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Smoke On The Water April 29 And 30



Sheena Brook performing

The Smoke on the Water Barbecue Competition & Music Festival returns for a third year at the downtown river basin hosted by the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Talented barbecue teams from across the south will go head-to-head for over \$10,000 in cash prizes on Friday, April 29 from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday, April 30 from 11 a.m to 10 p.m. This is a free, family event including prizes, games, music and lots of barbecue.

This official Florida Bar-B-Que Association (FBA) sanctioned competition includes professional teams from all across the southeast, who will light up their smokers for the grand champion title. Over \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded. Smoke on the Water is a qualifier for the Jack Daniels Invitational drawing and the FBA's new championship contest, the Sonny's Smokin' Showdown Invitational. Last year's event drew more than 30 professional teams and over 25,000 attendees to the Fort Myers river basin and downtown area, setting an attendance record for the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

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Student artwork from a previous show

The Future of Art: Elementary And Middle School Art Students' Exhibit

Artwork created by elementary and middle school art students in Lee County will fill the gallery walls at the Alliance for the Arts beginning April 6. This 24th annual partnership with the Lee Arts Educators Association (LAEA) gives students a chance to display their work in a formal exhibition. The show features more than 40 schools and hundreds of works in a variety of mediums.

The elementary and middle school students opening reception will be 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

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The Music Of John Cage At The Davis Art Center

The Music of John Cage will be performed on Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, featuring a trio of beautifully expert Cage players. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers.

Friend, collaborator and influence of Robert Rauschenberg, John Cage is one of the most notable avant-garde composers of the 20th century. According to Cage, music is "an affirmation of life – not an attempt to bring order out of chaos nor to suggest improvements in creation, but simply a way of waking up to the very life we're living."

Cage experimented with uncommon and eclectic instruments, and eventually came to create the "prepared piano," a piano modified by objects placed between its strings in order to produce percussive and everyday sound effects. Cage also experimented with electronics like tape recorders and radios in an effort to step out of the box from conventional pop-culture Western music. From his famous 4'33" composition to Sonatas and Interludes, this concert explores the breadth of his oeuvre.

Musician Adam Tendler will be playing a prepared piano during Friday's show. Tendler has been called "an exuberantly expressive pianist" who "vividly displayed his



John Cage



Adam Teller

enthusiasm for every phrase" by the *Los Angeles Times*, an "intrepid...outstanding...maverick pianist" by *The New Yorker*, a "modern-music evangelist" by *Time Out New York*, and a pianist who "has managed to get behind and underneath the notes, living inside the music and making poetic sense of it all," by the *Baltimore Sun*.

Tendler's memorized performances of John Cage's complete Sonatas and Interludes include a sold-out concert at The Rubin Museum in New York City and a featured solo recital in the Cage100 festival at Symphony Space on what would have been Cage's

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Baseball In Early Fort Myers



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

Pictured in this January 1908 photo is one of Fort Myers' first baseball teams, an early incarnation of the town's long history with the sport.

Who could have guessed over a century ago that the town's love of baseball would come to express itself at every level – from children's informal games on a vacant lot to major-league spring training?

Team members pictured are (standing from left) Frank Tippins, Gene Russell (right field), RA Henderson (center field), Billy Funck (left field), Ted Evans (pitcher), Louis Thorp (catcher), and Lonnie Stewart (third base). Seated (from left)

Henry Shanahan (short stop), Ollie Funck (left field), Harry Hendry (second base) and Lemuel Weatherford (first base).

At least one member, Henry A. Bartley, was not present for the photo. Sports would eventually become integral to his livelihood. In 1910, he founded a bicycle shop that evolved into the long-lived Bartley's Sporting Goods store, which is still in business.

At the time the photo was taken, Tippins was county sheriff. His street clothes suggest that he is the coach, an activity that must have provided some welcome recreation from his demanding law-enforcement duties.

Tippins was a highly respected lawyer who, by accounts, knew how to balance authority, common sense, and respect for the citizenry. He served 32 years in the post, ending his career as a U.S. Marshal in Tampa and Miami.



Members of the Fort Myers Baseball Team in 1908 were (standing from left) Frank Tippins, Gene Russell, RA Henderson, Billy Funck, Ted Evans, Louis Thorp and Lonnie Stewart. Seated (seated from left) are Henry Shanahan, Ollie Funck, Harry Hendry and Lemuel Weatherford. At least one member, Henry A. Bartley, was not present for the photo.

courtesy Southwest Florida Museum of History



This driveway on the north side of Main Street between Hendry and Jackson leads to the practice field for the first baseball club in Fort Myers, organized in 1896

photo by Gerri Reaves

Fort Myers had organized its first baseball club about a dozen years before this photo was snapped, on January 16, 1896 in Phoenix Hall, the community hall above Edward L. Evans's general store at First and Hendry.

Officers were elected for the two-team club, with Frank McNulty as president. They designated Mondays at 3 p.m. as regular practice time at "the grounds," a lot located right in the heart of town, behind today's historic Edison Theatre. So enthusiastic were they that headed for practice right after adjourning that first meeting.

Bear in mind that in those days, Main Street between Hendry and Jackson didn't exist and the playing field would have been the "backyard" of the few businesses and residences facing Hendry, Jackson, and First.

The first actual game wasn't played until the following July 4th, between the Reds and the Blues, with the Reds scoring a big 24-4 win.

By the boom years, the local baseball scene was booming too, with numerous local teams, as well as touring teams, and the Philadelphia Athletics in Fort Myers at Terry Park for spring training starting in 1925.

Since then, community teams, little league, high-school, college and both minor and major league teams have kept alive the baseball tradition in Fort Myers. Women, too joined the fun, with sponsored women's teams such as the Gulf Diamond Women's Baseball team as early as the 1930s.

For decades, Terry Park on Palm Beach Boulevard was the stadium in the area for the minor, major and Negro leagues, as well as high-school teams. Famous players such as Babe Ruth, Jimmie Foxx and Roberto Clemente have played in that historic park.

Today, Fort Myers still offers an enticing season for baseball aficionados. The minor-league Fort Myers Miracle plays at Hammond Stadium.

Two major league teams hold spring training in the area, the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins, at JetBlue Park at Fenway South and at Hammond

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Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Shrimp Festival Raises Over \$50,000

Over 100 vendors and thousands of participants packed Lynn Hall Park on March 12 and 13 during the 58th annual Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Shrimp Festival. More than 1,600 dinners were consumed. Dinner sales, combined with other festival sales and activities, raised over \$50,000 with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Lions' Foundation Charities and local charities. The lions wish to thank the many area businesses and volunteers that make this yearly event such a huge success. They particularly wish to express their appreciation to the shrimp companies who participate in the event with their famous "pink gold." The support of the local business community, residents, island guests and lions club members makes this yearly fundraiser possible. Thank you to all who participated.

The Shrimp Festival Parade opened the weekend's festivities with floats traveling from the Beach School to Times Square. The parade, organized by Diane Clifton, kept the crowds entertained as the Beach Lions busily prepared the shrimp and all the fixings that were served during the two-day event. Local businesses, civic groups, bands, families and individuals expressed their creativity by creating floats for this perennial favorite activity.

Parade category winners were:

- Business & Professional – 1) Lani Kai; 2) Red Coconut
- Civic Groups & Associations – 1) Araba Shriners; 2) Red Cross
- Non-Business (Family & Individual) – 1) Chapel by the Sea; 2) Brent Samuels
- Youth Groups – Fort Myers Beach Little League
- Decorated Car – Mustang Club
- Decorated Truck – Famous Flag Truck
- Decorated Boat – Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club
- Musical Marching Unit – Calendar Girls
- Non-Musical Marching Unit – Lee County Jr. Drill Team
- Musical Unit (non-marching) – Bayshore Elementary School Cloggers
- Chairman's Award – Mermaid Bar

The Shrimp Festival Pageant featured eight young women competing for the



Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Shrimp Festival Winners include (l to r) David McCagg, People's Choice awardee for being the shrimp eater responsible for raising the most money; Madison Tezak, Shrimp Festival Pageant queen; and Carl Ciaus, Shrimp Eating contest champion.

title and scholarship support. Parade Marshall Tracey Gore organized the pageant and Beach businesses sponsored the contestants. Congratulations to 2016 Shrimp Festival Queen Madison Tezak, Miss Semmer Electric! Hats off to the court princesses: Andrea DeCastro, Miss Moss Marine – 1st Runner Up; Sarah Bestron, Miss Red Coconut – 2nd Runner Up; Skylar Sander, Miss 7/11 at Driftwood – Miss Personality; Armani Backman, Miss Trico Shrimp – Miss Photogenic; Alycia Jones, Miss Avi's Ace Hardware – Miss Congeniality; and Logan Phillips, Miss Holiday Water Sports – People's Choice Award.

The Shrimp Eating Contest, chaired by Shelby Peters, involved nine contestants and 35 pounds of shrimp donated by local shrimp boat captains. Carl Ciaus, sponsored by Erikson & Jensen Seafood, retained his title from last year by consuming one and a half pounds of shrimp in five minutes. The contest raised \$3,340 for the Beach Lions Foundation Charities. The shrimp eater responsible for raising the most money was former Beach resident David McCagg, sponsored by Sanibel Seafood. Other shrimp eating contestants and their sponsors included Craig

Chandler, Island Vacations of Sanibel & Captiva, Inc.; Johnny Creus, Scotlynn Logistics; Alec Graever, Fish Camp; Roger Lalonde, Fort Myers Beach Inn, Corp.; Bud Nocera, Trico Shrimp Co.; and Dan Norwood, Hoosiers in Paradise.

The Shrimp Festival Cruise, organized by Captain Bubby's IsLAND Tours (Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Members Paula Schuttera and Bubby Howell) and the "Lottery Tree," donated by Fort Myers Beach Lion John DeMarco III, were two new fundraising opportunities that were included in the festival. Both of these new additions were well received and should become a tradition in the years ahead.

The Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Shrimp Festival evolved from a variety of Beach events that changed names and themes but always took place early in March. In 1959 Beach Lions Club member Peter McCagg and his group began celebrating the local shrimp fishing industry by serving boiled shrimp at the event. The Shrimp Festival is the major fundraiser of the Beach Lions Club, which uses 100 percent of the proceeds to support worthwhile local, national and international projects that assist individuals who have lost their sight as well as local community needs.

For more information about the Fort Myers Beach Lions Club or to become involved, go to www.FMBLions.com.*

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Fort Myers Art:

Marcus Jansen Documentary To Open Fort Myers Film Festival



by Tom Hall

Filmmaker John Scoular has lensed a documentary about the life and art of internationally-acclaimed artist Marcus Jansen. Titled *Marcus Jansen – Examine and Report*, the

52-minute documentary has been selected for its world premiere screening on opening night of this year's Fort Myers Film Festival, which starts with a red carpet gala at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on April 7.

Examine and Report explores Jansen's motives for painting and gives historic insight into some of his socio-politically charged works that have roots in Graffiti, Street Art and other German and American Expressive movements. The film was shot over the last year in New York, Miami, London and Fort



Marcus Jansen – Examine and Report, a documentary about the Fort Myers-based artist, makes its world premier on the opening night of the 5th annual Fort Myers Film Festival

Myers and will be part of Jansen's museum and *DECADE* book tour.

"I can't tell you just what this means

to our community to be playing the world premiere of this film right here in Fort Myers," FMFF director Eric Raddatz com-

mented. "His work continues to be such an international inspiration. One day you will look back on this moment and realize you got to see something truly amazing with this one."

The film takes a look at Jansen's first childhood years and influences, which were spent in the Bronx and Queens, New York. He was later transplanted to Europe and educated in Moenchengladbach, Germany in a German speaking school where he studied commercial painting and graphic design. Jansen is a Gulf War veteran who started selling his art from street corners between Prince Street and Broadway in New York City as part of the so-called Prince Street Kings, moving later to international exhibitions and museum collections around the world after his discharge from the military.

Jansen is showing his work as part of a major museum traveling solo exhibition over the next two years, kicking off with the world premiere at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

The gala begins at 5:30 p.m., with the film starting at 7 p.m. sharp. Find out more soon at www.examineandreport.com.

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

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Kiwanis Club Welcomes Police Athletic League



Fort Myers Police Department Captain Willie Dennard and Leah Rison

submitted by Allan Bova,
past Kiwanis Club president

The Fort Myers Kiwanis Club was delighted to hear all about the Fort Myers Police Athletic League (PAL). The work that this program is doing with the youth of our city has been recognized by the city council and members of our community.

It is a stand-alone program financed mainly by public donations and a grant

from the city. They are involved in four different youth programs: boxing, basketball, cheerleading and youth development/mentoring. The young participants are totally financed by PAL including their uniforms, equipment, lodging and travel to various competitions. As they grow and excel in their activities, PAL also sponsors the entire cost of travel, lodging and meals for all competitions held in the State of Florida and throughout the United States. Boxers have competed in Colorado, California and Tennessee for National PAL competitions where PAL paid all expenses.

Currently, there are 172 boys and girls involved in these programs that are coached by volunteer police officers and members of the community. The cheerleaders won second place at an event held in Orlando recently. The boxing team is recognized by the city council for all their achievements. The youth development program is teaching them to how to be respectful to people they meet, to help others when they can and how to make their community a better place to live.

Captain Willie Dennard explained to us the importance of public funding. "We need a permanent home base to house our activities," he noted. Right now, the boxing is held at Golf View Substation located at 1803 Golf View Avenue, near the Fort Myers Golf Course. Basketball, cheerleading and youth development currently meet and practice at the Stars

Complex, located at 2980 Edison Avenue. The PAL program is governed by a board of directors who are currently looking at various options for a permanent home for the PAL program.

The below information are events that PAL participated in 2015:

- FMPAL boxers competed in seven matches as well as local club shows in 2015. They traveled to events held in Brooksville, Tampa, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Miami, Naples, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Pasco County, Colorado and Memphis, Tennessee. Benjamin Orozco tried out for the Olympics and is one of PAL's most accomplished boxers.

- The cheerleaders cheered for the basketball season. They participated in several events in the Dunbar area, including the State of Florida PAL Cheerleading competition in Daytona Beach, where they placed second. They are currently practicing for the next season.

- Youth Directors are aspiring leaders that desire to give back to the community by performing community service and learning how to develop skills in order to better their lives and effect change in city neighborhoods. Participants gain an appreciation for community service, its positive results and its importance to our great country.

YDP participants logged community service hours in 2015 through various projects that included:

- Regional community service project

in Tampa

- Participated in the Martin Luther King Day Parade
- Participated in the Easter Parade
- Membership drives in Dunbar and Lehigh Acres area
- Four community service events in Lehigh Acres
- Two community service events in Dunbar
- Regional community service project in Lakeland
- Regional community service project in Lakeland and Tampa
- Training event in Tampa
- Two community service events in Fort Myers
- Regional community service project in Tampa, Miami and Orlando areas

Capt. Dennard also has first-hand experience with the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club. His step-daughter, Leah Rison, was a past \$4,000 scholarship winner at the Thomas A. Edison Science and Engineering Fair.

The Fort Myers Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers at noon for a lunch meeting that is catered by Gwendolyn's Catering. The public is welcome to attend. For more information about our meetings, activities in the community and schedule of speakers, contact club secretary Pat Stevens at 226-1556.*

Mayor Welcomes New Kiwanis Club Member Kazemi



Saeed Kazemi received his Kiwanis pin from Mayor Randy Henderson, a long-time member of the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club

submitted by Pat Stevens

On March 9, after receiving his membership pin from Mayor Henderson, Fort Myers City Manager Saeed Kazemi gave us a brief peek into his plans for our city and a mini peek into his work ethic and background.

Kazemi said he fully endorsed the recommendations of Duane's River District Downtown Plan and he, the mayor and city council are moving forward to accomplish this as quickly as possible.

Following Kazemi's induction into the club, Henderson gave an informative program regarding the city's efforts to update the infrastructures, improve public



Donna Clarke, club president; Saeed Kazemi; and Mayor Randy Henderson

safety in the River District and in East Fort Myers. There are many construction projects in the permitting stages and more than \$400 million in projects are under review, said the mayor. Much of this came about by the city following the Duane's Plan, as mentioned by Kazemi. The investing of just \$60 million to improve infrastructures, city scape and the water basin has encouraged more than \$1 billion in investments in private projects.

The mayor also highlighted water quality problems resulting from release of polluted Lake Okeechobee water into the Caloosahatchee and its estuaries as well as the St. Lucie Canal and Indian River Estuary. This has created economic hardship and loss of business to fishing guides and the tourist sector. Currently, there is a bipartisan Water Resources bill in Congress to expedite Everglades Restoration and Okeechobee Levee repairs. If this bill – introduced by Congressman Curt Clauson and Senator

Bill Nelson – gets passed, the projects could get finished in six to seven years rather than the 20 years as previously planned.

We want to thank Mayor Randy Henderson and Saeed Kazemi for all you and your team are doing to improve our city.

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

Lung Association Begins Registration For Endurance Stairclimb On April 23

Registration is currently under way for the American Lung Association's annual Fight For Air Climb, scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 at The Oasis Tower One, located at 3000 Oasis Grand Boulevard near downtown Fort Myers.

During the unique endurance event, participants will climb 31 flights of stairs in the residential high rise to raise money for lung disease research, education and advocacy.

More than 200 people are expected to climb 535 steps up the high rise, including local firefighters who will ascend in 45 pounds of full gear – helmet, hood, pants, coat, gloves, boots and air pack. Firefighters have an increased risk for lung disease from the exposure to gases, chemicals and smoke in the line of duty. Other participants will climb in support or memory of people touched by lung disease or in support of their own fitness goals.

"This is truly a remarkable experience for both running and fitness enthusiasts, as well as our participants who are suffering from a lung disease," said Kurt Goerke, director of health promotions for the American Lung Association in Florida. "As soon as you start up the stairs, you are instantly reminded that no one should have to fight for air on a daily basis."

The April 23 stairclimb – like many that the American Lung Association hosts around the country – will be the sixth to take place in Fort Myers. Local fundraising exceeded \$45,000 at the last event.

Fight For Air climbers can participate individually or as a team. Registration is \$25, and each climber must raise a minimum of \$100 to participate. For more information or to register, visit www.ClimbFortMyers.org or call 908-2685.*

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Larry Linne

Community Prayer Breakfast Will Continue

The Community Prayer Breakfast Committee announced that the annual prayer breakfast in May will continue, thanks to the generosity of local supporters.

Rev. Dr. Israel Suarez, who has chaired the event since its beginning in 1988, said there has been such an outpouring of support, both financially and spiritually, that the breakfast will continue on the National Day of Prayer, which is Thursday, May 5 this year. The breakfast will be held at Harborside Event Center, just as it has been for many years, at 7

a.m. Doors will open at 6 a.m.

"We are so thankful to the many, many individuals and businesses who came to us and offered their support of this tradition. Prayer is alive and well in Southwest Florida," Suarez said during a morning news conference at Fort Myers City Hall that was attended by Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson and other members of the Community Prayer Breakfast Committee.

Suarez said a dozen individuals, businesses and foundations have agreed to underwrite the cost so that the breakfast can continue to be provided free of charge to the first 1,400 people who respond to invitations, which will be mailed later this week. The identity of the donors was not revealed during the news conference.

"It's not about self or corporate promotion," said Rev. Thom Shafer of Cypress Lake United Methodist Church. "All of our sponsors are clear that this is for the glory of God and for no other purpose."

Shafer said a member of his congregation came to him after the announcement last November that the John E. and Aliese Price Foundation was no longer able to sponsor the annual event. The Price Foundation had been the sole sponsor of the Community Prayer Breakfast for the past 25 years. Shafer said the Price Foundation has agreed to be one of the 12 sponsors this year.

"Within a few days, 96 people stepped forward to be volunteers at the breakfast and funds were donated to make sure that this event continues," he added.

A steering committee was formed to handle the logistics of the event, including invitations and the speaker. This year's speaker will be Larry G. Linne, a

motivational speaker and former NFL player who went on to become a consultant in the insurance industry and best-selling author. His books include *Make The Noise Go Away – The Power of an Effective Second in Command* and *Brand Aid – Taking Control Of Your Reputation Before Everyone Else Does*.

Suarez and Shafer said they do have the list of attendees at the breakfast for the past two years along with their addresses, but they are concerned that many people who might have attended in the past, or would like to attend, may not be on the invitation list.

"My greatest fear is that we don't have all of the names and we don't know who they are," Shafer said. "Don't assume that you are on the list."

Anyone who would like to attend the breakfast may call 482-1250 to be placed on the list to receive an invitation, although this is not a guarantee that tickets will be available. Due to the popularity of the event, tickets are issued on a first come-first served basis. The breakfast will be limited to the first 1,400 people who respond.

Only the sponsors will have reserved seating, Suarez noted. "Everything else will be open seating," he said.

Previous speakers at the Community Prayer Breakfast have included syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, Lt. Col. Oliver North, world-renowned Siamese Twins surgeon Dr. Ben Carson, *Touched By An Angel* producer Martha Williamson, former U.S. Sen. Connie Mack, former ambassador Andrew Young, Olympian Billy Mills, television evangelist Dr. Robert Schuller, radio talk show host Dennis Prager and former American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole, among others.*

American Legion Post 274

On Friday, April 1, Kiwanis Club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Guest may choose between a fried fish/shrimp/crab cakes/New England clam chowder dinner or baked chicken dinner. Harry Boyle plays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

On Saturday, April 2, 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, April 3, an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet is served from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Karaoke with Mike Russell is held from 6 to 10 p.m.

On Monday, April 4, the Pool League plays at 6 p.m. A pot roast dinner will be served.

On Tuesday, April 5, choose from fettuccine alfredo with 25 shrimp or a fried chicken dinner. Mega-Money is held at 6:30 p.m. Country line dancing and two-step instructions also start at 6:30 p.m. Birdie Lee performs from 7 to 10 p.m.

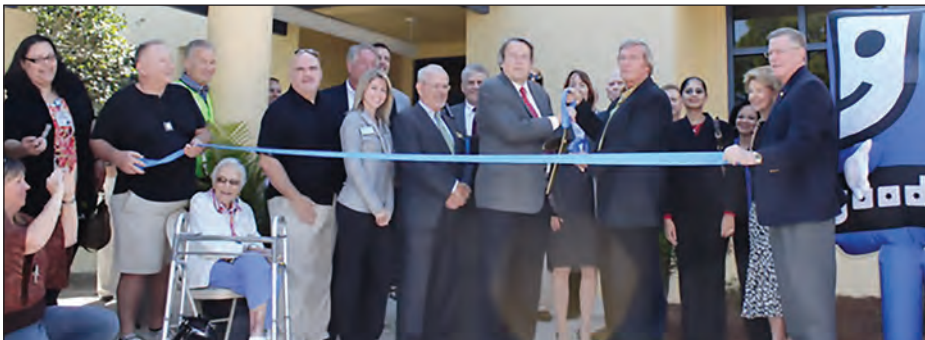
On Wednesday, April 6, Bingo is played from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Spaghetti and meatballs will be served.

On Thursday, April 7, a SAL baby back ribs dinner will be served. 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. *

Contribute Memories Of Goodwill



Goodwill officials and employees at a ribbon cutting ceremony

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida is asking for the public's help in collecting memories of the nonprofit for its 50th anniversary celebration. The organization, which was incorporated in 1966, will be celebrating the milestone throughout this year.

Fifty years after inception, Goodwill remains strongly committed to its mission of serving people with disabilities and disadvantages by providing life-changing opportunities to achieve independence, said Madison Mitchell, spokeswoman. Last year, the organization served over 42,000 individuals across Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, and Glades counties.

"This organization has touched so many lives in Southwest Florida," said Mitchell. "We look forward to sharing the memories made."

Goodwill encourages residents to submit memories of finding a treasured item in one of Goodwill's retail and donation centers, graduating from one of the organization's many programs, or attending a special event.

Memories may be sent to MadisonMitchell@goodwillswfl.org or mailed to her attention at 5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers, FL 33905. Memories submitted may be shared by Goodwill online, in print, or at Fashion Through the Decades on May 6.

Sponsorships are also still available. Opportunities range from \$100 to \$20,000 and, depending on the level, receive recognition at Fashion Through the Decades, Goodwill Golf Classic and the 10th annual Festival of Trees. For more information visit www.goodwillswfl.org/50years or call 995-2106 ext. 2213.*

Fair Housing Summit Returns April 6

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, along with the Lee County Department of Human Services, the City of Fort Myers and the City of Cape Coral, will host the Southwest Florida Annual Fair Housing Summit on Wednesday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dr. Carrie Robinson Community Center, located at 2990 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers.

The summit will feature information on the Fair Housing Act, reasonable accommodations and modifications in rules and policies, emotional support and service animals, Section 504, special parking requests, Fair Housing Rights of persons with disabilities, a discussion of differences between laws and respective accessibility standards, and more. Guest speakers include Derrick Isaac, Esq. with Florida Rural Legal Service, Inc., and Aaron Levine and Henry Whitehead, both equal opportunity specialists with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

April is Fair Housing Month, marking the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act in 1968. Fair Housing is intended to create equal housing opportunities for people living in the U.S. by administering laws that prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability and familial status.

The event is free and open to the public, although space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Sherri Campanale, director of Housing & Maintenance Operations at the HACFM, at sherri@hacfm.org or 344-3273.

For more information about the HACFM, call 344-3220 or visit www.hacfm.org.*

Along The River



On Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., Art Walk returns to downtown Fort Myers' historic River District
photo by Jamie Kuser

On Friday, April 1 from 6 to 10 p.m., **Fort Myers Art Walk** returns to downtown Fort Myers. The monthly event features new art exhibits and live artist demonstrations while providing a great atmosphere for shopping and dining. The Fort Myers Art Walk runs on the first Friday of every month (rain or shine) in the historic River District.

Over 11 art galleries invite locals and visitors to a self-guided walking tour throughout the core of downtown Fort Myers' historic River District and the Gardner's Park area. Art enthusiasts can "Meet the Artists" at most of the art galleries and enjoy the live art demonstrations throughout the River District.

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

On Saturday, April 2, the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** presents its annual **Ford Thunderbird Exhibition** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Thunderbirds – or T-Birds, as they are affectionately known – from all eras will be displayed on the historic riverside property of Henry Ford. Car owners will be on hand to visit with guests and answer questions.

Visitors can look forward to mingling with “Henry and Clara Ford,” Everglades BBQ for purchase and live music. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Edison Ford antique car collection.

Admission for Edison Ford non-members is \$20 adults and \$11 for children. Admission price includes an audio tour of the homes, gardens, laboratory and museum. For members, there is no charge to attend.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates are located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-7419 or go to www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org.

Sunday is Funday at the **Butterfly Estates**. On the first Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the non-profit organization called The Florida Native Butterfly Society opens its doors to the public with free admission to the Butterfly Estates. The purpose of the monthly event is to expose residents and visitors to the importance of Florida’s incredible butterflies. The organization hopes to inspire guests to plant butterfly gardens to support and increase natural populations. Enjoy many new vendors every month, kids projects and activities.

The Butterfly Estates is located at 1815 Fowler Street in Fort Myers. For more information, call 690-2359 or visit www.thebutterflyestates.com.

Also on Sunday, April 3 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., the 4th annual **BBQ, Bands & Brew** returns to **Alliance for the Arts**. The festival features the best in local BBQ, great live music and fun for the entire family. The fundraiser, presented by Builders Care, raises money to help homeowners in need in Lee County with emergency home repairs. 100 percent of funds raised each year stays in Lee County.

Local food vendors will be on hand selling Southwest Florida’s best BBQ cuisine including pulled pork, spare ribs, beef brisket, corn bread, and sweet tea. There will also be raffle prizes, 50/50 and a charity Poker Run. Admission is \$10 per adult. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door (cash only).

Band Schedule

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Soapy Tuna
- 1 to 2:30 p.m.: Rocker
- 3 to 4:30 p.m.: Deb & The Dynamics
- 5 to 6:30 p.m.: Alter Ego

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information about BBQ, Bands & Brew, call 938-0056 or go to www.bbqband-sandbrew.com.

On Tuesday, April 5, Broadway Pops International presents something wonderful with **The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein** at The Village Church Auditorium at **Shell Point Retirement Community**. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$36.

Enjoy the brilliant music of two legendary men, with songs from their celebrated collaborations: *South Pacific*, *The Sound of Music*, *State Fair*, *The King and I*, *Carousel*, and *Oklahoma*. Broadway stars Sarah Pfisterer and Sean MacLaughlin will present this lively tribute to *The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein*.

Pfisterer has played more than 1,000 performances in the role of Christine in *The Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway and across the country. On Broadway, she played Magnolia in Harold Prince’s *Show Boat*. Off Broadway, she played Anna Smith in *Meet Me in St. Louis* at the Irish Repertory Theater. A Metropolitan Opera semi-finalist, Pfisterer has worked with renowned conductors, including Michael Tilson Thomas and John McGlenn.

MacLaughlin has appeared on Broadway as Raoul in *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Lestat*, *The Woman in White*, and *Bombay Dreams*. His off-Broadway credits include *The Audience* and *Requiem for William* with the multi-award winning Transport Group, and *South Pacific: In Concert* from Carnegie Hall. MacLaughlin has also performed at the Kennedy Center’s *Sondheim Celebration: Merrily We Roll Along*, *The Rainmaker*, *Violet*, *Grand Hotel*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Film/TV credits include *Something the Lord Made*, *Trading Mom*, and *Great Performances: South Pacific*.

Shell Point is located at 15101 Shell Point Boulevard in South Fort Myers. For more information, call 466-1131 or visit www.shellpoint.org.✧

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

Greeters Club

The Greeters Club will meet for an April 21 luncheon and a performance by Joanna Olsen, whose new original play *Acting Up* delves into the myth that those of us born from the 30s to the early 40s – The Silent Generation – were cautious, unimaginative and unadventurous.

In Olsen's own words, "Boy did they get it wrong!"

By creating theatrical vignettes, Olsen will explore the life journeys of women who are mothers, rebels and even busybodies.

Lunch is \$20 and registration is required. Email greetersclub@gmail.com, provide name, email address and phone number. You will receive a return email confirming your reservation.

Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers.*

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CHURCH OF THE CROSS
13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188. Pastor Bud Stephens; A nondemonimational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday Service: 9:15 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 Contemporary.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers. Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978, Pastor Douglas Kelchner, Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m. Website: www.taecc.com

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

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

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8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. www.clpc.us. Clint Cottrell, Pastor. Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m., Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11 a.m. Summer Prayer Service 8 a.m.

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FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Boaters: Heed Manatees On The Move

Taking their cues from the warm spring weather, Florida manatees have begun leaving their winter retreats and are heading north along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters.

So for boaters enjoying spring days on the water, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission cautions to look out for manatees and follow posted manatee zones.

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercraft.

FWC law enforcement officers will be on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and will take enforcement actions when necessary. Manatee zones and maps are available at MyFWC.com/Manatee, where you can select "Protection Zones" for links to county maps.

"Our officers do their very best to support conservation of this species," said FWC Capt. Gary Klein. "We ask that boaters take notice of the zones and do their part as well by increasing their awareness of the possible presence of

manatees."

Because manatees are large, slow-moving and difficult to detect when underwater, operators of boats and personal watercraft need to take basic steps to avoid causing injury to manatees:

- Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- Look for the large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- Look for a snout sticking up out of the water.
- Follow posted manatee zones while boating.

The FWC also asks anyone seeing an injured, distressed, sick or dead manatee to call the agency's Wildlife Alert Hotline, 888-404-3922 (FWCC) or dial #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone.

You can watch manatees without disturbing them if you follow Guidelines for protecting native wildlife – Florida Manatees, a brochure that includes tips for paddlers, snorkelers and scuba divers. It's available at MyFWC.com/Manatees, click on "Boat, Personal Watercraft and Paddle-sport Operators" and then on "Paddle-sport Operators."

Support the FWC's manatee research, rescue and management efforts by purchasing a "Save the Manatee" Florida license plate at BuyAPlate.com, or by donating \$5 to receive an FWC manatee decal by going to MyFWC.com/Manatee and clicking on "Decals." ❄️



Ribbon cutting at Hollie's Boutique

photo by Bob Petcher

Chamber Hosts Ribbon Cutting To Welcome New Member

The Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Hollie's Boutique, located at 1571 Periwinkle Way, directly across from Dixie Beach Boulevard.

Hollie Schmid – pictured in the center of the photo holding scissors – hosted the event that featured hors d'oeuvres and drinks to celebrate the occasion. The boutique business location was transformed from The Sanibel Island Bookshop, a fixture on Sanibel Island for the past 16 years.

Visit www.holliesboutique.com or call 472-5223 to learn more. Hollie's Boutique has a second location at 9671 Gladiolus Drive Unit 103 in Fort Myers. ❄️



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The Last Cold Front Of The Season - Or Is It?



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The beginning of this past week started out with what was a very strong cold front bringing not only strong winds but a drastic, 14-degree drop in water temperature. Just

after fishing had finally got somewhat consistent, it was right back to catching sheepshead for a few days until the water slowly rebounded back into the 70s. Hopefully that was the last little taste of winter we will have to experience this year.

With water temperatures quickly dropping down into the mid 60s, finding action meant one thing: it was back to shrimp fishing again. Sheepshead reappeared in the passes and deep in the mangrove creeks along with a few bonus redfish. These species filled the

void for a few days until it warmed back up. While trying to hide from the wind and cold deep in the "Ding" Darling refuge creek systems, free-lining some larger shrimp gave us some success on snook.

Fishing early this week right while the cold front moved through, James Guertin, age 12, visiting from Maryland with his dad Steve, caught his biggest fish ever, a slot-sized 29-inch snook. This wild and crazy snook ran all over the place, way back in the woods in a super narrow creek and almost parted ways several times as it tried to make it back to a barnacle-crusted mangrove shoreline. This often heart-stopping battle is one we will all remember for a while and one I'm sure James and his dad will talk about for a long time.

Catching fish certainly took more work than usual this week and involved fishing lots of places with lots of different techniques. Catching only five to 10 snook a trip was the normal, but we certainly were fortunate to catch some other quality species including a few big gator trout in the 23- to 24-inch range, along with a few trip-making upper slot-sized redfish.

Even while pitching perfect baits, I still never found that wide open snook bite anywhere; it was just a matter of



James Guertin, 12, visiting from Maryland, pictured with the 29-inch snook he caught this week while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

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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being persistent and grinding it out one fish at a time to get it done. Trout fishing was the best action and only improved later in the week with 30-plus fish days being the normal. Live shrimp fished on a jig head under a rattling popping cork caught trout after trout. Sure, most of these trout are just short of the 15-inch minimum but there are plenty of keepers in the mix and this was a really easy way to keep the rods bent time and time again.

Basically, any three- to four-foot deep grassflat from the power lines all the way up to the middle sound has been loaded up with trout. Look for clear water and sandy bottom mixed with grass. If you fish for more than about five minutes without catching one, keep moving. Soft plastic jigs also caught these trout and were a great option if you prefer to drift fish. Regulations on trout are four per angler between 15 and 20 inches with one fish of your limit allowed to be over the 20-inch max.

Fluctuating water temperatures have been a real problem for anglers not only this last week but for the last few months. It seems as if fish just get into a pattern and then we get a drastic change in the weather screwing it up.

Hopefully this was the last cold front we will have to deal with until next winter but with how strange this El Nino winter has been, only time will tell. Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.✪

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Six Barn Owl Nestlings



by Patricia Molloy

The barn owl (*Tyto alba*) is easily recognizable by its white, heart-shaped facial discs. Its striking appearance – coupled with its secretive and strictly nocturnal behavior – have earned the

raptor the nickname of ghost owl. The most widespread owl in the world, it is the least common owl to breed in Florida. Sadly, its populations have been on a steady decline worldwide due to loss of habitat.

On the afternoon March 14, CROW received a call from LaBelle concerning six nestling barn owls that had been found on the ground and subsequently “rescued.” An experienced volunteer and staff member were dispatched to investigate, but were unable to locate their nest. With the fuzzy little raptors being out of their nest and too young to survive on their own, they were transported to the wildlife clinic.

Initially reported as a potential case of parental abandonment, that notion was dismissed as unlikely by Dr. Heather Barron.

“Those parents raised six extremely healthy, large babies to this point. Parents – both the mother and the father are caretakers – don’t just abandon the nest because they’re like ‘You know what? I’m really tired of these six babies. I think we’re just going to head south for the winter.’”

Despite good intentions, people are sometimes too quick to scoop up little animals that appear orphaned or abandoned that may not need rescuing.

As hospital director, Dr. Heather spends nearly as much time making phone calls and sending e-mails to local, state and federal regulatory agencies as she does performing patient examinations and surgeries. In the case of barn owls, they are protected under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and CROW must report any interaction it has with the raptors to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

“I have to get in touch with Fish and Wildlife before we can re-release them,”



Upon presentation, all six nestlings were found to be bright, alert and well fed. They were collectively admitted as patient #16-655, as they were simply too young to be left alone. They will be provided with supportive care.

she stated. “See, (the owlets) got here right at 5 p.m. on a Friday, so there was no way we could contact the authorities. But we’re going to see what we can do. It’s just been so many days that it’s entirely possible that the parents will have abandoned the nest by now.”

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation

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



The Miller-Porfiris Duo

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The Music Of John Cage

100th birthday, listed by *New York Magazine* as one of the Top 10 Classical Music Events of 2012.

The Miller-Porfiris Duo will accompany Tendler on the violin and viola. Praised by the press for their “haunting and picturesque” musical interpretations, the Miller-Porfiris Duo has been delighting audiences in the United States, Great Britain and Central America since 2005.

Anton Miller and Rita Porfiris first met over 20 years ago while studying at the Juilliard School. Anton and Rita are associate professors of violin and

viola, respectively, at the Hartt School in Connecticut. Both are committed to expanding the repertoire for violin and viola, commissioning several albums for violin and viola.

The Chamber Music Series is sponsored by Rob and Ruth Diefenbach.

The Music of John Cage begins at 8 p.m. in the Grand Atrium; cocktail hour starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance; tables remain available. Call 333-1933 or visit www.sbdac.com for more information.*

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Student Art Exhibit

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

LAEA is a group of art teachers who work to recognize and promote students who show an interest and aptitude in the visual arts. Artwork by LAEA member teachers will be on display in the Alliance Member Gallery.

The Theatre Lobby will feature BroadSides: Poetry off the Shelf, works created by artists and poets.

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 is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

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Pansy varieties and colors abound, both with and without the color blotches

dents who want to instant gratification and color for the landscape in the cooler months.

It's understandable if you find a tray of pansies irresistible – they're also called ladies-delight, after all.

Just popping bunches of these adorable flowers into the ground makes for quick curb appeal.

However, like many other popular non-native annuals, they have a flipside: high maintenance and, ultimately, cost.

Pansies basically lasts a season and must then be replaced. This member of the violet family and a hybrid of *Viola* usually languishes in the South Florida summer.

To look good, pansies need rich well-drained soil, plenty of moisture, and possibly fertilizer.

They are low-growing and suitable as a border, filler or container plant. They also look attractive in a hanging basket.

The alternate leaves are oval or oblong

with toothed edges. Flowers usually measure less than an inch wide, but can be up to three inches across.

Although they bloom best with plenty of sun, they also do well in a shady spot.

Pansies come in many varieties and a rainbow of colors, both with and without the "blotches" on their "faces."

Despite those pretty faces, though, they provides no special benefits for wildlife, so don't expect pansies to attract butterflies and birds.

Various pests and diseases can afflict the flower.

One big plus for pansies – they are edible.

For low maintenance, bright color and wildlife friendliness, check out the numerous native flowers that will survive well the entire year – whether you go away for the season or not.

Sources: *Florida Gardener's Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker, floridata.com, and ifas.ufl.edu.

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

Grow The Garden Gala & Art Auction

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation will hold its 3rd annual Grow The Garden Gala from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17 at

Lakes Regional Park, located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers.

Attendees will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvre, entertainment, live and silent auctions and park tours. All proceeds benefit the continued development of the Children's Learning Garden, the next step along the path of the Botanic Garden at Lakes Park. This event is being sponsored by Denny's Restaurants of Fort Myers, Ada's Natural Market, FineMark Bank and Galeana Family of Dealerships.

The mission of the Children's Learning Garden is to excite and educate young people about the life of plants and their environmental importance. Children will investigate the relationships of soil, water and sun to the growth of plant life.

Live and silent auctions feature dining and boating experiences, get-a-ways, golf packages and more. Art in a variety of mediums has been donated by area artists. All will be on display and available for silent auction bidding throughout the gala. The gala is open to the public.

Admission to the Grow The Garden Gala is \$50 per couple, \$30 per person or \$100 per couple for VIP tickets. The VIP package will include: valet parking, reserved tables in tent area, escorted tours of Children's Garden area, concierge checkout service and a floral table centerpiece. To make reservations, call 533-7575 ext. 5.

More information on the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation can be found online at www.LakesPark.org.*

Pansies are a popular non-native in South Florida, despite their relatively high maintenance
photos by Gerri Reaves
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Pansy

by Gerri Reaves

Pansies (*Viola x wittrockiana*) share characteristics with other "disposable" annuals, of which the most popular is probably impatiens (*Impatiens wallerana*.) The pansy's bright colors and sheer prettiness make it appealing, especially to seasonal resi-

Naples Trolley Tours Now Offering Tour To Edison Ford Winter Estates



Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Edison & Ford Winter Estates is partnering with Naples Trolley Tours to offer a group tour package to Edison Ford from Naples. The package will include a tour of Edison Ford, a Caloosahatchee River cruise aboard the *M/V Edison Explorer* with Pure Fort Myers and lunch at Pinchers. Tours are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The full-day itinerary includes transportation from Naples to Fort Myers and back. The Naples Trolley tour bus will arrive at The Marina at Edison Ford at approximately 9:30 a.m. for a cruise departure aboard the *M/V Edison Explorer* at 10 a.m. The river cruise will last approximately an hour and a half with a return for lunch at



Pinchers

Pinchers at 11:30 a.m. The historian-led tour at Edison Ford begins at 1 p.m. on the adjacent property. The tour bus will depart The Marina for Naples at 3 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for Naples area residents, visitors and seasonal residents to see Edison Ford and spend the day in Fort Myers without doing the driving," said Chris Pendleton, CEO.

The boat excursion, lunch at Pinchers and tour at Edison Ford plus transportation to and from Naples are all included in the \$139 per person ticket price.

To book a tour, or for more information, contact Naples Trolley Tours at 262-7300.*



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Comedian Michael Palascak

SalusCare Comedy Night July 23

Nationally recognized comedian Michael Palascak brings more fun to the stage when he returns to Fort Myers on Saturday, July 23 to perform at the 2nd annual Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night to benefit SalusCare, Inc.

Tickets go on sale April 1 for the event at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa and may be purchased online at www.saluscarecomedy.com or by calling 791-1575. Tickets include heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Seats at tables are \$125 each or \$500 for a reserved table for four, with table signage. A limited number of seats without tables are available at \$100 each. Other sponsorships are available from \$1,000.

Palascak rounds out the evening that also includes stand-up comedy by eight local celebrities, competing for the title of Lee County's Best Comic for 2016. Attendees will have the opportunity to "vote" for Lee County's Best Comic by placing cash or checks in containers labeled for each comic.

Last year's inaugural Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night was won by former Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Doug Molloy, who will serve as master of ceremonies at this year's event. SalusCare Development Committee chair Mark Atkins said the local celebrity comedic line-up will be announced in mid-April.

"We are delighted that Michael is willing to come to Fort Myers for a repeat performance at our second annual Comedy Night. He has family in the area and agreed to come pro-bono to support our cause of helping children with mental illness and substance use disorders," Atkins said.

Palascak delighted television audiences last season as one of five finalists on NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. In the last four years, he has appeared on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*. He also has performed at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and was the winner of HBO's *Lucky 21 Stand-up Contest*.

Funds raised at the event will be used to provide outpatient psychiatry and therapy to children and adolescents in our area whose families can least afford it. One in 10 children has serious mental health problems severe enough to impair how they function at home, in school or in the community, according to the National Center for Children & Poverty at Columbia University. Left untreated, mental illnesses can lead to more difficult to treat illnesses and to the development of co-occurring disorders.

For more information about sponsorships and Laughter Is the Best Medicine Comedy Night, call Todd Cordisco at 791-1575 or visit www.saluscarecomedy.com.

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Smoke On The Water

Set in the beautiful downtown Fort Myers River District, the 3rd annual Smoke on the Water Barbecue & Music Festival is sure to provide plenty of authentic barbecue, beer, spirits and live music done right. In addition to the barbecue and music, families will enjoy a kid zone with arts and activities. Barbecue and music enthusiasts love this competition on the Fort Myers riverfront.

The stage will be located in front of the City Pier Building along the river in the historic district. This fun-for-whole-family event gets kicked off with music by the Nowhere Band Beatles' Tribute Band on Friday night, followed by four heart-pumping headliners on Saturday.

Admission is free both Friday and Saturday.

VIP tickets and tables are available for Saturday, which includes access to the VIP Tent located perfectly near the Smoke on the Water stage, barbecue, unlimited beer in tent, two additional drink tickets for the main bar per guest, and one ticket per guest to redeem for a Smoke on the Water souvenir T-shirt.

Professional teams interested in competing should visit www.sbdac.com/smoke2016 for contest information, rules and applications; there is a fee to compete. All proceeds from the competition and music festival benefit the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Smoke on the Water is sponsored by Victory Layne Chevrolet, the City of Fort Myers, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, iHeart Media and Modern Services Air Conditioning. Other sponsorship opportunities are still available.

For more information about Smoke on the Water Barbecue Competition, visit sbdac.com/smoke2016. For more information about the Florida Bar-B-Que Association, visit <http://fbabbq.com>.



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The Off Broadway Palm Theatre Offers Comic Farce With Non-Stop Laughter



Scene from *Who's Under Where*, now playing at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre presents *Who's Under Where?* playing now through Saturday, April 30. Writers Marcia Kash and Doug Hughes stitched together all of the elements for a perfect farce.

Two women are working on the deal of their lives and trying to convince a famous designer to buy their Passion Fashion Wear lingerie. They have arranged a private fashion show in a fancy hotel to impress the Italian designer. The champagne is on ice, the models are hired and the lingerie is on display. When their jealous husbands arrive unexpectedly, they jump to conclusions and set out to

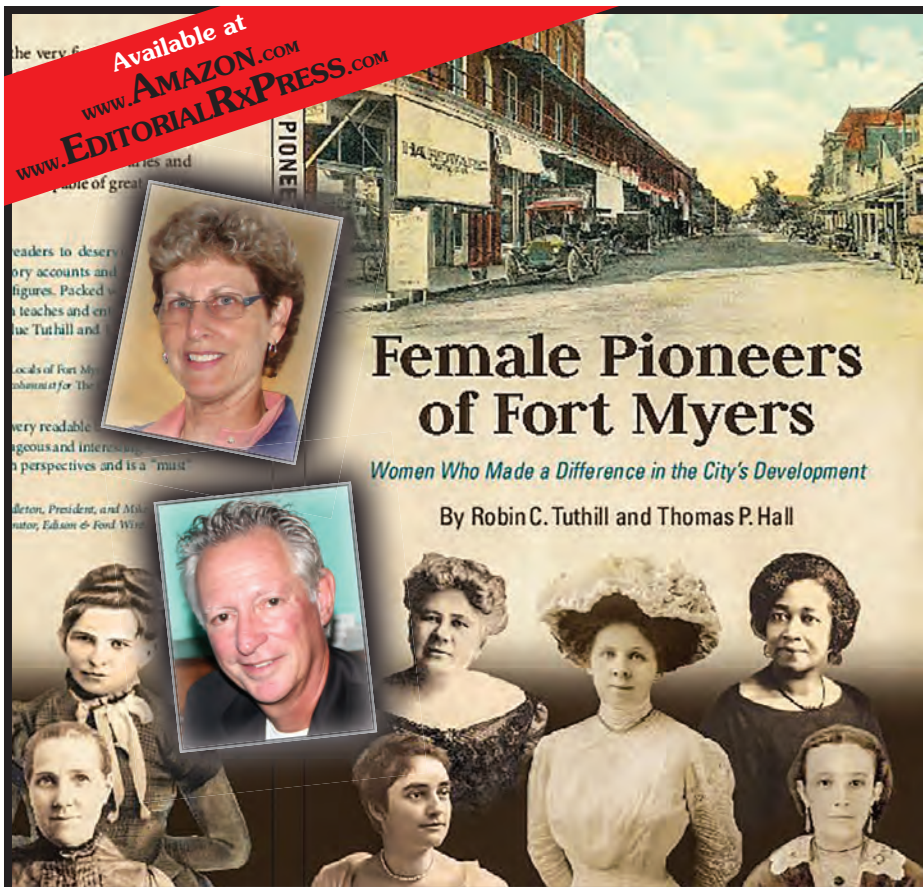


Scene from *Who's Under Where*

sabotage the show. Combine a scantily-clad male model, mistaken identities, stolen underwear and the lustful hotel security guard and you have a recipe for non-stop laughter.

Who's Under Where? Find out at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre now through April 30. The Off Broadway Palm is an intimate 100-seat theatre, located in the main lobby of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$33 to \$53, with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more.

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



Beach Art Association To Host Student Scholarship Artwork Exhibit



The 2015 senior student participants from Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association invites visitors and residents to support a local student scholarship program through a reception celebrating an exhibit and scholarship awards show.

The Student Art Exhibit, which will feature works from college-bound seniors from Cypress Lake Center for the Arts, Cypress Lake High School as well as the work of 6th to 8th graders from Cypress Lake Middle School, will hang at the FMBAA Gallery from April 9 to April 13. The reception will be on Sunday, April 10, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

FMBAA members would like to extend a thank you to Santini Plaza officials for hosting the Art Bazaar on March 20. The proceeds from this sale contribute to a significant percentage of the FMBAA scholarship funds awarded annually totaling over \$3,000.

Prior to that exhibit, the Beach Art Association invites visitors to view a new show, *Anything Goes*, at its 3030 Shell Mound Boulevard gallery off Donora Boulevard. The show runs until Thursday, April 7.

For more information, call 463-3909 or go to www.fortmyersbeachart.com. Currently, FMBAA gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. On April 20, the gallery's summer hours shorten to Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am until noon until mid-October.✴

"Packed with facts and employing an engaging storytelling style, [*Female Pioneers of Fort Myers*] both teaches and entertains. Local history buffs and newcomers to history will value Tuthill and Hall's research and appreciate the accessible format, too."

Gerri Reaves, PhD, author of *Legendary Locals of Fort Myers* and *Fort Myers, Then & Now*

Financial Focus

International Investing Can Expand Horizons



by Jennifer Basey

If you don't mind slow trips, you can go around the world in 80 days. But it takes almost no time to become a global investor. So, should you look abroad for good investments?

You may not have thought about it. And that may not be all that surprising, because when Americans check market updates, they typically see data for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite, all of which provide information for essentially one asset class: large-capitalization domestic stocks. Yet, U.S. equities actually only represent slightly more than one third of world equities, according to Bloomberg, a financial news service, so if you're confining yourself to the U.S., you may be missing out on an opportunity.

By investing internationally, you can gain at least two significant benefits:

- Growth potential – U.S. stocks have achieved good returns for long stretches of time. Yet, in any given year, markets in other countries can outperform the U.S. – and they have done just

that.* By looking beyond our borders, you can invest in regions with different prospects for economic growth.

In mature economies, such as those found in Western Europe, you can find investment possibilities in companies that produce high-quality, well-known products. Like many of the best American businesses, these foreign companies are likely to remain competitive far into the future, which means they can be attractive to serious, long-term investors.

- Diversification – If you invest entirely in domestic investments, and the U.S. financial markets suffered a downturn, your portfolio would likely take a big hit. But if you spread your investment dollars between both U.S. and international investments, you could lessen the impact of the U.S.-based volatility. The U.S. financial markets do not always move in tandem with global markets, so, when we're down, they might be up. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profit or prevent losses.)

While investing internationally offers some advantages, it also carries some specific risks. Here are a few to consider:

- Political or economic instability – A quick glance at the headlines can tell you that different parts of the world may be undergoing political or economic turmoil or both at the same time. This instability can obviously affect the investment outlook within these regions.

- Fluctuating exchange rates – The exchange rate between U.S. and foreign currencies fluctuates all the

time. This movement can decrease or increase the dollar value of your investment even if its actual price remains unchanged.

- Difficulty in obtaining information – Financial information about specific companies in emerging markets can be hard to obtain, which is why it may be better to invest using professional managers.

Given these factors, if you are going to invest internationally, it's probably a good idea to do so with the help of a financial professional, someone with the resources and experience to help you avoid potential pitfalls. But don't ignore the opportunities available internationally. The exact amount depends on your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon.

The world is a big place – investing an appropriate portion of your portfolio in international investments could help broaden your investment horizons.

* Past performance is not a guarantee of future market performance.

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

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Baseball

Stadium, respectively. The rookie-level Gulf Coast League Twins also plays at Hammond.

When the City of Palms Park opened in 1993, it brought major-league spring-training right downtown.

But in 2011, the Red Sox moved out

of historic downtown and headed for the suburbs – the 21st century trend, it seems.

The downtown stadium is now the new home for the Florida SouthWestern State College's baseball and softball teams.

Take a stroll to the former site of the town's first designated baseball diamond. Peer into the parking area and imagine players loosening up for the Fourth of July game, just like they did almost 120 years ago.

Then, walk several blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the long history of baseball in Fort Myers.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center if you love local history.

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

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

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society,

The Fort Myers Press, leegov.com, and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.✱

Karpel Elected To Lambda Beta Executive Board

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Respiratory Care Professor Sindee Karpel was recently elected to serve as the Four-Year Baccalaureate Program representative on the Lambda Beta Society executive board of directors. The Lambda Beta Society is the National Honor Society for the profession of respiratory care.

The Associate of Science in Respiratory Care is one of 11 health career degrees offered in FSW's School of Health Professions and the program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

Prior to being nominated and accepted as a member of the executive board for the Lambda Beta Society, Karpel helped establish FSW's Lambda Beta Chapter and served as the FSW college official since its charter.

"I look forward to serving on the national executive board of directors of Lambda Beta Society as a representative of FSW," Karpel said. "This will bring national attention and prestige to the college and our students who are current and future members of the Lambda Beta Society."✱



Sindee Karpel

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Participants and volunteers at the check presentation held at Kelly Greens Golf & Country Club

Kelly Greens Golf And Tennis Classic Raises \$52,000 For Hope Hospice

Members of the Kelly Greens Golf & Country Club hosted the 15th annual Golf and Tennis Classic to benefit Hope Hospice. Golfers and tennis players raised more than \$52,000, including proceeds from silent and live auctions held during the evening's banquet.

Since the inception of the Kelly Greens tournament, residents of the country club have raised more than \$435,000 for Hope Hospice.

Hope Hospice is a nonprofit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, call 454-3100 or visit www.HopeHCS.org.✱

Rotary Club Of Fort Myers - Sunrise To Host Pro-Am Golf Classic May 13



Golf carts lined up at The Forest Country Club

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers - Sunrise Pro-Am Golf Classic, presented by Millennium Physician Group, will be held on Friday, May 13 at The Forest Country Club in Fort Myers. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc.'s scholarship program.

The Pro-Am Golf Classic will be capped at 25 teams of four amateurs teeing off in a scramble format and one professional competing in a head-to-head format. Entry fees are \$600 for an amateur foursome and one pro, and it includes beverages, hors d'oeuvres and a boxed lunch. Pros will compete for a \$3,000 purse. The deadline for registration is May 1.

For more information, contact Norman Lutz at 208-8091.

Proceeds will fund scholarships for low-income, at-risk students enrolled in the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools' Take Stock In Children program. Take Stock In Children is a statewide program that provides a unique opportunity for students to escape the cycle of poverty through education.

For more information about The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, contact Margo Brewster at 337-0433 or Margo@LeeSchoolFoundation.org.✱

Rheem Team To Sponsor Rotary's Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South announced that the Southwest Florida Rheem Team will proudly serve as the overall \$10,000 Scholarship Sponsor for the 30th annual Rotary South Scholar Athlete Banquet. This is the 12th year the Southwest Florida Rheem Team has served as a major sponsor of the event and its sixth year as the overall Scholarship Sponsor. The scholarship program recognizes top athletes from area high schools based on athletic and academic achievement, along with strength of character.

"We are thrilled to once again hold the title sponsor role for the Rotary South Scholar Athlete Program," said Charlie Costa, secretary of Southwest Rheem Team. "It's been a valuable long-term partnership and an honor to be aligned with like-minded professionals, as well as such exemplary students."

Rotary Club of Fort Myers South will honor the 36 nominees and announce the scholarship recipients and other award winners at its Scholar-Athlete Awards banquet on Wednesday, May 11 at the Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers. The Southwest Florida Rheem Team will underwrite two \$5,000 scholarships as the program's Title Scholarship Sponsor. In addition to sponsoring the scholarships, the Rheem Team hosts an online Annual People's Choice Scholar-Athlete Award, where the winner receives a prize.

The Southwest Florida Rheem Team was formed 15 years ago. In addition to maintaining the highest possible standard of technical expertise in their field, the seven member HVAC contractors work together to contribute to the local and global community. The support of the Scholar-Athlete Awards is only one of many valuable contributions these philanthropic service professionals make in Southwest Florida.

"The Southwest Florida Rheem Team continues to be a great partner as the sponsor for the Scholar Athlete Banquet," said the Rotary South Scholar-Athlete Awards chairman. "Their efforts have made tremendous difference in the lives of Lee County's best and brightest athlete-scholars. We are extremely appreciative of the support they have given to this program over the past 12 years."

Eighteen Lee County-area high schools may each nominate one top male and female varsity letter winner who maintains a minimum 3.2 GPA, is involved in school and community activities and demonstrates leadership characteristics. A selection committee of Rotary South members interviews nominees and selects the winners.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the May 11 banquet, starting at just \$100 to sponsor a scholar-athlete. For more information about the 30th annual Rotary Club of Fort Myers South's Scholar-Athlete Awards, contact Rob Scharlau at 810-2554 or rob.scharlau@busey.com.✱

Touch-A-Truck Returns April 2

The South Cape Entertainment and Hospitality Associations invites all to participate in South Cape's 2nd annual Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, April 2 at the Cape Coral Veterans Museum parking lot, located at 4820 Leonard Street in Cape Coral. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a horn-free hour from 9 to 10 a.m. for those with sensitive ears.

Touch-A-Truck is a family-friendly event where kids of all ages can explore and ask questions about their favorite vehicles such as Cape Coral Police Mobile Command Unit, Lee County Emergency Medical Ambulance, moving and tow trucks, and a police SWAT vehicle, just to name a few. All participants will receive a truck passport, and can visit the designated locations for a chance to win a prize. A stage with entertainment geared toward children of all ages, health and safety exhibitors, local vendors and sponsors will also be featured.

Admission is free and parking is available at Club Square, Iguana Mia and Winn-Dixie parking lots. Tickets will be available for children's activities such as a duck pond, face painting, crafts and a charity basket raffle. Parental supervision is required, and cameras are highly recommended.

This annual event was inspired by Ethan, our event coordinator's 4-year-old, truck loving grandson who is affected by

Fragile X syndrome. Fragile X is a genetic condition that causes intellectual disability, behavioral and mental health issues, and developmental and language delays.

Net proceeds from the 2016 Cape Coral Touch a Truck event will benefit the National Fragile X Foundation. For more details, visit www.facebook.com/CapeCoralTouchaTruck or call 900-4028.✱

Mini Golf Tourney

The 4th annual Mini Masters Golf Tournament comes to Jungle Golf on Tuesday April 19 with the first tee time of 4 pm. It will include prizes, raffles and even Mulligans. The jungle survivors will celebrate at the 19th hole at Pinchers Crab Shack where the champions will be crowned and legends are made. Anyone can enter a team but space is limited to 18 teams with eight players each. Trophies will be awarded for winning team, lowest individual score and highest individual score. There will also be a secret hole in one prize.

Registration is at Pinchers and transportation will be provided to and from Jungle Golf.

The tournament is open to the public and cost is \$240 per team. Those who just want to watch and mingle afterwards at Pinchers may sign up for the gallery for \$5.

For more information, download an application from www.fortmyersbeach-minimasters.com.✱

New Red Sox Boss Makes Quick And Positive Impact



by Ed Frank

It's obvious in the short time that Dave Dombrowski has been at the helm of the Boston Red Sox baseball operation that he has had an immediate and positive impact on this storied franchise.

The 59-year-old Dombrowski, with nearly 40 years of baseball experience, was named president of baseball operations last August after successful management stints with the Chicago White Sox, Montreal Expos, Florida Marlins and Detroit Tigers.

With him having the likely opportunity to work for several other organizations, we asked the personable Dombrowski why he chose the Red Sox. In a rapid-fire response, he said, "This is the premier franchise in professional sports. Here we have the ability to be persistent in the pursuit of the best talent."

He added that the second factor is his positive relationship with principal owner John Henry and president Sam Kennedy. "It's just a real good situation."

Dombrowski had worked for Henry when he owned the Florida Marlins in the late 1990s.

Perhaps the best example of Dombrowski's immediate impact on his new team was the recent remarks by Red Sox legend David Ortiz who is retiring at the end of the upcoming season. In a radio interview, Ortiz said: "The minute he got here last year, he pulled me to the side and he built my confidence. That's something I don't think we really ever had. I've been here 14 years, but I really never had that kind of confidence coming from a GM (general manager) like I have now with Dave. It was pretty much the first time in this organization that I was asked what your thoughts are about this and that. It never happened before."

Dombrowski recognized early in his new tenure there was an urgent need to improve pitching. As a result, four of his five off-season acquisitions were pitchers: All-Star David Price, considered one of the top three pitchers in the American League; All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel; reliever Carson Smith; and left-hander Roenis Elias.

Asked about Henry's recent statements that the Red Sox, after finishing last three of the last four seasons in the American League Eastern Division, would return to a greater emphasis on traditional scouting and less reliance on the analytical interpreta-

tions of statistics, Dombrowski said the organization still believes in blending both approaches, but with a "little more emphasis on scouting."

The Red Sox probably lead the major leagues in investment in international players. Consider just the investment in two Cuban players, outfielder Rusney Castillo and infielder Yoan Moncada.

Castillo signed a seven-year, \$72 million contract in 2014 and hit .253 in 80 games during his first season in the majors last year.

The 20-year-old Moncada received a whopping \$31.5 million signing bonus in 2015 which cost Boston another \$31.5 million in league tax for exceeding the international signing bonus pool. In his first year at Low A Greenville, he hit .278 in 81 games with 49 stolen bases in 52 attempts. He probably will move up to Double A this year.

We asked Dombrowski about the long-debated issue of establishing an international draft to bring order to the international market for players.

"It's an issue that would have to be agreed upon in baseball's collective bargaining agreement," he said.

While the game of baseball remains strong with record attendance and revenue, there is growing concern over the declining interest and participation in the game by American youth, particularly in the inner cities.

"Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred has addressed this issue by hiring Tony Reagins to direct a new youth program," he said. Reagins is the former Los Angeles Angels GM.

A study by the National Sporting Goods Association found that youth participation in baseball and softball has declined 40 percent since 2000.

Most in baseball agree that there is an immediate need to restore interest and participation among youth in this country before the decline continues even further.*



Dave Dombrowski

photo courtesy Boston Red Sox

Red Sox Foundation Awards 13 Local Students College Scholarships



Red Sox Foundation Scholarships winners at jetBlue Park in Fort Myers

The Boston Red Sox honored its first 13 local high-school seniors, presenting them each a \$5,000 college scholarship by the Red Sox Foundation in a pre-game ceremony prior to the March 19 game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Scholarship funds were raised from proceeds of the 2015 Swings For The Sox golf tournament to benefit the newly created Red Sox Scholarship in partnership with The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. Annually, the Red Sox Foundation plans to award a \$5,000 scholarship to attend college to one deserving student from each of the 13 public high schools in Lee County.

"Our goal is to harness the passion our fans have for the Red Sox and transform it into a vehicle for positive change in our communities," said Katie Haas, vice president of Florida business operations for the Boston Red Sox. "Education has always been an area of focus for our foundation, and we are so excited to see the funds from our annual golf tournament awarded locally to our promising students who will be this community's future leaders."

The Red Sox Foundation's 4th annual Swings For The Sox golf tournament, held on October 23, 2015, raised more than \$70,000. The first four years of the local tournament has raised \$180,000 for local nonprofits.

"The Boston Red Sox continue to be awesome community partners," said Marshall T. Bower, president and CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. "These scholarships will help to ensure that some very deserving students are given the opportunity to succeed and ultimately become productive citizens."

2016 Scholarship Recipients

Cape Coral High School – Devon Hamilton
Cypress Lake High School – Luke Turner
Dunbar High School – Alex Lopez
East Lee County High School – Jordan Angel
Estero High School – Alvaro Minor
Fort Myers High School – Madison Thiele
Ida Baker High School – Danny Olson
Island Coast High School – Luis Guzman
Lehigh Senior High School – Yessenia Estrada
Mariner High School – Brandon Sanzetenea
North Fort Myers High School – Nick Browning
Riverdale High School – Mikeala Roberts
South Fort Myers High School – Eyllen Miranda*



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Book Signing By Heloise

Jennifer's Boutique will host a book signing by Heloise of *Hints From Heloise* on Thursday, April 14 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Heloise is a writer, author of 14 books, and speaker specializing in lifestyle hints, including consumer issues, pets, travel, food, home improvement and health. Her syndicated newspaper column runs seven days a week in more than 500 newspapers in the United States and internationally. She is a contributing editor and monthly columnist at *Good Housekeeping* magazine. In addition, she is a frequent guest on national television and radio, where she shares her insight for saving time, saving work and saving money.

Heloise's book *Handy Household Hints From Heloise* will be available for purchase at the book signing. Complimentary wine, champagne and cupcakes will be served.

"Heloise is America's most recognized name for household advice," said Jennifer Williams, owner of Jennifer's. "Her books provide innovative tips on how to save time, save work, and save money. This will be a fun afternoon not to be missed."

Jennifer's Boutique is located at 13451 McGregor Boulevard, at Cypress Lake Drive in the Cypress Square Shopping Center in Fort Myers.✴



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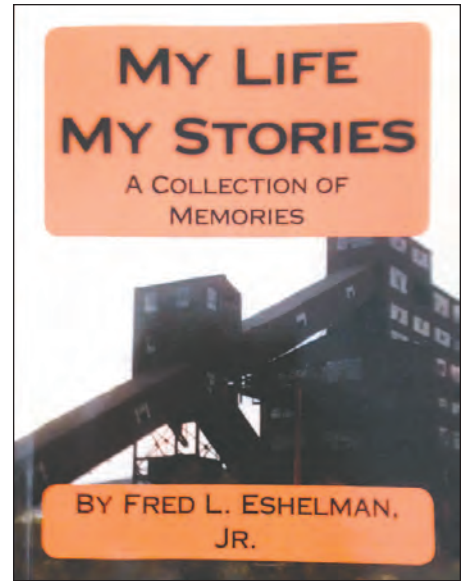
Library Hosts Book Signing For Local Author

On Monday, April 11 at 1 p.m., the Fort Myers Regional Library in downtown Fort Myers will present an author talk with Fred L. Eshelman, Jr. The local author will discuss his memoir, *My Life, My Stories, A Collection of Memories*, followed by a book signing. Reservations are not required.

Eshelman is a very common man; blessed with a type A personality. His education is very basic. It was suggested by friends and relatives to tell his favorite stories; ones that they were tired of listening to. Born in the coal mining town of Pittston, Pennsylvania, his memories are many.

Spending many years in the travel industry, he had access to the locker room and backstage with his credentials as a freelance sportswriter for local publications.

"The book covers the many years of my journey," said Eshelman. "It involves family, friends, high school hi-jinks and military tales. Later in life, I was meeting Hollywood icons and sports greats."



Eshelman spent many years as a sports writer and in the travel industry. Originally from Pennsylvania, he resides in Fort Myers

My Life, My Stories is available on Amazon.

The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in the downtown River District. For more information, call 479-4636 or visit www.leegov.com/library/events.✴



Walter Mondale and Peter Corcoran



Mallory and Peter Haffenreffers

Haffenreffers Match Donations To FGCU Environmental Center

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education's fundraising efforts will be aided by Sanibel residents and long-time Center supporters Mallory and Peter Haffenreffer, who have graciously renewed their Haffenreffer Challenge, which matches gifts to the center up to a total of \$7,000. As a non-profit, the center – which is affiliated with Florida Gulf Coast University – relies on donors to help support its programs.

Contributions to the center help support its signature educational events, including its annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture. This year's lecture recently took place at Sanibel's St. Michael and All Angels Church. The event featured



Alison Hawthorne Deming

award-winning poet and essayist Alison Hawthorne Deming, who captivated a large audience that filled the church. During the lecture, Deming explored themes from her latest book, *Zoologies: On Animals and the Human Spirit*. Deming delved into the mystery and wonder of our shared experience with animals and illustrated how much animals have contributed to humanity.

In her lecture, Deming explained, "Animals are ingrained in our consciousness, inhabiting our dreams and our art." According to center director Peter Blaze Corcoran, "Deming is committed to the belief that, to save the planet, we must become lovers of both the animal spirit and the human spirit."

In his introduction to Deming's lecture, Corcoran thanked two key guests for attending, former Vice President Walter Mondale, and Kristie Anders of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. According to Corcoran, both are valued friends of the center.

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education continues to work toward realizing the dream of a sustainable and peaceful future for Earth through scholarship, education and action. The Haffenreffer's philanthropic endeavor, in addition to your support, will help the center to continue its important work. For more information, visit www.fgcu.edu/cese, call 590-7025 or e-mail thecenter@fgcu.edu. Contributions to the center are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to CESE/FGCU and mail to Peter Blaze Corcoran, College of Arts and Sciences, 1501 FGCU Boulevard South, Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565.✴

FPRA To Host Local Image Awards

The Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) Southwest Florida Chapter announced that it will be hosting the 2016 Local Image Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in Fort Myers.

The Image Awards competition is conducted annually by the Southwest Florida Chapter of FPRA to recognize outstanding public relations programs and to encourage and promote the development of public relations professionalism in our region. It has become a standard of public relations excellence in Southwest Florida. Winners demonstrate the very best examples of innovation, planning and design.

Tickets are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members and \$30 for students and are available at fpaswfl.org or by calling 239.590.4504. Attendees must RSVP by Monday, April 4. Six Bends Harley-Davidson is located at 9501 Thunder Road in Fort Myers.

Sponsorships for the FPRA SWFL monthly luncheons are also available. Three levels of sponsorships are available, ranging from \$100 to \$500. Sponsors will receive acknowledgement in news releases, complimentary event admission, table display to showcase promotional items, visibility on electronic and print marketing and more, depending on level. For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Mike at 677-7600 or mj@jacksonpr.com.✴

Boots & Bling Raises \$15,700



Chris Cifatte, Amanda Hall and Stephen Eller

The Boots & Bling riverboat fundraiser raised more than \$15,700 and helped kick-off Healthy Start's 25th birthday. The fun-filled evening included celebrity emcees Amanda Hall and Chris Cifatte from WINK News, DJ Gentry Thomas, country western dancing and lessons, a BBQ dinner, great auction items and games such as bingo, 52-card draw, heads or tails, and much more.

Healthy Start's goals are to prevent infant deaths and low birth



Rose Marie and Ray Healy



Amanda Hall, Glennis Carter, Barbara Melvin, Shelly Aristizabal, Chris Cifatte and Cheryl Gonzalez



Vick Greene and Samantha Thomas



Nadja Lieberwirth

weight babies, and promote health and developmental outcomes for young children. The infant mortality rate in Southwest Florida (Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties) has decreased 47 percent since the program began.

Investing in programs that promote a healthy start in life is important because a healthy start lasts a lifetime. Babies who are born healthy are more likely to be ready for school and succeed in school, and less likely to end up in the juvenile justice system. If you missed the event, you can see the pictures and make a donation at www.HealthyStartBaby.org.

Last year, Healthy Start served more than 14,000 pregnant women, babies and young children who were at higher risk for poor health outcomes. More than 95 cents of every dollar received went to services in our local community.

For more information, visit www.HealthyStartBaby.org.

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FGCU's Wanderlust Raises \$204,000

The students of the Florida Gulf Coast University School of Resort and Hospitality Management hosted the 27th annual Wanderlust fundraiser on March 19 at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. With more than 300 guests in attendance, the event raised nearly \$204,000, exceeding last year's event by \$58,000.

Wanderlust is an annual travel-inspired event produced by and benefitting the students of FGCU's School of Resort & Hospitality Management. Funds go to provide financial assistance, scholarships, and resources for students to put them at the forefront of the hospitality industry when they graduate.

The theme for this year's event was an African safari. Guests enjoyed dinner, spirits and were treated to live entertainment including a traditional African dance routine. The event featured exotic travel and fine dining including dinner, wine, and robust silent and live auctions filled with travel packages. More than 300 items in live and silent auction packages were sold.

For more information, visit www.fgcu.edu/CoB/rhmb/.

Local Physician Featured At International Conference

William Carracino, M.D., neurologist and vice president of medical information for Lee Memorial Health System, was the first in Lee County to use telemedicine to treat a stroke patient. Last month, he shared insights of the local telehealth program as a guest speaker at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Annual Conference & Exhibition in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 40,000 health IT professionals, clinicians, executives and vendors from around the world attended the industry's largest health IT educational program and exhibition.

Telehealth programs serve many purposes within the health system, one being to dramatically reduce "door-to-needle time," the interval between patients' arrival at the hospital and the start of treatment for stroke victims. When it comes to stroke, time is brain, making speed a critical component of treatment.

At the conference, Dr. Carracino shared his perspectives on building a telehealth program from scratch, with a specific focus on lessons-learned around technology selection, electronic health record integration, workflow transformation and future plans to expand into other clinical areas.



William Carracino, M.D.

Stroke is a leading cause of long-term disability and death in the United States, killing nearly 130,000 Americans each year. Lee Memorial Health System delivers swift, leading-edge and effective treatment at the Comprehensive Stroke Center at Gulf Coast Medical Center, and two designated Primary Stroke Centers at Cape Coral Hospital and Lee Memorial Hospital.

For more information, visit www.leememorial.org.

Fair Housing Summit Returns April 6

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, along with the Lee County Department of Human Services, the City of Fort Myers and the City of Cape Coral, will host the Southwest Florida Annual Fair Housing Summit on Wednesday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Dr. Carrie Robinson Community Center, located at 2990 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers.

The summit will feature information on the Fair Housing Act, reasonable accommodations and modifications in rules and policies, emotional support and service animals, Section 504, special parking requests, Fair Housing Rights of persons with disabilities, a discussion of differences between laws and respective accessibility standards, and more. Guest speakers include Derrick Isaac, Esq. with Florida Rural Legal Service, Inc., and Aaron Levine and Henry Whitehead, both equal opportunity specialists with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

April is Fair Housing Month, marking the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act in 1968. Fair Housing is intended to create equal housing opportunities for people living in the U.S. by administering laws that prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability and familial status.

The event is free and open to the public, although space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Sherri Campanale, director of Housing & Maintenance Operations at the HACFM, at sherri@hacfm.org or 344-3273.

For more information about the HACFM, call 344-3220 or visit www.hacfm.org.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSF

Dear Shelley, Are there any federal laws or regulations that indicate how special education evaluation records must be maintained? Is the school system

required to keep hard/paper copies of evaluations and reports? And can I request a copy of my child's files from his school? My son has an IEP.

Justin W., Fort Myers

Justin,

These are great questions and it is important to understand your rights. FERPA is the federal student records law, and IDEA is the federal special education law. These laws treat student records mostly the same. Neither law dictates in what form records must be maintained, nor does either law specify a time frame for which records must be maintained. The law that governs your right to view your child's records is the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The purposes of FERPA are two-fold:

- To ensure that parents have access to their children's educational records
- To protect the privacy rights of parents and children by limiting access to these records without parental consent.

However, FERPA does not actually require a district to create or maintain student records at all, and permits school to dispose of records as they see fit – except under one circumstance. If a record does exist, and an eligible individual (i.e. a par-

ent or student) requests it, it cannot be destroyed until the request is completed.

Under FERPA, parents have a right to have access to their children's educational records. FERPA requires that the school comply with a parent's request for access to the student's records within 45 days of the receipt of a request.

FERPA is kind of a funny law. It does not actually require a district to create or maintain student records at all, and permits school to dispose of records as they see fit – except under one circumstance. If a record does exist, and an eligible individual (i.e. a parent or student) requests it, it cannot be destroyed until the request is completed.

You are not automatically entitled to copies of your child's records, except under specific circumstances. You may be charged a fee for the copies. Generally, a school is required to provide copies of education records to a parent if the failure to do so would prevent the parent from exercising the right to inspect and review the records.

IDEA requires certain records to be created (e.g. evaluation reports, IEPs, written notices, etc.). Again, it does not set a time limit for maintaining documents. It does require that the school notify a parent before it destroys records associated with special education.

The Federal Regulations implementing IDEA also address "Parental entitlement to educational records." Access Rights-See 34 CFR 300.613(a) which states that parents must be permitted to "inspect and review any education records relating to their children," and that if a parent requests those records, "The agency must comply with a request without unnecessary delay and before any meeting regarding an IEP. . ."

To request your child's records, write a polite businesslike letter asking for a

copy of your son's file. In the letter, ask if the school has a photocopying fee and what this fee is. It's a good idea to include a short paragraph about your son that explains your request.

Unfortunately the above descriptions of these laws include a lot of educational jargon. For more help on this topic, visit www.wrightslaw.com/blog/maintaining-educational-records.

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.

combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

The ASD screening is conducted by the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The screenings are administered by an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

TED Talk: Robotics

A TED Talk Robotics Showcase will be featured on Wednesday, April 27. George Fomitchev, CEO of Endurance Robotics, will share fascinating information about the future of robotics. He will also showcase several robots that will soon be able to contribute to human life in a greater way. He will also provide an overview of past contributions robots have made to society, reveal the ways in which robots will help us in the future and answer questions.

There will be a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the talk at 7 p.m.

Appetizers and beverages will be served. Admission is \$10.

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

Free Autism Screening For Young Children

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years.

The next screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be held on Friday, April 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sanctuary Outpatient Center, 8960 Colonial Center Drive in Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 68 children is diagnosed with some form of Autism Spectrum Disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS

Doctor and Dietitian

What Joints Have In Common With Cabinet Doors



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

To understand our joints, let's use the analogy of cabinet doors, which are similar to two adjacent bones that make up a joint. For cabinet doors to glide properly and not hit one another in the middle, the hinges need to be tight. One loose screw eventually affects the other screws, causing the hinge to loosen. This allows the door to swing too far out, wobble and hit the adjacent cabinet door. Eventually, the additional pressure from the uneven glide causes the other hinges to loosen. Meanwhile, the doors hit, the finish fades, and the wood wears at the site of contact.

The ligaments in our joints are like

the screws that hold the hinge in place, since both play a crucial stabilizing role. When too much is demanded of them, through wear and tear or from injury, they become loose, overstretched and unstable. Excessive bone movement occurs, just like the wobbly cabinet door, putting extra stress on the other joint structures. The body tries to protect and stabilize the joint, by swelling, sending pain signals, tightening through muscle spasms, and eventually by overgrowing bone (bone spurs) and arthritis.

A wobbly cabinet door requires a screwdriver to tighten the screws. Paint, sandpaper, shaving or removal of the door won't tighten the screws. Likewise, the joint needs its ligaments tightened. Medications, arthroscopic shaving or removal of the joint are often not the fix.

The treatment that best relates to the screwdriver for fixing the loose hinge is Prolotherapy, a regenerative injection treatment, because it specifically targets loose ligaments. It stimulates the body to strengthen, tighten and repair them, enabling the bones to glide properly, which in turn, relieves the pain involved in an unstable joint.

*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@carimgmedical.com.**

Florida Virtual School Opens Enrollment

Florida Virtual School Full Time (FLVS Full Time), a statewide online public school, is opening enrollment for kindergarten through fifth grade for the 2016-17 school year. Enrollment for FLVS Full Time grades sixth through 12 will open on June 1. Parents can enroll their students online 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.

FLVS Full Time advises families to visit the school's website for updates on when future online and in-person information sessions will be scheduled. Information sessions review the school's curriculum and programs, and provide prospective families the opportunity to ask questions of teachers and currently enrolled families.*

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IslandSunNews.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 fed up with cell phones or the poor manners of their users. Everywhere I go, people have them at their ear: grocery shopping, offices, church-

dearRPharmacist

Seven Simple Ways To Detox



by Suzy Cohen, RPH

Dear Readers: Do you just basically accept that you have a lot of gas, cramps or belly bloating?

Some of you find yourself analyzing what you ate, or cutting some food out of your diet, naming it as the "offender" even if it's not. Do you just assume you need a new medication to make yourself feel better?

That's so crazy. Don't layer a drug on top of your problem. I recommend you do a gentle detox of your system rather than keep doing what you're doing, eating what you're eating and then adding all sorts of synthetic chemicals in an effort to improve digestion such as laxatives, antacids, anti-gas pills, lactose pills, diarrhea aids or acid blockers. Some of you take several of these in a single day.

So what is the best way to detox? I'm not asking you to drink nothing but water or soup every day, although you could try that for a few days; it's termed a "fast" and there are many variations of a fast.

You can be proactive and take action without taking drugs just to eat comfortably. The question is what is the underlying problem for you? You'll need testing.

Is it an infection like SIBO, or H. pylori?

Is it low acid or high?

Is it a food sensitivity?

Certain symptoms show you that you have too many toxins that keep you on overload. Keep in mind that your brain

es, restaurants and, of course, driving on the interstate at 75 miles an hour. My bridge club is also fed up and they penalize players when their phones ring.

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

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

Verna

Dear Verna,

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

Yesterday, a friend told me her husband decided for a special treat to take their two sons to a very posh golf course for a day of fun and relaxation. As the first son went to tee off on the first hole, his phone rang. He stopped, answered the phone and went over to the side. His father went over and when the call was finished he told him "turn that damned thing off - we're here to relax." As they approached the hole, he saw his other son in the rough talking

is your second gut, and since there is a biochemical highway connecting them, signs of toxins in your gut show up in your the brain. So for example, you may have migraines or headaches, word-finding problems, irritability, mood swings and anxiety. But remember it's in your gut and in your bloodstream. If it's backing up there, it's backing up in your brain too, hence all the head-related problems.

Consider the following choices and have a candid conversation with a holistic-minded practitioner. Don't just run for more laxatives. This is what I would do to reduce debris in my system:

1. I'd eliminate concentrated dairy (butter, yogurt, cheese).

2. I would begin a greens superfood blend (wheat grass, chlorella, etc.) because these bind toxins and metals from your gut; they are sold everywhere. If you have concerns about your thyroid condition, look for a "goitrogen-free" blend, otherwise any green superfood will work.

3. If you have serious brain issues, I would ask the doctor for a prescription binder like cholestyramine or colestipol; these are cholesterol-reducing medications.

4. I would eliminate fast foods, or those containing artificial dyes, corn syrup and MSG.

5. Chia seed oil, salmon oil or hemp oil, choose one and take daily.

6. Drink more, especially hot lemon water and herbal teas like rooibos and tulsi.

7. Take a good probiotic as a dietary supplement. Consider digestive enzymes with every meal. I would take both if it were me.

*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.**

on his phone, so the father went over and told him the same thing. The father was furious, and the day was not as he had planned.

When 4-year-olds arrive at day care with their phones in their pockets to call mummy at their break, I can't see it ever ending... but we won't be here to be annoyed!

Lizzie

Dear Verna,

I agree there are a lot of cell phone users with poor manners... myself included. I have recently noticed businesses are fighting back. Some fast food restaurants are refusing to take orders unless one is off the phone. The clerk at the post office refused to wait on me because I was listening to voice mail. She served the person behind me. My friends' kids are driving them nuts with their constant texting. The one that gets me is texting and talking on the cell phone at the same time.

I do not think cell phones will be going away any time soon, but maybe cell phone manners will improve... including my own.

Pryce

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

PACE Raises \$40,000 At Grande Dames Tea



2015 Grande Dame Melvin Morgan

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County raised \$40,000 at the 8th annual Grande Dames Tea, held on March 22 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers.

Betty Anderson of Fort Myers, Rusty Brown of Fort Myers and Dr. Geraldine Nobles of LaBelle were honored for their roles in Southwest Florida history and their decades of service and helping others. Michael Jung, News-Press Media Group president and publisher, served as master of ceremonies.

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2016 Grande Dames Betty Anderson, Rusty Brown and Dr. Geraldine Nobles



Grande Dames Tea co-chair Mary Fischer and Stephanie Davis



PACE girls Alex, Jasmine, Bryana, Emily and Mara



Master of Ceremonies Michael Jung and Grande Dames Tea sponsor Mark Loren



Mia Simon, Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, Alexis Mansolo and Tamara Holliday

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

"These three outstanding women come from varied backgrounds and offered some insightful advice for the audience and the PACE girls," Hansen said. "Our theme of The Wisdom of Age – Honoring the Female Spirit was so appropriate because each of these women had much to share from their own life's journey."

A special theatrical performance by the PACE girls was a major highlight of the tea. *A Lot Can Happen In A Year* described the challenges and triumphs faced by the PACE girls in their young lives. The emotional performance was directed by Stephanie Davis and Andi Horowitz.

The PACE girls assisted with the

fund-raising by creating one-of-a-kind fascinators that sold out during the tea, raising \$1,150, which was \$150 more than their goal.

This is the 8th year of the historic Grande Dames Tea. Previous honorees were philanthropists Berne Davis, Eleanore Kleist and Barbara B. Mann in 2009; Jeanne Bochette, Helen Hendry and Veronica Shoemaker in 2010; Myra Daniels, Kathleen Nealon and Mimi Straub in 2011; Michel Doherty, Mavis Stinson Miller and Anna "Boots" Tolles in 2012; Thelma Hodges, Helen O'Rourke McClary and Ettie Francis Walsh in 2013; Barbara Brown, Sarah Sciple and Margaret Sirianni in 2014; and Sharlene Hamel Dozier, M. Jacqueline McCurdy and Melvin Morgan in 2015.

The Grande Dames Tea was originated by PACE Center for Girls of



Christopher Murray and Gabi Frei perform for the Grande Dames



Noela Chocolate spell out PACE

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

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

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DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. LITERATURE: How many words is Shakespeare credited with inventing?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the Irish dish called colcannon made of?
3. ASTRONOMY: What is the third planet from the Sun in our solar system?
4. HISTORY: Who was Britain's first female prime minister?
5. SCIENCE: What is the scientific study of fingerprints called?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the country of Palau located?
7. ANATOMY: Where are the three smallest bones in the human body found?
8. MATH: How many different ways can you make change for a dollar?
9. QUOTATIONS: What 20th-century mythologist made the observation, "We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us"?
10. FLAGS: What color is the maple leaf on Canada's flag?

ANSWERS

1. More than 1,700 2. Cabbage and mashed potatoes 3. Earth 4. Margaret Thatcher 5. Dermatology 6. Western Pacific Ocean 7. The middle ear 8. 293 9. Joseph Campbell 10. Red.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2016

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Regarding your upcoming challenges, the Aries Lamb should very quickly size things up and allow you to make the best possible use of whatever resources you have on hand. Good luck.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You rarely blame others for missteps that worked against you. But this time you need to lay out all the facts and insist that everyone acknowledge his or her share of the mistakes. Then start again.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to start making vacation plans. And don't be surprised by unexpected family demands. Maintain control. Be open to suggestions, but don't get bogged down by them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work with both your Moon Child and Crab aspects this week to keep both your creative and your practical sides balanced. Your intuition sharpens, giving you greater insight by the middle of the week.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat finally should have all the information needed to move on with a project. If not, maybe you'll want to give everything a new and more thorough check before trying to move on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Too much emotional pain caused by someone you can't win over as a friend? Then stop trying to do so. You have other things you need to work on this week. Go to it, and good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to reassess where and how your strengths can help you build, and where your weaknesses can hinder you. Remember to build on your strongest foundation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
That personal matter that seemed so hard to deal with should be less confusing now. Don't rush. Let things happen easily, without the risk of creating even more puzzlement.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Change continues to be a strong factor in many important areas. Keep on top of them, and you won't have to worry about losing control. A personal situation takes on a new look.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A business offer sounds intriguing. But if you don't check it out thoroughly, you could have problems. Take a set of questions with you when you attend your next meeting.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your self-confidence should be coming back. That's good news. But it might be a bit over the top right now, so best to let it settle down before you start making expensive decisions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your life, your decisions. Good enough. But be sure you have all the facts you need to put into the decision-maker mixing bowl and hope it will come out as it should.

BORN THIS WEEK: You find much of your creativity with new people who give you much to think about.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 5, 1614, Pocahontas, daughter of the chief of the Powhatan Indian confederacy, marries English tobacco planter John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia. Their marriage brought peace between the English colonists and the Powhatans.

- On April 6, 1776, the Continental Congress takes the first step toward American independence by announcing its decision to open all American ports to international trade with any part of the world not under British rule. It was the first act of independence by the Continental Congress.

- On April 9, 1865, at Appomattox, Virginia, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders his 28,000 troops to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, effectively ending the Civil War. Forced to abandon the Confederate capital of Richmond, Lee had no other option.

- On April 10, 1879, Sandor Herz -- the future John Hertz, the man behind what will one day be the world's largest car-rental company -- is born in present-day Slovakia. In 1923, Hertz bought a fleet of used Ford Model Ts and named the business Hertz Drive-Ur-Self Corporation.

- On April 7, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower coins one of the most famous Cold War phrases when he suggests the fall of French Indochina to the communists could create a “domino” effect in Southeast Asia. He predicted that this would lead to the “loss of Indochina, of Burma, of Thailand, of the Peninsula, and Indonesia following.”

- On April 4, 1975, childhood friends Bill Gates and Paul Allen found the computer software company Microsoft. In 1987, the 31-year-old Gates became the world's youngest billionaire. Today, Microsoft is the world's largest software maker.

- On April 8, 1990, “Who killed Laura

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2015, Cleveland starting pitcher Corey Kluber tied a major-league mark for most strikeouts in eight innings or fewer (18). Who else holds the record?
2. From 1903 on, who recorded the most career wins as manager of the Chicago Cubs?
3. When was the last time before 2014 that the University of Memphis football team won at least a share of a conference title?
4. Name three of the four NBA players who won the Rookie of the Year award after not debuting in the year they were drafted.
5. The Montreal Canadiens have won the most Stanley Cup titles (24). Which NHL team is second?
6. Orlando's Cyle Larin set a Major League Soccer record in 2015 for most goals in a season by a rookie (17). Who had held the mark?
7. American Pharoah, the Triple Crown winner in 2015, lost only twice during his 11-race career. Name either horse that beat him.

ANSWERS

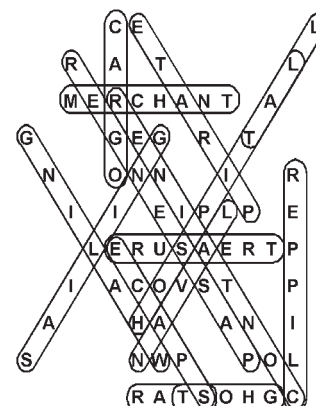
1. Seattle's Randy Johnson, in 1992. 2. Charlie Grimm won 946 games over 14 seasons as manager of the Cubs. 3. It was 1971. 4. Jerry Lucas (1964), Larry Bird (1980), David Robinson (1990) and Blake Griffin (2011). 5. The Toronto Maple Leafs, with 13. 6. Chicago's Damani Ralph, with 11 in 2003. 7. Om and Keen Ice.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Palmer?” was the question on everyone’s lips when David Lynch’s surreal television drama “Twin Peaks” premiered on ABC. Shot in and around the logging town of Snoqualmie, Washington, “Twin Peaks” starred Kyle MacLachlan as relentlessly quirky FBI agent Dale Cooper.

- It was early 20th-century English schoolmaster and lexicographer Henry Watson Fowler who made the following sage observation: “Display of superior knowledge is as great a vulgarity as display of superior wealth -- greater, indeed, inasmuch as knowledge should tend more definitely than wealth towards discretion and good manners.”

- In 2007, a British woman named Susie Hewer completed a marathon in less than six hours -- while knitting a scarf.

- Someday, Saturn might not be the only planet in our solar system that has rings. Those who study such things say that Mars' gravitational pull on its largest moon, Phobos, could cause a catastrophic breakup, with the moon's debris forming a ring around the planet -- in 20 million to 40 million years.

- It's been reported that before Japan came into contact with the West, people in that country did not kiss.

- When the mantis shrimp attacks its prey, the swing of its claw is so powerful that even if it misses, the resulting shock wave can be enough to stun or kill its prey.

- Coral snakes found in North America are relatively small, quite reclusive ... and deadly. You're unlikely to be bitten by one (due in part to the species' extreme avoidance of confrontation, coral snakes account for less than 1 percent of all snakebites in the U.S.), but if you are, the snake's neurotoxic venom can cause severe pain and death. However, snakebite experts say that in some cases, a bite will result in no symptoms at all for 12 hours -- at which point the victim dies from sudden respiratory failure.

- The most common pigment in the world is chlorophyll.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.” -- Joseph Addison



Curried Chicken, Green Bean and Almond Salad

12 ounces green beans, trimmed, halved crosswise
2 cups roasted chicken breast meat (from about 3 chicken breast halves), shredded
1 cup red onion, thinly sliced
5 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
2 teaspoons curry powder
1/3 cup plain nonfat yogurt
3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons sliced almonds, toasted
Cook beans in pot of boiling salted water until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Rinse under cold water. Drain well. Transfer beans to large bowl. Add chicken, onion and 4 tablespoons cilantro. Stir curry powder in small skillet over medium heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to small bowl. Whisk in yogurt, mayonnaise and lime juice. Add dressing to chicken mixture; toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with almonds and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro. (Can be made 2 hours ahead. Cover and chill.)
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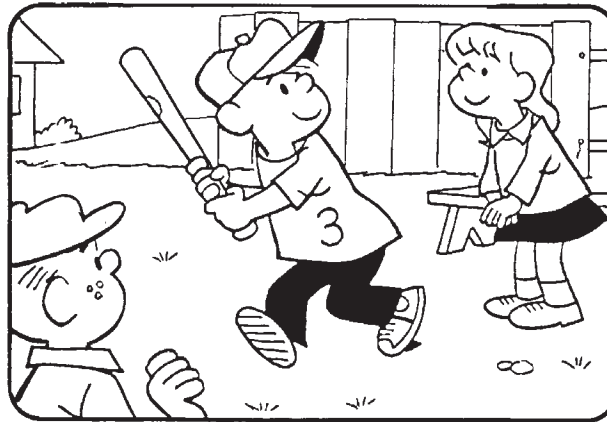
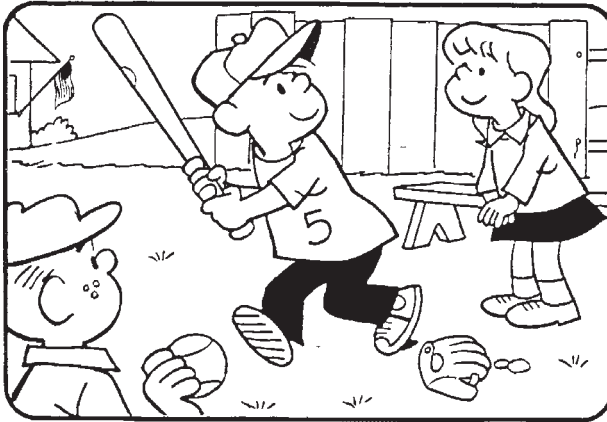
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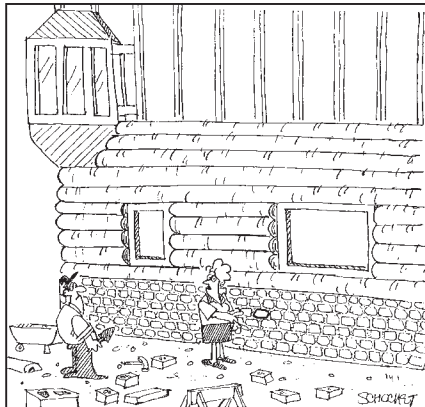


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answer on page 29

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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish
by Capt. Matt Mitchell

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

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift

it out of the water – and do it quickly.

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

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

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Carolands	Bonita Springs	2016	3,757	\$2,985,000	\$2,800,000	54
River By	Fort Myers	1988	4,361	\$2,777,000	\$2,550,000	34
Southport on The Bay	Bonita Springs	1993	2,375	\$2,295,000	\$2,050,000	149
Bayshore Park	Fort Myers	1969	6,742	\$2,100,000	\$1,900,000	74
Gores AM Subdivision	Captiva	1993	3,223	\$1,494,000	\$1,370,000	85
Yachtsmans Cove	Sanibel	1981	3,507	\$1,445,000	\$1,291,665	204
Fa Lanes Bayview	Captiva	1986	1,449	\$1,395,000	\$1,200,000	272
Bay View II	Bonita Springs	1996	3,143	\$945,000	\$900,000	66
Esperia South	Bonita Springs	2007	2,530	\$929,000	\$867,500	347
Martin & Lewis Unrecorded	Fort Myers Beach	2001	2,579	\$899,000	\$840,000	56

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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

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

SUDOKU

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

answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Scout. I'm a 5-year-old neutered male Pit Bull Terrier mix. A Boy Scout is trustworthy, loyal, friendly, kind, obedient, cheerful and courteous – I share those same characteristics... only I'm a Dog Scout! My tail gently wags when meeting familiar people or new friends. I'm playful and sociable with other dogs. I'm quiet and patient here in my kennel at the shelter. Wow, I'm kind of sound like the perfect dog. Please consider taking me home so I can be your Pal Scout! My adoption fee is \$75.

Hello, my name is Martini. I'm a 5-month-old spayed female domestic short hair Patch Tabby. I was a shy little girl when I first came to the shelter, but now I'm just mellow and loving. I guess you could say this Martini is the perfect libation for relaxing. Come meet me and you'll see that I can provide just the right kind of companionship and attention you need. My adoption fee is \$50.

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.

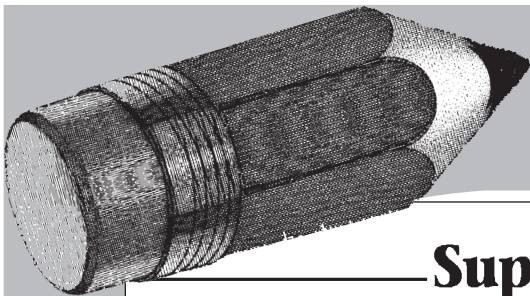
The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



Scout ID# 655118



Martini ID# 655862



BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

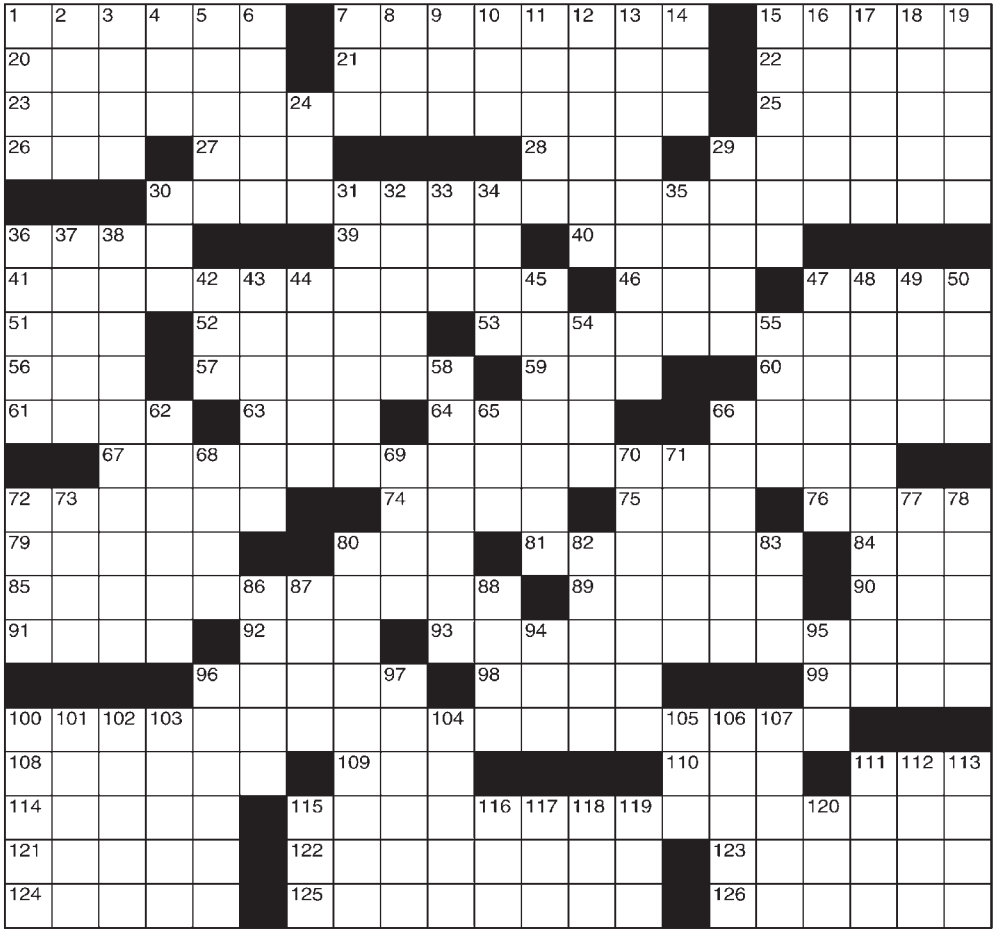
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Super Crossword

WHERE IN THE WORD?

ACROSS

- 1 NFL
standout
7 Treat kindly
15 Costumes
20 Like forests
21 Tangles
22 Be nuts over
23 RED
25 Entertainer
Zsa Zsa
26 — -Caps
(candy)
27 Great Lakes'
— Locks
28 First full mo.
of autumn
29 Spurring
(on)
30 ELLE
36 Russian
ruler of yore
39 German car
make
40 — to say
this, but ...
41 SAGE
46 — -Z
(thoroughly)
47 Low-value
wallet wad
51 Pop lover
52 Want badly
53 RAN
56 Luau bowlful
57 In the
second-best
category
59 Insect-
catching tool
60 Having
some benefit
- 61 Filmmaker
Preminger
63 Critical hosp.
area
64 Empire until
'91
66 Places of
learning, in
French
67 PORT
72 Frosh's cap
74 Plane
feature
75 "Not a
word!"
76 Watch
sound
79 Lou Grant
portrayed Ed
80 Agent's take
81 Malia and
Sasha
84 Cap for a
bagpiper
85 ACRE
89 Allan-
— ("Robin
Hood"
narrator)
90 "— Little
Teapot"
91 Chop —
92 Nimble deer
93 SEA
96 Fuzzy
fabrics
98 One who
has regrets
99 Sonny &
Cher's "—
You Babe"
100 SLAT
- 108 Illusory
109 "... bug
— feature?"
110 Biceps'
place
111 Actress
Charlotte
114 Lab vial
115 HUM
121 Like a
prebirth
body
position
122 One who
quarantines
123 Señor's
nap
124 Account
125 "Cagney &
Lacey"
co-star
126 Peddled
- 10 Suffix in
some pasta
names
11 Camp craft
12 Swedish
king
between
John I and
Canute II
13 Hang-up
for an
optometrist?
14 —Kosh
B'Gosh
15 Flock of
geese
16 Old saw
17 Redbreast
18 Horse to be
busted
19 Suit fabric
24 Turn bad
29 "Daniel"
singer John
— -Magnon
30 — Relaxes
31 Corrodes, in
a way
33 — Mae
Brown
(psychic in
"Ghost")
34 Pear-shaped
fruits
35 "... could
— horse!"
36 Musical rate
37 Stuck-up
type
38 Entry
42 U.S. media
watchdog
- 43 Illinois city
on the
Mississippi
44 Some
rescue ops
45 A long time
in the past
47 Decide not
to join in
48 Super-
suspenseful
49 Author
— Stanley
Gardner
50 Beatified
Miles.
54 Smart-alecky
55 "Yowie!"
58 Interring
individuals
62 Very testy
65 Amtrak stop:
Abbr.
66 Surround
with a saintly
light
68 Suffix with
zillion
69 "I — lot to
you"
70 Dancer
Duncan
71 "Holy cow!"
72 Low voice
73 Favorite son
of Isaac
77 Wee role
78 Rival of
Target
80 Have bad flu
symptoms,
say
- 82 Swiss city
on the Rhine
83 Mo. in which
autumn
starts
86 What hungry
wolves do
87 Ungulate
feature
88 Actress
Hatcher
94 Neighbor of
Hung.
95 One, in Ulm
96 Feeble
97 Pulpit
speech
100 Bits of wind
101 Coastal arm
102 Poetic Muse
103 Hotelier
Ritz
104 Actor Clark
label
105 Present
106 Like Dublin
denizens
107 "— vinct
amor" ("Love
conquers
all")
111 Hazard
112 Poker post
113 "Holy cow!"
115 Collide with
116 Young fellow
117 LGA datum
118 Ty-D- —
119 Suffix with
witch or trick
120 Unlike
reruns



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pump up
the volume
4 Touse
8 Leading
man?
12 Shelter
13 Declare
openly
14 "—
Valentine"
15 Ninny
16 Shake in
the grass?
17 Skip over
18 Signal
receiver
21 Grazing
area
22 Weeding
need
23 Moon-
related
26 Barbie's
companion
27 Pile of chips
30 Press
31 Proof abbr.
32 Suitable
33 Tackle's
teammate
34 Curly-tailed
dog
35 Money of
India
36 "No seats"
37 Be below
par
38 Geological
shifter
45 Cupid's forte
46 Cupola
- 47 Massa-
chusetts
cape
48 Pocket
bread
49 Renders
speechless
50 Early bird?
51 Dither
52 Sail holder
53 Put into
words
- 5 Palate
appendage
6 Performan-
ces for one
7 Wrapped
8 Home
9 Ms. Moore
10 Writer
Kingsley
11 Legend
19 Verve
20 A billion
years
23 Falsehood
24 Grecian
vessel
25 Affirmative
action?
26 Frat party
need
27 "Great
- Expecta-
tions" lad
28 Indivisible
29 Ball-bearing
item
31 Erstwhile
32 At capacity
34 Expert
35 Most mature
36 Juice-box
item
37 Heights
38 Reveille's
opposite
39 Send out
40 De Pablo
of "NCIS"
41 "The Music
Man" venue

DOWN

- 1 "Oh, woe!"
2 Arizona city
3 Nuisance
4 "Das Lied
von der
Erde"
composer

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

- | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Cargo | Hospital | Pirate | Tall |
| Clipper | Merchant | Sailing | Treasure |
| Container | Naval | Space | Whaling |
| Ghost | Passenger | Star | |

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