

Emmy Winner Onstage At Florida Rep

Florida Repertory Theatre is presenting Harmonic Collage, its annual benefit concert given by Emmy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated flutist and composer Kat Epple.

Joined by a number of world renowned musicians and performers, Epple will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 15 in the historic Arcade Theatre.

Epple will perform on flutes from around the world, electronics, and keyboard, and will be joined by special guests including Chuck Grinnell (keyboard), DL Turner (harp/guitar), Darrell Nutt (percussion), Ray Nesbit (guitar), David Johnson (bass) and Nicole Long and Christar Damiano (movement).

Also featured will be two performance art ensembles Epple is a part of, Sonic Combine (with Laurence Getford and Lawrence Voytek) and Katalyst, as well as a few surprise guest performers.

Harmonic Collage is a benefit for Florida Repertory Theatre.

Admission is \$20 for this one-night-only event. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the box office at 332-4488 and online at www.floridarep.org.

Florida Repertory Theatre is on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry.*



Kat Epple

National Christian Choir To Perform



The National Christian Choir

The Village Church at Shell Point Retirement Community will present the National Christian Choir (NCC), with Dr. C. Harry Causey, on February 13 and 14 as part of the Season of Praise concert series. Tickets are still available.

"We are very excited to welcome The National Christian Choir and Dr. Causey to Shell Point for this performance," said Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "Residents and visitors have thoroughly enjoyed the concerts we have offered in this year's Season of Praise series, and we know that all who attend this performance will be impressed by the proficiency of this highly skilled choral group."

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Community Garden At Lakes Park Opens Saturday – Plots Available

The grand opening of the Community Garden at Lakes Park will be on Saturday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fragrance Garden.

Among those present will be Lee County Extension Agent, aka the Plant Doctor, Roy Beckford, Lee County Natural Resources agent.

- Among the attractions and events:
- The public will be able register for a plot in the Community Garden
 - Children's crafts
 - Plant sale by the Lee County Master Gardeners with proceeds to benefit the Fragrance Garden
 - Performances by Southwest Florida Youth Orchestra Brass Ensemble.

• Vegetables for sale
• Gulf Coast Palm & Tree display
Admission is free though a parking fee is required (\$1 an hour, \$5 a day).

The garden plots are rented for \$50 a year with all proceeds benefitting the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation and being reinvested in Lakes Park. The garden beds will be available to local citizens wishing to cultivate produce or flowering species within the Community Garden. This is an effort to revive the practice of growing produce and plantings close to home.

Garden Supervisor Austin Tincher is directing the Community Garden operations. Each gardener will be required to sign an agreement to uphold the regulations, namely restrictions on the use of pesticides and fertilizers, pledge to maintain the Community



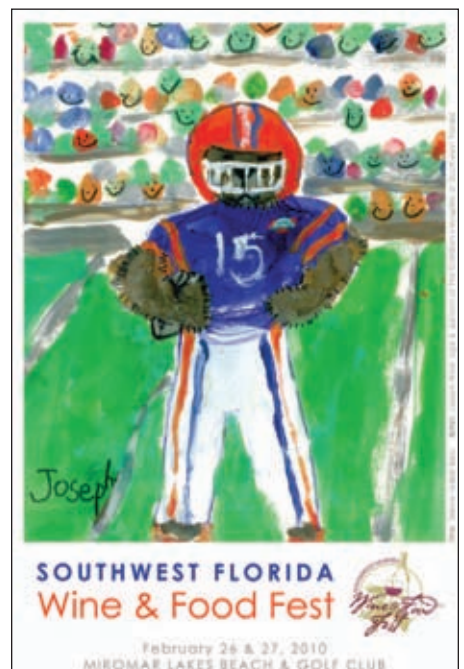
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Naples Five-Year-Old Creates Signature Art For Wine & Food Fest

Joseph West of Naples, a five-year-old cancer patient at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, is a dedicated Florida Gators fan. He even dressed up like Albert E. Gator, the university's mascot, for Halloween, and decorated his Christmas tree in all things Gator. So when local artist Ellen Sheppard was planning her painting session with Joseph, the hospital's child artist selected to create the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest signature poster, her husband John had just the right idea. Known to many as the steadfast bearer of teddy bears to every young patient of The Children's Hospital, John headed out to find a bear dressed up like University of Florida quarterback Tim Tebow.

Not only did Teddy Bear Tebow, as he became known, lift Joseph's spirits, but he also provided the perfect inspiration for the painting to be featured on this year's posters. Ellen has been offering her guidance to the hospital's child artists for the signature posters of the Wine & Food Fest since nearly its inception over six years ago.

"Joseph loves his Gators, so Teddy Bear Tebow couldn't have been a better pick for him," said Joseph's mom, Tiffany. "He loves art projects almost as much as he loves the Gators."



Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest poster featuring child artist Joseph West's original painting, *Teddy Bear Tebow*

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now: The Post Office Arcade On Broadway

by Gerri Reaves



This historic photo of Post Office Arcade was taken soon after it opened in 1925. Constructed by George R Sims for a cost of \$125,000, the mixed-use structure in the center of the west side of Broadway was the first building to open on the short street named for New York City’s famous thoroughfare.

The structure is still thriving and proudly displaying its name over the entrance. Recently it has embarked on a new phase in its history, as the main entrance to Hotel Indigo.

As we can see in the historic photo, one of the arcade’s first tenants more than 80 years ago was Silver-O’Brien Realtors, which occupied the storefront where Vino Di Notte Restaurant is today. Judging from the signage, a pharmacy might have occupied the space where Southwest Capital Bank is now.

The neighboring Colquitt and Kress buildings were yet to go up when a photographer snapped this wide-angled shot, but they would be constructed before the decade was out, on the arcade’s south and north sides, respectively.

Instead, to the left of the newly constructed arcade, we see an alley that still borders the Colquitt Building today. In the mid-1920s, it would have led to the rear of the Hotel Kenmore that faced Main Street.

To the right and behind the car, we see a private home that would soon be demolished to make way for the yellow-brick Kress Building, completed in 1927.

In its new role as the entrance to Hotel Indigo, the originally open-air building retains its beauty, leaving no doubt that historic preservation is worth every effort.

Hotel Indigo has enclosed it with glass doors and preserved one of its most distinctive features, the rubble-random tile floor of a “pique assiette” design.

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A time capsule... from 1920s boom to redevelopment now
photos by Gerri Reaves



Today the historic arcade leads to Hotel Indigo, as well as Vino Di Notte Restaurant, Company Hair, Ichiban, and Southwest Capital Bank



In this photo taken shortly after the Post Office on Broadway was constructed, the paperboy seems oblivious to the photographer, but the man on the right is highly aware he’s being photographed for posterity
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Inventor's Summer Camp

Registration for the fifth annual Edison & Ford Winter Estates Inventor's Summer Camp is now open and this year the Wild Wizard will be offering classes all summer.

The estates is a living lab where every project engages the campers in the sciences, arts, and history to ask questions and discover the answers for themselves while having fun.

Weeklong camps begin the week of June 8, and continue to the final week, August 13. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camps are open for grades 1 to 6 and sessions are separated by grade levels.

Cost for members is \$200; non members \$230. Scholarships will be available.

The schedule is as follows:

Session 1: June 8 - 11: Edison Invents A five-day adventure that captures the Edison and Ford experience.

Step back in time and investigate the inner workings of a light bulb, discover trees and plants brought here from around the world and create inspired works of art.

Sessions 2 and 7: June 14 - 18, July 19 - 23: Movie Making Magic Act, direct, operate the camera and build sets. Campers will study Foley art (sound effects), movie magic (special effects), and script writing.

Sessions 3 and 8: June 21 - 25, July 26 - 30: Kitchen Chemistry 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!

Session 4: June 28 - July 2: Animation The perfect mix of science and art. Campers will develop original characters, write their own story, choose between many different animation styles, and make a short film.

Sessions 5 and 10: July 5 - July 9, August 9 - 13: Spaceships & Rockets The final Frontier! Campers will explore the outer reaches of the universe with the resident



Movie Making Magic



Science experiment


spaceman. Campers will visit planets, collect samples and float on a Lunar Lander.

Sessions 6: July 12 - July 16: ESI - Edison Science Investigation 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 will only be given normal everyday items to solve it.

Session 9: August 2 - August 6: Eager Engineers "To be a good inventor you need a good imagination and a pile of junk," said Thomas Edison. The estate will supply the junk and jump-start the imagination. Campers will use recycled materials and develop green inventions such as robots, conduct science experiments, participate in balloon car races and build bridges.

Registration forms are available online at www.efwefta.org. or at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates at 2350 McGregor Boulevard. For more information or to sign up contact the Estates Education Coordinator at 334-7419.✱



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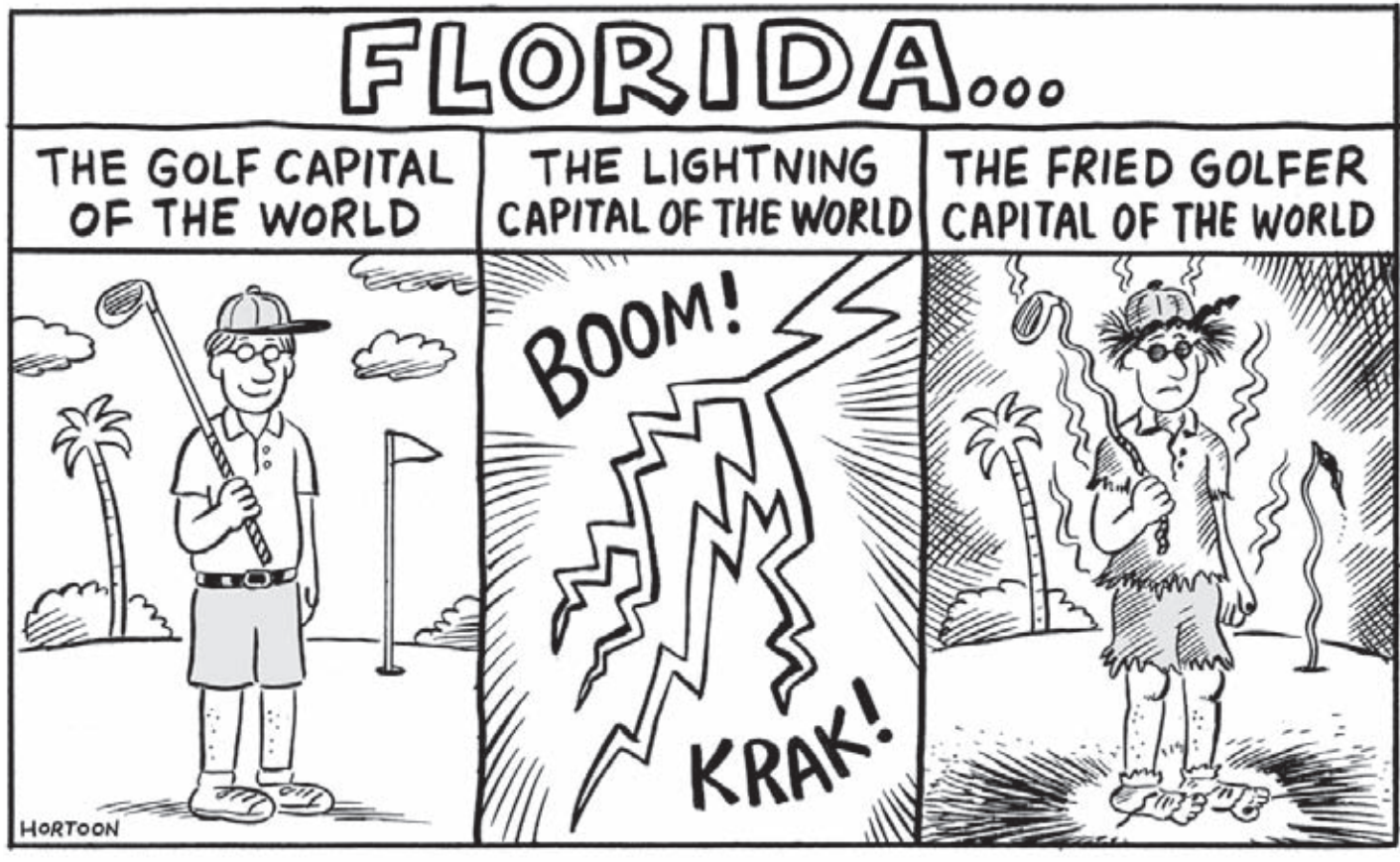
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From page 2 Historic Downtown

Broadway was the brainchild of Sims and two other progressive developers, Henry Colquitt and LC Curtright, who strove to bring a contemporary urban aesthetic and business model to Fort Myers.

After buying properties between First and Main streets along what became Broadway, they obtained permission from the city to create the new street at their own expense.

In order to generate pedestrian traffic and business, Sims leased a large space in the arcade to the government as a post office, complete with lock boxes and equipment, for one dollar per year.

A scarcity of downtown office space made it possible to rent the remaining 20 stores and office spaces at premium rates prior to construction.

Over the years, many businesses have called the arcade home, including the beloved Snack House, which opened in 1947; the Fort Myers News-Press; Geraci Travel; Bara Bread; and today's Company Hair and Ichiban Japanese & Chinese Cuisine.

In 1934, Barron G. Collier bought the arcade, renamed it the Collier Arcade, and established his bus terminal there. But it's the original name one still hears used today.

If Sims, Colquitt, and Curtright could see the redeveloped arcade, perhaps they would wander up to Indigo's rooftop pool and lounge to see one thing that hasn't changed since Broadway was a mere plan on paper: the sunset over the Caloosahatchee River.

Walk down to Broadway to see the historic Post Office Arcade, now transformed for 21st century use.

Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street, where you can see the exhibit Tutankhamun: Wonderful Things from the Pharaoh's Tomb. Ask about their Author's Evening spring series 2010.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to swflmuseumofhistory.com. The museum's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Continue your historical research at the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, where you can explore family and local history. 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.✧

Craft Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will hold a Craft and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, February 20 from 8 a.m. to noon. The RV resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Coffee and donuts will be available.

The public is invited.✧

Garden Hat Project To Benefit Estates Education Programs

Mina Edison loved hats as did many of the fashionable ladies of her time. They were beautifully adorned with lace, feathers, jewels, veils and other additions which were crafted of straw, organdy, felt and other materials.

In honor of the first Garden Brunch at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates on February 12, several notable women in the community decorated hats.

Nearly 20 women from the community created hats including: Pamela Cronin, Lee County Tourist Development Council, co-owner of The Shell Factory; Michelle Gouley, architect, Parker Mudgett Smith; Debbie Hughes, estates horticulturist; Nicole Long, Saks Fifth Avenue; Leoma Lovegrove, artist, Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens; Rachel Peacock, Pure Love Soap; June Pekol, Edison Restaurant, June Pekol Reality; Chris Pendleton, estates president & CEO; Piper Rudlich, artist, Art & Soul; Anita Singh, jewelry designer; Lois Thome, anchor, WINK TV News; and Margie Willis, community volunteer.

The designers named their hats reflecting the personality of their creations including, A WINK and a Smile, Black Magic, Turquoise Sunbeams, Belly Dancer, Not the Edison's Peacocks, Calla Lady, Lady in Red and Purple, Orchid Lady and the Country Gardener.

The hats will be auctioned off February 12 at the Brunch with Mrs. Edison, Living with a Genius event at the estates.



Calla Lady hat



A WINK and a Smile hat

In addition to the hat auction and brunch amidst the beautiful historic plantings, professional actress Nan Colton will present *Living with a Genius*, a witty, one-woman show that engages the audience in what it is like to live with a genius – in this case Mina Edison and husband, Thomas Edison. Colton is well known for her charming representation of historic women and includes storytelling and audience involvement. Two performances are scheduled: February 12 and 13 at 11 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to wear hats.

Reservations are required by calling 334-7419. Estates members are \$50, non-members \$60. The project benefits the estates education programs.**

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For more information visit the Web site, www.operationopenarms.org or call Capt. Bunch at 283-8838. Donations should be sent to: Operation Open Arms, PO Box 101, St. James City, FL 33956**

Camera Club

The next meeting of the Fort Myers Camera Club is scheduled for Friday, February 19. The meeting will feature an instructional workshop by award-winning photographers, Ron Addison and Joyce Wans.

Addison will discuss *How To Get Started With Camera RAW* (which includes Elements and CS), and Wans will demonstrate *How To Do Great Camera Setups*.

Guests are welcome free of charge. The club meets at the Congregational Church of Christ, 8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers. Parking is available behind the church.

For additional information about the club, log onto www.ftmyerscc.com.**

Beach Yacht Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held Wednesday, February 24 at the American Legion Post 274, 899 Buttonwood Drive, Fort Myers Beach.

Dinner will be catered and is available for \$14 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7, and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Tom Swanbeck for required reservations and additional information, 292-6284. To learn more about the club visit www.FMBYachtClub.org.**



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The Immokalee Foundation's Mission Takes Flight

When three World War II fighter planes took to the picture perfect cloudless skies in Fort Myers, they provided the thrill of a lifetime for passengers and the opportunity of a lifetime for dozens of Immokalee children.

Among those who purchased rides on the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress *Nine-O-Nine* and the North American Dual Control P-51C Mustang *Betty Jane* are some enthusiastic supporters of The Immokalee Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that provides educational opportunities for Immokalee's children.

The Collings Foundation, who brought the fully restored World War II B-17, P-51 and B-24J Liberator to Page Field, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping Americans learn more about their heritage through the restoration and exhibition of historic aircraft, cars and other modes of transportation.

The airplane below is known as *Betty Jane*, the only dual control North American P-51C Mustang plane



1938, these men detail their Flying Fortress and paint yellow bombs under the cockpit to signify the number of successful missions the team has completed. This plane has 63 yellow bombs on it.



Marie Stonesifer returning from flight

While the public could purchase rides in any of the planes, 20 people made sure to secure their spots last year during The Immokalee Foundation's Fiesta of Fun dinner and auction. The group traveled together from Naples on Tuesday, January 26 for the flights. Following the afternoon of high-flying fun, they gathered for dinner at the Bay Colony Golf Club, aka the "Officer's Club," for dinner and flight stories and the viewing of vintage video of B-17s.

Foundation board member Louise Penta is friends with Bob Collings, who founded The Collings Foundation with his wife, Caroline. Penta and Collings worked together on charitable events in the Boston area.

After seeing the interest generated there in B-17 rides, Penta asked Collings to secure a couple of seats in the plane during its Southwest Florida visit. They wound up with enough bidders to fill the plane twice.



Ex-warbirds Jack Morgan, Donna Kletjian, Dick Stonesifer and Jack Myatt



The Immokalee Foundation flyers, gathered in front of a Flying Fortress

"We got a tremendous response," Penta said. "Everyone's (auction) paddle went up. We had 20 people riding. A lot of people going on the flight know the history of the B-17 and P-51. Some are veterans. It has a lot of meaning to them."

Marie Stonesifer was one of the lucky B-17 flyers. She flew in the plane's radio compartment. "It was a terrific flight and a wonderful view," said Stonesifer on the tarmac after the flight. "All I could think about were the pilots and crew and how grateful we are to all the people who fought in the war."

In addition, two more experienced what it's like to fly the P-51, the world's only dual-control fighter aircraft. The two-seat modified P-51 afforded one passenger a chance to fly in a second cockpit behind the pilot.

The collaboration between the two foundations made perfect sense to Collings.

"We are an educational foundation and as such are interested in educational issues, particularly those pertaining to children," Collings said. "Part of our mission of taking World War II aircraft around the country is to teach younger Americans about the sacrifices made by veterans to ensure the lifestyle we have today."

In teaming up with TIF, Collings said, "I'm pleased and honored to try to help contribute to the success of the auction and raise awareness of The Immokalee Foundation's efforts and what we do as well."

The 2010 Fiesta of Fun dinner and auction will be held in November at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples.

The Immokalee Foundation provides educational opportunities for Immokalee's children from early childhood through the start of their professional lives through mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, vocational skills and incentives for educational growth. To learn more, visit www.immokaleefoundation.org or call 430-9122.*

Twilight Time Benefit Downtown

The fourth annual It's Twilight Time event to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County has been set for Sunday March 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Sydney and Berne Davis Art Center the Fort Myers River District.

The event is an extravaganza celebrating great food and fine wines from around the world, specialty cocktails, desserts, and chocolates from Norman Love. There will also be live music.

Approximately 30 area restaurants will be participating.

"We are very excited about the venue for our event- last year was our first in the River District and it is perfect for the It's Twilight Time concept. Four years ago at our first Twilight Time, we had about 600 attendees; this year we expect close to 2,000 to attend," said Greg Brock, co-chair.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County offer after school and summer programs at seven club facilities to almost 2,000 youth members age 6-18, most of whom come from single parent, low income families.

For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, visit www.ItsTwilightTime.com or call Bill Gunnin or Garrett at 334-1886.*



Foster Care Kids' Fundraiser

Florida Repertory Theatre has partnered with Foster Care Advisory Services. In conjunction with Florida Rep and Vino de Notte Restaurant, Foster Care Advisory Services will present Night on the Town on Tuesday, February 23 in the Historic Arcade Theatre to benefit abused and neglected children in Southwest Florida.

These children often have few clothes or any of the other necessities that so many of us take for granted. Foster Care Advisory services, Inc. has worked to fill these needs since 1984.

The event offers a night of fine dining and theatre beginning with dinner at Vino de Notte in the Hotel Indigo, and

moving down the block to the Arcade Theatre for Florida Rep's production of Kaufman and Hart's Pulitzer Prize-winning American classic, *You Can't Take It with You*.

Chef Rocco Pisera of Vino de Notte has selected four of his most popular authentic Italian dishes and combined them with appetizers, salad, dessert and wine.

Dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. and the play begins at 8 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person and tickets are available at Robb & Stucky Interiors in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples, as well as evenings at the SW Florida Fencing Academy, 4210 Fowler Street, Fort Myers. Tickets may also be purchased by mail. Call 989-8663 or 939-1338 for details.*

Teens Launch No Phone Driver Campaign

Recognizing that use of a cell phone while driving increases the risk of having an accident by four times, the same risk as a drunk driver, and texting while driving increases the risk of an accident by eight times, the Florida Junior Civitan Board of Directors have launched the No Phone Driver campaign to raise awareness.

Teenagers across Florida will encourage their own members, school mates, family and the public to sign a pledge to be a No Phone Driver, to stop risking the lives of everyone on the road, including themselves.

Junior Civitan is a community service club organization of 12,000 teen volunteers in 400 clubs in the USA, Canada, Europe, Asia and Africa, helping seniors, challenged and the under privileged.

While each club chooses its community service, environmental projects and social awareness activities, the Florida Junior Civitan Board of Directors have designated this No Phone Driver campaign as the statewide project, after Junior Civitan Governor Matthew Pendleton, an 11th grade student at Sandalwood High in Jacksonville, learned the alarming statistics on a recent Oprah show.

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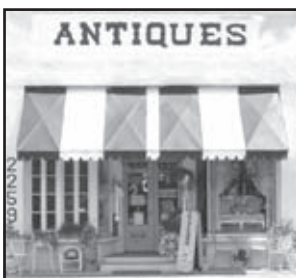
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Karen Liddle

On Tuesday, February 2, Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI) held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. Over 300 of CCMI's 1,200 annual volunteers attended for breakfast, musical and video presentations, and raffle prizes. CCMI volunteers totaled over 38,000 hours of service in 2009.

CCMI is the umbrella agency for the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Senior Transportation, the



Bob Gibson and Pat Schmidt



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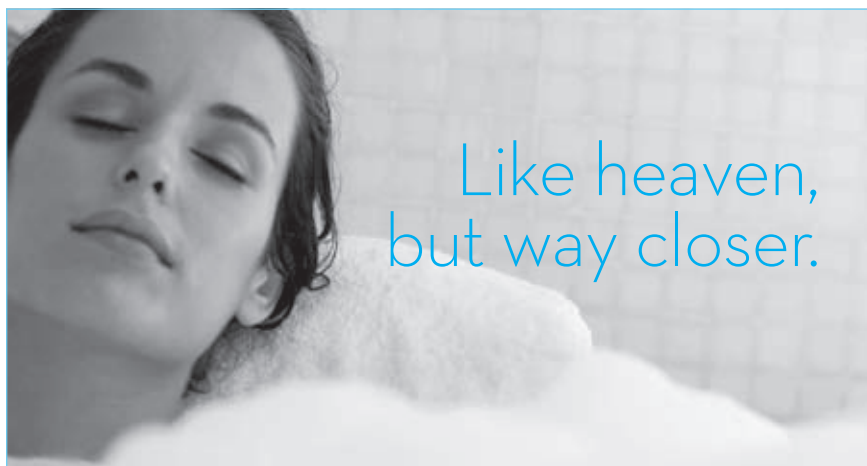
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Students who have professional goals to pursue visual arts, music, dance, theater, or film are invited to apply for one of the awards. Funds may be used for an educational institution's tuition, books, art supplies, or equipment. The committee will consider funding for, but not limited to, tuition associated with any arts-related degree or advance workshops. In order to be eligible for a BIG ARTS award, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

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- Student currently enrolled in accredited undergraduate or graduate programs
- Individual who has received their bachelor's degree and who has worked for a period of time and is returning to school for an advanced degree

And also must meet one of the following criteria:

- Current resident of Sanibel or Captiva for at least two years
- Currently employed on Sanibel or Captiva (or have a parent employed) for at least two years

- Current member of BIG ARTS for two years (one year for students)
- Current resident of Lee County

Applications are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, online at www.BIGARTS.org, or e-mail info@BIGARTS.org. For more information call 395-0900.✪

Empty Bowl Event Raises \$30,000 For Food Bank

The Saturday, January 30 Empty Bowl event raised a minimum of \$30,000 for the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. This was the fourth annual event held in Cambier Park, Naples, with Panera Bread as a major sponsor. Last year's event brought in \$25,357.

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Passion For Historic Preservation Began In Childhood Play



Gina Taylor, executive director of the Lee Trust for Historic Preservation

by Gerri Reaves

Gina Taylor says that her interest in historic preservation began in early childhood, long before she understood what it was.

The executive director of the Lee Trust for Historic Preservation has vivid, happy memories of weekends and holidays spent at her grandfather's house in New Jersey, where she and her numerous cousins would play and explore in his 1920s house.

She recalls the big porch, the solid claw-footed furniture, the bay windows, and the big yard with large trees.

"That's where it all started," she says, "because I loved that feeling of a large family, being in a large home, of having all these nooks and crannies in a home, with an attic and a fabulous basement."

Years later, her connection to history deepened when she married someone with an imposing historical lineage and moved to New England. Her former husband traced his roots to the *Mayflower*, and the family still owned the colonial house, now a house museum.

She is especially drawn to such histories, for most of her own family, from Germany and Russia, died in the Holocaust. So she doesn't have deep genealogical roots.

When she lived in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where historic preservation is the order of the day, she became fascinated with architecture and the sense of place that a respect for history can create.

Where's The History?

Thoroughly immersed in a preservationist mindset, she was in for a jolt when she moved to Fort Myers in 1986.

One of the first sensations she had was of loss. She wondered, "Where's the history?" All she could see was strip malls and new construction.

She was yet to learn that historic neighborhoods did indeed exist in Fort Myers.

Seeing a newspaper article about the effort to preserve the 1901 Murphy-Burroughs home on First Street was a turning point for Taylor.

She journeyed downtown to see the home that Jettie Burroughs had bequeathed to the City of Fort Myers a few years earlier.

That was only the beginning of her passion for that historic home. In 1989, she learned that the city was looking for a director to open the home, applied for the position, and four months later began the exciting job of turning the site into a profitable venture.

By that time, the home had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988. Taylor credits Bill Grace with spearheading that daunting project. At that time, he was the chair of the board of the Burroughs Home.

In 1993, Grace, along with other preservation-minded people, founded the Lee Trust for Historic Preservation. Taylor was among the founding members.

During her tenure as department head director of the Burroughs Home from 1990 to 1998, a massive renovation was completed, with the support of the Burroughs Home Society, a fundraising arm.

A design specialist in historic-preservation restoration was hired. Thousands of hours were spent in reproducing the wallpaper, draperies, carpet, furniture, and other features in the house to historic specifications.

The result was "absolutely exquisite," recalls Taylor.

The historic site opened as a house museum. Starting in 1991, the site offered tours as part of the Ticket through Time program. The successful tours of 20 to 25 participants were scheduled five days per week, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every hour, on the hour.

The tours were led by guides impersonating Mona and Jettie Burroughs, the daughters of Nelson T. and Adeline Phipps Burroughs, who in 1918 had purchased the 1901 house.

For her efforts, Taylor received an American Associations of Museums award in 1995 for the Burroughs Home Living History Tour.

Buses and trolleys made their rounds to the site, and many local groups held luncheons on the large porch overlooking the Caloosahatchee River.

She also marketed the historic home and gardens as a wedding destination.

"Every year, we were booked-out about a year, year and a half... sometimes five on a weekend."

From 1995 until 1998, she took on two more positions, director of the Fort Myers Historical Museum (now the Southwest Florida Museum of History), as well as the Imaginarium.

Several years ago, an inquiry from then Lee Trust President Grace led her back to the work she's so passionate about. Asked if she would be interested in part-time work on the organization's newsletter and other tasks, Taylor took it on, although she had a busy and successful mortgage business.

In 2007, she assumed her current position as executive director.

Money To Be Made

Taylor is greatly encouraged to see that the Lee Trust's work is really paying off. Gradually, people are beginning to understand the relationship between

historic preservation and a revitalized downtown.

She talks to countless people as she goes about her work downtown – in meetings, one-on-one while distributing newsletters, and in chance encounters. She senses an excitement about downtown.

The main comment she hears? "This downtown is beautiful."

When she asks people why they come downtown, they say it's because they love the old buildings.

The thrust of her work, as she sees it, is to help decision makers see that visitors are not coming here because of the weather or to see high-rise buildings.

"They are coming here to have an experience of the way it used to be. That's what historic architecture can provide for people."

The smart thing to do, she advocates, is to capitalize on historic-cultural tourism. There's a financial opportunity in doing so, she strongly believes.

Fort Myers has the largest concentration of historic buildings in Southwest Florida, so why not follow the lead of other historic cities such as Savannah, Key West, and St. Augustine?

She also senses a nostalgia among baby-boomers who remember the 1950s as she does, and that longing for what seems lost in part propels historic preservation.

"Our culture is a hard place to live," she surmises, and historic-cultural tourism provides a respite from modern life.

In February 2008, the Lee Trust opened an office in the historic Starnes Arcade (now known as People's Court) in the downtown historic River District.

Since then, they sponsored various events, including receptions and book signings, last November's Heart of Hendry Celebration, the Parade of Trees recognizing Fort Myers' founding families, the city's recent 20th Anniversary of Historic Designation, and others.

Currently, the Lee Trust is working as a catalyst to preserve the Hall of Fifty States on Edwards Drive.

In May 2010, the Lee Trust is bringing Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to Fort Myers, the second time that the conference has been held in the city, the first being 1991.

Find out about the Lee Trust's work and membership by visiting leetrust.org or calling 939-PAST (7278). Or, email Taylor at leepreservation@embarqmail.com.

New board members are needed. Requirements include residence in Lee County and an interest in historic preservation.

The office is located at 1609 Hendry Street.

Lee Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc. is dedicated to preserving and developing the heritage of Lee County and its municipalities. The mission of Lee Trust is to preserve the sites and buildings of historical, archaeological, and architectural significance to Lee County through both advocacy and acquisition.✧

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
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10:45 a.m. Traditional.

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1188 Lake McGregor Drive, Fort Myers, 432-1724. Rev. N. Everett Keith III;
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

CYPRESS 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.

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www.spirituality.com and www.christian-science.com

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13545 American Colony Boulevard (off Daniels Parkway in the Colony), Fort 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.
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

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Morning Worship: 10 a.m.
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Adult Forum: 9 a.m.

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Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.
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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:

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.

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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
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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 Sundays.

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.
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(Meets at Ft. Myers Beach Masonic Lodge)
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Pastors: Bruce Merton, Gail and RC Fleeman
Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m.
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Phone: 267-7400 Fax: 267-7407
Web site: peacecommunitychurch.com
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Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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Weekly masses:
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Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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Preschool Classes, Monday through Friday
Confirmation Classes, Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. to noon
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Fort Myers, 433-0201.

Rabbi: Benjamin S. Sendrow,
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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/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.

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Spiritual Recovery, Wednesdays 10 a.m.
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Call for information 481-5535.

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13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)
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Pastor: Interim Pastor Dr. Luder Whitlock
Sunday Service:
9:30 a.m., Contemporary;
Worship and Adult Classes
11 a.m., Blended Worship

Peace Lutheran Church Events

Peace Lutheran Church, 15840 McGregor Boulevard, offers the following programs:

First and third Saturday each month, MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers), 10 to 11:30 a.m. This is a group where moms can come to talk with other moms, enjoy a good cup of coffee and refreshments, listen to guest speakers (water safety specialist, pediatrician, fitness coach, etc.) or participate in a creative activity. All this while your children are cared for by trained staff in the nursery. For more information, call Connie at 437-2599.

February 21 at 2 p.m., Barbary Coast Dixieland Band in concert. The band has been together since 1967. They have been elected to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame and rated among the finest entertainers in the Midwest. The band has played everywhere from the Mississippi paddlewheel boats and the Minnesota State Fair, to Nagasaki, Japan. This group of versatile musicians, who occasionally swap instruments on stage without missing a note, will have your feet tappin' from their very first set. Tickets for general seating can be purchased for \$10 from the church before the concert or at the door. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Call 437-2599 for more information.

February 23 and February 25 (continuing on Tuesdays and Thursdays through March 18), CARE Program, 1 to 4:30 p.m. This program is designed to provide family caregivers with a free comprehen-

sive education which will enable them to provide enhanced care for their loved ones, while better maintaining their own emotional/physical well-being. The CARE program is provided by the Lee Memorial Health System, members of the community and members of Peace Lutheran Church. For more information on the various biweekly topics, call 437-2599.

March 14 at 3 p.m., *The Seven Last Words of Christ: A Choral Lenten Presentation* by Theodore DuBois, written in 1867. This work will be performed by the Peace Sanctuary Choir and feature soloists Richard Howell, baritone; David L. Hamblin, Jr., tenor; and the church's own Michelle A. Giesel, soprano. Directed by Richard D. Jaeggi. Take a moment during the Lenten season and join in and reflect on these most auspicious moments in the life of Jesus Christ. There is no admission cost.✱

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Empty Bowls

People began lining up at 9:15 a.m. for the 11 a.m. opening, where they donated \$10 and were able to select a handmade ceramic bowl from the 1,350 made by local students under the direction of Donna Torrance, Barron Collier teacher. The bowls were all selected within 45 minutes.

Twenty five local restaurants provided a different soup, along with three restaurants providing bread. Professional artists donated a variety of bowls for the silent auction and the Barron Collier drum line provided entertainment.✱

Seminar On Ancient Egypt



Adrian Kerr

The public is invited to attend a seminar titled Ancient Egypt and Us presented by Professor Adrian Kerr, sponsored by The Academy at Shell Point. The event will take place on Thursday, February 11 at 7:15 p.m. in the Village Church Auditorium.

Kerr travels twice a year to Egypt keeping up on the latest discoveries, giving talks, and sharing his wealth of information with traveling scholars. He is regularly invited to give talks on the ancient Middle East internationally and has participated in TV and radio programs relating to the race against time to save ancient Egyptian monuments.

Egypt was the dominant civilization in the Middle East for over 2,000 years,

its kings are household names and many of its monuments are classified as World Heritage Sites. This presentation is an interactive talk for those interested in what we have learned from the ancient Egyptians and still use today. The talk will be extensively illustrated by photographs from his visits to Egypt.

This event is free, and open to the public. For more information, call 454-2054.✱

Garage Sale To Benefit Child Care Program

The Foundation for Quality Child Care, Inc. is holding a garage sale on Friday, February 19 at Terrace Hall, 1313 SE 47th Terrace, Cape Coral. Parking is available in Big John's parking lot across from Terrace Hall. The foundation is accepting donations of any and all sellable items. Items can be dropped off at the Foundation for Quality Child Care at Beacon Executive Suites, 8359 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 412, Fort Myers (425-2685) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Items can also be dropped off at either of the Curves of Cape Coral, 1213 47th Terrace (945-6161) or at 231 N. Del Prado Boulevard (242-2447).

All proceeds from the sale will go to fund the foundation's Emergency Child Care Program.✱



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Saturday, February 13 • 8 PM

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- Saturday, February 13 • 5 PM
Artists Reception: Recycle It Juried Theme Show & Two Peruvian Artists-Ventura & Jiménez
- Saturday, February 13 • 8 PM
Jazz: Vince Giordano & The Nighthawks
- Sunday, February 14 • 3:30 PM
Island Jazz in the Garden
- Sunday, February 14 • 7:30 PM
Lecture: Dr. Francis Fukuyama (SOLD OUT)
- Monday, February 15 • 7 PM
Monday Night Film Series: Priceless
- Tuesday, February 16 • 10:30 AM
ARTSalon with Luc Century
- Tuesday, February 16 • 8 PM
Classical: Cypress String Quartet
- Wednesday, February 17 • 8 PM
Live Theatre: Say Goodnight Gracie
- Saturday, February 20 • 7:30 PM
Dance: Step Africa!

Low Water Basics



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

It's great to see that fishing is slowly getting back to normal out in the sound. We are still experiencing cold fronts every week to 10 days but they do not have close to

the punch of the epic cold temperatures of January. Action out on the bay has really picked up with lots of trout and redfish in the mix. Most of the fish I am catching are on the small side right now but what they lack in size they make up for in sheer numbers.

The low tides of winter really offer some great fishing opportunities out there. Big minus tides are caused by a big or new moon and add in a north or northeast wind and the water can get super low out there. If you know where to look during these low water conditions you can find some great winter action.

There are many different areas to target on low water. Making the choice just depends on the weather conditions and which kind of fishing you prefer.

During winter months the water in the sound is as clear as it gets all year. Combine this clear water with super low tides and we have prime conditions for shallow water sightfishing. Push poling or wading are the two basic ways to go if you want to do what I call "hunt fish." Fish are very spooky in shallow water and need to be approached with stealth if you want to be successful at this. Sure, you have to put in your time and learn which flats are productive and hold fish but nothing is more satisfying than landing a well placed cast at a tailing redfish or laid-up trout and watching the fish eat the bait.

The best conditions to fish these shallow areas are on low wind days with bright sun and no clouds. The higher the sun the better your visibility.

Weedless baits, either soft plastic or weedless rigged live shrimp, are best for this shallow water action. Gold spoons work great for this along with powerbaits rigged on a bass-style weedless bait hook. Some things I look for to give me a better

idea if a flat is going to be productive or not are wading birds/feeding birds and mullet working. Generally flats that have more life and bait on them hold more gamefish.

As you slowly check out and explore a flat, look for the natural tidal channels, drop-offs and sand holes in the flat to hold laid-up fish. These channels and holes only need to be a few inches deeper than anything else to be used by the fish. As the water slowly comes up higher with the tide, gamefish will push up further onto the flat to feed. I generally start out on the lowest part of the tide by working the deeper edges of the flat until the tide starts to flood in and I can move up more on top of it.

Boat basins and canals are not often the prettiest places to fish but can and do hold tons of fish all winter long. Low tides are a great time to give these areas a try. Deep dead-end canals and deeper channels let the water stay warm longer and are areas the fish really bunch up in. Seawalls in canals work like solar panels and warm up the water during the day. Having a water temperature gauge on your boat is a real fish finder this time of year. Three to five degrees warmer water temperature than any other water around can make all the difference in finding active fish. I like to target these areas on the coldest days just after a cold front has passed through. They are also great places to hide from that strong north wind of winter.

Natural mangrove channels and deeper mangrove shorelines hold fish all year long but in the winter they hold more than ever. Shorelines that are more than three feet deep on a low tide with a high and dry flat in close proximity are a winter time hot spot. As the flat dries out on the low tide, all of the fish from the flat have to fall off into the deeper water or channel. Add in some good tide movement either the last part of the outgoing or the first part of the incoming tide and the fish will feed. The "Ding"



Tommy Desantos with a blue-tailed winter redfish

Darling Refuge is loaded with shorelines and channels like this.

Deep holes and channels around and through oyster bars can be very productive too. Any place there is an oyster bar there is always really good tide flow and usually a ton of life. Learning the layout of the bar and how the fish relate to the bar and the stage of the tide is the key to catching these fish.

Get out and take advantage of these winter low tides. If you have never tried shallow water sightfishing before it will only take stalking and catching one spooky redfish to be hooked.

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.✱

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See how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed and other important aspects of this unique industry. The cost is a donation of \$15 per adult, \$10 per child and free for children under the age of five.

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Plant Smart: The Cabbage Palm

by Gerri Reaves

It's almost impossible to go wrong with Florida's state tree, the cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*). The robust tree has evolved for thousands of years to survive Florida's rainy and dry seasons, storms, and even fire. A strong, deep taproot equips the tree to weather the worst of storms.

Also called sabal palm, it's low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, and suited to almost any soil conditions. It does best in a sunny location.

This iconic hardy tree readily self-seeds. If you're so lucky as to have one appear in your yard, usually all that's required to cultivate this desirable tree is to let it be.

Avoid over-pruning the cabbage palm, for it's a self-pruner and naturally spherical in shape.

Stress from over-cutting weakens palms and robs it of nutrients, thus making it more vulnerable to storm damage. However, if a little shaping is desirable, trim only the lower fronds.

Note that the cabbage palm appears on Lee County's Protected Tree List. County codes prohibit "carrot-topping" or drastic "hurricane cuts."

In the spring, it's wise to leave the creamy flower clusters, for they produce black berries that are a valuable food source for birds and other wildlife.

Cabbage palms usually grow to about 30 feet, but can reach up to 50 or 60 feet. The distinctive cross-hatched "boots" on the trunk make it easy to identify.

The distinctive "boots" on the palm's trunk identify Florida's state tree. Curiously, not all cabbage palms have boots



An attractive row of cabbage palms greets visitors at the Lakes Regional Library in South Fort Myers



fy. They are the remnants of the leaf stems that emerge from the trunk. However, the boots don't appear on every tree. Those boots collect detritus and create a habitat for many native ferns and air plants.

Florida's state tree also provides a culinary delicacy known as hearts of palm or swamp cabbage. But beware -- taking the heart kills the tree, so stick to the commercially grown treat.

Guard against the threat posed by two exotic invasives: the Queensland umbrella tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*) and the Cuban or Indian laurel (*Ficus retusa*), a type of fig tree. They root in the canopy, send down aerial roots to establish themselves, and eventually kill the palm.

Two natives threaten the cabbage palm in a similar way, the strangler fig (*Ficus aurea*) and autograph or pitch apple tree (*Clusia rosea*). But that scenario takes years to occur, so an attentive landscaper has time to decide whether to intervene in the competition between native trees.

Acknowledgements: hort.ufl.edu, *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, and *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G Haehle and Joan Brookwell.

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



The cabbage palm's fruit is a valuable food source for wildlife
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Open House At SCCF



Last year's SCCF open house offered plenty for children to do

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation will hold its annual Open House on President's Day, Monday, February 15, and for the first time ever will be offering bus tours of SCCF preserves. The tours will be at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will leave from the SCCF Nature Center. The route includes the Johnston and Periwinkle Preserves with a stop at Frannie's Preserve. This will be a chance for everyone to learn about and access a preserve that is generally not open to the public. Narration will be provided by an SCCF habitat manager and will give an overview of the history and ecology of the preserves.

Advance sign up is requested. Call 472-2329 or email dmoyer@sccf.org.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. SCCF staff and volunteers will have face painting, live snakes, guided trail walks, mask making, seedling planting and free refreshments for

people of all ages. It is an opportunity to learn what SCCF is doing to preserve natural resources on both the land and water.

Start practicing your favorite animal/nature sounds for the nature sounds contest which begins at 11:30 a.m. for both young and seasoned animal impressionists.

The day continues with a presentation about the marine lab research and a chance to see and touch live marine and estuarine critters.

The Nature Center is one mile west of Tarpon Bay Road, on the left-hand side of Sanibel-Captiva Road.*

Tour Of Gator Hole Preserve

A tour of Gator Hole Preserve with the Lee County Bird Patrol is planned for Saturday, February 20 at 8 a.m..

There is no fee and no registration is necessary.

Participants may see white-tailed deer, gopher tortoises, swallow-tailed kites, eastern bluebirds, raptors, warblers, nuthatches. The outing is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

The preserve lies along the edge of a 60,000-acre wildlife corridor that includes Flint Pen Strand, Imperial Marsh and Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed lands. The seasonal wetlands, surrounded by intact upland communities are of particular importance to amphibians and birds residing at the preserve.

The preserve is at 14291 Corkscrew Road, Estero. There are no restrooms. For more information call 239-482-6250 or log onto www.birdpatrol.org.*

Drilling Protest On The Beach

On Saturday, February 13, Floridians statewide are gathering at their local beaches and holding hands to show their opposition to off-shore oil drilling along Florida's coasts.

Fort Myers Beach will be the location for one such public gathering. Folks will meet at the Fort Myers Beach Pier between 1 and 1:30 p.m., find a spot along the shoreline and line up. At 1:30 p.m. everyone will join hands for 10 minutes. If you have any questions about participation in this event, you can contact Dan Morrissey at hands@fafcosolar.com

For additional information check out the Web site www.handsacrossthesand.org, which provides detailed information as well as locations of other beaches around the state that will be the site of public gatherings.*

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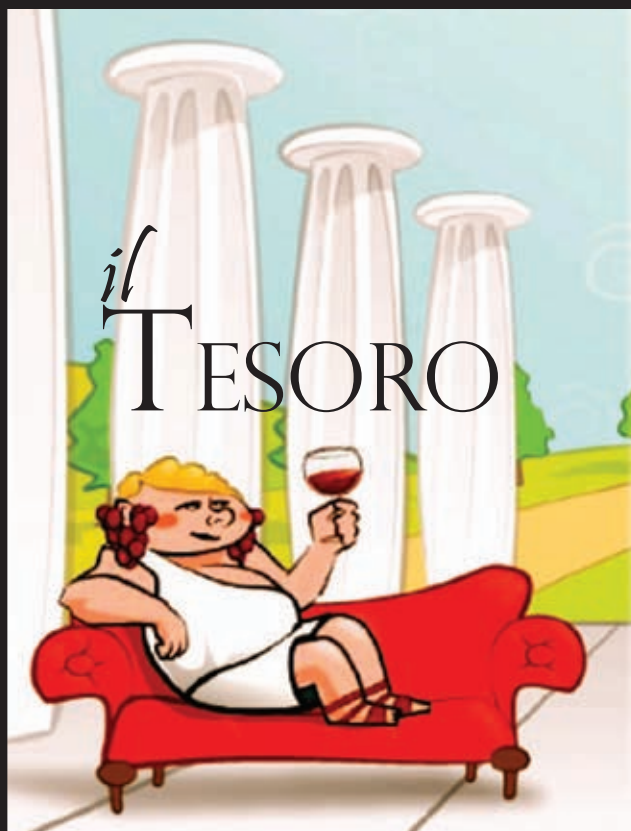
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CROW Case Of The Week: Wild Turkey



by Brian Johnson

The wild turkey who arrived at CROW on November 17 last year, just days before Thanksgiving, has been released.

It was only the second wild turkey CROW Veterinarian Dr. PJ Deitschel had seen at the clinic since taking over in 1998. Staff were elated by the success story, as the turkey arrived in grave condition from a probable dog attack. The bird had four puncture wounds across his back, one of which fractured his pelvis.

For the first two weeks the turkey sat quietly in his cage, unable to walk much. With many of his tail feathers pulled out, he had a forlorn look. Staff cleaned the wounds, applied SSD cream, and changed his bandage daily. Pain medications, herbs and antibiotics facilitated his recovery.

On December 3 staff transferred him to the large walk-in cage in the Bailey quiet room. "He perked up then," said Dr. Amber McNamara. "He stood up, making use of the space. We didn't have to handle him every time we cleaned his cage."

The wild turkey dined on duck chow, seeds, scrambled eggs, and worms.

By the middle of December some new feathers were starting to grow in as the wounds healed. "They looked nice," said Dr. Amber.

Next staff moved him outdoors to the Cannon Flight Cage. "He liked to peck the dirt, though he still did not move very much, you could still see the lameness," said Dr. Amber.



Wild turkey on his perch



Cat Turner, senior staff rehabilitator, holding the wild turkey

One month later they took him to the Large Flight Cage, where he thrived. He spent much of his day preening or relaxing on a shelf; eventually, he flapped up to the 25-foot high perch to "roost." His gait improved, and his spirits brightened.

"When he vocalized you could hear the turkey gobble all around the property – that was a treat for everyone," said Dr. Amber.

On February 4 the wild turkey was released back to Alva to a property belonging to a friend of CROW's. The bird will have plenty of acreage to roam, and other wild turkeys are seen regularly on the land.

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.

Free Seasonal Shoreline Walks

Mangrove Walk at Matanzas
When was the last time you walked through a maritime hammock or a mangrove forest with the bay lapping at your feet? join in and learn about the diverse plant communities including the maritime oak hammock, transitional wetlands and mangrove forest. Walks are every Thursday, November through March, at the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve. Walks begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately 1 ½ hours. This is a free walk with limited free parking. Matanzas Pass preserve is at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach. For more information visit www.leeparks.org or call 463-3764.

Exploring Ethnobotany (new this season)

Learn how indigenous plants can be used for such things as food, shelter, medicine and clothing. Learn the historical importance of some of Florida's plants to humans. Walks are on the last Wednesday of every month beginning in November and running through March. The next walk is scheduled for February 24. Meet at the entrance to Matanzas Pass Preserve. These walks begin at 9:30 a.m. and last approximately 1 ½ hours. This is a free walk and there is no fee for parking but space is limited so come early. Matanzas Pass preserve is at 199 Bay Road, Fort Myers Beach. For more information visit www.leeparks.org or call 463-3764.

Barrier Islands Guided Walk at Bowditch

Do gopher tortoises like to swim? Why are plants important to the beach and what is a barrier island? Learn the answers to these questions and more while exploring the beach front tropical communities and all their inhabitants. Walks are every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and Friday at 1 p.m. and last approximately 1 ½ hours. Walks take place at Bowditch Point Preserve from now through March. This walk is free but a fee for parking is required. Bowditch Point Park is at 50 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. For more information visit www.leeparks.org or call 463-3764.

Low Tide Loafing at Sunset (new this season)

Join a volunteer naturalist and leisurely explore the mud flats at Bunche Beach to see what mysteries the low tide uncovers while enjoying a beautiful Florida sunset as well. Wear shoes that can get wet, don't forget your camera, water and bug spray. Days and times will vary depending on the tides. The next walk is scheduled for February 26 beginning at 5 p.m. and should last about one hour. For more dates and times call 463-3764 or visit www.leeparks.org. Bunche Beach is at 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers.

Group guided tours for any of the shoreline walks are available upon request by calling 229-7356.*

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Along the River

The Seminole Lodge in downtown Fort Myers is a place where history comes home. The museum celebrates the rich history of Southwest Florida and the diverse stories of its early residents.

The main exhibit, known as the Hanson Family Archives, is a collection of more than 1,000 historic documents and images from 1884 to the mid-20th century, passed down through five generations of one of Fort Myers' first families. It is a treasure trove of information about the historic places, people and institutions of Southwest Florida, including unrivaled insight into the community's relationship with the neighboring Seminole-Miccosukee Indians.

The Seminole Lodge is located at 1635 Hendry Street at the corner of Hendry and Second streets. For more information, call 334-4430 or go to www.seminole-lodge.com.

Semmer Electric, Inc. in Fort Myers Beach is hosting a bake sale to benefit the 2010 Fort Myers Beach Fourth of July Fireworks fund. The sale is Thursday, and Friday, February 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Semmer Electric is located at 1130 Main Street, San Carlos Island. For more information, call 463-8008.

The Sandy Butler Restaurant and Market is offering a variety of choices for Valentine's Day dining and shopping.

On Valentine's Day, Chef Michael Ragusa is serving a special four-course brunch for \$22 per person, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chef Ragusa is also offering a four-course Valentine's Day dinner. The cost is \$50 per person and is available from 5 to 9 p.m.

For reservations, call The Sandy Butler Restaurant at 482-6765, ext. 1.

On Tuesday, February 16, the **Bar Association Bistro and Lounge** is having an all day Mardi Gras party. Owners Ron Kopko and Mark Solomon have scheduled two stilt walkers who will be throwing beads from the courtyard. They are also giving away hats, masks and wigs and are serving Cajun food and specialty drinks from 11 a.m. to close.

The Bar Association Bistro and Lounge is located at 1609 Hendry Street in historic downtown Fort Myers. Call 334-8080.



The Seminole Lodge displays themed exhibits, images and artifacts from Southwest Florida's rich history

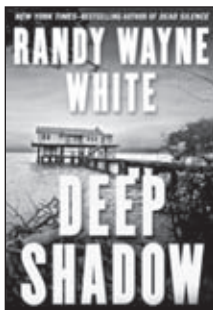
Shell Point Retirement Community invites the public to its February events.

On Friday, February 12 at 7 p.m., Dr. Gary Small will discuss how to keep your brain active and limit the effects of aging. Tickets are \$30. Call 454-2067 for reservations.

On Saturday, February 13 at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, February 14 at 6:15 p.m., the National Christian Choir will perform at The Island at Shell Point. Tickets are \$10. Call 454-2147.

On Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m., Dr. Harold Koenig will discuss mind-body connections and their effects on immune function and longevity. Koenig is the founder of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University. Tickets are \$30. Call 454-2067.

On Saturday, March 27, *New York Times* Best Selling author, Randy Wayne White will be signing copies of *Deep Shadow*, the 17th novel in the Doc Ford's series, at **Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach**. The best selling author



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Captiva Cruises Introduces New Programs

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Shoreline Discovery Cruise

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Fort Myers Power Squadron

The Fort Myers Power Squadron has had a busy end of 2009 and an exciting start of 2010. On January 8 new bridge officers were installed at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. January 16 was a squadron lunch at the Sundown Tiki.

On January 28 Fort Myers joined with the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club and 13 boats set course for Tarpon Point. After three days of fun everyone headed back to home port. On February 13, squadron members will be setting their courses and shoving off for four days of sun and fun on Captiva Island at Tween Waters Inn.

Mixed in with all the boating fun is a full slate of educational classes. There are piloting classes every Monday in February along with various other classes, all open and free to the public. Call for times and reservations. There is a dinner meeting the first Thursday of every month and all are welcome.

For information on boat cruises, classes and dinners call 368-9734.✴

walk to discuss coastal sea life and beach dynamics. Explore mudflats and use nets within the shallow sea grass beds for an up close look at some of the smaller yet amazing inhabitants of the back bay estuary ecosystem.

Sailing Under The Stars Cruise

Being out on the water at night is an incredible experience. This program will serve as an introduction to the night sky. Learn about planets, stars and constellations that will be identified along the way. Mythology, mysteries and features of the Milky Way Galaxy, as well as the greater universe, will be all be appreciated under the magic of the night sky. Enjoy the sunset, experience day turning into night while you sail under the stars.

Captiva Cruises also offers cruises to Cayo Costa for beach and shelling, Cabbage Key, Useppa Island and Boca Grande, Dolphin Watch and Wildlife Adventures as well as Sunset Sailing and Sunset Serenade Cruises. Additional information and reservations for all of the Captiva Cruises tours and programs may be obtained by calling 472-5300 or visit www.captivacruises.com.✴

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Cypress Lake Students Invite Public To Performance Of *Sweet Charity*

The Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts production of *Sweet Charity* has been selected as one of only three musicals in the entire state to perform at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in April. Additionally, one of the cast members was one of six students nominated, out of the in the entire state (three boys and three girls), for best high school actor. To prepare for the large stage performance at Morsani Hall in Tampa, and as the main fundraiser, Cypress is performing the musical at the Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. This is a one-time only show.

This is the first time in Lee County history that a high school has been selected for this honor. The students are not only representing Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts but all of Lee County. A sell-out at Barbara B. Mann would pay the cost of putting on the show at Barbara B. Mann and moving it to Tampa Bay's Morsani Hall in April. Support the arts in the community by attending this performance.

For information and reservations call 466-0761, 340-8977 or 340-8976.*



Madden Day At Florida Rep



John Madden of Captiva

Saturday, February 13 is John and Marjorie Madden Day at the Florida Repertory Theatre.

The Maddens have contributed enormously to Florida Rep's outreach and education programs over the past 12 years through Madden Charities, and on Saturday Madden and over 40 of his guests will have VIP status for the 2 p.m. matinee of *You Can't Take It With You*.

A nationally renowned and award-winning developer for more than 40 years,

Madden has provided invaluable counsel to Florida Rep's managers. He consults frequently with staff and board members on opportunity and growth. The Maddens have homes on Captiva and in Colorado.

"Like any non-profit organization, Florida Rep relies heavily on individual and corporate giving," said founder and Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo. "John and Marjorie are chief among them. They have been generous supporters and champions of ours from the very beginning, and I can honestly say that without their support in our early years, Florida Rep's journey would have been a very different one."

After the show, Madden and his guests will adjourn to Cacioppo home for a VIP reception with some of Florida Rep's staff, board members and stars of the play.

You Can't Take It With You is sponsored by the Maddens and Madeleine Taeni and plays through February 26. For information, log onto www.floridarep.org, or call the box office at 332-4488.*

Pine Island Art Association Show

On Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Matlacha Community Building will host the Pine Island Art Association Fine Arts Show and Sale.

This has become the largest event on Greater Pine Island, one that draws attendees from all over Southwest Florida. There will be a large selection of Florida landscapes, seascapes, birds, flowers, fish

and wildlife in watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel, painted by many experienced and talented artists. All the work has been professionally framed and is ready for hanging.

There will also be a large selection of original mini paintings. 3 1/2" x 4 1/2", all double-matted painted by the members, for \$10 each. Frame kits designed to fit the minis will be available for \$10 each.

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On Tuesday, February 16 the Cypress String Quartet will perform in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall. The concert will include Haydn's *String Quartet, Op. 33, No. 3 (The Bird)*; Barber's *String Quartet in B Minor, Op. 11*; and Schubert's *String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor (Death and the Maiden)*.

The quartet members, Cecily Ward, violin; Tom Stone, violin; Ethan Filner, viola; and Jennifer Kloetzel, cello are known for their elegant performances. The quartet's sound has been called "beautifully proportioned and powerful" by *The Washington Post*, and the ensemble has been singled out by *Chamber Music Magazine* as "a Generation X ensemble to watch."

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$46 loge, \$41 floor, and student free with paying adult.

This performance is supported by Patron sponsors Jim and Roz Marks.

To purchase tickets stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road or call 395-0900.*



The Cypress String Quartet

Valentine's Dance At Bay Oaks Rec Center

On February 12 Bay Oaks Recreation Campus will be having a free Valentines Dance for grades kindergarten through 8th. There will be dancing, dining and all kinds of fun. The dance will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Bay Oaks gym, 2731 Oak Street on Fort Myers Beach. There will be food available for purchase throughout the dance.

If you have any questions or more for information call 765-4222.*

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Are you interested in the learning the finer skills of acting? Is acting your hobby or something you just enjoy doing? If so sign up today for Bay Oaks acting classes taught by Elizabeth D'Onofrio. D'Onofrio has been teaching and helping refine the skills of local actors and actresses at Bay Oaks for years. She has appeared in several movies and has studied with Sharon Chatten of The Actors Studio and a renowned acting coach of film actors in Los Angeles. Acting classes are every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call 765-4222. Bay Oaks is at 2731 Oak Street, Fort Myers Beach.*

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by Di Saggau



Y*ou Can't Take It With You*, a Pulitzer Prize winning comedy by Kaufman & Hart, is hysterically funny. Robert Cacioppo has this fast moving, zany comedy moving in all the right directions.

The story is about a young woman who invites her fiancée and his family home to meet her family of very odd ducks. A number of people make up the household. There's grandpa, Martin Vanderhoff, (David S. Howard) the eccentric patriarch, who loves to attend commencement ceremonies and also collects snakes. Penelope Sycamore (Carrie Lund) has written plays for eight years because a typewriter was accidentally delivered to their home. Paul Sycamore (Bruce Somerville) and his sidekick Mr. DePinna (Chris Clavelli) assemble fireworks in the basement. Essie Carmichael, (Jackie Schram) studies ballet and is perpetually dancing around the stage. Her husband Ed (Adam Jones) likes to print things, play the xylophone and make masks.



Jackie Schram, David S. Howard, Chris Clavelli and Carrie Lund in *You Can't Take it With You*
Photo by Chip Wolfe

Boris Kolenkhov (Avi Hoffman) is a colorful, bearish Russian dance instructor. Rheba, (Christine Peete) is the house cook who loves to serve cornflakes, watermelon and some kind of meat. Her boyfriend Donald (John Archie) is on relief. The only seemingly sane member of the family is Alice, (Christine Perez) who falls in love with Tony Kirby, (John West) a Wall Street broker.

Their wedding plans are threatened when Tony's mother (Kim Ostrenko) and father (Dick Boyd) arrive for dinner on the wrong night. They walk into a mael-

strom of characters that would challenge any relationship. Ostrenko also plays the Grand Duchess Olga Katrina. When I saw the play, Leah Thomas was cast in the role of Gay Wellington, a very drunk would-be actress. Brava, Leah.

The year is 1936. All of the action takes place in the Vanderhoff house, a riot in itself. It's an organized mess, that you'll love to look over. There's a wild boar's head on the wall with a bridal or first communion veil on its head. A very large marching band drum sits atop a piece of furniture.



John West and Christine Perez

Photo by Chip Wolfe

The play runs a little over two hours with two intermissions and there's never a dull moment. You'll love all of the characters for giving you one of the best times you've ever had.

The play also makes you think about what's really important in life.

You Can't Take It With You will be revived on Broadway this November.

Florida Repertory Theatre is in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry. For tickets call 332-4488. The play runs through February 26.*

BRAVO!Ballet Is Back In Town



Stephen Hanna a dancer with BRAVO!Ballet returns to Fort Myers in March

BRAVO!Ballet will once again take the Southwest Florida stage. The performance will begin at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14 at Cypress Lake Center for the Arts. Principal Dancers from the world-renowned New York City Ballet, in their only local appearance, will perform excerpts from a wide range of classical to contemporary ballets from its repertoire.

Once again, Bank of the Islands and Edison National Bank are the presenting sponsors of this outstanding afternoon of dance.

Tickets may be purchased at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall box office, at www.bbmnpah.com or by calling 481-4849. Prices range from \$45 to \$65 for general seating. Patron tickets are \$150 and are available at office@gulfshoreballet.org. Patron benefits include center orchestra seating, reserved parking and a post-performance party with the dancers.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Gulfshore Ballet, the area's only non-profit classical ballet school.*

Tours Of Historic Burroughs Home


Guided tours of the historic Burroughs Home in Fort Myers are now available on Fridays beginning at 11 a.m.

The one-hour tour of the home and grounds will be provided by "Mona Burroughs," who will give an insight into the lives of the residents at the turn on the 20th century. The Burroughs Home is one of the oldest homes in Fort Myers, dating back to 1901, and has undergone several renovations in the past few years.

The cost for the tour is \$10. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated and may be made by calling 337-9505.*

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A Glorious Production

by Di Saggau

The comedy *Glorious*, by Peter Quilter, is delighting theatergoers at Theatre Conspiracy. It's based on the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the worst singer in the world. In spite of her lack of talent, Jenkins played to full houses, including Carnegie Hall.

Diandre McGee is wonderfully cast as the tone-deaf, eccentric, charming diva, who sings so badly. I can only imagine the hours it must have taken to learn how to sing so off-key. Leo Wolfe plays Cosme McMoon, Jenkins' pianist.

The play opens in 1944, with McMoon applying for the job in Jenkins' apartment. He plays and as she starts to sing the look of utter shock that comes over his face is absolutely priceless. The audience is roaring. Jenkins is totally oblivious to how she sounds. It's not only the fact that she's tone deaf, she also has terrible timing. In her mind she's singing perfectly.

As the play progresses we see how McMoon comes to respect and understand Jenkins. Even the audience is taken in by her charm.

Among her many admirers are Cole Porter, who always brings a group of young men to her concerts, and Tallulah Bankhead. Florence Foster Jenkins is a star. It doesn't bother her that people are laughing and carrying on during her performances. "My audiences are very noisy," she says. However, she compares them with those who go to hear Sinatra.

She feels they are just overcome with her beautiful voice. She has guts and gusto.

In between acts we hear songs sung as they should be and the audience has to keep in mind that's how Jenkins hears herself. McMoon is very diplomatic in answering her many questions. I loved the dialogue in this play. When she sings the *Habanera* from the opera *Carmen* it's enough to make Rise Stevens rise from the grave. The audience is howling with laughter. She says after Enrico Caruso heard her sing, he replied, "This hall will never hear a sound like that again." Jenkins herself says, "There are people who say I can't sing, but no one can say I didn't sing."



Diandre McGee and Leo Wolfe in a scene from *Glorious*

Both McGee and Wolfe are excellent in their roles. June Koc plays various parts, including a Spanish speaking maid who Jenkins can't fire because she doesn't speak Spanish.

All in all, *Glorious* makes for a great evening of entertainment. For tickets, call 936-3239. Theatre Conspiracy is located in the Foulds Theatre, Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, in Fort Myers.✱

A Naughty, Delightful Show Set In Florence

by Di Saggau

Women Beware Women being performed by More Crinoline Productions fuses a domestic tragedy into a revenge tragedy. The 17th century drama written by Thomas Middleton, was written only a few years after William Shakespeare's death. Middleton, was a friend of Shakespeare.

The play is a moral tale showing the tragic results of the search for wealth, power and lust. The show opens with a tight-knit Florentine family: Leantio (Cash Decuir); a clerk, Bianca, (Ashley Graziano) his gorgeous and well-born bride; and Leantio's mother (Louise Wigglesworth). Leantio has eloped with Bianca, and that concerns his mother for several reasons.

The plot thickens as the Duke of Florence, (Shawn Holiday) seeks out Bianca, seduces her, and then keeps her as his mistress. The seduction scene appeared more like rape and went on a tad too long. Bianca chooses the life of luxury with the Duke, much to Leantio's dismay.

In another plot line, the young Isabella, (Nykkie Ptaszek) is faced with entering a loveless marriage and is appalled when her uncle Hippolito (J. Mitchell Haley) confesses his love for her. Her aunt Livia (Joann Haley) persuades Isabella that she isn't related by blood, so a relationship with her uncle would be acceptable. Haley is superb as the conniving Livia.

It is the vengeance of women that mostly propels the play's final tragedies. However, it's also made clear that women did not have many options in those days and were often thought of as chattel.

However, in this setting, the fairer sex is sometimes not so fair, nor are the men.

The play is co-directed by Louise Wigglesworth and Michael Dunsworth.

The cast is large, and everyone does a great job. The costumes are also noteworthy.

Women Beware Women continues through February 13 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets call 333-1933.✱

Call For Artists

The Alliance for the Arts is calling for artists to celebrate Southwest Florida Symphony's 50th anniversary by creating a piece of art that frames the past and inspires the future through music. Cash prizes, courtesy of the Southwest Florida Symphony, will be awarded to four artists who will display their pieces at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall after being displayed in the Alliance for the Arts exhibition. Three of those artworks will be featured on the front of the 50th anniversary season program and published on the cover of a history book, coming out soon.

The exhibition will be on display in the Alliance main gallery March 5 to 27. An opening reception to reveal the work and announce the winners is scheduled for March 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.

For the past 50 years, the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus



have been the foundation and the framework of classical music in Fort Myers and Southwest Florida. As the Arts Agency in Lee County, the Alliance for the Arts has been striving to fulfill its mission to facilitate and nurture the creation, development, promotion and education of arts and culture for 35 years. It seems only fitting these two organizations, deeply rooted in community's cultural development, partner for such a monumental event.

Together the Alliance and Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus are proud to create a program that provides support to local artists and continued arts education in the area.

The opportunity is open for all artists residing in Southwest Florida to create an original artwork in any medium. An entry will consist of one to three artworks. Entry fees are as follows: non-members \$35 for three entries, \$15 for one entry. Alliance members \$10 for one entry, \$25 for three entries. Annual membership to the Alliance for the Arts is \$50.

Download the complete prospectus including drop-off and installation dates, and size specifications at www.ArtInLee.org, click on Special Events then Upcoming Exhibitions. For questions call 939-2787 or email exhibitions@artinlee.org.✱

SCCF Tour Of Sugarland

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation is pairing up with the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce for a Sugarland Tour on February 17. This trip includes a walk through sugar cane fields, a view of the sugar processing mill and also a tour of one of the world's most advanced citrus plants.

The group will also meet Mary Ann Martin at Martin's Marina to learn about the lake she cherishes, Lake Okeechobee.

Lunch at the Clewiston Inn is included in the \$50 per person cost.

Payment at time of registration is required. Call Kristie at 472-2329, ext. 203 for all the details.✱

City Observes Presidents' Day

The City of Fort Myers will observe Presidents' Day on Monday, February 15. City government offices will be closed, including the solid waste and utility billing offices. However, all trash, garbage, and recycling will be collected on schedule.

If you have any questions concerning your service, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8100.✱

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Close Encounters: Art By Caribbean Women Exhibition



Survival As Motivation by Elsa Mora

Florida Gulf Coast University's art gallery opens Close Encounters: Contemporary Art by Caribbean Women, an exhibition organized by FGCU Associate Professor of Art Patricia Fay. The exhibition opens with a reception 5 p.m. Thursday, February 18 in the art gallery located within FGCU's Arts Complex. The exhibition runs through March 19.



Yunia Pavon's self titled work

The show is part of the College of Arts and Sciences' Caribbean Spring 2010, an interdisciplinary exploration of Caribbean topics including four linked courses in the art, literature, history, and ecology of the region with accompanying speakers, films and special events open to the public. Through proximity and demographics, Florida is inextricably linked with the Caribbean region. The gallery exhibition is the visual springboard for the series, and provides an engaging forum for discussion of contemporary regional issues.



Zen by Babette Wainwright

"In the 20th century, a visual canon was established for Caribbean art that focused on male artists making iconic paintings defining and illustrating sweeping issues of newly emergent national identity," said Fay. "In the 21st century, women artists from the region are producing intensely personal interpretations of Caribbean heritage in a range of media including photography, video, performance, mixed media, sculpture and installation of art. These works highlight an acute awareness of the social and psychological complexities of this post-colonial landscape, whether as perspectives on island life or reports from the diaspora."

FGCU's ArtLab will also open the same night featuring the textile works of artists Muffy Clark Gill and Nuch Owen in an exhibition of their work titled *Dyeing Arts: Batiks and Silks*.

For more information on this exhibition and others, visit artgallery.fgcu.edu or call Interim Director Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199.*

Art In Public Places Project

The Downtown Deli and Market located at 1617 Hendry Street in downtown Fort Myers has become the newest participant in the Art in Public Places project by the Art League of Fort Myers.

The project connects local artists with businesses interested in displaying original pieces of art.

The Downtown Deli and Market is showcasing fine art by various members of the art league. The art will remain on display throughout the month of February.

This collaboration benefits both the artist by giving him/her exposure in more venues and the business by providing it with original art.

Businesses interested in participating in a similar project can contact committee chairperson Nancy Nuce at 246-4633 or email studion.artist@yahoo.com.*

Step Afrika! A Thrilling Dance Experience



Step Afrika!

photos by Enoch Chan

BIG ARTS on Sanibel presents Step Afrika! at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, February 20. Step Afrika! is the only professional company in the world dedicated to the art of stepping. Like a band without instruments, stepping is a percussive dance that uses kicks, stomps, claps, and chants to create visually and musically exciting rhythms.

Washington, DC's critically acclaimed Step Afrika! brings high energy performances to the stage; a feast for both the eyes and ears that *The Washington Post* described as "electrifying."

Tickets for general seating are \$42, loge \$47, student/child \$15. The Step Afrika! performance is supported by Grand Patron series sponsor The Ferguson Foundation with supporter Traders Store & Cafe.

For tickets stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road or call 395-0900.*



Step Afrika!

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National Christian Choir

Founded in 1984 by its current music director, C. Harry Causey, the NCC is comprised of over 150 singers from more than 100 different churches throughout the greater Washington, DC area. In addition to their live presentations throughout the U.S and abroad, the choir's library of recordings are widely received. Also, their weekly inspirational broadcast, *Psalm 95* is heard on over 400 radio stations in every state, all of Canada, and beyond.

The concert will begin at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday and at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling 454-2147, or go online at www.shellpoint.org/villagechurch/events.htm.

Shell Point Retirement Community is located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.*

Gulfshore Playhouse Presents Comedy For The Entire Family



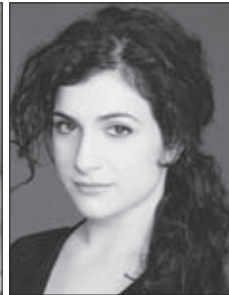
Lori Wilner



Stephen Berger



Zolan Henderson



Sarah Baskin

Gulfshore Playhouse will present its production of *Beau Jest* by James Sherman February 19 through March 7. This wildly popular comedy is a hilarious and heart-warming off-Broadway sensation for and about the entire family.

The story centers around Sarah Goldman, an independent young teacher living in Chicago. When her parents, Miriam and Abe, don't approve of her choice of boyfriend because he is a gentile, she begrudgingly hires an out-of-work actor, Bob, to portray their idea of an ideal mate – Dr. David Steinberg. The twist comes when it is revealed to Sarah that he isn't Jewish as she had assumed. But it's okay, he's toured with *Fiddler on the Roof* and is sure he can pull it off. Hilarity ensues in this charming comedy as the two try to keep the charade going.

Lori Wilner and Stephen Berger will play the parents, Miriam and Abe respectively. Florida actor Zolan Henderson will play Bob, the actor and stand in boyfriend, while Sarah Baskin will play Sarah Goldman.

Sherman, the playwright and member of the Victory Gardens Playwrights Ensemble, will be in attendance on February 25 and 26 to participate in a talk-back after the show.

He will also be offering a workshop on February 27 to explore the building blocks for creating a play. Through the use of lectures and demonstrations, Sherman examines the process of play writing. Examples of classic and contemporary plays will be viewed, in-class exercises will be utilized, and Sherman will be available to discuss his decades long career in theater and the life of a playwright. The workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gulfshore Playhouse performs at the Norris Center, 755 8th Avenue South in downtown Naples. Single tickets are on sale now. Tickets start at \$30 and are available by calling 866-811-4111 or online at www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.*

North Fort Myers Teen Night Movie In The Park: *The Blind Side*

The North Fort Myers Teen Night on Friday, February 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. will be a trip to Hancock Park for a movie in the park. The movie showing will be *The Blind Side*.

Teenager Michael Oher is surviving on his own, virtually homeless, when he is spotted on the street by Leigh Anne Tuohy. Learning that the young man is one of her daughter's classmates, Leigh Anne insists that Michael – wearing shorts and a T-shirt in the dead of winter – come out of the cold. Without a moment's hesitation, she invites him to stay at the Tuohy home for the night. What starts out as a gesture of kindness turns into something more as Michael becomes part of the Tuohy family despite the differences in their backgrounds. As the family helps Michael fulfill his potential, both on and off the football field, Michael's presence in the Tuohys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own.

The cost is only \$3 for teens ages 12 to 16. The concession stand will be open to purchase treats. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Transportation will be provided to the movie in the park for any teen between the ages of 12 to 16. There are only 25 spots available. RSVP soon as spots fill up fast.

Call Libby Olive at 652-6002 or email Lolive@leegov.com. Departure and return will be at the North Ft. Myers Community Center, behind the North Fort Myers Library, 2021 North Tamiami Trail.*

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EL Fox Jr., president of Fox Electronics with his mother Ellie Fox and Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center's Executive Director Dotty St. Amand



Guests at A Light to Remember ceremony

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center and Fox Electronics held the 12th annual A Light To Remember in Centennial Park on Thursday, January 28. A Light To Remember is a special event created to help raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and related memory impairments and raise funds for the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center in Fort Myers. The event raised \$6,600 for caregiver programs in Lee County.

There was a lighted display of over 800 luminaries purchased by families and friends to honor or remember a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or a related

memory impairment. A special ceremony to honor and remember these individuals was held around the Uncommon Friends fountain in Centennial Park on Edwards Drive, downtown Fort Myers. A special display contained photos, poems, and other memories contributed by family and friends of individuals being honored.

To kick-off this year's event, Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living sponsored a Tribute Tree at its community during the month of December. Individuals who made a \$10 donation received an ornament for their loved one

on the Tribute Tree at Arden Courts and a luminary in A Light To Remember. Arden Courts' Tribute Tree raised \$1,300 toward this year's event total.

The Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way agency, provides education, information, and support for caregivers and individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in Lee County. Services offered include monthly caregivers' and early-stage support groups; educational resources for caregivers and professionals; a lending library of books, videos, pamphlets and



Rochelle Lunsford poses by her grandfather's luminary at A Light To Remember

other written materials in English and Spanish; individualized assistance to help families cope; a safety program with an emergency plan kit and wanderer's identification bracelet; and a bi-monthly newsletter.

All funds raised by the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center are used to benefit local families and caregivers.

For more information about Alzheimer's disease or services offered by the center, call 437-3007.✧

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Art For Wine & Food Fest

The Naples family makes several trips a month to visit Joseph's pediatric oncologist at the Chrissy Brown Cancer Unit at The Children's

Hospital for regular rounds of chemotherapy. Two years into his treatment, Joseph is doing well. Now his painting will help other ill children in Southwest Florida get well.

Joseph's original acrylic painting, along with four tickets to the 2010 University of Florida vs. Kentucky game on September 25 in the Swamp, will be auctioned off at the Wine Fest's grand tasting on February 27. Wine Fest Chairman Dr. Steve Machiz says the children's artwork is typically one of the highest-bid lots.

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is a signature event of the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides funding to local charities serving local children. It begins the evening of February 26 when 19 families will host 11 dinners at private homes around Southwest Florida for invited guests, donating \$500 to \$2,500 per seat. Each dinner will feature



Joseph West dressed as University of Florida mascot Albert E. Gator

wines by featured vintners and Southwest Florida's finest local chefs, including: Marbin Avilez Sr., Bayfront Bistro; Nick Costanzo, Angelina's Ristorante; Reiner Drygala, Bistro 41; Caroline Hostettler, 55 Degrees; Ryan Leto, Roy's; Jeffrey Lucas, Ruth's Chris Steak House; Thomas Pedit, Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club; Michael Ragusa, The Sandy Butler; Jayson Rydell, Flippers - Lover's Key Resort; Andreas Singer, Hyatt

Regency Coconut Point; Jesse Souza, LaPlaya Beach Resort; Gil Suarez, Capital Grille; Eric Truglas, French Bread Oven; Christian Vivet, Blue Windows Bistro & Catering; Shannon Yates, Cru.

Special guests include: Norman Love, Norman Love Confections; Keegan Gerhard, Food Network; Casey Thompson, *Top Chef Season 3*.

The signature vintner is Juelle Fisher, of Fisher Vineyards of Napa Valley. Other wineries represented are Ponzi Vineyards, Willamette Valley, Oregon; Teachworth Winery, Calistoga, California; Bodega Catena Zapata, Mendoza, Argentina; Tablas Creek Vineyards, Paso Robles, California; Anderson's Conn Valley Vineyard, St. Helena, California; Turnbull Wine Cellars, Oakville and Calistoga, California; Castello Banfi, Montalcino, Italy; Silver Oak, Napa Valley, California; V Madrone Winery, St. Helena, California; Honig Vineyards and Winery, Rutherford, California; and Peter Lehmann Wines, Barossa Valley, Australia.

On February 27, the chefs, vintners, dinner guests and others come together at the Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club for the Grand Tasting and Auction. Participating chefs prepare their favorite dishes to accompany signature champagne reception sponsor Piper Heidsieck's Champagnes.

The auction features exceptional packages of special and unique wines, exclusive trips, and amazing dining experiences. All proceeds from the auction and ticket sales will benefit three causes benefiting children's health care in the area:

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Edison State College's Pediatric Nursing Program and an endowment to Florida Gulf Coast University to establish a pre-med student scholarship.

Last year's event netted \$753,000, resulting in a \$600,000 donation to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and \$50,000 to Edison State College.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest or ticket sales, visit www.swflwinefest.org or call 278-3900.✧

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Community Garden At Lakes Park

Garden plot and attend quarterly meetings. Gardeners will supply their own tools and plantings. Tincher will offer a variety of courses in best practices for good yields from the garden plots.

Online registration is available at <http://lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.org/donationform.php> and plots are available on a first come, first served basis. For answers to garden questions, call Tincher at 533-7529.

Lakes Park is at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers.✧

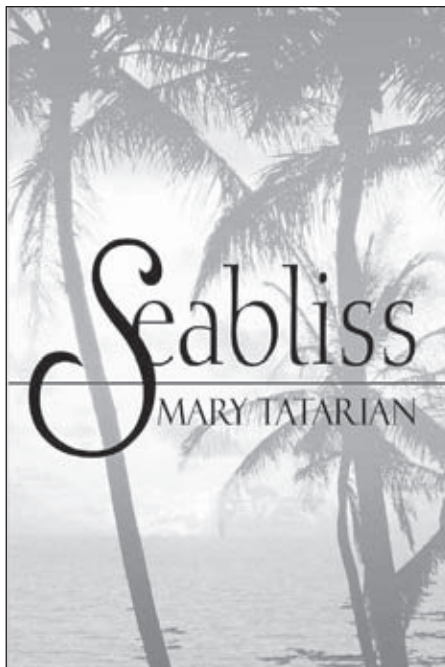
Book Signing



Mary Tatarian

Bonita Bill's Restaurant will host a book signing featuring local author Mary Tatarian for her new island mystery *Seabliss* on Saturday February 13 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Ostego Bay Marine Science Center.

Set on a fictional island in Southwest Florida, *Seabliss* is a cozy island mystery about a beach town that suddenly comes alive as two best friends, a local merchant and the town psychic, find themselves in the middle of some pretty strange business. The novice sleuths are drawn into a web of murder, deception, and drugs as



the story takes the reader to the Mexican west coast and to the Keys, meeting some unique characters along the way.

Tatarian is a 25-year resident of Fort Myers Beach and former owner of Pirate Pete's Video and Arcade. She is a member of Ostego Bay Foundation, the Southwest Florida Romance Writers and Romance Writers of America.

Bonita Bill's is located on Fisherman's Wharf, San Carlos Isla and is accessible by car or boat.*

Douglas Brinkley Will Discuss His Epic Book About Theodore Roosevelt

Famed presidential biographer Douglas Brinkley will make an exclusive guest appearance to speak about his latest book, *Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America*, on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at BIG ARTS' Schein Performance Hall, as part of the "Ding" Darling Bookstore's 2010 Lecture Series.

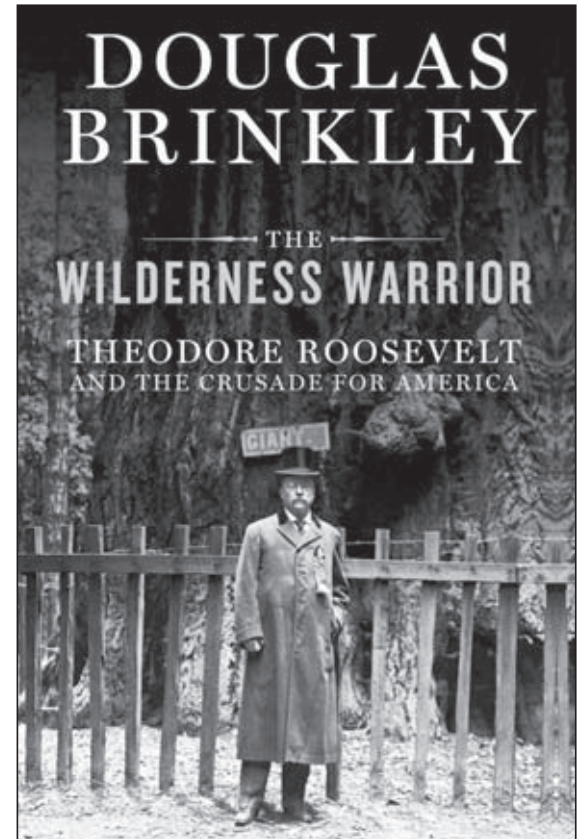
In his groundbreaking epic biography, Brinkley draws on never-before-published materials to examine the life and achievements of "our naturalist president."

By setting aside more than 230 million acres of wild America for posterity between 1901 and 1909, Theodore Roosevelt made conservation a universal endeavor. Tracing the role that nature played in Roosevelt's storied career, Brinkley brilliantly analyzes the influence that the works of John James Audubon and Charles Darwin had on the young man who would become America's 26th president.

His 940-page opus -- what the *New York Times* called a "vast, inspiring and enormously entertaining book" -- is available at the "Ding" Darling Bookstore now and will be sold at BIG ARTS the evening of the presentation. Tickets for his presentation are on sale at the BIG ARTS box office: \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. A book-signing reception will follow.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, BIG ARTS, and Tween Waters Inn partner to bring this nationally acclaimed author to the islands.

For more information, call the "Ding" Darling Bookstore at 472-1100 ext. 241 or BIG ARTS at 395-0900.*



Douglas Brinkley's latest book

Lee County Bar Association Meeting

The Lee County Bar Association (LCBA) will hold its next monthly luncheon on Friday, February 19 at 11:45 a.m. at Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 W. First Street, Fort Myers. Keynote speaker, Charlie Green, clerk of the court, will present a free continuing legal education (CLE) program on the e-filing process coming to Lee County courts this year and on other current issues. There will be a live, remote demonstration of the new procedure presented by Carolyn M. Weber, project manager, Orange County clerk of the court.

Kitty Green of the Horizon Council will also address attendees on the efforts of the Lee County Economic Development Office to create a connection with businesses wishing to relocate to Southwest Florida. And Denise Wheeler, esq., of Fowler White Boggs, PA will discuss Voices for Kids, the financial support of the Guardian Ad Litem Program. The not-for-profit organization provides local abused and neglected children with a court-appointed guardian ad litem volunteer, as well as financial assistance and other resources for their health, education and social needs.

Reservations are required. E-mail michelle@leebar.org or call 334-0047. Members are \$20 and visitors \$25. All LCBA meetings are open to the public.*

Smart Growth Design Competition

What should Smart Growth and transit-oriented development in Lee County look like? That is the question in the Creating Better Places design competition. "We are challenging local citizens and design professionals to rethink sprawling development patterns and help visualize better prototypes for our future," said Tammy Hall, chair of the Lee County Board of Commissioners. Entry information is available on the Web site www.swflregionalvision.com and the deadline for entries is April 7.

The competition will compare various transit-oriented designs for a specific site in the City of Fort Myers near Terry Park with access to potential light rail service. The purpose is to solicit creative ideas and provide information about better alternatives for the physical form of the community.

Transit-oriented developments are typically defined as higher density, mixed-use developments within walking distance -- up to a half-mile -- of existing or future transit stations. Transit-oriented design is about creating attractive, walkable, sustainable communities with energy-efficient housing and transportation choices that reduce reliance on car trips and increase social interactions among residents.

Competitors will submit three items: 1) a generalized site plan showing streets, blocks, and buildings, 2) a simple illustration showing the arrangement of buildings, and 3) a short narrative that describes the most important attributes of this proposal's response to the factors listed on the competition Web site along with the submittal format requirements.

The competition is sponsored by Lee County in cooperation with the City of Fort Myers, Reconnecting Lee County, Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Public and Social Policy, and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.*

College Waives Application Fees At Open House

High school students and parents are invited to spend the day learning the ins and outs of college life at Edison State College. The annual Go Higher Get Accepted Open House will be on Monday, February 15 at each of its campus locations.

Take a campus tour and hear from students and faculty about all that Edison State College has to offer. Apply to ESC on Monday, the 15th and the \$30 application fee will be waived.

Presentations and campus tours begin at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Taeni Hall, Room 117 at the Fort Myers campus. The presentation will include a campus tour. Faculty, staff and students will share their knowledge of the opportunities available at ESC. Visitors can join in the fun of Music Mondays, watch the Upward Bound program run The Amazing Race, and other campus activities. Take home a great ESC gift.*

Two New Board Members At Food Bank

Two individuals have been named to the board of directors of The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. They are Winter D. Myers and John D. Belisle.

Myers is assistant vice president and relationship manager for the Florida District of KeyBank. Prior to joining KeyBank in 2008, she worked as a private banking relationship manager for Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio. Myers is a Fort Myers resident and serves on the Edison-Ford Winter Estates Gala Committee and volunteers at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel.

John Belisle is senior vice president for Oswald, Trippe and Company, Inc. He joined Oswald Trippe and Company in 1985; his expertise in specialized risk management supports many of the company's large commercial accounts. Belisle also serves on the board of Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Inc.*

Financial Focus Sandwich Generation In Financial Squeeze



by Jennifer Basey

Are you a member of the Sandwich Generation? This designation – which applies to people caring for their aging parents while supporting their own children – may be appli-

cable to you if you're either a younger baby boomer, born in the late 1950s or early 1960s, or an older member of Generation X, born in the mid-1960s. But any way you slice it, being in the sandwich group is probably going to present you with some challenges, particularly of the financial kind – so you'll need to make the right moves.

Basically, you should consider two areas of decision-making: those affecting the future of you and your children; and those affecting your elderly parents' lifestyle and legacy.

Regarding your future, and that of your children, you'll need to prioritize your goals. Some people, when weighing the merits of investing for retirement versus saving for their children's college educations, conclude that while loans are available for college, none are offered to retirees. Consequently, they focus more heavily on retirement. If you're in this camp, you'll probably want to contribute as much as you can possibly afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

However, if you feel strongly about helping your kids go through college relatively debt-free, you may want to explore some college-savings options, such as Section 529 plans and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, both of which offer significant tax advantages.

In any case, these goals don't have to be mutually exclusive – but if you're going to address them both, you will have to make some key decisions regarding allocation of resources. And while you're handling these issues for yourself and your children, you'll need to juggle the needs of your elderly parents. With luck, you won't have to contribute financially, but you may be required to put in some time and energy to help make sure your parents' situation remains positive.

This means you'll need to ask some questions. Where do your parents bank? Do they have a brokerage account? If so, do you know the name of their financial advisor? Have they taken steps to remain financially independent if they ever need

to go to a nursing home or employ home health care assistants? Have they drawn up a will, a living trust or other estate plan documents? Would they be willing to have you or another family member assume power of attorney should they become incapacitated?

In raising these questions, you will have to approach your parents with tact and sensitivity. However, you may be pleasantly surprised at their willingness to talk about these issues. After all, they almost surely want to avoid burdening you with extra financial responsibilities.

The best time to approach your parents is when they are healthy, both mentally and physically. It's especially important to be aware of even minor-seeming cognitive impairments, such as memory lapses, which can result in paying the same bills two or three times, forgetting to record checks or even falling prey to fraudulent investment schemes. If you suspect your parents may be having these troubles, you'll need to step in immediately.

It's not easy being a Sandwich Generation member, but through diligence and proper planning, you should be able to help avoid getting "squished" – while improving the outcomes for all your beloved family members.

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Paulette Burton Citizen Of The Year Finalists

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners announced the four finalists for the 19th annual Paulette Burton Citizen of the Year Award for 2009. The finalists are: Samira Beckwith (Fort Myers), Mary Miller (North Fort Myers), Roxie Smith (Fort Myers Beach) and George Szymanski (Lehigh Acres).

The winner will be announced at the 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 16 Lee County Commission meeting in the second floor chambers in the Old Lee County Courthouse, 2110 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

A Board of County Commissioners appointed a committee of seven individuals who narrowed the 16 nominations to the four finalists. The commissioners will select the winner from that list of four.

The award was created in 1991 to honor Mrs. Burton, a long time Sanibel Island resident and government watch dog. She spent many years serving as a voice of the people to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as well as playing an active role in Sanibel politics. She died in a 1991 car accident.✱

Physician Receives Harvard Alumnus Award

Dr. Daniel E. Dosoretz, a physician with 21st Century Oncology and a founding director of Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands, has been awarded the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus Award at Harvard Medical School through the Department of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dosoretz was the keynote speaker for the Distinguished Alumni Visiting Professor in Radiation Oncology in which he spoke on Radiation Therapy: Our Path to the Future.

He is the co-founder, president and CEO of Fort Myers-based Radiation Therapy, one of the nation's largest operators of radiation treatment centers, which was returned to private ownership in February 2008 as 21st Century Oncology, which has been operating for nearly 20 years and has 99 freestanding hospital-based centers, which serve cancer patients in 16 states.

Dosoretz received the Horizon Council 2008 Industry Appreciation Award for Business Expansion. The company is building a new corporate headquarters on Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, which is scheduled to open this month. This recent expansion will create 140 new full-time jobs with salaries averaging 115 percent of the average Lee County



Dr. Daniel E. Dosoretz

annual wage. It was estimated in 2008 that the economic impact of the expansion over the next four years would be \$36 million.

Dosoretz has been involved with the American Cancer Society in a variety of roles. He is the recipient of a research fellowship, member of the peer review committee and state-level research committee. He also served as president of the Lee County Unit and chairman of the Professional Education Committee.

Dosoretz is a Fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology (ACRO) and a Fellow of the American College of Radiology.✱

Naomi Chance Named Chiropractic Assistant Of The Year

The prestigious Chiropractic Assistant of the Year Award was presented at Parker Seminars Las Vegas – the world's largest chiropractic – event to Naomi Chance from Chance Chiropractic Clinic in Fort Myers. Chance and her husband Dr. Steven Chance are Sanibel residents.

The award was given for excellent contributions and dedication to the chiropractic profession. Chiropractic assistants play a vital role in supporting the doctor of chiropractic. They also benefit the patients by helping to inform them of the best way to live happier, healthier lives.

Doctors of chiropractic focus on the nervous system by adjusting the vertebral column to affect the nervous system.✱



Dr. Fabrizio Mancini, president of Parker College of Chiropractic, presents the award to Naomi Chance

World's Best Skier Lindsey Vonn A Top Attraction In The Winter Olympics



by Ed Frank

The Super Bowl last weekend in Miami, the Ace Group Classic golf tournament this weekend in Naples, the Daytona 500 this weekend in Daytona; Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins players start arriving next week – it's a jam-packed sports calendar in Florida.

But we turn our attention nearly 3,500 miles away to the distaff side of athletics and today's start of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver where the world's greatest skier, Lindsey Vonn, is certain to capture the hearts of Olympic enthusiasts.

Just as Danica Patrick, who will be making her NASCAR debut tomorrow at Daytona, has stirred the emotions of race car fans, Vonn is out to prove to the world that she is much more than a pretty face.

Congenial, attractive and oh so talented, she could be to the 2010 Winter Olympics what Michael Phelps was to the 2008 Summer Games.

She has recently appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated and has advertising deals with at least 10 corporate sponsors including Rolex, Proctor & Gamble, Vail Resorts and Alka-Seltzer.

Here's what David Neal, NBC's executive producer for the Olympics said:

"Lindsey is authentic. She's very telegenic. She's the best woman skier in the world. Lindsey has the whole package – athletic ability and personality."

She is considered a medal contender in five events – downhill, super-G, combined, giant slalom and slalom, and is the prohibitive favorite in downhill and Super-G.

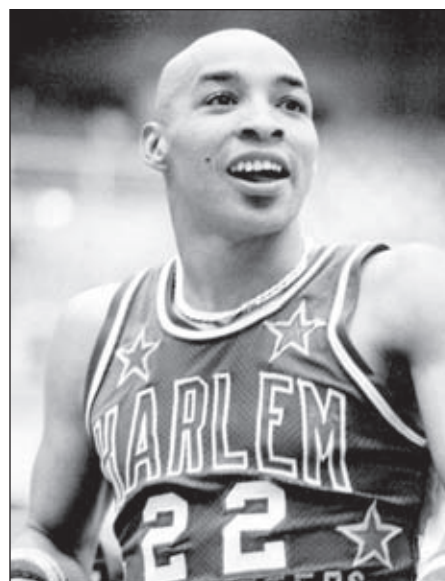
The 25-year-old has already been called the greatest woman skier in U.S. history. She has 31 World Cup victories and an amazing nine just this season.

Yes, she's America's sweetheart of the slopes, but like all great athletes it didn't come easy. When 13, her family moved from Minnesota to Colorado so she could have better training. She commits to a brutal daily workout program explaining that "talent can only take you so far."

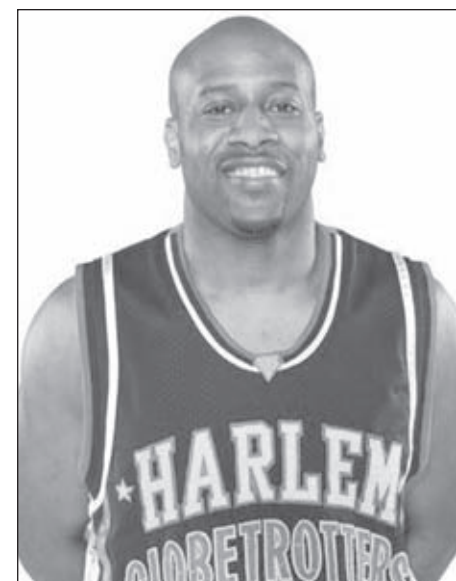
She has been severely injured on the slopes a number of times, but always came back with grit and determination.

In a 70-mile-an-hour downhill training crash two days before the 2006 Turin Olympics, Vonn suffered serious back and pelvic injuries, but she returned to compete in four events. Her tongue was cut open when her knee bounced up into her chin as she won a World Cup title just last December.

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Fred "Curly" Neal



Hot Shot Branch

Globetrotters To Bring Magical Memories

The Harlem Globetrotters will bring their 2010 Magical Memories Tour to the Germain Arena, Estero, on Wednesday, February 24. Two of the players are Fred "Curly" Neal and Hot Shot Branch.

One of the truly magical shooters and dribblers in basketball history, Neal embraced the imagination of fans all over the world for 22 seasons as a key

member of the Harlem Globetrotters. He played in more than 6,000-plus games in 97 countries from 1963 to 1985 with the Globetrotters. He had a knack for hitting shots from virtually anywhere on the floor.

On February 15, 2008, Neal became just the fifth Globetrotter in the team's illustrious history to have his number retired, as his number 22 was lifted to the rafters during a special ceremony at New York's Madison Square Garden.

He received the Globetrotters "Legends" ring on June 25, 1993.

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Barbara's Friends Cancer Fund Benefiting The Children's Hospital



Members of KidzAct Naples Players: Briana Prioletti, Tori Hendry, Christopher Campbell and their instructor

Barbara's Friends, the cancer fund benefiting The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, held an event to celebrate its 15th anniversary and recognize founders Frank and Betty Haskell on Sunday, January 31. The event included a champagne brunch, silent and live auctions, and live entertainment by local youth performance groups including: KidzAct Naples Players, Gulfshore Ballet, Dancing Classrooms, and The Music Foundation.

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Members of the Gulfshore Ballet : Emily Chase, Sara White, Mimi Hulley-Buczny, Kelli Guenther, Trinka Lowe (representative), Julie Stevens and Deidre Rogan



The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida pediatric oncologist Dr. Emad Salman and his wife Alissar



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Event committee members from left: Rita Keltner, Betty and Frank Haskell and Tina Parker

dearPharmacist



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

Could you give us quick tips that can help improve health? Don't get me wrong, I love your informative columns, I just wish you could talk about more topics in each column

so I could find myself in them more frequently.

TD, Gainesville, Florida

Great idea. As a journalist, I get press releases about new studies every few minutes and there are always interesting topics. I'll share some news that I've received in the last three weeks. Here goes:

- Fish oils aren't just for your heart. They reduce symptoms of psychosis and may prevent the onset of full-blown schizophrenia or psychosis in people with emotional disturbances according to a study published in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*. Omega 3 fatty acids nourish the brain, they are inexpensive and well-tolerated.

- Curcumin can reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease and cancer. It works even better when taken with vitamin D3. Speaking of curcumin, it is known to lower blood sugar and prevent kidney damage associated with diabetes!

- Pomegranates may prevent breast cancer, especially the type that is estrogen-driven.

They contain a compound called "ellagitannin" which gets broken down in the body to "urolithin B" and it acts like our "aromatase blocking" drugs (think tamoxifen, raloxifene).

- You won't remain healthy for very long if you don't get up and jog, go to spin class, Pilates or Zumba! Two well-designed studies now prove that excessive body weight increases a person's risk for stroke, and nearly doubles the risk of developing cancer.

- Drinking "white tea" helps encourage weight loss!

- Green tea may reduce risk of lung cancer. People who do not drink green tea appear to have a five-fold increased risk of lung cancer! In a related new study, pistachios were found to increase gamma tocopherol (vitamin E) and slash the risk of lung cancer, without causing any weight gain.

- Apples, more specifically, "apple pectin" was shown to increase the number of friendly bacteria (probiotics) in the gut. So they improve digestion.

- If you are counting calories, you may be misled. A new study found that nutrition labels on restaurant and packaged food labels may be grossly underestimated.

- The controversy persists about non-stick cooking pans which contain PFOA. For the first time a study found that people who have higher blood concentrations of PFOA have higher rates of thyroid disease. Newer brands of non-stick cookware are PFOA-free if you are concerned.

- Men with the highest blood levels of

the B vitamin folate are 50 percent less likely to experience depression compared to men with the lowest levels according to the *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

- A drug company is making a prescription pill to help you live to 100, by targeting longevity genes. Natural supplements target the very same genes and I'll tell you about those in my new book *Diabetes Without Drugs* due out in a few weeks.

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.

Catwalk For Cure For Diabetes

Lee County School District students and staff will present Catwalk for the Cure at Varsity Lakes Middle School gymnasium, 801 Gunnery Road, Lehigh Acres, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25.

Varsity Lakes Middle School students and staff will be strolling down the catwalk, showing off clothing styles and dance moves to songs of the decades.

The goal is to raise money that will go toward finding a cure for type I diabetes. The cost is a \$2 donation before the event, \$3 at the door.

Preventing Heart Disease Is Easier Than You Think

Staying heart healthy and preventing cardiovascular disease doesn't need to be hard. That's Dr. Jesus Mendiola's message for Lee County at Lee Memorial Health System's February 23 Well Informed lecture from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Place Coconut Point, 23120 Via Villaggio, in Estero.

"Heart disease is a very serious problem to be sure. It causes more than 630,000 deaths each year," Mendiola said. "But we could prevent so many of these deaths if people at risk made some easy and different lifestyle choices."

Since February is American Heart Month and devoted to heart disease awareness and education, there's no better time to take action. With each minute that passes, another life is lost to heart disease, and it's just as likely to strike women as men.

Mendiola advocates a simple approach to prevent cardiovascular disease in adults with four parts, all of which he will discuss during his lecture.

- Education on basic, primary ways to prevent cardiovascular disease that everyone should know

- How to be proactive in preventing disease

- Identifying risk factors and lifestyle modifications to improve your overall heart health

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Mom And Me



Do others complain about this problem?

Agatha

Dear Agatha,

This is a real problem and also a national problem. With the new administration we do not know yet what the final solutions to what our health care problems are going to be like. Many doctors complain that they cannot pay rent and staff and are forced to take patients that are private pay only. Your parents could also ask their present physicians if they have any contacts in your area and possibly there could be a referral.

In the meantime they could go to the hospital emergencyroom if a crisis develops.

Lizzie

Dear Agatha,

Moving to a new area does present problems and can be very difficult and being on Medicare just compounds the problem. You could talk to the medical society in your area and they may have some valuable information and, who knows, they may have a wonderful referral service. Best of luck to you.

Pryce

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

by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

On a recent visit to my parents, I realized that they are now starting to develop serious health problems.

I suggested that they move to be closer to me, but they seemed very reluctant to do so. They are fearful that they will be unable to find a doctor who will take them on as patients.

I inquired around my area and find it is a very real problem because so many of the doctors here will not take Medicare patients.

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Heart Disease

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“Being aware of your risk and lifestyle factors is only half of the challenge,” Mendiolaza adds. “The hardest part is making lifestyle changes to ward off disease. By talking about simple changes people can make to reduce their risk, we’ll hopefully increase their likelihood of doing so and in turn, reduce their likelihood of suffering heart attacks or other problems.”

For reservations call 433-8505 or go to www.HealthyBonitaEstero.org.✱

Grande Dames Tea Honors Three

Chico’s FAS has signed on as the title sponsor of the Grande Dames Tea for 2010, which will honor three more of the community’s most revered women.

In recognition of their accomplishments, Mark Loren of Mark Loren Designs will design a special piece of jewelry to present to the three Grande Dames. The honorees for 2010 are Jeanne Bochette, Helen Hendry and Veronica Shoemaker.

The event will take place Tuesday, March 23, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Tickets may be purchased by calling 278-4422 or the Lee PACE Center for Girls at 425-2366, ext. 25.

The Grande Dames Tea was started by the Lee PACE Center for Girls last year to honor women who have played major roles in Lee County history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others. The theme is The Wisdom of Age – Honoring the Female Spirit.

The first Grande Dames to be honored were philanthropists Berne Davis, Eleanore Kleist and Barbara B. Mann.

The PACE Center for Girls is a non-residential delinquency prevention program targeting the unique needs of girls, ages 12 to 18, who are faced with challenges such as foster care, domestic violence and declining grades. Many girls also experience abuse and neglect, death of a parent, substance abuse, and/or a family history of incarceration.

For more information about this event, please contact PACE Development Director Melissa Simontis at 425-2366, ext. 25, or Dena Geraghty at 851-1028 or log on at www.pacecenter.org.✱

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Island Gala To Aid Man’s Best Friends In County

The first Onyx & Breezy Island Gala is set for March 14, hosted by the Onyx & Breezy Foundation. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the welfare of domestic animals in Lee County.

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation was named in honor and in memory of two beloved black Labradors owned by part-time Sanibel residents Mark and Wanda Shefts. A non-profit foundation, it has raised money for the welfare of animals nationwide and will focus this event to raise support for Lee County’s animals and the organizations that work for their benefit.

Comedienne Elayne Boosler will be joining guests, entertaining them with her comedy and helping with the auction. Boosler is an animal lover and when she heard this event was being held on Sanibel, she offered to come from California and be a part of it.

Island residents and owners of the Over Easy Café’ and Island Paws, Trasi Sharp and Liza Clouse, encourage island residents to join with them in attending this evening of fun. “We are thrilled that Mark and Wanda are putting their efforts toward raising money for our local animal organizations right here in Lee County. We know this event will be great” they said.



Trasi Sharp, Wanda Shefts, Mark Shefts, Liza Clouse, Birgie Vertesch and Peter Beck are planning the Onyx & Breezy Island Gala

The gala will be at Ellington’s Jazz Club & Restaurant. Tickets are \$150 which will include hors d’oeuvres, a full open bar, four-course gourmet dinner, silent and live auction, dancing to Ellington’s jazz band and a special performance by Boosler.

Other sponsors include Bailey’s General Store, Ellington’s Jazz Club, Karen Bell Team, Kay Casperson Beauty Inside Out, Lily & Co., McMurray/ Nette VIP Realty, Myra Roberts, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, and Tribeca

Salon.

Attendance is by reservation only. There are 160 tickets available. All proceeds will for medical equipment and research, spay and neutering, disaster relief, puppy mill rescue and many other efforts in Lee County to help the animals.

For more information, or to receive an invitation, call 850.9998 or email trustees@onyxandbreezy.org.

To learn more about the Onyx and Breezy Foundation, log onto www.onyx-andbreezy.org.✱

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Barbara’s Friends



The event’s Over the Rainbow theme included art by local children

Barbara’s Friends has raised more than \$8.7 million since its inception. This money has helped build and equip a pediatric hematology and oncology center and other facilities providing therapy and support to children battling these diseases in our community. The fund also helps cover some treatment expenses for uninsured or underinsured patients.✱



Members of Lee County’s Dancing Classrooms clockwise from left: Bryanna Molano, Wilbur Ortiz, Jovasia Spike, Zhantevez Jackson, Victoria Romero, Parker Hazen, Gret Kurth, Marvilla Marzan, Nathalie Grondin, Anthony Tineo, Marshall Bower

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Lindsey Vonn



Lindsey Vonn

That same month she received a deep bone bruise in her left wrist in a giant slalom crash in Lienz, Austria, when her skis caught in the snow and threw her into the air. For the average skier it would take months to recover, but not for Vonn.

And there was one comical injury that she would like to forget. She nearly severed her right thumb when grabbing a broken champagne bottle after winning two gold medals in the 2009 World Championships in France. She bristled at comments that she was a party girl.

"It was a freak accident. It was 6 p.m. right after the awards ceremony. I had zero alcohol," she was quoted as saying recently.

Lindsey Vonn is certain to take center stage at the Winter Olympics. And she's likely to be center on the medal stand as she receives Olympic gold.

Everblades To Play Five Games This Week

The Florida Everblades split with the Charlotte Checkers in two games in Charlotte last week. They claimed a 4-3 shootout win last Thursday and lost 3-2 the following night.

Tuesday began a busy week for the Everblades as they played host to the Gwinnett Gladiators for two games Tuesday and Wednesday in Germain Arena. Thursday and Friday they travel to North Charleston to face first-place South Carolina. The Everblades finish the week on Sunday at Gwinnett.✱

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Globetrotters

Branch is a self-taught DJ. He has his own equipment and has been a DJ at weddings, dances, restaurant openings and other events in his hometown of Houston.

He is involved with a community project called the Project Hoops Basketball Organization. He is also interested in becoming a probation officer following his playing career.✱

Training And Development

Area trainers and developers have a unique opportunity to uncover secrets of how FGCU's Florida Institute of Government keeps people interested in, involved in, and coming back to workshops.

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development will meet at the new facilities of FIOG at the Atrium Executive Center, 8695 College Parkway, in Fort Myers on February 17 from 11:30 to 1

p.m. Host will be Joanne Hartke, institute director. Through targeted group activities, IOG staff will share strategies created to sustain interest, involvement, and repeat business. After 25 years the IOG is still learning... one day at a time, one lesson at a time, one person at a time.

Cost for the meeting is only \$5 without food and \$10 for catered lunch. To register, go online to www.swflchapter.asfd.org. Registration deadline is Monday, February 15.

For directions to the facility, go online to the Institute's Web site at <http://www.fgcu.edu/iog/>. Offices are located in Suite 1181. For information call 390-1522.✱

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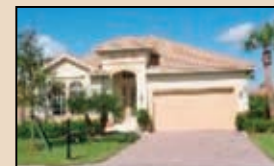


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5. ANATOMY: Where is the retina located?
6. HISTORY: Who was known as “The Iron Chancellor”?
7. U.S. STATES: The Catskill Mountains are located in which U.S. state?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of plant does the flavoring saffron come from?
9. MOVIES: Who directed the movie “The Lost Weekend”?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature does the Australian bandicoot most resemble?

ANSWERS

1. A weyr 2. Peterson 3. Finland 4. Wales 5. The eye 6. Otto von Bismarck, Germany 7. New York 8. Crocus flower 9. Billy Wilder 10. A large rat.

My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2010

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn’t affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that “favor” you’re being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation -- which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you’ll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other plusses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won’t want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

• On Feb. 20, 1792, President George Washington signs legislation creating the U.S. Postal Service. The federally funded postal services included 75 regional post offices and 2,400 miles of postal routes. The cost of sending a letter ranged from 6 cents to 12 cents.

• On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain publishes his novel “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” Twain (the pen name of Samuel Clemens) first introduced Huck Finn as the best friend of Tom Sawyer, hero of his tremendously successful novel “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” (1876).

• On Feb. 17, 1915, after encountering a severe snowstorm, the German Zeppelin L-4 crash-lands in the North Sea near the Danish coastal town of Varde. One month earlier, the huge airship had taken part in the first-ever air bombing raid on Britain.

• On Feb. 15, 1933, in Miami, Giuseppe Zangara shoots and fatally wounds Anton Cermak, the mayor of Chicago. Zangara pled guilty to the murder and died in Florida’s electric chair on March 20. Today, such a swift outcome would be practically unheard of, particularly where the death penalty is concerned.

• On Feb. 19, 1954, the Ford Thunderbird prototype is born. The T-Bird was a scaled-down Ford built for two. It came with a removable fiberglass hardtop and a convertible canvas roof. With its V-8 and sporty looks, the T-Bird was an image car costing \$2,944.

• On Feb. 21, 1965, black nationalist leader Malcolm X is assassinated while giving a speech at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem in New York City. Malcolm X, born Malcolm Little, had split from the Nation of

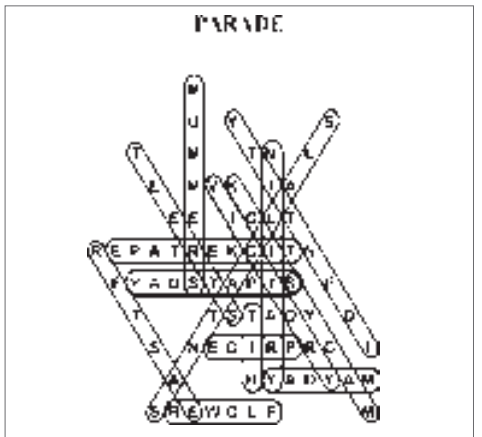
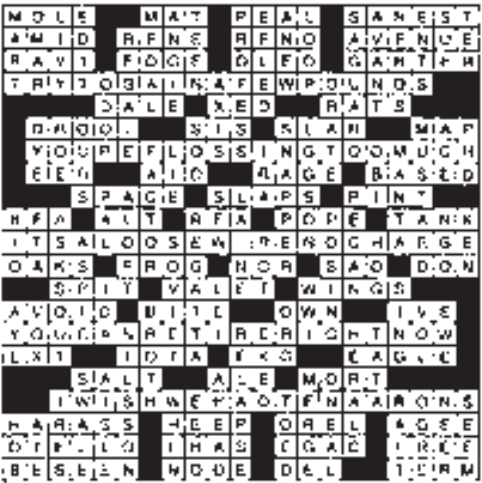
SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is the Dodgers’ all-time leader in shutouts?
2. When the Texas Rangers had their first winning season in 1974, who was the team’s manager?
3. Name the last conference before the SEC to win at least three straight national championships in college football.
4. Who is the only player in NBA history to have four seasons of 100 blocks and 100 three-pointers made?
5. Name the only player to have 600-plus goals and 2,000-plus penalty minutes for his NHL career.
6. Who was the last U.S. man before Meb Keflezighi in 2009 to win the New York City Marathon?
7. Name the last Grand Slam golf event Tiger Woods won in consecutive years.

ANSWERS

1. Don Sutton, with 52. 2. Billy Martin led the Rangers to an 84-76 mark. 3. The Big Ten in 1940-42. 4. Rasheed Wallace. 5. Brendan Shanahan. 6. Alberto Salazar in 1982. 7. The PGA Championship (2006 and 2007).

PUZZLE ANSWERS



STRANGE BUT TRUE

• It was American writer Cullen Hightower who made the following sage observation: “Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life. Laughing at someone else’s can shorten it.”

• If you were asked to name the northernmost of the United States, I’m sure you’d have no trouble naming Alaska. And you probably also know that Alaska is the westernmost state of the union. You might be surprised, however, to learn that Alaska is also the [SET ITAL]easternmost[END ITAL] state. Yep. The Aleutian Island chain crosses the International Dateline, placing a few of the islands in the Far East.

• Thanks to the fact that their eyes are placed on the sides of their heads, rabbits can see behind themselves without turning their heads.

• In the town of Arcadia, Calif., there is a law on the books that grants peacocks the legal right of way when crossing any street or driveway.

• Those who study such things claim that there are 293 different ways to make change for a dollar.

• In 2002, a research firm conducted a poll on Americans’ beliefs about the existence of alien life in the universe. It seems that a whopping 68 percent of us feel that the U.S. government knows about alien life but refuses to publicize that knowledge.

• The Russian Space Agency has a full-fledged space tourism program -- and a popular one, at that. Despite the \$20 million price tag, all the available trips were fully booked by (wealthy) civilians in 2009.

• If you and your spouse are like the average modern married couple, you spent more than \$2,500 on photos and videos of your wedding.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“I look to the future because that’s where I’m going to spend the rest of my life.” -- George Burns

Pets Of The Week

Love is in the air the entire month of February at Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS). If you've been looking for love in all the wrong places or you just need a new best friend, LCDAS has a sweet deal for you. All month long the agency is offering \$25 off the regular adoption fee for all adult pets. The reduced adoption fee will still include the complete package of services.

My name is Nino. It's almost Valentine's Day and I'm lookin' for some good lovin'! I'm only four months old and my first owner didn't treat me very nice. The police found me when they took my owner to jail. He had cropped my ears himself without taking me to a vet. It hurt a lot but I feel much better now that the shelter doctor took care of me. So even though I might look a bit like a tough guy now, I'm really a little sweetheart. Won't you please be my valentine?

My adoption fee is only \$95.

Love is in the air this month so I sure hope it's my turn. I'm Belinda and when I came to the shelter I was ready to give birth to my kittens. We spent the next couple of month in a very nice foster home. My girlish figure has returned and I'm ready to find that special someone meant just for me. I have lots of love to lavish on someone so you won't want to miss an opportunity to take me home.

My adoption fee is only \$25 this month.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' Web site at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The Web site updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if three months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs six months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee, and a bag of Science Diet pet food.

The adoption package is valued at \$500.*



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February Pet Adoption Special

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True love comes in all shapes and sizes. Whether it's a lap kitty or an energetic little dog that would make a perfect jogging companion, LCDAS can find your perfect match. Make plans to find your true love today by visiting the shelter at 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. For those that would like to view their matches first, love is just a click away when you visit the Web site at www.LeeLostPets.com. All pets available for adoption are featured online.

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During February Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will join the national organizers of Spay Day USA in promoting the importance of spaying and neutering to save the lives of millions of pets each year. Locally, Lee County residents are fortunate to have programs available year-round that will help reduce pet overpopulation. LCDAS would like to draw particular attention to Lee County's cat overpopulation problem and "bust the myths" associated with spaying and neutering.

Information is available online at www.LeeLostPets.com about LCDAS's free spay/neuter services for owned and outdoor community cats. For those who do not qualify for this program, other low-cost options are available. To schedule an appointment or for additional information about spay/neuter programs for both cats and dogs, call 533-9234. Making a call today can save the lives of animals tomorrow.

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**YARD SALES AT
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be having two yard sales again this year
to raise money for upcoming field trips.
The next yard sale is February 27 from 8
a.m. to noon in the school pavilion. These
events are open to the public. All middle
school families are invited to participate.
Each family is responsible for their own
set-up, clean-up and money collection. Call
Sandy Messenger at 395-9207
for more information.
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GARAGE/YARD SALES

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
Coconut Creek Development off
McGregor near Kelly Road, Fort Myers.
Furniture, tools, fishing, misc.
Saturday, February 13 at 8 a.m.
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3				4			9	
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7		6		5				9
	2				4	3	8	
8			9	2			5	
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5	3				9	1		
1			4				7	2

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

answers on page 35

SCRAMBLERS

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

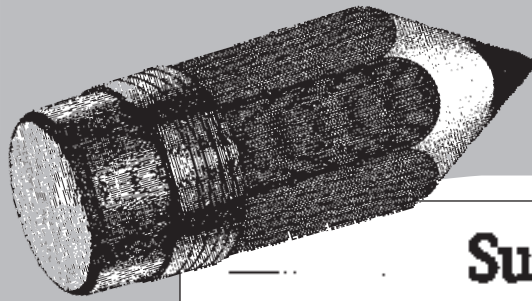
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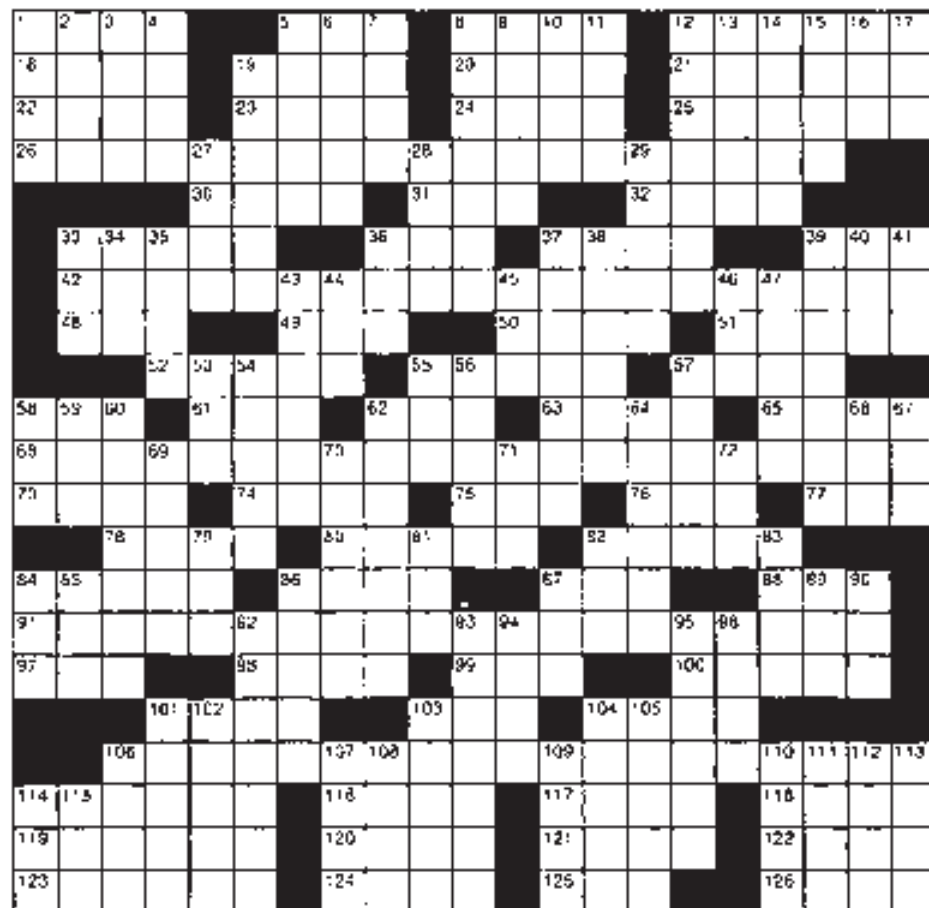
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Answers on page 32

Super Crossword

WISHFUL
THINKING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Verbal burrow
5 Welcome him?
8 Boltry sound
12 Most rational
18 In the course of
19 Actor Aubrey Jones
20 Botting sailing
21 "Electric" (83 hit)
22 Statist Sharkey
23 "V's" "The" — of flight
24 Toast topper
25 Elastic band
26 My doctor told me ...
30 Chip's chum
31 Made one's mark
32 Cry of disgust
33 Salivale
36 Slangy sub
37 Gum
39 AAA handout
42 My dentist told me
48 Ending for "auction"
49 Rich in
50 Wrath
- 51 Stationed
52 It's out of this world
55 Clouds & cad
57 Milk measurement
58 Arthur or Paris
61 Cockpit lip
62 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
63 Bishop of Rome
65 Summer top
68 My mechanic told me ...
73 Thousand —, CA
74 Jeremy Fisher, for one
76 Scand nation
78 — Torte
79 Governor's Rickles
78 Retrospective
80 Jaegers' profession
82 S team bel in Nantucket
84 Snug
86 Quick snack
87 Hold me tight
88 "— Gotta Be Me" (68 hit)
- 91 My accountant told me
97 Switchboard abbr.
98 Smidgen
99 Med test
100 Bald bird
101 Cold war accoid
103 Pub order
104 Comic Sahi
106 My son's teacher told me
114 Poster
116 Dickens villain
117 Turgenev's birthplace
118 Screenwriter James
119 Verdi opera
120 Ages
121 "Good gracious!"
122 Liberate
123 "Chicken should —"
124 Bump
125 Dover's st.
126 Semester
- DOWN**
- 1 Shopping center
2 Actor Epps
3 Roman physician
4 Correct a text
6 Olympic award
6 Harmon or Dickinson
7 Rock band?
8 Claim
9 Swiggle
10 From the top
11 Bow part
12 Southwestern sticker
13 — garde
14 "Heaven of the —" (84 hit)
15 Middle Earth den zone
16 Author happening
17 Gratton
18 Dst.
19 Emman lavishly
20 Bouquet
21 Geometry term
22 Spout like Geyser
23 Turn blue?
24 Caviar
25 Yours and mine
26 Turf
27 Food fish
28 Urge
29 Sandwich spread
40 Sleeve contents?
41 Third degree?
- 43 Florent
44 Speak with a forked tongue
45 Roll —
46 Kimono closer
47 Devilish
50 Good buddy
54 High up
55 Make a mummoo
56 Snger Cleo
57 Pie out
58 Jacket into
59 Letter from Athens
60 invites on a date
62 Henley
64 Model's job
65 — Dm
67 He's a doll
69 "A Dandy in —" (68 hit)
70 Communist council
71 Plant disease
72 Grab all the goodies
79 Ms. Lup no
81 Wahne's wrein
82 "14-18" letters
83 Perform in "Parsifal"
84 Backer
85 — popul
- 86 Gravy ingredient
87 Assoc.
89 Cubic mass
90 Lady of the sea
92 "Without You" singer
93 Backslide
94 Got by with "oul"
95 Announce
96 Birmingham bye-bye
101 Marshy lowland
102 Usher's beat
103 Winning
104 Highway sign
105 Ron of "Superfly"
106 Infurales
107 Impatient interrogative
108 Architect Saanen
109 — the knee (jockeyed)
110 Kicks' crash
111 Grulo
112 — do-wot
113 Appear to be
114 Eli
115 Gobbled up



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Anna Lennon's, "No More" Love —
5 Snake provider
6 Grate
17 Ordine counterpart
14 "Do — others"
15 Labyrinth beast
16 Olive's pal
17 Little in Paris
18 Unisex too
20 PC periphery
23 Folder contents
24 Angered
26 Stale dancers
28 " — Misérables"
29 August
30 Discoverer's cry
32 Mosque tower
34 Culture medium
35 — and crafts
36 SAT subject
37 Elk
40 Crucial
41 Mid-east airline
42 Member of the C. C. G. Y.
- 47 Skin opening
48 Eternally
49 Prepared to die
50 Heuban bread
51 Impale
52 Skunk
53 potato
54 Kyoto
55 common and
56 Sander's bird
57 Evaluated by
58 nyming
59 Jacob's brother
60 Balin Rouge salt
61 Sinc
- 62 Potent a that member
63 Con
64 Celeb
65 Broque, r
66 Quest
67 Particular
68 Speak sloppily
69 Whameasure
70 Unusually
71 Lucy's partner
72 Papaya
73 Bergen's dummy
74 Speed
75 Takeout request
- 76 Phony
77 Farmer's impression
78 Sphere
79 Caught red-handed
80 Bottomless pits
81 Lulate
82 rampant
83 Soaked
84 Loton
85 add-on
86 Rid of mind
87 Pater's te
88 Walchamber
89 Yougster
90 Historic time
91 C&A soldier

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Use the words in the list to fill in the maze. Each word is used only once.

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Flower	May Day	Santa Claus	Ticker-tape
Hit	Military	Sick	Victory
Indignity	Mummies	St. Patrick's Day	

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