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Lee County Fair Offers Special Benefits For Veterans, Seniors

The Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair has added expanded hours in addition to Senior/Military Day on Wednesday, March 2 and Harry Chapin Food Bank Night on Monday, February 29 to further its commitment to giving back to the community it has served for 92 years.

All seniors and veterans are invited to attend a special day of appreciation on Wednesday, March 2 beginning at 11 a.m., with \$5 gate admission all day. The lineup of entertainment includes a dance contest to live music from The Del Prados. The contest is open to seniors ages 62 and over. Registration begins at 12:15 and ends at 1 p.m., and will be held on site only. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners of the Jitterbug and the Twist. At 4 p.m., Danny & The Juniors will perform, featuring Joe Terry. Lee Memorial Health System, along with various agencies, will be hosting a mini health fair. A printable brochure is available online at swflcfair.com.



Candied apples

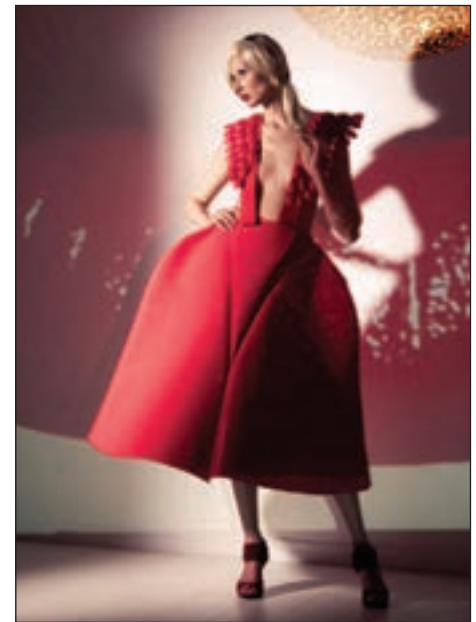
Harry Chapin Food Bank Night is Monday, February 29 with gates opening at 4 p.m. Gate admission is free with a donation of three canned goods per person. Regular admission applies without a donation, with proceeds from gate sales on that night going to this charity, which supplies food pantries all across Southwest Florida.

The Creative Living and Home Arts Departments are where the community's creativity comes alive. With just under 1,000 entries in 2015, this vibrant department continues to grow as categories expand and entries arrive from neighboring counties. New this year are the Cake Decorating Category and 3D Doodling. Cake Decorating is open to youth, ages 14 to 20, and there are adult categories for non-professionals and for

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Model on the runway



Dress designed by Mariapia Malerba
photo by Alicia Caverio

Art Walks The Runway Fashion Show

Producer Melissa Tschari DeHaven rolls out the red carpet once again for the 5th annual Art Walks The Runway Fashion Show, a celebration of fashion in the Fort Myers River District. The show will take place at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers, from February 25 to 27.

The Art Walks The Runway Fashion Show will celebrate the elegance of successful local fashion boutiques as well as the bold creations of local and international designers. Proceeds will benefit the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Eclectic Education programming and development.

On Thursday, February 25, the Celebration of Fashion opening party will feature the

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The Freecoasters

Kiwanis Taste Of Pine Island Is This Weekend

Due to the unprecedented amount of rain during the previous month, The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island rescheduled the annual Taste of Pine Island to Saturday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, February 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will take place at Phillips Park (5675 Sesame



The Honey Creepers Band

Drive) on Pine Island Road behind the Pine Island Fire Station. Single day tickets are \$6 and two-day passes are \$10; no charge for children 10 and under. 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 Taste of Pine Island will feature a large variety of food and craft vendors. The

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Frog Smith

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



Ernest Archer “Frog” Smith, pictured here astride his Harley motorcycle circa 1917, was a folk artist and storyteller in the classic Florida Cracker tradition.

He was born in Georgia in 1896, but spent most of his life in Florida, arriving in 1911. He worked for approximately the first half of his life as a machinist,

oilier, and engineer for railroads and sawmills, which in the early twentieth century were doing a booming business logging the region’s native pine and cypress forests.

But after the demise of logging, he truly reinvented himself, becoming the character still remembered by many locals.

Among the many curious stories and facts about him is how he earned his nickname Frog.

During the Great Depression, he worked for a time at the Clewiston sugar mill, which closed down for a time. Always flexible and enterprising in finding new sources of income, he took up night-time frog-hunting to supply the delicacy to New York markets.

He continued frog hunting even after he returned to work for the U.S. Sugar Corporation. In 1936, his friends gave him the nickname Frog, which he disliked but eventually accepted.

To say he possessed versatility and confidence is an understatement. Despite having only an eighth-grade education, he tackled many endeavors and seemed to succeed in all of them.

Beginning at age 12, he worked with locomotives, boilers and various other machines. He was also a railroad engineer and machinist, primarily at sawmills, including Dowling and Camp, the one in Slater (North Fort Myers), starting in 1942. He drove and repaired engines manufactured as far back as the Civil War era.

That was the Jim Crow era, when both whites and blacks worked at the mills, but specific jobs were understood to be a white or a black man’s job. Of course, the former had higher status and pay.

In a 1980 interview, he recalled the racial politics of the mill: “Such jobs as sawyer and millwright were usually a white man’s job. Also lumber inspector and foreman because a white man wouldn’t work under a black man in those days. Well, I got to give credit to a black man. He taught me to run one of those big steam loaders in the woods, and it was a black man that taught me most of what I know about running an ice plant.”



Many of Frog Smith’s paintings, such as *The Homesteader*, depict Florida’s classic Cracker culture

courtesy Florida State Archives

After the Slater mill closed in 1944, he scraped together a living from a hodge-podge of jobs. He also built an eight-room house with lumber from two shanties the mill owner gave him.

In addition, he began writing, drawing on his itinerant work life, family history and Florida’s Cracker culture for material. Under the pen name of Frog, he wrote a column for the Tampa Tribune for a decade; he also wrote for a variety of periodicals, including *Railroad Magazine*.

In 1954 *News-Press* editor William Spear hired him to write a regular Sunday feature that is fondly remembered by many former readers. That column ran for almost 40 years.

At an age when many people retire, he was not only writing, but gaining recognition as a raconteur and folk artist. His paintings reflect the life he lived among locomotives, lumber mills and Florida’s rural landscape. He received various awards, such as the 1975 Folk Heritage Award for Outstanding Contributions to Florida’s Folklife. He appeared at the Smithsonian Institution for the Bicentennial Folklore Festival in Washington, D.C., and he was featured on CBS television’s *On the Road* series with Charles Kuralt.

In the late 1970s, he took his storytelling and unique personality to local television on WINK-TV’s series, *Florida Yesterday*.

He died in 1993 at age 96 in Fort Myers.

See exhibits that illuminate the culture that Frog Smith loved by visiting the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street.

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



This circa-1917 photo of Frog Smith on his Harley motorcycle was taken when he was on his way to work

courtesy Southwest Florida Museum of History

Continue your history research at the Southwest Florida Historical Society’s research center.

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

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

Sources: The Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *Railroading on the Gulf Coast: A Conversation with E. A. “Frog” Smith* in Tampa Bay History, and Findagrave.com.*

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Fort Myers Art:

Town's 150th Anniversary And A Tribute To Pioneer Women

by Tom Hall



Just in time to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Fort Myers' settlement and National Women's History Month in March, a new book published by Editorial Rx Press shares the previously

untold stories of the town's first female settlers, Evalina Gonzalez and Christiana Stirrup Vivas.

It was Evalina and Manuel Gonzalez who decided to build their home from the remnants of the old Seminole Indian and Civil War outpost from which the town now claims its name. And it was Christiana and Joe Vivas who opted to remain in the town after Evalina, Manuel and the town's other three settlers decided to leave in order to homestead acreage west of the fort and north of the Caloosahatchee.

Female Pioneers of Fort Myers: Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development by Robin C. Tuthill

Back by Popular Demand:
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In the Edison Caretaker's Gallery
Opening Reception, March 6, 3 – 5 PM:

Gallery Talk
by Tom Hall, Show Curator, at 3:30 PM

Painting Performance
by Linda Busch Benson

Book Signing
by Tom Hall and Robin Tuthill, authors of *Female Pioneers of Fort Myers*

Public Invited to enter by the Caretaker's Gate

The Fort Myers Founding Females Portrait Show in the historic Caretaker's Cottage at Edison Ford takes place during National Women's History Month. It opens with an artists' reception, presentation and books signing on Sunday, March 6

and me, Tom Hall, provides biographies of both Evalina Gonzalez and Christiana Vivas as well as 22 other women who played key roles in settling Fort Myers and transforming the rough-and-tumble cow town it became in the last third of the 19th century into today's commercial, cultural and tourist center.

A portrait of Evalina Gonzalez will anchor the return of the Fort Myers Founding Females Portrait Show to the historic Caretaker's Cottage at the Edison Ford Winter Estates during National

Women's History Month, which opens with an artists' reception, presentation and book signing from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. It is free and open to the public. The Edison Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers.

The foreword for *Female Pioneers of Fort Myers* was written by Fort Myers News-Press senior writer Amy Bennett Williams and back cover endorsements provided by Mayor Randy Henderson, *River Weekly News* history columnist

Gerri Reaves, Edison Ford Winter Estates CEO and President Chris Pendleton, Edison Ford Winter Estates Chief Curator Mike Cosden and local archaeologist and former Mound House director Theresa Schober.

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.✪

Greeters Club

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers is planning a Chinese Auction on Thursday, March 17. The event will benefit this year's charity choice, The Dr. Piper Center for Social Services, Inc., a local agency dedicated to empowering seniors, children and communities. Participate by selecting a new, gently used or re-gifted special treasure at the charity fund raiser luncheon.

Make your luncheon reservation (cost: \$20) today and find out more about joining the group by emailing greetersclub@gmail.com. Provide contact information (your name, email address and phone number), and you will receive a return email confirming your reservation. Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers. Go to www.greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com for more information.✪

Book Features Mina Edison

More than 100 years ago, some amazing women braved the wilderness to live in South Florida and accomplished great feats, even before they had the vote.

Among them was Mina Miller Edison, who accompanied her famous husband to remote Fort Myers in 1885, taking trains and boats to get to their home on the Caloosahatchee River. She was active in civic affairs all her life and left their house to become part of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates for the enjoyment of the public.

You can read more in the new book *Women in the Everglades: Pioneers and Early Environmentalists*, which tells about historic times on both the east and west coasts as well as around Lake Okeechobee. Among the heroines are May Mann Jennings of Miami, who established Royal Hammock State Park (precursor to Everglades National Park) in 1916; Marian O'Brien, who became the Mayor of Moore Haven when it was incorporated in 1916; and Laetitia Nutt of Sanibel who, with her daughters, taught in many of the little schools around the area.

The book is now for sale at the Museum Store in the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org or call 334-7419.

To contact the author, visit www.ecity-publishing.com or call 695-2905.✪

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Graduating Class Of Disabled Veteran Trainees



Gary Bryant, Nelson Acevedo-Diaz, Paul Dunaway, Jordan Hess and Gary V. Trippe

Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers (DVIC), the non-profit organization that helps train, educate and create meaningful employment opportunities within the insurance industry for disabled veterans, celebrated the graduation of its most recent class on February 4. The three graduating disabled veterans – Nelson Acevedo-Diaz, Jordan Hess and Paul Dunaway – were each awarded their Certified Insurance Service Representative (CISR) designations. The CISR program, developed by The National Alliance for Insurance Education, is a CE credit-approved, nationally recognized designation that included five courses of study.

“I am so proud of our three recent graduates,” said Gary Bryant, president and CEO of DVIC. “They have each spent the last six months training and working toward the goal of achieving their CISR designation, and they each accomplished that. With their military training and insurance training combined, they have very successful careers



John Pollock, Gary Bryant, Nelson Acevedo-Diaz, Paul Dunaway, Jordan Hess, General Dozier, Gay Trippe and Gary V. Trippe ahead of them.”

DVIC relies on corporate donations, personal donations and support from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to sponsor disabled veterans who go through the CISR training program. If you would like to sponsor a veteran or make a donation to DVIC, visit www.DVIC.us or call 433-8523.

Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers is a not for profit 501(c) 3 organization, established in 2011 with the mission to educate, train and create meaningful employment opportunities within the insurance industry for disabled veterans. The organization’s operating board consists of: retired U.S. Army Major General James L. Dozier; Roger C. Mercado Jr. of Community Cooperative Inc.; Gary V. Trippe CIC, co-founder and chairman of Oswald Trippe and Co.; retired insurance agency executive Gay Trippe; John Pollock CIC, regional insurance president, Florida, Pennsylvania, Tennessee of BB&T Insurance Services, Inc.; retired U.S. Army Colonel Thomas A. Dials, chairman emeritus of the Armed Forces Insurance Corporation; Dr. JR Harding of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; former U.S. Air Force Captain and professional speaker Wayne Smith; Todd E. Gates, chairman of Gates Construction; and retired U.S. Army Captain Jae Barclay of CRC Insurance Services. Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Gary L. Bryant is the president and CEO of DVIC.✪

The League Of Women Voters Hosts Open Government & You Program

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

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

Florida has traditionally been a leader in providing its citizens oversight and review of the actions of its elected officials at every level through its Sunshine laws.

Unfortunately, privacy concerns and influential special interests are working to erode these laws and erect barriers to transparency and accountability.

The Open Government & You program will:

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

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

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'Ding' Darling Announces High School Photo Contest Winners

At a special ceremony on February 6, the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) announced winners and finalists in the third annual "Ding" Darling-Theodore Cross High School Photography Contest at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

Sponsored by the Theodore Cross Family Charitable Foundation, the competition invited high school students from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties to compete for prizes that included a Canon digital SLR camera package, chartered class trips to the refuge, Tarpon Bay Explorers excursions and copies of *Waterbirds: Portraits and Anecdotes from Birding Adventures* by contest namesake, the late Theodore Cross.

Cross, who lived part-time on Sanibel Island and has family still living here, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; advised the Johnson and Nixon administrations on anti-poverty programs; wrote the influential book *Black Capitalism*, among others; played a prominent role in President Obama's election; and created *Birders United*, a birding website that ranked legislators according to their record of bird protection support.



First-place winner Adrian Dougherty with contest sponsor Amanda Cross



Adrian Dougherty took first place with her photo of a staked sea turtle nest

Late in life, Cross decided to indulge his love for birds and photography and traveled the world to collect stunning portraits and stories to chronicle his adventures. He photographed often at "Ding" Darling, and a number of the images in his book reflect his love for the refuge. Cross published *Waterbirds* in 2009 at age 85; he passed away shortly after that in February 2010.

NPR's *All Things Considered* called Cross' collection of 179 images and countless anecdotes "spectacular." The *New York Times* described it as "part visual encyclopedia, part memoir."

World-renowned New York photographer and friend of the Cross family, Arne Svenson, judged the contest, along with DDWS board member Sarah Ashton and Sanibel resident Pam Weiner. First place went to a picture of a staked turtle nest on the beach by Adrian Dougherty, a 12th grader at Fort Myers High School.

"What I liked about the winning photo was the mysterious narrative implied by the empty enclosure surrounded by 'danger-tape,'" wrote Svenson. "Is it to protect something hidden within? Or is to contain an invisible danger? It speaks to me of nature in



Carolyn Linehan placed third Sssssss

the 21st century – at risk and needing to be protected."

In second place, 12th grader Dahlia Lilleslatten from Cypress Lake High captured a flock of shorebirds taking flight in *Clamour of Wings*. Carolyn Linehan, another 12th-grader from Fort Myers High, took third place with her portrait of a Florida brown water snake, titled *Sssssss*. Honorable mention winners and other finalists are listed below.

"Theodore Cross' family made this contest possible, and it has become a quick success story," said Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director. "We couldn't be more thrilled that the family wanted its donation used in this way – to reach an age group that often falls through the cracks of conservation education. Kudos to our associate director Sarah Lathrop and our interns for a fabulous job of running the contest."

"We were surprised and delighted that we had more than 500 amazing photo entries from 12 different schools," said Lathrop. "Teachers, advisors and volunteers worked hard at helping to encourage students to enter."

"We are so happy to be supporting a contest in my father's name, a contest that will get our youth involved with nature by looking at it – as my father so loved doing – through a camera lens," said daughter Amanda Cross.

Students were able to submit up to two photographs. Winning and honorable mention images are on display at the "Ding" Darling Education & Visitor Center and will be available to view by Facebook album on DDWS' page www.facebook.com/dingdarling.

Winners

- 1st Place: Adrian Dougherty, Fort Myers High
- 2nd Place: Dahlia Lilleslatten, Cypress Lake High
- 3rd Place Carolyn Linehan, Fort Myers High

Honorable Mentions (in alphabetical order)

- Christopher Blakely, Fort Myers High
- Jacqueline Brodskaya, Fort Myers High
- Elizabeth Garcia, Lehigh Senior High
- Danielle Gorddard, Cypress Lake High
- Brianna Grant, Estero High
- Elizabeth Rodriguez, Lehigh Senior High
- Nicholas Drake Santana, Cape Coral High

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Calendar Girls Perform At American Legion Post 103



Calendar Girls perform in Punta Gorda at the American Legion 103

Along with Chief, the Southeastern Guide Dog In Training, the Calendar Girls honored the veterans of Punta Gorda American Legion Post 103 on Saturday, February 20, with their America The Beautiful show.

For more information about the girls and those superhero puppies, go to www.calendargirlsflorida.com.

American Legion Post 274

On Friday, February 26, the Kiwanis Club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at American Legion Post 274 at Fort Myers Beach. On Saturday, February 27, 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 28, 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 29, the pool league plays at 6 p.m. A pot roast dinner will be served.

On Tuesday, March 1, choose from fettuccine Alfredo with 25 shrimp or a fried chicken dinner. Country line dancing and two-step instructions are at 6:30 p.m. Mega-Money is also at 6:30 p.m. Birdie Lee plays from 7 to 10 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 2, Bingo is played from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 3, a baby back ribs dinner will be served. The Classix play from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

The American Legion Melvin Cowart Post 274 is located at 899 Buttonwood Drive, Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 463-6591.

Lake Kennedy Senior Center Betty's Big Show Across America

Betty Dentzau's Guys & Dolls Performance Team will perform at the Lake Kennedy Senior Center on Friday, March 4 dinner show and at a matinee on Sunday, March.

The show will include songs, dances and humorous skits that will take the audience to New York, Broadway, down the east coast to Florida and up and down from north to south, all the way to the west coast and on to Hawaii. Along the way, visit Kentucky, West Virginia and meet the Hatfields and McCoys. Also meet The Supremes, the Wizard and Dorothy in Kansas, go to a luau in Hawaii and meet Elvis in Las Vegas before the patriotic finale.

Friday evening's show is \$20 per person, with dinner included catered by Bob Evans courtesy of community partner Griswold Homecare. Bring your own beverage. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's matinee is \$10 per person. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Preregistration is required.

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

Lake Kennedy Senior Center Free Lunch And Learn Seminar

Lake Kennedy Center invites all to attend a valuable free lunch and learn seminar on Wednesday, March 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

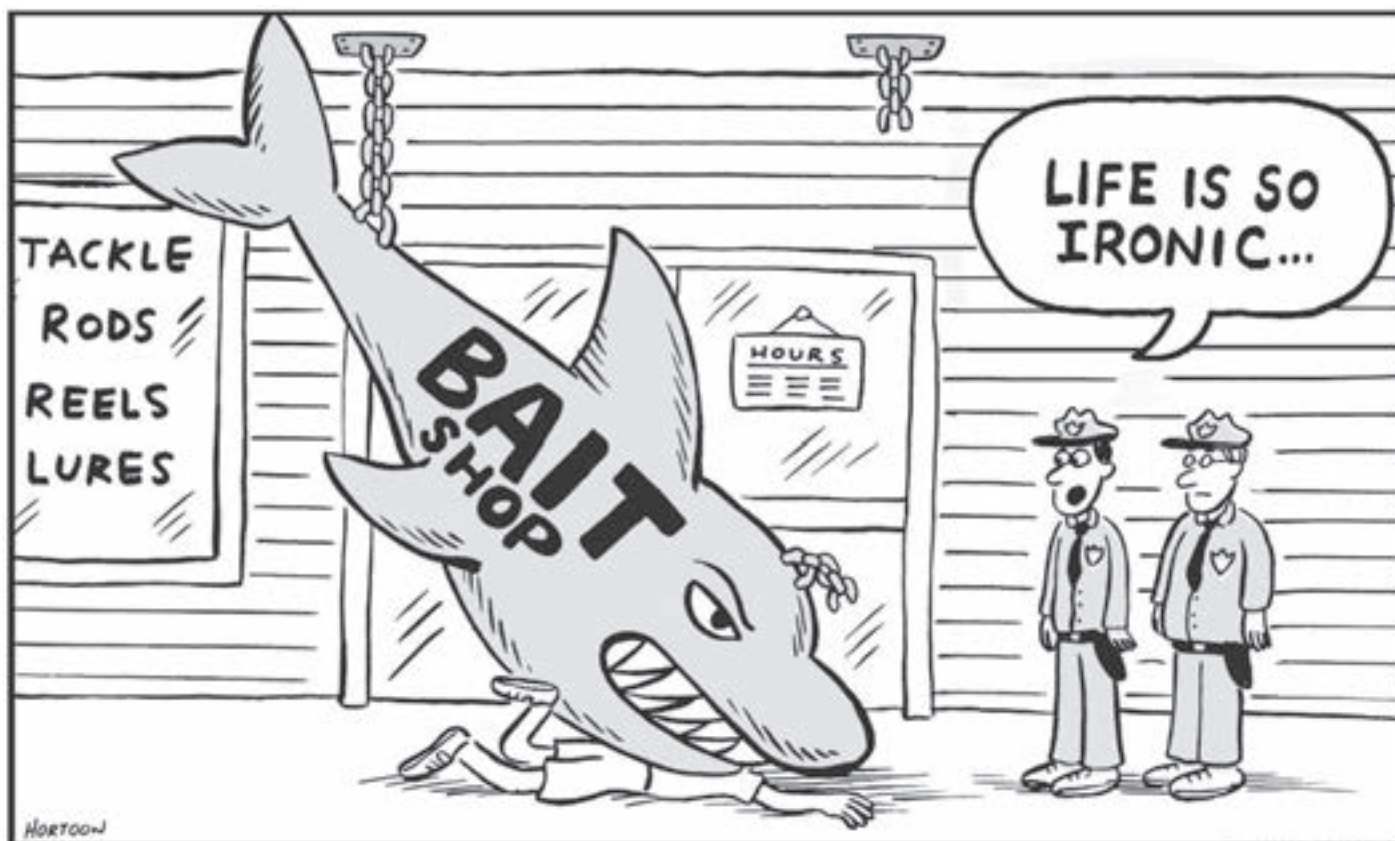
Throughout your investing life, you've worked hard to save for the retirement you've always envisioned. In this seminar, we'll talk about one of the most life-altering financial turning points each of us will experience – the transition to retirement – and the challenges and risks associated with it, as well as some potential solutions for building a portfolio to support your goals.

Presenters will include Robert DiMaria, vice president, senior financial advisor with Merrill Lynch; Albert Abdo, financial advisor with Merrill Lynch; and Greg Norris, regional vice president with Symetra. This is a great way to learn more information that could be beneficial to you, your family, and your friends. Join us for an informative seminar with complimentary lunch from Jason's Deli courtesy of Merrill Lynch. 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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Dahlia Lilleslatten came in second with her *A Clamour of Wings*

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Photo Contest Winners

Julia Sereda, North Fort Myers High
Tyler Swanson, Golden Gate High
Luciana Villarroel, Fort Myers High
Jessica Yawn, Lehigh Senior High
Corinne Zepeda, Golden Gate High
Finalists (in alphabetical order)
Alayna Bradley, Fort Myers High
Rebecca Brownlie, N. Fort Myers High
Juliana Buno, Lehigh Senior High
Ezequiel Cuevas, Lehigh Senior High

Emily Hendry, Fort Myers High
Citlalli Hinojosa, Lehigh Senior High
Kathy Lemes, Lehigh Senior High
Carolyn Linehan, Fort Myers High
Angely Lopez, Lehigh Senior High
Sharon Machuca, Lehigh Senior High
Jared Mercado, Lehigh Senior High
Heather Peterson, Cape Coral High
Grace Speas, Fort Myers High
Shane Sukhnuth, Lehigh Senior High
Andrea Wilson, Golden Gate High
To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.*

Night For Life Fundraiser To Return April 11

On Monday, April 11 from 5 to 9 p.m., the 9th annual Night For Life fundraiser will be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. It is sponsored by Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc. to benefit local organ transplant patients and those on the transplant waiting list.

Entertainment will include the Del Prados, back by popular demand with three new voices, and a performance by the Broadway Palm Theatre.

Tickets are \$35 per person, \$50 for VIP seating and include a buffet dinner, program, entertainment and both silent and Chinese auctions. Bid on jewelry, golf packages, boat trips, Walt Disney World theme park tickets, Busch Gardens tickets, vacations, Night at the Casino, dinners and unique gifts.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Auctions run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and the dinner buffet is open from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The program includes recognition of transplant recipients, donors and caregivers.

Night For Life raises money for the Fletcher Trust Fund, which was estab-

lished in 2004 to assist transplant recipients in Southwest Florida. An average of 22 people die each day in the U.S. due to a lack of available organs and tissue.

To learn more about registering to be an organ donor, visit www.donatelifefl.com/register.

To purchase tickets for Night For Life, call David at 560-3401. To become a sponsor of the event or if interested in donating auction items, call 247-3073.

For additional information, visit www.organsupport.org. Those interested in learning more about the nonprofit organization, Organ Transplant Recipients of SWFL, Inc., may send an email to otrofswfl@gmail.com.*

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Imagine Gala Will Tempt Taste Buds March 12

The 11th annual Imagine Gala will be held Saturday, March 12 at the Imaginarium Science Center, 2000 Cranford Avenue in Fort Myers.

Some of Southwest Florida's finest chefs will compete in a live cook-off and entertain the crowd while highlighting the unique flavors, colors and textures of the region's springtime bounty.

The chefs' pantry will be stocked with produce, meat, seafood, dairy products and other delicacies that meet the exacting standards of the Fresh From Florida program. A secret ingredient will make things even more interesting.

As the competition reaches fever pitch, no one should worry about being able to stand the heat, as the kitchen will be staged under the stars on the grounds of the Imaginarium.

Guests will be served each chef's appetizer course and can purchase opportunities to vote on their Fan Favorite. The money from each vote will go into the scholarship fund to support summer camp scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to afford the experience, or to match funds with the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools to offer STEM college scholarships. These votes will be counted among those of a panel of local celebrity judges, and the chefs will be afforded a 10-minute presentation to explain the strategy,

inspiration and techniques behind their masterpieces. A seat on the judges' panel will be offered to the highest bidder the night of the event.

Catering focused on Fresh From Florida ingredients will be provided, along with an open bar. There will be music and dancing, a live and silent auction, interactive activities, other entertainment on the theme of food and food science and some surprises. The event calls for cocktail attire.

Many levels of sponsorship are available, offering promotional opportunities, gala tickets, a seat on the cook-off judges panel and family memberships. All money raised at the event benefits The Imaginarium Group and SWFL Museum of History Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Imaginarium and the SWFL Museum of History in raising exhibit and education program funds. Lipman Produce is the title sponsor.

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Along The River



Go Greek this weekend at the 41st annual Greek Fest in Fort Myers. The three-day event features authentic costumes, food, traditional music, carnival rides and a chance to win \$25,000.

Friday, February 26 is the first day of **Greek Fest**, a popular annual event hosted by the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Fort Myers.

For 41 years, the parish has entertained Lee county with a glorious display of sights, sounds and tastes of Greece. Families have been coming for many reasons – the food, the gifts, colorful dancers, authentic Greek music, curiosity or just plain delight. No matter the reason, they will experience the warmth and generosity that have been the hallmarks of the Greek culture.

Greek Fest features authentic Greek food; carnival rides and games; dance exhibitions; live music; merchandise vendors; church tours; raffle for a car or \$25,000; and dollar cash raffle.

Festivities run Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon



Grammy Award-winners Trae Pierce & the T-Stone Band return to Alliance for the Arts on Sunday as part of the Bruce T. Gora Sunset Concert Series

to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per adult and tickets are valid for the entire weekend. There is no entrance fee for children under 12.

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church is located at 8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. For more information, call 481-2099 or go to www.greekfestfortmyers.com.

Also beginning Friday, join the newest downtown event with **Pet Walk**. The pet friendly gathering occurs every fourth Friday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hendry Street median. Pet owners are expected to have pets leashed and pick up any pet souvenirs. It is presented by downtown Fort Myers' River District Alliance.

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

Car Cruise-In returns to the River District on Saturday, February 27.

From classic to cool, downtown streets are lined with amazing show cars on the fourth Saturday of the month from 4 to 8 p.m. Free to the public, the event also showcases music, food and drinks with many downtown businesses featuring additional specials.

For more information about Car Cruise-In, go to www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com or call (855) 732-3836.

Put your dancing shoes on and join **Suzanne's Dance Fitness** on February 27 for its monthly Saturday ballroom social dance has a new format and extended hours.

Taking place from 6 to 8 p.m., Island Ballroom's David Flory will be leading a 45-minute "party prep" class for all those who want a quick, basic review of the dances they will be dancing that evening. The class will be followed by general dancing for all levels.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served, plus there will be a special demonstration of Adagio, the studio's contemporary/ballet/ballroom fusion fitness class.

Suzanne's Dance Fitness is located at 1400 Colonial Boulevard #27, Fort Myers, in Royal Palm Square. For more information, call 822-9226 or go to www.DanceSuzannes.com.

On Sunday, February 28, the Lee County Alliance for the Arts welcomes back Grammy Award-winners **Trae Pierce & the T-Stone Band** as part of its Bruce T. Gora Sunset Concert Series. Now in its 6th year, the series honors the memory and community contributions of musician, photographer, architect and longtime alliance board member Bruce Gora.

Trae Pierce began playing music at age seven. He was born and raised in Miami and his first instruments included the piano and guitar before he found his calling on the bass guitar at age nine. Since then, Pierce has gone on to share stages with the Blind Boys of Alabama, Sugarfoot & the Ohio Players, Dr Hook featuring Ray Sawyer, Emmylou Harris, Susan Tedeschi, James Brown, Peter Gabriel, and more. Pierce is also an accomplished record producer. His efforts have earned him four Grammy Awards, three Dove Awards, an NAACP Image Award, and in 2010 he was inducted into the Alabama Hall of Fame.

Gates open at 4 p.m. Alliance member pre-sale tickets are \$15 and \$20 at the gate. The concert runs from 5 to 7 p.m. Blankets, lawn chairs and coolers are encouraged!

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

On Wednesdays, the **Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center** offers a three-hour guided tour. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children over six. Reservations are required.

Learn where the shrimp that is served at Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Fest comes from and how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other important factors used in this unique industry.

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Torah Study At Temple Judea

On Thursday, March 3 at noon, Temple Judea's Rabbi Sack begins a one-hour Torah study that includes an open discussion of Torah and Judaism where all levels of background and all questions are encouraged.

The session is held on the first Thursday of the month at the office of Myers, Bretthoitz & Company, 12671 Whitehall Drive in Fort Myers. Bring a chumash if you have one. Rabbi Sack will bring the text for the session.

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A & W Bulb Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-0201 or send an email to tjswfl@gmail.com.*

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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Nursery care for pre-school children and Children's Church ages 5 to 12 available.

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15690 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-2030. Pastor David Stauffer. Traditional Service Sunday 8:45 a.m., Contemporary Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is ½ mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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Downtown Fort Myers River District, 2466 First Street, 332-1152. www.fumcftmyers.org. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Blended Church Service; 5:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330. Pastor Reverend Mark Condrey. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Church School 9:15 a.m.

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8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers. 482-3133. Philip White, pastor. Morning Worship: 10 a.m., Church School: 10:15 a.m., Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

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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.

JESUS THE WORKER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143. Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 218-8343. Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service.

LAMB OF GOD CHURCH

A few federated Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal Congregation. 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. 267-3525. www.lambofgodchurch.net. Reverend Dr. James Reho. Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday's Cool for Children 10 a.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

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

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See Clearly. Meeting monthly at 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers. 220-8519. Pastor Alan Bondar. www.newcovenanteyes.com. LIFT Kidz program, free coffee and donuts.

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OF FORT MYERS

16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10. 985-8503. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship. 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study.

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3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers. Pastor Eddie Spencer. 8 and 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship. 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship. 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School. Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services. Nursery care provided at all services. 274-1230. www.newhopefortmyers.org.

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Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge. 17671 Pine Ridge Road. 267-7400. Pastors, Gail and RC Fleeman. Adult Discussion Classes 8:45 a.m. Countdown to Worship 10:10 a.m. Amazing Grace Worship: 10:30 a.m. www.peacecommunitychurch.com.

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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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16940 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 454-3336. Robert G. Kasten Pastor. Sunday 11 a.m. Nursery 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages. Junior Church grades one to five. Wee Church Pre-K to K. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

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THE NEW CHURCH

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

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WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

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

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Kiwanis Club Speaker Discusses Importance Of Black History Month



Patricia Stevens, club secretary; guest speaker Wilmer Carter; and Donna Clarke, club president

submitted by Pat Stevens

February is Black History Month and hearing the life story of this kind and gentle man, who originally grew up in Punta Gorda, was just what we needed to help us reflect on the importance of why we have Black History Month.

Wilmer Carter was as part of a strong close-knit family. It's the kind of foundation this young black man needed in the early 1950s. Parents, aunts and especially his uncles nurtured and counseled and guided him. He and his schoolmates, who also had families encouraging them to go to school, were bussed daily from Punta Gorda to a black high school in the Fort Myers area. There was segregation during his school days and there were no black schools in Punta Gorda. Now that is the dedication to education that families still need to instill in their children. Another lesson learned from Black History Month.

After high school, Carter served four years in the United States Navy. He used the GI Bill to go to Bethune-Cookman College. Segregation still dictated where he could get a higher education. After graduation, Wilmer's first job was with the New York State Postal Service. He met his wife, Mary, there and this year they will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary. Wilmer then went on to get a job in one of New

Singing Will Soar At Chapel By The Sea



Douglas Renfroe



Helen Tintes-Schuermann

On March 3, Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church will hold its last concert in this year's series when Douglas Renfroe, bass baritone, and Helen Tintes-Schuermann, contralto, combine forces to offer an evening of exceptional entertainment. Abigail Allison will be the pianist for the evening. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and a free will offering is suggested.

Renfroe is an internationally acclaimed bass baritone who has performed

throughout the Europe and the United States. He toured as Tevye with *Fidler on the Roof* in Austria, Bulgaria and Israel and has been a featured soloist and guest conductor with the Varna International Music Festival. Since 2011, he has conducted and performed extensively in Quebec City with various orchestras and concert venues, and has just completed another year as artist-in-residence at Quebec City's Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Tintes-Schuermann is a new visiting associate professor of music at Ave Maria University. She will split her time between Ave Maria and the Konservatorium Wien University in Vienna, Austria, where she has taught classical voice for several years. Tintes-Schuermann began playing piano at the age of 7 and was the organist at her church in West Fargo, North Dakota. After earning her bachelor's degree in music education, she taught at colleges and universities, performing along the way. Now an international artist, she gives master classes and concerts in Finland, Estonia, China, the U.S. and Spain.

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church is located at 2500 block of Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call 463-3173.*

York's penal facilities, where he served as a counselor. His first assignment was on death row.

Now years later, he still has great stories to tell of his years as a counselor at several of the New York penal institutions. Wilmer is currently serving on the Fort Myers Citizen's Police Review Board. He and his wife are encouraging the younger generations of Carters to bigger and better things through their active family and church lives.

Carter kept in touch with his college classmates through the years and after a recent college reunion he started working on a book, *A Journal Of A Few*. With entries from himself and several of his college friends, this book came to life. Carter autographed several copies for our Kiwanis Club members.

A special thanks to Wilmer and Mary Carter for joining us and sharing with us the importance of Black History Month.

The Fort Myers Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon for a lunch meeting. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings and luncheon fellowship and networking. Gwendolyn's Café and Catering is their caterer. For further information, call Club Secretary Pat Stevens at 226-1556.*

Special Equestrians Taste Of Love

Special Equestrians' annual culinary extravaganza, Taste of Love will be held on Sunday, March 6 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings, located at 16240 Tamiami Trail in Fort Myers. The event theme is Relax, Reflect, Refresh and will feature dishes from popular area restaurants and chefs, wine pairings, live and silent auctions and entertainment.

Celebrity auctioneer Jay Severson and emcee Jessica Stilwell Catti will oversee the evening's events. More than 400 attended the event in 2015, raising \$150,000 for the therapeutic horseback riding program. Tickets are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at www.specialequestrians.net or by calling 851-7070 or emailing jtfifer@gmail.com.

All proceeds from Taste of Love will benefit Special Equestrians, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities by providing a structured therapeutic horseback riding program and equine assisted activities. The Special Equestrians therapeutic riding program has been awarded Premier Accredited Center status by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship.

Sponsors include *Florida Weekly*, Palm Printing and Wayne Wiles Floorcoverings. Additional sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available at www.specialequestrians.net or by calling Freda Jones at 565-3792 or flj@rbcs.net or Jan Fifer at 851-7070 or jtfifer@gmail.com.*

College Fair

On Wednesday, March 2, First Baptist Academy will host a NACCAP Christian College Fair. This event, free and open to the public, will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Naples, Common building. The fair will host approximately 20 Christian colleges/universities. Additionally, there will be a college financial aid presentation at 10:15 a.m. For a list of the colleges/universities attending the fair and for additional information, visit www.myblueprintstory.com and click on the Naples fair.*

Zonta Awards Grant To SalusCare

The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida has awarded a \$9,000 grant to SalusCare, Inc. to provide educational needs for women recovering from substance abuse at SalusCare's Transitional Living Center on Grand Avenue in Fort Myers.

The money will be used to purchase computer software, educational and recovery materials and stipends for about 60 women in recovery to enable them to complete coursework and file job applications.

The overall goal is to help women in recovery obtain the skills they need to earn a living wage and become self-

sufficient in the workplace.

"We are so grateful to the women of Zonta who have so graciously supported our women for many years," said Rosemary Boisvert, SalusCare assistant vice president of residential services. "Our goal is to remove the barriers that prevent them from being successful. If they need financial assistance for tuition, we can help with that. If they need help with supplies or transportation to get to school or training, we can assist with that as well.

"While at SalusCare's Transitional Living Center, the women work very hard at learning skills for the job of living in sobriety. This grant will help them build on their newfound skills and give them something more to enhance their chances of maintaining their sobriety and self-sufficiency," Boisvert said.

"We have been very fortunate to have this long lasting relationship with the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva. The Zonta Club gives our women far more than dollars. They also give of themselves," Boisvert said.

Zonta has been a partner with the women in the Transitional Living Center since 2000 and has provided grants totaling \$129,000 and hundreds of hours of time to support the needs of women recovering from substance abuse.

For example, for nine months each year, The Sanibel-Captiva Zontians travel to the Fort Myers Transitional Living Center campus of SalusCare to work hand in hand with the women in the halfway house. Projects vary from jewelry

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Winter Fishing Means Sheephead



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Better weather all week long made being out on the water a pleasure and catching lots of fish came relatively easily. Water clarity in the middle to northern sound is starting to

passes and in the mangrove creek systems. Some of the biggest ones all week came in and around the passes. The best big sheephead bite was consistently on a high outgoing tide with almost every fish caught being of legal size plus. Mangrove creeks also produced a few keepers on the low water but it involved catching lots of shorts to get any decent ones. Many of these mangrove creeks shorelines are now just overrun with little bait-stealing mangrove snapper that make it just about impossible for a sheephead to get to your bait before they do.

Docks throughout the sound were also a good choice to catch sheephead. Roosevelt Channel and Safety Harbor areas were a few places where I did very well this week. although finding which docks the sheephead were holding on took a little time and moving around. It seemed if you caught a few small ones on a dock, it was worth spending a little more time on it as odds were there are some larger ones there too. Fish deeper docks with strong tide movement and pilings that are in five feet or more of water as these seem to be the ones that are holding the larger fish.

Trout fishing did get a little bit better this week. Areas from Chino Island north

look a lot better than it had although water in the southern sound and mouth of the river is still that nasty brown. During the incoming tide much needed clearer gulf water can be seen working its way in though the passes. With water temperatures still on the cold side, hanging only in the mid to upper 60s, it's forcing anglers to continue to fish a winter time pattern using shrimp for bait.

On most of my trips this week we targeted sheephead both around the



Nick Little from Ohio with one of many sheephead he caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

held lots of trout and at times this bite was a fish on nearly every cast. Although this is great non-stop action, I was unable to consistently catch any big trout so

getting a few keepers was a matter of catching lots and lots of just under the 15-inch minimum size fish until you got that 16- to 18-inch model. Ladyfish and a few Spanish mackerel were also caught while trout fishing.

Just when things were starting to warm up and hopefully get back to normal. we have another cold front in the forecast. If you're a sheephead fisherman this is good news; if your a snook fisherman it's not. Usually by mid-March we should be done with strong cold fronts but after such a unusually cold winter it's hard to tell when all this cold weather will finally be done.

Bring on Spring!

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:

Turkey Vultures Are Grossly Underappreciated

by Patricia Molloy



Vultures get a bad rap. While some people believe that vultures are gross, others would argue that they are grossly underappreciated.

Vultures may not be the cutest and most cuddly of creatures, but their presence is essential to a healthy ecosystem. By feeding on carrion, they help prevent the spread of diseases. And despite the fact there are some pretty gruesome items in their diets, vultures are surprisingly sanitary. For example, the lack of feathers on their heads allows them to remain cleaner and relatively free of the potentially dangerous bacteria that is often found in their food sources.

While it is quite rare for any wild animal to be calm and relaxed during its stay at CROW, as a species, vultures tend to be particularly high-stress patients. To complicate matters for the hospital's staff, when approached for medical treatments, vultures often deploy their signature method of scaring off predators: regurgitation. "This is how they scare people away, and this is why people say they don't like vultures," explained Dr. Allison Daugherty. But after one gets over the initial yuck factor, one begins to appreciate the pure genius of this unique defensive move. "We think it's awesome! It's really a fascinating defence mechanism."

On February 9, a turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*) was admitted to CROW after being found down. With little in the way of history, the examining veterinarian surmised that the juvenile male, patient #16-360, was likely hit by a car. Fortunately, no broken bones were detected in the bird's wings, however, several fracture sites were palpated in its right leg.

"He has a broken tibiotarsus," explained Melissa Fox, veterinary assistant. "In birds, the tibiotarsus, it's kind of like their ankle, and it is his tibiotarsal joint that is broken. Dr. Heather put pins in there to stabilize the break and two external fixators, meaning that there is a bar on each side of the leg. Technically, after surgery, he should be able to stand on his broken leg because it's stabilized by the two rods on the outside. He also has a fractured tarsometatarsus (lower leg above the toes) and that was stabilized with a splint."

Nearly two weeks after surgery, the vulture's condition was steadily improving. "It



Black vultures have grayish heads while turkey vultures have red heads. The patient had to be anesthetized for radiographs and received oxygen through a tube



A radiograph image shows the four metal pins and two external rods that were surgically inserted to stabilize its fractured leg

looks really good. Between the bruising and the swelling, it looks a lot better," said Dr. Allison. "Luckily, vultures don't need to grasp their prey like a hawk, so it's less vital that it (tibiotarsus) be perfect, but he still has to be able to perch and to be comfortable."

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.



Galt Preserve on Pine Island is home to an active eagle nest.

Nature Walk At Galt Preserve

A Lee County Conservation 20/20 volunteer naturalist will lead a free guided nature walk on Wednesday, March 2 at 9 a.m. at Galt Preserve, 3661 Stringfellow Road, St. James City. The preserve is one of Lee County 20/20's newest sites.

The 90-minute, 1.5 mile walk covers portions of mangrove swamps and flatwoods. The preserve is home to an active eagle nest and other wildlife including bobcats and alligators.

Visitors are advised to wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes that can get wet or boots. Long pants and long sleeves, hats, sunscreen, bug spray, cameras, binoculars and water are recommended. There are restrooms and a picnic shelter on site. Dogs are not permitted on this walk.

A complete schedule of this year's guided walks can be found at <http://www.conservation2020.org>. No reservations are required. For additional information or questions, call 822-7942. *

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Plant Smart

Autograph Tree

by Gerri Reaves

Autograph tree (*Clusia rosea*) was once found in the wild in southernmost Florida, including the Keys, but wild populations might be extinct and it might exist only as a cultivated plant.

In addition, its native status is in question among plant scientists.

One theory is that the tree found in the Florida Keys in the mid-1800s were introduced from Cuba or the Bahamas.

Like the native strangler fig (*Ficus aurea*), it sometimes begins as an airplant, lodging a seed in the crown or boots of a cabbage palm and sending down aerial roots.

This long-lived evergreen grows up to 30 feet high. The dense foliage and the spreading rounded canopy make it a good shade tree.

However, this plant can be pruned into a shrub and used as a hedge, screen or buffer.

It can even be espaliered, but be prepared to deal with the latex it exudes.

The opposite oval leaves are leathery, smooth, and thick, with a prominent mid-vein and paler undersides. Stiff and smooth-edged, they measure up to eight inches long.

It is called the autograph tree because people sometimes write on the leaves, which permanently retain the inscriptions.

An alternate common name, pitch apple, derives from the fruit's resinous material that has been used as ship caulking.

Other common names include clusia, Caribbean monkey apple, and Scotch attorney.



The woody round fruit is about three inches long with a large whorl of sepals, or modified leaves, at the stem end. Upon ripening from green to brown, it splits open to reveal black seeds in a red fleshy interior. Birds and other wildlife eat the seeds, but the fruit is poisonous for people.

The six-petaled camellia-like flowers measure about three to four inches across. White and pink-tinged with yellow stamens at the center, they bloom during the warmer months, appearing on the branch ends.

This highly drought-, salt- and wind-tolerant species is a good choice for coastal landscapes, but makes a good low-maintenance tree for a variety of yards. Just watch out for the aggressive roots, another characteristic it shares with the strangler fig.

The tree prefers sun to partial shade and moist conditions. It will not tolerate frost.

Propagate it with seeds and cuttings

The close-grained hard heavy wood has many uses, including furniture-making, and the plant parts have many traditional medicinal uses.

Sources: *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; *Pity the Pitch Apple – Treat It As A Spreading Tree* by Julia F. Morton; *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson; *Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes* by the South Florida Water Management District; edis.ifas.ufl.edu; and fnps.org.

Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*

Autograph tree is a wildlife-friendly low-maintenance species with large attractive leaves on which people sometimes inscribe names or initials

photo by Gerri Reaves



Marty Harrity, Doc Ford's co-owner; Birgie Miller, DDWS executive director; Sarah Lathrop, DDWS associate director; and Toni Westland, "Ding" Darling supervisory refuge ranger

Spots Still Open For 'Ding' Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament

A 100 percent purse promises to make the 5th annual "Ding" Darling & Doc Ford's Tarpon Tournament on May 7 one of the hottest competitions on the water. It pays out the entire entry fees as tournament awards. Registration deadline is April 29.

The competition is limited to 50 teams and 23 spots remain. The team fee of \$500 for up to four anglers also includes a captains dinner the night prior and awards ceremony dinner the evening of the tournament. All events take place at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille on Fort Myers Beach.

Doc Ford's – with locations also on Sanibel and Captiva – has again committed to being the title sponsor, along with the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

Diversified Yacht Services of Fort Myers Beach will, for the fifth consecutive year, provide support at the presenting sponsor level.

Proceeds benefit wildlife and conservation education at JN "Ding" Darling National

Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel.

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

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

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

Platinum sponsors are Suncoast Beverage, *Florida Weekly*, The Gresham Family, Hogey Lures; gold sponsors are Anisa Stewart Jewelry, Bella Signs & Designs, Island Inn, John Grey Painting, Media Source, Raisers Edge, Sanibel Gear, Sanibel Island Fishing Club.*

America's Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron is offering America's Boating Course beginning Saturday, March 5, from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 hp. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish

and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, March 12 also from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. The cost of the course is \$45 with a \$20 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials.

It is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road. Students can register online at www.scbps.com or by calling the office at 466-4040.*

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dangerous to visit, Professor Kerr will share an overview of their back stories, which include the growth of multiple world religions as well as the rise of the famous Silk Road.

Tickets are \$10 per session. Call (239) 489-8472 to reserve your place.*



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at 7:30pm. Don't miss the rich sounds of the Chicago Brass Quintet, hailed as one of the premier ensembles of our time. The group promotes appreciation and enjoyment of brass chamber music through its performances, educational workshops, broadcast recordings, and commissioned works. **Tickets are \$35.** Visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts, or call (239) 454-2067.



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Mar 9 Season of Praise: Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale

at 7:15pm. Indiana Wesleyan University Chorale, directed by Dr. Todd Guy, brings the energy and zeal of youth to their performance at The Village Church. The chorale's concerts consist of a diverse repertoire of music, including sacred classics, hymns, spirituals, and contemporary compositions. **Tickets are \$10.** Visit www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise, or call (239) 454-2147.



Mar 13, 14 & 15 The Easter Jesus and the Good Friday Church: 3 Sessions

Gregory Athnos, professor emeritus at North Park University in Chicago, explores the Easter themes of deliverance, salvation, life, and resurrection. The series examines the art of the Roman Catacombs, how the resurrection changed the disciples' expectations of the Messiah, and the biblical development of the centrality of the resurrection through the Book of Acts and in the epistles of Paul. **Admission is free.** Call (239) 489-8472 to reserve your place.*



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Visit www.shellpoint.org/events for full listings of this month's events!

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Sha Ahmad Couture design

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Fashion Show

incredible designs of Italian artist and fashion designer extraordinaire Mariapia Malerba, who was recently featured in a five-page spread in *Gulfshore Life* magazine.

Malerba is definitely leaving her mark on the fashion world, globally unrivaled on the level of breathtaking detail and stunning imagery combining exquisite artwork with impeccable fashion. She has been featured in two previous Art Walks The Runway shows and dazzled the audiences with her Recycled Couture creations that debuted at the 2014 Art Walks The Runway show. She has also featured her hand painted and sparkling Swarovski crystal ballroom dance gowns. Her unique and artful masterpieces are so beautiful, one would never believe what



Evgenia Luzhina-Salazar design

materials they are made from.

On Friday, February 26, experience the best in local fashion as area boutiques present their hottest looks.

Finally, on Saturday, February 27, art and haute couture fashion collide, stimulating all of the senses with beautiful elegant and incredibly artful creations by local and worldwide couture designers.

Featured designers include:

- Moscow native's Evgenia Luzhina-Salazar's vibrant high fashion dress collections blend Russian ferocity and western cool, with a very theatrical feel. She has participated in many prestigious fashion events including Couture Fashion Week New York and many more. Her designs have won critical acclaim in both local and national newspapers, on radio and

television.

- New Delhi-born designer Sha Ali Ahmad is back by popular demand as a runway favorite last year. Ahmad Couture's fashions sparkle under the lights and dazzle audiences. Each piece is hand embroidered in silk fabric and beautiful drapes, using beads, crystals, rhinestones, sequins, silk threads, lurix and glass stones.

- Popular designer Helen Gerro is returning back this year with her Art Couture Day Glow dresses that light up the night and fascinate audiences. Her couture inspired paintings jumped off her canvases onto her designer fashions. Thus making an original one-of-a-kind hand painted postmodern statement.

- Adriana Gomez's Elements of Body Art will once again be creating amazing works of body art that will be brought to life using the human form as a canvas.

Along with trendy and haute couture-style fashion, incredible and stylish hair and makeup to look flawless and edgy is a must. Art Walks The Runway hairstyles will be created by Red Salon & Spa. A make-up team will be led by Geancarla Sprella A., certified makeup artist. Beautiful, captivating room design provided by Planned Perfection, Florals and Décor.

Tickets for the Thursday, February 25 Celebrate Fashion Opening VIP Party are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door.

On Friday, February 26, admission to Local Fashion is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

The Saturday, February 27 Couture Fashion Show admission is \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door.

A limited number of VIP tickets are available for \$125, which features preferred seating and access to all of the fashion show events.

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



Ferris wheel at Lee County Fair

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Lee County Fair

advanced/professionals.

There will be various Master Gardener Workshops throughout the fair with workshops on a variety of topics from Growing Hydroponically to Growing Orchids. Master Gardeners' Ask The Expert will be held on Wednesday, March 2 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Registration is still open at www.swlcfair.com.

The Fair Association itself is recognized as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and re-donates to a number of other non-profits, including the local 4-H clubs, the United Way, the Rotary and the Araba Shrine units. Lee County Schools are also a beneficiary, and the fair offers scholarships to graduating seniors.

The Southwest Florida and Lee County Fair runs February 25 through March 6, and is celebrating its 92nd anniversary. Tickets purchased in advance are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, visit www.swlcfair.com.✪



Pappy Mellon's New Road Show

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Taste Of Pine Island

live entertainment will offer something for everyone with a wide variety of music

and dance. All of the performers on the lineup are either from Pine Island or play regularly on the island. The schedule for Saturday is:

- Cindy Walsh, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

- The Freecoasters, 12:30 to 2:50 p.m.

- Pine Island Dance IMPACT, 3 to 3:30 p.m.

- Honey Creepers Band, 3:45 to 6 p.m.

On Sunday, the schedule is:

- The Coast Connection Band, 11:15 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

- Pine Island Playhouse, 1 to 1:15 p.m.

- Brother Love Too and the Insiders, 1:20 to 3 p.m.

- 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 Saturday and the 5th annual Chili Cook-off Contest will be held Sunday. The public will be able to sample and judge the entries.

The Fish Drop Drawing will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. with a \$1,000 grand 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 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 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 club, visit www.pikiwanis.com, e-mail Taste of Pine Island chairman, Tim Saulsbery at timsaulsbery@yahoo.com or call 910-2263. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island can also be found on Facebook.✪

Clyde Butcher Exhibit Coming To Big Cypress Gallery



Big Cypress National Preserve photo taken by Clyde Butcher

Renowned American landscape photographer Clyde Butcher (www.ClydeButcher.com), known for his large-format film photography of the Everglades and natural sites throughout the world, and his wife, Niki, present their newest collection, *The Natural World Along Tamiami Trail*, during an open house at the Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee. The event is free and open to the public on Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

With this stunning history-in-the-making collection, the husband-and-wife team encourages viewers to embrace the natural beauty that exists along the Tamiami Trail through Clyde's powerful black-and-white images. Niki's different perspective captures images with wayside attractions and old Florida architecture.

The down-to-earth and candid Butcher will speak to guests and sign books at the



Clyde and Niki Butcher

open house.

The Butchers have lived in the Big Cypress National Preserve for 20 years. The inspiration behind this collection dates back to their drives back and forth along the Tamiami Trail - always with cameras in hand to capture moments and record history. The images in this exhibit were photographed using a large-format 8-inch by 10-inch view camera. The quality of the photo negatives persuades the viewer's eye to look closer at the intricate detail of the natural world.

The Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery is located at Highway 41 Tamiami Trail (mile marker 54.5) in Ochopee, Fla. For more information on the upcoming fundraiser, visit www.ClydeButcher.com or call 239-695-2428.✧



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Heavenly Disco At Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

I saw *Sister Act* at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre with my two sisters and it just doesn't get any better than that. Our togetherness, along with the excellent production, made for a memorable and fun-filled evening.

I'm sure you remember the movie with Whoopi Goldberg. Well the musical is based on it, but it's also been updated and has some priceless lines that were not in the film.

Sister Act tells the story of Deloris, played by the marvelous Housso Semon, who delivers a strong performance as a wannabe disco singer forced to pose as a nun to escape a murderous mobster. She hides out in a Philadelphia nunnery where she is rechristened Sister Mary Clarence. Semon lights up the stage dur-



A scene from *Sister Act*

ing every number. She teaches the nuns' choir to rock out and handles everything from broad comedy to soulful singing to honest vulnerability.

Many of the secondary characters get their own moment in the spotlight, with magnificent results. As mobster Curtis,

Keith McCoy finds the perfect tone for the delightfully dark *When I Find My Baby*. In his song *I Could Be That Guy*, Rendell DeBose takes the cop Sweaty Eddie into Barry White territory. And Mother Superior, Jama Bowen gets her own moment of reflection in *Haven't*

Got a Prayer, a number that vaguely recalls the vibe of Cabaret.

The ensemble of singing nuns provides strong comic support throughout, especially Christina Tompkins as Sister Mary Lazarus, Shannon Connolly as Sister Mary Patrick and Rachael Haber as Sister Mary Robert, the shy postulant.

The choreography by Amy Marie McCleary is as good as it gets. She also directs this enjoyable evening of musical theater. The costumes are spectacular, especially by the second act as the nuns go from a few glittery sequins to full blown sparkling outfits that add a touch of magic to their singing numbers. The finale is one of the best I've ever seen.

This high-spirited musical comedy is a shining tribute to the universal power of friendship.

Sister Act plays through April 2 at Broadway Palm. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or at the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

Library Programs

Lakes Regional

Next month's roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

English Café

6 p.m. Mondays, March 7 and 14
Free, informal conversation sessions for adult ESOL/ESL students.

Octavia Ashford and Her Ghosts
2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9

It's the late 1890s and you're a guest in Lady Octavia Ashford's parlor. Laurie Nienhaus as Octavia tells an eerie Victorian ghost story and shares why the Victorians were so fond of their Pale Shades. Laurie then discusses this unique genre before telling a second, quite short ghost story. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: *Those Who Wish Me Dead* by Michael Koryta

2 p.m. Tuesday, March 15

When 13-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The killers, known as the Blackwell Brothers, are slaughtering anyone who gets in their way in a methodical quest to reach him. Registration is required.

Master Gardener Program: A Primer for Lawn Care in Southwest Florida

2 p.m. Thursday, March 17

Master Gardener Barbara Meyer will cover the varieties of lawns in Southwest Florida and address the issues of mowing, irrigation, insect, disease and weed control.

Savvy Social Security Planning

1 p.m. Wednesday, March 23

This interactive program, presented by Ben Graham, is designed to educate Baby Boomers on a variety of approaches to maximize Social Security benefits. With rules set to change sometime in April 2016, education is more important than ever. Registration is required.

Cars & Rock 'N Roll of the 1950s

2 p.m. Wednesday, March 30

Steven Valdespino gives a lively talk on the music and cars that people remember and love from the 1950s. Come and hear some old tunes and see photos of vehicles from way back when. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration is required.

Families

Baby Rhyme Time

10 a.m. Mondays, March 14, 21

For ages up to 18 months. Pick up a Storytime Ticket at the Youth Services desk the morning of the program. Space is limited. During this special storytime, you and your baby will learn new nursery rhymes and fingerplays, interact with puppets, sing, read books and dance.

Toddler Tales

11 a.m. Mondays, March 14 and 21

For ages 18 to 36 months. Pick up a Storytime Ticket at the Youth Services desk the morning of the program. Space is limited. This interactive and active time for toddlers and their favorite caregiver is designed to advance pre-reading and social skills.

Family Storytime

10 a.m. Wednesdays, March 16 and 23

For ages up to 5 years. Pick up a Storytime Ticket at the Youth Services desk the morning of the program. Space is limited. Your whole family is invited to this enjoyable, all-ages storytime that encourages the development of pre-reading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories.

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m. Wednesdays, March 16 and 23

For ages 3 to 5 years. Pick up a Storytime Ticket at the Youth Services desk the morning of the program. Space is limited. Your preschooler will continue to build relationships with other kids, books, and the library in a storytime designed specifically for them.

Children

After School Crew: Engineering

4 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Weekly stories and activities featuring hands-on engineering. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. For grades K to 5.

Homeschool Exploration: Myth Busters

10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 3

Homeschoolers, explore different myths and confirm that they are true or bust them for being wrong. Learn about the scientific method while doing fun experiments and projects! Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. For ages 5 and up. Registration began February 11.

Cardboard Car Drive-In

10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 10

Design your very own kid-sized cardboard car using recyclable materials. Then relax inside your new car as you watch a short film on the big screen. Caregivers will lend a hand as the pit crew for the kids. All materials provided. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. For ages 2 to 5. Registration began February 18.

Special Needs Storytime

10 a.m. Saturday, March 12

Books, music, and sensory experiences for children ages 3 to 12 with special needs and their families. Registration began February 20.

Spring Break Fun

4 p.m. Tuesday, March 29

Games, activities and crafts to celebrate Spring Break. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. For grades K to 5. Registration begins March 8.

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only, and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Teens

Teen Tech: Create Your Own Game Controller

2 p.m. Saturday, March 26

Create your own game controller using Makey Makey. Makey Makeys are an electronic invention tool that allows you to connect computer programs to everyday objects. All materials will be supplied. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. For grades 6 and up. Registration begins March 5.

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only, and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

The Lakes Regional Library is located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4000. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.✪

Library Programs

Dunbar Jupiter Hammon

Next month's roster of activities at the Dunbar Jupiter Hammon Public Library offers topics for families, children and teens. The following activities are free to the public:

Storytime

Family Storytime

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, March 16 and 23

Your whole family is invited to this enjoyable, all-ages storytime that encourages the development of pre-reading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and

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Library Programs

March Programs At Fort Myers Regional Library

Next month's roster of activities at Fort Myers Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

English Café

6 p.m. Tuesdays, March 1, 8 and 15
Free, informal conversation sessions for adult ESOL/ESL students.

March Card Crafting

9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 2
Location: Meeting Room CD

Greeting cards are useful for holidays and everyday occasions. Participants will learn new techniques and take home several cards. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Location: Amphitheatre

A low impact, stress reducing exercise for all fitness levels. This Heart of the Community project, in partnership with Project for Public Spaces, is supported by a grant from Southwest Airlines.

Hatha Yoga

Noon Thursdays, March 3, 10 and 17
Location: Amphitheatre

David Anderson from Soniyoga leads a Hatha yoga class for all ages and abilities. Please bring your own mat.

Preview on the Plaza: Brahm's

German Requiem

Noon Friday, March 4

Location: North Cornog Plaza

The Gulf Coast Symphony presents a taste of their upcoming performance at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

Playful Pals Box Card Crafting

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8

Location: Meeting Room CD

Join local craft expert Rose Ann to create pyramid shaped animal boxes and matching cards. All materials provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers Regional Library. Registration is required.

There's A (Library) App For That

3 p.m. Wednesday, March 9: e-Books and Audio e-books

3 p.m. Friday, March 25: Music, Movies and More

Location: Meeting Room A

Learn about some of the free apps you can use to take library content on the go. Class participants must bring their app-enabled mobile device and know their library card information to get the most out of class. Registration is required.

Book Discussion: *Walking Home**From Mongolia* by Rob Lilwall

Noon Wednesday, March 16

Location: Main Library Building, Conference Room C

Starting in the Gobi desert in winter, adventurer Rob Lilwall sets out on an extraordinary six-month journey, walking 3,000 miles across China. Registration is required.

International Film Series: *Golden**Door*

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Location: Meeting Room Building

An Italian film in which a poor Sicilian peasant emigrates to America at the turn of the 20th century, falling in love with an Englishwoman and facing the harsh realities of Ellis Island along the way. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers Regional Library.

How to Apply for a Habitat For Humanity Home

10 a.m. Thursday, March 17

Location: Meeting Room AB

Tanya Scholt of Habitat For Humanity explains the Habitat program and how to apply for a Habitat partnership.

European Gateways to America:

Hamburg and Bremen

9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 26

Location: Meeting Room AB

Speaker: Werner Ropers - German

Research Genealogist, Collier County Genealogical Society and SW Florida Germanic Genealogy Society. Seminar will highlight the immigrant experience from the time they left their towns and countries of origin and reached their ports of departure to the time they arrived in the U.S. Registration is required.

Small Business Series: Securing A Business Loan

2 p.m. Monday, March 28

Location: Meeting Room AB

Understand the process, make a good impression with lenders and learn what criteria lenders use in deciding on your application. Registration is required.

Families

Family Storytime

10 a.m. Saturday, March 12

The whole family is invited to this enjoyable, all-ages storytime that encourages the development of pre-reading skills through songs, rhymes, fingerplays and stories. Parents can model proper storytime behavior by participating and staying in the room during these programs.

Toddler Tales

10 a.m. Tuesdays, March 15 and 22

This interactive and active time for toddlers and their favorite caregiver is designed to advance pre-reading and social skills. They'll experience storytelling, wordplay, felt board stories, fingerplays, puppets, singing, music-making, socializing, dancing and, of course, books.

Preschool Storytime

10 a.m. Wednesdays, March 16 and 23

Your preschooler will continue to build relationships with other kids, books, and the library in a storytime designed specifically for them. The stories and activities are more complex, but just as fun.

Baby Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, March 17 and 24

During this special storytime, you and your baby will learn new nursery rhymes and fingerplays, interact with puppets, sing, read books and dance.

Children

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

10 a.m. Wednesday, March 2

Join us for a birthday party for Dr. Seuss. We'll have crafts and stories to celebrate one of our favorite authors on his birthday.

The Skin I'm In Storytime

10:30 a.m. Friday, March 4

Location: Amphitheatre

A storytime about taking care of your

skin with a visit from special guest Brooke Drew from the Florida Skin Center.

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12

5 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 14

Location: Teen Room

Children and teens earn a \$2 coupon or credit for every 15 minutes they read in the designated area for a total of \$8 in one session. Credit may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Create and Take Crafts

2 p.m. Friday, March 25

This fun, creative program is for kids who like to make their own crafts. Use your imagination and our craft supplies to make a puppet, card or whatever you desire.

Monday Movie

2 p.m. Monday, March 28

A happy, hockey-loving 11-year-old Midwestern girl has her world turned upside down when she and her parents move to San Francisco. Come join us as we watch this fun-loving film. Sponsored by Friends of the Fort Myers Regional Library.

Sandi Sylver: Storyteller, Ventriloquist & Songstress

10 a.m. Wednesday, March 30

Location: Meeting Room Building

You won't want to miss this hilarious, all-ages performance. Sandi and her family of puppets will provide more than a few belly laughs as they educate and entertain.

Teens

Teen Chess Club

5 p.m. Monday, March 7

Rise to the challenge. Sets provided, but players are welcome to bring their own. Check out our new set 12 x 12-foot board used outdoors.

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12

5 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 14

Location: Teen Room

Children and teens earn a \$2 coupon or credit for every 15 minutes they read in the designated area for a total of \$8 in one session. Credit may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only and applies only to charges on overdue materials.

Teen Anime Drawing Fan Club

4 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Anime Drawing fans share what they have created, discover content and connect with other fans. Colored pencils, pens and paper supplies are provided. Sponsored by the Friends of Fort Myers Regional Library.

Game Night for Teens

5 p.m. Monday, March 21

Play Rock Band, Super Mario, Basketball and many others. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers Regional Library.

The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers. Adult programs are held in the meeting room building located across the library campus at 1651 Lee Street. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net.

net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.*

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Dunbar Jupiter Library Programs

stories. First come, first served.

Children's & Teen Programs

Kids Read Down Fines

11 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 5

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Sandi Sylver: Storyteller, Ventriloquist & Songstress

3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29

You won't want to miss this hilarious, all-ages performance. Sandi and her family of puppets will provide more than a few belly laughs as they educate and entertain.

The Dunbar Jupiter Hammon Public Library is located at 3095 Blount Street in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4150. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.leelibrary.net to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.*

Passport Week March 14 To 19

Do you have travel plans? Planning a summer vacation? Need a passport?

Apply for a passport during this special Passport Week. There is no need to miss school or work and no appointment is required.

During Passport Week, Lee County Clerk of Court's Recording Office hours will be extended two hours each day and offer four hours on Saturday:

Monday to Friday, March 14 to 18

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents can always apply for passports during regular office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (must arrive to the office no later than 4:30 p.m.).

You are encouraged to review passport information before coming to the office for fees, required documents and information at www.leeclerk.org and select the Passports link or call 533-5007 before arriving at office.

Recording Office is located downtown Fort Myers in the Administration Building, 2115 Second Street, 2nd Floor, Fort Myers, FL 33901.*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I think my 6th grade daughter is being bullied. She doesn't talk about it and I don't see any bruises on her, but some things she has

said recently have made me think that she may be a target. Everything has gone well for her in previous grades and she is a good student. What should I look for?

Claudia V., Cape Coral, Florida

Claudia,

Sadly, bullying is everywhere at schools today, and it can show up in several forms. Stopbullying.gov says that there are three main types of bullying. Verbal bullying, which is saying, or writing mean things includes teasing, name-calling, inappropriate sexual comments, taunting and threatening to cause harm.

Social bullying, or relational bullying involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes: leaving someone out on purpose, telling other children not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors about someone and embarrassing someone in public. This type of bullying is often in the form of cyber bullying.

According to the National Association of School Psychologists, "160,000 students each year fail to attend school out of fear of relational aggression".

Physical bullying is the third type most often seen and involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical bullying includes hitting/kicking/pinching, spitting, tripping/pushing and taking or breaking someone's things.

Research tells us that girls use relational bullying more than other forms and that it is most extreme in middle school. Puberty and escalating desire for popularity is what makes formerly nice girls

turn into mean girls. Relational bullying is a type of aggression in which harm is caused through damage to relationships or social status within a group rather than physical violence. Girls bully to gain more popularity, while lowering the status of the victim. And bullies tend to be already popular girls who are well liked by teachers in the school. Sometimes the nice girls at school can be the most vicious.

You may want to discuss your suspicions with your daughter's teacher. Ask her if your daughter appears gloomy, moody, or inattentive. Find out if such activities like finding a seat in the lunchroom or finding a partner in class seem to cause anxiety for her. Also find out if there have been any interactions with girls in the locker room, buses, or hallways that have been unusual. These common areas in schools are often the setting for social bullying. Find out if your school has a bullying prevention program. It might be helpful for you and your daughter.

Here are some things you can discuss with your daughter to help her.

Teach her to solve problems without relational aggression and praise her when she does. Further, teach by example; do not bully or gossip to your daughter or other people in front of her.

Listen to your daughter when she tells you that she is being bullied and take her seriously. Also, listen to her when she talks about other girls to make sure that she is not bullying.

Talk to your children about their friends and school day; let them know that you are a safe and supportive person to talk to.

Encourage your daughter to support other girls who are being bullied and to make friends with them.

Make it known to your daughter that there are counseling services available at school if she feels comfortable and wants to discuss her bullying problems. Encourage and support her to see a counselor or the school psychologist.

Many girls do not want to get the bullies in trouble for fear of more severe repercussions. Take the wishes and feel-

ings of your daughter into account before making a decision about how to proceed.

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Spring Job Fair

The Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce invites the community to its 2016 Spring Job Fair on Thursday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hodges University's Fort Myers Campus at 4501 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Participating companies include Latino 97.7, Hodges University, Lowe's, Telemundo, FOX 4, BB&T, LCEC, School District of Lee County, Imagen Semanal, LeeSar, MundoMax, Sunstate Academy, Fort Myers Broadcasting, Lee Professional Institute, Nuevos Ecos, Fifth Third Bank, B&I Contractors, CareerSource Southwest Florida, Biotest Pharmaceuticals, Bravo Supermarket, Univision SWFL, Lee Memorial Health System, Juan 1200/1460AM, HolaCiudad.com, Accion Hispana, Juice Plus, Azteca America SWFL, Supervisor of Elections, United Way, Take Shape for Life, Autos Trocas y Mas and Exitos Magazine.

Anyone interested in changing careers or in need of a job is welcome to attend. Admission is free to the public. For information or to rent a booth, call the chamber at 418-1441 or send an e-mail to info@hispanicchamberflorida.org.*

Reading Festival

As with all well-written storylines, the lineup of authors at the Annual Southwest Florida Reading Festival has taken a couple of twists and turns. Don't worry; there is still great suspense, humor and fun to be found at the festival at Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The reading festival will feature 23 best-selling authors for adults, teens and children. These authors plan to attend the festival from all over the country to help inspire daily reading, to remind the community that books change lives for the better, as well as sell their newly released books. The festival is a daylong event filled with fascinating and dynamic author presentations, lively programs and activities for teens and children, the latest library technology, contests, book-sellers, book signings, a free book for every child and teen and the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands. The festival draws an average of 18,000 people annually.

The reading festival is the largest one-day reading festival in Florida and is designated a Top 20 Event in the Southeast for the month of March by the Southeast Tourism Society.

"It is so entertaining to speak with these imaginative people," says festival coordinator Margie Byers. "Their stories about their writing experiences are as entertaining as the books themselves."

The festival kicks off Friday evening, March 18, with Evening with the Authors at the Marina at Edison Ford, where the authors meet, mingle and dine with attendees. A few of the award-winning authors scheduled to attend the events include adult authors: Meg Cabot, Paul Doiron, Debbie Macomber; teen authors: Joelle Charbonneau and Trish Dollar; children's authors: Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann and many more. The complete list of authors can be found at www.readfest.org.

The reading festival is free and is 100 percent community supported through generous donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation. Author information, dates of partner events, directions to the event and more is available for your convenience 24 hours a day at www.readfest.org or call 479-4636. Saturday, March 19 *

Grossman Inducted Into Honor Society

Abbie Grossman of Fort Myers has been accepted into the American Hebrew Academy Honor Society.

Grossman has received straight As in all her classes this year all while pursuing several after school programs and volunteer opportunities.*

Call To Artists

Alliance for the Arts is seeking artists to present their work at the Bell Tower Shops on Saturday, April 2 during its fifth annual Spring Art Affair. The outdoor art fair features a wide variety of mediums, including oil, acrylic and mixed media painting, photography, custom jewelry, furniture, hand woven baskets and more. Come meet and support local artists while perusing the Bell Tower's many shops and restaurants.

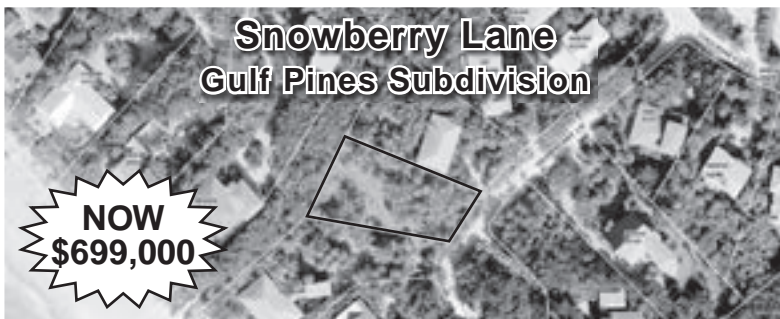
Artists will gain valuable exposure by networking with other artists and the community and by selling their work and discussing their processes from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artists are required to provide at least one digital image of their artwork and brief biography for publicity purposes. Event inclusion also provides visibility on the Alliance for the Arts website, Alliance Spring Arts public relations and social media efforts, and artists' names and organizations linked through Alliance email e-blasts.

The fifth annual Spring Art Affair is sponsored by *Happenings Magazine*. Artists interested in participating have until March 8 to register. Visit www.ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 to learn more.

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Former Twins Manager Ron Gardenhire Still Without A Job



by Ed Frank

This will mark the second straight Spring Training where a familiar face will be absent at the CenturyLink Sports Complex. In fact, it's indeed surprising that this successful former baseball manager is no longer even in the game at the relatively young age of 58.

Most thought that when Ron Gardenhire was fired as Minnesota Twins manager at the end of the 2014 season, he would be hired quickly by another team with the bevy of managerial vacancies that occur every year.

But it didn't happen for Gardenhire in 2015. And now, with Spring Training underway for the 2016 season, he still hasn't a job.

The fiery and popular former Twins manager guided his team to six American League Central Division championships in his first nine years. The next four, however, were a different story with 90-plus losses each season, and last-place finishes in three of the four.

He wasn't completely to blame for the four-year free-fall as Twins management admitted at the time that the lack of talent contributed to the demise.

Overall, his record was 1,068-1,039 (.507) and he was only the 10th manager in baseball history to win more than 1,000 games with the same team. He was named American League Manager of the Year in 2010.

Gardenhire took over as Twins manager in 2002 after serving 11 seasons as the team's third-base coach. Smart, a shrewd evaluator of talent and highly knowledgeable of the game, Gardenhire was certain to hook on with another team quickly – at least that's what many experts thought. He had a year remaining on a two-year contract when Twins General Manager Terry Ryan fired him in 2014. Ryan did offer him a job within the organization last year, but he reportedly turned it down awaiting an on-field offer from another team.

In this past off-season, he was a finalist for the San Diego job having been interviewed there twice. When the Padres hired Andy Green as manager, there were reports that Green was interested in bringing on Gardenhire as his bench coach. That didn't occur either as the job went to Mark McGwire.

Finally, Gardenhire's name surfaced along with several others for the Washington Nationals job. Veteran Dusty Baker was hired instead.

The former Twins skipper resides part-time here in Fort Myers and in Minnesota.

Even though he has failed to land a job to date, you have to believe that his vast experience and ability will still be sought by someone in the not-too-distant future.

And if that doesn't occur, don't be surprised if he rejoins the Twins organization in some capacity.

Grapefruit League to Start; Twins and Red Sox First Week Home Schedules.

Minnesota Twins –Thursday, March 3 – Boston Red Sox; 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, March 5 – Baltimore Orioles; 1:05 p.m.

Boston Red Sox – Monday, February 29 – Doubleheader; Boston College and Northeastern University; 1:05 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2 –Minnesota Twins; 1:05 p.m.

Friday, March 4 – Tampa Bay Rays; 1:05 p.m.

Sunday, March 6 – Baltimore Orioles; 1:05 p.m.*



Ron Gardenhire photo courtesy Minnesota Twins

Golf Tournament To Benefit Project Build

New Mission Systems International will hold its third annual golf tournament and auction on Friday, May 20 at The Forest Country Club, 6100 Club Boulevard Southwest, Fort

Myers, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch, golf, contests, prizes, dinner and live and silent auctions are included in this four-person scramble benefiting Project Build, an initiative to create sustainable revenue for the organization's expanding global projects, as well as impact the local community. Registration is \$100 per person before March 1, and \$125 per person after March 1. Participants can register individually or as a team at www.nmsi.org/give/golf.

Free Cancer Screenings At Ballparks

The ninth annual Spring Swing Moffitt's Sun Safety Tour offers free skin cancer screenings at specified baseball spring training venues in March. The tour kicks off March 5 when the Minnesota Twins host the Baltimore Orioles at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers. Screeners will look for early signs of skin cancer while promoting sun safety, skin cancer awareness and education. Each screening stop will include free Spring Swing shirts, sun-

screen and sun safety educational materials and promotional items.

During the previous eight spring training seasons, Spring Swing has screened nearly 3,700 people, identifying 3,807 suspected cancerous lesions, including 25 suspected melanomas.

Screenings will begin approximately two hours before game time. On March 5, the Orioles face the Twins at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers at 1:05 p.m. The Fort Myers screenings are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On March 12, Spring Swing comes to the Charlotte Sports Park in Port Charlotte. Screenings are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. after which the Yankees and Rays play at 1:05 p.m.

For more information, visit www.Moffitt.org/SpringSwing.



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Financial Focus

How Should You Respond To Market Correction?



by Jennifer Basey

As an investor, you may be gaining familiarity with the term “market correction.” But what does it mean? And, more importantly, what does it mean to you?

A correction occurs when a key index, such as the S&P 500, declines at least 10 percent from its previous high. A correction, by definition, is short-term in nature and has historically happened fairly regularly – about once a year. However, over the past several years, we’ve experienced fewer corrections, so when we have one now, it seems particularly jarring to investors.

How should you respond to a market correction? The answer may depend, to some extent, on your stage of life:

- If you’re still working – If you are in the early or middle parts of your working life, you might not have to concern yourself much about a market correction because you have decades to overcome a short-term downturn. Instead of selling stocks, and stock-based investments, to supposedly “cut your losses,” you may find that now is a good time to buy more shares of quality companies, when their price is down.

Also, you may want to use the opportunity of a correction to become

aware of the need to periodically review and rebalance your portfolio. Stocks, and investments containing stocks, often perform well before a correction. If their price has risen greatly, they may account for a greater percentage of the total value of your portfolio. So much so, in fact, that you might become “overweighted” in stocks, relative to your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. That’s why it’s important for you to proactively rebalance your portfolio or, during a correction, the market may do it for you. To cite one aspect of rebalancing, if your portfolio ever does become too “stock-heavy,” you may need to add some bonds or other fixed-rate vehicles. Not only can these investments help keep your portfolio in balance, but they also may hold up better during a correction.

- If you’re retired – After you retire, you may need to take money from your investment accounts – that is, sell some investments – to help pay for your cost of living. Ideally, however, you don’t want to sell stocks, or stock-based vehicles, during a correction – because when you do, you may be “selling low.” (Remember the most common rule of investing: Buy low and sell high. It’s not always easy to follow, but it’s still pretty good advice.)

So, to avoid being forced into selling, you need to be prepared. During your retirement years, try to keep at least a year’s worth of cash instruments on hand as well as short-term fixed income investments. By having this money to draw on, you may be able to leave your stocks alone and give them a chance to recover, post-correction. And it’s important to maintain a reasonable percentage of stocks, and stock-based vehicles, in your portfolio, even during retirement because these investments may provide the growth necessary to help keep you ahead of inflation.

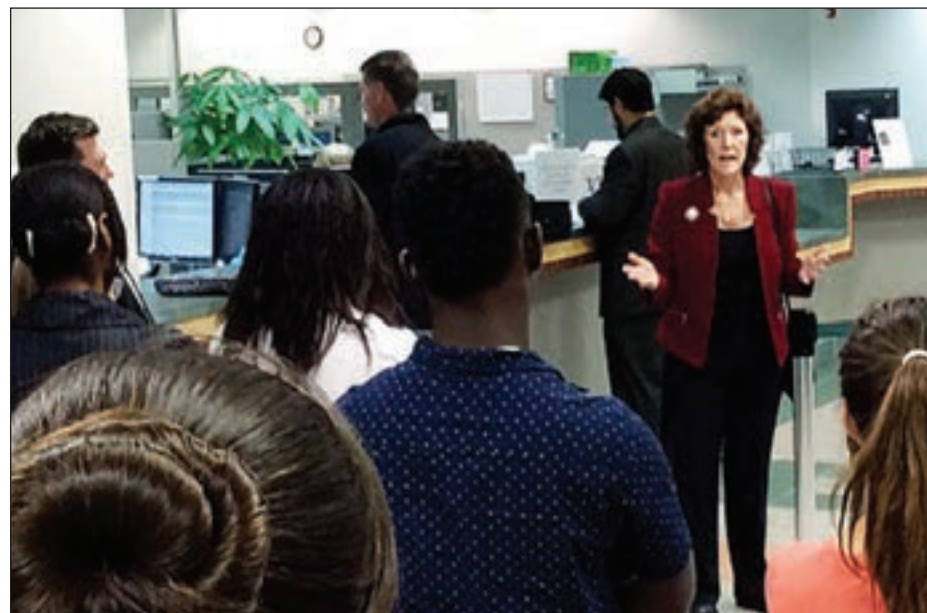
Consequently, as a retiree, you should have a balance of stocks and stock-based

vehicles, along with fixed-income vehicles, such as bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities and so on.

Being prepared can help you get through a correction... no matter where

you are on life’s journey.

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Christina Harris Schwinn of Pavese Law Firm leads students in tour of Lee County Courthouse during Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and The Lee County Bar Association’s Law Day

High Schoolers Experience Law Day

Local high school students recently discovered the various facets of the Lee County legal system during the 3rd annual Law Day, presented by Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and The Lee County Bar Association. Law Day 2016 escorted 50 upper class, high school students from six different area schools on a free tour of the Lee County Courthouse, where students observed the justice system in motion, met with legal professionals and obtained an inside look into law-related careers.

The day began with a presentation by the Clerk of Courts and a tour of the clerk’s office, followed by a tour of the jail and concluding with the opportunity to observe the jury selection process. The event introduced students to various career paths and processes within the legal system, providing a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the Lee County Courthouse system and the multitude of professional opportunities available for those who are interested. Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to speak with well-known legal professionals Christina Harris Schwinn of Pavese Law Firm and Cape Coral attorney Renee Binns, who contributed greatly to making this day special for participating students.

“We are so pleased to have another wonderful turnout for our annual Law Day, and we are grateful for the members of the business and legal community who joined us in making this day a huge success,” said Angela Fisher, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. “Learning about the field of law in a professional environment gives students the occasion to truly experience this industry and solidify their interest in this career path, and we look forward to continually offering this opportunity to students in the future.”

For more information about JA of Southwest Florida, visit www.JASWFL.org, call 239-225-2590 or email info@jaswfl.org.✪

Florida Small Business Development Center Hosts Training Programs

The Florida Small Business Development Center (FSBDC) at Florida Gulf Coast University will host training programs, workshops and events during March. Tune in online on Tuesday, March 1 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for The Ask Webinar Series: How Do I Access Capital for My Business? This free webinar is hosted by Fifth Third Bank and will explore how to access capital for your business. Other webinars are hosted the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11 a.m. through 2016.

Join the FSBDC at its free monthly, regional networking meetings that include in-depth discussions on business concerns and B2B networking. Networking meetings run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and lunch is included. Upcoming dates and locations:

- Lehigh Acres – Wednesday, March 2 at 1261 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres
- Fort Myers – Wednesday, March 16 at 3903 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd, Fort Myers

In addition to regular programming, the FSBDC is currently accepting nominations for Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida. The application deadline is March 31 with the awards dinner to be hosted on Wednesday, May 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

Register for workshops, networking events, and find out more about the Distinguished Entrepreneur of Southwest Florida Awards and Ceremony at www.fsbdc-swfl.org

The FSBDC at FGCU offers one-on-one, confidential, no-cost consulting and low-cost workshops for businesses throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. It is designated by the state as Florida’s principal provider of business assistance.

For more information, contact Amanda Stirn, marketing director, at astirn@fgcu.edu or 745-3706.✪

Art League Workshops

The Art League of Fort Myers announces upcoming workshops.

- Paint & Sip: Every Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$35 all materials included. Instructor is Cynthia Louis. BYOB.

- Free Open Painting sessions: Every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon with hostess Priscilla Jeffcoat; Every Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with hostess Lisa O’Brien.

- Exhibiting Members March show: opening March 4 at 6 p.m. The show will

run through March 26.

- Painting Class: Your choice of mediums for three weeks beginning Thursday March 10, 17 and 31 from 9:30 a.m. to noon on individual paintings. Paint your favorite subjects with assistance from Penny Fox. \$36 members and \$48 for non-members.

- Faces & Figures: Two-day painting workshop on March 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instructor is Penny Fox.

- Stained Glass Class: Six weeks beginning Thursday March 3 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$120 non-members \$96 members. Instructor is Anne Liebermann.

For more information, call the Art League of Fort Myers at 275-3970.✪

dearPharmacist

Natural Alternatives To Antibiotics



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: Some of you take several antibiotics each and every day while some of you avoid them like the plague. The pros of a traditional antibiotic is that you can keep your

infection from achieving full-blown status, or as some experts suggest, you chase the bugs into biofilms where they can't be killed but your symptoms go away. Organisms that go into biofilm are going into submission for lack of a better word, and they'll do that sometimes in the presence of an antibiotic.

Traditional antibiotics can cure pneumonia, or life-threatening infections from the deadly kissing bug, or hair ties. Yes hair ties. Google Audree Kopp, she almost died from sepsis from her hair tie. Point is, drugs are sometimes handy.

But I'm not convinced of their safety for long-term or less serious infection. They change who you are. When you take an antibiotic, you destroy your gut flora which has an impact on your

personality. That's why you need probiotics. Plus probiotics impact your digestion, your mood and ability to fight cancer and infection.

A disadvantage of antibiotics is that you become resistant to them quickly. What will you do when they stop working? Think this out with me, penicillin is just penicillin. It's easy for a germ to outsmart one ingredient. With something like garlic, there are at least 35 known active constituents making it super hard for a bug to get around and become a superbug. Capiche?

I'm a pharmacist, trust me on this. My antibiotics are simple substances. Pathogenic organisms have been around the Earth for eons, and they are much smarter. They can outsmart the drugs because, unlike herbs, pharmaceuticals don't have hundreds of biologically active constituents. Scientific research is never going to agree with me or other natural healers like the scantily dressed medicine man, licensed naturopaths/chiropractors or even grandmothers, so don't wait for an FDA stamp, but to me it's almost like "Duh?!"

Today's article is to offer some herbal alternatives in case you need to kill something in you without killing yourself.

Please discuss all changes to your health regimen with your doctor, since I am not one:

Brazilian Propolis – With the help of bees, this popular tree resin packs a punch. It can be taken by mouth, or directly applied to wounds. It may help with colds, flu or sore throats. This is

an all-around immunity aid, and a brand new study found that it could help with organisms found in dental biofilms (*S. mutans*) which contribute to cracked teeth.

Cat's Claw – A strong antimicrobial and antiviral which is often used in Lyme, and sometimes HIV as an adjunctive remedy. Anyone could use it for a general infection. It has some anti-cancer affect, and it reduces TNF alpha (an inflammatory cytokine). Useful for Crohn's as well.

Colloidal Silver – Everyone's favorite, this may be useful for staph in the nose. Studies have shown that topical colloidal silver solution has effective antibiofilm activity against staphylococcus aureus, and tons of other organisms.

Oregano – It's a strong antifungal and may be useful for Candida, as well as parasites. Some people dilute it with a little coconut oil and apply it to the skin (not on broken skin though), where there is signs of fungal infection. The carvacrol component of wild oregano oil has activity against MRSA and *C. difficile*.

Teasel Root – May inhibit growth of *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme). It can extract bacteria from muscle tissue where antibiotics have a hard time penetrating.

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

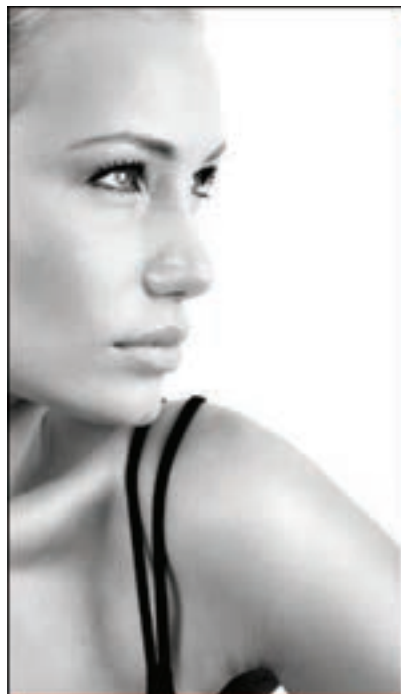
Lizzie and Pryce answer your questions and give advice about aging concerns from a two-generational perspective. A mother and daughter team, Lizzie is a retired RN and health educator, and Pryce is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice who specializes in the care of elders and people with chronic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

Dear Mom & Me,

My son and his wife were told that she would be delivering a severely handicapped child. After a family conference, we all decided that with modern medicine it could be fixed, but we didn't see the long-term financial and emotional toll involved.

The expense is dreadful. We are draining our retirement funds to help the parents and they are having severe marital and financial problems as well. There seems to be no end in spite of all

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March Seminar

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Humane Society Fundraiser Returns To Rum Distillery

by Jeff Lysick

For the second consecutive year, Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery will serve as host of a costume gala to raise funds for the Gulf Coast Humane Society. On Saturday, February 27, Wicked Dolphin's Decades Party – dubbed Hollywood's Golden Era Meets The USO – will transport guests back to the 1940s with a festive evening of dining, dancing, casino gambling and more.

Tickets for the Decades Party, priced at \$100 each, include admission to the event – which will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight – \$500 in play gambling money, live music and entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, dessert (including specialty cupcakes and chocolates by Save Room For Dessert and Noela Chocolate made with Wicked Dolphin Rum), valet parking and a cash bar featuring specialty cocktails.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in wartime era fashions, military uniforms or as their favorite 1940's actor/actress or movie character.

Emcees for the evening are ABC-7 anchor Krista Fogelson and Boston Red Sox Spring Training announcer Ted Fitzgeorge. All activities, including a chance to win a one-karat diamond, courtesy of John Michaels Diamond and Jewelry Studio, photo booth and casino game proceeds benefit the Gulf



This year's Wicked Dolphin fundraiser for the Gulf Coast Humane Society, Hollywood's Golden Era Meets The USO, will be held on February 27 at the rum distillery in Cape Coral

Coast Humane Society.

Wicked Dolphin is hosting this unique party to help fund an endeavor that began in February 2014. JoAnn Elardo, owner of Wicked Dolphin, and Jennifer Galloway, executive director of the Gulf Coast Humane Society, met with Cape Coral City Manager John Szerlick to discuss the need for an animal shelter to serve the city. With a full-time population exceeding 150,000 residents, all agreed it was time to start working on bringing an animal shelter to Cape Coral.

An estimated \$2 million is needed to fund the construction of the state-of-the-art facility that will have the ability to rescue approximately 1,000 animals each year. The City of Cape Coral is in support of the project, and the Gulf Coast Humane Society has committed

to run, staff and build the facility. The first fundraiser for the project raised \$300,000. Last year's Wicked Dolphin Speakeasy Party, a Prohibition era-themed gala, raised additional funds towards the effort.

This year's sponsors include host Wicked Dolphin Rum; Platinum Level – Coconut Point Ford; Gold Level – Water City Grill; Bronze Level – Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group, Stephen Todd Home Furnishings, John Michaels Diamond and Jewelry Studio; Copper Level – LAI Construction Management, Myers Brettholtz & Company, The Moss Bogatch Group at Morgan Stanley, Raso Realty, Pewter, ClearPay, BB&T Oswald Trippe and Company, Baywood Veterinary Hospital & Boarding, Roger Dean Chevrolet; Table Sponsors – Terri Piggott, ABR and

Judith Yevick.

Hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be provided by Bubba's Roadhouse, Ceno Grille, Fathoms Restaurant & Bar, Hurricane Grill & Wings, Nevermind Awesome Bar & Eatery, Noelle Chocolate, Save Room For Dessert and Water City Grill.

Tickets are available at the Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery, located at 131 SW 3rd Place in Cape Coral, the Gulf Coast Humane Society in Fort Myers, Raso Realty, Stephen Todd Home Furnishings and John Michaels Diamond and Jewelry Studio in Cape Coral as well as online at www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/wicked-dolphin-decades-party.html.

For more information, send an email to info@wickeddolphin.com or visit www.wickeddolphin.com.*

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Zonta Grant

making to women's health and everything in between.

"The Zonta group is an amazing asset to our community. They have partnered with other agencies, such as Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership, to help our ladies learn to help others. The annual beach cleanup is a big event that allows our women to work with Zontians and make a day out of giving back to the community and to respect the earth. The Zontians don't teach – they interact, guide and mentor our special population of women in addiction," Boisvert said.

The 16-bed women's halfway house opened in 2009. The women's facility provides treatment for 45 to 60 women per year who have completed the residential treatment program and moved into the halfway house for extended treatment.

For more information, call 275-3222 or visit www.SalusCareFlorida.org.*

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Mom And Me

of the surgeries because they only relieve but never correct the problems.

We all know we are responsible for our choices, but we didn't understand the long-term problems. What do you suggest we consider?

Leona

Dear Leona,

I have very few suggestions for you. If you have not already done so, have your son and daughter-in-law contact an attorney to discuss financial protections for the family. I am not sure if there are any, but there is no harm in exploring options.

Also, if you have not already done so, please contact your local human service agency to explore community resources to support the family.

Pryce

Dear Leona,

Many people believe in abortion if they have been told by their physician that such an abnormality exists to avoid problems like your family is having. Others do not believe in abortion under any circumstances for moral and religious reasons. You made your decision for your own reasons and now must live with your decision.

There are institutions that specialize in caring for people like your grandchild. Research the area where you live or contact a health service agency in the county where you live and they will be able to direct you to a facility that may help.

No physician or surgeon can make normal a severely handicapped child. They can frequently work wonders to relieve some of their problems.

Lizzie

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

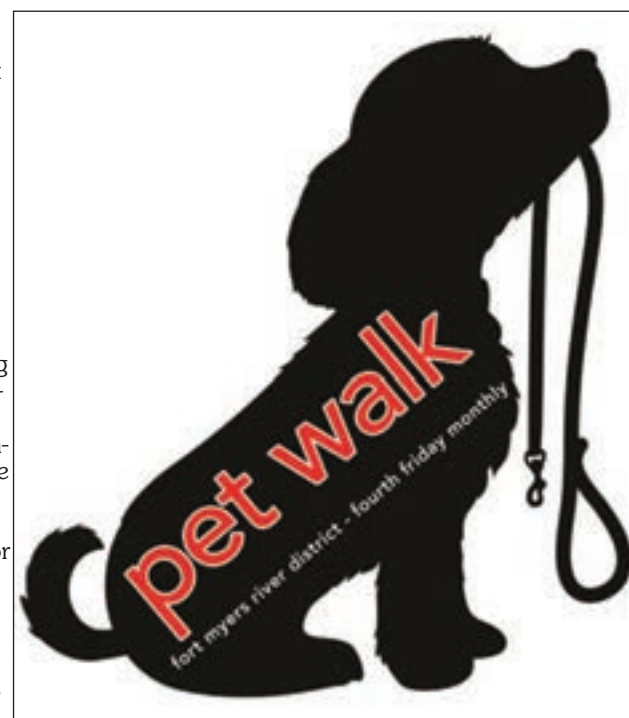
Pet Walk Comes To Downtown Fort Myers

The River District Alliance announces PetWalk, the newest Friday night event in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District on Hendry Street between Bay Street and Edwards Drive every fourth Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Free to the public, the RDA invites well-trained and leashed pets and their owners to enjoy an evening in the River District, including pet friendly exhibitors and vendors. Several downtown merchants will also be participating and welcoming pets. Owners assume all responsibility and risk for their pet.

PetWalk dates for 2016 include: February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25 and December 23.

Follow the River District Alliance on Facebook for further details! Go to www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com for more information.*



DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. MUSIC: Who was known as "The Godfather of Soul"?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of the yellow character on the children's show "Teletubbies"?
3. SPORTS: What competition features activities such as clean, jerk and snatch?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of dried fruit are prunes?
5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What famous playwright once observed, "The course of true love never did run smooth"?
6. MATHEMATICS: What number does the prefix giga- represent?
7. U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state shares only one border with another state?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Suez Canal?
9. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president was born with the name Leslie King?
10. MOVIES: In the Disney movie "Aladdin," how long was the genie inside the lamp before Aladdin released him?

ANSWERS

1. James Brown 2. Laa-Laa 3. Weightlifting 4. Plums 5. William Shakespeare 6. 1 billion 7. Maine 8. Egypt 9. Gerald Ford 10. 10,000 years.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2015, pitcher Dillon Gee set a New York Mets record for lasting at least five innings in the most consecutive starts (51). Who had held the mark?
2. Who is the all-time leader in saves for the Philadelphia Phillies?
3. In 2014, Detroit's Calvin Johnson set a record for fastest NFL player to 10,000 receiving yards (115 games). Who had held the mark?
4. When was the last time Yale's men's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament?
5. How many consecutive Game Seven playoff losses have the Anaheim Ducks suffered entering the 2015-16 NHL season?
6. Name the oldest U.S. male swimmer to win an individual Olympic gold medal.
7. Who was the last men's golfer before Jordan Spieth in 2015 to make a birdie on the 72nd hole to win a U.S. Open by one stroke?

ANSWERS

1. Dwight Gooden, with 50 consecutive starts (1987-89). 2. Jonathan Papelbon, with 123. Jose Mesa is second, with 112. 3. Tony Holt did it in 116 games. 4. It was 1962. 5. Three consecutive Game Sevens. 6. Duke Kahamamoku, who won in 1920 at age 30. 7. Bobby Jones, in 1926.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Whatever decisions you're faced with this week, rely on your strong Aries instincts, and base them on your honest feelings, not necessarily on what others might expect you to do.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Your sensitive Taurean spirit is pained by what you feel is an unwarranted attack by a miffed colleague. But your sensible self should see it as proof that you must be doing something right.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) More fine-tuning might be in order before you can be absolutely certain that you're on the right track. Someone close to you might offer to help. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The week continues to be a balancing act 'twixt dreaming and doing. But by week's end, you should have a much better idea of what you actually plan to do and how you plan to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Changing your plans can be risky, but it can also be a necessary move. Recheck your facts before you act. Tense encounters should ease by midweek, and all should be well by the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might still be trying to adjust to recent changes. But things should improve considerably as you get to see some positive results. An uneasy personal matter calls for more patience.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Congratulations. Your good intentions are finally recognized, and long-overdue appreciation should follow. Keep working toward improvements wherever you think they're necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2) Try to look at your options without prejudging any of them. Learn the facts, and then make your assessments. Spend the weekend enjoying films, plays and musical events.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might want to take advantage of the Sagittarian's sense of fair play. But before you ride off to right what you've been told is a wrong, be sure of your facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might be surprised to learn that not everyone agrees with your ideas. But this

can prove to be a good thing. Go over them and see where improvements can be made.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) After taking advice on a number of matters in recent months, expect to be called on to return the gesture. And, by the way, you might be surprised at who makes the request.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Reassure everyone concerned that a change of mind isn't necessarily a change of heart. You might still want to pursue a specific goal, but feel a need to change the way you'll get there.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are able to make room in your heart for others, and that makes you a very special person in their lives.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at the age of 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, the previously uncontrollable Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming a lecturer and activist.

- On March 6, 1899, the patent office in Berlin registers Aspirin, the brand name for acetylsalicylic acid, on behalf of Friedrich Bayer & Co. Acetylsalicylic acid was originally made from a chemical found in the bark of willow trees.

- On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "The Cat in the Hat," is born in Massachusetts. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," was rejected by over two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937.

- On March 5, 1929, David Dunbar Buick, founder of the Buick Motor Company, dies in relative obscurity after years of working menial jobs. By 1906, Buick had lost control of the business and sold his stock, which would later be worth millions of dollars.

- On March 1, 1932, the 20-month-old son of aviator Charles Lindbergh is kidnapped from the family's mansion in New Jersey. Although a ransom note demanding \$50,000 was left in the nursery, the baby had been killed the night of the kidnapping.

- On Feb. 29, 1940, the film "Gone With the Wind" is honored with eight Oscars. The most momentous award went to Hattie

McDaniel for her portrayal of "Mammy," a housemaid and former slave. McDaniel was the first black actor ever to win an Oscar.

- On March 4, 1962, a Trans-African DC-7 crashes on takeoff in Cameroon, its 111 passengers and crew doomed by a mechanical failure. It was the first single-airplane disaster in history in which more than 100 people died.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American mythologist Joseph Campbell who made the following sage observation: "The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek."

- If you're an aficionado of barbed wire, be sure to head to LaCrosse, Kansas, during the first weekend of May. Collectors gather there every year for the Antique Barbed Wire Swap and Sell Festival.

- You might be surprised to learn that both men and women have an Adam's apple; it's more visible on men because men have larger larynxes and because women tend to have more fatty tissue in their necks.

- You doubtless know of Alexander Hamilton, one of America's Founding Fathers, as the nation's first Secretary of the Treasury, and you've probably heard that he was fatally wounded in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr. Most of his accomplishments are not common knowledge, though -- and they deserve to be. Born into poverty on the Caribbean island of Nevis, the illegitimate son of a Scots merchant, Hamilton began work as a clerk at the age of 11. His employers were so impressed with his intelligence that they paid for him to attend school in America, where he became involved in revolutionary politics. He was a lieutenant colonel by the age of 20 and managed to marry into one of the most distinguished families in New York. In addition to writing most of the Federalist Papers, Hamilton founded the New York Post, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Mint.

- Marie de Medici, queen of France in the early 17th century, once had a gown made that was embellished with more than 3,000 diamonds and 30,000 pearls.

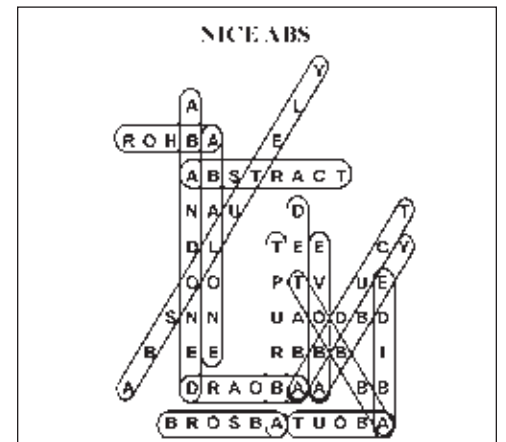
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"He who is only just is cruel. Who on earth could live were all judged justly?" -- Lord Byron

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Coconut Snapper with Spinach Endive Sauté

Coconut Snapper with Spinach Endive Sauté

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
 4 6-ounce snapper filets
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, peeled and grated
 1/2 cup diced onion, divided
 1 cup canned coconut milk
 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 1 teaspoon soy sauce
 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
 1 head Belgian endive, thin sliced
 1 10-ounce bag spinach, washed
 Season fillets with salt and pepper. In large sauté pan, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium-high heat. Cook fillets 3 to 4 minutes per side until cooked through. Remove fish from skillet and keep warm. For coconut sauce, return pan to heat and cook garlic, ginger and 1/4 cup onion until tender. Add coconut milk, lime juice, soy sauce, hot sauce and bring to a boil. Lower heat and add cilantro; simmer for 5 minutes.

In a separate, large skillet, heat the remaining oil over medium-high heat. Sauté remaining 1/4 cup onion, endive and spinach until greens are just wilted. Serve fillets with sauce over sautéed vegetables. Yields four servings.*

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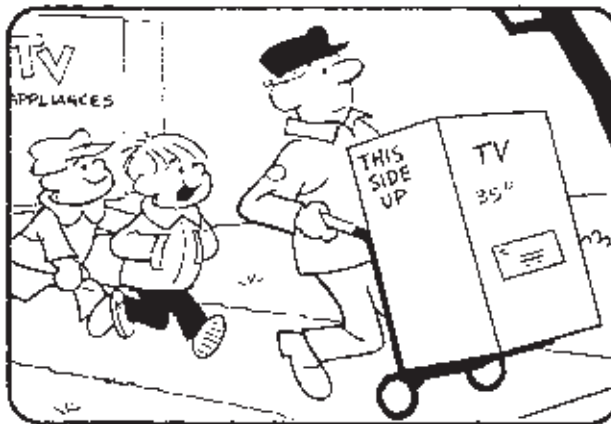
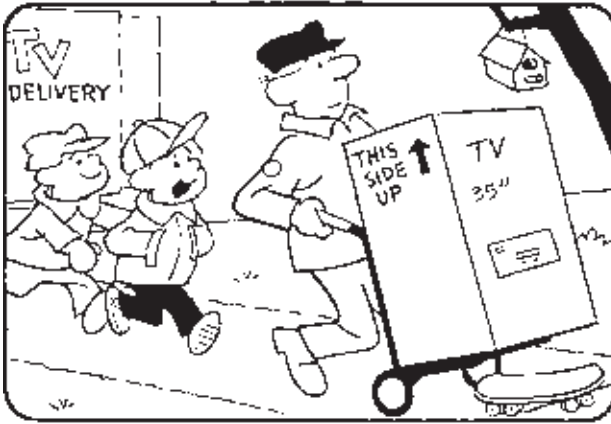
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3	8	1	7	2	9	6	5	4
5	2	9	1	4	6	8	3	7
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6	7	4	8	5	2	1	9	3
9	1	5	3	6	7	2	4	8
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1	9	6	4	3	8	7	2	5
8	5	3	2	7	1	4	6	9

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



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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.

From Florida Statutes

316.2065(1): Cyclists have the right to operate on roads.

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Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
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Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	2,610	\$942,500	\$910,000	19
Cornwallis	Cape Coral	1977	3,598	\$915,000	\$875,000	9
Ravista	Bonita Springs	2003	3,023	\$839,000	\$839,000	103
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2015	2,662	\$749,565	\$749,565	2
Rose Garden	Cape Coral	1997	2,304	\$675,000	\$665,000	58
East Rocks	Sanibel	1988	1,506	\$679,000	\$660,000	30
Palmetto Point	Fort Myers	1978	3,045	\$695,000	\$650,000	208
Hérons Glen	North Fort Myers	2005	2,532	\$525,000	\$515,000	100
Bayview Acres	St. James City	1988	2,198	\$499,900	\$465,000	288

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SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week

Hi, my name is Lanny. I'm a 6-year-old spayed female black-and-white hound mix. I was selected to be a part of the Lee County Sheriff Department's Cell Dog program were I learned all my basic commands. I got to go to events and represent the program. I don't look or act a bit like my age. I still act like the cute little puppy I used to be, only now a lot larger. I'm a little timid at first but warm up quickly. I've spent some time in a foster home recently and would fit in great with your family just like I did with my foster family. Please don't let me wait any longer for a home. Adoption Fee: \$25

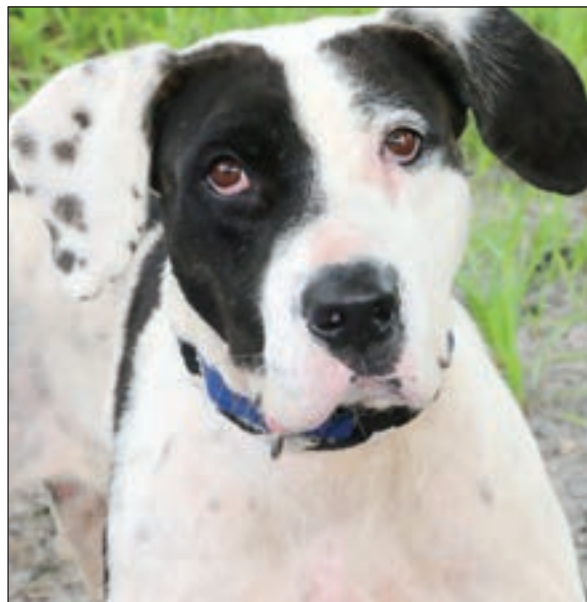
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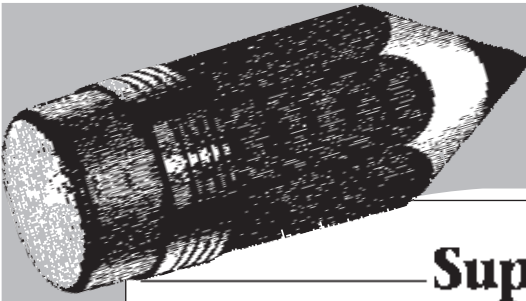
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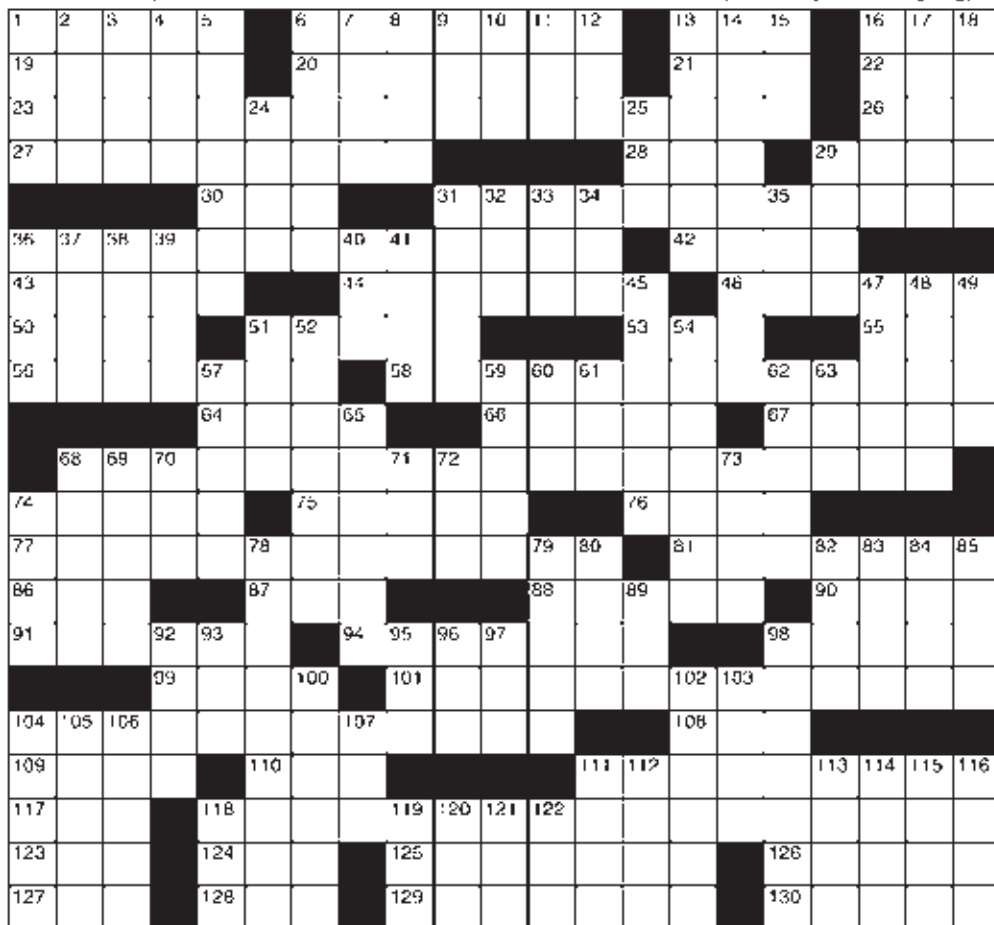
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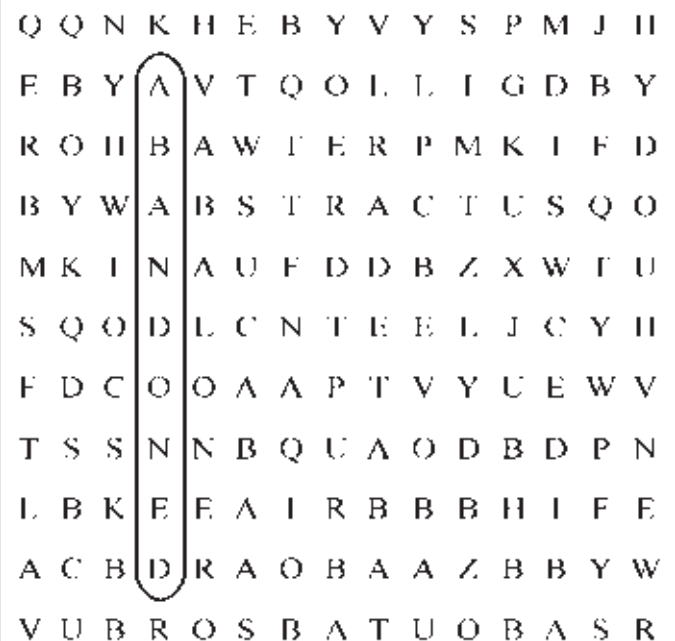
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 - 22 Prefix with polar
 - 23 Old directory-assistance request, in Belmont?
 - 26 Pan coverer
 - 27 Vitamins, e.g.
 - 28 "-haw"
 - 29 Ale barrels
 - 30 Caesar of 1950s TV
 - 31 Add air inducement, in Stockholm?
 - 36 Rock band staple, in Doha?
 - 42 Galaxy unit
 - 43 Steelmaking places
 - 44 Divided-skin garment
 - 46 Really anger
 - 50 - facto
 - 51 In the vicinity
 - 53 Early TV comic Louis
 - 55 Contemprable
 - 56 Alternative to GPS
 - 58 Tardigrade
 - 64 "Break!" ("Do well!")
 - 66 Duo quadruped
 - 67 Gers close to
 - 68 Dependents expecting meals, in Budapest?
 - 74 Montrose's counterpart
 - 75 Full-speed, archaic
 - 76 Place to live
 - 77 Really tough
 - 81 Like Bach's music
 - 86 Paul's "Exodus" role
 - 87 FR building
 - 88 Loss
 - 90 - lang syne
 - 91 Hip-hop artist
 - 94 Bona fide
 - 98 Radiate
 - 99 Jai —
 - 101 Hand over a utility, in Timphu?
 - 104 Beach Boys hit, in Kigali?
 - 108 Will be now?
 - 109 Locally
 - 110 Lav, in Bain
 - 111 Promise
 - 117 Diet salmon
 - 118 Orwell novel, in Port-au-Prince?
 - 123 Sch. URL ender
 - 124 Sparty truck, briefly
 - 125 Norm
 - 126 Ornamental ruffle
 - 127 "You're right"
 - 128 Actor Wass
 - 129 Argue in too much detail
 - 130 Long suit
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Land of leprechauns
 - 2 Bausch & Lomb brand
 - 3 Basal font
 - 4 Sign of rot
 - 5 Greek harp players of old
 - 6 Chastain of women's soccer
 - 7 Po Trent
 - 8 Gallic pat's
 - 9 Lao-tzu's universal
 - 10 Journalist Curry
 - 11 Pon dip
 - 12 — Kwon do
 - 13 Vulcan, e.g.
 - 14 Dictionary of geography
 - 15 Neolithic
 - 16 Kentucky Derby drunk
 - 17 Montoya ("The Princess Bride" swordsman)
 - 18 Gentle
 - 24 Israeli leader
 - 25 Soap stuff
 - 29 Debonair of "The King and I"
 - 31 La (Philadelphian university)
 - 32 Intl commerce group
 - 33 March on
 - 34 Richard Gere title role of 2000
 - 35 Fictional Sulu
 - 36 Arabian rider
 - 37 Lead-in to suction
 - 38 Snow queen in "Frozen"
 - 39 Blockhead
 - 40 300, to Livy
 - 41 Pier
 - 45 Tangle up
 - 47 Panda flora
 - 48 Melon, e.g.
 - 49 Lea females
 - 51 "Tra" follower
 - 52 Producing an effect
 - 54 So-far nonexistent
 - 57 Carta lead in
 - 59 Everest, e.g.
 - 60 Outer Prefix
 - 61 High degree
 - 62 Conclude
 - 63 Preamble named
 - 65 Driftel with workout gear, maybe
 - 68 "You could — pin drop"
 - 69 Far from cool
 - 70 — any drop to drink
 - 71 Egyptian (spotted cat breed)
 - 72 Grafton's "for Outlaw"
 - 73 Sharif of film
 - 74 Ski lift type
 - 78 Manna eater
 - 79 Donovan of "Clueless"
 - 80 Speak w/ldly
 - 82 Waikiki site
 - 83 Cease
 - 84 Arm bone
 - 85 Early utopia
 - 89 "I'm not impressed"
 - 92 The old man
 - 93 Samara-dropping tree
 - 95 Green gp.
 - 96 Indian bread
 - 97 Amer money
 - 98 County oil ser
 - 100 Pressed
 - 102 Less difficult
 - 103 Very dry, as champagne
 - 104 Bill — and His Comets
 - 105 Will e away
 - 106 Infinitival
 - 107 Adversity
 - 111 Starbucks captain
 - 112 Pudding starch
 - 113 60s hard rock
 - 114 Dark genre
 - 115 Unorthodox sect
 - 116 — Stanley Gardner
 - 118 Brazi —
 - 119 Bistro check
 - 120 Cain's scar
 - 121 Slithery fish
 - 122 Pro-gun gp.



King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Grand tale
 - 5 Slight application
 - 8 Big party
 - 12 Netlike structures
 - 14 Unsettling
 - 15 Accelerator
 - 16 Start a garden
 - 17 That man's
 - 18 Bob and Jakob of music
 - 20 Urge on
 - 23 "Scat grat!"
 - 24 Close by
 - 25 Baseball legend Casey
 - 28 "Le Coq —"
 - 29 Ritzy violin, for short
 - 30 Do some lawn work
 - 32 Placed a bet
 - 34 Chinese menu staple
 - 35 Acknowledge
 - 36 Prove false
 - 37 Up
 - 40 Nonstick spray name
 - 41 "And" or "but" (Abbr.)
 - 42 Bergman/Boyer thriller
 - 47 Horse's neck hair
 - 48 "Hamlet" setting
 - 49 Formerly, "formerly"
 - 50 On pension (Abbr.)
 - 51 Medicinal amount
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Work unit
 - 2 Pellet for a certain shooter
 - 3 " — Comp' cated"
 - 4 Code
 - 5 Clothing
 - 6 Carte leucis
 - 7 Trademark for Yul or felly
 - 8 Proface
 - 9 Geometry calculation
 - 10 Legal claim
 - 11 Tosses in
 - 13 Overlay with paster, perhaps
 - 19 " — Cassius has —"
 - 20 Third-party abbr.
 - 21 Cat call?
 - 22 Brazilian rubber area
 - 23 Scatter about
 - 25 More brightly
 - 26 Old-time actor
 - 27 Contents of
 - 29 Ballesteros of golf
 - 31 Tiny
 - 33 Nozzle attached to a Bunsen burner
 - 34 Jog one's memory
 - 36 " — Ha!"
 - 37 Pinnacle
 - 38 Bellow
 - 39 Hostels
 - 40 "Hey, you!"
 - 43 Hearty brew
 - 44 Stickum
 - 45 Day fractions (Abbr.)
 - 46 Prop for
 - 29 Down

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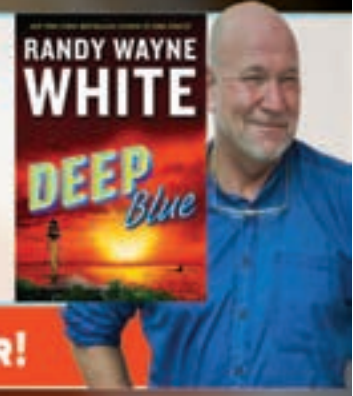
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