Triton Treasures Club held a yard sale on Saturday, February 13 at the school in Cape Coral. It raised over \$2,700 of which \$2,500 will go to Addy Wallace, a Cape Coral three-year-old who has cancer. The remaining \$200 will go to other Mariner High School families who are in critical need.

"Together we all made a difference, including setting an example to our young people," said Triton Treasures advisor Bridget Zalesak,

For more information on the fundraiser or on Triton Treasures, contact Zalesak at bridgetcz@leeschools.net or 772-3324 ext. 320.33



Mariner High School Silver Heat Dance Team perform at the fundraiser



The Mariner High School Triton Treasures Club's yard sale

Jennifer's March Fashion Forward Friday To Benefit Literacy Council

Jennifer's women's boutique is celebrating 33 years in business by giving back to local charities at Fashion Forward Friday events through April. The Literacy Council Gulf Coast will receive five percent of all sales from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, March 4. Shoppers will have champagne and cupcakes and will receive 15 percent off all dresses.

Literacy Council Gulf Coast is a not for profit organization committed to improving the English and reading skills of adults and children throughout Lee County, Hendry, and North Collier Counties.

"Literacy Council Gulf Coast helps adults and children acquire English literacy skills and education," said Jennifer Williams, owner of Jennifer's. "It is an honor to support this organization that is improving the quality of life of their students and enhancing our entire community."

From 1 until 3 p.m. representatives



Jennifer Williams of Jennifer's and Susan Acuna of Literacy Council Gulf Coast

from Wine & Design will provide information about their new studio in Fort Myers that offers nightly classes along with the option for private parties onsite or at your location. Wine & Design also partners with charities to offer Paint It Forward, where 25 percent of the ticket sales are donated to the charity, as well as team building events for companies and summer camps for kids.

Williams opened her Fort Myers boutique in November 1983 on McGregor Boulevard at Cypress Square; the same location where it stands today. Her unique and timeless sense of style and personalized service has created a loyal following.

Jennifer's is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 481-8582 or visit Jennifer's online at jennifersfortmyers.com.



Conditioned Air owner and CEO Theo Etzel, right, presents a donation check to Amber Nelson and Amanda Smith of Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida during the morning show on Gator Country with Melanie

Conditioned Air Donates \$1,000 To Upcoming Race For The Cure

Conditioned Air recently donated \$1,000 to Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida for the upcoming Race For The Cure. The event is the largest and most successful fundraiser for breast cancer in the world. Race For The Cure raises significant funds and awareness for the breast cancer movement, celebrates breast cancer survivorship and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Since 2011, Conditioned Air has been a proud sponsor of the annual Komen Southwest Florida Race For The Cure. Team Conditioned Air will once again be participating in the 5K run/walk on Saturday, March 5.

"Giving back to the community has always been a large part of our company culture," commented Theo Etzel, CEO and owner of Conditioned Air. "The Komen Southwest Florida Race For The Cure gives us the opportunity to raise funds for the treatment and education of breast cancer, something that has affected my personal family as well as several members of our Conditioned Air family."

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TRIVIA TEST

- 1. 1. MUSIC: What was the name of the record company founded by the Beatles?
- 2. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system spins the fastest?
- 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which insect can indicate the temperature with accuracy?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the fastest known bird in the world?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the only metal that's liquid at room temperature? 5.
- 6. MOVIES: What was Baby's real name in "Dirty Dancing"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What country is bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans? 7.
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition "herpetophobia"? 8.
- 9 MEDICAL: What is the common name for hypoglycemia?
- 10.TELEVISION: Where does Homer Simpson work?

ANSWERS

crawly things 9. Low blood sugar 10. Springfield Nuclear Power Plant. 4. Peregrin falcon 5. Mercury 6. Frances 7. South Africa 8. Fear of reptiles or creepy, 1. Apple Records 2. Jupiter, which rotates once in just less than 10 hours. 3. Crickets

My Stars ★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2016

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it's always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone's long-held position.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you don't cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by midweek, you'll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Turning the page on a mistake to start fresh might not be the thing to do. Better to go over each step that led up to the decision you made and see which one misled you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn't on the menu -- at least not this

week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That's fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn't easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty about people and issues is expressed in a positive, not painful, way.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On March 11, 1861, delegates from South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas adopt the Permanent Constitution of the Confederate States of America. It provided for six-year terms for the president, who was ineligible for successive terms.

• On March 10, 1876, the first discernible speech is transmitted over a telephone system when inventor Alexander Graham Bell summons his assistant in another room by saying, "Mr. Watson, come here; I want you." Bell had received a telephone patent three days before, filing just hours before another inventor, Elisha Gray.

• On March 12, 1888, agreeing to cooperate with a policy adopted by Congress, China approves a treaty forbidding Chinese laborers to enter the United States for 20 years. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 barred immigrants based on race and nationality for the first time.

• On March 7, 1923, The New Republic publishes Robert Frost's poem "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening." The poem, beginning with the famous line Whose woods these are, I think I know," has introduced millions of American students to poetry.

• On March 13, 1942, the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army begins training dogs for the new War Dog Program, or K-9 Corps. Tens of thousands of dogs had served during World War I, the most famous being Rin Tin Tin.

• On March 8, 1951, the Lonely Hearts Killers, Martha Beck and Raymond

SPORTS OUIZ

- 1. In 2015, Seattle's Felix Hernandez became the fourth-youngest major-league pitcher to reach 2,000 strikeouts (29 years, 32 days). Who was younger?
- 2. Name the A.L. player who debuted in 1986 and had 100-plus RBIs in each of his first two seasons, then never hit 100 RBIs again in his 16-year career.
- Who was the last University of Tennessee freshman running back to have four 100-yard rushing games in a season before Jalen Hurd in 2014?
- 4. Name the last NBA team before the Houston Rockets in 2014 to start a season 6-0 while winning each game by at least 10 points.
- 5. Who are the two NHL teams to start a season with 10 consecutive wins?
- 6. In 2015, Sebastian Vettel moved to fourth place on the list of most Formula One victories (42). Who had been fourth?
- Who is the oldest female tennis player in the Open Era to become a Grand Slam champion for the first time?

ANSWERS

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and Buffalo Sabres (2006-07). 6. Ayrton Senna, with 41 victories. 7. Italy's Flavia Pennetta, at the Lewis, in 1997. 4. Denver, in the 1985-86 season. 5. The Toronto Maple Leafs (1993-94 season) 1. Bert Blyleven, Sam McDowell and Walter Johnson. 2. Wally Joyner of the Angels. 3. Jamal

Martinez Fernandez, are executed in the electric chair in New York. The couple had schemed to seduce, rob and murder women who placed personal ads in newspapers.

• On March 9, 1981, a nuclear accident at a Japanese power plant dumps 16 tons of radioactive waste into Wakasa Bay. Despite the risk to people eating contaminated fish, the public was not told of the spill for more than a month. Fish in the area displayed mutations for several years afterward.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was Founding Father Thomas Paine who made the following sage observation: "He who would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself."

• Most people prefer to kiss with their eyes closed; however, of those who do prefer to keep their eyes open, the vast majority are men.

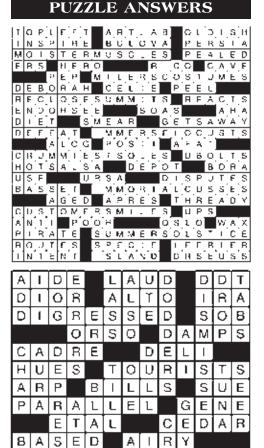
• It's well-known that a certain segment of native Londoners speak in a dialect known as Cockney, which makes frequent use of rhyming slang -- some classic examples are "dog and bone" for "phone" and "apples and pears" for "stairs." A more recent addition to the vocabulary is "Donald Trump," which, for at least the past 15 years, has been used as an equivalent for going to the bathroom.

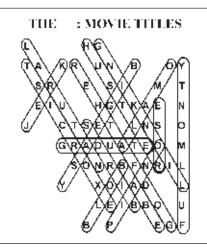
• If you watch TV or movies at all, you've probably seen some variation of the Humane Society disclaimer "No animals were harmed in the making of this program." You may not have considered that it's also applicable to insects, but those who make the programs certainly do. In fact, if you see a bug being destroyed in a contemporary movie, it's a safe bet that the bug was dead before the scene was shot. There are even people who stuff dead bugs with a sort of cream to fill it out -- and to ensure a satisfying squish for the camera.

• You may be surprised to learn that many people never even feel it when they're bitten by a venomous snake. (They certainly experience the aftereffects, though.)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you." -- Mortimer J. Adler





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Savory Tomato-Basil Chicken 1 whole chicken, cut into 4 pieces 3 large ripe tomatoes 1 large onion 3 cloves fresh garlic 1/2 cup fresh basil 1 tablespoon salt Kosher salt, to taste Fresh ground pepper, to taste Put everything except chicken into a food processor and pulse until fairly smooth. Place chicken pieces flat in a baking dish and spread liberally with mixture. Bake covered until chicken is mostly done through to the bone and then just uncover at the end for 10-15 minutes to get a little brown.

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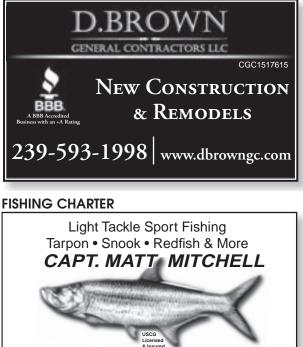
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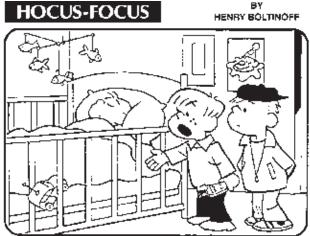
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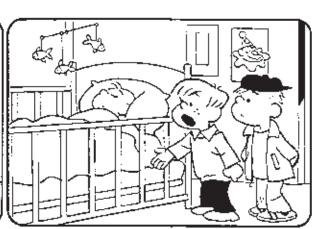
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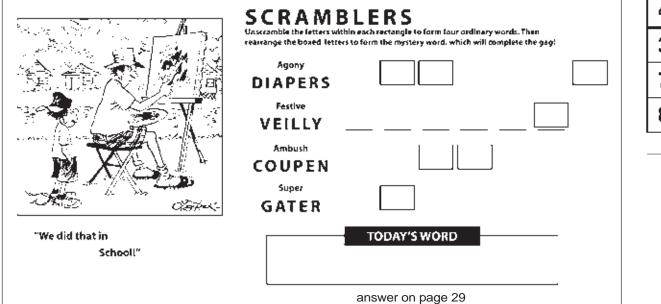
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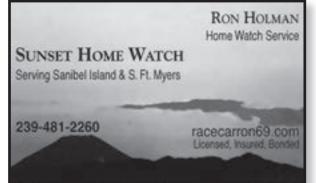
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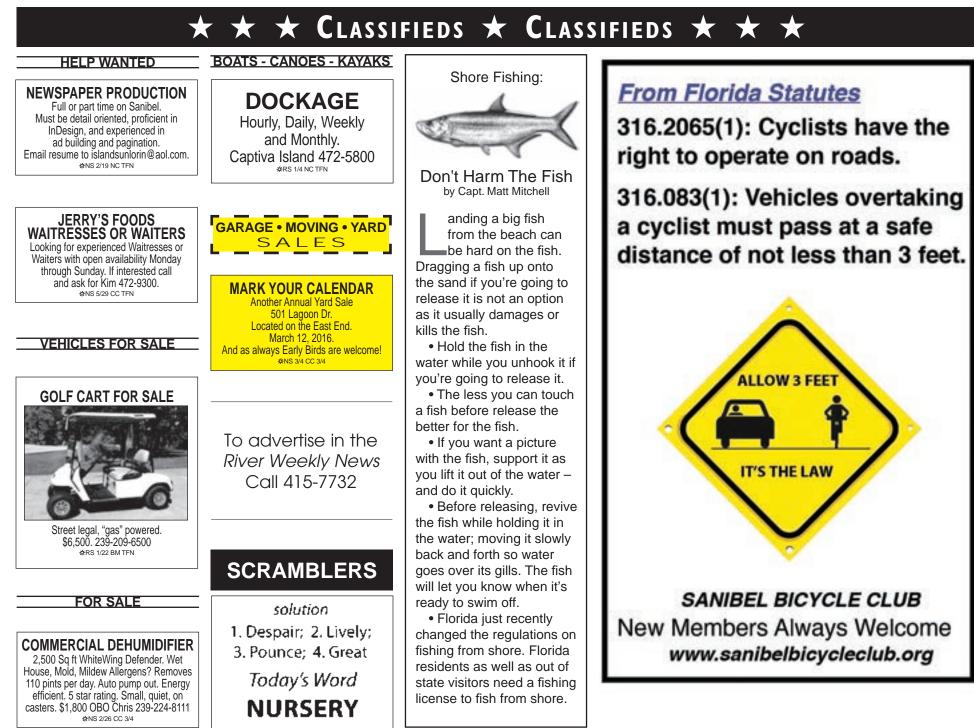
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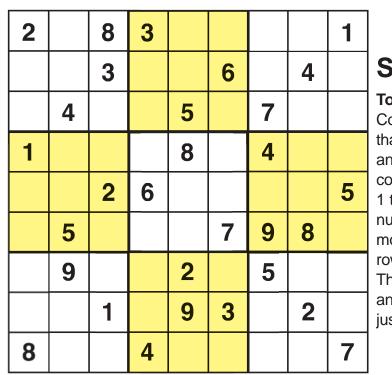
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Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2003	5,274	\$1,099,999	\$1,050,000	211
Ravista	Bonita Springs	2002	3,443	\$1,025,000	\$975,000	5
Beachview Country Club Estates	Sanibel	2002	2,472	\$995,000	\$905,000	90
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2001	2,268	\$799,900	\$782,000	12
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	1967	2,052	\$769,900	\$750,000	106
River Village	Fort Myers	2007	3,194	\$799,000	\$736,000	72
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (the same number cannot appear more than once in a row, column or 3x3 box.) There is no guessing and no math involved, just logic.

answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Blanca. I'm a 2-yearold spayed female Pit Bull Terrier. I'm a high energy dog who loves to play with my friends here at the shelter. We love to run, jump, play in the water, chase bubbles and do all the stuff that dogs love to do. I sure would love to do it with a new family and in a new home. I've been at the shelter since December. Won't you consider giving me a forever home?

My adoption fee is \$75. Get \$20 off when you make a basket during Animal Services' March Madness adoption promotion.

Hello, my name is Bob. I'm a 3-yearold male domestic short hair brown tabby. I once had a home where I was an inside cat. Then, my neighbors noticed I was living outside and my owners had left with everything in a U-Haul truck. Everything, that is, except me. Do you have a place for me in your home? I'd love to be you life-long companion.

My adoption fee is \$50. Get \$20 off when you make a basket during Animal Services' March Madness adoption promotion.

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 sur-

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 \$500.5



Blanca ID# 614664



Bob ID# 653774

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