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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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## Freedom Will Rock Lee County This Weekend

ee County will celebrate Independence Day this weekend with parades and fireworks displays in several locations.

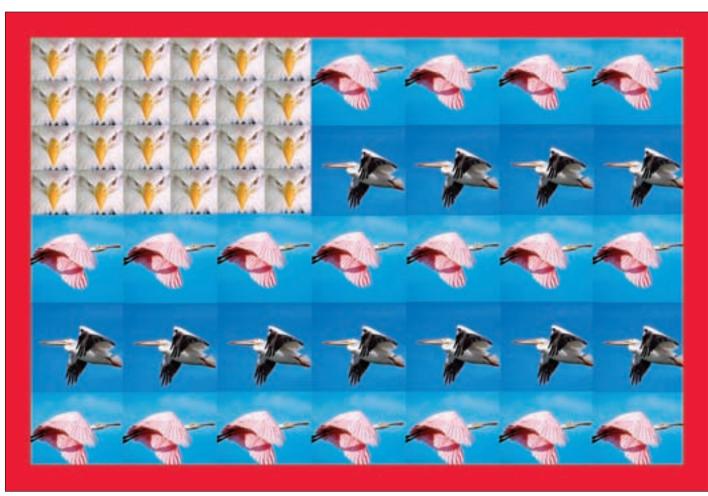
Fireworks displays will include:

• Cape Coral's Red, White & Boom!
extravaganza featuring fireworks and other activities in the city's downtown district.

The venue is Cape Coral Parkway at the foot of the Cape Coral Bridge on Sunday, July 4 from 4 to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

- Fort Myers Beach festivities kick off Sunday, July 4 with a 10 a.m. parade up Estero Boulevard. At 15 minutes after sunset, the fireworks show shoots off from the Fort Myers Beach Fishing Pier. Restaurants, lounges and other businessess will have music and activity in the Times Square area and the length of the beach.
- Sanibel will have a Freedom Rocks-theme parade along Periwinkle Way at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3 followed by the annual Optimist Club Road Rally at noon starting at Timbers Restaurant, 703 Tarpon Bay Road.
- The Miracle Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza will begin Saturday, July 3 following the Miracle vs. St. Lucie Mets game. Tickets are available by calling 768-4210.

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Bald eagles, pelicans and roseate spoonbills are artfully used for this version of the U.S. flag by John Swank, titled Flying The Flag

## Downtown Improvement Projects Earn Award Of The Year

he City of Fort Myers Downtown Utility Replacement and Streetscape Improvements Project has received the Project of the Year Award in the Historical Restoration/Preservation category from the Florida Chapter Awards Committee of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The Fort Myers division of Naples-based Kraft Construction, which served as the city's construction manager for the 52-block renovation and streetscape project, replaced all streets, sidewalks and utilities while keeping businesses open and pedestrians moving. The four-year continuous project, believed to be the largest of its kind completed at one time, was one of 80 throughout the state of Florida submitted for consideration.

The APWA Project of the Year Award recognizes the managing agency, engineer, contractor and other team consultants who work together to complete public works projects. The awards are judged on several criteria including the use of good construction management techniques and timely completion; safety programs and performance; community relations; demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during construction; and unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions.

The Fort Myers project faced significant challenges, including meeting Americans with Disabilities Act requirements in a historic district with narrower streets, wider sidewalks and lower street profiles. Another unique aspect of the project: More than a halfmillion bricks – covered for decades under asphalt on existing streets – were recovered and recycled, adding to the historic feel and preservation of the downtown area. Kraft was also able to obtain approval for smaller traffic signals that enhanced the restoration.



**Downtown Fort Myers** 

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

## Another Day At The Royal Palm Hotel



by Gerri Reaves

This historic photo of the Royal Palm Hotel dining room provides a glimpse into the Gilded Age elegance once available on First Street.

The state-of-the-art 50-room hotel was located at the foot of today's Royal Palm Avenue. Initially called the Fort Myers Hotel, it was completed in January 1898, bringing a style and grandeur yet unseen in the little river town.

The year before, Hugh O'Neill, a successful New York merchant, had bought the property on which the Hendry House stood. He razed the former home of Capt. FA Hendry and built a hotel to rival others in the region, such as Henry Flagler's

Royal Palm Hotel in Miami and Henry B. Plant's Tampa Bay Hotel.

The hotel's opening received newspaper publicity in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington. It was most significant social event Fort Myers had ever experienced.

Fort Myers' high-end tourism, the snowbird phenomenon, began. At that time, the season lasted only a couple of months or so.

Not only the climate but the tarpon fishing lured northerners and Mid-westerners to the area.

O'Neill's hotel was the first building in Fort Myers to be wired for electricity, only one factor that deemed it ultra-modern.



The elegant dining room of the Royal Palm Hotel, which opened in 1898. Builder Hugh O'Neill was the first person to plant royal palms in what became known as The City of Palms.

Courtesy of Southwest Florida Historical Society



The former site of the Royal Palm Hotel at the foot of Royal Palm Avenue and First Street photos by Gerri Reaves



The hotel dinnerware bore the royal palm symbol and hotel name



The hotel ledger for March 21, 1913 records guests from Cincinnati, New York, Jacksonville, and Massachusetts. Also noted is

Also noted is Edith Shattuck's 137-pound tarpon catch.



This key opened room 131 in the Royal Palm Hotel The riverfront hotel had its own recreation pier where seasonal visitors could dock their yachts in the pre-railroad era. Over the years, other amenities such as a swimming pool and tennis court were added. The hotel was known for its beautiful garden.

The hotel ledger for March 21, 1913 conspicuously records Miss Edith Shattuck's tarpon catch on March 19. The visitor from Boston caught the 137-pound silver king aboard the yacht *Merry Mac*.

Two things catch one's attention today when reading and viewing photos about that era of tarpon fishing: the size of the tarpon and the alarming number that were pulled from the water and lined up for photo shoots.

Like many grand wood frame hotels, the Royal Palm declined. In its last few years it rallied as a favorite spot for military personnel stationed in the area during World War

Under new ownership in 1947, the hotel was advertised on a billboard as "A Yankee Inn Under the Palms."

The end came soon, however, and the 1948 demolition of the landmark Royal Palm Hotel signaled the end of an era and the beginning of a post-World War II idea of progress.

After buying the property, TH "Tom" Phillips, in preparation for the demolition, sold everything he could: tubs, chairs,

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## Fourth Of July Display At Local Gallery



Eagle Eyes by John Swank

hotographs by John Swank can be seen at Harbour View Gallery in Cape Coral, an artists-owned cooperative comprised of award winning local artists. Swank's Flying the Flag, American Icon and Cape Coral's Iwo Jima Memorial will be available as posters as well as fine art prints and note cards.

His work includes fine art, nature and stereo (3D) images available as archival qual-

ity prints, art tiles and note cards.

He has been honored by the Art League of Fort Myers, the Art Council of Southwest Florida and the Potomac Society of Stereo Photographers. His photo-

## Veterans' Annual Freedom Photo

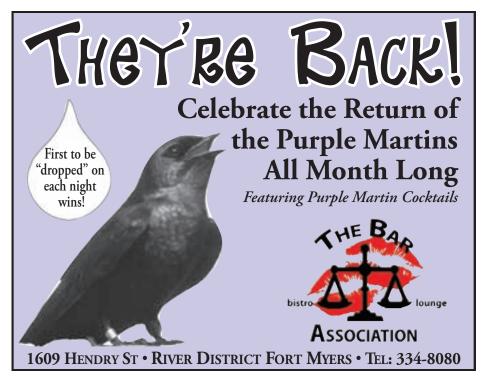
arley-Davidson/Buell of Fort Myers is inviting all past and present military personnel to stop by on Saturday, July 3 at 10 a.m. to partake in their ▲ Freedom Photo, in honor of the sacrifices made by local veterans to safe-guard the freedoms that Independence Day represents.

The group photo will be taken at approximately 11 a.m. and participants are asked to arrive by 10 a.m. They are encouraged to wear their uniform, colors and patches.

All guests will receive a copy of the photograph. Barbecue from Texas Tony's and refreshments will be provided along with live music following the photo. No RSVP is

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Iwo Jima by John Swank

graphs were featured in a one-person show at the Morgan House Restaurant in downtown Fort Myers late last year.

"I enjoy exploring and capturing the extraordinary aspects of everyday events and places, as well as finding unique locations and points of view," Swank said. "The world see and strive to share is uplifting, inspiring and fun.

He shoots and prints his photographs digitally, limiting changes to traditional darkroom adjustments. He has lived in South Fort Myers for five years, moving from the Washington D.C. area, where he worked for members of Congress, the Maritime Administration and Federal Aviation Administration.

Swank can be reached via his Web site at http://johnswankphotos.com or by e-mail at jswank@fwphotos.com.☆



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## Stamp Club Meetings

he Cape Coral Stamp Club holds monthly meetings with a program and philatelic auction. Meetings take placeon the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Community Room at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 2507 S. Del Prado Boulevard, near corner of Everest Parkway. Doors open about 6 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Dues are \$6 a year.

Visitors are welcome.

For more information call 542-9153,  $\begin{array}{l} log \ onto \ www.capecoral stampclub.com \\ or \ e\text{-mail} \ stmp4u@aol.com. \ \stackrel{\bowtie}{\swarrow} \end{array}$ 

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## Royal Palm Hotel

dressers, staircases, dishes, bricks, wooden coat hangers, keys, dishes, kitchen equipment, railings, and even the iconic fence and gates that appear in so many postcard photos.

Thus, pieces of the Royal Palm Hotel remain scattered in the closets and on the shelves of locals, many of whom remember the turreted hotel on the river downtown.

Walk down to the foot of Royal Palm Avenue on First Street and to the site with a long history of hospitality. Ponder the fate of the land where Capt. FA Hendry settled, the Hendry House greeted visitors in the late 19th century, and

Fort Myers' grandest hotel once stood.
Then walk a few steps to the
Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street, where you can learn more about Fort Myers symbol of the Gilded Age, the Royal Palm Hotel.

Be sure to see the Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb exhibit, extended to August 15.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to swflmuseumofhistory.com. The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

If you'd like to see the Royal Palm memorabilia shown in these photos, stop by the Southwest Florida Historical Society, another valuable historical resource. The society is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard. Call 939-4044 or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Sources: The Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer and the archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.な

## Camera Club

The next meeting of the Fort Myers Camera Club will be Tuesday, July 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Lakes Regional Library off Gladiolus in Fort Myers.

The topic will be Macro Photography. Come and learn about the world of macro photography, or close-up photography. The classical definition is that the image projected on the "film plane" (i.e., film or a digital sensor) is close to the same size as the subject. Macro can be shot with a DSLR or a point and shoot camera. Members will demonstrate techniques. Guests are welcome.☆

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## Edison & Ford Estates Summer Programs



**Summer Camp Movie Making Magic** 

'uly at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates is highlighted with the return of Henry Ford's Birthday Celebration, a summer with a Sneak Peek Tour and Estates Inventor's Summer Camp as well as a variety of other special programs throughout the month of July. The schedule includes:

- The Edison & Ford Winter Estates will be open July 4 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  • Estates Inventor's Summer Camp,
- space available.

For budding rocket scientists, film makers, animators and science detectives, registration is still open for Estates Inventors Summer Camp. Weeklong camps continue through August 20. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camps are open for grades 1–6 and sessions are separated by grade levels. Cost for members is \$200, non-members \$230. Scholarships are available.

Spaceships & Rockets, July 5-9 and



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• ESI – Edison Science Investigation, July 12-16

Thomas Edison, known for his ability to turn normal objects in amazing inventions, made bamboo glow and tinfoil talk. Now it's your turn! Each day, campers will be presented with a different mystery and they will only be given normal everyday items to solve them. This camp will exercise mind and body as the clock ticks away to solve the mystery.

- Movie Making Magic, July 19-23. Act, direct, operate the camera and build sets. Campers will be fully immersed in the art of filmmaking. Participants will study Foley art (sound effects), movie magic (special effects), and script writing. They will learn the basic techniques the pros use to get their ideas on the big screen. Each camper will receive a DVD of their film.
- Kitchen Chemistry, July 26-30 This mind-boggling camp is a combination of the best experiments the Wild Wizards have to offer. Campers will learn how to take everyday things found in the kitchen and make them do amazing things. Top it all off
- with a solar cookout with hand made ice cream and root beer float party.

   Eager Engineers, August 16-20. "To be a good inventor you need a good imagination and a pile of junk," said Thomas Edison. The estate will supply the junk to jump-start the imagination. Campers will use recycled materials and develop green inventions such as robots that will perform a number of different tasks, conduct science experiments, participate in balloon car races, and build bridges, and more!
- New volunteer orientation, July 13, 10 a.m. Learn about volunteer opportunities, estates policies and general museum information. This is a mandatory training for all volunteers. New and potential volunteers are welcome.
- Docent training, July 22, 9 a.m. New volunteers who are interested in becoming Edison & Ford porch, lab and museum docents, or leading group tours of the grounds must attend this meeting.

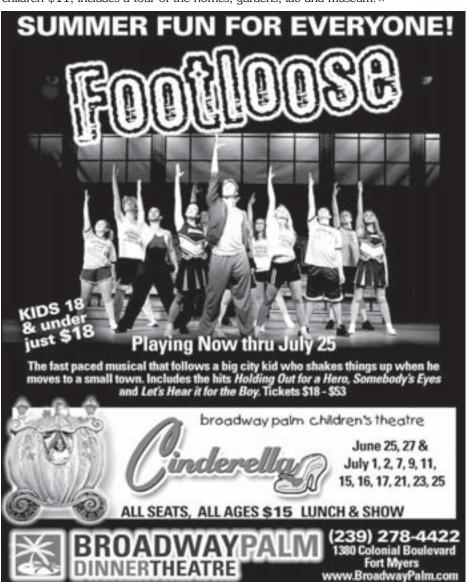


Clara and Henry Ford at their winter estate in Fort Myers. Ford's birthday is July 30.

• Quilting and Stitchery dea.m. to 1 p.m. Quilter's from the Southwest Florida Quilter's Guild and members of the Southwest Embroidery Guild will be demonstrating quilting and stitching techniques on the Edison porch. Members of the guild will be available to answer questions on techniques and care.

In the early 1900s Henry Ford collected, celebrated and displayed guilts and other historical objects. The Southwest Florida Quilter's Guild presented the estates with a replica Ford Collection Quilt that is on exhibit in the estates museum. The demonstration is free with purchase of Home and Garden Tour ticket.

- Sneak Peek Tour, July 29, 9:30 a.m. A behind-the-scenes tour inside the Edison and Ford homes. These unique tours are offered at no cost to Estates members and \$40 for non-members. Space is limited and registration is required.
- Happy Birthday Henry Ford, July 30, 10 a.m. The estates will be celebrating the 147th birthday of Henry Ford and the recently completed restoration of The Mangoes, the winter estate of the Ford family. The celebration includes cake and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Ford Estate. Members free; non-members, adults \$20, children \$11; includes a tour of the homes, gardens, lab and museum.



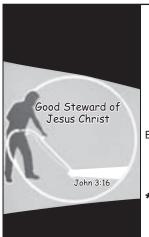
## Cattle Barons' Ball **Executive Committee Named**



Executive Committee members Mike Doto, Morgan Grimes, Melanie Geenen, Stefanie Ink, Mary O'Toole, Cyndie Grimes, Beth Hayes (ACS Staff Partner), Erin Nelson, Teri Hansen, Glo Cuiffi, Shawn Seliger

he American Cancer Society of Lee County has named the executive committee for the eighth annual Cattle Barons' Ball, an annual fundraiser that will take place January 22 at the Robb & Stucky Corporate Headquarters on Plantation Road in Fort Myers.

Cyndie Grimes, an advanced registered nurse practitioner with Schneider Centre for Plastic Surgery, is the event chair. Mary O'Toole, a realtor with Fort Myers-based Right Choice Realty, is the vice chair.



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Supporting Grimes and O'Toole on the executive committee are: Auction Co-chairs Melanie Geenen and Erin Nelson; Logistics Co-chairs Mike Doto and Matt Gierden; Revenue Enhancers Co-chairs Morgan Grimes and Glo Cuiffi; Sponsorship Co-chairs Shawn Seliger and Stefanie Ink; and PR/Collateral Chair Teri Hansen.

The Cattle Barons' Ball benefits ACS, which for nearly a century has fought for individuals threatened by all types of cancer. The ACS is a volunteer driven organization with active local community involvement. Contributions from annual fundraising events such as the Cattle Barons' Ball are instrumental in funding various cancer programs, patient services, education and research. From the early 1990s through 2005, the overall cancer death rate dropped 15 percent which equates to approximately 650,000 lives that have been saved. This year, in the United States alone, it is now estimated that 11 million cancer survivors will celebrate another birthday

For sponsorship information, contact Beth Hayes, American Cancer Society, at

936-1113, ext. 3909 or email beth.hayes@cancer.org.

## Nursery Owner Speaks To Kiwanis

ayer Berg, co-owner of Riverland Nursery, Fort Myers was the guest speaker at the Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club's June 22 meeting.

How do you make the landscape around your property look beautiful without spending a fortune? Riverland Nursery answers that question with free classes. Many people are intimidated about landscaping, said Bergy. "This is not rocket science," he said. "Learning about plants is fun and it does not have to be expensive. The trick is to choose plants wisely," Berg said.

"I learned that if you don't have the

right plants, and if they are cold or droughtsensitive and they die, that's really dumb, he said. "We don't want you to be an impulse buyer. We want successful outcomes and happy endings.

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Guest speaker Mayer Berg

nance. To find out more, visit www.riverlandnursery.com.

Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Sunshine Seafood Café. Guests are always welcome. For details on joining the club, or any of the other 16 Kiwanis clubs in Lee County or LaBelle, call Viki or Terry Luster at 415-3100, or visit www.kiwanisgtti.com. \$\pi\$

## Inland Treasures Of Southwest Florida Discounts

ummer visitors can experience the bountiful treasures of six Southwest Florida attractions with discounts. Discover "IT"! Inland Treasures of Southwest Florida promotion runs July 5 through September 6.

Visitors to the SWFL Museum of History, Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium, The Butterfly Estates, Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium, Shell Factory & Nature Park, and the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, may download a coupon for a \$1 discount to visit any or all of these partner attractions. Additionally, coupons will be available at each venue beginning on July 15th for the participating partners – all within an easy drive of each other.

Visitors to the SWFL Museum of History will able to explore Southwest Florida's rich history and take in the trav-

eling exhibit, Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb. There are 60 interactive exhibits, live animals, marine touch tanks, hands-on fun shows, and a 3-D film.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates offer visitors a glimpse into the life and work of Thomas Edison and his friend, Henry Ford, during their winter vacations in Fort Myers, and The Butterfly Estates provide a unique experience of a botanical garden and butterfly conservatory, combined.

The Shell Factory & Nature Park provides an opportunity to peruse its collection of shells, dine and shop for special items, discover hundreds of animals and explore the Rainforest Aviary, while the Calusa Nature Center offers miles of nature trails, animals, and planetarium shows.

For more information, visit the websites at: www.swflmuseumofhistory.com; www.imaginariumfortmyers.com; www. calusanature.com; www.efwefla.org; www.thebutterflyestates.com; and www. shellfactory.com.☆

## Along The River



Nervous Nellie's at Snug Harbour Marina, Fort Myers Beach

he Fourth of July weekend is a perfect time for boating, so make a pit stop at Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery in Fort Myers Beach. Free marine dockage with dock attendant's assitance is available for patrons. Parking for your car is also free if you dine at the restaurant. Eat inside or outside on the expansive patio overlooking the water.

Nellie's serves a wide variety of delectible snacks, over-stuffed sandwiches (on homemade bread, no less!) and entrées that will please even the most finicky eater in your group. Listen to live music and have happy hour, all day every day, upstairs at **Ugly's Waterside Bar**. Starting Friday, July 2, rock to the beats of Vytas Vibe from 6 to 10 p.m. and Mark Kobie from 8 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, No Way José from 1 to 5:30 p.m., Vytas Vibe 6 to 10 p.m. and Mark Kobie from 8 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, No Way José plays from 1 to 5:30 p.m., Vytas Vibe from 6 to 10 p.m., the High Tide Band from 6 to 10 p.m., and Mark Kobie from 8 p.m. to midnight; Monday, Left of Center from 6 to 10 p.m.; and Tuesday, the Yard Dogs from 6 to 10 p.m. and the Oysters from 7 p.m. to midnight.

## NAPA Auto's Grand Opening



Chad Henderson, store manager, and Greg McNeely, co-owner

n June 23, NAPA Auto Care Center in downtown Fort Myers held its grand opening celebration. Guests were treated to complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers by AJ's Auto & Fleet Service Inc., proprieters of the auto shop. The family-owned and operated company is a full-service center that also offers shuttle service, loaner cars, service reminders and courtesy checks.

It is located at 2345 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard. Call 334-3575 or go www. NapaAutoCareSWF.com.



Every meal at The Sandy Butler Restaurant is a culinary celebration

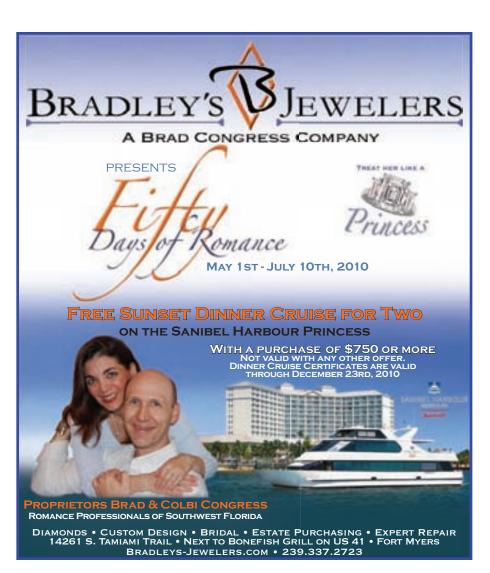
Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. Take-out is also available by calling 463-8077.

If you are driving your car to Fort Myers Beach for the Fourth of July festivities, call **Errol's Taxi** for a safe ride home. The company provides local taxicab transportation in Fort Myers Beach and offers a full range of taxi services. Errol's professional drivers are available 24 hours per day and will ensure that you arrive home safely.

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Planning to celebrate the gourmet way? The Sandy Butler Restaurant and Gourmet Market is offering summer specials including a new summer wine series and prix fixe menu through the end of September. Offered daily, the restaurant's prix





Summer camps are offered at the Imaginarium and Museum of History through August 20

fixe menu includes a three-course dinner and a glass of wine for \$30 per person.

Through September, the \$18 cork fee for wines purchased in The Sandy Butler's Gourmet Market and taken into the restaurant is waived. Members of the Bell Ringer Customer Loyalty Club at The Sandy Butler will receive 10 percent off all purchases in the market and restaurant all summer long.

The Sandy Butler Restaurant and Gourmet Market is located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 482-6765 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

Holidays are fun for all children, but most will tell you that their favorite is summer break! Kids of all ages need fun and educational activities to keep their minds stimulated during the summer months.

The Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium and the Southwest Florida Museum of History are hosting a variety of summer camps again this year packed with interactive experiences, educational hands-on activities, special guests, demonstrations and exhibit exploration.

Camp Imaginarium & Fun at the Fort are offered Monday through Friday through August 20.

Weekly camp themes include Super Slime, Animal Adventures, Raucous Rockets, Gadgets & Gizmos, Architecture Adventure, Super Hero Science, Mythbusters, Under the Sea, Treasure Hunters, Dino Dig, Dig up the Past, Radical Robots, and Magical Mysteries. The camps use an innovative curriculum integrating science, the arts, and humanities, to inspire the imagination and encourage a love of learning.

Both museums provide a positive and supportive learning environment with a high level of personal attention for each camper by museum education staff, certified teachers, and specially trained junior camp assistants. Campers are grouped by their upcoming grade level, which

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allows the staff to design appropriate academic curricula based on the Sunshine State Standards, and promotes, healthy social experiences for all campers.

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### Freedom Rocks

Bailey's Shopping Center Backyard BBQ and an Independence Day Festival at

Jerry's store will take place immediately following the Sanibel parade.

The fireworks display will be on Sunday, July 4 at dusk, launched from the north end terminus of Bailey Road.

Best viewing of the fireworks display is from the bayside of Sanibel and from any of the Sanibel Causeway Islands.



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## A Midsummer Night's Sing To Benefit The Soup Kitchen

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The fundraiser, planned for Tuesday, July 27, at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Myers, will be a 90-minute performance of hymns, instrumentalists, and special guests beginning at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30. First Presbyterian is located at 2438 Second Street, between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue.

Admission is a voluntary cash donation and cans of non-perishable food (the more the better) to benefit The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative Ministries (CCMI). Donations of canned goods also will be picked up by The Soup Kitchen for residents who cannot attend. Call 332-7687 to arrange pick up of food.

First Presbyterian's new pastor, Rev. Paul deJong, is urging the community to help with canned goods and cash donations to help those in need

"Ladies and gentlemen, we desperately need your help. The need for food is absolutely critical this year. Please love your fellow neighbor and attempt to do what God

would do and want you to do," Rev. deJong said.
Rev. deJong also said that none of us knows what the potential impact could be on our economy if the Deepwater Horizon oil spill reaches our shores.

There is great uncertainty now as to what the future holds, so we need to be prepared to feed those most in need in the event of a disaster," he said.

Organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. said cash donations are especially needed because The Soup Kitchen can buy five times as much food at the Harry Chapin Food Bank for the same amount of money that residents spend at local grocery stores

"This way, we can take every dollar and make it stretch as far as is humanly possible," he said.

Galloway, who has made feeding the hungry part of his life's work, has arranged for refrigerated trucks to take the food to the neighborhoods that most need help this

Rising unemployment and the continued downward spiral in our local economy has caused many of our neighbors to ask for food to feed their families for the first time in their lives. Our director has told me, 'Sam, I cannot tell you who, but people are coming for groceries whom you and I know.' We can't allow our neighbors and



Rev. Paul deJong, new minister of First Presbyterian Church, with A Midsummer Night's Sing Organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. Attendees contributed about 4,000 pounds of canned goods last year.

friends to be hungry. Please - we need our community to get together and help with all the canned goods they can. We need to raise the roof with money and food, please." Galloway said.

Galloway annually sponsors the popular Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing as part of the Edison Festival of Light in February. Because more than 4,000 people attend Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing in the winter, organizers planned A Midsummer Night's Sing to allow more local residents to enjoy the same type of activity during the less crowded summer months.

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir and friends will be featured during the evening, which will include sing-a-longs of well-known hymns.

Canned goods and cash donations collected at A Midsummer Night's Sing will be put to use immediately at The Soup Kitchen of Community Cooperative Ministries.

"Please try to bring whatever cash donation you can and at least two cans of nonperishable food And, if you're among those impacted by our poor economy, come anyway and have a good time," Galloway and Rev. deJong said.

For more information, call 334-2261 or visit www.fpcfortmyers.org.

## Edison & Ford Winter Estates Is Open July 4

he Edison & Ford Winter Estates, located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, will be open the Fourth of July weekend including, Sunday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 5

Programs include regular tours of the homes, garden and lab of the two inventors as well as orientation and touring in the estates museum. The 15,000-squarefoot air conditioned museum has an impressive collection of inventions and artifacts, special exhibitions and archives.

Demonstrations throughout the day include the Edison phonograph every half hour, and other presentations including antique cars and the Edison research

Throughout the summer visitors of all ages can step back into "old Florida" and learn more about the world through unique historical, scientific and cultural experiences.

Admission includes use of the free audio wand tour.

In addition, the site also offers opportunities for the public to enjoy its park-like environment for special events, weddings, corporate functions, and art and musical presentations as well as educational programs throughout the year.

For more information call 334-7419 or visit www.efwefla.org.☆



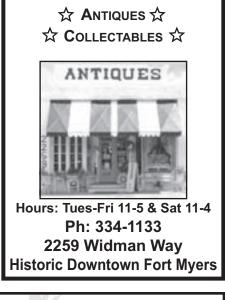
A demonstration of an Edison phonograph at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

## Youth Basketball League Sign-up

he deadline to register a child for the Saturday morning youth basketball league is July 6.

Players ages 8-14 are invited to sign up and participate. The fee is \$25 per child and includes league fees and uniform shirt.

The season will be eight games long. The league will begin on July 17. For more information or to register, contact Randy at 765-4222.☆



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## Churches/Temples

#### **ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION**

has moved to its new home on 2756 McGregor Boulevard Fort Myers, (6 blocks south of the Edison Home; 2 miles north of Colonial

Reverend Dr. Wayne Robinson Sunday Services: 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Services: 9 and 11 a.m.
Children's Education: 9 a.m.
Adult Education: 10 a.m.
Phone 226-0900
Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.com
Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org
ANNUNCIATION GREEK
ORTHODOX CHURCH

8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers Reverend Fr. Athanasios Michalos Orthros Service Sunday 9am Divine Liturgy Sunday 10am
Fellowship Programs, Greek School,
Sunday School, Community Night
239-481-2099

## BETH SHILOH MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE:

15675 McGregor Boulevard. 437-3171 Rabbi: Judah Hungerman Friday Service, 8 p.m. Saturday Service, 11 a.m. Shabbat School Saturday Morning Adult Hebrew Classes Please call for information on full program.

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD: 16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166 (Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall) Pastor: Barry Lentz, 281-3063 Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. CHURCH OF THE CROSS: 13500 Freshman Lang. 768-2188

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188 Pastors: Jeff Moran and Michael Bulter; A nondenominational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Contemporary 10:45 a.m. Traditional.

#### **CHRIST THE KING**

1188 Lake McGregor Drive, Fort Myers, 432-1724. Reverend N. Everett Keith II; An Old Catholic Community; Liturgy in English; Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937 Rev. Dan Hagmaier, pastor Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m. Nursery available

CYPRÉSS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH: 8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-5442

Danny Harvey, pastor Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m. CYPRESS LAKE

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor Sunday services: Traditional, 8 and 11 a.m.; Contemporary, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church K4J (Kids for Jesus)

9:45 a.m. CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

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

## FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; "Voice of Faith," WCRN 13.50 AM Radio, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Thursday Service, 7:30 p.m. Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.

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

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

15690 McGregor Boulevard Fort Myers, 482-2030 Pastor: David Stauffer. Traditional services 9:00 a.m.; Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.
Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is 1/2 mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the

way to Sanibel.
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST: 2390 West First Street, next door to Edison Estates.

Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting,

7:30 p.m.

Child care provided at all services. Visit our Reading Room for quiet study at: 2281 W. First Street, River District www.spirituality.com and www.christianscience.com

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: 13545 American Colony Boulevard (off Daniels Parkway in the Colony), Fort Myers, 936-2511

Myers, 936-2511
Pastor: Rev. Joey Brummett
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning
Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6
p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.
FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN
MINISTRIES CONGREGATION
5016 Winkler Poad Fort Myers

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330. Rev. Mark Condrey, Pastor Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Church School: 9:15 a.m. FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: 8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers, 482-3133. Philip White, pastor Morning Worship: 10 a.m.

Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Church School: 10:15 a.m. Adult Forum: 9 a.m.
HOLY THEOTOKOS MONASTERY:

111 Evergreen Road, North Fort Myers,

Eastern Orthodox men's monastery. Liturgical services conducted in the English, Greek and Church Slavonic languages, following the Julian (Old) Calendar. Liturgical Services: Sundays and Holy Days: The Third and Sixth Hours at 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL

**CONGREGATION:** 

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, 454-4778

The Rev. Dr. John S. Adler, pastor Weekly services:

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 at Saturday 5 p.m. and
Sunday 9:30 a.m. services.

JESUS THE WORKER
CATHOLIC CHURCH:

COLL Nine Avanue Fort Myers, 481-1143

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 Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH:

Corner Cypress View Drive and Koreshan Boulevard, Three Oaks area, Fort Myers,

Walter Fohs, pastor; Becky Robbins-Penniman, associate pastor

Sunday worship services: Early Grace Traditional, 8 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary, 9 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School God's Group, 8:45 and 10 a.m. **MESSIAH REFORMED CHURCH** 

Worship Gathering - Sunday 10 a.m.
Pastor Alan Bondar
Fort Myers Villas Civic Association Bldg.
2306 Sunrise Blvd. Fort Myers, 33907 Phone/text: 220-8519 website: messiahreformed.com Bible Study - Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Lunch - Sunday noon Teen Events - Monthly

c/website for podcasts, special events, ministries, calendar, blogs, etc.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

OF FORT MYERS
16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10B 791-6908

Tom Richards, Pastor Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.
Special Monday Community Group service at 7 p.m. for those who can not attend

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers Pastors: Bill Stephens, Stu Austin and Howard Biddulph, Associate Pastor Traditional Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 am, Contemporary Worship at 11:00am Sunday School at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services.

Nursery care provided at all services

For more information visit: www.newhope-

fortmyers.org
PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH:

(Meets at Ft. Myers Beach Masonic Lodge) 17625 Pine Ridge Road, Fort Myers Beach 267-7400

Pastors: Bruce Merton, Gail and RC Fleeman

Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship 11:15 a.m.
Phone: 267-7400 Fax: 267-7407
Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com
e-mail: peace1265@aol.com
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH:

15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers Walter Still, Senior Pastor, Sunday Worship: 8 and 9:30 a.m. 3/4 mile south from the intersection of McGregor, San Carlos and Gladiolus. A congregation of the ELCA.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3950 Winkler Extension, Fort Myers Daily early learning center/day care Sunday Services, 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

274-0143 SAMUDRABADRA BUDDHIST **CENTER:** 

Meditation classes. All are welcome. Guided meditations offering many methduided meditations offering many methods for relaxing the body and focusing the mind on virtuous objects to bring increasing peace and happiness into daily activity. For information, class times and locations call 567-9739 or visit www. MeditationInFortMyers.org.

SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH:

16940 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers,

Robert G. Kasten, Pastor Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Nursery available 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Junior Church grades one to five Wee Church Pre-K to K Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednsday Service 6 p.m. ST. COLUMBKILLE

**CATHOLIC CHURCH:** 

12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, off McGregor and north of Gladiolus. 489-3973 Father Joseph Clifford. Weekly masses: Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. Weekend masses: Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.; Sunday: 7, 9,11, and 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation is available at the church on Saturdays at noon and by appointment SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

3049 Mcgregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 344-0012

Pastor Rev. Steve Filizzi An Affirming & Inclusive Congregation Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN

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3595 Broadway, Fort Myers
239-939-4711, www.smlcs.org
Wednesday Fellowship: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner \$5, 6:15 p.m. bible studies
Worship: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.,
Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with 9:15 a.m. adult and children's Bible Study, plus marriage enrichment studies. Divorce Care on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. During Lent: Wednesday worship noon and 6:15 p.m.

TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE: 16225 Winkler Rd. 433-0018.

Rabbi Jeremy Barras

Cantorial Soloists Joseph/Lynn Goldovitz Shabbat Services, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m. Bar/Bat Mitzvah Services, Saturday,

Religious Education Classes, Midweek, Grades 2-7, Wednesday, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Preschool Classes, Monday through Friday
Confirmation Classes, Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. to noon TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE):

14486 A & W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201. Fort Myers, 433-0201.
Rabbi: Benjamin S. Sendrow,
Cantor: I. Victor Geigner.
Weekly services: Monday and Thursday, 9
a.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.
Religious school Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon,
and Wednesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Family Midrash services on the first and
third Fridays of the month at 7 p.m.
Pre bar/hat mitzyah class Monday, 5:30 to Pre bar/bat mitzvah class Monday, 5:30 to 7 p.m., followed by confirmation class from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

For information on early childhood education/preschool, phone 482-1121.

THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL is located at 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle, by Summerlin and Pine Ridge Roads, behind Zoomers and the ponds.

Reverend Nadine

Spiritual Recovery, Wednesdays 10 a.m. Healing Service, Wednesdays 11 a.m. and Fridays 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Services, 11 a.m. Call for information 481-5535.

THOMAS A. EDISON
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/ Ford Winter Estates Senior Minister: Douglas Kelchner

Traditional Worship Sunday's 10:15 a.m. Website: www.edisonchurch.org

Phone: 334-4978 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST **CHURCH FORT MYERS:** 

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)

Minister: The Rev. Allison Farnum Sunday services and religious education at

For information on all church events call 561-2700 or visit www.uucfm.org.

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## Churches/Temples

#### **UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS:**

Family Service 10 to 11 a.m. Healing Circle 11 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m. Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic music, meditation in a loving environment. Service held at 28285 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs. Call 947-3100.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

## CHURCH:

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125 Pastor: Interim Pastor Dr. Luder Whitlock Sunday Service:

9:30 a.m., Contemporary; Worship and Adult Classes 11 a.m., Blended Worship

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH: 2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881; Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;

Wednesday 7 p.m. Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH:

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers 481-4040, Pastor, Steve Hess Sunday Services: 8 a.m. traditional; 9:30 a.m. contemporary; 11 a.m. blendings. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

## Free Food Fridays

ree Food Fridays is a collaboration between community partners such as The Salvation Army, United Way, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Lee County Schools and Community Cooperative Ministries Inc.

'Our community is still experiencing the effects of a struggling economy. Many of our neighbors and friends remain unemployed and under employed. Making ends meet is still an act of labor. During the school year, the majority of the kids are enrolled in the free or reduced lunch programs. Now that school is out, these families have to stretch their grocery dollars even farther," stated Major Tom Louden, corps officer for The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties.

This summer feeding program will give assistance to families who have children in the Lee County school system. Over 67 percent of Lee County students are on the free or reduced cost meal plan. Over 30 schools have over 80 percent of their students on the free or reduced meal

The Free Food Fridays and their loca-

• July 2, 4 to 6 p.m., Bay Oaks Recreation Center Pantry, 2731 Oak Street, Fort Myers Beach

• July 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Cape Coral United Way House Pantry, 1105 Cultural Park Boulevard, Cape Coral

• July 16 4 to 6 p.m., Alva United Methodist Church Pantry, 21440 Pearl Street, Alva

• July 23,3 to 7 p.m. Edisto Lake Apartments Canteen, and 4 to 6 p.m., Harlem Heights Pantry, 10770 Clear Lake Loop, Fort Myers

• July 30, 3 to 7 p.m., Pine Island United Way House Canteen, 5465 NW Pine Island Road, and 4 to 6 p.m., United Way Pantry, Pine Island,

The Salvation Army canteen team will consist of a Salvation Army staff person continued on page 24

# New Opportunities at Shell Point

The public is invited and many of these events are FREE!

**Shell Point's** Life Enrichment **Series offers** the opportunity to discover new things about yourself and the world you live in.

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Tuesdays – July 6, 13, 20, and 27 • 10 a.m. Wednesdays – July 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 10 a.m.

Join us for one of these group presentations about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. Light refreshments. Space is limited, so call 466-1131 to reserve your place.

Fishing as a Vocation, Not a Vacation

Tuesday, July 13 at 10 a.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point



The Academy at Shell Point presents Fishing as a Vocation, Not Vacation with Kristie Anders, Education Director for the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation. In this presentation Kristie will track 10,000 years of our area's fishing history. It is a rich history of fishing as a livelihood, and this is your chance to hear about it from an expert. This event is free but reservations are required. Call 454-2054 to reserve your seat.

## The Naples Jazz Orchestra – The Best of Big Band

Monday, July 19 at 7 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

It's heating up outside, but cool summer sounds are coming your way! Join us as Shell Point presents the Naples Jazz Orchestra as part of the Shell Point Summer Concert Series. The Naples Jazz Orchestra is a classic "big band" in the tradition of the legendary bands of Count Bassie, Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller, and performs the music of the greatest composers, arrangers and bands in jazz history. Get your tickets today for just \$15. Call 454-2067. Also, August 2: Reiko & Friends - A Night of Favorite Classical & Pops, Tickets \$15



## The National Parks: Our Common Land, Our Common Heart

Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Since 1872 national parks have been part of the American experience. Join Dr. Craig Rademacher, from Northern Michigan University, on a visual tour of the National Park System and explore how our understanding of national parks has evolved and why these magnificent places form an essential link between our past and future. Dr. Rademacher will also present a select special feature from the internationally acclaimed PBS series by Ken Burns entitled The National Parks, America's Best Idea. This event is

free, but tickets are required. Call 454-2054.



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Shell Point is located in Fort Myers, 2 miles before the Sanibel Causeway.



African Journal

## The Good, The Bad And The Sad...



Post Dorowat with Danny Hailu, family and friends

by Scott Martell

y first week back in Ethiopia has been full of the good, the bad and the sad. Sometimes I feel like I'd never left this country. Other times I think I'm on another planet. A city bustling with construction, Addis Ababa is much changed, in just a year's time, with signs of new wealth popping up like mushrooms in a field after a rain. Yet, on downtown streets one sees homemade "huts" of rock and plastic along the sidewalk, which also serves as kitchen and bathroom.

Many people nod or raise their eyebrows in greeting, showing dignity by respecting an older man (Me! How did that happen, anyway?) Kids still stare, and slap my outreached hand when I say, "Endemena derachu tamarioch!" (Good morning students!) Others put out their open hands, hoping for other things.

I've met with many brothers and sisters, with so many friends still to be contacted. Fellowship is precious here, where commu-

New buildings soar in Addis Abeb

nity is a higher value than individualism. True, there are fewer distractions to fellowship than in the western world, but I hope it never changes.

I'm currently in language training with what most agree is a very difficult language, Amharic, and I'm travelling all over the city by mini-bus, of which there are thousands. Language training and such travel often adds up to exhaustion by the end of a day. Nearing the end of my first week, I was running on empty.

However, riding the mini-bus south to Mekinisa, I opened my Bible to continue with my reading of the Book of Mathew. You couldn't have fit a sardine in the crowded bus. The road swarmed with traffic, pedestrians, goats. Horns blared. People shouted. The mosque amplifier called for payer.

An older man sat beside me, surreptitiously looking over at my book. On the two-page spread was all of Matthew 11 and most of Chapter 12. My seat partner put his elbow into me. "Yes, I like that. He gives us rest." Not only did he read English, but out of a dozen lessons on the two pages he'd chosen to comment on Matthew 11:25-30 which I, too, had been studying. Extremely tired, I had focused on Jesus' words: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." From that comment came good conversation, and a renewal of spirit and enthusiasm. God works in interesting ways.

I've been hearing all kinds of news from friends – good, bad and sad. The most striking to me, in my heart, is the story of Kidane. The twin brother of Lemlem, the young girl who graces all my prayer cards, Kidane was my student for fifth and sixth grade, and excelled in class. I expected him to keep doing well in school, and maybe even advancing to the upper levels of a competitive school football team. Orphans, Kidane and Lemlem had arrived in our compound two years previously, from the far south of Ethiopia. However, this year, knowing that he was HIV-positive he fled the safety of the compound to return to his village. His parents had apparently died of



Ato Belay's family hosted us for church and supper



Mini buses in Addis

AIDS, and only an aunt remains. Will there be any medical facilities for him in that rural area? Proper food and nutrition that is so critical for keeping up the immune system? A school to keep him advancing in knowledge? A church to provide him hope? Those questions trouble me, not knowing the answers.

Another student has had a more positive year. Taye left school in grade 10 after receiving an invitation to tryout with the Ethiopian National Team, competing in the marathon ("home" of Haille Gabraselasse, among other world renowned runners). He had no club support, no money, and came from a hut in the mountains. This was just a tryout, with no promises of any kind. He's stuck with it now for 18 months, and three months ago he took second place in the marathon among all Ethiopia runners. (Chariots of Fire may need a sequel!)

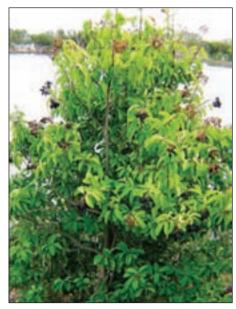
All in all, being in Ethiopia at this time, is exciting, and a blessing. A few verses later in the Book of Matthew comes the story of the Sign of Jonah in which Jesus predicts his death and resurrection after three days, paralleling the story of Jonah in the belly of the whale. The men of Ninevah repented at the preaching of Jonah, and Jesus proclaimed that something greater than Jonah is now in their midst (He, himself, the Messiah.) Then Jesus says: "The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came to the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here." The "south" is often called Ethiopia in the Bible, and the queen referred to is the Queen of Sheba, an empire that Ethiopians believe included the northern part of modern day Ethiopia, and from which their ruling dynasty originated. Modern day Ethiopia is now rising up and proclaiming the word of God. These are exciting times.

Scott Martell moved to Sanibel in 1983 and has worked with various news organizations. He has served on a variety of boards, including CROW, Sanibel Elementary School, Sanibel Community Association, Pirate Playhouse, and Gulf Coast Symphony. He was called to Ethiopia to work for Project Mercy in 2006, and now is affiliated with New Missions Systems and is working to establish Ethiopia Hope Village (www.EthiopiaHopeVillage.com). He can be reached at

smartell@nmsi.org.∜

#### Plant Smart:

## Florida **Fiddlewood**



This Florida fiddlewood has both ripe and unripe fruit photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

Norida fiddlewood (Citharexylum fruticosum) gets its catchy common name because the strong wood supposedly is desirable in constructing stringed musical instruments.

Plant experts disagree, however, on whether the plant was actually harvested for such a use.

In any case, this native tree's value as a low-maintenance landscape plant, butterfly attractor, and food source for wildlife argue against cutting it down for that purpose.

In coastal pinelands, Florida fiddle-wood usually grows to only shrub size, but in hammocks it might reach over 30 feet in height.

This tree with dense evergreen foliage is usually multibranched, although it sometimes develops as a single-trunked specimen. The shiny green spatulate leaves are five to six inches long with notched or pointed

The tiny white tubular flowers are fivelobed and fragrant. Both flowers and later the fruit cluster at the leaf axils.

Flowers appear intermittently throughout the year and attract butterflies. The delicious honey that bees produce from the flowers makes the plant a friend to both beekeepers and humans.

The fleshy globular fruit of only onehalf inch in diameter is edible and sweet but not palatable for humans. However, the fruit is a desirable food source for birds and other wildlife.



Fiddlewood's ripened purple-black berries are a food source for birds and other wildlife

One of fiddlewood's most outstanding ornamental features is the fruit's color transformation – from unripe shiny orange, reds, or bronze shades to a ripened glistening purple-black. Orange or pinkish leaf stems and major veins also add color.

Florida fiddlewood is highly droughtand salt-tolerant once established, and it's pest-resistant too.

Plant it in sun to partial shade. Use it as a screening plant, hedge, or shade tree. Pruning for shape is optional.

Propagate fiddlewood with seeds or simply let the mother plant self-sow.

Sources: Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida by Julia F. Morton; Native Florida Plants by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; and A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants by Rufino Osorio.

Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create a low-maintenance, droughttolerant, hurricane- and pest-resistant South Florida landscape.



## Mixed Bag Flats Fishing



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

arpon last week could be found anywhere from Fort Myers Beach all the way up to Gasparilla Island. The largest concentrations of fish I found were

gulfside. However, three to four hours after sunrise, the bite was over.

Tarpon south of Redfish Pass fed better on live threadfins either freelined or fished under a float. The schools of tarpon north of the pass were hungrier for small crabs, either pass crabs or blue crabs. The few tarpon I found in the bay were from Cabbage Key to Foster's Point on North Captiva and not responsive to any baits pitched right in front of them. I did see a few hook-ups in the bay but the gulfside fish just seemed to be more cooperative.

Redfish fishing on the higher tides was a good bet. As long as the tide was high and moving, they fed well. Mangrove shorelines on Cayo Costa and North Captiva were productive on both cut and live baits pitched deep under the trees. Redfish fishing has been getting better and better every week with lots over the slot now in the mix. Closer to home, around the southern sound, there were a few reds but not in the larger numbers found in the middle to northern sound.

One of my favorite trout spots over



Beach side tarpon were feeding better last week

the last month has been the western side of the power lines. It seems no matter what the tide, if you find three to four feet of water you can catch keeper size trout. This area is mostly grass with sand potholes and then drops into deeper water close to the intercoastal. Small pinfish and shiners drifted under a popping cork caught limits of trout just about any

When the tide is in a lower phase I like to fish closer to the no-wake buov line or nearer the intercoastal where the water is a little deeper. On a higher tide get right on top of the flat and throw into the white visible sandholes. On light wind days, drift fish this area, while on stronger wind days, anchor up. When anchored simply lift the anchor if the fish are not biting and drift another 20 yards or so before re-anchoring. This method lets you cover almost as much water as drifting until you locate the fish.

First thing in a morning or during low light conditions, top water plugs also work great here. A skitterwalk or a chug bug will get smashed on the surface. As the sun gets up higher a subsurface mirrordine will do the trick. If there is a lot of floating grass, try a weedless soft plastic bait. Pretty much anything that is the same size and colors as a greenback shiner will get hit as that's the pattern the fish are on.

If you are looking for mixed bag action, any deeper grass flat in the sound is worth fishing right now. I look for feeding birds, either pelicans, gulls or cormorants in four to eight feet of water. A good area to get started is anywhere from Chino Island north to Demiere Key on the outside of the north south sandbar. Anchor up and pitch a few handfuls of live shiners out every five to 10 minutes and watch for fish to break the surface. I like to cast with the shiners rigged freeline and simply jig them back in slowly just

like you're fishing a jig. This method keeps them from ending up in the grass and the rising and falling of the shiner will trigger the bite.

The variety of fish out on the flats right now is awesome. Expect to catch trout, ladyfish, bluefish, Spanish mackerel, blacktips and jacks. Keep a ladyfish or too because it won't take long until one of these fish you're bringing in to the boat gets cut in two by a bigger shark. Once this happens cast out a half a ladyfish and hold on. Any kind of activity

quickly will bring in the sharks.

Now we are in the summer time pattern of hot and humid conditions strong afternoon thunderstorms become an almost daily event. Early out and early in become the best way you can avoid the sizzling heat and generally the quick moving bad weather. These dangerous thunder storms often pack strong winds and lots of lightning. Keep your eyes open for building storms; they can be a scary thing when out on the water and should be respected.

Capt. Matt Mitchell moved to Sanibel in 1980 and has fished local waters for more than 25 years. He now lives in St. James City and has worked as a back country fishing guide for more than 10 years. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

he 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*, 16450 San Carlos Boulevard, Suite 2, Fort Myers, Flordia 33908, or email to RiverWeeklyNews@aol.com.

## Local Waters, Charts Class

by Cdr. Ron Terciak

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadron, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class on Saturday, July 10 from 8:15 a.m. to noon.

The class is directed toward new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading.

It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to the class. Optional on-the-water training will also be offered at a later date. Check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$40 and will be taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from Ace Hardware).

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## Rare Catches At Shark Fest Tournament

ore than 25 shark were caught, video taped and shown on a Jumbotron video wall to waiting crowds at Shark Fest 2010 and the Are You Man Enough Shark Challenge 4 last weekend. This was the first time crowds of this size were able to watch shark tournament fishing as it happened. During the tournament, something unexpected happened. Not one, but two rare sawfish were caught and released twhile the video played to a cheering crowd.



Nervous Nellie's

When Capt Jack Donlon developed his idea for this format of big game fishing that would enable crowds on shore to watch a stadium-size screen displaying the shark catches (and releases), he knew it would be exciting for the crowd, good for the tournament and good for the shark. What he didn't realize was the possibility of a seldom seen and less seldom documented catch and release of a rare fish to be shown to the spectators. When the anglers on Team Bobby B hooked and brought in a sawfish boat side, they followed all the rules, sent the video to the production crew and released the fish. Within seconds the video of the sawfish was up on the big screen. The crowds were amazed to see the close-up shots of the magnificent sawfish as the team quickly removed the hook and sent it on its way. Was this a shark that earns points in the tournament? Was this even a shark? Capt. Jack did his best to explain the uniqueness of the catch, its importance and that it did not count for points in the tournament. Even after explaining that a sawfish is more of a ray than a shark, the buzz didn't stop. By popular demand, the



Vendors

## Corps Of Engineers Installs Webcams On Ökeechőbee Waterway

he U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, recently installed webcams at three spillways on the Okeechobee Waterway. The St. Lucie Lock in Stuart, the Moore Haven Lock in Moore Haven and the Port Mayaca lock in Canal Point now each have cameras providing a 24-hour a day view of conditions at the locks. The webcams can be accessed from the Jacksonville District's Internet site at http://bit.ly/Okeechobee\_Waterway\_Webcams.

There are three ways to navigate to the webcam page from the district's home page (www.saj.usace.army.mil): 1) go to the "Popular Pages" dropdown menu on the far right and look for "Okeechobee Waterway Webcam," 2) go to the "Engineering Division" or 3) "Everglades Division" pages at the top of the home page in the black navigation bar.

This effort is important to improve awareness of the conditions at these spillways for residents, mariners and others affected by or interested in the water control efforts at Lake Okeechobee," said Jacksonville District Commander Col. Al Pantano. "By enabling the public to see what we are doing with the discharges and being candid about the effects, we hope to enhance transparency and build trust.

The Moore Haven and Port Mayaca spillways are the main outlets for Lake Okeechobee releases.

The cameras will broadcast live with a five-minute delay.

Other real-time information such as Lake Okeechobee levels and daily operational reports is also available on the district's website.

For more information, contact the Corporate Communications Office at 904-232-1004.☆

video was replayed over and over to different crowds all day. There was a lot of talk about sawfish, shark and their importance to us and the breakthrough in big game tournament fishing this event demonstrated.

On Sunday, with the memory of the Team Bobby B's catch still fresh in their minds, the final-ists in the Are You Man Enough Shark Challenge 4 headed out with one goal; to be the first team to catch an aggregate of 15 feet of shark and win the first ever sudden death shark competition. Afternoon came quick, the catch was steady and video streamed live back to the tournament. Then, in what seemed like a case of déjà-vue, a video popped up on the screen and the call came from a different team... sawfish! This time the crowd was anxious to see up close what the team claimed to be a 16-foot sawfish. Most knew the drill and Capt. Jack was shocked as the crowd already seemed to know many of the facts about sawfish and that is was rare, needed to be



**Jumbotron** 

documented and relayed to the proper authorities.

Team Big Snook dot com went on to catch a five-foot bull, 6.5-foot bull, then a fivefoot blacktip shark which gave them 16.5 feet in aggregate at 2:07 p.m., stopping the competition and winning them the top prize. Team Navionics led by Captiva Charter Capt. Ozzie Fischer finished second amassing 12 feet of shark with a shark on the line when the competition stopped – a fitting end to an exciting weekend of big game angling shared by thousands.

At the awards banquet Jack Donlon announced that he is in final talks with four tournament directors to partner up and run simultaneous tournaments where anglers from around the world, as far way as New Zealand, will compete head to head utilizing the video methods and technology. Visit www.AreYouManEnoughSharkChallenge.com for

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CROW Case Of The Week:

## Gopher Tortoise



by Brian Johnson

ome patients stay at CROW for an extraordinarily long period of time. Patient #08892, a gopher tortoise from Cape Coral, arrived on April 1, 2008 and was just released this summer on

June 17, 2010. That's 808 days in residence.

'She's a long timer, and she's a success story," said Dr. Amber McNamara.

The tortoise, presumably hit by a car, came to the clinic in woeful shape. She had a "punched in" fracture over her hip with a blood clot, and fractures on her upper carapace.

She did not want to move at all, which was pretty understandable," said Dr. Amber. "She had substantial deficits in both legs.

Staff provided her with two types of pain medication as well as antibiotics, and swabbed her wounds with saline dressing. Dr. Amber jumped in with an acupuncture treatment on Day 2 to try to jump start the flow of energy through her legs.

The gopher tortoise survived the first week, and over the next two months her wounds and fractures healed over. She received a total of four acupuncture treatments in April.





Tortoises feeding in ICU

"Compared to what we did when I started here as a student, we have found that employing acupuncture gets them started on a path to recovery more quicksaid Dr. Amber.

In addition, they placed her on a physical rehab program consisting of range of motion exercises, acupressure, and walking on grass, gravel and up the ramp to the Roberts Cage.

Through the summer and autumn of 2008 the tortoise continued to gain strength in her legs and head toward full recovery. But in January of 2009 something happened.

"She became really dull, with discharge from her nose, edema and increased respiratory effort," said Dr. Amber. "She looked awful, we really thought we would lose her. She had wounds on her elbows, so she may have been bitten by fire ants. We still don't know what happened to her.'

CROW staff went back to the drawing board with antibiotics, acupuncture, and anti-inflammatories. But it took a full six months to come out of this depressed condition. "It was a real trough in her recovery," said Dr. Amber.

In July she exhibited a brighter demeanor, and work on her locomotion

"Thankfully we have a lot of volunteers to graze the tortoises," said Dr. Amber.
"Nancy Green and Pat Appino, in particular, spent a lot of time with this patient. The volunteers can take a lot of credit for her success.

CROW kept her during last winter to make sure she was strong enough for release, and returned her to the wild on June 17.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. 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.☆

## Firecracker Night Sailboat Race

he Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society (CMCS) will be hosting the Firecracker Night sailboat race on July 10. One distance race is planned off of Fort Myers Beach with the first start at 6 p.m.

For more information contact Dan Merriman, rear commodore of racing, at SailorDan07@comcast.net. 公

## Cape Coral Celebrates National Parks & Recreation Month

very year, July is recognized as National Parks & Recreation Month and this year the City of Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Ithe community plenty of opportunities to come out and celebrate.

All month long, Cape Coral's parks and recreation centers will host a variety of special activities and events, including everything from free open houses at Four Freedoms Park, the yacht club, Lake Kennedy Center, and the youth center/Eagle Skate Park, to a free boat trailer parking day at the city's public boat ramps. Visit www.CapeParks. com to view a complete schedule of activities for the month.



Governor Crist and Mayor Sullivan have both issued proclamations declaring July as Parks & Recreation Month. Local children's artwork featuring Cape Coral parks will be on display in city hall throughout the month, and Coral Oaks Golf Course will be offering several PGA Family Golf Month specials for affordable family bonding on the golf course. (Visit www.CoralOaksGolf.com for details.)

'National Parks & Recreation Month helps to recognize the opportunities that parks provide for people to play, free of stress," said Steve Pohlman, director of Cape Coral Parks & Recreation. "That could include a walk in the park, parents and children interacting on a playground, participation in competitive athletics, or exercise programs that cater to senior citi-

To sign up to receive free e-newsletters from the Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department, learn about the 39 parks and recreation facilities located in Cape Coral, or to get details on upcoming programs and events, visit www.CapeParks.com or call 573-3128.☼

## One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

by J. Bruce Neill, PhD



ecent media coverage has drawn attention to the fact that bacteria are capable of consuming crude oil - so, you might ask, why don't we release massive quantities of it into the gulf for a feast of

monumental proportions?

It is indeed true that bacteria will consume the massive amount of oil that is pouring into the Gulf of Mexico. Because the waters of the Gulf of Mexico are very warm, they will do so very efficiently. The rate of bacterial degradation is much more rapid in warm water than in colder, more northern waters. One step forward - but it's not that simple.

After a closer look at bacterial degradation and its ramifications, we end up

taking two steps back.

When large amounts of organic matter are present in the ocean, bacterial populations that consume that organic matter grow rapidly and reach very high population densities.

Like fish, mollusks, copepods, and crustaceans, these marine bacteria breathe dissolved oxygen from water, which is a healthy part of ocean chemistry at normal levels. The problem occurs when bacteria reach such high population densities that they extract all (or at least most) of the dissolved oxygen in the water they occupy. Such areas of oxygen-depleted water are known as hypoxic zones. Hypoxic zones kill other creatures that need oxygen to survive: the fish, copepods, crustaceans and mollusks that now unsuccessfully compete with the bacterial populations for oxygen. Hypoxic zones are known as dead zones, which are areas with no living organisms. The bacterial breakdown of the massive amounts of oil will create huge dead zones in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Take one step back.

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Nitrogen, a crucial marine nutrient, makes up between 0.1 - 2.0% of many gulf crude oils by weight. When bacteria break down and consume crude oil, they release nitrogen from the oil into the surrounding water, where microscopic plant cells called phytoplankton rapidly take it up. Phytoplankton densities are normally limited by a scarcity of nitrogen in the ocean, but when large amounts of nitrogen are available to phytoplankton, their populations increase very rapidly. These rapid population explosions are known as phytoplankton blooms. Some

phytoplankton blooms produce toxins

that kill marine animals and cause signifi-

cant human health impacts. These are especially common in the Gulf of Mexico during the summer and fall months. Take a second step back.

To make matters worse, when a phytoplankton bloom eventually dies, the individual cells sink and are consumed by bacterial populations. This bacterial decomposition consumes oxygen and causes more dead zones, which brings us back to step one. The dead zones kill marine life and the bacteria release - you guessed it - nitrogen; which of course, will be taken up by phytoplankton. Do you see the pattern emerging here?

So, if you hear the good news that

bacteria will take care of cleaning up the oil spill, don't be lulled into complacency by believing that all is fine and dandy. Realize that the impacts of this event can cascade through our oceans long after the last beaches and birds are cleaned and the cameras have moved on to another

Ďr. Neill is the executive director of the Sanibel Sea School, a Sanibel nonprofit foundation promoting marine conservation through experiential education. Visit Sanibelseaschool.org.



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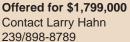


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## Onward To Denver In Year Two Of Congress Baseball Adventure



John and Doug Congress at Coors Field, Denver

by Doug and Josh Congress edited by Ed Frank

The first week of Chapter Two in our journey to visit every Major League ball park is complete – Sanibel to Denver with stops along the way in Birmingham, Memphis and Oklahoma City.

Our 8,000-mile venture this summer will take us to 10 Major League stadiums in the western United States, a venture that will complement the 20 stadiums we took in last summer from Kansas City eastward.

Of course, baseball is the primary objective, but feasting is a close second. In Birmingham, we visited the oldest professional baseball park in the United States, Rickwood Field. Built in 1910 (two years before Boston's historic Fenway Park), it had been the home of the Black Barons of the Negro League. Today, the field is used for high school tournaments and some annual throwback games.

Of course, no trip to Memphis would be complete without a stop at Graceland where the temperature must have been 1,001 degrees with 99.999 percent humidity. That didn't stop us from dining at two famous rib joints - Interstate BBQ and the Rendezvous.

The next day it was onward to Oklahoma City where we checked into an ancient, flea-bitten hotel where I quickly canceled the room and called my administrative assistant (my wife) and requested she find us a more hospitable option. She quickly found us a wonderful Sheraton just minutes away from Bricktown Ballpark, where the Triple A Oklahoma City Redbirds were playing the New Orleans Zephyrs.

Bricktown Ballpark may not have been part of our Major League tour, but it is the real deal. This \$34-million stadium built in 1998 is nicer than half of the big league parks we have seen. Josh said he liked it better than the new \$1.5-billion Yankee Stadium

Its classic red brick exterior blends perfectly with neighboring buildings, and the 13,000-seat park provides perfect vantage from every location. We bought Row 4 seats behind home plate for a total of \$26. In the bigs, this would not buy you a third level obstructed view.

We cheered the home team to a 6-2 victory and took to the road for a night drive to Salina, Kansas, where they must have been having a cow manure convention as every hotel room was filled. So again I called my AA who finally found us a room in a Fairfield Inn just off the interstate.

The next day was a long drive to Denver filled with vast miles of green prairies, dirt roads, hay fields and abandoned farm houses – all the reasons we completely opposed flying. To pass the time, Josh finished two 400-page books.

After 33 hours and 2,100 miles of driving, alas we arrived in Denver.

We started the next day with a brisk two-mile walk to Coors Field for a 10 a.m. tour. Coors Field, located in downtown Denver, was opened in 1995 and was constructed using 1.4 million bricks. Because it is a mile above sea level, the game balls are kept in a humidor to counter the low oxygen level of the high altitude.

Coors Field is a top notch facility, but this Florida boy was gasping for breath when we trudged to the third level of the facility. We loved the open concourses that allow you to order food while not missing a pitch. The field is impeccable with rock and water formations in center field and a manual scoreboard in right field that adds a classic touch.

Because it was a night game, we had time in the afternoon to locate a well-known greasy spoon known as Duffy's where we consumed half-pound burgers smothered with onions, mushrooms, Swiss cheese and bacon along with a large order of Frings - French fries and onion rings. I failed to mention we started the meal with orders of atomic chicken wings.



Josh and Doug at Rickwood Field, Birmingham

One hour after the meal, I had to make my first and second visits to the Tums bottle.

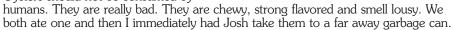
But this was far from our only food adventure of the day. Colorado is known for a peculiar dish known as Rocky Mountain Oysters. Perhaps you know their content.

Back at Coors Field for a night game between the Rockies and the Milwaukee Brewers, we abided by our credo to taste the local cuisine. For \$7.50 we ordered a batch from a food vendor who smirked and stated, "You are he first to order them today." That was not the type of recommendation we were looking for.

Hastily we made our way to our seats along with a beer chaser for me and a coke chaser for Josh.

Verdict? Well, the good news was they were not spherically shaped, rather they were thinly sliced (sounds painful), a bit thicker than potato chips and deep fried.

The bottom line: Rocky Mountain Oysters should not be consumed by



Aside from the oysters, we had a great time cheering the Rockies to a 2-0 win over the Brewers. Three cheers for Coors Field.

Josh at Bricktown Ballpark

Next Week: Week Two begins with Day Two in Denver.

## Academy Appoints New Athletic Director

outhwest Florida Christian Academy has appointed Mark Ackerman as both athletic director and head football coach. He and his wife, Jenny, have three children and currently reside in Tyler, Texas. Ackerman holds a master's degree in sports administration and has served as the AD, head football coach, and upper school dean at a Christian school in Texas. Previously, he served as a director of youth ministries, as well as serving as chaplain for the Tampa Bay Devil

Ackerman's focus is on the discipleship of students and the mentoring of coaches. He welcomes challenges and has been a part in developing extensive facilities where he currently serves.



Mark Ackerman

## Miracle Start Second-Half Red Hot: Big Fireworks Show Saturday

by Ed Frank

fter a rough season's first half when the Fort Myers Miracle finished 28-42, they began the second half last weekend with a three-game sweep of the Charlotte Stone Crabs, the first-half champions of the Florida State League South Division.

The 3-1, 7-6 and 13-inning 5-4 wins jumped started the Miracle into first place in the early going of the second half in the tough South Division as this week began.

Local baseball fans can celebrate the Miracle's recent success tomorrow, Saturday, at the annual fireworks show that will follow the 7:05 p.m. game against St. Lucie at Hammond Stadium.

The Saturday night game will conclude a three-game series with St. Lucie that began Thursday.

The Miracle also was honored this week when it was announced that outfielder Ben Revere, a Florida State League All-Star last season, and current Miracle pitcher Liam Hendriks have been selected to participate in the 12th annual All-Star Futures Game July 11 in Anaheim, California.

Revere and Hendriks join the likes of former Miracle players, now major leaguers Joe Mauer, Justin Morneau, Jason Kubel and Francisco Liriano who previously participated in a Futures Game.

Hendriks, from Perth, Australia, is a top pitcher in the Minnesota Twins organization. He leads the Miracle with a 5-2 record and a low 1.86 ERA. The 21-year-old right-hander joined the Miracle in May after starting the year at Low A Beloit.

Revere, now in his first season with Double A New Britain, was a first-round draft selection of the Twins in 2007. He is currently hitting .307 with the Rock Cats.

Selection to the Futures Game is made by the Major League Baseball Scouting Bureau and the 30 Major League baseball teams.

#### Rumors Abound that Twins May Trade for Former Cy-Young Winner Cliff Lee

The baseball rumor mill was buzzing last week that the Minnesota Twins were courting left-hander Cliff Lee to bolster their pitching corps for the stretch run.

Lee was the National League 2008 Cy Young Winner with the Philadelphia Phillies who traded the hurler to Seattle last year. Sidelined for the start of this season, Lee

has gone 6-3 with a league best 2.39 ERA since returning from the DL. He leads the American League in four complete games.

A free agent at the end of this season, the Twins could likely sign the lefty to a long-term deal now that their coffers are enriched as a result of their new stadium, Target Field.

If the Twins are successful getting Lee, look for the trade to include their talented catcher Wilson Ramos who is stymied behind All-Star catcher Joe Mauer.

#### Groundbreaking Set for new Red Sox Stadium

Construction will begin soon for the new spring training home of the Boston Red Sox on Daniels Parkway in Fort Myers.

The ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for August 27 to coincide with the Red Sox playing the Tampa Bay Rays in St. Petersburg in the hopes that Red Sox officials will attend.

The facility is scheduled to be completed for the 2012 spring training season. The Red Sox will return to the City of Palms Park for the final time in 2011.

## FGCU Founder's Cup Golf Tournament Tees Off October 15

he 19th annual Florida Gulf Coast University Founder's Cup is scheduled to be played Friday, October 15 at Grey Oaks Country Club in Naples. Proceeds will benefit the FGCU Foundation, which provides funds to enhance scientific, educational and athletic programs related to the mission of the university, outside the scope of regular state funding. A perennial favorite and one of the most successful single-day fundraisers, the tournament has raised more than \$900,000 since its inception.

Activities begin with an 11:30 a.m. buffet lunch at the clubhouse. Golfers begin play at 1:15 p.m. with a shotgun start on two of Grey Oaks' championship courses. Following the tournament, golfers will have a dinner buffet and awards reception.

Registration is \$2,000 per foursome and \$500 for individuals. A championship sponsor level is available for \$2,500 and includes a four-player team and logo on a sponsors' golf towel. Golf towel sponsorships are \$750. This is a new sponsorship this year which will include all sponsors logos on a golf towel that will be given to each

Grey Oaks is located off Airport Pulling Road, north of Golden Gate Parkway in Naples. For more information or to register for the event, contact Michele Kroffke at 590-1074 and mkroffke@fgcu.edu, or visit www.fgcu.edu/foundation/events.

## Appointment To State Bicyle And Pedestrian Council

n May 19, Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos of the Florida Department of Transportation, appointed Mike Lasché of Sarasota to the new Florida Bicycle and Pedestrian Partnership Council. Lasché has been appointed as the



Mike Lasché

representative of the state cycling community. The council's formation was announced on April 8. It will make policy recommendations to FDOT and transportation partners throughout Florida on the state's walking, bicycling, and trail facilities. The council includes representatives from multiple state agencies, local governments and other stakeholders needed to make statewide improvements in safety and facilities integration, as well as recommendations on design, planning, safety, and other programs involving bicycle and pedestrian issues. The goal of the council is to make Florida a national model for bicycle and pedestrian safety. The council's first meeting will be on June 28 in Tallahassee, Lasché currently serves on the board of directors of the Florida Bicycle Association and as its legislative

chairman. He is the director of Bicycle/ Pedestrian Advocates and is a member of the Sarasota County Bicycle/Pedestrian/ Trail Advisory Committee. Lasché graduated from New College of Florida with a public policy thesis on bicycle policy and economics in 1985.

From 1985 to 1991, he served as executive director of the Spokespeople, a local/state/national advocacy group that led a broad community coalition that brought bicycle-friendly road design to the City of Sarasota, City of Bradenton, and Sarasota and Manatee counties. From 1987 to 1989, Lasché was the Florida bicycle lobbyist during which time he was the sole lobbyist behind passage of laws in traffic safety education, as well as working with others in safety and railstrails legislation. In 1988, Lasché invited advocates from around the state to convene to form the Florida Bicycle Association.

In 1986, Lasché was appointed to the Florida Bicycle Council, which advised the governor, but this council was not continued by later governors. In 2009, Lasché proposed the creation of a new statewide council to the Florida Bicycle Association, which placed it on their legislative agenda. This was noticed by the Florida Rails-to-Trails Conservancy which actively advocated the idea, leading to eventual implementation by FDOT.



## Cool Walk On A Hot Summer Night



daas Gallery owners David Acevedo and Xavier Brignoni are celebrating the gallery's two-year anniversary with a special exhibit at this month's Art Walk

rt Walk is Friday, July 3 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Fort Myers River District.

The following businesses will be par-

• daas Gallery: Opening reception will showcase their own in celebration of the two-year anniversary of the gallery. The exhibition is appropriately entitled Triumph and is on display until

"This is a very important exhibition for us. It marks two successful years of hard work, sweat and tears," said David Acevedo who co-owns the gallery and will be featuring new pieces in the show. "We all know how difficult the art business could be and we feel very lucky and thankful for the support." Xavier Brignoni, co-owner, will be contributing to the exhibition with his own artwork.

#### Art at The Oasis

**Condominiums**: Group exhibit called The Friends featuring artists Ana Abreu, Cecilia Valdez, Quintin Perez,

Kim Hambor, Rhonda C. Long, Maria Pia Malerba, Renzos Avila, Talya Schauer, Judith Braid and Alejandra Bustamante.

• Art of the Olympians: Guests are encouraged to start the night off early and join Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre at the Art of the Olympians for a meet and greet with the actors from this summer's upcoming musicals: Footloose, Cinderella, and Seussical from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. Actors will perform a song from each of the summer shows from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Artist Jan Ellen paiting in front of The Bar

Association at Peeple's Court on Hendry Street

In the museum are two new art shows: The Winter Sports Exhibit and the Skip Cutting Exhibit.

- Art League of Fort Myers: Continuation of summer art show.
- Arts for ACT Gallery: Opening reception for two themed exhibits, Spoked and Take a Walk on the Wild Side, featuring more than 50 artists. A student from the Young Artists Awards Program will perform at the gallery that night.
- Coloring The World Art Gallery: Opening of new exhibit called Freedom, featuring a series of contemporary paintings in red, white and blue tones by artist Stephen Gray-Blancett.
  - Enjewel: Featured artist is Terry Meza.
  - HOWL Gallery: Opening for SWFL Lives! second annual group show, featuring





Space 39 in the Patio de Leon

tion, as well as buttons and brochures.

the very best artists living in Southwest Florida. Vote for your favorite artwork of the show during Art Walk.

- Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center: Opening for new show featuring oceanic photographer Michelle Tricca. The Laboratory Theater of Florida will present a free one-act play entitled Picnic on the Battlefield at 7 and 8:30 p.m.
- Space 39: Opening of a new show featuring artist George Settos. The Gallery Showcase and Information Center is located at **IberiaBank** in Bayview Court at First Street. New Art Walk T-shirts are available at the bank for a \$12 dona-

Another highlight will be the weekly Friday Night Live which takes place in the Patio de Leon. Tom & Jim (folk and originals) will perform from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be a free shuttle service courtesy of Select Transportation Inc. with stops planned near the art venues. Parking is available at the Harborside Event Center. Shuttle stops include The Oasis, Art of the Olympians, and Enjewel on First Street.

For more information, participating galleries and links to gallery Websites, visit 

## Preview ACT Auction Items Now



Lisa Freidus with her collage for the live auction

rt for ACT's auction items for the upcoming Arabian Nights fundraiser can be previewed at Edison State College in the Richard H. Rush Library, Building J, Fort Myers. Over 150 items will be on view Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until August 10.

The gala event itself will be held on August 14 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs.

Over 100 silent auction items have been priced for presale and can be purchased immediately. All proceeds benefit ACT (Abuse Counseling and Treatment), the domestic violence and sexual assault center serving Lee Hendry and Glades Counties. ACT is a non-profit agency with two shelters in Lee County housing adult victims of domestic violence and their children and survivors of sexual assault for the past 32 years.



Angela, a sword dancer

Incidents of domestic violence have increased over the past year while funding for the agency has dropped due to the declining economy.

In an effort to generate additional revenue for ACT, Darryl Pottorf has created a limited edition print titled Two Lips Are Better Than One, that is available now. Each print is signed and numbered by the artist and can be purchased for \$1,500 unframed or \$2,000 framed.

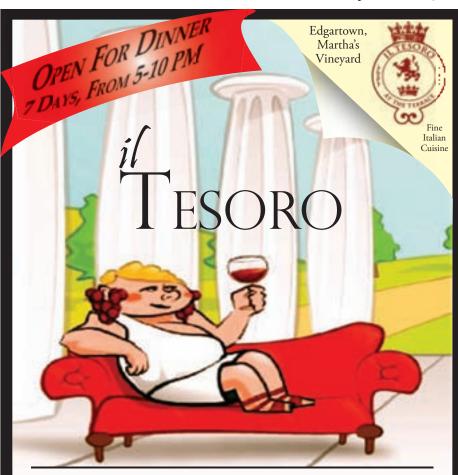
To purchase a print or for more information, call Jennifer Benton or Claudia Goode at 939-2553 3



Lisa Gould, right, the creator of a fused glass belly dancer in the auction



Doug MacGregor looking at Darryl Pottorf's print, Two Lips are Better than One, available for \$1,500 unframed or \$2,000



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xposures of the Mind, hosted by the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, showcases the work of several national photographers. The show opens on July 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. during the Downtown Fort Myers Art Walk.

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will also present the one-act play, Picnic on the Battlefield.

Exposures of the Mind exhibits the works of photographers Chris Catti, Doug Thompson, Michelle Tricca, Kurt Williams and John Yuccas. The works of these photographers capture the unique perspectives with which artists view their subjects and the world that surrounds them. The pieces range from award-winning surf culture photography in Puerto Rico to abstract architectural scapes of New York City.

• Doug Thompson is an architectural photographer and Southwest Florida native who has assisted renowned pho-

tographer Clyde Butcher. His works have been published in a variety of magazines.

• Michelle Tricca, a Naples-area photographer, was mentored by legendary surf photographer Art Brewer. Her innovative work combines portraiture and water photography to capture surf and coastal culture.

• Kurt Williams is a resident of Cape Coral and freelance photographer. He moved to Florida from Upstate New York. His photography explores his fourmonth journey through South America and the widely varied landscapes and cultures that he experienced.

 Chris Catti is a photographer based in Brooklyn, New York who specializes in fashion and editorial portraiture. He recently graduated from the Hallmark Institute of Photography in Western Massachusetts.

• John Yuccas's true passion since the age of 16 has been wildlife and nature photography. He tries to capture unique and intricate moments in nature to show his audience the beauty of the outdoor world.

Picnic on the Battlefield is an absurdist piece by playwright Arrabal set on the battlefields of World War I. Showtimes for this one-act play will be 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Grand Atrium.

For additional venue and exhibit information, contact SBDAC at 333-1933 or info@fl-arts.org.☆

## Slated For The **Broadway Arts**

will have a final show on July 2. The final show will include an exhibit in the Broadway Street display windows as well as an after-party and closed air exhibit at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street, which is the official Artwalk after party location.

experience for residents and visitors.

Artist participating in the show include Mary Voytek, Jeffrey Scott Lewis, John Yuccas, Doug Heslep, Carol McArdle, Krista Johnson, Leo Johnson and Daniel

ists and the display go to www. DanielJCalvert.com.

# Final Show

he Broadway Arts & Cultural Display in downtown Fort Myers

The Broadway Arts & Cultural Display was started in July 2009 with funding from the City of Fort Myers' Art Committee grant and the generous support of benefactor Rene Miville. The display gave more than 50 artists the opportunity to display and interact with the general public and promote down-town, revitalized the building space, and provided an enriching cultural and arts

J Calvert. For more information on the art-

## BEACH CONDITIONS REPORT

Go to: IslandSunNews.com For up-to-date information on the local beaches

## **Public Preview** Of New Play Contest Finalists

heatre Conspiracy is adding a new element to its new play contest this year and inviting the public to attend a preview party on Saturday, July 17 and vote on which script will win the company's annual contest. Now in its 13th year, Theatre Conspiracy's new play contest has grown to attract hundreds of scripts from dozens of countries around the world. "Last year we received 487 scripts from playwrights in the United States, Canada and Europe were submitted," said Bill Taylor, the artistic director and founder of Theatre Conspiracy. "This year we should match that same amount of entries but we're still sifting through the stacks of scripts piled up in my office," said.

The new play preview party, a fundraiser for next season, will feature readings from the top three scripts that have been submitted. The evening will start with a pre-show reception featuring refreshments and hors d'oeuvres followed by a scene reading from the first script then a short intermission while the stage is reset. The second reading will also be followed by an intermission. At the completion of the third scene the audience will have the opportunity to discuss the scenes with Taylor and then vote for their favorite script. The winning play will be announced that night and produced in

Tickets are \$50 and will include refreshments during the intermissions and a voucher good for one ticket to a performance of the winning play in October. For reservations call the box office at 936-3239 or purchase tickets online at www.theatreconspiracy.org. Theatre Conspiracy performs in the Foulds Theatre in the Alliance of the Arts at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.☆

## Summer Movie Matinees At Museum

From June 19 through August 28 every Saturday at 1p.m. Collier County • Museum will present movie matinees every Saturday throughout the summer. This is a great way to escape the Florida heat and relax with classic actors like Errol Flynn, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour,. These matinees will take you back to vintage 40s and 50s comedy, mystery and drama.

Movies are free.

The schedule for the summer:

June 19: Adventures of Robin Hood starring Errol Flynn - 1938

June 26: Till the Clouds Roll By - 1946

July 3: The House on Haunted Hill starring Vincent Price - 1958

July 10: Sherlock Holmes Faces Death – 1943

July 17: My Favorite Brunette – 1947

July 24: Meet John Doe - 1941

July 31: Ghosts on the Loose – 1943 August 7: You Can't Take It With You – 1938

August 14: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington - 1939

August 21: It Happened One Night - 1934

August 28: Cross Creek - 1983.

For more information, visit www.colliermuseums.com or call 239-252-8476.





#### **Beer-Battered Rock Shrimp With Honey Mustard**

6 tablespoons honey 1/4 cup Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

1 cup all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons cayenne

2 teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon baking powder

8 ounces beer, room temperature

1½ pounds rock shrimp, peeled and deveined

1/4 cup all-purpose flour canola oil for frying lemon wedges for garnish

Combine honey, mustard and pepper sauce in a small bowl and set aside. Stir together flour, cayenne, salt, baking powder and sugar in a medium bowl. Add beer and whisk until smooth. Set aside to rest uncovered for an hour. Heat oil in a deep fryer to 350 degrees F. Dust shrimp with flour then dip shrimp in batter thoroughly coating shrimp. Fry 2 to 3 minutes until crisp and golden. Remove shrimp with a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels. Serve immediately with lemon wedges and honey mustard sauce.

Yield 4 servings

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## July At Lakes Regional Library

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

Wii Bowling for Adults 10 a.m. Wednesdays, July 7

Bowling on the big screen with the Wii gaming system. No heavy balls to lift, and just as much fun. Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library.

Registration is required.
English Café, 6 p.m. Mondays, July
19 and 26

Practice your English with English Cafe, a free, conversation session for adult ESOL and ESL students. Each 90-minute session provides adult learners an opportunity to practice speaking English with native speakers. Participants may start at any time. Advanced registration is not necessary

Book Discussion: EL Doctorow's Homer & Langley, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July

Read and discuss this fictionalization of the lives of Homer and Langley Collyer. Registration is required.

Family
Family Storytime, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28
This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time, 10 a.m. Mondays, July 12, 19, 26

Rhymes and songs for infants, up to

24 months, accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

Children
Kids Read Down Fines, 2-3 p.m. Thursdays, July 1, 22

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. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under

C'MON's Curious Kids Summer Program, 10 a.m. Fridays, July 23, 30 and August 6, 13
Join the Children's Museum of Naples

(C'mon) as they explore the world around us through stories, experiments and hands-on activities.

July 23 - Produce Market and Farm: Discover where your food really comes from, how to make healthy food choices and make your own healthy trail mix with

July 30 - Mother Nature's House: The Four Seasons. Investigate what makes the weather change and how seasons affect us all. Make a pinwheel to study the wind at home.

For children entering grades 1 through 4. Registration is required.

Teens

Kids Read Down Fines

2 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, July 1, 22 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.☆

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**Financial Focus** 

## Declare Your Own Financial Freedom Day



by Jennifer Basey

The Fourth of July is almost upon us. To commemorate Independence Day, we shoot off fireworks, attend picnics and maybe even walk in parades. While it might not be as

dramatic, another celebration of freedom should eventually play a big role in your life – specifically, your personal Financial Independence Day. And you can speed the arrival of this day by making the right moves.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Boost your 401(k) contributions. To build the resources you'll need to become financially independent during your retirement years, you should take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan. Whenever your salary goes up, try to contribute more. Generally, your contributions are made with pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. And your contributions grow on a tax-deferred basis. In 2010, you can put up to \$16,500 into your 401(k), or \$22,000 if you're 50 or older.
- Max out on your IRA. In 2010, you can contribute up to \$5,000 to your IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. Your traditional IRA contributions may be deduct-

ible, depending on your income level, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Contributions to a Roth IRA are never deductible, but earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're  $59\frac{1}{2}$  and you've held your account at least five years.

- Build an emergency fund. Try to save six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, placed in a liquid account. Without such a fund, you may be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for needs such as a new furnace or a big doctor's bill and the more you tap into your investments, the longer it will be until you can attain financial freedom.
- Cut down on your debt. It's easier said than done, but by reducing your debt load, you'll have more money to invest for the future. You might want to start by eliminating the smallest debts first, then moving on to whittle away at the bigger ones.
- Don't "over-focus" on your investment statements. Obviously, you want to know how your investments are performing. But you may be better off not checking them every day, or even every week. When you pay extremely close attention to the movements of your investments, your emotions may lead you to make decisions based on short-term events rather than long-term goals. Invest with your head, not your heart.
- Avoid "time traps." Many people know they need a certain amount of money at a certain time for a specific goal, such as a down payment on a home, the first college tuition payment or even the first year's living expenses during retirement. Yet they get into trouble because they set aside the money in an inappropriate investment that is, one whose price can fluctuate greatly. If you know when you're going to need the

money, put it in a lower-risk investment and avoid the time trap.

Taking these steps won't instantly enrich you. But eventually, they can lead you down the path to your personal Financial Independence Day – and that may be reason enough to celebrate.

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

## College Student Clubs To Hold Rummage Sale

Two student run clubs at Southwest Florida College will be hosting a rummage sale to support students in need. The sale will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the covered parking space below the Fort Myers campus on 1685 Medical Lane.

The event is open to the public and anyone is welcomed to rent a table. Concessions will be available for purchase.

The Allied Health Club is fundraising to support children in need with valuable school supplies. Its goal is to support 100 students this year. The IT Club is funding a scholarship for the IT students in order to help them pay for their certification exams.

Vendors need to arrive by 6 a.m. to set up. There is a cost of \$20 per table and sign-ups need to be done in advance by calling the college at 939-4766. Ask for Ms. Levine or Ms. Cohen. The sale will be held rain or shine.

## Host Families For Exchange Students Needed

The Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI) is looking for families to host foreign exchange students from the Academic Year Program (AYP) for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. AYP offers students the chance to be fully immersed in a cultural experience which includes connecting with a host family in the United States, attending an American high school, participating in eco-focused activities through AYP and experiencing first-hand life as a teenager in America.

CCI needs to place 1,000 foreign exchange students from more than 40 countries around the world.

All the students placed are 15 to 18 years old and are proficient in English.

Deadline for families to apply to host a student is August 31. For more information go to http://www.cci-exchange.com/host.htm, e-mail at ayp@cci-exchange.com or call CCI's toll-free information number at 800-634-4771.

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## Free Food Fridays

and community volunteers. They will serve hot lunches or dinners according to the schedule. Also at the sites will be an intake specialist who will assist families by connecting them to available community resources to help with other needs.

For more information, go to www. salvationarmyleecounty.org.  $\mbox{$^{\sharp}$}$ 

## FGCU Workshops And Hurricane Seminars For Business Owners

Plorida Gulf Coast University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will host a series of workshops and business continuity hurricane preparedness seminars in July at various locations throughout Southwest Florida for small business owners and entrepreneurs:

• Doing Business with the Federal Government: This three-week series (July 9, 23, 30) takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at FGCU-Lutgert Hall # 4201. Learn how to secure government contracts for your business. Cost to attend the series is \$20 for each session or \$50 for the series.

• Business 2day/ Independance2morrow: Mondays, July 12 through September 13, 6 to 9 p.m. at Edison State College, 1092 Cowboy Way, Labelle. Learn the fundamentals of business including how to write a business plan. Cost is \$100 for the 10-week series.

• How to Reduce Business Costs – Ways to Save: Tuesday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, 17200 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. This seminar, sponsored by the SBDC and Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, provides tips to save on business costs during the summer months. Cost to attend is \$20.

• Small Business Resource Network Mixer (SBRN): Thursday, July 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Estero. Join fellow business professionals at this monthly event. Cost is \$15 for SBRN members and \$20 for guests and non-members.

• Bonita Springs Summer Hurricane Preparedness Seminar & EXPO: Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sunshine Ace Hardware, 9100 Bonita Beach Road. This free seminar is sponsored by WINK TV, Lee County Emergency Management Operations, City of Bonita Springs, Bonita Springs Fire & Rescue, the Small Business Administration, and Sunshine Ace Hardware. Panel discussion is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., with Q&A to follow. Refreshments provided by Costco, and prize give-aways.

• Cape Coral Summer Hurricane Preparedness Seminar: Wednesday, July 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cape Coral SBDC office, 1021 Cultural Parkway. This free seminar will prepare your business for hurricane season. Hear from City of Cape Coral officials

and learn what they are working on this hurricane season. Lunch provided (seating limited).

• Frequently Asked Questions of Starting a Business in Charlotte County: Friday, July 23, 9 a.m. to noon at Charlotte County Chamber office, 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. There is no charge for this seminar.

Frequently Asked Questions about Starting A Business - (English and Spanish Sessions): Thursday, July 22 at Immokalee Public Library, 417 N. 1st Street, Immokalee. English session is 1 to 2:30 p.m.; Spanish session is 3 to 4:30 p.m. Q&A follows both sessions. Workshops are free.
So You Want to Open a Franchise: Friday, July 23, 3 to 5 p.m. at Lehigh Acres

• So You Want to Open a Franchise: Friday, July 23, 3 to 5 p.m. at Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce office, 4109 Lee Boulevard, Lehigh Acres. Presented by FranNet, Jack McKaie, Esq. – The Franchise Guy, LLC. Cost to attend is \$20.

• Overview of Doing Business with the Government: Monday, July 26, 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Downtown Fort Myers Public Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers. This free event will teach participants how to secure government contracts.

• PB&J: Brown Bag Lunch: Wednesday, July 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at FGCU–Lutgert Hall #4201. Google your way to more business at the free open discussion workshop sponsored by Pauli Systems.

• By The Numbers Using Financial Statements: Tuesday, July 29, 3 to 5 p.m. at Cape Coral SBDC Office, 1020 Cultural Parkway. Learn how to run your business using financial statements. Cost to attend is \$20.

• Southwest Florida Small Business Workshop: Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hodges University – Fort Myers Campus, 4501 Colonial Boulevard. This workshop is sponsored in conjunction with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Institute at Hodges University. Various presenters will provide information helpful to business owners. Cost to attend is \$10.

To make a reservation, or to learn more about the SBDC, visit the website at www. sbdcseminars.org or call the main office at 745-3700.\*\*

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## Brunch Raises Funds For Backpacks

ore than 50 needy students will be provided for as a result of money raised from Brunch For Backpacks at The Edison Restaurant, Fort Myers.

New backpacks and school supplies for many more students will be handed out at the BIG Backpack Event at Harborside Events Center, downtown Fort Myers, on Sunday, August 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.☆



Martha and Alaina Nagata with Miss-A-Miracle



Leonardo Garcia, Lora Ulrich, and Connie Ramos-Williams. Ulrich presented the Multicultural Centre of SWFL with a check for \$500 on behalf of the We Can't Have That Foundation at the Brunch For Backpacks to support students in need.



Lee Bushong, Dr. Constance Jones of Lee County Schools and Connie Ramos-Williams



Lee Bushong, Ginny Henderson, Caleb Bushong, Mayor Randy Henderson and Brunch For Backpacks event organizer Connie Ramos-Williams



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## Lee Class Of 2010 Earns Millions In Scholarships

ee County's graduating class of 2010 has earned millions of dollars in scholarships and will be attending colleges, universities and technical centers across the United States

Early data show that the Class of 2010 earned \$41.1 million in scholarships, an increase of \$6 million from last year. The school with the highest in scholarship monies earned was Fort Myers High at \$9.6 million, an increase of \$2.4 million from last

The breakdown in scholarship totals is as follows:

Cape Coral High: \$3.7 million Cypress Lake High: \$3.6 million \$567,870 \$2.26 million Dunbar High: Estero High: E. Lee County High: \$671,870 Fort Myers High: \$9.6 million Ida S. Baker High: \$2.4 million \$883,700 Island Coast High: Lehigh Senior High: \$1.36 million Mariner High: \$4.9 million N. Fort Myers High: \$2.1 million \$5.5 million Riverdale High: S. Fort Myers High: \$3.7 million

Along with scholarship dollars earned, the Class of 2010 reported on their post high school plans. Of the students who provided information, the breakdown is as fol-

- Attend a Florida public community college: 1,123
- Attend an out-of-state community college: 43
- Attend a Florida private junior college: 11
- Attend a Florida public college/university: 1,546
- Attend a Florida private collage/university: 211
- Attend an out-of-state college/university: 278
  Attend a Florida technical/trade/other: 242
- Attend an out-of-state technical/trade/other: 27 • Enter the military: 216
- None of the above: 477.☆

## New Lee Campus President Approved At Edison State College

dison State College District President
Dr. Kenneth P. Walker recommended to the board of trustees a new campus president to oversee the Lee

After a year-long process, the search committee recommended Dr. James Martin, the current vice president of student affairs at Pensacola Junior College, to Edison State's executive leadership team. After careful consideration. Dr. Walker made the decision to recommend Dr. Martin's appointment to the board on Tuesday, June 22.

"I am proud to recommend Dr. James Martin to the position of Lee Campus president and feel that the attributes and skills he will bring to the college will complement the entire team," said Walker. "Dr. Martin is a long-standing professional in higher education with a true dedication to student

Dr. Walker also shared with the board a proposal for organizational development including the roles and responsibilities between the district-level and campus-level functions.



Dr. James Martin

"It is important everyone understands his or her role within the organization," said Walker. "This new structure will more clearly delineate overall district functions and campus operations enabling the college to optimize our potential and enhance our effectiveness.

Walker is responsible for the oversight of the entire college; its policies, strategic

planning, development, and the direct support organizations.

With the hire of Dr. Martin, Dr. Noreen Thomas will resume her role as the execucontinued on page 32

## Elderly Dunbar Woman Gets Éxtreme Home Makeover





uilders Care accomplished a major milestone with its latest home renovation project for an elderly Fort Myers woman. The group has provided \$1 million in emergency services since its inception in 2006. The project also was the largest renovation project of 2010.

The recipient of the most recent extreme home makeover was Dorothy House, a 63-year-old single woman living in a small home off Edison Avenue with her two teenage grandchildren. Her home had an aging roof, rotting floors and no air conditioning. With help from a partnership through the State Housing Initiatives Program, hosted by the City of Fort Myers and Builders Care building partners, the home received renovation services totaling more than \$65,000, complete with the addition of a third bedroom, new roof, floors, paint, kitchen, bathroom, and fixtures.



Kitchen after

"It's amazing to think that we have provided \$1 million in services all thanks to the generosity of our donors," said Heidi Taulman, executive director of Builders Care. Mrs. House and all of the recipients from the past four years are so blessed to have such a caring community.

Local subcontractors contributing labor and material for the latest project include: Abash Enterprises, A-Rite Glass, Cabinets Plus, Cape Coral Plumbing, Cemex, Cornerstone Construction, DE Moff Construction, D. Peck Roofing, Hide-Away Storage, Mark's Dumpsters, Murphy's Handyman Services, Nilles Design, Gulfcoast Engineering, Raymond Building Supply, Sherwin Williams, Southern State Electric, Sunset Air, T&M Portable Restrooms, T&P Cleaning, TPI Aluminum, Universal Engineering, Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings, West Coast Structural Concrete & Masonry and Westcoast Insulation.

For more information, call 938-0056 or visit www.leebuilderscare.org.

## Dream Of Home Ownership Becomes Reality



LeShaun Harrison, center, with her four-month-old baby Amiah with representatives of the donors and Habitat for Humanity

here is no place like home for the Harrison family, recent recipients of the newly-renovated Cape Coral home from Habitat for Humanity of Lee County. It was made possible by funding through Winn-Dixie Stores and Kellogg's.

Tthe family received the keys to their home at a dedication ceremony on Tuesday, June 22, after working for more than six weeks with countless volunteers to finish the renovations needed to make the house a home.

Renovations began with a kick-off ceremony in late April. Now completed, the home, at 425 NW Juanita Court in Cape Coral, not only serves as the new residence for the Harrison family, but is significant because it is the first home purchased for renovations by Habitat for Humanity of Lee County. This new program helps families such as the Harrisons get into a home sooner - almost five months faster than before.

During a six-week promotion, Winn-Dixie Stores and Kellogg's raised \$50,000, the full cost of renovation. Each time Winn-Dixie customers purchased two of any Kellogg's, Keebler, Cheez-It, Eggo or Kashi cereal products, Kellogg's donated 25 cents to help fund the renovation.

"Kellogg's has partnered with Winn-Dixie to support the efforts of Habitat for Humanity since 2005. Now in our fifth year, we are excited to be working on our 16th Habitat house together," said Paul Butler, Kellogg's key account manager. "Through partnerships with organizations such as Habitat, we can provide much-

needed resources and encouragement to

change people's lives and strengthen our communities.

As required by the Habitat program, the Harrison family contributed more than 250 hours of "sweat equity" with Habitat. By helping with the renovation of her future home, Leshaun Harrison, who works at the Department of Family Services in Fort Myers, has secured a better, more stable life for her two children, three-year-old Konkeondre and fourmonth-old Amiah.

"Today's dedication ceremony has once again reminded me of why I am feel so proud to be part of the Winn-Dixie family," said Frank Steele, district manager, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. "We are honored to be a part of the Cape Coral community and to be in the position to help others this is another way we can partner together to continue to give back to families in the neighborhoods we serve."

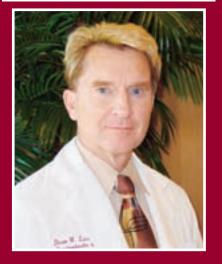
"At Habitat for Humanity, we are grateful for the support and generosity of partners like Winn-Dixie and the Kellogg Company," said Katherine Green, CEO and president, Habitat for Humanity of Lee County. "Without the support of these two companies, it would be difficult to continue with our mission of providing to continue with our mission of providing housing for those who cannot otherwise

afford a decent place to live."

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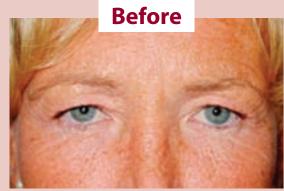
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## LEAPP Event Calls Attention To World Elder Abuse Prevention Day



Dan Daniels of Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Services and Dotty St. Amand of the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center

ee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership (LEAPP) held a public gathering on Tuesday, June 15 to commemorate World Elder Abuse Prevention Day. The event was held near the Uncommon Friends Fountain in Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers.

The program gave an overview of the importance of recognizing and address ing the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. During the ceremony, LEAPP members read letters and proclamations of support from Congressman Connie Mack, Governor Charlie Crist, Lee County commissioners and City of Fort Myers Mayor

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is held each year on June 15. This designated day serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

## Nursing School Approved At Edison College

he Edison State College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the School of Nursing within the college. The new school provides students and faculty a greater sense of camaraderie and also provides more visibility and oversight for the variety of nursing programs at ESC.

Programs offered include:

- Associate Degree Nursing (RN) enrollment for fall is expected to be more than 500 students
- Advanced Placement Nursing (LPN to RN) - Current enrollment is 60 students and 60 new students will begin in the fall
- RN to BSN (Baccalaureate completion degree program) - Current enrollment is 130 students and the school expects to add 70-100 in the fall.
- Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate training program.

'This new organizational structure positions the college to continue to develop the baccalaureate mission," said Dr. Mary Lewis, director of nursing.

Edison State nursing students remain above the state and national averages consistently (Edison 93 percent, state

88 percent) on the state licensure exam. Edison State College has consistently ranked 13-15 percent in the number of nursing graduates in the country for community and state colleges, and student interest in pursuing the nursing profession continues to grow.

In 2008, 248 students graduated from the program, 260 students in 2009, and it is anticipated that Edison will graduate over 300 nurses in 2010. In addition, student enrollment for the Nursing Associates degree will surpass 650 students in 2011 and more than 200 students in the RN to BSN program.

In July 2010, a new 58,000 square foot nursing annex will be completed. This addition will consist of a large auditorium and medical museum on the first floor and a simulation hospital on the second floor. The implementation of simulation on this large scale offers opportunity for instructional design changes. These changes will offer interdisciplinary training opportunities and hospital employee integration for clinical and documentation training.

The Nursing program is accredited by the NLNAC (National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission).

Edison State College serves more than 20,000 students in five counties with campuses in Lee, Collier and Charlotte, and a center serving Hendry/Glades. Many classes are available online at www. edison.edu.



Helen Fallert and Marilyn Gregory of the Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Florida



Law enforcement officers from Lee County Sheriff's Office and Fort Myers Police **Department** 

Approximately 24 percent of Lee County residents are in the age range of 65-plus and 12 percent are 75-plus. As older adults experience age-related illnesses and changes in physical abilities, the risk for isolation and potential self-neglect increases. These individuals may also be vulnerable to exploitation and abuse as their social support network slowly deteriorates. According to the National Council on Elder Abuse (NCEA) 2005 Facts Sheet, "for every one case of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, or self-neglect reported to authorities, about five more go unreported."

Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership (LEAPP) is a newly established coalition

committed to creating community partnerships that effectively promote awareness of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults in Lee County. The coalition's mission is dedicated to providing education, services, advocacy and support to vulnerable

LEAPP is a collaborative effort with participating agencies and leaders including: Lee County Sheriff's Office, Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Services, United Way of Lee, Hendry, & Glades County, Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Cape Coral Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, State Attorney's office, Office of Lt. Governor, NAMI, CCMI, Dr. Piper Center, Senior Friendship Centers, Hope HealthCare Services, Lee County Human Services, UF IFAS Lee County Extension, and an array of long-term care providers, elder law attorneys, financial planners, professional guardians, county judges, and other human service providers.

Initial funding for LEAPP was made possible through a grant awarded to the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center by the National Center on Elder Abuse and the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. Donations are being accepted by the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center to benefit LEAPP projects and initiatives.

For additional information about LEAPP, call 211 or 433-3900. United Way 211 information specialists are prepared to help you with your concerns regarding elder abuse, and questions about Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership.

Dr. Dave

## Godzillaspiders And Such



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

That a beauty! rejoiced the exterminator as he lifted up the fibreglass batting to reveal a steroid-soaked spider the size of Saskatoon "We

love these guys. A few more of these sweethearts and you'll have no more problems with carpenter ants in this house!'

As thrilled as Mr. Pestilence was to discover that I was breeding Godzillaspiders, I was not particularly placated by the phylum of insect that now dominated my real estate and my frontal lobe. I laid my head on the pillow that night, no longer concerned about my house disintegrating into sawdust but rather plagued with visions of herds of hungry tarantulas burrowing under my silk sheets in search of something tastier than antchops

It didn't help when I recalled the fact that the average North American will ingest, while sleeping, three spiders in their lifetime. Since learning of this nocturnal snacking habit, I sleep with one eye open knowing some daredevil spider might pop down my gullet into my stomach where it will spend the night dancing the eight-legged cha-cha while feasting on jujubes and Denny's Grand Slam. I'd much prefer that spiders just took a few nibbles at my hide and be done with me.

Spider Bites

Imagine Bernie the Brown Recluse just hanging around the woodpile maybe working on his website or leering over at Black Widow Wanda who has just finished off a nice meal of a beetle or a botfly or a husband. Suddenly a pair of massive human hands reaches in, disturbing this happy arachnid scene and...

Doc, I think I have a bite of some

"Looks like a fresh spider bite Bloggins. In fact, so fresh that the beast could be on you right now." At this point a horrified Bloggins usually begins the dance of spider evasion, frantically patting his clothes and hair as he undresses as if his shorts were on fire. "Will I die?" he pants.

"Yes, one day. But nobody has died of a spider bite in 10 years in North America. So relax. If you were a child and were covered in black widow bites then you might have some serious problems requiring antivenim, otherwise just wash the wound well and slap some meat tenderizer on that bite to neutralize the protein.

#### Bees Wasps, Hornets, Yellow **Jackets**

When Betty Bee is disturbed while cross pollinating her daisies she might get upset and set her stinger deep into your skin. But she has a barb attached to her stinger that prevents her from pulling it out of her victim. When she attempts to fly away, the barbed stinger is anchored

so solidly to the stingee that it tears Betty Bee's belly, eviscerating and mortally wounding her. This is why if you listen closely while being stung you will hear "BzzzzOHCRAPbzzz." Too bad bee, or not to bee. Wasps on the other hand have no barbs and enjoy stinging you several times.

If stung by a bee, carefully scrape off the stinger with a knife or credit card (cost of stingerless sting: priceless). Throw some meat tenderizer and some ice on it. You might also use baking soda and even an aluminum-based deodorant (for perspiration-free bites).

A localized swelling at the site of a sting does not mean allergy. But if each sting leads to more intense local reactions, allergies may develop. If a serious allergic reaction occurs it will likely do so within 20 minutes. Eyes and skin will itch, vomiting and labored breathing usually follows. If allergic, carry a dual injection emergency allergy kit at all times or you might be providing the bees with... more

Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane) available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. You can also reach Dr. Hepburn via www.wisequacks.

Dr. Dave is co-host of Wisequacks, a national radio show that can be heard every Saturday at 1 p.m. EST – best heard in Florida over the Internet on CKNW. He is also a motivational speaker and travels throughout the U.S. and Canada speaking on the exciting new revelations in the world of health and wellness.☆

deaRPharmacist

## The Goods On Grapefruit And Medications



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Pharmacist:** My medication label suddenly warns not to eat grapefruit, but is this a serious interaction? Reason I ask is because I love to eat it, and nothing has happened to me so far.

KA, Tulsa, Oklahoma Then stay consistent with your eating habits because consistency allows your doctor to adjust medication dose based on eating habits. Momentarily, I'll tell how this incredible fruit can help you lower cholesterol, burn fat and reduce cancer risk, but first I must warn you that grapefruit prevents proper breakdown of some medications, causing blood levels to spike. This may happen even if you separate administration of the drug from the fruit

or the juice by days Soon enough, I will give you a list of drugs to avoid if you won't give up the grapefruit. I wouldn't blame you either; I love grapefruit myself. The seeds are the primary source of naringenin, which is the bitter chemical that causes the pucker. It's also a strong antioxidant that not only neutralizes free-radicals (which promote cancer) but also seems to prevent harden-

ing of the arteries.

Grapefruit may boost metabolism, at least in rodents. Thin rats don't necessarily translate to thin thighs, although I still think grapefruit is a fine edition to most diet plans, especially those that include ways to help you improve progesterone to estrogen ratio and increase thyroid hormone. Grapefruit may help people with diabetes or metabolic syndrome (high cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar). Naringenin is not an appetite suppressant, or a fat blocker so if you take those dietary supplements, it's also fine to take this bioflavonoid supplement. It can be combined with protein supplements too, which are often recommended during weight loss.

You'll see it listed in various ways, including naringenin, grapefruit seed extract, GSE or part of a comprehensive bioflavonoid formula that also contains hesperidin, rutin or quercetin. These types of products are widely available at health food stores. Before you get too

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## Mom And Me





by Lizzie and Pryce

izzie 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,** 

We are having a very difficult time deciding when it is time to go - into a retirement complex.

Both of us are in our 70s, I am physically handicapped, and during the past 20 years walking has become increasingly more difficult and I will soon be in a chair. My husband enjoys much better health but he worries about our financial health.

This is a good time to sell our house, but these good returns may not last, so my husband thinks we should sell and run. I am just not ready to go emotionally or willing to admit to myself that I need to go because my husband can't give me the increasing help I will need.

This problem is not resolved and is beginning to cause too much strain and stress in our lives. We need your help.

Della

#### Dear Della.

Moving into a retirement community is a big step. For some families it is the best

Others may consider it the worst decision of their lives. The best thing to do is to make the most informed choice pos-

Find out when and what services you need. Explore all options of care from in-home services to retirement living. Determine the cost of care for each option. With some retirement communities it is possible to spend some time in the community as a guest. Do that. As you experience the environment as a guest, think at every turn, "Is this what I want my day-to-day life to be? Is this the environment I want to be in seven days a week, every week of the month, and every month of the year?"

Armed with all of that information you will be able to make a better choice.

#### Dear Della,

Moving at this time in your life is a major change and some people find it overwhelming and extremely difficult, while others are just so glad to leave the responsibilities of a house they adjust in 30 minutes.

People are different - some need more help than others.

Research your options, decide on a plan that most meets your needs and just hope for the best.

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

## **SWFAS Awarded** Three-Year CARF Accreditation

outhwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) has been accredited by CARF for a period of three years for 15 of its substance abuse treatment and prevention programs.

This is the fourth consecutive threeyear accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to SWFAS and it represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization.

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## Downtown Improvement Projects Earn Award Of The Year



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Broadway after streetscape project



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one involved." Koenig cited partners including engineering firms DRMP Inc. and TKW Consulting Engineers, as well as Cella Molnar & Associates for handling communications efforts with the project stakeholders.

The Fort Myers Public Works Department utilized Kraft in a unique construction manager model, which allowed the construction work to be awarded in phases, resulting in lowered costs as construction demand leveled off, ultimately saving the city millions of dollars in the process.

## No More Hungry Pets Food Drive

Pet food donations for the Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) Community Pet Pantry come in on a daily basis. Unfortunately, with more than 1,000 pets depending on the pantry for food, much more goes out each day than comes in and supplies are quickly depleted. To make sure no pet goes hungry, LCDAS is launching its first quarterly food drive.

LCDAS depends solely on donations from the public to stock the pantry created to prevent the surrender of pets to shelters because their owners cannot afford to feed them. Pet owners receiving public assistance are eligible for the program.

"More than 1,000 pets have been able to remain in a loving home thanks to the generosity of others," says Ria

Brown, LCDAS public information officer. "The goal of this food drive is to gain enough support on a regular basis to keep the pantry stocked for three months before we need to ask for the community's help again."

nity's help again."

LCDAS is seeking individuals, businesses, organizations, clubs, and neighborhood groups willing to donate quarterly. The goal is to recruit a network of donors who will collectively contribute 30,000 pounds of food, the amount needed to feed pets for a three-month period. No donation is too small.

"A 10 lb. bag of food will feed a cat for a month," noted Donna Ward, LCDAS director. "Since two-thirds of the 1,000 pets currently being fed through the pantry are cats, that is definitely our greatest need."

For more information about participating in the Pet Pantry Network, call 533-9202 or email brownra@leegov.com. Information is also available online at http://www.leelostpets.com. Donations

may be brought to the shelter anytime at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Food may be left at the door any time the shelter is not open. Monetary donations may be sent to: Animal Care Trust Fund, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33912.

## Junior League Recruitment Social Is July 8

The Junior League of Fort Myers will hold a fall membership recruitment social at Paseo on July 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Members of will greet attendees and provide detailed information about the league and membership requirements, including the organization's charitable initiatives which promote voluntarism, develop

the potential of women and improve the community. Since it was founded in 1966, the league has contributed more than a million hours and over \$1 million to community projects and programs.

Its members are career women, working mothers, stay-at-home moms, and full-time and part-time volunteers of all ages who represent a variety of races, religions and ethnic origins, each committed to making a difference in the local community.

"Junior League of Fort Myers is so excited to welcome new members into our outstanding organization," stated Catherine Doikos, president. "Through membership, women can develop both personally and professionally all while making a significant impact within their own community."

For more information on membership or to RSVP for the recruitment social, e-mail newmember@jlfm.org.The dead-line for joining in the fall is July 15.\*

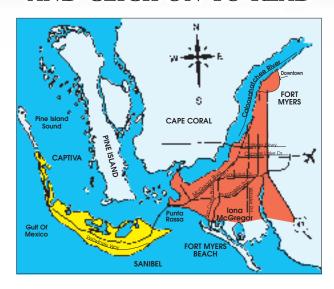




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## Alzheimer's Support Group

support group specifically for adults who have a parent with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder will meet on Tuesday, July 6, 6:15 p.m., at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 10051 McGregor Blvd. Ste. 101 in Fort Myers.

Meetings are held each month on the first Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. The meetings are sponsored by the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center.

Discussion includes issues, concerns, and questions adult children face as they provide care to a parent with memory loss or strive to learn more about Alzheimer's disease. The group is open to all interested individuals at no charge. For more information call 437-3007.

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## Campus President

tive vice president, serving as the college's chief operating officer, responsible for operational leadership and management.

Each campus is led by a campus president. Dr. Patricia Land provides leadership for the Charlotte Campus, Dr. Jeffery Allbritten provides leadership for the Collier Campus, and Dr. James Martin will lead the Lee Campus. In collaboration with the Lee Campus, Dr. Robert Jones, dean of the Hendry/Glades Center, manages and develops the college's center in LaBelle. This comprehensive organizational structure reinforces the college's ability to serve local needs while achieving the district-wide vision and mission of expanding educational

opportunities.
"We are excited about these changes and feel most confident that this realignment of our executive staff will better enable us to move forward with the Destination 2020 Strategic Plan and the Edison Education System," said Walker.

Dr. James Martin was approved unanimously by the board of trustees. His first day at the Lee Campus will be July 17.☼

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## deaRPharmacist

excited and buy supplements or fresh fruit at the grocery store, I need you to promise me that you'll get both your physician and pharmacist's approval (and it wouldn't hurt to research yourself) to find out if grapefruit, or grapefruit-containing supplements are right for you.

The approval from both your doctor and pharmacist is important because I don't have the space to list all of the drugs that might potentially interact. The following drugs (and possibly related drugs that are not listed here) may have a potentially dangerous interaction with grapefruit, so never combine it with these: Sildenafil (Viagra), buspirone (Buspar), sertraline (Zoloft), triazolam (Halcion), diazepam (Valium), carbamazepine (Tegretol), cyclosporine, tacrolimus, felodipine, nifedipine, HIV medications, statins cholesterol drugs (simvastatin, atorvastatin, lovastatin), amiodarone, methadone, digoxin and losartan (Cozaar)

#### **DID YOU KNOW:**

Zyclara cream is now FDA approved and available to people who suffer with pre-cancerous spots on their face or scalp called actinic keratoses.

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.dearpharmacist.com.

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#### CARF

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The following programs received accreditation for both children and adults: residential treatment, day treatment, outpatient treatment, prevention services, and the Employee Assistance Program. The Detoxification Center, Intensive

Outpatient Program, and Halfway House also were accredited for adults.

In addition, four Adult Drug Court programs and one Juvenile Drug Court Program operated by SWFAS were accredited.

SWFAS is celebrating its 30th anniversary of providing substance abuse treatment and prevention programs in Southwest Florida. More than 6,000 people are served per year from ages nine to 90 from five locations in Lee County and two in Glades and Hendry counties. Partially funded by the State of Florida and Lee County, SWFAS also is a United

Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation

Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumerfocused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

For additional information, call 931-9688 or visit www.swfas.org.

## Long Term-Care Support Group

support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on July 20 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center,

10051 McGregor Boulevard Suite 101 in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers in Lee County. For more information call 437-3007.

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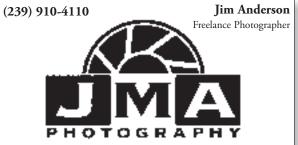
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- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "From Here to Eternity":
- GEOGRAPHY: In what city would you find the Brandenburg Gate?
- MUSIC: Which Southern rock band had a Top Ten single with "Imaginary Lover"?
- MOVIES: In which movie did longtime game-show host Bob Barker make his debut?
- SCIENCE: What does an ornithologist study?

My Stars ★★★

you don't like to change plans once they're

set, once again, you might find that doing

Family matters dominate the weekend.

so can make a big difference in your favor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You con-

tinue to get encouragement for your proposals,

including some support from unlikely sources.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Family

matters are dominant this week. It's a good

good time to contact and reunite with loved

not to allow differences of opinion to create

unpleasant feelings, especially in the work-

place. A neutral observer could check out the

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While the

Lion's Den is the center of attention this week,

with family matters dominating much of your

time, workplace issues are also important. Try

future of a new relationship could depend on

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful

time to be with those you love. It's also a

ones with whom you've lost touch.

situation and suggest a resolution.

to find a balance between them.

Use this positive flow to move forward with

FOR WEEK OF JULY 5, 2010

your plans. Good luck.

- COMPUTERS: What kind of computer file carries the extension ".wma"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who would use a Punnett square?
- TELEVISION: John Travolta got his big break playing Vinnie Barbarino on which
- 10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read"?

#### **ANSWERS**

Kotter" 10. Groucho Marx.

Sandler 6. Birds 7. Audio 8. Geneticists use this chart to figure the heredity of genetic traits 9. "Welcome Back, L. West Side Story". 2. James Jones 3. Berlin 4. Atlanta Rhythm Section 5. "Happy Gilmore" with Adam

#### come more easily than you expected. You can look for continued support from colleagues who appreciate your contributions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Someone you care for might need more reassurance from the typically "unemotional" Pisces. Go ahead. Open up, and you might be surprised at what you find when you do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a romantic at heart, although you can be amazingly practical when you need to be.

#### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On July 9, 1777, New York elects Brigadier Gen. George Clinton as the first governor of the independent state of New York. Clinton would go on to become New York's longest-serving governor, as well as the longest-serving governor in the United States, holding the post until 1795.
- On July 8, 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry, representing the U.S. government, sails into Tokyo Bay, Japan. The Japanese accepted letters from President Millard Fillmore, making the United States the first Western nation in two centuries to establish relations with Japan.
- On July 10, 1887, a dam breaks in Zug, Switzerland, killing 70 people. The resulting wall of water was so powerful that rescue boats launched to assist people caught up in the sudden flood were ineffective as they capsized in the roiling waters.
- On July 11, 1922, the Hollywood Bowl, one of the world's largest natural amphitheaters, opens. Its stage was a wooden platform with a canvas top and audiences sat on moveable benches set on the hillsides of the surrounding canyon. In 1926, a group of Los Angeles architects built the Hollywood Bowl's first shell.
- On July 5, 1946, French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at a swimming pool in Paris. Reard dubbed the suit the "bikini," inspired by a news-making U.S. atomic bomb test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that
- On July 7, 1962, "The Stripper," by David Rose, becomes the No. 1 pop hit in America. When a Los Angeles disc jockey heard the piece, he thought it was so funny that he played it almost continuously during his program one day. Soon "The Stripper" was a national hit, and well on its way to becoming a permanent piece of American pop culture.

#### **SPORTS QUIZ**

- 1. When was the last time second basemen won both the A.L. and N.L. Most Valuable Player awards in the same year?
- Name the first manager of the Seattle Mariners.
- 3. When was the last time the University of Texas football team was not ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 poll?
- 4. Who was the last NBA player to have a triple-double while also having at least 50 points in the game?
- 5. How many times has Canada won the gold medal in men's hockey at the Olympics?
- 6. Who was the first male soccer player to score at least three goals in three different World
- 7. In the 2010 Boston Marathon, Ryan Hall set a new record for U.S. men with a time of 2:08:41. Who had held the mark?

#### **ANSWERS**

who managed the club from 1977 to 1980. 3. It was Oct. 8, 2000. 4. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, with 50 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in a game in 1975. 5. Eight times -- 1920, '24, '28, '32, 48, '52, 2002, '10. 6. Germany's Junergen Klinsmann (1990, '94, '98). 7. Bob Kempainen had a time of 2:08:47 in 1994. 1. In 1914, Eddie Collins (Philadelphia) and Johnny Evers (Boston) each won an MVP award. 2. Darrell Johnson,

#### • On July 6, 1976, in Annapolis, Md., the United States Naval Academy admits women for the first time in its history with the induction of 81 female midshipmen. In May 1980, Elizabeth Anne Rowe became the first woman member of the class to graduate. • It was multitalented Robert Anton Wilson -- he was, at various times in his life, a novelist, essayist, psychologist, editor, philosopher, playwright and mystic -- who made the following observation: "It only takes 20 years for a liberal to become a conservative without changing a single idea.'

#### **STRANGE BUT TRUE**

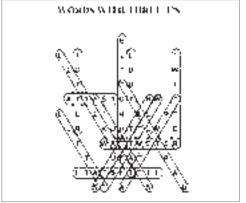
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently released its study on the costs of raising a child. Those who have children may not be surprised to learn that the average two-parent, middle-income family spends a whopping \$222,360 on the child through the age of 17 -- and that figure, or course, doesn't include the cost of a college education.
- The blue whale is the largest animal known to have ever existed. The marine mammal is so large, in fact, that a grown man could swim through its largest blood vessels.• The company known as Ulysse Nardin, based in Switzerland, is known for its line of luxury watches. They've recently expanded their offerings, though, so the next time you're in the market for a cell phone, you might want to check out their version of Google's Android model. You also might want to check your bank account; this gold-plated piece of technology will retail for \$50,000.
- · Here's a sign of our increasingly cluttered lives: When the National Association of Professional Organizers was formed, in 1985, it had five members. Today there are more than 4,000 registered organizers with the
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, those who hold the most dangerous job in America aren't firefighters or police officers; they're taxi drivers, with 22.7 homicides for every 100,000 workers each year.\*\*\*

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It's not the genius who is 100 years ahead of his time but the average man who is 100 years behind it." -- Robert Musil

## **PUZZLE ANSWERS**





#### how much the usually impatient-to-get-thingsdone Virgo is willing to stop pushing and let things happen naturally. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Worry over a loved one's well-being is eased

with good news from a sympathetic source. Your continued show of love and support is important. Stay with it. SCORPIO (October 23 to November

21) This is a good time to consider mending fences with someone you wish was back in your life. Forget about blame, and focus on the good things you once shared.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to start researching information regarding whatever changes you're considering, whether it involves a new home, a new location or a new job.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A long-anticipated job opportunity could turn out to be less than you expected. But appearances might be deceiving. Check it out before you decide it's not for you.

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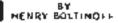
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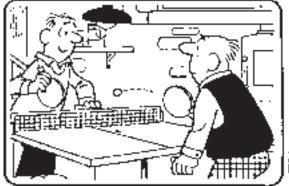
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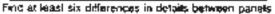
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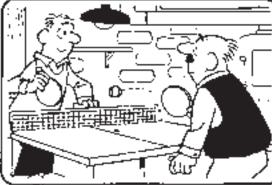
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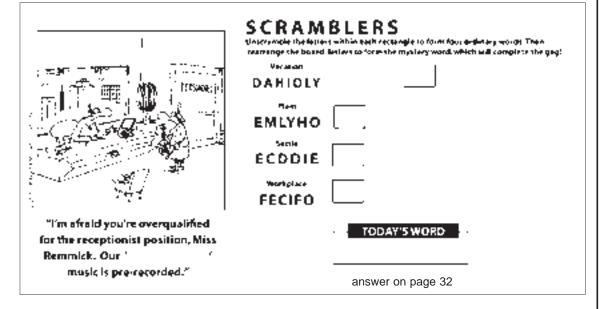








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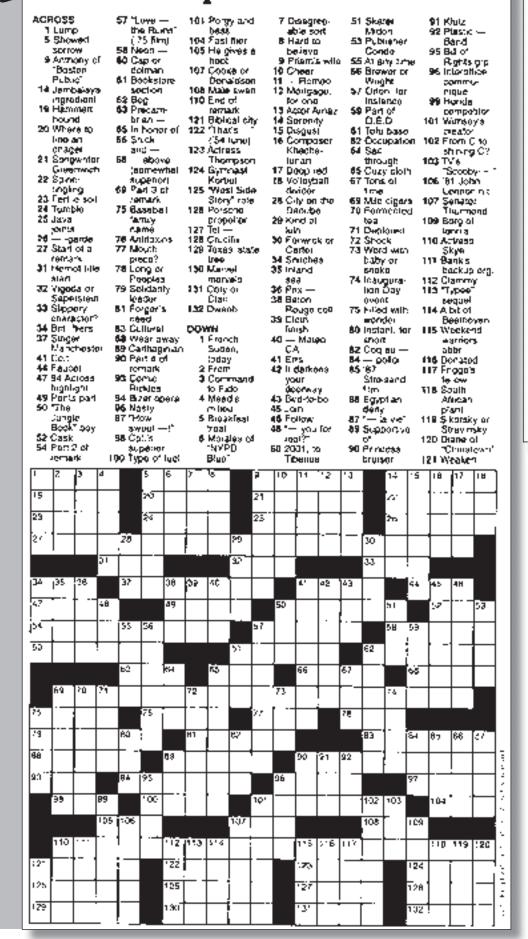
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