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High school students work on their chalk art

Chalk Art Featured As Part Of Downtown ArtFest This Weekend

This weekend, ArtFest Fort Myers is hosting the Italian tradition of street painting, with local high school students competing for honors and cash prizes. Entering its sixth year, this live event has grown in scope and profile, with enthusiastic teens often returning to display their talent for a second or third year.

The competition is part of an art festival that includes 215 artists from across the county and around the world. There will also be free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

The Chalk Block Experience is focused on high school teams of three, who develop a piece of artwork with the theme Bugs in Disguise, and re-create it in a 6-foot-by-6-foot square on Hendry Street, using chalk on asphalt as their medium.

The competition is on Saturday, February 6 and the final art pieces will be on display
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Fun For The Whole Family At ArtFest Fort Myers

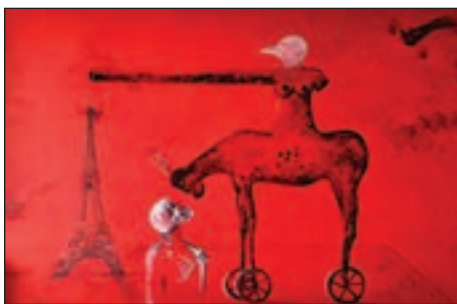


Mixed media 2-D artwork by Teri Causey

The 16th annual ArtFest Fort Myers will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7 in the downtown Fort Myers River District. There will be an opening night party on Friday, February 5. Long considered the premier Southwest Florida art festival for its level of quality and variety, this community-based festival has been ranked as one of the Best Southern Art Fairs by ArtFairCalendar.com.

ArtFest Fort Myers' artists represent the best of the best, carefully juried and accepted to exhibit based on their talent, from among more than 900 applying artists from across the country and around the world. You'll find jewelry, sculpture, paintings, ceramics and
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Alliance Exhibit Features Guerrero Art



Bull's Eye by Antonio Guerrero



War by Antonio Guerrero

The Alliance for the Arts' February exhibit features paintings by Miami-based Cuban-American artist Antonio Guerrero. His vivid, fantastical and surreal works have been shown in galleries and museums around the world and he has won numerous awards and distinctions over the past two decades. The exhibit will be on display beginning Friday, February 5 and there will be an opening reception on Friday, February 12 at 5 p.m. Guerrero will lead a Gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, February 13 at 10 a.m. The exhibit remains on display through February 27.

Antonio Guerrero was born in 1968 in Matanzas, Cuba under the Castro regime. Guerrero grew up in a household where artistic expression was appreciated and encouraged. Although materials were not always available, his dreams and ideas were always abundant.

In 1986, Guerrero was drafted into the army and was immediately transported to Africa to fight in the Ethiopian War. He was inspired by the people and scenes of Africa and he developed an interest in modern expressionism and began to experiment with modern
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Vintage automobiles on display

Edison Ford Hosting Antique Car Show

On Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Edison & Ford Winter Estates will host its annual antique car show featuring Ford models. Each year, classic car owners and club members exhibit more than 100 cars on the Ford Lawn, along the Calooshattee River as a tribute to Henry Ford, the pioneer of the
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Historic Concrete Blocks Add Style



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

In 1928 or 1929, two women posed by the gate of the grand 1898 Royal Palm Hotel on First Street. Evelyn Hillsman (left) worked as a bookkeeper at the Bank of Fort Myers at First and Jackson. Anne Harmon was a teacher at Edison Park Elementary School.

But it's not only the women's stylish clothes and hats and the grand hotel in the background that deserve attention.

Look at that fence and gate.

Perhaps those sculpted hollow concrete blocks strike you as atypical for subtropical Fort Myers. But in the early 20th century – and even now – they were not hard to find.

The invention of Portland cement in 1832 made possible the production of a variety of hollow concrete blocks. For example, in 1889, Harmon S. Palmer of Chattanooga, Tennessee, patented a machine to make them, and by 1907, approximately 100 companies were in competition with him.



Evelyn Hillsman, left, and Anne Harmon stand by the gate to the Royal Palm Hotel on First Street in 1928 or 1929. Note the fence made of rusticated concrete blocks.

courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



Today, the only fence in sight at the former hotel entrance is a chain-link one. The parking garage fronting First Street is undergoing renovation as part of a new condo-hotel development.

photo by Gerri Reaves

It was around that time that the style of sculpted blocks seen in the historic photos began to be used in Fort Myers – in fact, nationwide – for the construction of both buildings and fences.

Other names for the unusual blocks include ornamental, rock-faced, mold-formed and rusticated concrete blocks.

The texture was apparently intended to simulate that of authentic quarried stone, and the manufacturing process allowed for the creation of various surfaces.

The blocks were useful, versatile, and cost-effective, and they were widely used in the first quarter of the 20th century. However, their use died out, partly because many people found the building material aesthetically objectionable, and also because more desirable materials were invented.

The fact that rusticated-block structures more than a century old exist in downtown Fort Myers suggests that they were durable too. The fencing pictured in the historic photo, for instance, appeared in many images of the Royal Palm Hotel taken over several decades.

Although the First Street gate and concrete-block fence at the Royal Palm Hotel is long gone, it's easy to see examples of these curious blocks just a few streets away on Second Street, which had more than its share of them.

For example, visit the southwest corner at Fowler and you'll see two of the three structures that the famous Capt. William H. "Wild Bill" Towles built in the early twentieth century. The corner house he built for his daughter Corrine Towles Summerlin more than a century ago still stands, looking as sturdy as ever.

One of the two commercial structures he built with the blocks still stands too, facing Second just west of the house. In the early 20th century, that building was one of Fort Myers's first automobile garages and gas stations.

It's not surprising that the forward-thinking Towles would choose such a building material, for he believed in doing things well. After all, the lengths to which he went to

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Fort Myers Art

Rauschenberg Exhibit Focuses On Student-Teacher Relationship

by Tom Hall

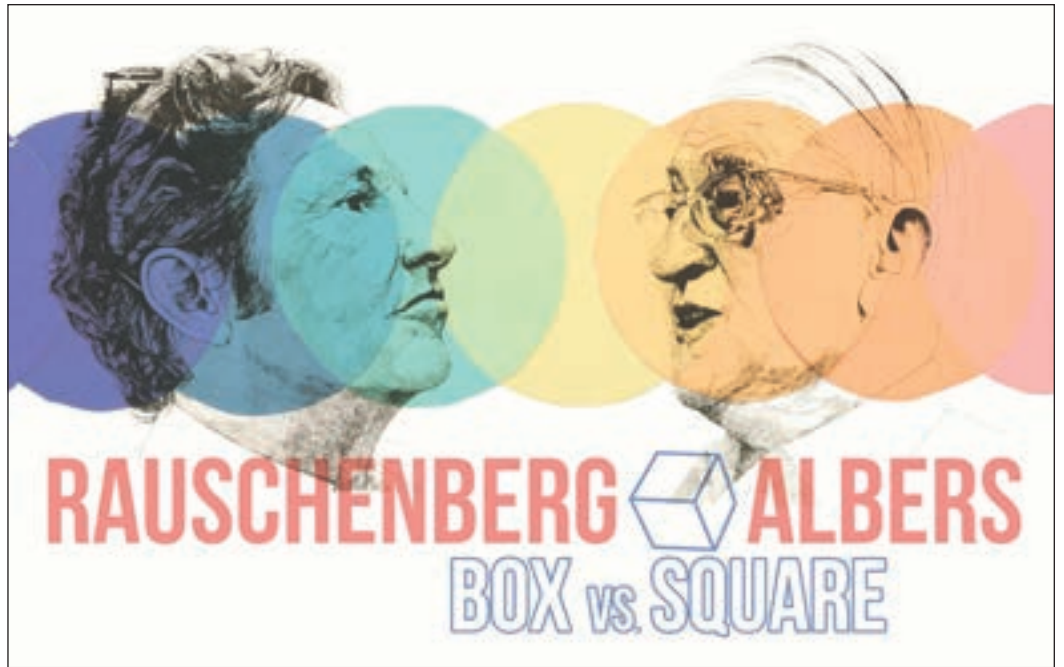


Florida SouthWestern State College has announced its next exhibition inside the Rauschenberg Gallery. Titled *Rauschenberg & Albers: Box vs. Square*, the exhibition will open on Friday, February 26 with a public reception and performances by internationally-acclaimed electro-acoustic violist Martha Mooke and Sonic Combine.

Rauschenberg & Albers: Box vs. Square will be the first in-depth investigation anywhere of the student-teacher relationship between these two great modern masters. Examined for the first time within the framework of the rigid *Homage to the Square* and *Interaction of Color* series of his most influential Black Mountain College instructor Josef Albers, *Rauschenberg & Albers: Box vs. Square* at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery is a curated exhibition that reconsiders the playful cardboard box works (his *Cardboards* and *Cardbirds*) of the internationally-acclaimed artist and Lee County resident Bob Rauschenberg.

Robert Rauschenberg famously spoke of Josef Albers as his most important teacher, and (laughingly) acknowledged that Albers surely considered Rauschenberg his poorest student. Of course, much celebrated for his own artistic production, Josef Albers' pioneering research into the interaction of color (while teaching at the Bauhaus, Black Mountain College and later at Yale University) and legacy as an educator are at least as significant as the paintings and prints he created. His teachings and related publications are still at the core of college art curricula and the subject of courses in every serious teaching institution, including Florida SouthWestern State College, where this exhibition will transform the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery into both an exhibition space and a classroom with hands-on workshops and lectures in conjunction with regularly-scheduled "Color Theory" course offerings during the Spring Semester.

Widely-acknowledged as one of the most important artists of the 20th century, Bob Rauschenberg is credited with pioneering the transition from European modernism to American pop art. His influence still looms large around the globe and his major art museum in the world. As an artist who described himself as working in the "Gap



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between Art and Life" and who often found inspiration and component parts for his paintings and "Combines" by walking around his Lower East Side/New York City neighborhood block, Rauschenberg turned to cardboard boxes as a subject matter and raw/source material after unloading his belongings upon arriving permanently to Florida in 1970.

"Trading the detritus of city life for the sunshine and sand of Captiva Island, the first series of works the artist made locally were the result and direct product of the abundant boxes used to transport his life and art from New York to his new beach-side home," observed Bob Rauschenberg Gallery Director Jade Dellinger. "So, it is particularly fitting that these works be exhibited more than four decades later in the Southwest Florida context that inspired their creation."

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

"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*

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Blocks Add Style

get the Lee County Courthouse built in legendary (ordering the demolition of the 1894 one!), and it is now one of the architectural jewels of downtown.

Travel a couple of blocks west to Lee Street to the Presbyterian Church grounds to see fencing similar to that of the Royal Palm Hotel.

Until the 1990s, the large parking lot was occupied by the historic Gardner-Kelley house, bordered by concrete block fencing. In the 1940s, the house had been repositioned near the southeast corner of Second and Lee streets facing Lee.

When the church demolished that circa-1884 house, it was thought to be the oldest residence in Fort Myers.

The portion of the historic fence that once ran along Second was destroyed a few years ago. However, the fence running along Lee remains, as do the two historic concrete double-sided stone benches beneath the old live oak tree.

Perhaps the best-preserved example of this fence style is one more block west at Second and Jackson. The low fence surrounding the 1911 Gwynne Institute is painted deep red to match the building's bricks. "Rooftop"-style blocks cap it, and running along the top is a substantial handrail at a handy height for young school children.

Explore downtown and look for more of these interesting building blocks that helped to modernize downtown and make the transition from wood-frame structures.

Then stroll over to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see exhibits that take you back to early Fort Myers.



This historic fence along Second Street on the Presbyterian Church property, pictured in 2008, was demolished several years ago

photos by Gerri Reaves

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

Continue your exploration of local history at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center, where you can learn more about the buildings with the rusticated fences: the Gardner-Kelley house, Gwynne Institute and Royal Palm Hotel.

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

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

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *On the Block* by Nigel Isaacs, and oldhouseweb.com.*



The concrete fence at the 1911 Gwynne Institute at Second and Jackson was constructed soon after the building was finished

Meet Finalists For City Manager

The Fort Myers City Council, at a special meeting held on Monday, January 25, unanimously voted to interview six applicants for the position of city manager.

The public is invited to attend a reception to meet the finalists on Monday, February 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second floor of the City Pier, 1300 Hendry Street, in downtown Fort Myers.

For more information, contact Matt Johnson, interim assistant city manager, at mjohnson@cityftmyers.com or at 321-7023.*

American Legion Post 274

On Friday, February 5, the Kiwanis Club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Guests 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, February 6, 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, February 7, a breakfast buffet is served from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bingo runs from noon to 3 p.m. Karaoke with Mike Russell is held from 6 to 10 p.m.

On Monday, February 8, the pool league plays at 6 p.m. A pot roast dinner will be served.

On Tuesday, February 9, choose from fettuccine alfredo with 25 shrimp or a fried chicken dinner. Mega-Money is at 6:30 p.m. The Gregg Allan Van Show plays from 7 to 10 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 10, the SAL meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Bingo is played from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, February 11, SAL baby back ribs dinner will be served. The Classics 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.*

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Rauschenberg

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery was founded as The Gallery of Fine Art in 1979 on the Lee County campus of Florida SouthWestern State College (then Edison Community College). On June 4, 2004, the Gallery of Fine Art was renamed the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery to honor and commemorate its long association and friendship with the artist. Over more than three decades until his death, the Gallery worked closely with Rauschenberg to present world premiere exhibitions including multiple installations of the *¼ Mile Or Two Furlong Piece*. The artist insisted on naming the space the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery (versus the Robert Rauschenberg Gallery) as it was consistent with the intimate, informal relationship he maintained with both the local Southwest Florida community and FSW.

This event is open to the public, free of charge. This project is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture and the State of Florida, with additional support from Chico's International.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The gallery is closed Sundays and holidays, as well as during FSW's spring break from March 7 to 13.

For more information, call 489-9313 or visit www.RauschenbergGallery.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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FSW Hosts Humanities Colloquium



Jerry Casale



Dr. Mike McCullough

Jerry Casale, founding member and songwriter of the band Devo, will deliver the keynote address of the 3rd biennial Florida SouthWestern State College Humanities Colloquium: Education for a New Humanity at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 11 in the Rush Auditorium, Building J, Room 103, at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus in Fort Myers.

The theme for this year's colloquium is Evolution/Devolution/Revolution, and Casale sets the tone for the event with his lecture *We Must Repeat*. Casale attributes the spark for Devo and his postmodern sensibility to the trauma he suffered as a close-up witness to the National Guard killings of four students at Kent State University on May 4, 1970. This experience changed his worldview and fueled a creative approach to his outrage.

"I will posit that a creative response to life's apparent absurdity is the artist's attempt to battle entropy while restoring order and spirituality in the face of the chaotic twin forces of evolution and devolution, a subject on which I am quite familiar," said Casale.

"The colloquium was originally conceived in 2011 as a response to the political rhetoric and policies that sought to minimize the value of the Humanities and their contribution to education and public life," said Dr. Wendy Chase, FSW Humanities professor. "Our goal is to spark dialogue across the disciplines about the key issues facing humankind in the 21st century. With current events and our political climate as it is today, we are left to ask ourselves 'as humans, are we evolving or devolving?'"

Two psychology professors from the University of Miami will explore the human



Mark Hosler



Dr. Amishi Jha and Dalai Lama

potential to evolve on Friday, February 12 in Building U, Room 102. Dr. Amishi Jha, Director of Contemplative Neuroscience, Mindfulness Research & Practice Initiative at the University of Miami, will present *Contemplative Practices and Mental Training: Prospects for American Education* at 11 a.m. Dr. Jha is a highly sought-after speaker who recently served on a panel with the Dalai Lama.

At 1 p.m., Dr. Mike McCullough delivers his lecture, *Beyond Revenge: The Evolution of the Forgiveness Instinct*. Dr. McCullough has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. The focus of his research revolves around the topics of gratitude, forgiveness and revenge.

The last guest lecture relates to the theme of "revolution" and will be delivered by Mark Hosler, founding member of the audio visual collage group *Negativland*, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 18 in Building J, Room 103. Since 1980, *Negativland* has created records, video, visual art works, radio, and live performance, using appropriated sound, image and text. Taken mostly from corporately owned mass culture, *Negativland* re-arranges these found bits and pieces to make them say and suggest things that they never intended to. *Negativland* has been sued twice for copyright infringement. Hosler will educate and entertain audiences with his talk titled, *Adventures in Illegal Art: Creative Media Resistance, Negativland, and the Fight Not to Be Absorbed*.

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

The colloquium is sponsored by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council.*

Covenant Presbyterian Talk

The Wednesday Morning Live! Community Concert Series continues on Wednesday, February 10 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers.

Jim McLaughlin, former WINK News anchorman, will speak on the topic, *Insider View of Good News*.

The one-hour lecture is free and open to the public. It begins at 10 a.m. preceded by a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Advance registration is not required.

Covenant Presbyterian Church is at 2439 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Phone 334-3937 or go to www.covpcfm.com for additional information.*

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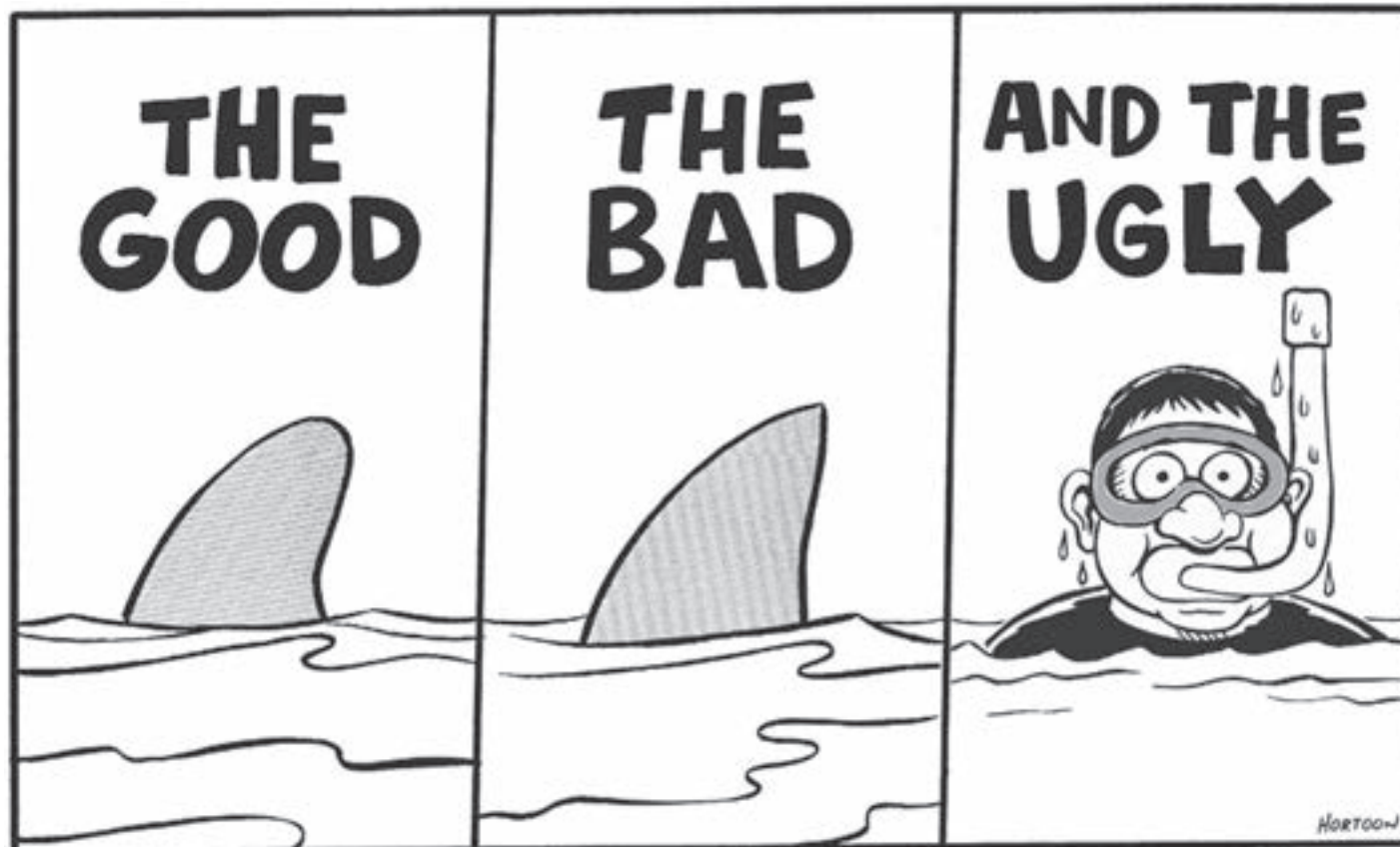
The Calendar Girls at the Senior Expo

Calendar Girls Attend Senior Expo

The Calendar Girls dazzled the crowd at the Senior Expo at Harborside Convention Center in Fort Myers on January 26 and 27. The Calendar Girls would like to add a little razzle dazzle at your next event. For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com. ✨

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Yacht Club Dinner/Auction Benefits AMIkids

Gulf Harbour Yacht Club & Country Club will host the 5th annual dinner & auction fundraiser in support of AMIkids Southwest Florida on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. The event offers silent auction packages, a live auction and a buffet dinner to guests. This will be the second year in a row that the event is open to the public. To RSVP, contact Donna Marie at 765-9696 or visit <https://donate.amikids.org/amikids-southwest-florida-dinner-auction>.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year," stated John Ingraham, immediate past president of the board of AMIkids Southwest Florida and Gulf Harbour Yacht Club member. "AMIkids Southwest Florida relies on these events and donations to continue to provide excellent educational and extracurricular programs to their students."

The cost to attend the event is \$100 per person. Tables can also be purchased. Each table seats eight people. Gulf Harbour Yacht Club is located at 14500 Vista River Dr. in Fort Myers. For more information about AMIkids Southwest Florida, visit AMIkids.org or call Windye at 765-9696. ✨

Club To Recognize Student Essays At Luncheon

Oasis Middle School and Fort Myers Middle School student essay contest winners will be recognized at the regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club on Tuesday, February 16. This year's theme for the essays is What qualities do you look for in a President? The three student winners will be presented with gift certificates. The guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. Greg Adkins, superintendent of Lee County Schools.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings in South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the guest speaker and presentation of the student essays.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$18. Reservations are required by Thursday, February 11 and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The annual fashion show and silent auction, Spring Fling, will be held on Tuesday, March 15. A red, white and blue theme will be utilized as this is Florida's primary election day. Tickets, priced at \$30, are available from Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

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

Kiwanis Club's Taste Of Pine Island Rescheduled For February 27 And 28



Pappy Mellon's New Road Show will perform at the 2016 Taste of Pine Island

Due to the unprecedented amount of rain during the previous few weeks, The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island has had to reschedule the annual Taste of Pine Island to Saturday, February 27 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, February 28 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The event will take place at Phillips Park, located at 5675 Sesame Drive on Pine Island Road, behind the Pine Island Fire Station. Single day tickets are \$6 and two-day passes are \$10. Children 10 and under are free. Attendees that bring a donation of three-or-more non-perishable food items for the Pine Island Pantry will receive \$1 off their entrance fee.

The event was previously scheduled for January 30 and 31.

The Taste of Pine Island will feature a large variety of food and craft vendors. The live entertainment will offer something for everyone with a wide variety of music. All of the bands on the lineup are either from Pine Island or play regularly on the island, so they offer an authentic "taste" of Pine Island music.

The schedule for Saturday will be Cindy Walsh (11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.), The Coast Connection Band (12:30 to 2:15 p.m.), The Freecoasters (2:30 to 4:15 p.m.) and Strange Arrangement (4:30 to 6 p.m.). On Sunday the day begins with the Honey Creepers Band (11:15 to 1 p.m.), Brother Love Too and the Insiders (1:15 to 3 p.m.) and Pappy Mellon's New Road Show (3:15 to 5 p.m.).

The Taste of Pine Island is a family-friendly event with children's activities and games. No coolers or pets are permitted.

In conjunction with Taste of Pine Island, the 13th annual Southwest Florida Chowder Cook-off Contest will take place on Saturday and the 5th annual Chili Cook-off Contest will be held on Sunday. The public will be able to sample and judge the entries.

The Fish Drop Drawing will take place on Sunday at 4 p.m. with a \$1,000 grand



The Freecoasters will perform at the 2016 Taste of Pine Island

prize, \$500 second place prize and \$250 third place prize. Fish Drop tickets and Taste of Pine Island tickets may be purchased at the event or in advance at Century 21 Realty in St. James City and the Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce in Matlacha.

The Taste of Pine Island is the primary fundraiser for the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island Youth Scholarship Fund. This year, the club hopes to raise over \$25,000 at the event to assist Pine Island students with their higher education costs. Since 1985, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island has provided over \$250,000 in scholarships, and has supported many projects and organizations that benefit the youth of the area.

The 2016 co-sponsors of Taste of Pine Island are Cambio Dermatology, Lee County Electric Co-op, Budweiser, Waste Pro, Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce, Honc Industries, Pine Island Realty, Inc., Beasley Broadcasting Group, Island Commerce Park and Circle K.

The club is still seeking vendors for the event. Those interested can contact Tim Saulsbery, Taste of Pine Island chairman, at timsaulsbery@yahoo.com or at 910-2263.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island is a community service organization that meets most Wednesday mornings at Bert's in Matlacha. For more information on the Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island and the Taste of Pine Island visit www.pikiwanis.com, e-mail Tim Saulsbery, Taste of Pine Island chairman, at timsaulsbery@yahoo.com or call 910-2263.*

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Along The River



On Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, Shell Point continues its semester-long series commemorating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death with an examination of *Richard II*. Above is an unknown artist's impression of Richard II in the 16th century.

On Friday, February 5, Shell Point Retirement Community presents session two of seven in a semester-long series entitled **A Salute to Shakespeare: Histories and Comedies** in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the bard's death in April. The third presentation is on February 16. Dive into Shakespeare with Shell Point resident Ray Boyce, with a February 5

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Conservation 20/20 offers a free guided nature walk on Saturday at Prairie Pines Preserve in North Fort Myers. The 90-minute walk begins at 9 a.m. Reservations are not required.

presentation that examines *Richard II* and the fundamental conflict between a God-anointed king and one supported by men. The series continues on February 16 with a study of the diverse array of storylines and characters in Shakespeare's well-known *Love's Labour's Lost*.

Both February sessions of A Salute to Shakespeare run from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$10 and reservations are required by calling 489-8472.

On Saturday, February 6, Shell Point presents **Lunch and Trivia Quiz: The World We Live In** from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. Embark on a world diversity tour with Professor Adrian Kerr during this light-hearted interactive talk, accompanied by a boxed lunch.

The cost for Lunch and Trivia Quiz is \$20. Reservations are required by calling 489-8472.

Shell Point is located at 15101 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway. For a full listings of events, visit www.shellpoint.org/events. For more information about Shell Point, call 466-1131.

On Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., **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.

Art buyers and art enthusiasts can meet the local artists during the exhibit openings at most of the downtown galleries and art spaces. The downtown River District is home to more than eleven art galleries and a handful of retail shops that sell local artworks. 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, go to www.fortmyersartwalk.com or call Claudia Goode at the Arts for ACT Gallery at 337-5050.

On the morning of Saturday, February 6, discover and explore the natural beauty of Southwest Florida with a **free guided nature walk** with Conservation 20/20. At more than 2,600 acres, **Prairie Pines Preserve** is one of Lee county's largest open space areas. Habitats include freshwater wetlands, pine flatwoods, scrub areas, and oak/sabal palm hammocks. The preserve is home to many varieties of birds and small mammals and offers visitors access to hiking and horseback trails.

The 90-minute walk is led by a volunteer naturalist and the path is over level crushed shells. Participants should wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. The walk starts promptly at 9 a.m. from the parking lot off Route 41. Prairie Pines Preserve is located at 18400 North Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers.

The guided nature walk is free and reservations are not required. For more information, visit www.conservation2020.org or call 707-2206.

Also on Saturday, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates continues the celebration of Thomas Edison's birthday by hosting the **Edison Ford Antique Car Show** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than a 170 antique cars will be on exhibit from local car clubs and other classic car owners who will showcase their cars on the Ford lawn, in a fitting tribute to the legacy of Henry Ford, pioneer of the automobile industry and a winter resident of Fort Myers. Classic cars will be showcased on the Ford property. Owners will be on hand to visit with guests and answer questions.

In addition to the car show, other special programs during the day include:

- Model T Tour and Lecture with Edison Ford staff and car owners.
- Live music.
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- Food vendors available on the Ford lawn.

A portion of the proceeds from the Edison Ford Antique Car Show will benefit the restoration of the antique car collection of the Estates.

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

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

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NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

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

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

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16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, www.templebethel.com. rabbi.barras@templebethel.com. Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Victor Geigner, Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Inna Vasser. Union For Reform Judaism Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Learning Tree Monday through Friday.

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

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

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

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Lake Kennedy Senior Center 12th Annual Senior Idol Competition

Senior Idol returns this year, bigger and better than ever with emcee KJ Mike, at the Lake Kennedy Senior Center on Friday, February 19. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the competition starts at 7 p.m.

Come enjoy a fabulous show or step on stage to sing your heart out and share your talent as a contestant. All contestants must register prior to the February 17 deadline; applications are available at the Lake Kennedy Center.

The first place winner will receive an awesome karaoke machine and a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a gift basket and a plaque as well. All contestants must be 50 or over and no paid professionals can enter the competition. Entries are limited to the first 15 applicants. There is a \$10 per contestant entry fee. Prizes are courtesy of our community partners Right at Home, Choices in Living, and Juniper Village.

Admission is \$10 per member or \$15 per non-member. Appetizers and beverages will be served. BYOB. Preregistration is required.

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

Visiting Scholar At Peace Lutheran

On Saturday, February 6 at 2 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church's Visiting Scholar Program presents the Reverend Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, who will discuss Lutherans Looking to 2017.

Kleinhans is the Mike and Marge McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Contact the church office at 437-2599 to register.

Dr. Kleinhans will preach at the 8 and 9:30 a.m. eucharists on Sunday, February 7.

Peace Lutheran Church is located at 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. For more information, call 437-2599 or send an email to admin@peaceftmyers.com.✪



Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans

Dixie Melody Boys To Perform At First Church Of The Nazarene



The Dixie Melody Boys

One of Gospel music's most popular quartets, The Dixie Melody Boys, will be featured at the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 13545 American Colony Road in Fort Myers, on Sunday, February 14. The Quartet will share their unique, four-part harmony during this exciting musical service, beginning at 6 p.m.

Since organizing over five decades ago, The Dixie Melody Boys have enjoyed much success, including a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations from *The Singing News Magazine*, Southern Gospel music's leading fan and trade publication. Hit releases have flowed their way in bunches, including recent releases such as *I'll Be Living That Way*, *I Won't Compromise*, *Welcome Home*, *Antioch Church Choir* and *I'm One Of Them*.

The thrill and excitement of performing experienced by each group member night after night is most evident at each concert. Their goal of delivering a first-class performance filled with excitement, energy and lots of great traditional Southern Gospel music are traits which have been instilled in each member by group leader Ed O'Neal, a 50-year Gospel music veteran, who was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 2004. The group's energy and excitement, coupled with their exceptional vocal blend is appealing to audiences of all ages, creating an exciting evening of musical pleasure.

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Crazy January Weather



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

More cold weather along with two major rain days finally finished out the strangest January weather ever. Plummeting water temperatures along with the 12

During the coldest mornings this week I recorded water temperatures in the sound at 56 degrees. Even despite this extreme cold and low expectations for the day's fishing, I still managed to keep clients smiling by catching lots of sheepshead and even a few redfish while tucked away and staying comfortable in the way back sheltered creeks. As conditions slowly improved and the water temperature crept back into the low 60s, fishing got better with trout, jacks and ladyfish finally coming back to life in the deeper mangrove channels.

As expected, afternoons during the coldest days were the more productive time slots. Even a few degrees warmer water temperature made things better.

Winds laid down by the weekend and anglers finally caught a much-needed break, giving us options to venture further from home.

Open water flats from Regla to Mason Island held lots of trout for the first time in weeks. I took advantage of the calm conditions and made the run up to Redfish Pass to give the sheepshead fishing a go. While waiting in the pass for the tide to switch, Pam Murray caught a nice permit on a

inches plus of record rainfall for the month made for some of the tougher fishing conditions we have experienced in quite some time. This unusual weather caused lots of cancelled and rescheduled trips during a month that is generally very predictable and always a really busy time.

We now are finally in a warming trend and things on the water should start to get back to normal very quickly. I'm just happy an extremely unpredictable January is in the history books.



Pam Murray with the permit she caught and released while targeting sheepshead at Redfish Pass

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.

chunk of shrimp fished on a jig head. Once the tide turned and started to come back in, we got tucked in tight to a favorite dock and were rewarded with some of the larger sheepshead I have seen so far this winter.

After what seems like weeks of having to fish with shrimp, I'm so ready

for the shiners to reappear and our fishing to get back to normal. For the last few winters we never went more than just a few days without having a livewell full of shiners to take to aggressively feeding snook. This January has been very different than most. Luckily though, even with the prolonged low morning temperatures we have not experienced a cold water snook kill. Strong northwest winds did blow some dead fish from red tide areas in the gulf up on the beaches, but I have not seen any effects of red tide in the sound.

Just when things started to get better, we unfortunately are dealing with water releases again from Lake O, so finding clear water has been a little tough too. As anglers, we are a resilient group.

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:

Laughing Gull



by Patricia Molloy

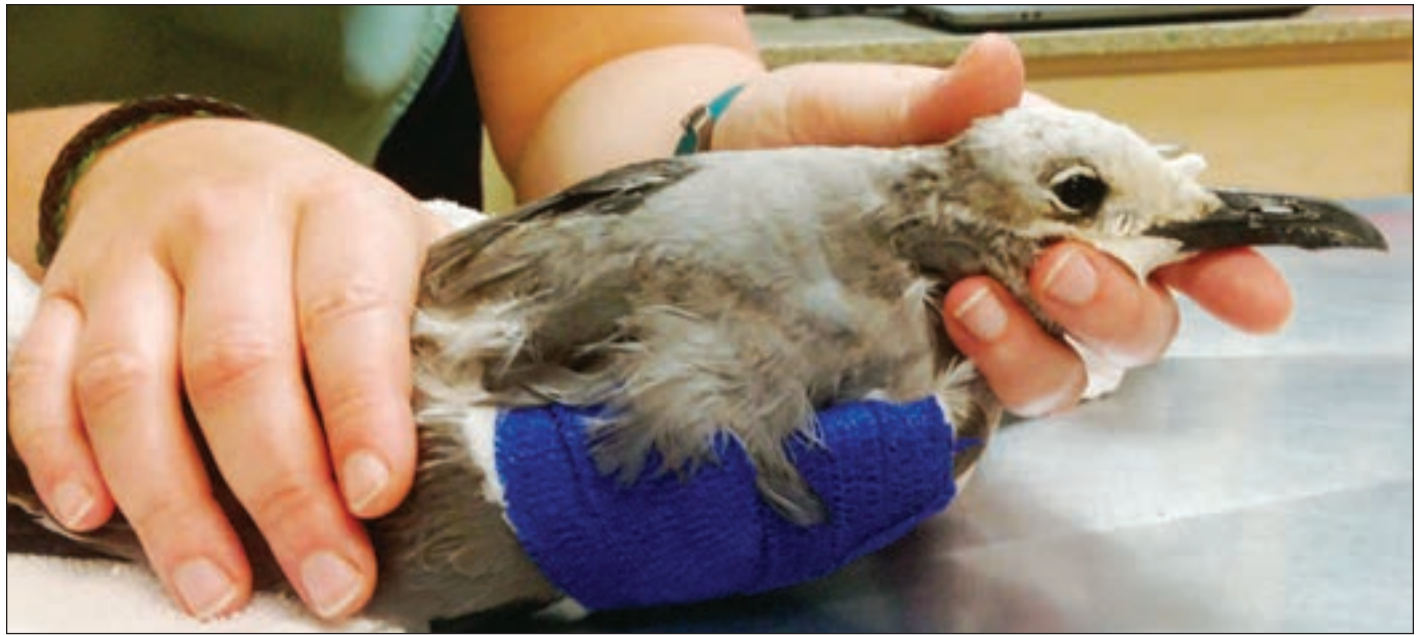
The appropriately named laughing gull (*Larus atricilla*) is hard to ignore. Despite its medium size, it has a boisterous “ha ha ha” call and a bold personality; it has been known to steal fish

from the much larger brown pelican, sometimes by standing on the pelican’s head and grabbing food directly from its pouch.

As fearless scavengers, laughing gulls perform the useful service of keeping beaches clean of fish that become stranded by the tide. Observing the behavior of gulls may also help one predict impending foul weather: gulls roost at times of low-pressure, a condition that often produces precipitation. According to Scottish folklore, “Seagull, seagull, sit on the sand; it’s a sign of rain when you are at hand.”

A couple of weeks ago, an injured laughing gull was found and rescued. Very little was known about its history. Upon presentation, the seabird – patient #16-156 – was found to have an old scab on the right side of its neck and its right elbow was swollen.

“On my physical, the big thing I noted is that his right elbow is pretty swollen,” Dr. Allison explained. “I didn’t feel any obvious fractures, but we went ahead and sedated him so we could take full x-rays.



The laughing gull, patient #16-156, is shown with a figure-eight wrap on its right wing. The seabird had just received subcutaneous (under the skin) fluids to facilitate hydration and cool-to-warm compresses to treat its swollen elbow.

The joint itself looks OK, so I went ahead and put him in a figure-eight wrap for the next day or two.”

In addition to stabilizing the wing, Dr. Allison ordered the application of cool-to-warm compresses that were applied to the swollen area several times per day, over the wrap.

As Dr. Allison concluded, “I’ll check the wing and do some physical therapy to see if we should continue with the wrap or if we should try him without. He didn’t have a wing droop, or anything like that. He was up and walking around this morning and he’s pretty feisty, so it looks like he’s doing well otherwise.”

The laughing gull is expected to make a full recovery and be returned to its home on the beautiful Gulf Coast.

Correction: Last week, Allison Daugherty, DVM was misidentified as Dr. Andrea. Dr. Allison is currently a DVM intern at CROW.

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.✪

Fisher School Of Technology Partners With Wounded Warrior Anglers Team

Students in the Fisher School of Technology at Hodges University are utilizing their IT skills and knowledge to assist the Wounded Warrior Anglers of America, Inc. (WWA) in establishing an internal network for the WWA’s new facility in Cape Coral.

The 1,600-square-foot facility will be the official headquarters for the organization and will house its service center, which will be used by certified veteran services officers.

“I spoke with Christine Manson to see if any students might be interested in taking on this project for us,” said Capt. David Souders, founder and president of the Wounded Warrior Anglers of America, Inc. and Hodges student. Upon learning this information, Manson contacted Dr. Al Ball, dean of the Fisher School of Technology at Hodges, to discuss the opportunity.

“When Christine contacted me about the project, I thought about our students in the Fisher School of Technology Society,” said Ball. “The society is always looking for ways to help within the community, so when Wounded Warrior presented us with this project, we knew it would be a great opportunity.”

Recognizing the need for a Hodges faculty member to serve as the technical advisor, Ball entrusted Professor Jim Nichols, assistant professor of computer information technology, to oversee the project while Amanda Lanham, president of the Fisher School of Technology Society, created a plan.

“We are basically building their office’s internal network from the ground up. We plan to install their computers, printers, Internet; make sure all of their servers are up and running; ensure that they have Wi-Fi; and more,” said Lanham. “We hope to have five to six students helping so that they are ready to open on February 9.”

Dedicated to helping rehabilitate the mind, body and soul of all service members who have been injured, wounded or disabled in the line of duty, WWA uses fishing to mentor veterans and promote a friendly and peaceful environment.

Souders, a veteran of both the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force, and a 100 percent disabled veteran, started WWA in 2010 after turning his passion for fishing into an opportunity to help fellow wounded warriors. Currently, WWA volunteers teach custom rod building, and with the new facility, Souders sees great opportunity for more interaction and educational programs.

For more information, call 513-1122 or visit Hodges.edu.✪

San Carlos Power Squadron Offers Boating Classes

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering America’s Boating Course beginning on Saturday, February 6 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and satisfies the Florida state requirement that anyone born after January 1, 1988 must pass a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class. The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be held on Saturday, February 13, also from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to 18 months of membership in a United States Power Squadron for the price of 12 months. The cost of the course is \$45, with a \$20 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials.

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road

(across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call the office at 466-4040 leaving their contact information.✪

LCEC United Way Fishing Tournament

On Saturday, April 16, LCEC will host the 20th annual LCEC United Way Fishing Tournament. This tournament has raised over \$365,000 for the United Way since it began 20 years ago. Anglers come from throughout the state to participate in this popular tournament which features great fishing, delicious food and a huge raffle with hundreds of prizes awarded.

This milestone tournament is being held at some of Southwest Florida’s best fishing locations; Pine Island Sound, Charlotte Harbor and surrounding waters. The cost per person is \$65 before April 13 and \$75 thereafter. A mandatory captain’s meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at D & D Matlacha Bait and Tackle. All participants will receive a commemorative long-sleeve shirt and a delicious home-cooked BBQ meal. Meals for guests and non-fisherman can be purchased for \$5 during weigh-in.

LCEC is extremely grateful to employees, return fishermen, vendors and local businesses for their continued support over the years. For details on prizes, donations or entry into the tournament, visit www.uw.lcec.net/fish.html, email fish@lcec.net or call Dana Nicloy at 656-2122.

Don’t miss this chance to reel in fish, fun and funds for the United Way.✪



Native rose-of-Plymouth is a saltmarsh species

saltmarsh sabatia. It pops up in coastal marshes, low pinewoods, wet prairies, vacant lots and ditches.

This pretty flower needs plenty of moisture and is suitable for a natural landscape or a wildflower or bog garden. It does best in full sun and rich soil and does not tolerate long periods of drought.

The five-petaled pink flowers measure about an inch to an inch and a half across and range in color from pale to deep pink and sometimes white.

They bloom nearly year-round in South Florida, appearing singly at the ends of delicate branched stems.

The term “stellaris,” which means star-shaped, refers to the eye, or center. The color contrast in the eye is conspicuous – a jagged red line separates the inner yellow-green and the outer white.

The opposite linear to lance-shaped smooth leaves are about an inch and a half long, with the lower leaves being larger.

Rose-of-Plymouth can be propagated with cuttings or with the seeds from the inconspicuous capsule.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, enature.com, regionalconservation.org, and wildflower.org.

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Caloosahatchee Creek Guided Nature Walk

A volunteer naturalist will lead a mile-long nature walk at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve



Hikers check out ferns from the Caloosahatchee Creek boardwalk

East on Saturday, February 13 at 9 a.m.

The preserve is at 10130 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers.

The walk, which is offered free of charge, will be on an ADA-compliant boardwalk that takes participants through wetlands, oak hammocks and pine flatwoods.

Restrooms and picnic shelters are available at this Conservation 20/20 preserve. Participants will meet in the parking lot. No reservations are required, and no pets are allowed on this walk.

Dress for the weather. Hats, binoculars, camera, bug spray, water and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are recommended. Call 707-0862 for additional information.✽

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Rose-Of-Plymouth

by Gerri Reaves

Rose-of-Plymouth (*Sabatia stellaris*) is native to most of the eastern and Gulf states of the U.S.

A member of the gentian family, it is also called marsh-pink, sea-pink, and

photos by Gerri Reaves

Pure Florida To Offer Valentine's Day Sunset Cruises

In observation of Valentine's Day, Pure Florida invites the Southwest Florida community to enjoy celebratory cruises on Sunday, Feb. 14, setting sail at 5:30 p.m. from its Naples and Fort Myers locations. Pure Florida's Valentine's Day sunset cruises are available for \$37.50 per passenger at its Naples location and \$32 per passenger at its Fort Myers location. Each couple will receive one complimentary rose.

Passengers cruising from Pure Florida's Naples location will sail aboard the M/V Double Sunshine, traveling along the Gordon River while watching for dolphins. Guests visiting Pure Florida's Fort Myers location will cruise aboard the M/V Edison Explorer, cruising along the Caloosahatchee River while watching for local birds as they return to their rookeries. Aboard the vessel, guests are invited to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Southwest Florida and observe the wildlife native to the region. Narration on local history, wildlife and ecology is provided by Coast Guard-certified captains, also master naturalists. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on-board.

The M/V Double Sunshine departs from the historic Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Ave. S. in Naples and the M/V Edison Explorer departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First St. in Fort Myers. Reservations are required. For more information on Pure Florida, or to register for a Valentine's Day sunset cruise, call Pure Florida's Naples location at 239-263-4949, its Fort Myers location at 239-919-2965 or visit www.PureFL.com.✽



Pure Florida's Naples and Fort Myers locations will offer a Valentine's Day sunset cruise Sunday, Feb. 14.

Low-Interest Loan Awarded For Clean Water

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently awarded more than \$375 million in low-interest loans and loan increases to eight Florida communities for new or existing wastewater treatment facilities through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

“Investments in water infrastructure projects offer numerous benefits to Florida's communities, including protecting water quality, supporting our state's growing population and ensuring the protection of public health and the environment,” said DEP Secretary Jon Steverson. “DEP is proud to partner with communities to make vital investments.”

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program provides low-interest loans for planning, designing and constructing water pollution control facilities.

Lee County was awarded \$28.8 million to fund modifications to the existing headworks and oxidation ditches, an additional 1.5-million gallon oxidation ditch, a new administrative building and a new electrical building, which will enable the plant to meet permit requirements at the originally permitted capacity.

“Helping Florida's cities, counties and smaller communities to either build waste-

water treatment facilities or upgrade existing ones is crucial to the environment and a priority of the department,” said Trina Vielhauer, director of the Division of Water Restoration Assistance. “These CWSRF projects often take place over many years with little fanfare, but they are a vital part of Florida's water restoration efforts.”

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program has awarded more than \$4 billion in loans for wastewater and stormwater improvement projects since its inception in 1989, including approximately \$1.1 billion for about 120 projects in the past five years. The program is funded by federal grants, state matching funds, loan repayments and interest earnings. For more information, visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/waterprojectfunding/>.✽

Author To Speak At Local Library

Lisa Black, author of the suspense series featuring Theresa McLean, will be the guest speaker at the February 12 meeting of the Friends of Lakes Regional Library at 1 p.m. at the library.

Black, who is a forensic specialist for the Cape Coral Police Department, will discuss the latest book in the series titled *Close To The Bone*.

Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road. All are welcome to attend this free program.✽

Donations From Bake Truck At ArtFest To Benefit Lee Memorial



The King Arthur Flour's Bake Truck will hand out cookies at ArtFest. The company will match every dollar donated to Art Carts for Lee Memorial Health System hospitals.

King Arthur Flour's Bake Truck will be making an appearance at ArtFest Fort Myers on February 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Equipped like a standard food truck, but with a rolling pin for its bumper and a spatula on its roof, the Bake Truck is part of King Arthur Flour's Bake for Good initiative. Staff will be handing out chocolate chip oatmeal cookies and for every dollar donated to Art Carts for the Lee Memorial Health Systems hospitals, King Arthur Flour will match the donation.

The core of the Bake for Good initiative is to raise awareness and funds to combat

Theater Offers Auditions For Upcoming Plays

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

The three plays will be *An Empty Plate at the Cafe du Grand Boeuf* by Michael Hollinger, playing from June 3 to July 2; *Sirens* by Deborah Zoe Lauffer, playing from July 15 to August 13; and *The Best Man* by Gore Vidal, playing from October 7 to October 29. The award-winning theater will be holding auditions for the three shows on Saturday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at the theater, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue, on the corner of Woodford and Second streets in the Fort Myers River District. Auditionees will be seen on a first-come, first-seen basis; it is not necessary to make appointments.

Actors that are new to Lab Theater should come prepared with a one- to two-minute monologue; all actors should be prepared to read from scripts. All actors should provide an acting resume and a headshot. Male and female actors of any ethnicity, age 17 and over, are sought for the roles in these three plays. Contact info@laboratorytheaterflorida.com or call 218-0481 for further information.

Performances of *An Empty Plate* will be held on June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17,

18, 24 and 25 and July 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. and on June 19 and 26 at 2 p.m.; performances of *Sirens* will be held on July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 and August 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. and on July 31 and August 7 at 2 p.m.; performances of *The Best Man* will be held on September 30 and October 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. and on October 9, 16, 23 and 29 at 2 p.m. at the theater. Tickets will go on sale in April.*

Lake Kennedy Senior Center Foxy February

Lake Kennedy Senior Center will welcome back Cahlua and Cream on February 11 with the sounds of Whitney Houston, Donna Summers, Diana Ross, Tina Turner and others. The center will celebrate Foxy February with a little black dress party, an evening of dancing with entertainment.

Appetizers and beverages will be served and attendees may bring their own beverage. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

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

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hunger while also allowing King Arthur Flour to interact with communities across the United States and share the joy of baking. Since the Bake Truck hit the road in July 2014, it has made over 145 stops in 19 states and raised \$55,000. Along with the truck, King Arthur Flour has a Kids program, which has been introduced around the country for the last 25 years. Students learn how to bake bread, are given the ingredients to bring home, and then donate their baked goods to a local service organization or members of their community.

"We believe baking and doing good go hand in hand," said Julie Christopher, King Arthur Flour's event marketing manager. "The Bake Truck's goal is to give back to communities we visit and sharing with those who visit is what our company is all about. The donations we collect are given to a local service organization and we get to say thank you with a tasty treat."

"ArtFest Fort Myers is delighted to be partnering with King Arthur Flour and Lee Memorial Health System to fund wonderful art experiences that can reduce stress and contribute to the healing process for children who are confined to hospital beds," said Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director. "We hope that all our patrons will enjoy a fresh baked cookie while contributing to such a worthwhile program."

The Bake Truck, equipped with two convection ovens, will be located near Monroe and Edwards. The spatula on the top is 22 feet long.

King Arthur Flour is America's oldest flour company and premier baking resource, offering ingredients, mixes, tools, recipes, educational opportunities, and inspiration to bakers everywhere since 1790. The company's high-quality flour is available in supermarkets nationwide.

ArtFest Fort Myers, the annual juried fine art festival, takes place February 5, 6 and 7 in the Fort Myers River District. There will be 215 professional artists from across the county and around the world, the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

For more information, visit www.ArtFestFortMyers.com.*

Shell Point Art Show And Sale



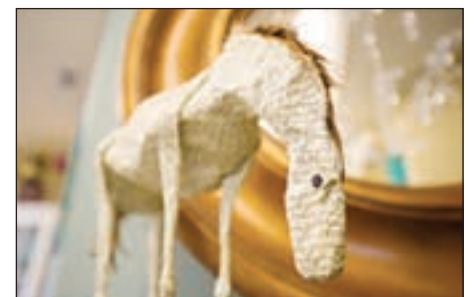
Renowned local artist and Shell Point resident Augusta Crane displays pottery, similar to pieces that will be sold during the Shell Point Art Show and Sale on February 19 and 20

photos courtesy of Garth Francis/Shell Point Retirement Community

Art can often be delightfully unexpected, and this year's Artistic Expressions Art Show and Sale has a few surprises in store for guests. Shell Point Retirement Community invites Southwest Florida art enthusiasts to attend this free event, held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both Friday, February 19 and Saturday, February 20.

A location change to Shell Point's beautiful Island Park (1000 Cellana Court, Fort Myers) will provide a breath of fresh air, as guests browse a brilliant display of painting, pottery, sculpture, stained glass, photography, woodworking, lapidary, three-dimensional paper sculpture, and fiber art. Resident artists will be present to answer questions about his or her creative process and medium.

During lunchtime, food trucks will allow visitors to dine along the peaceful



Three-dimensional paper sculpture, like this piece crafted by Shell Point resident artist Maxine Brooks, represents just one of many media on display at the Shell Point Art Show and Sale



The natural setting of Island Park at Shell Point will host the 2016 Artistic Expressions Art Show and Sale, with food trucks onsite during lunchtime

canal that borders the scenic grove of Cuban laurels. Adjoining the park, Shell Point's award-winning Orchid House offers a view of breathtaking blooms that have inspired many previous artistic masterpieces.

"This is a great opportunity to meet incredibly talented artists, learn about the types of craftsmanship that will be represented in the show, and purchase fine works of art," said Heather Battey, resort services and wellness manager, and show organizer.

Admittance is free; however, items are available for purchase by cash or check only. For questions or more information, call 454-2152.*



Noah Waddell

Special Symphony Performance

The Southwest Florida Symphony turns the page in its Symphonic Storybook once again to Masterworks III: Love Triangle. This concert is under the baton of Music Director Nir Kabaretti and takes place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 13 in the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW.

Masterworks III: Love Triangle tells the heartbreaking tale of young musical prod-

igy, Johannes Brahms, who is discovered by older mentor, Robert Schumann. Schumann invites the budding virtuoso to come live with him and his wife to better develop his talent. As the young man achieves stardom, his mentor's mental health deteriorates, and rumors start to circulate that his wife and the young musician are becoming more than just close friends. This drama entangled the lives of three great Romantic composers: Robert Schumann, his wife Clara, and the young Johannes Brahms. Hear the musical genius of all three sides of this love triangle, as the Southwest Florida Symphony under the baton of Maestro Nir Kabaretti performs Robert Schumann's fiery *Manfred Overture* (inspired by the poetry of Lord Byron), Clara Schumann's *Piano Concerto in A minor* featuring Jillian Prescott Scholarship award winner Noah Waddell, and Brahms' lyrical and passionate *Symphony No. 2 in D major*.

Tickets cost between \$24 and \$84 per person and may be purchased online at www.swflso.org, by visiting the Southwest Florida Symphony Box Office located at 8290 College Parkway, Suite 103 in Fort Myers, by calling the symphony box office at 418-1500 or in person at the Barbara B. Mann Box Office one hour prior to the concert. Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall is located at 13350 FSW Parkway in Fort Myers. Patrons are invited to attend a conductor-led pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m., one hour prior to the performance. Maestro Kabaretti and the symphony's guest artists enhance the concert experience through their insights into the pieces being performed.*

Banglafest



Henna painted hands

The Bangladeshi American Society of Southwest Florida will hold its fifth annual Banglafest on Saturday, February 13.

The goal is to share the Bangladeshi heritage, culture, tradition, music, fashion and authentic cuisine to the diversified society of Southwest Florida. The event presents the best of local talents with



Typical Bangladeshi food

performances in music, song, dance, arts and fashion shows. The main attraction though will be a surprise – a visit from a renowned artist from Bangladesh.

The festival takes place at Lee County Alliance For The Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers from 11 a.m. until 5 pm.

Admission and parking is free. For further information, contact Mashuk Elahi at 699-8397 or Maksudur Rahman, 269-5258.*

Evening With The Authors Advance Sale Discount Tickets

Act now to meet, mingle and dine with dozens of best-selling authors at Evening with the Authors on Friday, March 18 at the Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West First Street in downtown Fort Myers. The cocktail reception in the Edison Ford Coconut Grove on the beautiful Caloosahatchee River begins at 6 p.m. A plated dinner and program follows at 7 p.m.

The reception is a chance to meet the 20-plus authors who will headline the Southwest Florida Reading Festival the following day. Reservations are required. Discounted advance tickets can be purchased for \$45 by January 31; tickets will then increase to \$50. Space is limited. The deadline for reservations is midnight on March 3. Go to www.readfest.org and select Evening with the Authors to make a reservation.

The dinner will honor author Debbie Macomber with the 2016 Distinguished Author Award for her generosity and work as world spokesperson for World Vision's Knit For Kids program. The evening is sponsored by Books-A-Million and the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. To see the list of outstanding authors attending the festival and dinner, go to www.readfest.org/Authors.

The dinner is a choice of slow roasted prime rib with au jus, macadamia crusted mahi mahi or eggplant parmesan with spaghetti and pomodoro (vegetarian option). The reception will include a cash bar and feature Read-a-Ritas.

Complete author information, schedules of festival activities, partner events, directions to the event and more, are available in the festival app available free at the App Store or Google Play, online at www.readfest.org or by calling 479-4636.*

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High School Chalk Art

on Sunday, February 7.

Retired 30-year veteran teacher from Cypress Lake School for the Arts, Ava Roeder, is the chairperson of the Chalk Block.

"This ArtFest competition provides our students with the valuable opportunity to participate in a first class art show in a local setting. They gain experience in the competitive world we live in today, with high expectations of presenting a quality product and fine workmanship. And their creative energy is simply amazing to watch," said Roeder.

Chalk Block will bring together 40 teams representing all Lee County high

schools, as well as home-schooled students, on Saturday, February 6.

"We are honored to have Truly Nolen Pest Control as a sponsor of Chalk Block," said Sharon McAllister, ArtFest Fort Myers executive director. "It is wonderful to realize that some of our participants have been with us more than once, spurred on by the spirit of artful competition in such a fun and fanciful medium."

Five professional chalk artists will also be on hand, mentoring the students in an art form that dates back to the 18th century, while creating their own displays. The professional artists share their knowledge about the techniques of street painting with the students at the beginning of the weekend and then determine who will be the winning teams.

For more information visit ArtFestFortMyers.com or call 768-3602.*

Lee County Community Band Concert

The Lee County Community Band will present Viva la Romance! at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 7 at Cape Coral High School. The program features Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*; *Five Mellow Winds*, to the memory of Glenn Miller; *Sinatra In Concert*, a medley of Old Blue Eyes' hits; *The Blue and the Gray*, a Civil War Suite; plus marches by Karl King, Henry Fillmore and John Williams.

Recognizing February as a special month for romance, band director

Richard Bradstreet will invite the audience to sing along with three romantic favorites including *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, *By the Light of the Silvery Moon* and *Somewhere, My Love*.

Additional Lee County Band concerts are set for March 13 and April 10. The events are free (donations accepted) and open to the public; all will begin at 3 p.m. at Cape Coral High School, 2300 Santa Barbara Boulevard, just north of Veterans Parkway in Cape Coral.

Members are musicians from all walks of life – career musicians, amateurs, and folks renewing skills from years past – who reside in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. Their vocalist is Normal Jones.

For more information, visit www.leecountyband.org or call Norman Jones at 995-2097.*

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Fallen Soldier To Be Honored

To honor the service and sacrifice of the late Capt. Daniel William Eggers, LeeSar, a regional health care supply chain management company, will present The American Fallen Soldiers Project on February 11. In 2004, Eggers was killed in action in Afghanistan during his second tour of duty with the U.S. Army when his Humvee struck a land mine. He has been awarded two Bronze Star medals, one adorned with a "V" device to designate valor, the Purple Heart, and a U.S. military base in Kabul, Afghanistan was renamed Camp Eggers in his honor after his passing.

The event is open to the public and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harborside Event Center, located at 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. Registration can be completed online at www.AmericanFallenSoldiersProjectSWFL.org or by mail for check payments. A printable registration form is available on the website. Individual tickets are available for a donation of \$20, or \$150 donation for a reserved table of eight, and will include lunch and a portrait presentation ceremony. Proceeds will benefit The American Fallen Soldiers Project.

This cause holds a special place in the heart of LeeSar President and CEO Robert Simpson. As a veteran of the U.S. military, Simpson strongly supports all branches of the military and believes that the Southwest Florida community can offer valuable support to military servicemen and women and their families.

"While attending a previous portrait presentation by The American Fallen Soldiers Project, I had the opportunity to witness the impact this event has on grieving families of soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country," Simpson said. "There are so many families in Southwest



Capt. Daniel William Eggers



Capt. Daniel Eggers was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003

Florida that have loved ones who have or are currently serving our country, and the LeeSar family feels privileged to provide our community with the opportunity to honor these men and women dedicated to our freedom."

The American Fallen Soldiers Project honors fallen military by presenting grieving families with a portrait to memorialize their loved ones, and has presented approximately 200 portraits since its inception in 2007. With many of his family members in attendance at the event, Eggers' parents, Bill and Margaret Eggers, will receive an original portrait of their soldier, created by artist and founder of The American Fallen Soldiers Project, Phil Taylor. Members of the Southwest Florida community have also joined LeeSar to honor the late Eggers. Army Maj. Gen. James Dozier, retired, a well-known military figure from Fort Myers, will serve as the master of ceremonies. Involved in JROTC programs throughout Lee County, Dozier knew Eggers as a student while he was enrolled in JROTC at Cape Coral High School. Father Bob Tabbert of St. John XXII Catholic Church will present the invocation with additional ceremonial support from the Lee County Sheriff's office, Fort Myers Police Department and Cape Coral Police Department.

Originally from Pueblo, Colorado, Eggers moved to Cape Coral with his family in 1987. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry in 1997 and began training for Special Forces in 2001. He earned his Green Beret two years later. After completing the Army Arabic Language School, becoming fluent in Arabic, he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003. While in Afghanistan, Eggers served as a detachment commander in the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) in the U.S. Army. Eggers hails from a family with a long line of military service, including his great-grandfather who was a member of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders, his father who served in Vietnam and his younger brother who served two tours in Iraq.

Sponsors of the event include LeeSar, LeeSar Staff, Paces MedEquip, ACS

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Maj. Gen. James Dozier with Daniel Eggers, Cape Coral High JROTC



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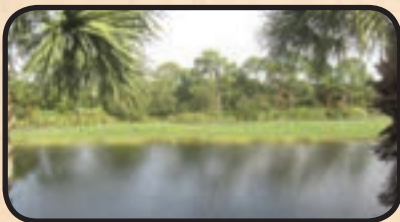


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David King's watercolor painting



Celest Theodore's ceramics entry

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On Sunday morning, there will be the Publix Run to the Arts, a 5K race that will begin and end in the heart of ArtFest Fort Myers.

There will be high school artists' work at the Art Under 20 exhibit and



Mixed media 3D artwork by Sheila King

competition plus large street paintings in the Chalk Block. The Publix Art Yard and Youth Stage are full of opportunities for children of all ages to create a masterpiece of their own. There will also be dining galleries with culinary fare from around the world.

Membership to the VIP Experience is available and gets you reserved weekend parking, admission to the Friday night opening VIP tent with food and drinks, plus unlimited access to the VIP Experience Tent with breakfast, lunch and beverages all weekend long. The VIP Experience is \$95 per person and your support contributes to the year-round art education outreach programs of ArtFest Fort Myers.

For more information, call 768-3602 or visit ArtFestFortMyers.com.✱



Classic cars on display at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

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Estates Antique Car Show

automobile industry.

In addition to the car exhibition, there will be a Model T tour and lecture with Edison Ford staff and car owners, plus living history characters, Henry and Clara Ford will lead informal tours throughout the event.

Registrations are being accepted for Ford models 1980 and older. To reg-

ister a car, contact LEEANNE CRISWELL at 334-7419 or email lcriswell@edisonford-winterestates.org. The deadline for pre-registration is January 29. Pre-registration is \$15 for one car and \$5 for each additional car.

There will be live entertainment, great food and visitors can tour the beautiful gardens and historic buildings at Edison & Ford Winter Estates. This family event is free for Edison Ford members and \$20 for non-members.

For more information, call 334-7419 or visit www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org. ✱



Jesus my lord, el boxeador by Antonio Guerrero

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Guerrero Exhibit At The Alliance

forms of visual art. The popularity of his work led to exhibits of his paintings at the military base.

Guerrero returned to Cuba in 1988 where he resumed his job as an artisan specializing in painting, engraving wood carving, sculpting and metal work. Feeling increasingly oppressed by Cuba's government, and unhappy with the worsening living conditions, Antonio – along with two other men – climbed into a raft they had secretly designed and built. Floating off from the coast of Matanzas, they were at sea for five days before being rescued and brought to the U.S.

In January 1995, Guerrero's *Balseros del '92*, (*The Rafters of '92*) was exhibited at Vanidades Gallery in Miami, FL.

This painting was part of a collection donated to the Jose Marti Foundation in order to raise money for the Florida International University student scholarships. This portrait of himself along with his cousin and friend fleeing Cuba was said to best commemorate the occasion. On May 17, 1996, Guerrero's work was exhibited by U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen in Washington, DC as a part of the Cubans in Exile exhibit.

In 2012, Guerrero was one of four Cuban artists in the world chosen by Bacardi to express the feeling of liberation and the openness of the Cuban spirit during the time of Bacardi's legendary parties to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Guerrero sees the world as a cosmic stage for human activity.

"I'm in the system like a computer programmer writing codes with my sketchbook and brushes, playing the critic, here to create and program the unconscious," said the artist. "Apart from all the trouble we cause ourselves, I believe we are immersed in a powerful and beautiful mystery. The fact of our existence is a great riddle to me."

The opening reception on Friday, February 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. is free and open to the public. Antonio Guerrero will hold a free Gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, February 13 at 10 a.m.

Artwork by David Belling will be displayed in the Member Gallery. Paintings by Guy Tieman will be featured in the Foulds Theatre Lobby. Visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 to learn more about the exhibits, or the rest of the amazing things happening at the Alliance every day.

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

Is Super Bowl 50 The Grand Finale For Peyton Manning? The Game's Outcome May Provide The Answer

by Ed Frank



By the time you read this column, millions of words would have been written about Sunday's Super Bowl 50, and there are as many story lines about sport's biggest event as there are stars in the sky.

But to this reporter, the overriding issue – or perhaps question – is whether Sunday's game is the finale for sure-fire Hall of Fame quarterback Peyton Manning? Win or lose, Peyton will exit Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California as one of the greatest to ever play the game.

Behind the brush, super-talented Carolina quarterback Cam Newton, his Panthers were six-point favorites early this week to

defeat Manning and the Denver Broncos. With a near-perfect 17-1 season record, there are good reasons why Carolina is favored.

But if you're a sentimentalist, wouldn't you love to see 39-year-old Manning (he'll be 40 next month) go out as a winner if this indeed is his last game as so many believe it will be?

Let's just look at Manning's enviable resume:

He'll be playing in his fourth Super Bowl. He has been the National Football League's Most Valuable Player four times. He holds league records for career passing yards and touchdown passes.

True, his lone Super Bowl victory was a 29-17 win over the Chicago Bears in 2006.

Although Manning has said he hasn't made up his mind about retirement, there are mixed reports.

He has told his brother, Eli, the New York Giants quarterback, "You're going to be playing a lot longer than me." And following the Bronco's defeat of the New England Patriots for the AFC Championship, a boom microphone picked up an exchange between Manning and Patriots coach Bill Belichick in which Manning said, "This might be my last rodeo, so it sure has been a pleasure."

It has been proven so often that retirement for athletes is difficult. In Manning's case, common sense might tell you that with four neck surgeries that sidelined him for

the 2011 season and a torn plantar fascia in his left foot that kept him out of six of the last seven regular season games this season, it's time to bow out.

Should the Broncos upset Carolina on Sunday, the odds probably increase for retirement as he could go out a winner. A loss, however, might be a different scenario.

There's a 13-year age difference between Newton and Manning. And Newton's 45 touchdowns in the regular season – including 10 rushing TDs – are factors in Carolina's favorite status.

Millions will be watching this titanic showdown between Manning and Newton, including football fanatics that are paying up to \$17,000 for a 50-yard sideline seat in Levi's Stadium.

Spring Training Reporting Dates Near

In just two weeks, spring training will begin here for the Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins as well as the 28 other Major League teams opening camps in Florida and Arizona.

Red Sox pitchers and catchers will report on February 18 at Jetblue Park at Fenway South, with the first workout scheduled the next day. Boston position players will report on February 23.

The Minnesota Twins will welcome pitchers and catchers on February 21 at CenturyLink Sports Complex, with position players reporting on February 26.

However, if you visit either facility now, you will find that many of the players already are here and working out.✪

Mariner High School To Hold Yard Sale To Help Young Girl Fight Cancer

The Mariner High School Triton Treasures Club will hold a yard sale on Saturday, February 13 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Mariner High School teacher parking lot, located at 701 Chiquita Boulevard in Cape Coral. Proceeds from the sale will go to 4-year-old Addy Wallace, daughter of Lee County School District employees that is currently battling cancer, and other Mariner High School families that are in critical need.

The club is currently welcoming donations for the sale. Individuals can also rent a parking spot to conduct their own yard sale during the event for \$10. Rental fees will be donated to Triton Treasures, but all sales at individual's booths will stay with the owner. For information on donating items or renting yard sale space, contact Bridget Zalesak at bridgetcz@leeschools.net or 772-3324 ext. 320.

"Our mission is to start servicing students right at Mariner that are in critical need continued on page 24

Senior PGA Tour At Twin Eagles

submitted by Max Friedersdorf

During the past 28 years, just about every nook and cranny of Collier County has hosted the Senior PGA Golf Tournament. The tournament is now named The PGA Champions Tour.

Since 1988, when Gary Player won the inaugural event at Pelican Bay, the tourney has been played on nine different Collier County golf courses and over these years has had seven different sponsors. Other Collier County courses previously hosting the Senior Tour include The Vineyards, Lely Resort, Bay Colony, Pelican Marsh, Quail, West, TPC Treviso Bay and The Quarry.

Some big names that have won during the past 28 years include Gene Littler, Lee Trevino, Bob Murphy, Al Geiberger, Hale Irwin, Lanny Wadkins, Craig Stadler, Loren Roberts and Kenny Perry.

The latest sponsor change, curiously, came just days ago when The Ace Group Classic, the host for the past 17 years and a familiar golf tournament brand, was replaced as the Chubb Classic. The name change came about after Ace Limited acquired insurance giant The Chubb Corporation.

For the fifth straight year, starting on February 9, the 2016 tournament will be on the Talon Course at beautiful Twin Eagles Golf Club. Twin Eagles is located

six miles east of I-75 off Immokalee Road in Naples.

This year's field appears to be one of the strongest ever, with golf icons Fred Couples, Tom Kite, Bernard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie, Larry Nelson, Mark O'Meara, Curtis Strange and the 2015 champion, Lee Janzen.

Sixty-one former PGA Tour winners are in the field, including 16 former major winners. A total of 81 pros will be battling for a \$1.6 million purse.

Advance tickets are \$25 for a daily ticket, and \$50 for a weekly pass. Children age 17 and under are free with a ticketed adult.

More information and tickets are available online at chubbclassic.com or by calling 593-3900✪

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

Red Sox Spring Training Game

The Kennedy Cruisers are ready for some spring training baseball action. They will visit the JetBlue stadium to see the Boston Red Sox battle the Baltimore Orioles on March 17.

There will be a pre-game barbecue buffet and in-field grand stand seats are included. Pre-registration is required by February 5.

The cost is \$69 for members and \$74 for non-members.

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

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I currently have full custody of my 4-year-old niece. She has experienced several traumatic situations in her young life,

but now she is in a stable situation. She hasn't had much preschool but I want to send her to kindergarten in the fall. Do you have information and/or advice for me about how a child who has had a lot of trauma functions in school?

Tara H., Fort Myers

Tara,

I am so sorry to hear that your niece has already suffered such trauma in her young life but so glad to hear that you will now be her caregiver and provide a stable environment for her. You will most likely have challenges to face. Early traumatic experiences are frequently tied to poor health and can place children at risk for poor outcomes across multiple aspects of life.

Research tells us that childhood traumas of various sorts can cause kindergartners to struggle in class as well as life. These traumas include neglect or physical, sexual or psychological abuse. They also include living in a household with domestic abuse or with a household member who was in jail or prison, had a mental illness or had an addiction or substance abuse problem. One research study

suggested that children with at least three adverse childhood experiences had 80 percent greater odds of having math, language and literacy skills below average than children with no childhood difficulties. Children with at least three tough experiences were more than three times more likely to have attention problems and almost three times more likely to have social problems. Their odds of showing aggression were also more than double those of children without adverse childhood experiences.

A child trying to cope and survive has less energy for learning, problem solving, playing and imagination. A child's emotional distress may also make it harder to concentrate and they may experience post-traumatic stress.

One of the first steps to reducing the negative impact of traumatic events on children is to increase awareness about how it can affect development. Maya Mendez, program coordinator for intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health services at Providence Saint John's Child and Family Development Center in Santa Monica, California said, "When parents are aware, then they are more likely to seek support and help from community resources. Awareness also increases detection and recognition of difficulties and parents may be more likely to take steps to prevent exposing their young child to additional trauma."

"When the child is having signs of difficulty in the school arena, parents and teachers can then address the problem and keep the child progressing towards their goals, both in school and in life," said Mendez. "Parents can be loving towards their children, be inquisitive about their lives and

have open communication with the child's teacher" to create a nurturing environment for children, she added.

"The love and unconditional support of a warm and nurturing caregiver can serve as a critical source of strength and as a buffer for the adversity children may face in their lives," she added. "But sometimes even the best parents can't do it alone. Many face unbelievable challenges, and that's why it's important that we build systems that can be a source of support."

Make sure to reach out to school and community supports for your young niece. For more on the effects of adverse childhood experiences, visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention online at www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy.

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Moyer Makes Dean's List

Tanisha Moyer of Fort Myers, a junior at American International College, has been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List of full-time students with a grade point average between 3.3 and 4.0.

American International College, in Springfield, Massachusetts, is a private, coeducational institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in business, arts and sciences, health sciences, and graduate and adult education.*

Psychology Degree

Jamie Alvarez of Fort Myers has earned a bachelor of science in psychology degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Alvarez was among approximately 2,400 undergraduate students who received degrees during Georgia Tech's 250th commencement exercises on December 11 and 12 at the McCamish Pavilion.*

Iowa University Graduates Locals

Graceland University, located in Lamoni, Iowa, celebrated the graduation achievement of more than 300 graduates for the first fall commencement, held Saturday, Dec. 19. Congratulations to all Graceland grads!

Locally, Brenda Cummins of North Fort Myers graduated with a Master of Arts in Religion, while Laurie Heintz of Fort Myers graduated with a Master of Arts in Religion.

For more information visit www.graceland.edu and find Graceland University on Facebook and Twitter to follow additional student achievements.*

FGCU Leading Veteran Entrepreneurs

Veterans Florida, a non-profit created by the Florida Legislature to attract and retain veterans, has selected Florida Gulf Coast University as one of five Florida schools to lead the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program, a new entrepreneurial training initiative for veterans in the state seeking to start their own businesses. The other schools include University of West Florida, which is charged with implementing the program, the University of North Florida, Florida Atlantic University and Hillsborough Community College.

Sandra Kauanui, director of the Lutgert College of Business Institute for Entrepreneurship, sees men and women who have served in the military as ideal candidates for business start-up training.

"It's a great opportunity for veterans to do something they really want to do that's meaningful," said Kauanui, who is crafting the statewide curriculum for the nonprofit program the Florida Legislature funded with a \$1 million grant. "A lot of them come from

leadership roles in the military. They're used to working with structure and follow-through. And now, maybe they don't want to work for somebody else."

If all goes as planned, FGCU will stage an internal competition in late May among the best business plans devised by veterans.

The program is implemented in three phases, the first of which is seven weeks of online development training covering the basics.

Phase 2 takes place on campus in seven sessions spread over three weekends so as not to interfere with participants' jobs or schooling. This is where veterans get face-time instruction from experts as they refine their business plans and prepare for the last-day competition.

The final phase involves ongoing mentorship and follow-up support from Florida Small Business Development consultants to help the new businesses get up and running successfully.

Participating in the program is open to anyone who is either active duty or served for at least three years and was honorably discharged, and who lives in or plans to relocate to Florida. Veterans do not need to be enrolled at FGCU to participate.

To apply for Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program, visit www.FloridaVetBiz.org, where the online application is available. The program is expected to begin the second week in March.

For more information, contact Amy Ridgway, program coordinator, at 590-7324, or aridgway@fgcu.edu.*

Stetson To Speak At Library Party

On Monday, February 15 at 5:30 p.m., the Friends of the Fort Myers Library will celebrate with a Member



Nancy Stetson

Appreciation Party. Everyone is invited to join or renew at the door for a modest membership fee starting at \$15. And every member receives a free auction ticket.

Mix and mingle with other members over refreshments and peruse the Friendly Auction table with items from The Standard, Veranda, Rep Theater,

Broadway Palm and Barbara B. Mann as well as First Watch, Scoops and other downtown venues.

Following a brief meeting, the featured speaker will be Nancy Stetson, arts and entertainment columnist for *Florida Weekly*. Her irreverent and humorous talk, *Whatever It Is I'm Speaking About*, will cover libraries, working the arts and entertainment beat and her favorite nightmare.

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

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Financial Focus

What Expenses Will You Incur When Investing?



by Jennifer Basey

You invest so that you can achieve a variety of goals, such as a secure retirement. It's inevitable, though, that you will incur some costs when investing, ranging from payments

to a financial professional to costs of educational materials. So it's a good idea to familiarize yourself with these expenses.

If you work with a financial professional – and you should, because the investment world is complex – you will need to compensate this individual for his or her expertise and guidance. Financial advisors get paid in different ways, including the following methods:

- **Fee only** – Fee-based accounts may charge a fee as a percentage of your total portfolio. For example, if an account charges 1.5 percent per year, and your original account balance was \$100,000, you'd pay a \$1,500 fee. The next year, if your account value goes up to \$110,000, you'd pay \$1,650. This arrangement could function in different ways. For example, a financial advisor could work with you to create an overall strategy, consult with you on individual transactions and then carry out those transactions. Alternatively, the account could be a discretionary one, in which you grant the advisor the right to make all the decisions on your behalf.

A second fee-based arrangement is the per-hour charge, in which an advisor will charge you an agreed-upon amount per hour, then leave it up to you to implement his or her recommendations.

- **Commission only** – Under this model, the financial advisor's compensation consists of the commission he or she gets from the products you purchase. Some commission-based advisors may suggest trades to help you follow an overall financial strategy, while others may simply make the transactions that you've decided upon after consulting with them.

Which of these payment methods is best? There's no one right answer for everyone. Your choice may ultimately depend on several factors, such as how involved you want to be in choosing your own investments, how frequently you plan to trade, how often you'd like to consult with an advisor, and so on. In any case, before you start working with a financial advisor, make sure you clearly understand how he or she is paid.

Apart from whatever costs are connected to working with a financial advisor, you may incur other expenses while investing. Some types of investments carry fees and expenses, which may or may not be included in the compensation your financial advisor receives. Your advisor should clearly

explain the costs associated with all investments and investment programs.

One other area in which you may tack on expenses is through investment-related educational materials. For example, you might subscribe to an investment newsletter, or purchase books or magazines related to investing. Even if you work with a financial advisor, there's certainly nothing wrong with educating yourself as broadly as possible about investment issues. Keep in mind, though,

that any recommendations you read about are only intended for a general audience and may not apply to your individual situation.

As you invest through the years, always be aware of expenses and from where they originate. After all, you want to make educated decisions about every aspect of investing – including its costs.

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

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Annual Hope Parkinson Symposium



Dr. Amanda Avila



Dr. Kelly Foote

Health care professionals, therapists, volunteers, caregivers and those living with Parkinson's disease are invited to a morning of inspiration and education at the annual Hope Parkinson Symposium on Friday, February 12 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Featured speaker John Baumann JD, BBA, is a critically acclaimed author and internationally recognized speaker who was diagnosed with PD in his late 30s. Baumann, a successful attorney, was a member of the University of Louisville faculty and a semi-professional softball player before Parkinson's disease forced him to give up the activities he thought defined him as a person. Baumann's message about inner strength applies to all – no matter the challenge or adversity.

Baumann is the author of *Decide Success: You Ain't Dead Yet: Twelve Action*

Steps to Achieve the Success You Truly Desire. He also is a contributing author of *Roadmap To Success*, along with Stephen Covey, Dr. Ken Blanchard and Deepak Chopra.

The symposium's featured keynote speaker is Dr. Kelly Foote, who founded and co-directs the world-renowned University of Florida Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration with his neurologist partner, Dr. Michael Okun.

Dr. Foote's presentation, What is the role of surgery in the treatment of Parkinson's disease in 2016?, is rooted in his current research on novel applications of deep brain stimulation technology. His National Institutes of Health-sponsored research includes projects applying and optimizing DBS therapy for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, severe tremor secondary to multiple sclerosis, obsessive-compulsive disorder and Tourette syndrome.

Dr. Amanda Avila, medical director for the Hope Parkinson Program and movement disorder specialist with Florida Neurology Group, will discuss Managing PD: Tips for Today and Trends for Tomorrow. Dr. Avila completed her fellowship with the University of Florida Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration.

Symposium check-in begins at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:45 a.m., and the program begins at 9 a.m. at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. A \$25 registration fee includes a light breakfast and valet parking.

Pre-registration is required by Thursday, February 4 and can be completed online at <http://donate.hopehcs.org/pdsymposium> or by calling 985-7727.*



John Baumann

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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 have always tried to take care of my health. Years ago when I was told I should have a yearly physical, I did it.

My husband and I retired and we moved to a new location and the new doctor said that he wanted to see us every six months, to catch any health problems early. That was fine with us.

Recently we moved to another retirement area of the country and here it is completely different.

I went to a new young doctor and it just turned out to be a discussion, no examination, just a general update and a conversation about a series of new tests. He ordered tests that he thinks are

needed considering my age, gender, my family and my personal history. He asked if I had any complaints, and that was it.

It all seems very strange to me. Do you know if this is the new approach to care for the healthy elderly?

Tina

Dear Tina,

You are most fortunate that you enjoy good health and that you also have a physician who is practicing up-to-date medicine.

According to Johns Hopkins medical letter of May 2008, traditional examinations and tests "rarely detected or prevented underlying diseases in healthy adults who were not experiencing symptoms." So instead of the traditional annual physical, many physicians are now concentrating on preventive services and ordering tests customized to the patient's individual needs. Also this "as needed" approach means that the patient plays an important role in managing his or her own preventive care."

This seems to be the new approach, but I am sure that many physicians and their patients would still prefer the more traditional physical examination.

Lizzie

Dear Tina,

I have heard this from a number of individuals, thinking their physicians were not appropriately caring for them. I spoke with a few physicians in the area and they recounted the same information as found in the Johns Hopkins letter. I know it is difficult when changes are not explained. However, it does seem from the literature that this change is a positive change and supported by research. It is important to have an open and honest

relationship with your health care providers. If this change is of concern to you, discuss your concern with the physician.

Pryce

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

Doctor and Dietitian

Be Alert When Dining Out



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

It's relaxing to let someone else cook. That's why most of us eat out one or more times a week. The problem is we generally consume hundreds more calories when we eat at a restaurant, especially with the large portions we polish off.

Even though we recommend cooking your own fresh foods, there are ways to eat out in a more healthful and calorie-conscious way, which include some planning and assertiveness.

Plan ahead by checking out the restau-

rant's website for the menu's nutritional information. However, in preparation, don't deprive yourself by skipping meals, because you'll only be more tempted to scarf down the basket of chips or bread, and the hundreds of calories that come with it.

Order smart. Restaurants will honor all kinds of special requests, so don't be shy about making them if you're cutting calories. First, try skipping the bread basket and ask for a plate of raw vegetables to munch on. Ask for grilled, baked, broiled, poached or steamed foods instead of fried. Order a smaller portion of meat and a larger portion of salad or vegetables. Request extra veggies as a side, instead of rice or potatoes. Try two appetizers instead of an entrée, such as a seafood and a vegetable-based appetizer. You can even talk to your server about boxing half of your entrée before it arrives at the table, or splitting an entrée with your dining partner.

Gotta have a steak? A 10-ounce rib-eye packs over 700 calories, so try five ounces of leaner cuts such as tenderloin, flank, or strip. And if you can't resist the dessert, share one between everyone, so you get a bite to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Be good to your body and make healthy choices wherever you eat.

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

dearPharmacist

5 Ways To Save Your Brain, Learn Faster And Calm Down



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I lost my car at the mall and had to ask the security guy to drive me around and find it. I was practically in tears after roaming around the parking lot for 20 minutes.

At the time, I just thought, "I'm losing my mind, how do I not remember this?"

Then I thought about it, I have a hundred million thoughts in my head, and when I parked, I parked at a location I never usually park in near a store I never go to. And I had been wrapped up in an important and intense conversation on the phone (while I was driving and parking) and... are you assuming these are excuses? Maybe so. But it made me think that memory loss, and other injuries of the brain could impact your quality of life. It's scary.

Your brain should be properly 'fed' and 'exercised' and in good shape. I can teach you how to save your brain, and support yourself if you're dealing with memory issues, brain fog, or mild issues related to traumatic brain injury (TBI) or Toxic Encephalopathy.

I'm only offering suggestions to save your brain today, I'm not sure what's safe for you or effective for your individual condition so please speak to your neurologist before trying any of these supplements:

Fatty Acids – Why not, your brain is made of fat? Fat is an integral part of your brain, so it's first up for that reason. One of the most important types of supplements you can take would be something high in DHA, docosahexaenoic acid. You'll find DHA in supplements labeled "DHA" as well as in Salmon Oil, Fish Oils, Chia Seed Oil and Krill.

Mullein Root – A little harder to find, it has mild anti-spasmodic effect. Since it has an affinity for facial nerves, some holistic doctors suggest Mullein for Bells Palsy, Trigeminal Neuralgia or other facial nerve pain syndromes associated with brain-injury.

Acetyl L carnitine – It's capable of repairing brain cells (neurons) and it is known to prevent age-related memory decline. It turns into acetylcholine in the brain which can help you with learning. Doctors often suggest it for stroke victims.

Ginkgo biloba – A well-known herb that sends blood up to your brain and it could help with both short and long-term memory. It seems to help balance the various catecholamine neurotransmitters (dopamine, norepinephrine, adrenalin) as well as serotonin and cortisol levels! Taken together this can help revitalize a fading memory, reduce anxiety and improve your mood.

Ashwagandha – This is known to help with thyroid function over time by raising thyroid hormone levels but it can make you sleepy. Studies suggest that it's a good choice if you have insomnia related to any brain injury, including TBI.

For a more comprehensive list of brain-saving supplements, please sign up for my newsletter at suzycohen.com and I'll send you the extended version of this in a newsletter.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com. ✨

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Along The River

On the first Sunday of every month, 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 Estate's educational facility, complete with a 3,600 square foot glass butterfly conservatory, is providing the appropriate educational programs and involved research projects that are helping butterfly populations flourish throughout the state. The small facility is home of The Florida Native Butterfly Society and is located in Gardner's Park in the downtown Fort Myers River District. The inspiration for the venue is the Southwest Florida natural environment.

The Butterfly Estates is located at

1815 Fowler Street in Fort Myers. It is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 690-2359 or visit www.thebutterflies-tates.com. ✨

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Donations Needed For Family Stores

Generally, donations to the Family Stores drop during November and December. This was the case in 2015, and donations of gently loved furniture, clothing, accessories, shoes, purses, housewares, bedding (no mattresses), appliances, artwork, collectibles, jewelry, paintings, prints and even cars and boats are needed.

The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties currently operates three Family Thrift Stores. The stores are located at 15418 South Tamiami Trail, an outlet center at 1855 Boy Scout Drive, and a store in Cape Coral at 4506 Del Prado Boulevard South.

The Salvation Army's Crossroads program is entirely funded through local Family Thrift Store sales. Its success is financially dependent on donations and sales of these items. Crossroads is a faith-based, in-house drug and alcohol recovery program. Participants must make a 26-week commitment for this no-cost program.

The physical and spiritual care that program participants receive prepares

them to re-enter society and return to gainful employment. Many of those who have been rehabilitated are reunited with their families and resume a normal life.

To schedule a pick-up of your donations, call 337-0955. Read about Crossroads and the Family Thrift Stores at www.salvationarmyleecounty.org.

Retirement Community A Fit-Friendly Worksite

Cypress Cove at HealthPark, Fort Myers, has been recognized by the American Heart Association (AHA) for the third consecutive year as a Gold Fit-Friendly Worksite for embracing the promotion of physical activity, nutrition and a culture of health and wellness for its employees.

Cypress Cove is a 48-acre continuing care retirement community supporting a variety of living options, including independent living, home health, assisted living, skilled nursing, memory care and rehabilitative care. The community employs nearly 400 staff.

Cypress Cove promotes an active wellness program that encourages employees to lead a healthier lifestyle, including a

walking program, online informational newsletters, on-site physical activity classes and free on-site recreation or fitness facilities.

Programs such as the AHA's Walk-A-Thon, are events in which employees and residents participate.✪

Fort Myers Housing Authority A High Performer

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers a high performer in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) report for 2015.

HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center measures the performance of a public housing agency by various systems.

"We are proud to once again be named a high performer by HUD," said Marcus D. Goodson, executive director of the housing authority.

The PHAS scored HACFM 94 points out of a possible 100. PHAS indicators used for the scoring included physical, financial, management and resident reviews as well as financial sub-indicators including current ratio, months expendable funds balance, tenant receivable outstanding, occupancy loss, net income and expense management.

In 2015, the Fort Myers Housing Authority was also named Outstanding Agency of the Year by the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO).

The housing authority serves more than 3,500 families as a catalyst for increasing access to safe, stable and sustainable housing and to help develop, preserve and revitalize communities through affordable rental housing. The agency is dedicated to empowering fami-

lies with the means to become as self-sufficient as possible through its Family Self-Sufficiency and HOPE VI Community Supportive Services programs, encouraging and facilitating movement toward financial independence beyond the need for housing services.

For more information, call 344-3220 or visit www.hacfm.org. ✪

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Mariner High School Yard Sale

by fostering the spirit of giving," said Triton Treasures advisor Bridget Zalesak. "We have been blown away by the community support for our past events. We have had current students, teachers, Mariner alumni and local residents all chipping in to help."

For more information on the yard sale or on Triton Treasures, contact club advisor Bridget Zalesak at bridgetcz@lee-schools.net or 772-3324 ext. 320.✪

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Soldier Honored

- American Contract Systems, Mission BBQ, Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower Shops, Gates Construction, Six Bends Harley-Davidson, City of Fort Myers, McKesson Corporation, Ken Sneed & Associates, Full Circle Production, Harmon's Audio Visual, Connor's Steak & Seafood, Culinary Solutions, Priority Marketing, Harborside Event Center, Lee Memorial Health System-Military Support Program, Integrated Medical Logistics, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Cape Coral Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, Bryan Duke and Victory Layne Chevrolet.

For more information about The American Fallen Soldiers Project, visit www.AmericanFallenSoldiersProjectSWFL.org.✪

Find Your Furry Valentine At Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Love is in the air the entire month of February at Lee County Domestic Animal Services, where you can adopt a dog 40 pounds or more for \$40. Animal Services' shelter has lots of furry Valentines. While popular dating sites boast a 40 percent rate for finding a successful relationship, Animal Services has a 90 percent success rate for matching people and pets.

The adoption fees for dogs and cats include the complete package of services consisting of sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license for pets three months and older, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm test for dogs, feline aids and leukemia test for cats and a 10-day health guarantee. The adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

Love is just a click away when you visit the website at www.LeeLostPets.com. All pets available for adoption are featured online with each pet's personal information. Adopters may also submit their adoption application online so they can focus on the pets instead of the paperwork during their shelter visit.

Animal Services' shelter is at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Adoption hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.✪

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3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of bird is the fast-moving roadrunner?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What occupation is traditionally associated with leprechauns?
5. LANGUAGE: What is another name for comestibles?
6. MEDICAL: What is the modern-day equivalent of the ailment once known as "grippe"?
7. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Wales was known in Roman times by what name?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What is the unit of measurement for stacked firewood?
9. MUSIC: Which pop star's real name is Reg Dwight?
10. GAMES: Which two letters of the alphabet have the highest values in the game of Scrabble?

ANSWERS

1. Judy Blume 2. Jodie Foster 3. Cuckoo 4. Shoe-making or mending 5. Food items 6. Influenza 7. Cambria 8. A cord 9. Elton John 10. Q and Z, 10 points apiece

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which pitcher won the opening home game for the expansion Seattle Pilots in 1969?
2. Did Willie Mays' highest single-season home-run total come with the New York Giants or the San Francisco Giants?
3. Which Big Ten football coach won the most bowl games?
4. In 2014, Orlando's Elfrid Payton became the third rookie in NBA history to have seven-plus assists in each of his first four regular-season games. Who else did it?
5. The Chicago Blackhawks, between 1961 and 2013, won three NHL Stanley Cups, with the clinching victory on the road each time. Name the three opponents.
6. In 1998, two countries tied for the Olympic gold medal in the men's two-man bobsled. Name either country.
7. When was the last time before 2015 that Tiger Woods was not ranked in the top 100 PGA golfers?

ANSWERS

1. Gary Bell shut out the Chicago White Sox, 7-0. 2. He hit 52 home runs for San Francisco in 1965. His highest total with the New York Giants was 51 in 1955. 3. Joe Paterno won 10 Big Ten bowl games as coach of Penn State. 4. Oscar Robertson and John Wall. 5. Detroit (1961), Philadelphia (2010) and Boston (2013). 6. Canada and Italy. 7. It was 1996.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem suddenly could produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it's up to you to decide which way you want to go.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you'll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they've been handling the relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your kindness is legendary, and so is your strong sense of responsibility.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Feb. 14, 1867, Sakichi Toyoda, whose textile machinery company spawned the Toyota Motor Corp., is born. In 1937, Toyoda was formed as a spinoff of his Toyoda Loom Works. "Toyota" reportedly was considered a luckier name than "Toyoda" and is easier to write in Japanese characters.

- On Feb. 11, 1937, after a six-week strike by General Motors autoworkers in Michigan, GM president Alfred P. Sloan signs the first union contract in the American auto industry. Among other things, GM agreed to give workers a 5 percent raise and permission to speak in the lunchroom.

- On Feb. 8, 1943, Japanese troops evacuate Guadalcanal, leaving the island in Allied possession after a prolonged campaign in which an estimated 1,600 American troops were killed.

- On Feb. 10, 1962, Francis Gary Powers, an American who was shot down over the Soviet Union while flying a CIA spy plane in 1960, is released by the Soviets in exchange for the U.S. release of a Russian spy. The event was chronicled in the 2015 film "Bridge of Spies" starring Tom Hanks.

- On Feb. 9, 1971, pitcher Leroy "Satchel" Paige becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. In August of that year, Paige was inducted. Joe DiMaggio once called Paige "the best and fastest pitcher I've ever faced."

- On Feb. 12, 1988, in the waning days of the Cold War, two Soviet warships bump two U.S. Navy vessels in waters claimed by the Soviet Union off the Crimean peninsula. A confrontation was defused when the U.S. ships departed.

- On Feb. 13, 1991, Sotheby's announces the discovery of a manuscript of "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. The manuscript, missing for more than a century, was found in a trunk with some old papers.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Polish-born American rabbi and philosopher Abraham Joshua Heschel who made the following sage observation: "When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people."

- In medieval France, if a married woman kissed or allowed herself to be kissed by a man other than her husband, she could be found guilty of adultery.

- In the summer of 1100, King William II of England went for a hunt in the New Forest, bringing along, of course, an entourage of nobles. One of his attendants, Walter Tirel, had a good opportunity to target their quarry, and the king urged, "Shoot! Walter, in heaven's name!" Tirel did, indeed, shoot, but the arrow evidently ricocheted off a tree and hit the king, killing him.

- Early cars in the United States didn't have steering wheels; they were maneuvered by using a control similar to a joystick.

- Those who study such things say the sport of boxing originated with the ancient Greeks and dates back to at least 688 B.C. It looked somewhat different then, though; at that time there were no gloves and no boxing ring. In fact, the fighters weren't even standing; they battled it out while sitting down facing each other. The fight continued until one participant was battered into unconsciousness.

- All of today's housecats are descended from one particular kind of Middle Eastern wildcat.

- In what is now Minnesota, early European settlers came across a lake Native Americans had named "Chargogogoman-chaugagochaubunagunamaug." This daunting appellation is said to translate roughly as "You fish on that side, we'll fish on this side, and nobody will fish in the middle."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If what you are telling is true, you don't have to choose your words so carefully." -- Frank A. Clark

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- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups milk
- 1 10 1/2-ounce can cream of potato soup
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 two-ounce jar diced pimiento
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Remove any shell particles from oysters; set aside. Cook onions, celery and mushrooms in butter over low heat until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper; add milk gradually stirring until thickened. Add potato soup and grated cheese. When cheese is melted, add oysters, pimiento and hot pepper sauce. Simmer for 5 to 10 minutes or until oyster edges curl.

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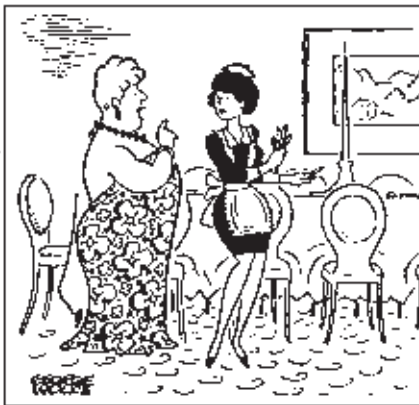
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HELP FIND SOOKIE



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

JERRY'S FOODS WAITRESSES OR WAITERS

Looking for experienced Waitresses or Waiters with open availability Monday through Sunday. If interested call and ask for Kim 472-9300.
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HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING
Now Hiring Servers, Bartenders, Food Runners and Host/Hostess. Matzaluna Italian Kitchen on Sanibel is looking for smiling faces to join our team. Please call 239-472-1998 (after 1pm) or reply with your resume. Come join the fun on the island and make great money this season
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Billy's Bike Shop hiring Segway Tour Guide. Outgoing, ability to direct group activity & interest in Sanibel nature. Bike mechanic @ FM warehouse, interest in bikes? We'll train. \$10+/hr. Call Clare 239-472-3620
*NS 2/5 CC 2/12

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Billy's Rentals now hiring bicycle rental agents & cashiers. Must be friendly w/good communication skills Transportation from FM warehouse. \$10/hr start. Fun work, good benefits. Call Robin 239-472-5248 or info@billysbikes.com.
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Fri, Feb 5 & Sat. Feb 6
1602 Sabal Sands Road, off Casa Ybel Furniture, Electric Fishing Motor, Ice Machine, Small Appliances, Tools, Assorted Items.
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DESIGNER'S GARAGE SALE
Sat. Feb. 6, 8:00 am - ?
601 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Corner of Captain's Walk and Periwinkle on the East End. Antiques, Furniture, fixtures, glass vessel sinks, artwork and more.
*NS 2/5 CC 2/5

ANNUAL YARD SALE
The Children's Education Center of the Islands is holding its annual YARD SALE on Sat., Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This huge, multi-family sale will feature many gently-loved items, including: children's and adult's clothing, toys, bicycles, books, furniture, strollers and baby gear, and goodies for grown-ups.
350 Casa Ybel Road
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1. Distant; 2. Grace;
3. Plain; 4. Kindle
Today's Word
TALKING

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
Captiva Beach	Captiva	2003	14,414	\$16,500,000	\$16,300,000	598
Bonita Beach	Bonita Springs	2016	4,757	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000	0
Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	2015	4,272	\$2,895,000	\$2,800,000	124
Cases	Fort Myers Beach	1990	4,422	\$2,600,000	\$2,400,000	391
Twin Palm Estates	Fort Myers	2006	6,295	\$2,195,000	\$2,100,000	745
Orchid Ridge	Bonita Springs	2003	4,512	\$1,850,000	\$1,750,000	92
Metes And Bounds	Captiva	1992	5,000	\$1,990,000	\$1,700,000	154
Orchid Ridge	Bonita Springs	2002	4,222	\$1,550,000	\$1,400,000	97
Bayview Acres	St. James City	2006	3,503	\$1,185,000	\$1,025,000	43
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	1964	1,891	\$1,075,000	\$987,500	31

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

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	8		9				7
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		9		2			7
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	4				9	6	5
		5	6				8

SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Tonka I'm a 1-year-old fawn and white male pit bull terrier. No, I'm not a Tonka truck, I'm a Tonka dog, and I'm even more fun to play with than the truck. I'm young, lovable, goofy, comical and a little awkward. The list of things I love is long because I live in the moment. Happy-go-lucky and fancy free, that's me. I've had a blast in the doggie playgroups here at the shelter. I love to explore and enjoy taking a dip in the pools.

My adoption fee is \$40 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services My Furry Valentine Adoption Promo

Hi, my name is Holly. I am a 1 1/2-year-old calico spayed female domestic short hair. I'm a most entertaining little cat! I love to climb and play, so be sure to get me a cat tree. I'm also affectionate and very friendly, so I could also be the best companion you ever had. 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.*



Tonka ID# 650609

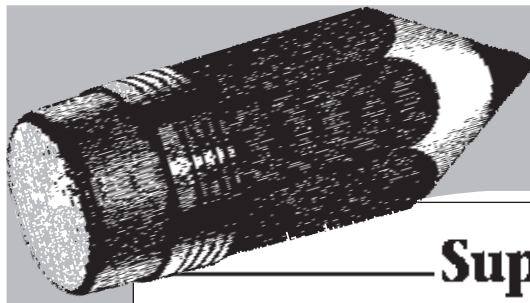


Holly ID# 647467



- Emergency 911
- Lee County Sheriff's Office 477-1200
- Florida Marine Patrol 332-6966
- Florida Highway Patrol 278-7100
- Poison Control 1-800-282-3171
- HealthPark Medical Center 1-800-936-5321
- Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce 332-3624
- Foundation for Quality Childcare 425-2685
- Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce 454-7500
- Fort Myers Beach Library 463-9691
- Lakes Regional Library 533-4000
- Lee County Chamber of Commerce 931-0931
- Post Office 1-800-275-8777
- Visitor & Convention Bureau 338-3500
- ARTS**
- Alliance for the Arts 939-2787
- Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio 337-5050
- Art League Of Fort Myers 275-3970
- Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall 481-4849
- BIG ARTS 395-0900
- Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre 278-4422
- Cultural Park Theatre 772-5862
- Edison Festival of Light 334-2999
- Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade 332-4488
- Florida West Arts 948-4427
- Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers 288-2535
- Gulf Coast Symphony 489-1800
- Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres 481-8059
- Naples Philharmonic 239-597-1111
- The Schoolhouse Theater 472-6862
- SW Florida Symphony 418-0996
- Theatre Conspiracy 936-3239
- Young Artists Awards 574-9321
- CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**
- Angel Flight 1-877-4AN-ANGEL
- Animal Refuge Center 731-3535
- American Business Women Association 357-6755
- Audubon of SWFL 339-8046
- Audubon Society 472-3156
- Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR 482-1366
- Caloosahatchee Folk Society 321-4620
- Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus 1-855-425-3631
- Cape Coral Stamp Club 542-9153
- duPont Company Retirees 454-1083
- Edison Porcelain Artists 415-2484
- Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter 239-267-1990
- FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy 728-3743
- Friendship Force Of SW FL 561-9164
- Garden Club of Cape Coral 239-257-2654
- Horticulture and Tea Society 472-8334
- Horticultural Society 472-6940
- Lee County Genealogical Society 549-9625
- Lee Trust for Historic Preservation 939-7278
- NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees 482-6713
- Navy Seabees Veterans of America 731-1901
- Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL 667-1354
- Sons of Confederate Veterans 332-2408
- Southwest Florida Fencing Academy 939-1338
- Southwest Florida Music Association 561-2118
- Kiwanis Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach 765-4254 or 454-8090
- Fort Myers Edison 694-1056
- Fort Myers South 691-1405
- Gateway to the Islands 218-5768
- Iona-McGregor 482-0869
- Lions Clubs:**
- Fort Myers Beach 463-9738
- Fort Myers High Noon 466-4228
- Estero/South Fort Myers 898-1921
- Notre Dame Club of Lee County 768-0417
- POLO Club of Lee County 477-4906
- Rotary Club of Fort Myers 332-8158
- Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society 472-6940
- United Way of Lee County 433-2000
- United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour) 211 or 433-3900
- AREA ATTRACTIONS**
- Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum 395-2233
- Burrough's Home 337-9505
- Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium 275-3435
- Edison & Ford Winter Estates 334-3614
- Fort Myers Skate Park 321-7558
- Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium 321-7420
- JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge 472-1100
- Koreshan State Historic Site 239-992-0311
- Langford Kingston Home 239-334-2550
- Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center 765-8101
- Skatium 321-7510
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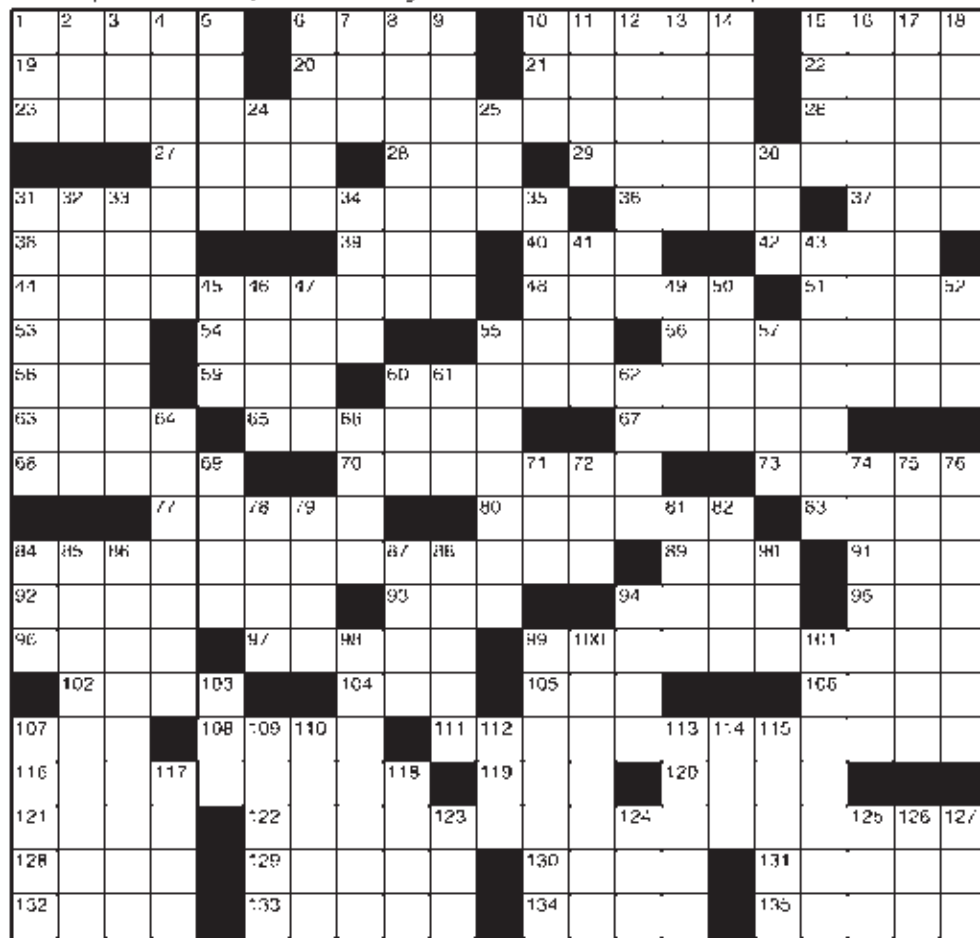
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Super Crossword

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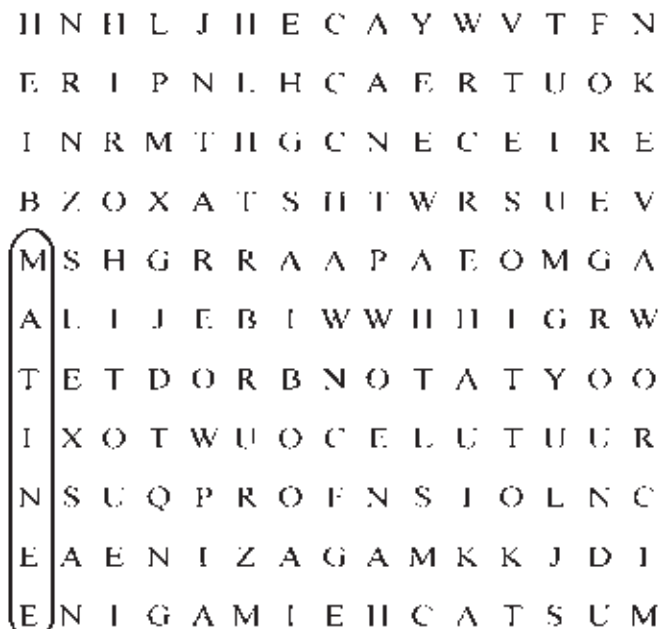
- ACROSS**
- 1 High-school balls
 - 6 Give backup
 - 10 See 90-Down
 - 15 Rip - (thefts)
 - 19 Andrea — (lost ship)
 - 20 Disappearing Asian sea
 - 21 Living space
 - 22 Poet Whitman
 - 23 Award for the lap spot
 - 26 Big West; org.
 - 27 Caulk, e.g.
 - 28 Clumsy type
 - 29 Thing laid by a redbreast
 - 31 Facilitator of stargazing
 - 36 Game akin to bingo
 - 37 Lit. writers' alterthoughts
 - 38 Little chaps
 - 39 Suffix with Carian
 - 40 Run up a tab
 - 42 "Shoot"
 - 44 Atlantic or Pacific fill
 - 48 Utah range
 - 51 Street brawl
 - 53 Fast, two-door autos
 - 54 Fibula, e.g.
 - 55 Thai pan
 - 56 Writer Huffington
 - 58 Oxygen, e.g.
 - 59 Portable bed
 - 60 Muppet with a major sweet tooth
 - 63 And others, in a list
 - 65 Make less dangerous, as a bull
 - 67 Cranked ho string device
 - 68 Zellweger or Adorée
 - 70 Apt question concerning 10 answers in this puzzle
 - 73 Patronage
 - 77 Knack
 - 80 Lung compartment
 - 83 Freeway rig
 - 84 Proofer's marking tool
 - 89 Brutus' leg
 - 91 Capitol VIP
 - 92 Opera great Pavarotti
 - 93 Sexu' soldier
 - 94 In the style of, an Italian menu
 - 95 Pericles' T
 - 96 Mine outputs
 - 97 Daily sedate
 - 99 Leas, e.g.
 - 100 Spumante
 - 104 Game with Skip cards
 - 105 "— for Outlaw" (Sue Grafton book)
 - 106 Old sitcom boy taylor
 - 107 Frequently, in sonnets
 - 108 Kapul
 - 111 Flowers symbolizing constancy
 - 116 Habitually sullen sort
 - 119 Fire waste
 - 120 Afflicts
 - 121 "Rats"
 - 122 New York and Hawai. election-wise
 - 128 Mode who hosted Fox's "More to Love"
 - 129 Rips to his
 - 130 Snoozing
 - 131 Folklore fiends
 - 132 1-man Eliot
 - 133 Very, to Chopin
 - 134 Unclean stuff
 - 135 Bête — (bugbear)
 - DOWN**
 - 1 13-Down filename extensor
 - 2 King, in Paris
 - 3 NHLer Bobby
 - 4 Beauty pageant; since 1952
 - 5 Filled 'ully
 - 6 Berry of film
 - 7 Timeline part
 - 8 Crocodile- logo shirt brand
 - 9 Gratifying one
 - 10 Month after avril
 - 11 Shortened form of a wd.
 - 12 Neighbor of Jersey City
 - 13 Producer of Acrobat
 - 14 Bolshevik lounge
 - 15 Dominatos
 - 16 Mug decorating stuff?
 - 17 Flat paving slab
 - 18 Docs' mates
 - 24 Good bud
 - 25 D.C.'s — Stadium
 - 30 Artis' votes
 - 31 Obstructing object
 - 32 Produce mother's milk
 - 33 Many a Ukrainian
 - 34 Location
 - 35 Terso question after an accord
 - 41 User-revised Web site
 - 43 Pitcups, e.g.
 - 45 Network for Jimmy Fallon
 - 46 Balsa, say
 - 47 Initial stake
 - 49 Novelist Hoag
 - 50 Presley's middle name
 - 52 Paving stuff
 - 55 Recouped
 - 57 O'n Andear
 - 60 Oct-
 - 61 "— goes, — go!"
 - 62 Rams' mates
 - 64 Liberal-leaning
 - 66 Lyric relative
 - 69 Kazar of filmmaking
 - 71 52, to Flav us
 - 72 Hal-inked address
 - 74 Hutchless organization
 - 75 "No joke!"
 - 76 Commonly congested cavities
 - 78 Sothem and Romney
 - 79 "— Rhythm"
 - 81 "Fur case"
 - 82 Tranquil
 - 84 "Xanadu" rock gp.
 - 85 Brand of packaged line toys
 - 86 Events with freezing rain
 - 87 Isle of poetry
 - 88 — approva ("yes" signa)
 - 90 With 10-Across, Agra attraction
 - 94 "As I Lay Dying" husband
 - 98 They follow summers
 - 99 Back ins
 - 100 Four hours before noon
 - 101 In the very distant past
 - 103 Ology
 - 107 Pool Nash
 - 109 Serpent slain by Hercules
 - 110 Arch types
 - 112 Boal rover
 - 113 "Be silent," in music
 - 114 Prel x with fit
 - 115 Rocker John
 - 117 Waller wad
 - 118 Sprite, e.g.
 - 123 "— Miami"
 - 124 Hosp. area
 - 125 Part of TNT
 - 126 Pocket fail?
 - 127 Compass dir



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hairstyle
 - 5 Ford du Wisc.
 - 8 Wan
 - 12 P tch
 - 13 Bachelor's last words
 - 14 Old portico
 - 15 Largest continent
 - 16 — canto
 - 17 Get ready, for short
 - 18 Catch sight of
 - 20 Lye layer
 - 22 West Virginia industry
 - 26 — nerve
 - 29 Japanese sash
 - 30 Sticky stuff
 - 31 Frog's cousin
 - 32 Pair
 - 33 Timely question?
 - 34 Unwell
 - 35 Miler
 - 36 Name
 - 37 "Kiss Me Kate" composer
 - 40 Up to
 - 41 Discomfort
 - 45 Dressed
 - 47 Botanica
 - 49 Wa ked (on)
 - 50 Heap
 - 51 "— was saying, ..."
 - 52 Enthralled
 - 53 PC operator
 - 54 Scooted
 - 55 Shelland, e.g.
 - 5 Egypt's neighbor
 - 6 Citric quaff
 - 7 Rumples sleuth of TV
 - 8 Colorado ski mecca
 - 9 Poker-win ming hair
 - 10 Weeding tool
 - 11 Shill bark
 - 19 Sirbad's fier
 - 21 Half of XIV
 - 23 Depress
 - 24 Yule refrain
 - 25 Missing
 - 26 Ear related
 - 27 Horse-play?
 - 28 Yarn
 - 32 Strip of cons
 - 33 Rug
 - 35 Sgt.'s subordinate
 - 36 Coffee break time
 - 38 Duck down
 - 39 Shroud city
 - 42 Jason's ship
 - 43 Any day now
 - 44 Nervous
 - 45 PC's brain
 - 46 F eur-de-
 - 48 Born in the —
- DOWN**
- 1 N'Djamena's country
 - 2 Nonhamptonshire river
 - 3 Rainbow
 - 4 Limp
 - 117 Waller wad
 - 118 Sprite, e.g.
 - 123 "— Miami"
 - 124 Hosp. area
 - 125 Part of TNT
 - 126 Pocket fail?
 - 127 Compass dir

REMOVE MAGIC MAZE ● LETTERS TO FIND A STATE



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

- Autobahn
- Imagine
- Marines
- Nuthatch
- Cohesion
- Ironware
- Matinee
- Outreach
- Foregone
- Kilowatt
- Microwave
- Outwash
- Foreground
- Magazine
- Mustache

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