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The Alliance Celebrates World Water Day With New Documentary

The public is invited to celebrate World Water Day on Tuesday, March 22 with a special screening of the new documentary film *Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil*, narrated by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker.

On the heels of the film's U.S. debut in New York City, producer/director Donna Roberts and photographer Gerald Lee Hoffman are presenting its Florida debut at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. Roberts and Hoffman are longtime Southwest Florida residents who now live in Pittsburgh. They spent two years in

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Four Aces At Wildcat Run



Four holes-in-one during Wildcat Run Men's Invitational were scored by Roger Jaeger, Jim Cangiano, Terry Jungerberg and Keith Masser

Roger Jaeger, Jim Cangiano, Terry Jungerberg and Keith Masser each scored holes in one during the 28th annual Wildcat Run Men's Invitational on March 4.

Two of the aces were made during the third nine-hole match on the 6th hole at

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Art Bazaar And Student Exhibit

On Sunday, March 20, Fort Myers Beach Art Association will hold an Art Bazaar Scholarship fundraiser and sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Santini Marina Plaza, 7205 Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach.

Members will have original artwork for sale including framed and unframed pieces.

The proceeds contribute to a significant percentage of the scholarship funds totaling over \$3,000 awarded annually. The association presents the scholarships and cash awards in April to area high school college-bound students who will be studying the arts and have submitted an artwork entry to the association's gallery.

The Student Art Exhibit will take place from April 9 to 13 at the association's gallery; Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

A reception for the student art exhibit is slated for Sunday, April 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. This exhibit will contain works from seniors from Cypress Lake Center for the



Mimi Little is one of the artists who will have works on display at the Art Bazaar at Santini Plaza

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Bobby Kimball

Lead Singer Of Toto Coming To Fort Myers

Legendary '80s rocker Bobby Kimball, original lead singer of Toto, will perform at The Ranch in Fort Myers on Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m. Backing him, and also formerly of Toto, will be Seven Dollar Jacket, featuring former Saigon Kick and Skid Row drummer Phil Varone.

Tickets for this concert, which is part of KDIM's popular Classic Rock Series, are on sale now.

Kimball was with Toto from 1982 to 1992 and again from 1998 until the band dissolved in 2008. He continues to perform such hits as *Rosanna*, *Hold the Line* and *Africa*.

Varone is an accomplished drummer, music producer and songwriter best known as the founding member of Saigon Kick and for his work with Motley Crue's Vince Neil, Skid Row and others.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

View From Dean Street



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This early-1930s photo captures the southward view from one of downtown’s shortest and newest streets, Dean. The construction of three-story Morgan-Dean Hotel in 1923 was the catalyst for creating that street.

When John Morgan Dean planned the hotel, he gained permission from the city to build the street too, so the hotel would have entrances on both First and Dean. By the time this photo was taken, the Morgan-Dean, originally only 22 rooms, had expanded, thus spanning the entire block north to Bay Street.

On the right at the corner is the Fort Myers Realty Building. That two-story structure was built soon after the hotel. The one-story brick building adjacent to it (mid-block right) soon followed.

It’s odd that this photo showcasing boom-time structures should have as a focal point the least modern buildings of the core business district in the early 1930s.

Straight ahead and center on First Street are three one-story buildings that could be described as the last hold-outs in the modernization of First between Lee and Broadway.

They stood on the site where the Franklin Hardware Store would be built in 1937, the southeast corner of First and Broadway.

In late 1920s, those modest buildings had housed a wide variety of concerns, ranging from Palm City News Company, Brocks Sign Company, realty offices, and even a souvenir shop.



This southward view from Dean Street was taken in the early 1930s. Pictured are the Morgan-Dean Hotel (left) and the two-story Fort Myers Realty Building (right).

courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



Three one-story buildings (center) on First were demolished when the Franklin Hardware Store was built in 1937. The Franklin Shops is now located there now.

photo by Gerri Reaves

A few years later, when this photo was taken, Quality Dry Cleaners occupied the left storefront. Note the large sign over the entrance and the tree behind it).

At the center is the Fort Myers Fraternal Building Corporation property, and at the corner at Broadway (right) is the Pink Elephant, a beer bar that also sold soft drinks and magazines.

That bell tower looming behind them is the Belmar Building, the second project to be completed on Broadway, just after the Post Office Arcade in 1925.

Like Dean, Broadway was a creation of boom-time developers.

The Belmar is now a law office and the bell tower vanished years ago.

Now, instead of a quaint bell tower in the distance, we see one of the “silos” of the Lee County Administrative Annex East (former Wachovia Financial Center), visible above the spot where three unassuming buildings once stood.

Stand in the center of Dean Street, look toward First, and contemplate just how fast the downtown landscape can change.

Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the developers who built not only downtown’s historic buildings, but the streets to get to them.

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

If you love local history, put the Southwest Florida Historical Society’s research center on your “must-visit” list.

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 from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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Fort Myers Art:

Marlin Miller's American Bald Eagle



by Tom Hall

In front of the old Lee County Courthouse on Main Street is a chainsaw sculpture of an American bald eagle just beginning to take flight. It was carved in 2011 from a majestic oak tree that first put down roots around the time the United States Constitution was being drafted in Philadelphia.

The tree was already 120 years old when the courthouse was built, and 225 years old when it became infested with termites in 2001. Lee County spent more than \$60,000 to brace and treat the tree in a valiant effort to save it. But after several large limbs broke off and crashed to the ground in 2010, the Lee County Commission decided the tree had to come down and it appeared the oak was destined for a wood chipper.

The plaque at the base of the eagle tells what happened next:

"A suggestion came forth to consider using the tree base and part of the stump to immortalize the landmark that had graced the courthouse for so long. A year long study as to how to accomplish this ensued, and it was finally decided to bring in nationally acclaimed wood working artist and Florida resident, Marlin Miller, to create from the tree the very symbol of Liberty, an American Eagle in flight. Before you flies his magnificent creation, guarding forever the work done for our citizens at the center of government."

The sculpture towers more than two stories. Miller carved the tree pro bono, asking the county to merely cover his out-of-pocket expenses.

How he did it

On June 9, 2011, Miller donned a lightweight shirt, heavy chaps and gloves, ear protection and a breathing apparatus, then climbed into a hydraulic lift that carried him 10, 20, 30 feet above the ground while a crowd gathered to watch him work below. From his perch, Miller used his chainsaw to shave huge chunks of bark and wood from the trunk of the termite infested tree, the sawdust acting as an insulator against the heat and ravages of the torrid summer sun.

"When I see a tree, Mother Nature has already put the sculpture there, so I'm just opening it up," Miller explains of the creative process that guides him as he cuts, shaves and sculpts away. In spite of the ear-splitting noise, Miller is filled with a seemingly incongruous serenity. "I feel like I'm painting on a canvas out on a quiet beach somewhere."

Miller completed the project in just five days on June 14. Miller left the anchors and braces that had been drilled into the trunk years ago to stabilize the tree and to keep heavy branches from dropping to the ground in high winds and heavy rainfall. Miller added even more support. "It is heavily reinforced to withstand a hundred years of anything Mother Nature throws its way," Miller said with satisfaction after completing the eagle which he hopes will provide inspiration to Fort Myers residents and visitors for generations to come.

Who is Marlin Miller

Miller is a fourth generation artist who grew up on a family farm in Manson, Iowa. He graduated from Hawaii Pacific University with a minor in Art and served two overseas tours in the USAF.

The 50-year-old father of five, who now resides

in Fort Walton Beach, made a name for himself in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Following the storm, Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway and Public Affairs Manager Vincent Creel initiated a project with Mississippi chainsaw artist Dayton Scoggins to sculpt marine animals and figurines from dozens of trees in the median of Beach Boulevard in Biloxi that were killed as a result of the salt-water storm surge 16 months earlier. Miller saw Scoggins' initial five sculptures and was inspired to get involved "in reciprocity for the help Biloxi had extended Fort Walton Beach in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan."

"I was originally only going to do two sculptures, but it evolved into a bigger project than I had anticipated." For four years, he donated his time and talent carving a trail of "Katrina Sculptures" along a 40-mile stretch of Mississippi coastline from the trunks of the immense storm-ravaged oak trees. The 40 perched pelicans, soaring eagles, playful dolphins and, yes, occasional marlin, some towering three stories high, have become the number one tourist attraction in the area. Fifteen are located in Biloxi (which lost 51 residents to Katrina), and now serve both as tourist attractions and poignant reminders that our native animals and marine life are irreplaceable local treasures.

Miller has been featured on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, The Today Show, CNN and PBS. His work has been featured in *Southern Living Magazine*, *Coastal Living*, *Southern Breeze* and *Woodcarving Illustrated*. On August 29, 2010, *American Profile* magazine featured Marlin on the front cover. This magazine has a readership of nearly 20 million in all 50 states.

Miller exhibits his conventionally sized wood sculptures at Negrotto's Gallery in Biloxi, Gulfport Galleria of Fine Art, Caboose Art Gallery in Long Beach, Maritime Museum in the Edgewater Mall, Maggie May's in Bay St. Louis, and the Gallery in Ocean Springs. For more information, visit www.marlinmillergallery.com.

Location and Measurements

- The Miller American bald eagle is located at 2120 Main Street in Fort Myers.
- The eagle's coordinates are 26d, 38' 33.666" N longitude and 81d 52" 12.614" W latitude.
- No information has been obtained regarding the precise height, width and depth of the sculpture.
- However, the trunk is seven feet wide and eight feet deep at ground level.

Fast Facts

In the process of carving the bald eagle, Miller salvaged between 4,000 and 5,000 pounds of wood from which he plans to make fountain pens and bowls that the county can bestow as awards and at ceremonial events.

Information about the artist and his work is available at www.marlinmillergallery.com.

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



The majestic oak tree was 225 years old when it became infested with termites in 2001 and could not be saved. Marlin Miller turned it into a beautiful work of art.
photo by Michael Heider

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Art Students Exhibit Opens



Artwork on display

The Future of Art Lee County Art Students Exhibit opens at the Alliance for the Arts in April. Artwork created by Lee County students will once again fill the gallery walls at the Alliance throughout the month of April. This is the 24th year the Alliance has partnered with the Lee Arts Educators Association to give students a chance to display their art in a formal exhibition. The show features more than 40 schools and hundreds of works in a variety of mediums. The opening reception for elementary and middle school students is on Wednesday, April 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. High school work will then be exhibited with a second opening reception on Wednesday, April 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. and remain on display until April 30. Winners will be selected in several categories during the high school reception and Best in Show will be awarded.

LAEA is a group of volunteer art teachers who work to recognize and promote students with interest and aptitude in the arts. Art by Kids with



A packed house at last year's show

Cancer (Young Artists Awards) will be on display in the member gallery. Join your friends and neighbors at the Alliance to support these young artists, or come by anytime to peruse the exhibits while they're on display. The Alliance galleries are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

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



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A large pile of candy, which was turned over to Lee Memorial Health System's military support coordinator Kim Gaide



From left are Tom Bates, Thom Winspear, Roy Becker, Steve Garrepy, Walter Rourau, Kim Bowman and Dianna Ryan, front

From left, Roy Becker, Steve Garrepy, Dianna Ryan, Walter Rourau, Tom Bates, Kim Bowman, LMHS Military Support Coordinator Kim Gaide, LMHS project assistant Carol Clay and Thom Winspear of Cypress Cove

photos courtesy of Cypress Cove

Sweet Easter Delivery For Military Troops

The staff of Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida recently handed over thousands of Peeps marshmallows and hundreds of pounds of jelly beans to Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) organizers for their Easter candy drive.

The sweet delivery was all for a great cause with the candy stash headed overseas to military troops. For Cypress Cove, their four-week collection brought out the best in team challenges, including a plethora of puns from department staff members.

Organizers and staff of the nearby 48-acre continuing care retirement campus dropped of over 2,500 Peeps and approximately 315 pounds of jelly beans.

"It was a 'eggs-cellent' effort and show of support for our troops," said Ammie Black of Cypress Cove Human Resources.

Cypress Cove Dining Services team accumulated 70 pounds of jelly beans and the community's Facilities Department – aptly called the Chicken Hawks – donated 1,100 marshmallow Peeps during the four-week candy drive challenge.*

Craft Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. The RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers. Coffee and donuts will be available. The public is invited to attend this sale.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Marge Gregg at 466-5331.*

Lunch With Author Is Auction Prize

The Friends of the Lakes Regional Library, in partnership with the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, invite bids in an online celebrity auction to win lunch with Meg Cabot, the *New York Times* best-selling author of *The Princess Diaries*, *Mediator* and *Heather Wells* series.

The lunch for three people with Cabot

will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 20 at The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers. The restaurant is known for fresh seafood served in a fun atmosphere. Two series of autographed books are included: *The Princess Diaries* and *Mediator* series. To bid in the auction, go to www.readfest.org/celebrityauction. The online auction

ends at 11:55 p.m. March 13.

The auction is provided by Cabot, The Marina at Edison Ford and the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. All proceeds will go to fund the Southwest Florida Reading Festival.

Author information, dates of partner events and directions are available at www.readfest.org or by calling 479-4636.*

Breakfast Fundraiser Benefits Local Guide Dog Program



The Calendar Girls and the Southwest Florida Puppy Raiser Group

The Calendar Girls, along with the Southwest Florida Puppy Raiser Group, held a successful FlapJack fund-raising breakfast at Applebee's in Cape Coral on March 5. Funds raised will help provide world-class guide dogs at no charge for deserving individuals.

The Southeastern Guide Dogs Fort Myers Walkathon at JetBlue Park will be held on Saturday, April 9 starting at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com or www.guidedogs.org.*

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SWFL Children’s Charities, Inc.’s 2016 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest raised \$2.8 million and counting, with 100 percent of the proceeds directly benefiting pediatric health care in Southwest Florida. On February 27, more than 300 people came together for The Grand Tasting & Live Auction at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club to raise money for SWFL Children’s Charities, Inc.’s beneficiaries, Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida and pediatric programs and scholarships at Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida SouthWestern State College.✱



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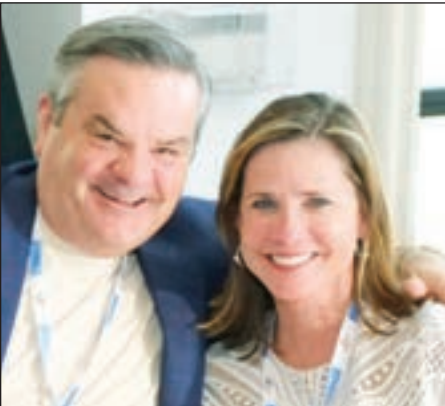
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For more information, call (855) RDA-EVENTS (732-3836) or go to www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

Support your local artists by buying handmade and artsy items at the **Downtown Fort Myers Saturday Art Fair** on March 19. It runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features vibrant, accomplished artists and crafters set up in downtown Fort Myers to sell the works they create. Artists will set-up on the First Street sidewalks from Hendry Street to Jackson Street. Expect to see works of fine art, jewelry, ceramics, designer wear and unique artsy fine crafts. Prints from original works are also available. Art vendors will have tables on the sidewalk in front of prominent businesses.

For more information about the Saturday Art Fair, contact Claudia Goode at cgoode@actabuse.com or at 337-5050 or go to www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com.

There is something for everyone at the **Southwest Florida Reading Festival**. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Attendance is free.

The event features multiple stages with celebrity authors who will share the inside scoop about their latest books or what makes a story idea click for them. Attendees are able to buy books that the authors can personalize and sign. There will also be numerous book and educational vendors offering the latest in services and new ideas, along with writing workshops and competitions. Kids will be mesmerized by the storytellers.

The SWFL Reading Fest has an abundance of family fun activities, including readings and drawings. Nearly a dozen different vendors will be on hand serving a variety of menu items. It promises to be a day that the entire family will enjoy and one that you will want to repeat every year.

The Southwest Florida Reading Festival takes place at the Harborside Event Center and across the street at Centennial Park, 1375 Monroe Street. For more information, call 321-8110 or go to www.readfest.org.

On Saturday night, the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** hosts the **Luau of Life Gala**. Proceeds from the event benefit Pediatric Oncology Research, helping kids win their battles against cancer.

Luau of Life is an evening of Polynesian and tropical fun. It includes all the excitement and spectacle of a traditional luau. The venue is set with tropical ambience with something for each of the senses. It is a casual yet upscale event that offers attendees all the best of Polynesia including traditional hula and fire dancing.

The gala begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$250 per couple and \$1,200 for a VIP table of eight. For tickets, call 333-1933.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the heart of downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. For more information, go to www.sbdac.com/event.

There are still two concerts left in this year's **Sanibel Music Festival** line-up. The event is celebrating its 30th season with performances by three Cliburn Gold Medalists.

On Saturday at 8 p.m., the Opera Theater of Connecticut presents Mozart Masterpieces. Six professional opera singers will perform excerpts from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Abduction from the Seraglio*, *Così fan tutte* and *Don Giovanni*, with Kyle Swann returning for his 10th season as Music Director.

On Tuesday, March 22 at 8 p.m., it's Olga Kern, pianist. Kern first played at the Sanibel Music Festival in 2001,



The Luau of Life Gala is an evening of Polynesian and tropical fun that benefits Pediatric Oncology Research. It takes place on Saturday at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

after her volcanic playing made her the first woman to win gold at the Cliburn in over 30 years.

The Sanibel Music Festival was founded in the 1980s by Marilyn Lauriente, musician and impresario. During each Save March for Music season, the Festival presents seven concerts with piano, chamber music, recital and vocal ensemble.

Each concert in the Sanibel Music Festival is performed at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. For more information, call 344-7025 or go to www.sanibelmusicfestival.org.

Suzanne's Dance Fitness offers fitness with a flair.

The class of the month for March is SteopFit. The class-of-the-month program allows you to try a class that you've never attended before at no charge. This month, meet Justin and get acquainted with Step aerobics on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. It's a crazy-good calorie burn and loads of fun.

On Saturday, March 19, the Ballroom Group Lesson will resume.

The monthly Ballroom Social Dance, with David and Suzanne, takes place Saturday, March 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. It features lesson, general dancing, snacks and refreshments.

On Thursday, March 31, enjoy Bob and Gretchen Manhart's Argentine Tango group class from 7 to 9 p.m.

Suzanne's Dance Fitness is located at 1400 Colonial Boulevard #27, Fort Myers at mid-town's Royal Palm Square (between Colonial and McGregor Boulevards). For more information, visit www.DanceSuzannes.com or call the studio at 822-9226.✪

American Legion Post 274

On Friday, March 18, the Kiwanis Club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. In the evening, Harry Boyle plays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 19, 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 20, an all-you-can-eat 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 21, the pool league plays at 6 p.m. A pot roast dinner will be served.

On Tuesday, March 22, 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 23, Bingo is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Spaghetti and meatballs are served.

On Thursday, March 24, the Classix play from 6 to 9 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 in Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 463-6591.✪

Local Graduate

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Auction Breaks AMIKids Record



Winner of the AC/DC signed guitar, Kathy Masiello, and AC/DC bassist Cliff Williams

On February 20, Gulf Harbour Yacht & Country Club hosted the fifth annual dinner and auction fundraiser and made \$237,000 for AMIKids Southwest Florida. That was more than any other AMIKids fundraiser ever raised in the U.S. The dinner and auction offered guests silent auction packages, a live auction and a buffet dinner.

"This is our largest fundraiser of the year," said John Ingraham, immediate past president of the board of AMIKids Southwest Florida and a Gulf Harbour Yacht Club member. "AMIKids Southwest

Florida relies on these events and donations to continue to provide excellent educational and extracurricular programs to their students and this year the event surpassed our expectations."

Founded in 1991, AMIKids Southwest Florida has a rich history of helping troubled boys and girls transform into productive citizens. Since opening its doors, the program has served more than 2,200 Lee County teens. Each year, AMIKids Southwest Florida provides services to an average of 90 teens, leading to a 90 percent success rate. Combining academics, counseling, behavioral treatment and vocational training opportunities, faculty and staff provide opportunities for a successful transition so that kids can take steps in a positive direction. Working with the school district, the Department of Juvenile Justice and other resources, AMIKids takes a long-term, comprehensive approach to help children succeed.

AMIKids Southwest Florida is located at 1190 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 765-9696 or go to www.amikids.org.

Republican Dinner Meeting

Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto will provide a legislative update at the Lee Republican Women Federated April dinner meeting at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford on Monday, April



Lizbeth Benacquisto

11. A social will begin at 5:15 p.m. and will be followed by dinner and a program. The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections Panel will also be part of the April program.

The cost to attend the dinner meeting is \$25. Reservation is required before noon April 7. Go to www.leerepublican-women.com or contact Wren Morefield at (270) 210-1284 or wrenspet@hotmail.com to register.

Pinchers is located at 2360 W. 1st Street, adjacent to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in the Fort Myers Downtown River District. ✨

ACT Donation Drive Saturday

The Latin American Motorcycle Association (LAMA) will host a donation drive on Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Sun Sports Cycle & Watercraft, 3441 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. Guests are asked to bring donations to support Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT)'s 24/7 emergency safe shelter facilities for victims of domestic violence and their children. Needed items include new pillows, new twin-size sheet sets, hygiene items such as toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant and clothing.

"We are honored to do this special donation drive for ACT," said Julio Beaucamp, vice president of LAMA. "I would urge everyone in the community to come out with their donated goods in support of services for victims of violence, as well as to enjoy the festivities."

The donation drive is free to the public and will feature music, food, free prizes for children, a 50/50 raffle and raffle prizes. For additional information on the event and items requested for donations, visit www.actabuse.com/event/lama-ft-myers-time-to-act-donation-drive/. ✨



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It's All About The Bait



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Strong southerly winds all week made the bay bumpy if not rough at times. On the bright side though it was finally warm out again. These south winds made

for extreme high tides and some outstanding fishing, usually close to home. This proved to be the case this week with the afternoon high water bite during that strong south wind being a perfect set-up for the fish to eat. Snook, redfish and big trout were often found mixed together on the same mangrove islands and shorelines.

Catching shiners has remained a real grind with the bridges being the only place I'm finding a few. I did try chumming for them on the open flats without

any luck, although there is certainly no shortage of pinfish. Hopefully, as the morning tides get a little stronger and our water continues to warm, these shiners will get easier to catch. Although catching shiners has been a chore to say the least, if you had them it made all the difference in the world.

Shrimp are still catching fish but if you want that shot at a real quality fish you have to put in your time throwing the cast net.

With so little bait around, it's amazing how aggressive the birds have become. While I was live shiner fishing this week the birds at times made it impossible to cast to mangrove shorelines without a dive bombing tern snatching up your shiner. This often became so frustrating you simply had to move to get about a 10-minute window before the birds found you again.

Switching over to pinfish was one way to keep the birds away and did produce a few fish although, just like the birds, the fish also preferred shiners.

The question among fishing guides and anglers alike this week continues to be, "Where are the shiners and when are they going to show up?" It could be



Jane Drew with a 28-inch redfish caught and released while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

poor water quality in the mouth of the river that is keeping the huge schools of shiners out in the gulf or that the water is only now finally starting to warm up. A few weeks ago when the water was a whole lot colder and looked much nastier, they were much easier to catch on the bridges than they are now. I do remember a spring a few years ago when our shiners never showed up in any kind of numbers. Only time will tell and until then it's going to continue to be a daily grind catching these magic little baitfish that everything that swims

likes to eat.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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The State Emergency Response Team, through Emergency Support Function-18, Business, Industry and Economic Stabilization, has activated the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center (FLVBEOC) to assist in assessing the impact that the discharges and flooding have had on local businesses.*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Gray Catbird



by Patricia Molloy

The gray catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) receives its name from one of its signature calls, which has been described as a cat-like mew. These medium-size songbirds are related to thrashers and mockingbirds, all of which are known to copy the sounds of other birds that they then incorporate into their own unique songs. Despite

being described by some as plain or drab due to the colors of their plumage, catbirds – both male and female – have big personalities and display bold behavior when defending their territories.

On March 10, a gray catbird was admitted to CROW after being found down and unable to stand. While no broken bones were palpated during the intake exam (which radiographs later confirmed), the songbird – patient #16-631 – showed clear signs of brain injury.

“He’s kind of an unknown trauma that Dr. Wu took it in,” explained Dr. Allison Daugherty, DVM intern. “He has motor (skills) and sensation in both hind limbs, but he’s definitely showing neurological signs: he’s splaying his legs out, back behind him. He can grip – you put your finger under him and he will grip it properly, same as he would with a branch. But when we put him in (his cage), he just lays with his legs splayed out behind him.”

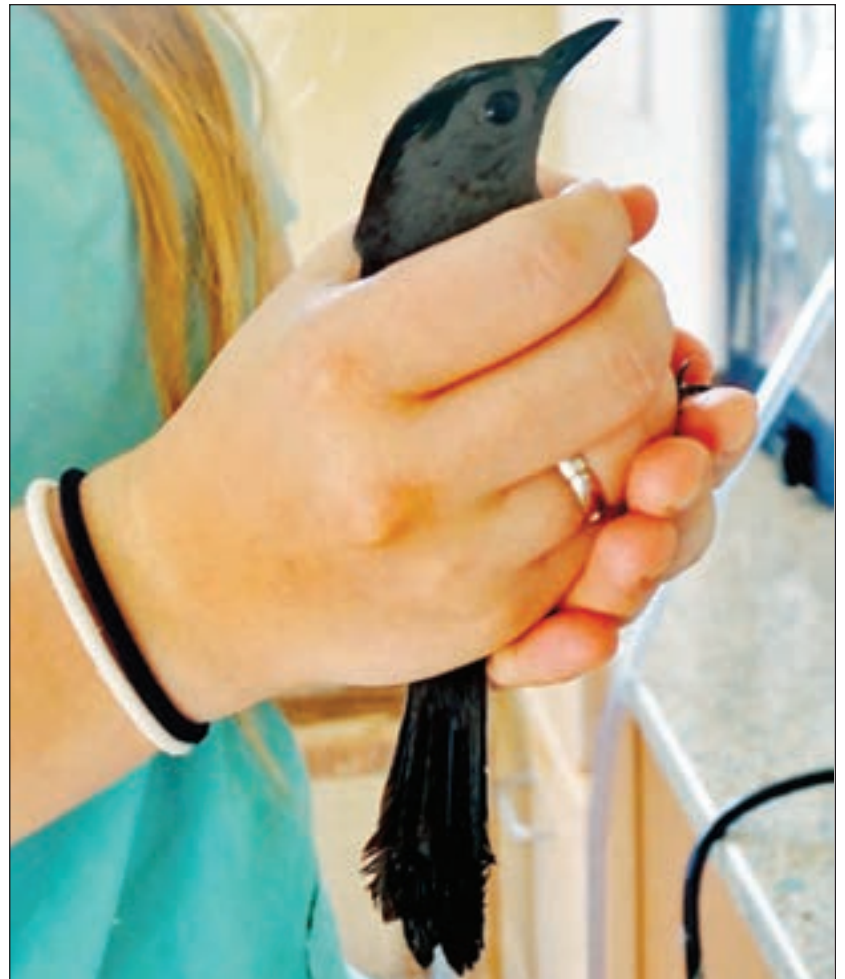
In the first few days at the wildlife hospital, the catbird was treated with supportive care: pain medication, an anti-inflammatory, nutrient-rich food and plenty of cage rest. In addition to being force-fed a special formula designed for insectivores, the bird slowly began eating some of the mealworms that the staff left for it between

meals. The catbird’s ability to begin feeding itself was a sign of improvement; as long as a patient’s condition moves in a positive direction, CROW will continue to treat it.

“We’ve had several others like (this catbird) that were completely down and it just takes time,” said Dr. Allison. “Motor and sensation are big, because if they don’t have motor (skills) and sensation, then we really worry if they have, say, a spinal fracture that can’t be healed. But if they don’t have complete neurological deficits, a lot of times we do try to give them a little bit of time. That’s one of our big criteria. That’s why it is so important that, if (a patient) comes in and they’re not using their back legs properly, that’s one of the things we check. It’s a really big prognostic indicator.”

When asked how long it may take for the catbird to recover from head trauma, hospital director Dr. Heather Barron responded, “There’s no way to know. But if they still have some motor skills, then there’s a chance.”

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



The gray catbird, patient #16-631, just before its morning weigh-in. The songbird suffered a head injury in an unknown traumatic event.

Youth Symphony Presents Spring Concert

The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra will hold a concert on Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral.

The Youth Symphony recently returned from a successful trip to the Capital Orchestra Festival in Washington D.C., where it performed to a standing ovation from the Kennedy Center audience.

Faith Presbyterian Church Cape Coral is located at 4544 Coronado Parkway, Cape Coral. The performance features music by Gliere, Gershwin, Hamlisch, Copland and Koehne. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$5 for children and Discovery Club members.

For additional information and tickets, contact the Southwest Florida Symphony office at 418-1500 or visit our website www.swflslo.org.✱

Beach Yacht Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held Wednesday, March 23 at the American Legion Post 274, 899 Buttonwood Drive, San Carlos Island.

Dinner is available for \$12 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m.

Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Pete Oiderma, membership chairperson, for required reservations and additional information, at 463-6240.

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Artillery fern is a low-maintenance groundcover that can become invasive

photos by Gerri Reaves

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Artillery Fern

by Gerri Reaves

Artillery fern (*Pilea microphylla*) is a fine-textured native groundcover and a member of the nettle family. This evergreen plant grows up to about 15 inches tall, spreading outward in clumps. It has a moderate growth rate and sometimes spreads so well that it can become invasive.

Use it as a filler, border or container

plant, or in a shade garden or terrarium. It has moderate drought-tolerance and no serious pest problems.

Although this plant will grow in full sun, it prefers some shade as well as moist but well-drained soil.

The word “artillery” comes from the plant’s ability to strongly eject clouds of pollen. In other parts of the world, the groundcover is known as gunpowder plant and pistol plant because of this characteristic. Another name is rockweed.

It is upright or semi-erect with a miniature tree-like structure and arching suc-



The broken-off succulent stems root easily

culent stems that are easily broken.

The numerous tiny oval chartreuse leaves are fleshy and less than a half-inch long. While the delicate appearance justifies the word fern, it isn’t a fern at all.

The almost unnoticeable greenish flowers can bloom intermittently throughout the year, the inflorescences clustered at the leaf axils. After the fruit ripens, the seeds are expelled.

It is easily propagated with cuttings, which is a good thing, since it must be replaced periodically.

Other types with various flower colors are available.

Experts disagree about this plant’s native status.

Sources: *Five Hundred Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton; *Florida Gardener’s Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; eol.org, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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

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 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 per person. The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd (at the corner of Kelly Road, across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers. Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.*

FWC Monitor Of Horseshoe Crabs

A ritual that dates back millions of years takes place again this spring on Florida beaches. Spring marks the mating season of horseshoe crabs, and biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) want the public’s help identifying spawning sites.

Beachgoers will likely have the best luck spotting mating horseshoe crabs around high tide, just before, during or after a new or full moon. The conditions around the new moon this Wednesday, March 9 and the full moon on March 23 will create ideal opportunities to view the spawning behavior of horseshoe crabs.

Mating crabs pair up with the smaller male on top of the larger female. Other male crabs may also be present around the couple. Beachgoers lucky enough to spot horseshoe crabs are asked to note how many they see and whether the horseshoe crabs are mating. If possible, the observer should also count how many horseshoe crabs are mating adults and how many are juveniles (4 inches wide or smaller).

In addition, biologists ask observers to provide the date, time, location, habitat type and environmental conditions – such as tides and moon phase – when a sighting occurs.

The FWC asks the public to report sightings through one of several

options. Go to MyFWC.com/Contact and go to “Horseshoe Crab Nesting Activity” for the “Submit a Horseshoe Crab Survey” link, then select “Florida Horseshoe Crab Spawning Beach Survey.” You can also report findings via email at horseshoe@MyFWC.com or by phone at 866-252-9326.

The survey program began in April 2002. Through 2015, the FWC has received 3,485 reports from across Florida.

Horseshoe crabs, often called living fossils, are an important part of the marine ecosystem. Their eggs are a food source for animals. Birds, such as red knots, rely on horseshoe crab eggs to fuel their long migrations to nesting grounds.

Horseshoe crabs have also proved valuable to human medicine. Pharmaceutical companies use horseshoe crab blood to ensure intravenous drugs and vaccine injections are bacteria-free and sterile. Scientists are also using horseshoe crabs in cancer research.*

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Report On True Density Requirements For Grand Resorts, Lee County Lands

The Voice of Fort Myers Beach (VFMB), a coalition of citizens and stakeholders on the island that formed to bring clarity to the very important issues that development creates on the island, announces the release of its report detailing the specific obligations of the Town of Fort Myers Beach’s current Comprehensive Plan. The report clearly states the maximum number of units or rooms permitted by the existing Town Comp Plan on the parcels owned by Grand Resorts FMB is less than half of what Grand Resorts FMB is proposing in its development plan.

VFMB believes in responsible development that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan that has guided development for the past 17 years. In order for VFMB and all interested citizens to understand what the Comp Plan allows VFMB has enlisted Beverly Grady of Roetzel & Andress, to interpret the code and to clarify what is allowed under the Comp Plan as it is currently written.

The Town’s Comprehensive Plan is very specific as to how hotel densities are to be calculated and Florida requires strict compliance with its’ provisions. The policies and goals are not suggestions. They are mandatory requirements. Stating there is a suggestion of using FAR (Floor Area Ratio) to increase density is contrary to the clear requirement for density calculation. The inclusion of the county’s densities and properties in the Grand Resorts proposed plan is unclear as to what process or authorization has taken place.

VFMB recognizes that the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code must be strictly followed unless changed by the local planning agency and the town council and there are very clear steps that must be taken to do so. VFMB welcomes development that is consistent with the Comp Plan, but also that respects the problems that currently exist in the town.

Traffic is paramount and it is a problem that screams for relief. Any new development must alleviate, not exacerbate, traffic flow.

Selling a public park for private development is a threshold issue that requires public debate and input prior to any authorization to file application for intense development.

Density and intensity must also be consistent with the code and the Comp Plan, and the character of the Town of Fort Myers Beach does not have the luxury of abundant infrastructure nor vast stretches of undeveloped land. Intensity that exceeds the current Comp Plan would be very hard to accept.

There are many issues at hand but VFMB hopes this report will help focus the debate and help all parties reach a plan that is in the best interest of all stakeholders on Fort Myers Beach. More information, the official report and additional support documents may be found online at VOICEofFMB.com.*



Callie Atkinson, Jossecarlo Romo Bocanegra, Andrea Damiani, Austin Cripe and Molly Spiroff

Young Artists Awards Winners

On March 6, the 13th annual Young Artists Awards Gala was held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Forty-four awards were granted to area students in the performing arts who participated in the not-for-profit Young Artists Awards auditions in January. The following five students received the top awards:

- Judges' Overall Event and Audience Choice, Andrea Damiani, Bishop Verot High School;
- Overall Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre, Molly Spiroff, Naples High School;
- Overall Instrumental Music, Jossecarlo Romo Bocanegra, Florida Gulf Coast University;
- Overall Classical Voice, Austin Cripe, Florida State University
- Overall Drama, Callie Atkinson, Cypress Lake High School;
- Overall Dance, Andrea Damiani, Bishop Verot High School*



Andrea Damiani

Teen Battle Of The Bands Finals

The Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands finals competition will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe St., Fort Myers, and neighboring Centennial Park.

Seven bands entered the contest. The elimination round was judged by public online voting with input from a panel of judges. The top three bands moving to the finals are: Feels Trip, Stonewash and The Brittany Russells Band. These finalists will battle it out with live performances at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The judges will determine the first and second place winners and the Popular Choice Award will be determined by crowdsourcing voting at 3:15 p.m. The winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m.

The first place prize includes an eight-hour studio recording session at Sonic Recording Studios, a professional photo from Laura Michele Photos and a feature article in *Gulf Coast Times*. The event is presented by the Lee County Library System and is intended to encourage involvement in reading and the arts among high school and middle school students.

"Once again we are awed by the young talent in this community," said Margie Byers, festival coordinator. "We are excited about the upcoming live performances and hope the community will come out and support these bands."

The contest was open to bands of two or more people who are residents of Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Hendry counties and are between the ages of 13 and 19 on the date of entry. The elimination round was judged by a combination of judges panel (60 percent) and online voting (40 percent). To see all the entries go to www.ReadFest.org/BandBattle.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, call 479-4636 or visit www.readfest.org. The Reading Festival is 100 percent community supported through donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation.*

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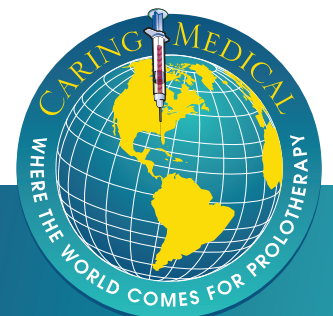


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Green Performs For Sold-Out Lifeline Family Center Dinner



Pastor Dan Betzer of First Assembly of God, Christian Musician Steve Green and Kathy Miller, founder/president of Lifeline Family Center



Steve Green and Cheryl Chase, Lifeline Family Center board secretary



Musician Steve Green and Fred Atkins, Lifeline Family Center board member



Victoria Taylor and Mary Lou Miller

Even the standing room was gone for the 20th anniversary benefit dinner for Lifeline Family Center featuring award-winning Christian musician Steve Green.

Green performed a concert, Songs of Life, on March 3 dinner concert attended by a record crowd of 579 people at McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers.

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

"We are very pleased that Steve Green came to Southwest Florida to



Kent Ross and Gail Ross

share his joy of Christian living through song," said Kathy Miller, Lifeline Family Center president and founder.

Pastor Dan Betzer of First Assembly of God Church in Fort Myers spoke about the important work the center performs in Southwest Florida. It provides a home in Cape Coral for homeless young women in crisis pregnancies to help them become self-supporting through education, job training, parenting classes, professional counseling and spiritual guidance. It is the only residential program of its kind in Lee County.

The center serves up to 12 young women, ages 16 to 22, and up to 24 babies at a time. The non-profit also operates a 24/7 pregnancy phone helpline, provides free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds by appointment



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Wanda Jones, Gene Payne and Rosalie Payne, Lifeline Family Center board members and does outreach to all areas of Lee County, including college campuses. It receives no government funding and is wholly dependent upon donations from individuals, churches



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Pets are welcome to take a peaceful cruise on the Caloosahatchee

Dog Friendly Cruise To Picnic Island

Pure Florida's Fort Myers location is presenting Bark on the Ark on Saturday, March 26 from 8 to 11 a.m. Guests will have the opportunity to bring their dogs aboard the M/V *Edison Explorer* for a sightseeing river cruise to Picnic Island, located between Sanibel and Pine Island that exhibits the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

Passengers can take a peaceful cruise along the Caloosahatchee followed by a playful time on the island with their dogs.

Water, Frisbees and treats are included for the dogs. Human treats, such as soda, wine and beer will also be available for purchase.

The *Edison Explorer* departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers.

Cost is \$44 per person. Reservations are required as room is limited to 25 pas-



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Baseball Writer Tells Sanibel Fans That Red Sox Should Be Better In 2016



by Ed Frank

The success of the Boston Red Sox in the upcoming season could hinge upon resolving two problem areas that plagued the team a year ago, according to Nick Cafardo, the *Boston Globe's* national baseball columnist, who addressed a group of Red Sox fans last week at The Community House on Sanibel.

Cafardo made no secret of the fact that infielders Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez, whom the Red Sox obtained a year ago in huge, multi-million dollar signings, not only performed poorly but also hurt the chemistry of the club.

You need only to look at their 2015 records to understand Cafardo's reasoning. Sandoval, who reported to Boston grossly overweight after signing a five-year \$90 million contract, hit only .245 with just 47 RBIs.

Ramirez, who is being switched to first base this year, wasn't much better, hitting .249 with 53 RBIs after signing a four-year \$88 million deal with the Red Sox.

Cafardo said Boston tried to trade Ramirez in the off-season without success so he has decided to try the controversial former All-Star at first base in the hope his play will improve in the upcoming season and shed a negative reputation.

"Red Sox fans are very special and don't accept finishing in last place three of the last four years," Cafardo said.

The well-known baseball writer and television personality explained the major change in the Red Sox philosophy that we reported upon two weeks ago, of less reliance on mathematical analytics and a return to added emphasis on scouting.

He said this move is somewhat surprising since principal owner John Henry, who ordered the change, made his fortune as a business investor crunching numbers.

In a wide ranging question and answer session following his talk, the personable Cafardo predicted an improved Red Sox record in 2016 winning 88 to 89 games (they won 78 last year) and a second-place finish in the tough American League Eastern Division.

The free-agent signing of David Price (seven years, \$217 million) provides Boston the best pitcher in the AL East, according to Cafardo, and the acquisition of closer Craig Kimbrel (39 saves with San Diego in 2015) fortifies the bullpen.

Asked his opinion on the status of manager, John Farrell, Cafardo said he could be on a "short leash" should the team not get off on a good start. He pointed out that interim manager Torey Lovullo directed Boston to a plus-500 record when he took over during Farrell's medical leave for cancer treatment last season.

The deep-pocketed Red Sox have invested heavily in the international market signing Cuban outfielder Rusney Castillo in 2014 for a record \$72.5 million, the largest ever for a Cuban free agent, and a year later paying Cuban Yoan Moncada, a second-baseman, \$71.5 million – a deal that cost the Red Sox another \$71.5 million for exceeding the international signing pool.

After being called up from Triple A Pawtucket last year, Castillo hit a respectable .253 in 80 games.

Cafardo had high praise for David Dombrowski, brought in last year as president of baseball operations. "He is not afraid to trade prospects. He is very decisive and honest," he said.

Other Cafardo opinions: After 26 years of being banned from baseball, Pete Rose belongs in the Baseball Hall of Fame; players such as Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Alex Rodriguez and others who have been accused of using performance-enhancing drugs, should be admitted to the Hall of Fame because he believes 70 to 80 percent of players tried them at one time and simply didn't get caught.

It was an enlightening, entertaining evening for the Red Sox faithful on Sanibel who attended, but Cafardo left those fans feeling that the negative infield vibes of Ramirez and Sandoval must be resolved – and resolved quickly.*



Sanibel resident Bill Gibney, left, hosted noted baseball writer Nick Cafardo for The Community House presentation



Taking a giant toothbrush to the plate

Brush The Plate Contest Kicks Off

Dr. Tim Verwest of Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers is offering an opportunity to children 13 years or under to "brush off the plate" during a Fort Myers Miracle game. The contest is free and open to the general public.

"We did this last year and the kids had a lot of fun," said Dr. Verwest. "We want to get people excited about dental care and the partnerships we have had with the Miracle help us do that in different way."

Twenty winners will be selected throughout the season and the contest will officially conclude in September. To enter to win two tickets and the on field activity, visit www.drverwest.com/brush-the-plate-contest/.

The Fort Myers Miracle is the Class A Advanced minor league baseball affiliate of the Minnesota Twins major league baseball club. Since moving to Fort Myers



Leaving a clean plate

in 1992, the Miracle has qualified for the Florida State League playoffs eight times and won the Florida State League Championship in 2014. Home games are played at Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex.

For a game and events schedule, or more information, visit www.miraclebaseball.com.*

County To Host Gymnastics Championships

Lee County will host the USA Gymnastics-Florida Level 6, 9 and 10 State Championships from March 18 to 20 at Lee County Civic Center, located at 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. The meet,

sponsored by Lightning City Gymnastics and Cheerleading, will bring gymnasts from around the state to compete in Lee County.

Last year's event attracted more than 2,000 sports visitors to Lee County, resulting in approximately 1,000 hotel room nights and approximately \$400,000 in direct spending.

"We have had great success hosting USA Gymnastics-Florida competitions here in Lee County, and we look forward to offering another competitive meet for visitors and members of our community to enjoy," said Jeff Mielke, executive director of Lee County Sports Development. "Competitions like the USA Gymnastics-Florida State Championships showcase all that Lee County has to offer, providing visitors the opportunity to learn more about our great community."

The meet will be open to the public,

with cash-only admission available at \$15 per day for adults and \$10 per day for children ages 5 to 12. Parking at the Lee County Civic Center is \$5 per vehicle, per day. For more event information, visit www.lightningcity.com. For more information about USA Gymnastics-Florida, visit www.usagfl.org.*

Writing Seminar With Author O. Born

Thriller writer James O. Born will share experience and lessons learned the hard way in a free writing session at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 19, at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street and neighboring Centennial Park in Fort Myers.

The session is free and attendees will learn about general concepts of writing fiction from idea to publication. Born will discuss the elements writers should consider as they prepare for the arduous journey of self discovery and trials of doubt and rejection as a story develops. He will offer a simple guide to structuring a novel, developing characters and creating suspense.

The Reading Festival is free and is 100 percent community supported through donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation. Author information, dates of partner events, directions is available at www.readfest.org or by calling 479-4636. *



Leoma Lovegrove with some of the Matlacha/Pine Island firemen

Lovegrove, Fire Fighters To Paint For Jaws Of Life

Local businesses have partnered up to raise money to buy a new Jaws of Life for the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire District on Wednesday, March 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens, 4637 Pine Island Road, Matlacha.

The fundraiser starts out with a Vinos Picasso session to paint *Fire House Groupie* with guest instructor Leoma Lovegrove and special guest painters, the local firemen.

Gift baskets and silent auction items

came from Bert's Bar, True Tours, Frills, Pure Florida, Sip and Send, Capt. Jack Eco Boat Tours, Cape Coral Balloons, Edison & Ford Winter Estates and Bert's Pine Bay Gallery.

The drawing for Lovegrove's original art, *Fire House Groupie*, valued at \$10,000, will be drawn at 3 pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased right up to the drawing. Winner does not have to be present. Tickets are available at Lovegrove's Gallery and the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Station.

"We want to raise \$30,000 total to buy the Jaws of Life, Lovegrove said.

Visit VinosPicasso.com to reserve a seat to paint with Lovegrove and the firemen. Cost is \$100 per person and participants take their painting home.✱

Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Raise Money To Save Women And Babies

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club has pledged to donate \$26,250 to The Eliminate Project, and have raised \$23,452.96 thus far. In addition to that donation, the club's sponsored youth organization, Cypress Lake Middle School Builders Club, have raised \$1,600 towards the project. The Eliminate Project is a partnership between Kiwanis International and UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). MNT is a painful disease that kills one baby every nine minutes, or about 160 newborns each day and a significant number of women. The donation from the Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis will save 14,580 women and children from MNT. As of February 17, Kiwanians around the globe, in partnership with UNICEF, have raised \$107 million in cash and pledges.

The effects of maternal and neonatal tetanus are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. The disease is typically contracted through unhygienic childbirth practices. The goal of the project is to eliminate this swift, painful and highly preventable disease by immunizing women of childbearing age, which will not only protect them but also their future babies.

Since 1999, UNICEF and partners have eliminated MNT in 38 countries, including Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Gabon, Cote d'Ivoire and Iraq. As of February 2016, MNT remains a public health threat in 21 countries. For more information about The Eliminate Project, please visit www.TheEliminateProject.org.

For details on joining the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club, call club president Heather Chouinard at 332-4440 or email Heather.Chouinard@IBERIABANK.com.✱

Madisen's Match Charity Tennis Camp, Pro-Am

Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 bring hall of fame tennis coach Nick Bollettieri and fellow tennis legends Tom Gullikson, Lisa Raymond, Jimmy Arias, Mikael Pernfors, Luke Jensen, Don Johnson and Kathy Rinaldi to Fort Myers for the 8th annual Madisen's Match Charity Tennis Camp, Pro-Am, and Exhibition at The Landings, Yacht, Golf and Tennis Club. Participants will have the opportunity to meet, learn from and play alongside participating tennis legends. The event benefits patients receiving care from the Regional Cancer Center and Barbara's Friend's - Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Center Fund.

The weekend's events get started on Friday, March 18 with the Madisen's Match Gala & Auction being held at The Landings Helm Club. Enjoy fine dining, live entertainment and bid on great silent and live auction items. Live auction items include a men's Rolex watch, exclusive travel packages and much more.

On Saturday, March 19, a limited number of participants will have the opportunity to share the court with the legends. The Legends Tennis Camp places participants in small groups of up to six players where they receive instruction from each of the Madisen's Match pros during the 2.5-hour tennis camp. The Madisen's Match Pro-Am puts guests on the court where they can play with and against the celebrity pros in the fun and competitive Pro-Am. Participants will also enjoy a catered lunch and ticket to watch the exhibition.

Ticket packages start at \$35 for exhibition matches; Gala & Auction tickets start at \$90; Clinic and Pro-Am packages start at \$300.

Get more information, purchase

tickets and register online at www.madisensmatch.com or by calling The Landings' activities office at 482-3211.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available; visit the website or contact event founder Duane Chaney at 292-0322 for more information.✱

Tiger Bay Club Luncheon With Rep. Eagle

On the heels of the 2016 legislative session, Rep. Dane Eagle will present an update on gun legislation at the Wednesday, March 23 Tiger Bay Club of Southwest Florida luncheon.

Hosted at the City Pier Building, 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers, meeting registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch and discussion at noon.

A native of Cape Coral and a graduate of the University of Florida, Eagle has served in the House of Representatives since 2012. During his first term in office, he contributed to the passing of 15 bills through the Florida House, 13 of which became law. In the 2015 session, Eagle passed his entire legislative agenda through the Florida House of Representatives, taking on issues as varied as economic development, criminal justice and deregulation.

Most recently, Eagle co-sponsored HB4001 Campus Carry and HB163 Open Carry, both of which passed in the House 80-37 and 80-38, respectively.

At the luncheon, Eagle will provide insight on the impacts of gun legislation as it relates to college campuses, open carry and Amendment II.

The Tiger Bay luncheon is open to the public. Registration is \$35 for Tiger Bay members and \$45 for non-members. Seating is limited. Reservations can be made online at www.swfltigerbay.org.✱

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World Water Day

Brazil during the film’s production.

A public reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the film starts at 7 p.m. There will be a discussion period after the film. A companion photography exhibit by Hoffman called *Goddesses of Nature* will be on display.

Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil explores the fascinating Afro-Brazilian culture known as Candomblé through the voices of four dynamic elder women leaders. The eldest is 109, the daughter of a slave. A powerful legacy of enslaved Africans forced to Brazil during the trans-Atlantic slave trade, Candomblé reveres elders, our ancestors and the natural world on which we all depend, regardless of ethnicity or socio-ecolonial background. The culture is thriving in the large city of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil’s first capital, as well as small colonial towns.

Addressing history, social and environmental justice and the power of faith and community, it is a compelling story for our times. The title *Yemanjá* honors the Yoruba/Brazilian goddess of the oceans and sea, considered sacred in Candomblé. The film compels viewers to reconsider relationships with the natural world and with each other.

It is co-sponsored by the Alliance for the Arts, Creative Photo and the Lee County Black History Society. Island Cow of Sanibel is the reception sponsor. Go to www.ArtInLee.org to make reservations. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

Junior League Mini-Grant Applications

The Junior League of Fort Myers, Inc. announced that its 2016 mini-grant applications are now open and available for download on its website until Thursday, March 31.

The JLFM supports local nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status, are in the process of obtaining a 501(c)(3) status, or are under the umbrella of an agency with 501(c)(3) status by awarding mini-grant funding for projects that focus youth development within the community, including Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

Nonprofit organizations that meet the guidelines and agree to the grant agreement included in the application packet are invited to submit an application, which can be downloaded from the Junior League’s website at www.jlfm.org. Completed applications must be delivered directly to the JLFM office, located at 1500 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 104 in Fort Myers, no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 31 with attention to R&D Chair. Electronic applications will not be accepted.

The Junior League will review the applications and award grants of up to \$3,000 approximately 60 days after the deadline.

It is through fundraising efforts with events like Taste of the Town that the JLFM is able to award grants to its community partners. In 2015, the JLFM awarded more than \$11,000 in mini grants to 13 local nonprofits and organizations including Brothers Big Sisters of Lee County, the Children’s Advocacy Center, Children’s Home Society of Florida – Southwest Division, Dress for Success, The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc., Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, Literacy Council Gulf Coast, Literacy Volunteers of Collier County, Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc., Pine Manor Improvement Association, Inc., Quality Life Center of Southwest Florida, Inc. and SalusCare, Inc.

For more information or questions about applying for a JLFM community mini-grant, email minigrants@jlfm.org, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org.

On Friday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m., there will be a Hats Off to GLAD luncheon at Gulf Harbour Country Club in South Fort Myers to benefit the independent center. The cost of the luncheon is \$50. Call 481-2100 to make a reservation.

GLAD ministers to infants through voluntary pre-kindergarten students and offers after-school care, helping working parents who need quality affordable child care and preschool education for their children. GLAD’s primary goal is to enable students to enter public school conversant in English and be ready to succeed academically. Qualified teachers and administrators work to insure that students are well cared for and academically ready for kindergarten. They have received APPLE accreditation and the Gold Seal for the past four years.

GLAD is funded in part by United Way, parent participation, and government subsidies. However, this does not fully defray the costs of their education. That is where Friends of GLAD and community partners are vital to the continuation of the programs.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon, you can support the cause by donating to their matching opportunity. An anonymous donor has agreed to pay an additional dollar for every two dollars given if the word “matching” is on the check. This means a \$20 contribution will be valued at \$30 to the charity. Simply mail those checks to 10320 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33908 and know you have helped a child succeed.

Go to gladkids.net for more information.


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Luncheon To Support Center

Hard work and recognition often go hand in hand. This is certainly true of the Gladiolus Learning and Development Center, a pre-school for disadvantaged children who are predominantly from the Harlem Heights community in South Fort Myers.

Four Aces At Wildcat Run

The Arnold Palmer Signature golf course at Wildcat Run in Estero. According to the National Hole In One Registry, the odds of two players acing the same hole are 17 million to one. The remaining aces were made during the fourth nine-hole match on the 6th and 11th holes.



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School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My son will have to take some standardized tests online very soon. It's a big change from taking a handwritten test and I am worried that it will be a problem for him. Is there something I can do to help him?

Tanya A., Fort Myers

Tanya,

You are correct in thinking that the method of testing can change student test scores. There is current although limited research that suggests that the method of test taking actually does influence test results. The research results are quite mixed. In some studies, students who take the pencil and paper handwritten exams performed better than those on computer while in other studies the reverse is true.

Some of the issues concerning test-taking methods include speed and legibility of handwriting. Students' handwriting is not always fast enough for them to record all of their ideas before some of them slip from memory. In a study with University of London undergraduates, handwriting fluency accounted for 40 percent of the variance in their scores on a timed-essay writing test. While additional research has revealed that test responses that are less legible can drop scores by 35 percentile points compared to the same

response that is written neatly and legibly.

Interestingly in a review of five scientific studies, Dr. Stephen Graham, Professor of Leadership and Innovation at Arizona State University found that the score for a typed version of a handwritten text dropped by 18 percentile points. According to teachers involved in these studies, spelling and grammar errors were more visible in typed versus the handwritten version of the same paper.

Computers can underestimate writing achievements. In another review of the literature, Dr. Graham found showed that students with little experience using computers as an assessment tool scored 18 percentile points lower than when they composed their essays using paper and pencil. For students with little experience, computer assessments underestimate their writing achievement.

So what testing methods should schools use? Should one method or the other be abandoned? In the best of all possible worlds, students should be allowed to use the method of testing they are most proficient with when taking tests. Abandoning computer-based tests would be a mistake since high-stakes assessments are becoming increasingly digital. Schools will respond more effectively and catch up by will making word processing and other digital composing tools a common staple. Studies have shown that students who use such tools over time become better writers than those who continue to write with paper and pencil.

The key activity for your son is for him to take as many practice exams as possible online so he becomes familiar

with the process. If his word processing skills are weak, he should practice those as well so he can have the most success possible in his upcoming exams.

Shelley Gregg is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.✱

Nominations Open For Teacher Of The Year

Nominations for the Character Education Champion Teacher of the Year are open at Uncommon Friends Foundation. Elementary, middle and high school teachers in public, private and charter schools in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties are eligible and can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. Nominated individuals must have taught lessons from the Uncommon Friends Foundation's Character Education curriculum, exhibit characteristics of the Uncommon Friends in their personal and professional life, and have the endorsement of a school administrator.

The award will be presented to the 2016 Character Education Champion Teacher during the Uncommon Evening annual gala to be held on November 3. The annual award recognizes an



Patricia Cicero, pictured with Carlo Cicero, was last year's winner

outstanding educator who incorporates "Lessons Learned from the Uncommon Friends" to teach character education in his or her classroom. Nominated educators also inspire students to adopt the quality characteristics of the five Uncommon Friends – Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh – intellectual giants who helped shape the 20th century.

Last year's Character Education Champion Teacher of the Year was Patricia Cicero of Pinewoods Elementary School in Estero.

Criteria and the nomination form are available at www.uncommonfriends.org. The nomination form and a letter of support from the nominee's supervising administrator must be submitted by email to Angela@UncommonFriends.org no later than May 1. Additional information are available by calling Angela Melvin, executive director of the Uncommon Friends Foundation, at 337-9503.✱

Financial Focus

Should You Retire In 'Stages'?



by Jennifer Basey

For many people, the concept of retirement can be scary, both emotionally and financially. If you, too, feel somewhat anxious about what awaits you, you might feel more

comfortable in knowing that, depending on where you work, you might be able to retire in stages.

As its name suggests, retiring in stages typically involves reducing one's work hours from full-time to part-time, and then, eventually, to complete retirement. If you enjoy the social relationships of work, and you define part of your identity with what you do at your job, this type of gradual transition may be easier for you to accommodate than the abrupt transition from "worker" to "retiree."

As for the financial aspects of such a move, you will want to plan ahead. A

"phased-in" retirement can affect your investment and income strategies in several areas, such as these:

- **Social Security** – You can start collecting Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will only be about 75 percent of what you'd get if you wait until you reach 66 (assuming that 66 is your "full" retirement age). And the payments get larger from there, until they "max out" at 70. So, if you had planned to retire at 62 but instead retired in stages, you could possibly afford to delay taking Social Security until your checks were bigger. You could work and receive Social Security, but if your earnings exceed a certain amount, some of your benefits may be withheld, at least until you reach full retirement age – after which you can earn as much as you want with no withholding of benefits. However, your Social Security could still be taxed based on your income.

- **Required minimum distributions** – During your working years, you may well have contributed to tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But once you turn 70½, you must start taking withdrawals ("required minimum distributions," or RMDs) from these accounts. You can't delay taking these payments,

which are taxable. But if you did retire in stages and continued to work part-time, past when you expected to completely retire, you may be able to stick with the required minimum withdrawals at least for a while, rather than taking out larger amounts immediately. In this way, you could potentially keep more of your retirement funds growing in your tax-deferred accounts.

- **Investment mix** – If you planned to retire at a certain date, you might have created a specific mix of investments designed to provide you with sufficient income to last your lifetime. But if you continue to work, you may not have to rely so heavily on your portfolio – that is, your IRA, 401(k) and all investments held outside these retirement accounts – to help you meet your income needs. Consequently, during these extra years of work, you may be able to withdraw less from your portfolio, thus potentially having more assets to provide for your income needs down the road.

As you can see, a "phased-in" retirement could help provide you with options in making a variety of financial decisions. So, plan carefully before you exit the workforce – a gradual departure may be a good way to say "goodbye."

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

Enrollment Open For Virtual School

Florida Virtual School Full Time, a statewide online public school, is opening enrollment for kindergarten through grade 5 for the 2016-17 school year. Enrollment for FLVS Full Time grades 6 to 12 will open on June 1. Parents can enroll their students and receive updates at www.FLVSFT.com.

Combining Florida-certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools and community experiences, FLVS Full Time delivers a high quality online education to students who benefit from an individualized approach to learning.

"Online learning is one of the fastest growing forms of education, and we encourage all prospective families to enroll their students now," said Marcie Trombino, lead principal for FLVS Full Time's K-5 program.✱

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Kendrick's Career Spans 55 Years, One Employer



Annie Kendrick receives a 25-year service award in 1986 from Jim Nathan, then president of Lee Memorial Hospital.

Working for the same company for many decades is an achievement deserving celebration. This year, as Lee Memorial Health System marks its 100th anniversary, one employee will mark an unprecedented personal achievement: Annie Kendrick is celebrating 55 years of service with the health care system.

She was just out of high school when she moved from Georgia to live with her aunt in Fort Myers. A friend who worked at Lee Memorial Hospital suggested Annie try for a job there, too. She did and was hired on the spot. It was her first and only job in a 55-year career.

"I kind of grew up with the system," Kendrick said, reflecting on her tenure with the health system. "There are some



The kitchen at Cape Coral Hospital was Annie Kendrick's work home for 20 years, until her recent retirement. She was employed by Lee Memorial Health System for 55 years.

amazing people here to work with."

"Miss Annie" as she's known to her fellow employees, started her long-term career in the kitchen, preparing food for patients and staff. There were only 50 beds in the hospital at that time.

"We used fresh foods," Kendrick recalled, "orange juice delivered fresh from the groves, and food from the Farmers Market." She said there were no plastics in use at the time – and no automatic dishwasher.

"Lee Memorial had its own bakery. I remember making flowers and leaves (from frosting) for the cakes," she said, which were prepared and frozen until cakes were decorated for birthdays and other celebrations. In addition to the bakery, she remembers the butchering area in the kitchen, where the chef would cut up large pieces of meat like sides of beef or whole hogs.

"We (employees) were like a family," Kendrick added. "Every evening, kids

from Fort Myers High School came in to work part-time. They really worked, too."

She also remembered when the nurses served the food to the patients in the hospital. "It was a lot different back then," she noted. "When I started, there were only three diets for patients: regular, soft and liquid. Now, there are 67!" Kendrick said all the liquids were made by hand in the kitchen, including fresh eggnog and root beer floats.

Miss Annie says she's seen a lot of change over the years – and some have come full circle, like using all fresh food in the early 1960s, to lots of canned food, then frozen foods, and now the trend is back to fresh food, which is most nutritious. She remembered when there were no computers – food orders were completed with paper tickets.

"We tried Palm Pilots at one time," she said, "but we didn't like those."

Today, a call center handles all the food orders; special requests are received all day and night.

Back in the early 1960s, food service staff went home after the evening meal. Kendrick said the weekends were covered by 'split shifts;' workers came in for half a day on Saturday and Sunday, in addition to their hours during the week.

After marriage, Kendrick took a few years off from work to raise her three children – the first two were born in Jones-Walker Hospital, a local hospital for African Americans during segregation. Her youngest son, Marvin, was born in Lee Memorial Hospital. As an adult, Marvin previously worked at Lee Memorial Hospital, and now works at LeeSar – Lee Memorial's health care supply provider.

Kendrick said that her favorite assignment during her tenure with the health

care system was setting up food services at HealthPark Medical Center prior to the new facility opening in the early 1990s. She and her supervisor worked seven days, 12 hours a day to get everything ready, including writing all the procedures for food service staff.

"They allowed us to set it up the way we wanted," Kendrick explained. "It was a lot of work, and a lot of fun."

Several years ago, when Cape Coral Hospital became part of Lee Memorial Health System, Annie was asked to take charge of the dining services there. Her caring attitude and friendly smile quickly extended her "work family" to include her co-workers there. She served as manager of Dining Services at Cape Coral Hospital until her retirement this year.

Larry Altier, system director for Food and Nutrition Services, has worked with Annie more than a decade.

"Annie was hired before John F. Kennedy, space travel, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, Watergate, computers and cell phones," Altier said. "Being able to adjust, manage a family, career, and maintain her tenure with Lee Memorial Health System for 55 years is a remarkable feat. Annie's appreciation for her employer and pride in her contribution to its success is a trademark of great value in today's fast-changing business environment."

Annie decided to retire this year, and plans to spend time with her family and working in her yard.

"Lee Memorial has done a lot for me," she added.

There's no doubt about it, Annie Kendrick has done a lot for her co-workers, patients, Lee Memorial Health System and our community.✧



Dr. Salvatore Lacagnina

Healthy Living Lecture Series At Lee Memorial

Lee Memorial Health System is presenting a series of free lectures designed to cover a variety of health care topics to help people improve their physical and mental well-

being. These interactive and informative lectures are presented by Dr. Sal Lacagnina, vice president of health and wellness and medical director of the wellness centers in Cape Coral and Fort Myers.

The microbiome is the environment within the GI tract made up of trillions of bacteria which supports health. We are now coming to understand the importance of bacteria living within us and know that they not only protect us from harmful bacteria but they also produce necessary vitamins, hormones and other substances that we rely on for good health.

Dr. Lacagnina will give an informative presentation about the foods we eat and the liquids we drink and how they directly affect the health of beneficial bacteria in our gut.

This month's lecture will be held on Wednesday, March 23 at 12:30 p.m. at Cape Coral Hospital, Room A, 636 Del Prado Boulevard, Cape Coral.

Reservations are requested. Call the registration line at 424-3234 or email pknudson@leememorial.org. Visit www.healthylee.com for more information.✧

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dearRPharmacist

The Case Against Kale



by Suzy Cohen, RPH

Dear Pharmacist:

My mom and dad invited me to dinner and I refused to eat the raw broccoli and dip mom offered. I am not afraid of broccoli, honest. But it made me wonder how

many of you know about the goitrogenic effect this veggie has on your thyroid.

Today, I'm writing to inform you of goitrogenic foods, in case you are worried about thyroid cancer, goiters, breast or prostate disease or fatigue.

Goitrogens fight with your thyroid. Over time, they can cause a goiter which is a swelling in the neck due to an enlarged thyroid gland. Goiter, goitrogens, get it?

It's not that they are "bad." It's more that they are a poor match for you, especially if you have (or are afraid of getting) thyroid disease. A lot of you are drinking greens because I've told you to over the years. Some of the brands out there are loaded with goitrogens. Two recent studies have taken the relationship between

goitrogens and thyroid health even further. The rising incidence of thyroid cancer worldwide has prompted much of the research on goitrogens.

Drinking raw goitrogens every day could cause dramatic consequences to your thyroid and reproductive organs, despite other benefits from these superfoods. Goitrogenic compounds temporarily suppress iodine absorption and utilization. Mind you, iodine is critical to good thyroid, breast and prostate health. Goitrogenic foods are primarily the cruciferous vegetables such as kale, broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and others. But you may not realize that peaches, strawberries, pears, peanuts, soy milk and flax seed are goitrogenic, too. The complete list is posted at my website.

These goitrogenic vegetables contain compounds like "thiocyanate" which may increase thyroid cancer risk by inhibiting iodine transport to the thyroid gland. In the study published in *Clinical Nutrition Research 2014*, researchers were able to confirm that blocking iodine caused a pro-inflammatory reaction against the thyroid gland (bad). The researchers found this association in several geographic regions of the world, where iodine intake was low and raw cruciferous vegetable intake was high.

In November 2015 in *The International Journal of Cancer*, researchers looked at dietary patterns in people and tracked them for about 10 years. Within that time frame, 325

participants were diagnosed with thyroid cancer. They didn't track the number of people who developed a goiter, but I suspect that was high, too.

After accounting for the different variables, one dietary trend stood out: Higher intake of "cruciferous vegetables" in mid-life doubled the risk of thyroid cancer!

This could be a nightmare for some of you because all commercial green superfood drinks contain a lot of goitrogens in them, and you may be enthusiastically drinking them. I'd be avoid them if you have hypothyroidism, Hashimoto's, a goiter, breast disease or chronic fatigue.

I've written a more comprehensive version of this article and included a mind-blowing list of all the goitrogenic foods that you probably have in your fridge right now. Go to SuzyCohen.com and sign up for my newsletter, and I'll email it to you next week.

*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.**

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Doctor and Dietitian

When Knee Injuries Happen



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

Most of us walk and go about our day without giving much thought to how important our knees are in our day-to-day endeavors. Proper knee function helps us to stroll the beach, walk the golf course and enjoy a bicycle ride without pain. When any structure of the knee becomes injured, such as a ligament, imbalance and instability occur.

Injury to the ligaments of the knee is quite common. How often do we hear of athletes missing their entire season due to an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear? Unfortunately, these injuries sometimes lead to career-long problems. Here's why ... An injury to one joint structure can affect other structures of the knee. Sometimes that occurs at the time of the trauma, but it

can also happen over time, producing extra wear and tear on the other structures. Common conditions directly related to knee joint instability include chondromalacia patella, meniscal tears, runner's knee, bursitis, chronic swelling and tendonitis, as well as the development of osteoarthritis.

Medication or hyaluronic acid injections options may provide short-term help with pain symptoms. However, these do not correct the underlying instability. Our joints are like hinges on a cabinet door. A loose hinge needs a screwdriver to tighten the screws to allow the doors to glide properly. otherwise the doors hit each other, just like adjacent bones in the case of an unstable joint. When knee pain becomes chronic, regenerative injection therapy works similarly to how a screwdriver works for a hinge. It stimulates the stabilization of the knee by repairing the injured soft tissue, such as the ligaments, tendons and menisci.

Knee injuries can interrupt your life, but fortunately, non-surgical regenerative treatment options exist and can quickly get you back to doing the things you love to do.

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am in my late 60s, widowed for five years and living in the same house for the last 45 years.

I thought I was managing well, but I started to have severe allergy problems, and my doctor suggested I have the house inspected for molds.

I contacted a local man who frequently does home inspections. He told me I had a terrible problem. My house was full of termites and mold in addition to many other structural problems. He estimated to correct my problems it would cost me \$40,000. I was inconsolable.

A friend suggested I contact the best company with the highest credentials. After their inspection, they told me that I have no termites, no structural damage but a bad case of mold and it would cost \$3,000 to repair. They also told me that the house inspector was just taking advantage of an elderly widow. I had the problem corrected, and my sniffing and headaches are almost all gone. Just passing my experiences on.

Louise

Dear Louise,

There is little doubt that the elderly can be victims of fast-talking thugs. The economy being what it is will encourage more criminal activity and people who will do anything to get extra cash for their own use. Many times it is far more economical, in the long run, to contact the most qualified and then go from there to decide the best plan of action.

Lizzie

Dear Louise,

There are many people offering honest work and, unfortunately, just as many people looking for ways to take advantage of others. Individuals of all sizes, age and education can be hoodwinked, thus the adage, "Let the buyer beware." Keeping informed, trusting your intuition and pursuing multiple options are your best strategies.

I am glad that your sniffles are gone, and thank you for sharing your experiences so that others may stay informed.

Pryce

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

A Savage Comedy At Lab Theater



by Di Saggau

Bad Jews... how's that for a title? This smashing venomous and cheerfully fearless comedy is playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida and it's hailed as one of the

best comedies of the year by critics nationwide.

Bad Jews is set in a Manhattan Upper West Side studio apartment where four people spend an uncomfortable night together following the funeral of the grandfather of three twenty-something Jewish brothers Liam (Matt DeNoncour) and Jonah (Daniel Cancio) and cousin Daphna (Stella Ruiz). The fourth character is Liam's kind and sincere WASP girlfriend, Melody (Kate Dirrigl).

The apartment is a disheveled mess with mattresses on the floor. It opens with Daphna trying to persuade Jonah to take her side in seeking



Matt DeNoncour, Daniel Cancio, Kate Dirrigl and Stella Ruiz

inheritance of a piece of jewelry – a Chai necklace – that their grandfather kept hidden under his tongue while he was incarcerated in a Nazi prison camp during the Holocaust. To describe Daphna as aggressive and overbearing would be an understatement. She

and Liam are powerful, unyielding, opposing characters who have never much liked each other. They square-off in a bitter battle over not just the family heirloom, but broader issues of religious faith, cultural assimilations and even the validity of each other's romances. The

battle is witty, funny and vicious.

Jonah and Melody spend most of the play trying to calm the others down. When Liam tells Daphna he wants to use the necklace as a kind of engagement ring for his impending wedding to Melody, it goes over like the proverbial lead balloon. The hyper-literate aggression shown by both is very funny. It's made up of seemingly personal attacks that also serve the play's relentless probing of modern Jewish identity, not to mention the tendency within families to judge each other mercilessly. Nothing is off limits. Melody does get the opportunity to pull a few punches and Jonah throws everyone a big surprise as the play ends.

Directed by Stephanie Davis, the actors give strong performances that enhance the comic action. For 90 minutes, the audience watches them get so fired up in stage traffic that they're ready to throw each other into the walls. The characters walk a line between realistic characters and intentional stereotypes. The opening night audience roared.

Bad Jews plays through March 26 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Downtown Fort Myers. For tickets, call 218-0481 or go to www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.✧

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Toto

Kimball was in several bands in the late 1970s when he met and became friends with Jeffery Porcaro, then the drummer with Steely Dan, and David Paich, who had just co-written the Grammy-winning *Silk Degrees* LP with Boz Scaggs. Porcaro and Paich had attended many of Kimball's rehearsals with his band, SS Fools. A few months after leaving the band, Porcaro and Paich asked Kimball to be the lead singer of their new band, Toto.

Toto went on to be nominated for a Grammy for best new band and in 1982, received a record nine Grammy nominations for their album *Toto IV*, taking home six awards.

Kicking things off for this classic '80s rock show will be Carol-Lyn Liddle, known as Las Vegas' Queen of Rock for having performed in nearly every major hotel/casino in Vegas. Liddle has performed with such powerhouse artists as Aerosmith's Jimmy Crespo, Bon Jovi's Hugh McDonald, Heart's Howard Leese and Whitesnake's Doug Aldrich. She also performed in concert as back up vocals for The Rock Pack, KDIM Entertainment's concert series, which included lead singer of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band Cheap Trick, Robin Zander, The Tubes' Fee Waybill, Kansas' former lead singer Steve Walsh, Starship's Mickey Thomas, Kimball, and Asia featuring John Payne.



Carol-Lyn Liddle

Locally owned KDIM Entertainment President Kevin Demers said, "This is an exciting time for KDIM Entertainment. We couldn't be happier to have these great artists right here in Southwest Florida. We're looking forward to the continued success of The Classic Rock Series and the Rock Pack with more shows coming up later this year in Tampa, Miami, Orlando, Mexico and other great places."

Tickets start at \$29. A limited number of VIP meet-and-greet tickets are available for \$94. For more information, or to purchase a ticket online visit TheClassicRockSeries.com, ticketfly.com, theranchfortmyers.com, call Ticketfly toll-free at 877-987-6487 or The Ranch box office, 2158 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers at 985-9839. Tickets will also be available the day of the show starting at 3 p.m. at The Ranch box office. The show is for those age 21 and over.✧



Scenic wetlands draw waterfowl to Wild Turkey Strand Preserve.

Free Guided Nature Walk

A Lee County Conservation 20/20 volunteer naturalist will lead a free 1.4-mile nature and history walk at Wild Turkey Strand Preserve at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 19 The Preserve is located at 11901 Rod and Gun Club Road, Fort Myers.

The preserve has a fascinating history as it includes parts of the former Buckingham Army Airfield, the state's

largest airfield training base during WW II. Scattered remnants of the airfield are still visible. The preserve is also located within the boundaries of Lee County's designated aquifer recharge area.

The 90-minute walk is on a fully accessible trail and a picnic shelter and restroom are on site. Participants should wear closed toe shoes suitable for wet conditions.

No reservations are required and no dogs are permitted in this preserve. Call 707-3325 for more information.✧

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Art Bazaar

Arts, Cypress Lake High School and the work of sixth to eighth graders from Cypress Lake Middle School.

The association will host a reception at the gallery on April 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information, call 463-3909 or stop by the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery at 3030 Donora, one mile south of the Matanzas Bridge.

For more information, visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.✧

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

- 1. MEASUREMENTS: How fast do you have to travel to break the sound barrier?
- 2. FOOD & DRINK: What food is also known as a groundnut?
- 3. MOVIES: What film ended with the words “the horror ... the horror”?
- 4. QUOTATIONS: What 20th-century actor once said, “Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway”?
- 5. MEDICAL: What is the medical symptom called dyspnea?
- 6. SCIENCE: What is the study of blood called?
- 7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the predominant language of Australia?
- 8. TELEVISION: Who was Sonny Crockett’s partner in “Miami Vice”?
- 9. U.S. STATES: How many U.S. states border Mexico?
- 10. LANGUAGE: What is the longest English word composed only of vowels?

ANSWERS

1. About 770 mph 2. Peanut 3. “Apocalypse Now” 4. John Wayne 5. Shortness of breath 6. Hematology 7. English 8. Ricardo “Rico” Tubbs 9. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas 10. Euouae, a musical cadence.

My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2016

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects of a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If you feel uneasy about a colleague’s suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been, but never were, fully resolved.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you’ll learn something important.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a “clear the air” talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it’s because you haven’t found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don’t give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you’ve presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you should be close to

completing an important matter, you still need to focus on being focused. But things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don’t simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm even when you’re confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course. The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you enjoy tradition and stability, you also appreciate the good things that change can bring.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 22, 1765, to raise funds to pay off debts and defend the new American territories won from the French, the British government passes the Stamp Act. It levied a tax on all materials printed in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and even dice.

- On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory in New York City burns down, killing 145 workers. Owners had refused to install sprinkler systems and take other safety measures in case they needed to burn down the shop to collect fire insurance, a not uncommon practice at the time.

- On March 23, 1937, Craig Breedlove, the first person to reach land speeds of up to 600 mph in a jet-powered vehicle, is born. He designed a three-wheeled, rocket-shaped vehicle powered by a surplus military jet engine and dubbed it the Spirit of America.

- On March 27, 1945, Nazi Germany launches its last V-2 long-range rockets, killing 162 civilians in England and Belgium. The V-2 could carry a 2,000-pound warhead and became the precursor of the ICBM of the postwar era.

- On March 26, 1953, American medical researcher Dr. Jonas Salk announces that he has successfully tested a vaccine against the virus that causes polio. In 1952 -- an epidemic year for the crippling disease -- there were 58,000 new cases reported in the U.S.

- On March 21, 1965, in the name of black voting rights, 3,200 civil-rights

SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Who was the last Padres starting pitcher before James Shields in 2015 to win his first seven decisions of a season?
- 2. During the 1970s, two N.L. players had a season of at least 30 home runs and at least 30 errors. Name either one.
- 3. Who holds the Big Ten record for most passing touchdowns in a season?
- 4. When was the last time the Washington Wizards franchise won at least 50 games in a season?
- 5. Ben Bishop set a record in the 2015-16 NHL season for most career wins by a Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender. Who had held the mark?
- 6. Who was the first American male skier to win an Olympic downhill gold medal?
- 7. In 2015, Inbee Park became the seventh female golfer to win four different majors. Name four of the first six.

ANSWERS

1. Andy Hawkins went 11-0 to start 1985. 2. Cincinnati’s Tony Perez (1970) and Atlanta’s Davey Johnson (1973). 3. Purdue’s Drew Brees, who had 39 TD passes in 1998. 4. It was the 1978-79 season, when Washington was 54-28. 5. Nikolai Khabibulin, with 83 victories. 6. Bill Johnson, in 1984. 7. Louise Suggs, Mickey Wright, Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster, Karrie Webb and Annika Sorenstam.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was British art critic and social reformer John Ruskin who made the following sage observation: “Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.”

- After the events of this past winter, you may not be surprised to learn that sales of cakes, cookies and candy spike when a blizzard is in the weather forecast.

- You’ve almost certainly heard of “M*A*S*H,” one of the most popular TV series of all time. One of the main characters on the show, which ran from 1972 to 1983, was Corporal Klinger, played by Jamie Farr. It’s interesting to note that in the 1950s, Farr actually served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army in Korea -- and the dog tags he wore on the show were the same ones he wore during his service.

- For reasons that are not quite clear, inventors have created a robot that can solve a Rubik’s cube in slightly more than one second.

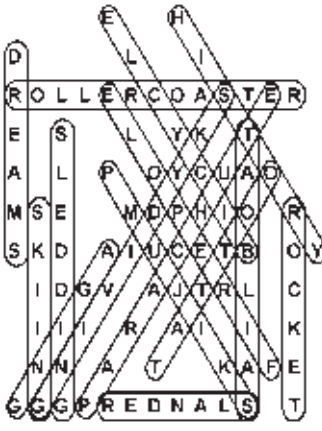
- In 18th-century France, there was a Parisian printer who employed several apprentices, all of whom lived in the home of the printer’s family. The printer’s wife was, evidently, a lover of cats -- and her cats begged for scraps and screeched at all hours of the night. Finally fed up with the felines, the apprentices took matters into their own hands: While the family was out of town, they held a formal trial, complete with guards, a confessor and a public executioner. After they were pronounced guilty, the accused felines were strung up on cat-sized gallows.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Politics, as a practice, whatever its professions, has always been the systematic organization of hatreds.” -- Henry Adams



NO REVERSE





Tropical Pan-Asian Calamari Salad

1½ pounds calamari, cleaned
2 tablespoons light or low-sodium soy sauce
1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
2 tablespoons sesame oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon ginger root, freshly minced
1 small red onion, halved lengthwise, then thinly sliced across (about 1 cup)
1 red bell pepper, sliced paper-thin
¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
2 cups seedless watermelon, cut into small pieces
Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
Clean and rinse calamari under cold running water, lightly pat dry with clean paper towels, cut tentacles and bodies into the same size, about 1/3 inch wide. Quickly cook calamari in a 5 to 6 quart pot of rapidly boiling salted water until opaque, about 30 to 40 seconds. Drain and immediately immerse in a bath of ice water to stop cooking. In a mixing bowl, whisk together soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and pepper (red and black). Let stand at room temperature for 5 minutes. Meanwhile, combine calamari, bell pepper, watermelon, and cilantro in a large bowl, toss with dressing, allow to marinate at least 15 minutes. Garnish with pepper curls and fresh cilantro.
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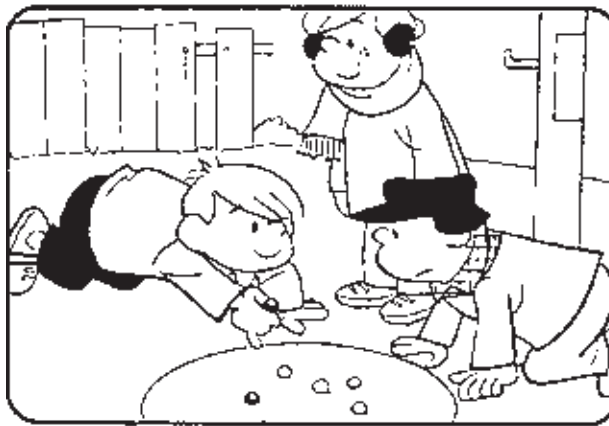
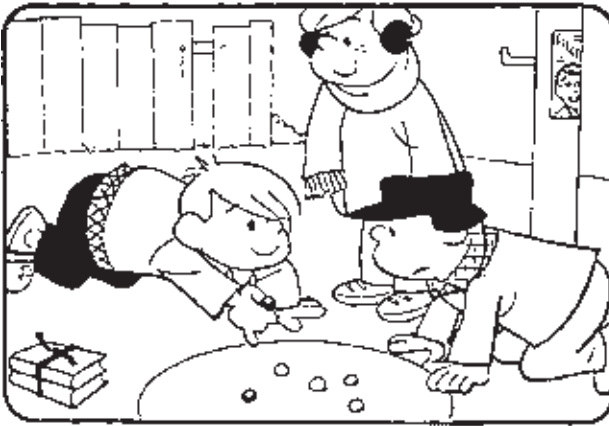
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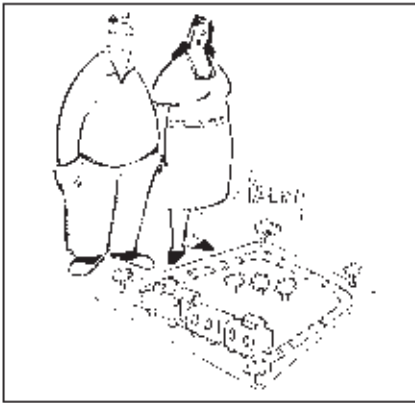
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Office Desk, 4 Drawer File Cabinet,
Washing Machine. Many Gift Items,
Ladies Clothing petite.
March 18, 19. 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
1481 Sand Castle Rd.
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YARD SALE
Saturday, March 19
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Double kayak, artist wood burned
items, stuff. No early birds.
1634 Bunting off Dixie Beach
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HUGH NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE
Saturday - March 19 - 9am - 1pm
In Parker Lakes (off Gladiolus Drive)
Go to WILLOW BROOK Division
At the way back to: 14541 Daffodil Drive
LOTS OF JEWELRY
DESIGNER PURSES
ART OBJECTS/VASES/PLATES
SMALL APPLIANCES
FURNITURE/LRG & SML RUGS
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
WINE GLASSES
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FOR SALE

BICYCLE
Two wheel Rans Tailwind recumbent
bicycle. 24 speed, front & rear fenders,
kickstand, odometer/speedometer,
rearview mirror, 18 inch wheels.
Very comfortable adjustable seat, recently
tuned up, & in very good condition.
Email mochanelle@aol.com
to see bike which is on Sanibel.
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PRIVATE CHEF/ CONCIERGE SERVICES A PERSONAL TOUCH
Offering dinners or events in your home
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weekly meal preparation
Shopping, driving to appointments/
home watch
Home organization/ garages/ closets etc.
Ref: Chef@ Robert Rauschenberg
residency 3 yr.
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239-472-0342 warner@hay.net
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MOVING SALE
Saturday March 19. 8am
Furniture, oak dining set w/8 chairs, oak
hutch, wall art, kitchen items, bedding,
bikes, beach equipment, washer dryer,
refrigerator, stainless gas grill, AC window
unit, patio furniture, lots of miscellaneous.
712 Cardium ST 239-560-1817.
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GARAGE SALE
Furniture,household items,canoe, books,
good prices and good condition. East end.
661 Anchor Dr. 9:00 -3:00
Friday & Saturday. Mar. 18 & 19
★NS 3/18 CC 3/18

SCRAMBLERS

solution
1. Stable; 2. Process;
3. Discord; 4. Routine
Today's Word
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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Sanibel Isles	Sanibel	2015	4,325	\$3,500,000	\$3,400,000	0
White Heron Subdivision	Sanibel	1986	3,200	\$2,249,000	\$2,050,000	658
Avieto	Bonita Springs	2005	3,794	\$1,225,000	\$1,050,000	207
Sanibel Isles	Sanibel	1979	1,740	\$975,000	\$862,500	128
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1971	1,552	\$940,000	\$800,000	15
East Rocks	Sanibel	1975	2,289	\$929,000	\$922,000	1
Briarcliff Downs	Fort Myers	1990	5,398	\$859,000	\$790,000	96
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	2,657	\$799,000	\$725,000	53
Cranbrook	Bonita Springs	1992	3,187	\$795,000	\$775,000	12
Dunes Sanibel Island	Sanibel	1985	2,487	\$787,000	\$755,000	292

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate



Emergency	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500
ARTS	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
Lions Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

To be listed in calling card email your information to:
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SUDOKU

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

answer on page 25

Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Paris. I'm a 1-year-old spayed female brown brindle pit bull terrier. It's a mystery as to how such a good dog didn't get claimed. Paris surely had an owner that was missing her. She's beautiful, smart and athletic and loves, loves, loves to play ball. Throw a Frisbee and she will catch it. She really enjoys being in playgroups with other dogs at the shelter. If you're looking for a hiking, jogging, companion for your active lifestyle look no further, she's right here at Animal Services.

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

Hello, my name is Blue. I'm a 5-year-old neutered male white and black domestic shorthair. Blue is a very handsome big boy. He's very personable and will make an excellent companion for a human or other pet. In fact, Blue came into the shelter with two other cats from the same household. One has been adopted but Emmie is still available as well as Blue. You may want to adopt them both as cats are always two-for-one adoption fee.

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 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.

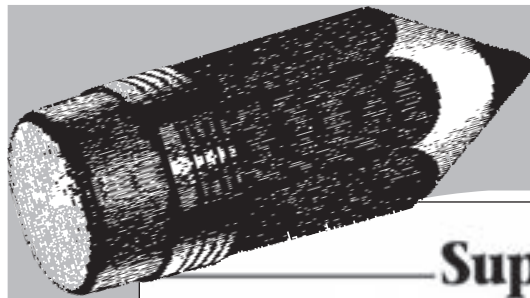
The adoption package is valued at \$500.✱



Paris ID# 625368



Blue ID# 629448



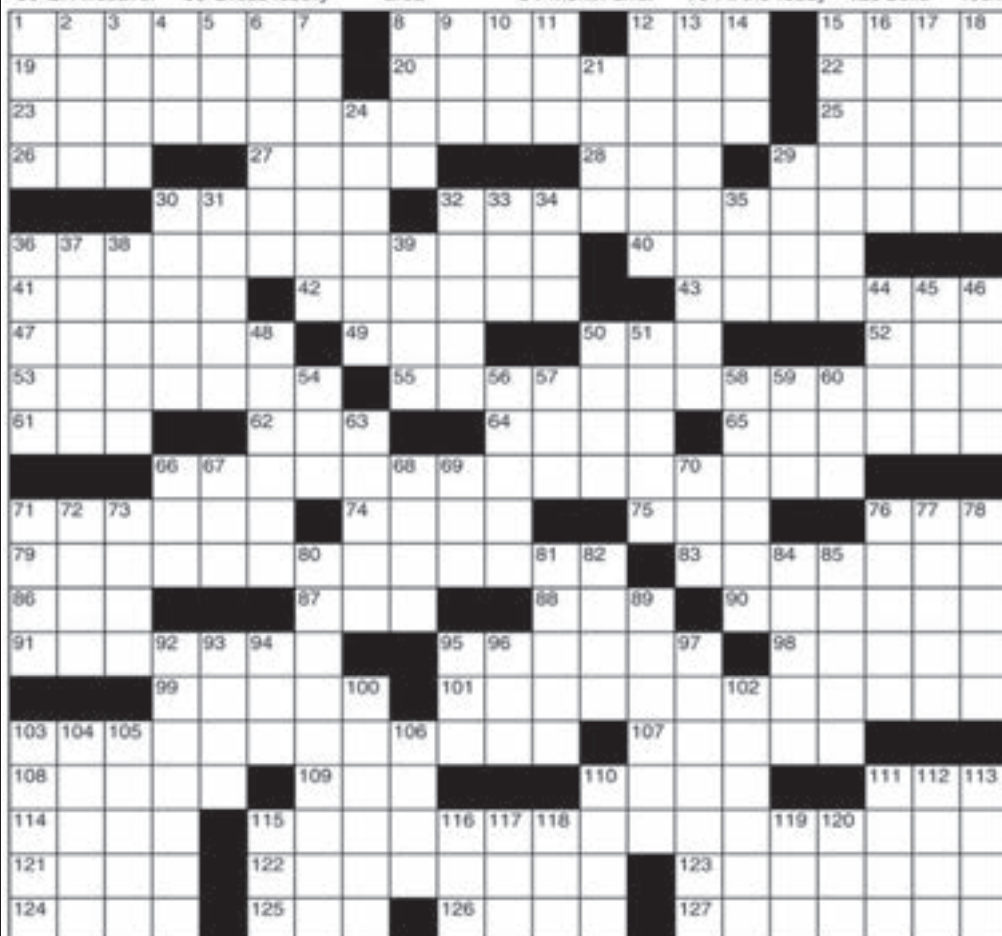
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Super Crossword

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CHOOSE FROM

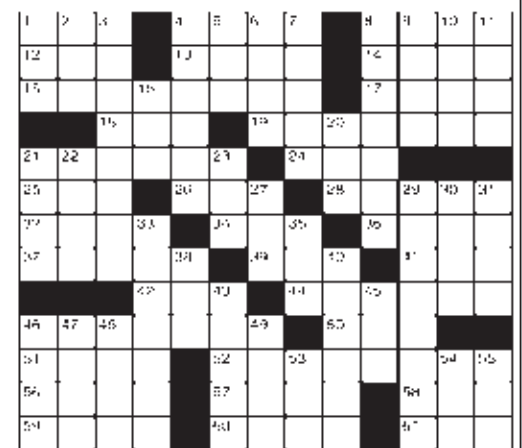
- ACROSS**
- 1 Stinging box jellyfish
8 Salvador of surrealism
12 NFL three-pointers: Abbr.
15 Seal off
19 Satellite, to its planet
20 Envoy
22 Course
23 Jack-o'-lantern
25 One gazing
26 Ending of sugars
27 A deadly sin
28 Wiggly fish
29 Mother, in Madrid
30 Snow house
32 1986 #1 hit for Whitney Houston
36 Colonel on "Hogan's Heroes"
40 See 52-Across
41 Tibetan or Thai
42 Weighted fishing nets
43 How butter is often eaten
47 Gave gas to in a garage
49 Start to fail
50 ER lifesaver
- 52 With 40-Across, 1960s fad dance
53 Christmas star's place
55 7/21/69 New York Times headline
61 Strong desire
62 Say "I do" to
64 Having a sleek design
65 Snatched
66 1978 Maya Angelou poem
71 Shot — (ice hockey statistic)
74 Not of the clergy
75 Bit of Aspen gear
76 Feedbag bit
79 Y2K
83 Nosy comic Jimmy?
86 Sebastian of England
87 Kind of poem
88 Ill-lighted
90 Pestle's partner
91 Nine-item groups
95 "Fallin'" singer Keys
98 Tale twisters
99 Dress fussily
- 101 Dessert at a tropical-themed party, maybe
103 1928 Eddie Cantor song
107 Reel drum
108 Samuel on the Supreme Court
109 Drop the ball
110 Mosque chief
111 Kick — fuss
114 Strong desire
115 It uses only the 12 letters A, E, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, U and W (like eight long answers in this puzzle)
- 121 "The Wizard of Oz" farm hand
122 Present-day Persians
123 Most lax
124 In time past, in time past
125 Hogs' home
126 Rolling — (rich)
127 Apply messily
- DOWN**
- 1 Arty NYC area
2 Lengthy reigns, say
3 Proficient
4 Wheaton of the screen
5 Volume 1 heading starter
6 "Black Beauty" author
7 First names, in France
8 Disallow
9 Fuse box unit
10 Lucy of the screen
11 Philosophy
12 Bluff one's way through
13 Decorative grating
14 Wd. in Roget's
15 Talk with
16 Franz Joseph —
17 In — surgery
18 Flung
21 Expel forcibly
24 Draws forth
29 Light fog
30 "— no clue"
31 Playwright Jean
32 Gate joint
33 A single
34 Month divs.
- 35 Jeremy of basketball
36 Like toads
37 River to the Rhine
38 Pep (up)
39 Neeson of "Taken"
44 All-inclusive
45 Brogan, e.g.
46 Be inclined
48 Thrive
50 Track legend Lewis
51 Rototills, e.g.
54 Hogs' home
56 Country/ folk singer
57 "Aren't — pair?"
58 Densest stable element
59 Tch'r.'s org.
60 Hour div.
63 Portioned
66 Toy dog breed, briefly
67 "Ball —"
68 Shaggy locks
69 German "a"
70 Didn't nix
71 In time past
72 Sign gas
73 Stefani of pop music
76 At the ready
- 77 Early arcade biggie
78 Laconic
80 Despair
81 City near Venice
82 Prey for owls
84 Rich kid in "Nancy"
85 Israel's Sharon
89 Noxious vapor
92 Sobriquet
93 Tuscan river
94 Dawn beads
95 Tablet buy
96 — in wait
97 Horrific
100 Oslo's land
102 Item for a cheerleader
103 Corn, to Brits
104 Amend
105 Boots
106 Algerian city
110 Tech sch.
111 Super, slangily
112 Mexican coin
113 Fax abbr.
115 That fellow's
116 20% of XV
117 Scottish "John"
118 Singer DiFranco
119 Farm tool
120 Solid — rock



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Vim and vigor
4 Go by
8 Blueprint
12 Glass of NPR
13 Between jobs
14 Top-rated
15 Unreasonably suspicious
17 Deteriorates
18 Cursy ship
19 Protective wall
21 Not quite bail



- 24 Greek consonants
25 Past
26 Two, in
28 Sulked
32 First course, maybe
34 "Golden Girl" Arthur
36 Volcanic flow
37 First Little Pig's material
39 Blond shade
41 Prof. or Cath.
42 Disencumber
44 Expedition
46 Ideal
50 Tatter
51 — out

- (supplemental)
52 Toxic herbicide
56 Missile shelter
57 Ostriches' k
58 Bristle
59 Black quartz
60 Long rgs
61 Still

DOWN

- 1 Spot on a domino
2 Mound star
3 I over
4 Made a sawtooth edge

- 5 Commotion
6 Error
7 Auto style
8 Sunshade
9 Aerobatic maneuver
10 Inual stake
11 Cardinals' home?
16 Branch
20 Pirates' quaff
21 Hack talk
22 "— Rhythm"
23 Plagiarize
27 Red or Black
29 Landlocked country
30 Always
31 Limp-waich painter
33 Seeming
- 35 Donkey
38 Peruke
40 Bother repeatedly
43 Grumpy companion
45 Online help pg.
46 Mexican money
47 Related
48 Depend (on)
49 Appellation
53 Scoot
54 Really impress
55 Stick with a kick

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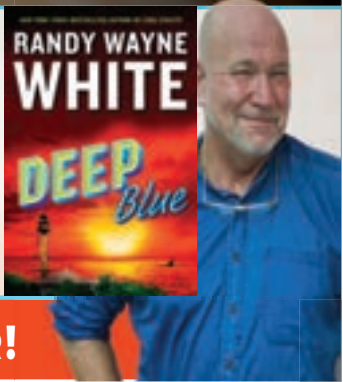
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Aging | History | Sailboat | Slander |
| Bicycle | Parachute | Ski jump | Stedding |
| Dreams | Rocket | Skiing | Tattoo |
| Fire pole | Roller coaster | Sky diving | |



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