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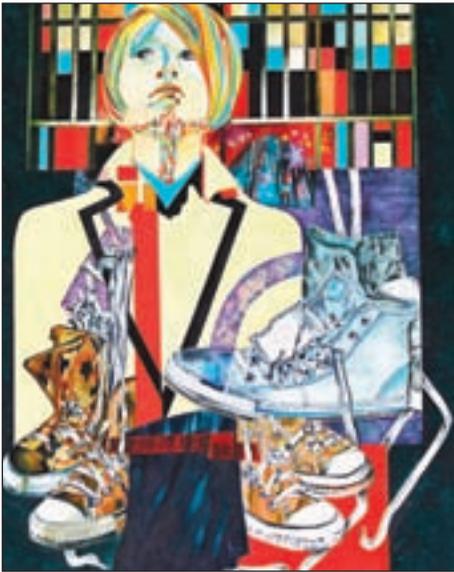
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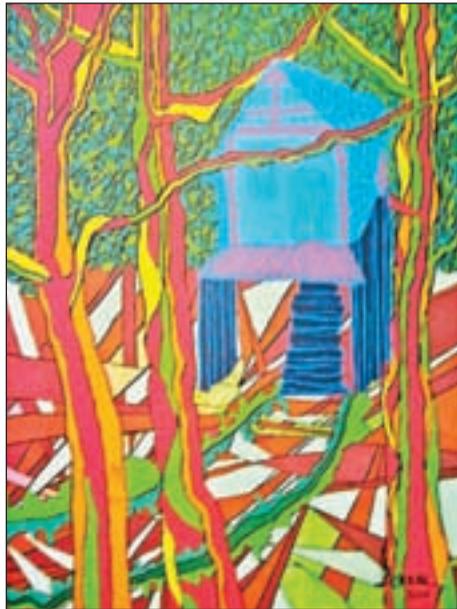


Inside Looking Out Conversely I, by Cheryl A Fausel

Arts For ACT Gallery Exhibit And Reception

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, December 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and art walk for the month's featured artists' exhibits featuring Cheryl Fausel, Honey Costa and Ron Evans.

Fausel's talent for art was recognized at an early age. She won a scholarship from a local art gallery in Rochester, New



Untitled by Ron Evans

York. She was accepted into an early study program at the Rochester Institute of Technology and this fired her desire to study art, majoring in illustration. There, she met her husband, Tom, a citizen of Germany. Several years later, she moved to Stuttgart, Germany with their first child. This was her home for the next 24 years. During this time, she worked for the U.S. military in their recreation department as artist in residence. Ultimately becoming a manager of an arts and crafts facility for the military, she taught various art forms to the soldiers and families. She also became a master quilter, teaching

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Paint The Beach Preview Gala



Bowditch Morning by Michele Buelow

Local artists are showcasing the beautiful town of Fort Myers Beach during Paint the Beach. Artists have been painting at various sites this week. Stop by the festival tent at Santini Marini Plaza on Friday, November 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. for the Collectors Preview Gala and Awards Ceremony to see what the finished products look like framed and hung. All works will be for sale. There will be music, food and a cash bar.

Sponsors are: Fish Tale Marina, Santini Marina Plaza and the Fort Myers Beach Art Association. Contributing sponsors Holiday Inn, The Lighthouse Inn and Resorts, Smokin' Oyster Brewery, DiamondHead Resort, Coldwell Banker and World Championship Sandsculpting are once again bringing in music and food to enhance the experience of the plein air artists and visitors.

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Music Walk Moves To Third Fridays In 2012

Starting in January, the Fort Myers Music Walk will happen every month on the third Friday. The move is due to conflicts throughout the year that caused date changes. The River District Alliance, which hosts Music Walk, decided the new schedule could better benefit the downtown business community and create the least amount of conflicts with Saturday events. Music Walk had to be moved to the fourth Saturday several times in 2011 to accommodate events such as Edison Festival of Lights, Surf and Song Festival and Zombicon.

Along with the move to Fridays, the River District Alliance plans on launching a "buy local" Saturday marketing campaign to capitalize on Southwest Florida's largest group of independent locally owned businesses in one area, the down-

town Fort Myers River District. The marketing campaign will promote the wealth of great happenings every Saturday of the month downtown, including outdoor markets, classic car shows, block parties, bike nights and more. Street performers will also still be welcome on Saturdays.

The River District Alliance alone has over 60 events planned in downtown Fort Myers in 2012, including the 4th of July Freedom Fest and the monthly Fort Myers Art Walk.

2012 Fort Myers Music Walk dates:

- January 20
- February 17
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 21

For additional information contact
Andy, andy@fortmyersmusicwalk.com.✪

Model Trains Annual Holiday Show



The Scale Rails Holiday Train Show features ON30 scale layout with winter scenery

On November 26 and 27, Scale Rails of Southwest Florida presents its annual Scale Rails Holiday Train Show at the Aruba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers. There will be many special attractions such as dealers and collectors selling trains and accessories. There will be four operating layouts to see. The Christmas O Scale will be decorated in winter scenery. There will also be an ON30 layout, and the Scale Rails Tidewater District layout in N scale. An N scale complete layout will be raffled during the show. In the Scale Rails clubhouse, a complete HO triple deck

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Bill Brown Comes To Town

by Gerri Reaves



The arrival of Bill Brown's oxen train from the Big Cypress qualified as a newsworthy spectacle in pioneer days.

This historic photo shows Brown, his son Frank, and their caravan on Hendry Street circa 1910. In the background is the Stone Block (now called the Leon Building).

One *Fort Myers Press* account around the turn of the 20th century described the newly arrived entourage as consisting of "wife and four children, two wagons, four yoke of cattle, three dogs, 513 gator hides, seven otter hides, 10 Seminole chickens, three pigs, 30 pounds of buckskin, and four pounds of

alligator teeth."

In October 1902, the Browns' three wagons rolled into town, each wagon drawn by three yoke of oxen and heavily laden with items for trade. He brought 604 alligator hides on that one trip, a small indication of the scale of hunting and trading of the time.

Today, the statistics are staggering. Particularly shocking to contemplate more than a century later is the large volume of trade and profit in egret and other plumes used to decorate ladies' hats. Millions of egrets, herons, flamingos, spoonbills, terns, cormorants, and other species were killed for the millinery trade.

Florida passed laws against plume hunting in 1891 and 1901, but it still flourished. Despite a federal ban in 1900, it did not end overnight.

So profitable was the plume trade that at least two wardens hired privately to protect rookeries were murdered in South Florida, the most famous being Guy



Trade in plumes, hides, furs, and alligator teeth on Hendry Street has been replaced with restaurants, night clubs, trade in antiques and collectibles, and legal advice
photo by Gerri Reaves



Bill Brown and his son Frank with two ox teams park on Hendry Street, circa 1910, in the vicinity of the Stone Block. The arrival of his caravan meant big business in town.
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Bradley, an Audubon warden murdered in 1905 near Oyster Key.

Fort Myers' prominent role as a hub for the plume trade remains one of the darker chapters in local history.

Brown's 40-mile trip into Fort Myers was arduous, especially if the ground was wet, and could mean weeks of camping and slow going. He left town with wagons just as full, but with merchandise for his Indian trading post, which traded exclusively with Seminoles.

The bounty was a veritable rolling general store: 355-pound barrels of sugar, 196-pound barrels of grits, sacks of flour, rifles, shotguns, ammo, canned goods, bolts of cloth, skinning knives, farm implements, pots, pans, skillets, harnesses, sewing machines, beads for Seminole women, and derby hats, watch chains, and vests for Seminole men.

How did Brown end up being the central figure in the Indian trade in the Everglades? His early biography reads like an adventure novel.

William Henry "Bill" Brown actually was an assumed name. Born into a well-to-do family in Bristol, England, he left home at age 17 rather than attend prep school.

In 1870, he was apprenticing on a ship laying transatlantic cable. After jumping ship in Havana, Cuba, he arrived in Punta Rassa by cattle boat. He worked various jobs in the next few years, and eventually moved to central Lee County when Frank Tippins, his wife's uncle, was sheriff.

After he settled in the Everglades, he became a regular visitor to downtown Fort Myers, doing business first with HA Parker's store and later with RA Henderson's.

By the time Brown died in 1927, the heyday of the Indian trade had died too. Walk to Hendry Street and imagine the scene when Bill Brown parked his caravan and began to unload his goods.

Then take a short walk to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about trading in pioneer days.

Be sure to see the exhibit, Learning from Modernism: A Celebration of Mid-

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Tickets On Sale For Fifth Annual Tux & Trees Gala

Tickets to the fifth annual Tux & Trees Gala, Southwest Florida's most philanthropic holiday event, are now on sale. This year's Tux & Trees Gala will be held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The black-tie optional gala and live auction has raised nearly \$215,000 in its first four years. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available online at www.tuxandtrees.com. Tickets can also be purchased by calling (239) 652-1649.

Local television personality Carley Wegner and charity auctioneer Scott Robertson will co-host this year's Gala.

For the last two years, Southwest Floridians have turned their day around with Wegner, the charismatic hostess of the Morning Blend on Fox-4. Wegner is a native Floridian and a graduate of Florida State University.

Robertson has conducted charity auctions in ten states, and worked with numerous celebrities, including Lily Tomlin, Sharon Stone, Meryl Streep, and Norman Schwartzkopf. He's helped a number of Southwest Florida organizations to raise funds.

The Tux & Trees Gala is the exciting conclusion of the Festival of Trees, a holiday showcase of 26 beautifully decorated trees, holiday wreaths, and more at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers' River District. The showcase is open to the public for holiday viewing from Nov. 28 through December 2.

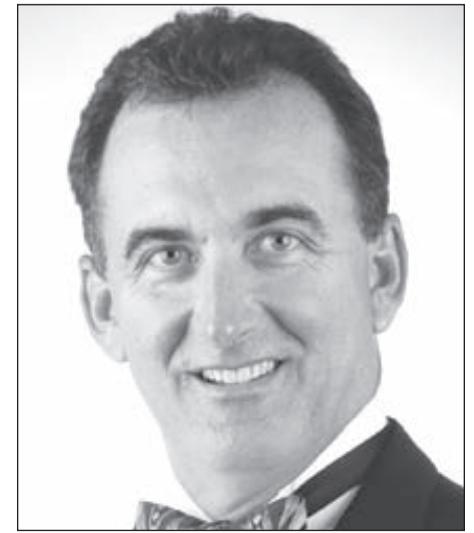
Other Festival of Trees special events include the opening weekend's Children's Holiday Workshop (Nov. 25-27) and the Festival Family Fun Night (Nov. 30).

The Festival of Trees and the Tux & Trees Gala are the signature fundraising events of the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, which supports programs and services for people with disabilities and other disadvantages in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties. More information about Goodwill's programs and services is available at www.goodwilswfl.org.

The Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala are presented with the assistance of sponsorships from The Home Depot, *The News-Press*, *D'Latinos Magazine*, *Azteca America SWFL* and Sunny 106.3. Additional support is provided by Gulfcoast Consulting Group, Inc. and Westco Builders of Florida, Inc.✳



Carley Wegner



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Board members Jessica Anderson of the Lee County Tax Collector's Office, Judith Paskvan of the Hendry County Health Department, and Shernette Atkinson of BB&T Oswald Trippe



Jack Eisenga of HealthPark Florida, Karen Miller of HAS Engineers & Scientists, and Scott Robertson of Scott Robertson Auctioneers



Officers of Child Care of SWF: John Miller, secretary; Dale Korzec, chairman; Jack Eisenga, treasurer; and Karen Miller, vice-chair.

Child care workers, board members and community supporters gathered at the Alliance of the Arts November 9 to celebrate a year of change and accomplishment for Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.

CEO Beth Lobdell said it has been a year of "change and challenge" as the agency provides early childhood education at its six child care schools in Lee and Hendry counties.

Children from the Joseph H. Messina Children's Center in Fort Myers dressed in costumes to sing and dance for the audience.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are: Dale Korzec of BB&T Bank, chairman; Karen Miller of HSA Engineers & Scientists in Fort Myers, vice-chairman; John Miller of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, secretary; and Jack Eisenga, controller of HealthPark Florida in Fort Myers, treasurer.

During 2010-11, Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc. served 700 children in child care schools; operated six child care schools, all of which are accredited by the National Accrediting Council; conducted training for 2,700 early childhood teachers;

employed 110 people; installed three Natural Playscape playgrounds; and expanded the federal food program to 176 child care homes and 80 child care schools in 14 counties from Indian River on Florida's east coast to Collier County on the west coast.

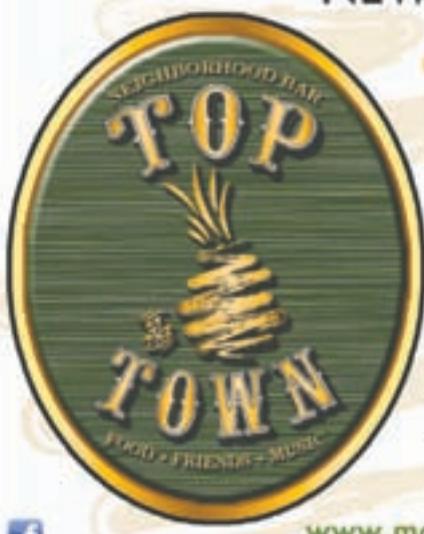
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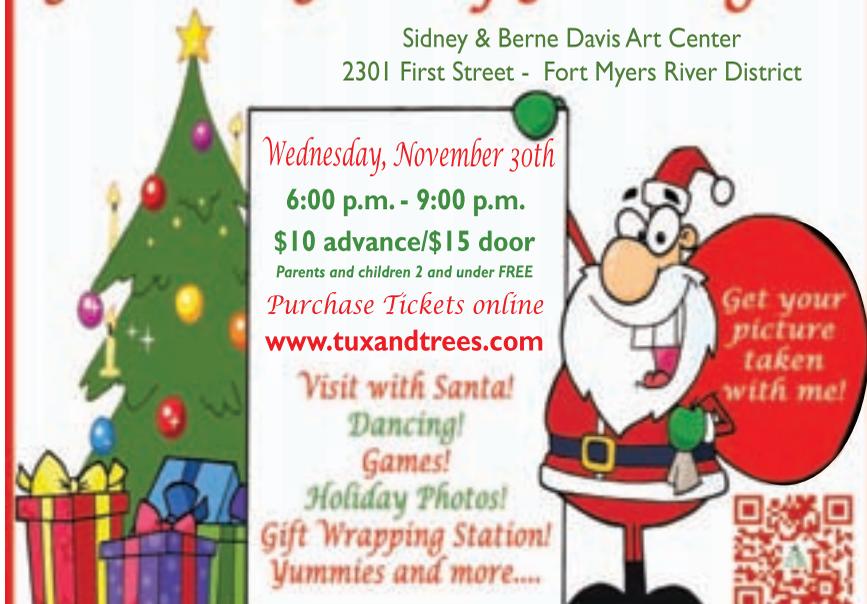
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Students Aim At Guinness Record In Sport Stacking

Students from Southwest Florida Christian Academy will help break the Guinness World Record in sport stacking on Thursday, November 17 at the 6th Annual World Sport Stacking Association STACK UP! November 17 is Guinness World Records Day. The best times to attend is 8:20 to 9:45 a.m.; 10:25 to 1:45 a.m., or 12:45 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

It will be cup crazy on Thursday, November 17 as thousands of participants take part in what Guinness World Records terms the World's Largest Sport Stacking Event. During the course of the Guinness World Records Day, sport stackers from all over the world will be up stacking and down stacking various pyramids in prescribed patterns at lightning speed for at least 30 minutes, all combined with a variety of fitness activities. Sights are set on 350,000 stackers participating as sport stacking with Speed Stacks continues to gain popularity around the world.

Sport stacking has been termed a "track meet for your hands at warp speed." It is an exciting sport where students up stack and down stack 12 specially designed cups called Speed Stacks in predetermined sequences as fast as they can. Stackers race against the clock, compete in relays and often combine

sport stacking with fitness challenges as part of physical education classes (check out thewssa.com or speedstacks.com).

Last year, 316,736 stackers participated to break the previous year's STACK UP! record of 276,053. Once again, tens of thousands of stackers are expected to contribute their sport stacking skills from across the United States and around the world in countries such as Germany, Singapore, South Africa, New Zealand, Columbia, Taiwan and Israel.

According to Bob Fox, World Sport Stacking Association (WSSA) founder and CEO, the Guinness event is a wonderful way to bring together sport stackers from across the globe. He said, "Sport stacking is an activity enjoyed by all ages and cultures. It promotes hand-eye coordination, fitness, teamwork, speed and lots of fun. This is the sixth year we've teamed up with Guinness World Records, and we're excited to have another shot at breaking a world record."

Sport stacking with Speed Stacks is in more than 34,000 schools and youth organizations worldwide. It's appealing to teachers and students because it's easy to learn but very challenging to master. Benefits include improved reaction time, hand-eye coordination, concentration and focus. The WSSA is the governing body for sport stacking and promotes stack meets, leagues and tournaments around the world. Speed Stacks is the official equipment supplier to the WSSA.

To take part in the record-setting STACK UP!, schools and organizations

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Farmers' Market Announces Special Day-Before-Thanksgiving Hours

The River District Farmers' Market in downtown Fort Myers announces special day-before-Thanksgiving hours for the convenience of holiday cooks and shoppers who would like fresh food and handmade products at reasonable prices. The market, located at 2000 West First Street underneath the U.S. 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge in Centennial Park, is normally open Thursdays – but for the Thanksgiving holiday, it will be open Wednesday, November 23, frp, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. instead.

At the River District Farmers' Market, holiday cooks are able to purchase fresh, local produce, honey, nuts and nut butters, bread and pastries, cheese and flowers for their harvest tables, often finding a variety lacking in the average grocery store.

Free two-hour parking is available next to the market under the Caloosahatchee Bridge.

Visit www.cityftmyers.com/farmersmarket or call 321-7100 for more information. The River District Farmers' Market, originally called the Downtown Farmers' Market, has been in operation since 1994. The market currently features vendors offering an assortment of goods including fruits, vegetables, a variety of cheese, baked goods, honey, nuts, flowers, plants, and soaps.✧

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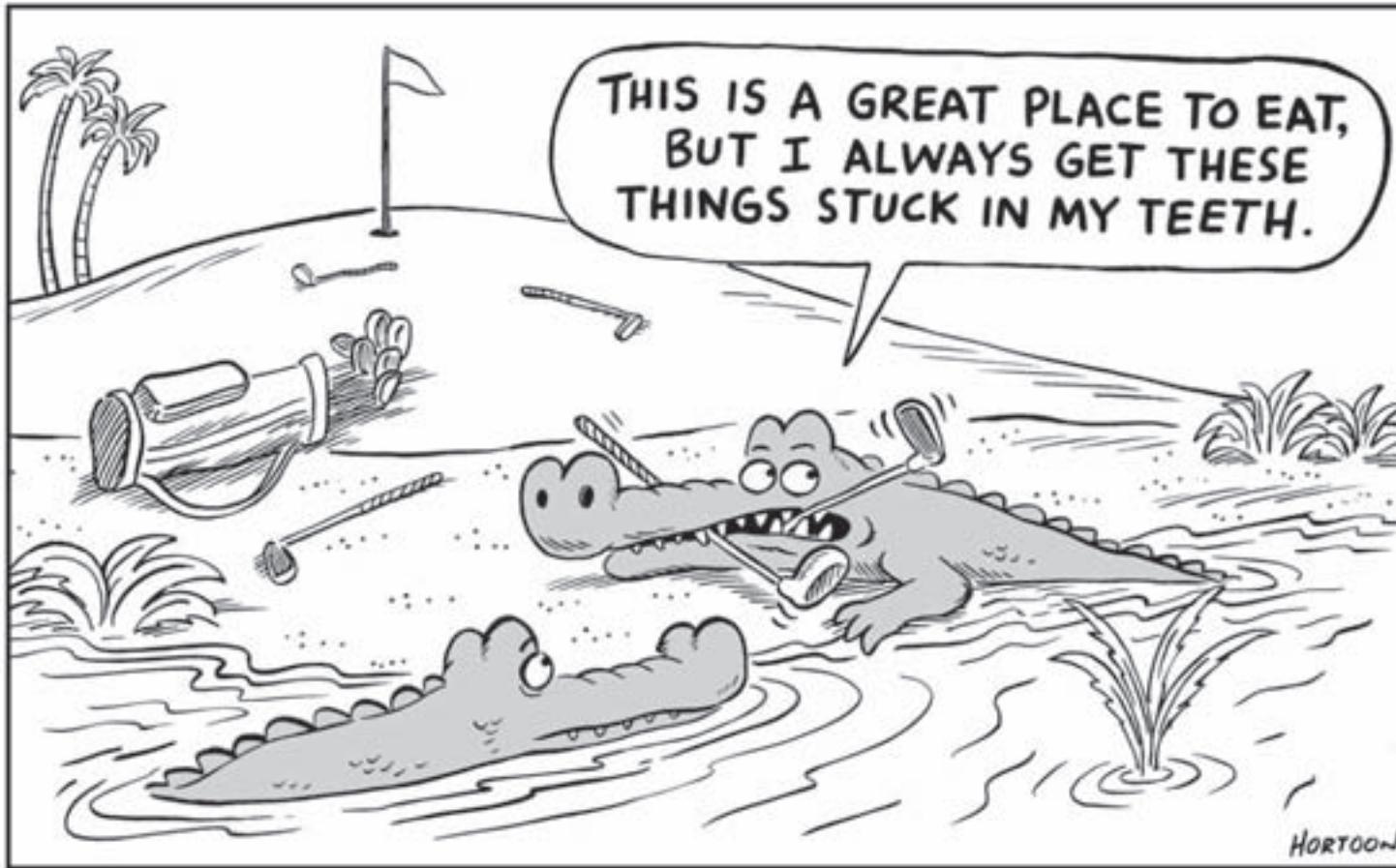
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Bill Brown

Century Design, co-hosted by the American Institute of Architects, FLASW.

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Continue your adventure with a visit to one of the area's best historical research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, located on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the all-volunteer non-profit organization at 939-4044. Or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon to peruse the fascinating archives.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society; the archives of the Fort Myers News-Press; and *Pelts, Plumes, and Hides* by Harry A. Kersey.*

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Movie Night To Support Lee County Domestic Animal Services

Students from Florida Gulf Coast University's Civic Engagement Program will present the film *Super 8* at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. Moviegoers are asked to bring pet food or make a donation to support Lee County Domestic Animal Service's Community Pet Pantry Program. The PG-13 film is about a group of friends who experience a series of unexplained events after witnessing a train crash in their home town. The event is presented in partnership with O'Ryan Sound and Diamonds Real Estate Inc. Contact Cassandra O'Donnell for more information.*

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Auction To Benefit Animal Shelter



The Animal Refuge Center is holding its 17th Annual Starlight Auction fundraiser to benefit orphaned and abandoned animals housed at the sanctuary. The event is at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 26. Guests can take part in silent and live auctions, and have dinner, dessert and a complimentary cocktail.

Highlighting the live auction will be an original painting from Darryl Pottorf, two South African Photographic Safari Trips via Zulu Nyala, and a bronze statue by Laran Ghiglieri.

Also offered will be artwork by Lynne Loshbaugh and Nancy Colby, wood carvings by Luke Andrews, jewelry by Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Congress Jewelers and Lily & Co., gift certificates to fine restaurants and trips to local and far away resorts. In total over 200 items are available to bid on.

Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes admission, dinner, dessert and complimentary cocktail. Last year's auction brought in over \$172,000 for ARC which is the largest no-kill shelter/sanctuary in Southwest Florida.

Incorporated in 1988, Animal Refuge Center is a not-for-profit animal welfare society, dedicated to caring for all homeless animals brought to its care at its 22-1/2-acre sanctuary in North Fort Myers. The sanctuary houses a Welcome Center, Canine Training Center, 14 feline facilities, 39 canine lodges and is home to more than 350 cats and 60 dogs.

Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa is located at 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers near the Sanibel causeway. To order tickets for the 2011 Starlight Auction, contact Betty Hughes at 841-0810 or by email at bettyhughes@comcast.net.

For more information about ARC, visit animalrefuge.com.*



Marines in dress uniform witnessed the arrival of the World Trade Center slurry wall block at San Priest's Fort Myers art studio and ceremoniously removed and folded the flag

Local Sculptor Worked On 9/11 Project 11up

As salvaged steel sections from the World Trade Center were publicly being awarded around the country for 9/11 memorials, Sandra (San) Priest was the only artist commissioned – covertly – to create sculptures out of the concrete slurry wall, or “bathtub” foundation surrounding Ground Zero.

With the recent completion and unveiling of that first memorial sculpture, Priest, who has a studio in Fort Myers, is now proud to nationally announce the launch of Project 11up. The project entails the creation of a total of 11 unique sculptures, each carved from the original wall of the Trade Center, to be placed around the country so Americans everywhere will have a tangible way to honor the lives lost in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

“My deepest desire is to connect people across the U.S. with the memories – and the healing – of 9/11,” said Priest, a nationally recognized mural and sculpture artist. She spent eight intense months creating the official memorial sculpture from a four-ton piece of the concrete wall that supported the World Trade Center. The inaugural sculpture is titled *Victorii Rebuild*. Priest added, “I see these sculptures as the foundation of the rebuilding of our nation.”

Priest lived in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, area in 2006-08, where she came up with the idea of placing 11 concrete sculptures around the country to commemorate 9/11. She first thought concrete pipe would be her medium but could not get the project off the ground in a timely manner. She built a website around her idea and five years later, in December 2010, was contacted through the website to create the first concrete sculpture from the World Trade Center wall as a gift for New York City. She learned that the blocks were being stored in Lehigh Valley – the same place her vision for Project 11up was born.

The first 10,000-pound block of the concrete wall arrived at Priest's studio in early 2011, a few months after she received the call from the company that removed the concrete from the World Trade Center site. The slab arrived draped in an American flag that was ceremoni-

ously removed and folded by four Marines in full dress uniform.

The concrete was embedded with an old style of rebar that is no longer made, and studded with aggregate stones.

Eight months later, it left Priest's studio as a finely crafted testimony to the loss and heroism of 9/11. Its V-shape on top, some say, stands for victory, and two parallel pieces of rebar in the base represent the number 11. The base sides were kept rough so viewers could see the wall exactly as it was when it came out of the ground. Binary code for DC, PA, and NY are carved into the smaller block on top and the sides of the V. Priest chose binary code for a more subtle look, to ease viewers' conceptions of the tragedy. It is the only artwork ever made from the concrete slurry wall foundation of the World Trade Center.

Today, the sculpture sits in front of the City Hall complex in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, while awaiting a permanent spot in New York City. It was installed on the 10th anniversary of the attacks this past September. Priest is now pouring her talent, sweat, patriotism and determination into the additional sculptures that will complete her Project 11up.

“I have traveled all over the U.S. and talked to many people about the project,” said Priest, whose passion to promote national rebuilding and healing through her artwork is uncontainable. “Everyone has some kind of connection to that day. They long to pay their respects but don't have anything nearby to be able to do that. When these sculptures are placed strategically all over the U.S., they will be within driving distance so many could have a physical way to experience healing from 9/11 without having to go to New York.” Priest especially wants sculptures placed in Hawaii and Alaska, knowing from her travels just how disconnected people are from these most remote states.

Bethlehem Mayor John Callahan understands Priest's desire to make the sculptures accessible to all Americans. “Our residents have responded in a very real and dramatic way to the sculpture,” Callahan said. “Nobody can walk by without stopping to look at it and touch it. It is a very powerful and very beautiful piece, and I'm quite sure wherever the other sculptures are placed, the people who live there will have a similar response.”

Many people were unintentionally involved in the sculpture project. For example:



San Priest works on the memorial sculpture that she carved from the slurry wall of the World Trade Center

- Husqvarna, one of the world's largest producers of power products, shipped a new commercial-grade, wire saw prototype to make its maiden cut on the sculpture. Three national representatives of the company surprised Priest when they arrived with the saw to run the machine and witness the first cut.

- Priest was at a local store to purchase wet saws when the salesman became emotional. He had been living close to Ground Zero when the Trade Center towers were attacked and fell. He and his wife relocated to Fort Myers after finding it too painful to stay in New York City.

- Family-owned plumbing, photography, electrical and crane companies called to offer assistance, taking no fees for their services.

The concrete used to construct the Trade Center wall originally came from an area near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which is only 70 miles from New York City. The salvaged pieces of concrete were removed and are currently being stored at a company in that same town. Mayor Callahan insists it was “beyond just coincidence” that the sculpture is now sitting on the City Hall plaza.

Priest may be the first artist to ever

carve a sculpture out of such a massive piece of concrete. Most concrete artists pour wet concrete into molds to make their sculptures. The World Trade Center concrete is unique because it was poured in the mid 1960s and had a long time to cure under great pressure from the towers and other buildings in the area. Parts of the concrete blocks are as much as 14,000 pounds per square inch in density.

As Priest announces her plans to the national for the launch of Project 11up, she is currently negotiating a commission from another mayor in the U.S. who has requested a proposal for the next piece. Priest also recently created and loaned a smaller sculpture to the Oregon State University Memorial Hall so the school can raise funds to place a larger Project 11up sculpture on campus. She said she is excited to share this project with Americans across the country.

There are now only nine blocks of the wall remaining, and Priest is reviewing sculpture requests from other states that would like to commission a Project 11up sculpture.

“This concrete does not belong to any one entity now,” said Priest. “It belongs to everyone.”**



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Schedule of events:

- 9 a.m. Gates open
- 10 a.m. Nervous Nellie's opens
- 11 a.m. Gates open for bike parking and DJ music starts
- Noon to 1 p.m. First band performance on the Jagermeister mobile stage
- 1 p.m. Introduction to celebrity riders, guests and a tribute to Tommy Ruzzano
- 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Escorted riders arrive via Collier and Lee County Sheriffs from Fort Lauderdale
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Under the Influence performs
- 3 to 4 p.m. Trey Ward Band performs
- 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. KISS Alive the Tribute performs

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Tickets for Run With the Gators Toy Drive & Bike Rally and Sand Jam are \$10 and can be purchased at Nervous Nellie's or online at www.catcountry1071.com.
Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery and Ugly's Waterfront Bar are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. For more information, call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnelliess.net.

On Sunday, November 20 from noon to 6 p.m., **Party on the Green** comes to Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. The family-fun event features live music by Bill Metts, Dunkin & Mariah, Thomas Godsay, and Frankie and George. Barbecue chicken dinners, beer and wine are available for purchase along with raffle tickets for prizes.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate. To purchase advance tickets for Party on the Green, contact Richard Supalo at 691-0972.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers near the Colonial intersection.

Buster's Sports Tavern & Family Eatery in Fort Myers is home of the New England Patriots fan club. Every Sunday during NFL season, watch the Pats on Buster's numerous large-screen TVs.

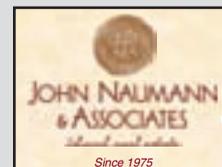
Drop into Buster's for good times and great food. The restaurant is under new ownership and is a neighborhood favorite with a casual, friendly dining atmosphere. The menu offers an inspired array of selections sure to satisfy everyone in your group, every time. Be sure to ask your server about new selections, daily specials, and special chef's creations. Whether you're in the mood for casual dining or a special occasion, Buster's is sure to please.

Buster's is located at 16681 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers near the Sanibel Causeway. It is open daily from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Carryout and gift cards are available. Call 466-4144 or go to busteraseatery.com.

After a day on Sanibel's Lighthouse Beach, grab a cool and tasty treat from **Pinocchio's Original Homemade Italian Ice Cream**. The quaint shop has been a Sanibel tradition for nearly 30 years. Visitors drive to the island to enjoy the pristine beaches, excellent shelling and natural wildlife. Families and residents often take the bicycle paths to the Sanibel Lighthouse on the east end of the island. Many say their favorite stop along the way is Pinocchio's.

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Sunshine Grille



Teo Diaz, Sandy Stillwell and Nic Owens in front of the wood-fired grill



Brian Weaver manning the outdoor bar

The Sunshine Grille is now open in an exciting new location right next door to the former Sunshine Seafood Café. Along with the move, owner Sandy Stillwell made a slight name change to emphasize the focus on wood-fired steaks and seafood.

Before occupying the Arizona Pizza location, Stillwell remodeled the restaurant to reflect the Sunshine style customers have come to enjoy. Chef Tao and Chef Migel continue to tempt locals with their favorite daily specials.

Serving lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the menu features soups, salads, appetizers, wood-fired

flatbreads and a large selection of home-made comfort foods, wood-grilled steaks and fresh seafood.

There's something for every taste, from the all-American cheeseburger to sesame-crusted salmon and grilled rack of lamb, all prepared on the wood-fired grill.

Sunshine Grille also offers daily happy hour with a special bar menu and live music. It boasts a party room for private functions.

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Beach Branches by Michele Buelow

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Paint The Beach

Tickets for the gala are on sale at the Fish Tale Marina office and the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery. Tickets are \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. An order form for tickets is on the website. www.fortmyersbeachart.com. See visitors event schedule. A raffle of six paintings, donated by FMBAA members Fred Bushnell, Mimi Little, Neil



Rounding the Mark by Michele Buelow

Walling, Nancy Morgan, Sue Pink and Michele Buelow, will be held on Sunday, November 20. Tickets are available at the gallery or at the festival.

For more information call 463-3909.✧

Live Music Will Be Heard All Over Downtown Fort Myers This Saturday

The monthly music event features live bands at over a dozen venues, including restaurants, galleries, and bars, plus street performers all over the downtown streets. Music Walk venues showcase a variety of music, from punk, rockabilly, indie, reggae, and folk, to piano and steel drums. The event is the largest of its kind regionally. Music Walk is an all ages event that starts at 7 p.m. Free parking available.

Starting in January, Music Walk will be moving to the third Friday of the month. Highlights of this Saturday's event include:

- HOWL Gallery/Tattoo – local original local bands: After the Fact, crickets make math, Down To Fall, Embrace Oblivion, and Ghost Dog Ela.
- Spirits of Bacchus – live music by the Drunk Monkeys.
- French Connection – Adam McCardell performs.
- Hideaway Sports Bar – blues by Mike Imbasciani.
- Indigo Room – rockabilly band Memphis56.
- Franklin Shops – IVocal Artistry.
- Downtown House of Pizza – Glory Chamber, Barbara Chamberlain and Linda Di Gloria.
- Morgan House – The Oyster Fantastic Band, 7 to 10 p.m. and DJ Christyle from 10 p.m. 'til close.
- City Tavern – The Underground, toe-tapping rock and roll songs that you know every word to.
- Twisted Vine – Patrick Jerome.
- The Veranda – Gary Goetz at the piano bar.

For further event information, go to info@fortmyersmusicwalk.com or call 866-rda-events.✧

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Sport Stacking

around the world are required to register 25 or more stackers with the WSSA. Once they complete their 30 minutes of stacking for each participant (anytime during November 17), they are required to send an online verification of numbers to the WSSA, which will pass on the total count to Guinness for official recognition. For more information go to www.thewssa.com or www.speedstacks.com.✧

Some Rays Of Sunshine In Local Tourism Numbers

by Anne Mitchell

In September, Lee County hosted 252,000 visitors, who spent \$95 million, according to Davidson-Peterson Associates, consultant to the Lee County Tourist Development Council. Visitors staying in paid accommodations contributed \$68.2 million to the total – a 1.8 percent increase year-over-year.

Total visitor expenditures for calendar year-to-year continued to show improvement over last year with a 12.7 percent gain. Average occupancy rate rose 4.7 percent year-over-year for September.

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau has announced that the fiscal year completed in September represents the highest bed tax collection on record with revenue of \$24.2 million.

Nearly 50,000 Lee County residents are employed in tourism, which has an economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion economic impact.

The airport, however, saw a decrease in passengers in September. Some 351,881 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, down 6.1 percent compared to September 2010. Year-to-date, passenger traffic was up 2.7 percent from the same period last year.✧

Give Thanks At Chapel By The Sea, Captiva

People will gather at Captiva Chapel By The Sea on November 23 at 5 p.m. for an informal Thanksgiving Eve service remembering our heritage and offering thanks. The Rev. Thomas E. Nyman will preside.

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Arts for ACT

this discipline for eight years. Along the way, she picked up her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York. She moved to Switzerland in 1995 and sailed the world with Tom for about five years on a sailing boat he built, and their journey landed them in Cape Coral, where they live when not in Switzerland. Fausel is active in the local Art League, the Alliance for the Arts, the National League of American Pen Women. She is a prize-winning artist, who works in an abstract realistic manner. Her media of choice is watercolor and mixed media, paint and collage.

Honey Costa began creating her watercolors in the hills of Pennsylvania while attending classes at the Baum School of Art over 30 years ago. Her subject matter of old barns and maple trees soon turned to the vibrant palette of the Caribbean. Living aboard a 37-foot sailboat with her husband and sailing the picturesque islands of the West Indies and South America opened a whole new world of color and subject matter. After five years of sailing the Windward Islands, she came ashore in Cape Coral. Living on the water has enabled her to capture the multifaceted beauty of the island people and their lifestyle and vistas. Costa captures tropical views here in the paradise of Southwest Florida, as well as Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Cuba, and the Bahamas Islands. Recent visits to the islands of Grenada, Brazil, Argentina,

Panama, Jamaica and Costa Rica have resulted in vibrant watercolors. Costa exhibits in state and area art shows and is an active member of the Cape Coral Art League, Lee County Alliance of the Arts, Florida Watercolor Society, Fort Myers Beach Art Association and the National League of American Pen Women.

Ron Evans is a local artist living in Fort Myers. He considers himself more of a "colorist" as opposed to an "artist." He tries to capture the interaction of shapes dissolving into a structure of color. His media of choice is acrylic or watercolor. Evans' works range in size from small to very large, and are a colourful explosion of abstract fantasy.

These exhibits continue through Monday, January 2.✱



Klimt's Garden by Honey Costa

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Model Trains

operating layout will be available for viewing with admission to the show. There will also be a Thomas the Train for the children to operate.

The show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$2 for teens. Children under 12 and service personnel in uniform are admitted free. The Araba Shrine Temple is at 2010 Hanson Street, Fort Myers. For information, call the Scale Rails clubhouse at 731-0520.✱

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Call To Artists For BIG ARTS Holiday Ornament Exhibit

BIG ARTS invites artists to prepare entries for the Merry, Artsy Holiday Ornament Exhibit & Sale, which will run Saturday, December 3 through Saturday, January 14 in Founders Gallery. Entries must be delivered to BIG ARTS on Thursday, December 1, between 9 a.m. and noon, and cannot be accepted prior to this receiving date and time. More information about this exhibit is available at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, and online at www.BIGARTS.org.

Artists may enter up to five lightweight tree ornaments; two wreaths no more than 24 inches in diameter; two wall or pedestal pieces that must fit into a 12-inch square; or any combination of these that does not exceed each category limit. Nine is the total number of possible entries an artist may submit.

There is no submission fee to participate. All submitted ornaments and decorations must be work not previously exhibited at BIG ARTS and must be available for purchase.

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In Immokalee, Saray drew a wreath of oranges. In Homestead, Veronica drew a Christmas tree of tomatoes. In Wimauma, Marlene drew Rudolph.

Now, the painstaking artistry of these and dozens of other children has been converted into Christmas cards for sale to the public in a fundraiser to benefit the children of Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA).

RCMA operates childcare centers, charter schools and after-school programs for children of the rural poor in 21 Florida counties. Money raised through its Christmas cards is matched 16:1 through a state grant that funds many of its 74 childcare centers – so a \$30 order of Christmas cards qualifies RCMA for \$480 in state funds.

“Usually, a child’s best art gets displayed on a refrigerator,” said Barbara Mainster, RCMA’s executive director. “But here, it’s printed and sold! The kids get intense.”

A minimum \$15 order contains 10 cards and envelopes. The front of each card bears the holiday art; the back contains a photo and paragraph about the child artist.

An order of at least 100 cards, for \$150, entitles the buyer to choose an exclusive card, unavailable to anyone else.

They must be ordered by December 15. An online order form is at www.rcma.org/holidaycards. When completed, it



Veronica drew a Christmas tree of oranges. She is a kindergartener in an RCMA after-school program in Homestead. Her favorite subject is art and she likes to play at the park. When Veronica grows up she wants to be a doctor.

can be faxed to RCMA at 658-3593, or mailed to Judy Brill at RCMA, 402 West Main Street, Immokalee, FL 34142. Or call Brill at 1-800-282-6540 or 289-6822 or judy@rcma.org.

Orders of exclusive cards must be placed by phone to Sonia Tighe at (813) 975-8377 or via email to sonia.tighe@ffva.com.



Adee, a four-grader at RCMA's Immokalee Community School, drew a colorful angel. She loves school and hopes to become a teacher one day.



Henry drew coconut trees. Henry is a kindergartener in an RCMA after-school program in Homestead. His favorite subject is art and when he grows up he hopes to become a police officer.



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Junior Achievement Of Southwest Florida Needs More Volunteers



JA board member and volunteer Steve Brown mentors students at The Sanibel School

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida (JA) is seeking classroom volunteers who want to help prepare the next generation of Southwest Floridians with lessons on financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Participants of all ages and walks of life are eligible to teach JA's curriculum in elementary, middle and high school classes in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

"If you want to change lives, come see me," said Cecilia St. Arnold, program director for Junior Achievement. "Although we are proud to report that we experienced record growth last year, we still have to turn down teachers who want us to provide JA programs in their classrooms. We are always in need of more volunteers."

Junior Achievement programs are officially part of the curriculum in both Collier and Lee counties, but the programs would not be possible without volunteers who donate one hour a week for five to seven weeks, depending on the grade level they will teach. In less than one hour, JA trains individuals to teach grade-appropriate curriculum in the classroom. Some skip training altogether, relying on the JA instruction manual to guide them. While many of these volunteers are active business professionals and entrepreneurs, others are college students and retirees. There is no prerequisite for age or experience.

Volunteers are accepted year-round and training is provided as needed. St. Arnold recently completed a training session for volunteers who are now teaching the fall session, which began at the end of October. Junior Achievement is also recruiting volunteers for its winter session, which begins after the holiday break, and its spring session, beginning after FCAT testing is completed.

"We are very flexible and do our best to accommodate volunteers, placing them in a school that is near their home or place of business at a time of year that works best for them," said St. Arnold. "Training continues throughout the year.

Many join because they have always wanted to try teaching, and others just want to see children succeed."

Kendra Sutton, marketing consultant for WINK News, began volunteering last year at Heights Elementary School. "It's such a small time commitment, and the students and teachers really appreciate it," said Sutton. "Some community projects I work on require months of work, but volunteering for JA is something I can do once week on my lunch break for five weeks. It takes me about 20 minutes to study the JA materials to prepare for a class."

Sutton said this small investment of time results in great rewards. "When I arrive, the students are smiling and eager to learn. Sometimes I feel like they did



JA volunteer Dr. Carrie Kerekes, a professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, engages with students at Cypress Lake Middle School

more for me than I did for them. I leave feeling recharged for the rest of the day," she said.

Sutton also appreciates how flexible the program is. One week she couldn't teach the class due to work responsibilities, and the teacher was happy to work around her schedule.

Volunteer opportunities are described in detail at www.jaswfl.org, and individuals who are interested in participating can call the Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida office at 225-2590 or submit an online volunteer interest form (<http://www.jaswfl.org/volunteerapp/volunteer-app.html>).

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior

Achievement of Southwest Florida Inc. provides in-school and after-school programs for students in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties that focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Today, 124 individual area operations reach 4 million students in the United States, with an additional 5 million students served by operations in 120 other countries worldwide. For more information, contact the Southwest Florida office at 225-2590 or visit www.JASWFL.org.✱

Peace Lutheran Church Debuts GRACE Project

An Advent choral presentation offering a contemporary look at the Biblical events leading up to the Advent of our Lord will take place on Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church.

The GRACE Project features the Peace Festival Choir and guest soloist, Mark Sanders as written by Lizz King, a member of Peace Church, in collaboration with Ric Jaeggi, director of music.

Cayle Thompson, WINK-TV News anchor and Paula Sklodowski, WGPU public media outreach coordinator, will narrate the Biblical events leading to one of the greatest oral traditions ever told.

A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Peace Lutheran Church Music Program.

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Churches/Temples

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FGCU Hosts Dialogue Among Local Christian, Jewish And Muslim Leaders

Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Human Rights Studies presents Let's Talk: Dialogue among Leaders of Local Christian, Jewish and Muslim Congregations, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, November 30 in the Student Union Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Attendees will learn about the relation between the religions and theologies of Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths and the political movements that proclaim their respective banners.

The talk will be moderated by Rabbi James Rudin, and features a panel with Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Abdul'haq Muhammad, and Rev. Kathleen L. Kircher. Discussion table facilitators include Rabbi James Perman, Rabbi Adam Miller, Pastor Walter Still, Ann Jacobson and Gerald Melnick. The program is underwritten in part honoring the memory of Saul Stern.*

Church To Host National Move To Amend Forum

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers will host a community forum on Creating Democracy and Challenging Corporate Rule with guest speaker David Cobb of the Move to Amend campaign. The event will be at the UU Church of Fort Myers, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, December 11. It is sponsored by the Adult Religious Education Committee of the church and is part history lesson and part heart-felt call to action.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate spending on elections. Cobb, an attorney and organizer for the Move to Amend coalition, will help local residents understand the history behind the recent decision and how they can work to abolish "corporate personhood" and reestablish a government of, by, and for the people.

"Corporate personhood" commonly refers to court-created precedent that gives corporations constitutional rights intended solely for human beings.

"Corporate personhood is not an inconsequential legal technicality. The Supreme Court ruled that a corporation was a 'legal person' with 14th Amendment protections before they granted full personhood to African-Americans, immigrants, natives, or women," Cobb said.

"We are inspired by historic social movements that recognized the necessity of altering fundamental power relationships," he said. "America has progressed through ordinary people joining together - from the revolutionaries to abolitionists, suffragists, trade unionists, and civil rights activists through to today. Move to Amend is a long-term effort to make the U.S. Constitution more democratic."

The forum will focus on how Florida can join the national movement against corporate personhood. Cobb will provide information about the issue and facilitate a discussion about local action in Fort Myers and in communities across the United States to win the amendment campaign through grassroots mobilization.

"We are a diverse coalition with deep roots in communities nationwide. We recognize that amending the Constitution to restore the power of the people over corporations will not be easy, but we know correcting the Supreme Court is imperative to the progress of our nation," stated Cobb.

Over 145,000 people have signed an online petition supporting a constitutional amendment at www.MoveToAmend.org.

The UU Church of Fort Myers is at 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers. The public is invited to this free event. For local information contact Matt Hoffman at mwaters106@yahoo.com, hone 561-2700 or visit www.movetoamend.org*



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Manatee Zones Over For Pine Island Sound



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

As I always like to report this time of year, the manatee zones are over in Pine Island Sound from November 15 to March 31. Manatees are making their annual

way up to the warm water of the river. The slow speed zones in the river go into effect as our zones in the sound expire.

This really opens up a lot of water in Pine Island Sound that is not usually easily accessible to fisherman and boaters most of the year. I always look at it as an early Christmas present and it's one of the things I really like about winter. The rest of the year though these manatee zones just plain drive me crazy.

Don't get me wrong, I really enjoy seeing manatees in their natural environment and think they are one of the most amazing animals in our region. Don't let all the manatee propaganda fool you. Their recovery has nothing to do with slow speed zones and is all about water quality and public education. As a kid who was always out on a boat some 25 to 30 years ago, I was lucky to see a manatee once a year. Now I see them in huge numbers just about every day. Boat traffic then was very light compared to today, yet there are hundreds more manatees now than back then.

We as boaters and fishermen are the first ones to be blamed for any manatee deaths as we are the easiest to target. Boats are forced to go slow in areas that have never seen a manatee. Even though the population of manatees is at an all-

time high in our area.

Then just to rub a little salt in the wounds, Lee County Manatee Park artificially warms the water for manatees, which pretty much chums them up the most travelled and polluted waterway in the county - just to make money and sell T-shirts.

The Florida panther, which is critically endangered, gets hit and killed by cars on the same roads over and over, yet traffic is not forced to go 5 mph or even 25 mph in these areas. The driving public would never allow it, yet boaters - a small part of the population - are easily robbed of this same right.

What could happen if one manatee gets a contagious disease after being lured in huge numbers up to Manatee Park? Now that is just not a good thing for the manatee.

Back to fishing, I'm done venting!

The week on the water seemed to bring a little bit of everything. Fishing between cold fronts followed its usual pattern of really great non-stop action for a few days before the front then the bite being a little slower with less options right after the cold front passed. I know it sounds like a broken record, but welcome to our winter fishing in Southwest Florida.

While fishing up around the bay side of Cayo Costa earlier in the week in calm conditions and light winds, I had the good fortune to run up on one of the largest schools of redfish I have seen in some time. The fish were held up on a white sand hump just on the edge of a deep slough between Cabbage Key and Captiva Pass. With so many fish balled up so tight, from a distance I thought they were big mullet. Upon closer inspection I quickly realized it was a school of 500-plus big bull redfish boiling the water.

Turning the boat away from the school, I set up 100 feet upwind of them. I baited two rods and pitched them into the bronze mass. As soon as the first bait landed it was inhaled. Then I pitched the second bait and it was already on by the time my angler picked up the slack line. We were on with a double hook-

up. After two good battles and a few Chinese fire drills, we released both 15-pound plus fish. The school had only moved about 50 yards and was now up on top of the white sand. They gave us one more hook-up before disappearing quickly into the deeper water. We spent another 15 minutes looking for the school again but never found them.

Before the last cold front, the Spanish mackerel bite was going off on the outside of Redfish Pass. Big schools of species were showering the huge schools of glass minnows. Chasing these feeding schools around is always a blast. I think bonita might be one of the most under-rated gamefish in our area. These mini tuna-like fish make blistering runs on light tackle and can be sight-fished using small spoons, jigs and even flies.

Inside the passes was also loaded with big schools of ladyfish, jacks and Spanish mackerel.

Redfish action was pretty consistent too before and after the front moved in. Redfish up to 29 inches were caught working mangrove shorelines and docks close to and around the passes. Shrimp and small live pinfish caught redfish of all sizes with more and more smaller rat reds being in the mix as the last of our big breeder fish move out the passes.

Once the front passed it was back to the old standby of shrimp fishing in the mangroves and deeper channels. This last cold snap really seemed to move in some of the bigger sheephead of the season along with a few of my first black drum of winter. Action was really steady if you got tucked away somewhere warm and out of the wind with deep water. Even though it was windy and cold right after the front for a few days live shrimp caught lots of fish even though the majority were on the small side.



A 35 inch redfish caught out of a huge school while fishing with Capt Matt Mitchell this week

Catch-and-release snook action for me has been about as slow as I can remember it. Fishing and live chumming in places the snook were at this time in years past has produced very few. Even working areas in the mouth of the river that always seem to hold good numbers of winter time snook has only paid off with a few 20- to 24-inch linesiders.

Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email captmattmitchell@aol.com.✪

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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Fall At The Six Mile Cypress Slough

Immerse yourself in nature this fall at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve. Staff and volunteers will offer a wide variety of programs for the public. Opportunities to explore nature on the boardwalk include daily guided walks, monthly moon walks, a native plant uses walk, and an introduction to birding walk. Other activities include a photo contest, a tracking club and an alligator detectives program. See below for more details and get outside!

Guided Nature Walks Daily (seven days a week) 9:30 to 11 a.m. Daily Guided Nature Walks begin November 1 at 9:30 a.m. as visitors stroll along the fully accessible raised boardwalk trail with an experienced volunteer naturalist. Walk is 90 minutes long and travels ¾ of a mile. Tour is free with paid parking of \$1 per hour per vehicle. No reservations are necessary and no groups of eight or more. Walks occur seven days a week.

Photo Contest
November through February 1
Pick out your favorite slough photos and enter them into this photo contest beginning November 1. All entries must be submitted by February 1. Awards will be presented at a reception held at the slough on Saturday, February 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Winners will be announced at 11 a.m. Contest rules and entry forms are available at the Interpretive Center desk or online at

www.sloughpreserve.org.

Tracking Club
Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, December 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join the Tracking Club as members learn about wildlife through their tracks. Reference book for class is *The Science and Art of Tracking* by Tom Brown Jr. Bring a lunch. For more information or to RSVP please call 533-7555.

*The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a Lee County Parks and Recreation wetland preserve with a raised boardwalk open to the public seven days a week from dawn until dusk. The trail is fully accessible and consists of a ¾-mile lower loop; the entire trail is 1.2 miles long. Visitors to this site will see examples of old Florida in the plants and animals that live there. This natural setting provides the perfect backdrop for Florida wildlife such as wading birds, turtles, alligators, otters, squirrels, woodpeckers, butterflies, dragonflies and more. Opportunities to see wildlife are plentiful whether walking on the trail or sitting at a pond overlook. For information, visit www.leeparks.org or contact Heather Gienapp at 533-7556.**

Fish Caught



Jay Brown holding his 50-pound cobia with Mark Wells giving him a hand

Jay Brown caught a cobia offshore on Tuesday, November 8 that weighed approximately 50 pounds. He had been grouper fishing about 14 miles offshore when a cobia was spotted swimming by the boat. Brown threw out a live pinfish on a 20-pound spinning rod and landed the cobia about 15 minutes later. The fishermen, with Captain Roy Gottschalk, also caught eight keeper gag grouper and one red grouper on the trip.*

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Volunteers Are Needed For Audubon Christmas Bird Count

San-Cap Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 17. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 112th National Christmas Bird Count.

More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early-winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken

data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas bird count is citizen science in action.

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas "side hunt." They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won.

Conservation was in its infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientist were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a Christmas Bird census that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them.

Thanks to the inspiration of Frank M. Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California, with most counts in or near the population centers in northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas bird counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Volunteers are needed for this year's count. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. To participate, call 395-3804.*



Snowy egret in breeding plumage

Pancake Breakfast To Help Disabled

A pancake breakfast to benefit Special Populations will be held Saturday, November 19, from 8 to 11:00 a.m. at the Freida B. Smith Special Populations Center, 410 Santa Barbara Boulevard at the entrance to Sun Splash Family Waterpark. The menu includes: pancakes with butter and syrup, sausage links, orange juice, coffee, tea and the great feeling that comes from helping a vital program that benefits neighbors with developmental disabilities.

Advance tickets (donations) are \$5; children ages four to 10 are \$3; age three and under are free. Tickets are available from Special Pops; call or stop-in, or charge by phone 574-0574. All major credit cards accepted. Tickets on the day of the event are \$6, so buy early.

The Guardian Angels for Special Populations, a 501(c)3 charity is hosting this fundraiser. Twinkle Toes the Clown will be making latex balloon animals for the kiddies from 10 to 11:00 a.m., and

free drawing during the morning should surprise attendees.

Special Populations has served persons with developmental disabilities from all of Lee County for 32 years. The program offers recreation, education and employment training to adults and children. Its mission is to promote independence through exposure, education and experience in a safe and caring environment. Programs include adult day training; after school, evening and special events; and providing an array of activities and options.*

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Child Care Holds Annual Meeting

provides high quality child care for children from infancy through age eight at its six centers throughout Lee and Hendry counties. In addition, the agency provides training for early childhood educators and administers the federal food program for child care schools and family child care homes.

For more information, call 278-1002 in Fort Myers or visit www.ccswnl.org.*

CROW's Giving Tree Festival: A Family Tradition

The Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will celebrate the start of the holiday season with its Giving Tree Festival on Sunday, December 4. That evening the clubhouse at the Sanctuary Golf Club will be transformed into a winter wonderland – the perfect location for islanders to get their "white Christmas" fix and start the holiday season. A number of designers are already hard at work creating their special holiday interpretations as trees, wreaths, garlands and other items that will be offered in a silent auction. These creations are sure to enhance holiday decor in the homes of winning bidders.

One of this year's creations is A Frosty Florida Christmas designed by Donnasue Andazola working in tandem with her stepfather, Dr. Paul Douglass. For them, it has become a family tradition. Donnasue describes their past involvements and her creative motivation for this year's tree: "Paul and I were talking last week and we figured out that this is our fifth year as a stepfather/daughter team in participating in the CROW Giving Tree event. My crazy ideas and Paul's sponsorship have become our yearly tradition that supports CROW and our combined passion for wildlife. Some of my past trees have been The Grinch, Snoopy & the Red Baron, and Blue Christmas along with my original creation to honor the memory of Dr. Phyllis Douglass.

"My theme this year is A Frosty Florida Christmas," continued Donnasue, "which will be a tree designed to be a



Frosty Tree

Florida snowman including carrot nose, corn cob pipe, and rubber boots. He will stand over five feet tall with his black velvet top hat on and embrace the cold in red mittens and scarf. For a little bit of intrigue, I will be putting on his face at the Giving Tree Festival."

CROW's Giving Tree Festival raises important funds to support the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of thousands of native and migratory wildlife patients that are sick, injured, or orphaned. Funds also allow CROW to further its efforts to educate children and adults on how to prevent wildlife injuries.

Seating for the popular Giving Tree Festival is limited and reservations are required. Tickets are \$100 each. To reserve a place, call Ava at 472-3644, ext. 227.*

Walk For Kidney Disease

The NephCure Foundation will be holding Fort Myers' 2nd Annual NephCure Walk on Saturday, December 3, at 10 a.m. (9 a.m. registration) at Lakes Regional Park, Shelters D-1 and A-1, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers. NephCure Walks are held around the country to raise awareness and crucial funds for research for the NephCure Foundation.

The Fort Myers walk is being sponsored locally by Dr. Amy Dosoretz Fox whose daughter suffers from nephrotic syndrome, one of two diseases for which NephCure is seeking a cure. Nephrotic syndrome and Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis, or FSGS, affect people's kidneys and can lead to complete kidney failure. Nephrotic Syndrome occurs when kidney filters malfunction and protein needed by the body is lost through the urine. Swelling occurs in the body, especially around the eyes and limbs and cholesterol soars. Long-term Nephrotic Syndrome can cause FSGS, which results in kidney scarring and often leads to kidney failure. When treatment with steroids and other drugs fails, dialysis or transplants are often the last resort for a patient's hope of survival.

With a cure unknown and the number of newly diagnosed children and adults constantly on the rise, the NephCure Foundation is determined to increase public awareness and bring hope to those who are greatly suffering. The NephCure Walk is a fun way for patients, friends and families to come together to raise crucial funds for research and to raise awareness for the NephCure Foundation. In addition to the walk, there will be fun activities for the whole family including bounce houses, a "critter" show, and face painting.

Free registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk will start at 10 a.m. Walkers who collect more than \$100 will receive a free T-shirt. People can also register or make a donation online at www.thenephcurewalk.org, then click on Fort Myers.

For more information about the NephCure Foundation log on to www.nephcure.org or call 1-866-NEPHCURE (1-866-637-4287).

About the NephCure Foundation
The NephCure Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing hope to patients and their families affected by Nephrotic Syndrome and FSGS. It is the only organization solely committed to seeking a cause and cure for these two potentially devastating kidney conditions.*

SWFAS Talent Show Attracts Fifteen Acts



Daniel Parkinson of Orangewood Elementary School sings and plays guitar to *Authority Song* by John Mellencamp

Elementary, middle and high school students danced and sang their way across the stage at the 5th annual Every Child Is a Star Talent Show, produced by Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) on November 12.

More than 150 people attended the talent show at First Christian Church in downtown Fort Myers, which included contestants singing, dancing and playing the violin and guitar.

The winners are:

- Elementary School: Emily Longoria, 10, of Hancock Creek Elementary School, who sang and danced to *My New Philosophy* from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.

- Middle School: Bunny Hall, 13, Bonita Middle School, who danced to *Don't Tell Momma* from the musical *Cabaret*.

- High School: Ben Lamoureux, 16, North Fort Myers High School, who sang *Stars* from the musical *Les Miserables*.

Each of the winners received a \$100 cash prize.

Winner of the art exhibition was



Talent show winners, front: Art Contest winner Andre Martinez of Cape Coral, Elementary School winner Emily Langoria of Cape Coral, Middle School winner Bunny Hall of Bonita Springs; back, SWFAS Prevention Director Sheree Beau-Wells; High School winner Ben Lamoureux of North Fort Myers High School



SWFAS Prevention staff member Luzcelina Garcia and Laila Thompson distribute educational materials

Andre Martinez, age nine, of Cape Coral, who attends Caloosa Elementary School.

A highlight of the talent show was a group performance of *God Bless the USA* at the show's conclusion.

During intermission, Florida Gulf Coast University students Shane Serena, MC Charelus and Ben Kirchman performed a one-act play called *The Two Faces of Addiction* to demonstrate the deadly consequences of drug abuse.

"Our goal was to provide teens with a fun, safe venue to express themselves without using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs," said SWFAS Prevention Director Sheree Beau-Wells.



Kara Koeper of Riverdale High School sings *Happy Working Song* from Disney's *Enchanted*

The contestants were judged by Michelle Hayford, Katrina Shanks of Beat 105.5, Carlyann Guerra, and Betty Silva.

The afternoon included a drawing for tickets to Southwest Florida recreational outlets and restaurants and educational material was presented encouraging parents, retailers and community members to do their part to prevent drug abuse among teens.

Additional support was provided by First Christian Church, the location for the event; Bret's Music Store, which provided sound during rehearsal; local artist Marquita Charles; and Niki Stephens-Lynch of Beat 105.5, who served as mistress of ceremonies. For more information about SWFAS prevention services, contact Beau-Wells at 931-9815, or visit www.swfasprevention.org.



Jasper Walker of Cypress Lake High School sings *Thankful* by Josh Groban



Megan Welsh of Cypress Lake Middle School sings *Part of Your World* from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Virginia Opossum

by Emilie Alfino



There are undeniably animals around that human beings, right or wrong, consider to be pests, but if it becomes impossible to live with them, there are humane ways to deal with it. One of these animals



Virginia Opossum

A solitary and nocturnal animal about the size of a domestic cat, the opossum is a marsupial – and a successful opportunist. Originally native to the eastern United States, the species was intentionally introduced into the west during the Great Depression, probably as a source of food. Since then, its range has expanded.

An adult male opossum came to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) on October 6 with no accompanying information about who found him. The only history staff had was that someone thought the animal had been shot with a BB gun. The opossum showed up at one of CROW's drop-off sites, quiet but alert and responsive.

The first order of business was to take X-rays, which revealed three BB pellets in his head, three in his front left leg, and two in his neck region – eight pellets total, meaning the shooter fired eight separate



This X-ray shows the location of eight BB pellets someone fired into this animal

times.

“These BBs were not lead, so there was no concern about poisoning. Most of the wounds were superficial – you could see the BBs just upon visual examination,” explained CROW Wildlife Rehabilitator Robin Bast. “We were able to sedate him and remove a lot of those.”

Five of the pellets were removed, but the three in his leg had to be left alone. Those were not superficial wounds, and attempting to remove them would have been too invasive, according to Bast. “They will remain in his body and he can do fine – as long as they’re not lead and depending on where they are. These were not in a joint, luckily. His body will probably wall off and effectively isolate these BBs so they can’t shift.”

Why would someone shoot eight BBs into a small animal? Bast believes someone was either shooting for fun or didn’t want him where he was. “A lot of people see opossums as pests – they’re going to scavenge and they’re going to dig – but people don’t understand every animal has a place in the ecosystem and that it has an effect if one is removed,” Bast stressed.

Once the BBs were removed, an antibiotic cream was used on the wound sites and the opossum was given oral antibiotics and pain medications as well.

Pain medications are used frequently at CROW, and determining when an animal is in need of this treatment isn’t easy. “Wildlife is interesting as far as determining how much pain they’re in. They’re not going to show you because in the wild it makes them vulnerable to predators. So we have to assess pain level by the type of injury and how we would feel in a similar situation,” Bast said.

For example, the Virginia opossum will play dead rather than show vulnerability to predators. This is where the term “playing possum” came from. Despite

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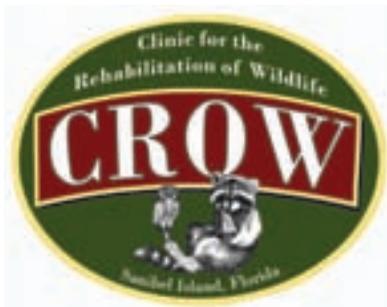


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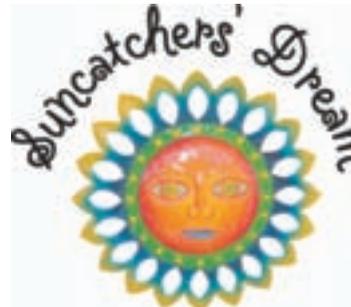
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Learn To Grow Your Own Herbs

The Alliance for the Arts Greenmarket continues its series of free gardening classes and presentations on Saturday, November 19 with guest speaker Ben Pino, co-founder of Heartland Gardens. Pino's background is in Florida organic gardening with a focus on permaculture and biointensive gardening techniques.

His workshop *Herb Spirals* will give insights into growing edible herbs in this region. Herb spirals are a technique to build aesthetic and space-saving structures for your kitchen herb garden. Heartland has perfected a quick and easy way to create this garden addition in just about any sized space and Pino will guide attendees through the entire process. He recommends bringing a pad and pen to take notes.

The presentation begins at 10 a.m. and is free, but voluntary donations will be accepted to help bring more of these presentations to the community at no charge. Reservations are not required.

The not-for-profit Heartland Gardens is a local, non-traditional community garden and garden center. Its mission is to educate people about the benefits of local, organic food and to give them the tools needed to create their own sustainable food-producing gardens.

The Alliance GreenMarket strives to make the community more sustainable by supporting local growers and artisans and by encouraging people to maintain



Andrea Guerrero of Heartland Gardens during a prior GreenMarket gardening class



A section of Heartland Gardens' extensive raised bed systems

their own kitchen and backyard gardens, as well as engaging in a variety of green practices.

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The large five-petaled flowers

Plant Smart

Floss Silk Tree

by Gerri Reaves

photos by Gerri Reaves

The floss silk tree's (*Ceiba speciosa*) November canopy of flowers seems to herald the start of the holiday season each year. Next to the royal Poinciana, it's perhaps the most spectacular of large non-native flowering trees.

Historic neighborhoods just south of downtown Fort Myers are especially blessed with several mature specimens. It's worth your while to walk or bicycle the neighborhoods just to glimpse the umbrella-like canopy flowers.

The floss silk tree in these photos can be seen from McGregor Boulevard near Alcazar Avenue.

The five-petaled flowers resemble a slightly ruffled hibiscus flower and are several inches across. Colors range from white, to pale or medium pink.

Leaves are composed of five to seven pointed leaflets with serrated edges.

The floss silk tree is a native of Brazil and Argentina and is related to the kapok tree. It grows up to 60 feet tall and develops a wide spreading canopy.

The stout trunk is green when young, but turns gray as it ages. The tree drops its leaves in fall, making it all the easier to see one of the tree's other notable characteristics, the large triangular spines on the trunk and limbs.

To flourish, the tree needs well-drained soil and full sun. This tropical curiosity is a fast grower – up to three to five feet per year.

The pear-shaped woody capsules that appear in spring can be up to a foot long.



Triangular spines cover the trunk



The floss silk tree in September

They contain silky white floss embedded with seeds that attract wild parrots.

The fiber, or "silk," can be used as nesting material by a variety of birds and was once used as stuffing for life preservers and cushions.

Large roots near the trunk base make it unwise to plant this tree near sidewalks or driveway – or to install paving near the trunk.

The tree has low salt-water and salt-aerosol tolerance, so it is an inland tree.



The floss silk tree in November

Sources: floridata.com, floridasnature.com, fairchildgarden.org, and edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Tour To The Tarpon Lodge And Calusa Heritage Trail On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound; a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way, you will get an up-close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and hear about commercial fishing, fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company, and the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today. Passengers will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Relax and enjoy the old Florida charm of the 1926 lodge and have lunch overlooking Pine Island Sound and the mangrove islands. After lunch, walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street from The Tarpon Lodge. The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide the group on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

This cruise will depart at 10 a.m. from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva. Captiva Cruises has established Discover Southwest Florida History cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande and has recently added cruises to The Edison & Ford Winter Estates on the Caloosahatchee as well as the cruise to Pine Island. These are excellent opportunities for families and neighborhoods to get together and learn about the history of Southwest Florida while enjoying a day out on the water.

For cruise dates and reservations call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.✿



2011 Young Artists award winners

Deadline Approaching For Young Artists Auditions

Audition dates for the Young Artists Awards auditions have been set and registration is now open to area students throughout Southwest Florida, ages eight to 21. Twenty five thousand in savings bond scholarships and other prizes will be awarded this year. To guarantee an audition slot, registrations must be post-marked by December 15. A limited number of late registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis only if postmarked before January 1. Many students were unable to participate last year because of space and time limitations, so students are urged to submit their registration as soon as possible.

Auditions will be held at the Alliance for the Arts in the following 11 categories:

- Saturday, January 14, Dance, ages eight to 14 and 15 to 21; Drama, 13 to 16 and 17 and 21
- Sunday, January 15, Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre, ages eight to 12
- Saturday, January 21, Instrumental Music, ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21; Classical Voice, ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21, Contemporary Voice, ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21

Students may audition in multiple categories.

Now in its ninth year of programming, the Young Artists Awards is Southwest Florida's premiere performing arts audition, performance, education and scholarship program for students. Participants will have the opportunity to perform before panels of professional adjudicators. More than 40 judges from across the nation participated last year. Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel.

The panel will choose 22 students to perform individually at a gala at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre on March 4. Eleven runner-up students will also perform in a coached group number. An Audience Choice award will be voted on by audience members in attendance that evening.

All participating students will also have a chance to perform at various community events. As a not-for-profit organization, the Young Artists Awards also collaborates with other area organizations to provide additional information about opportunities to student participants in the performing arts.

Visit www.youngartistsawards.org to download a registration form. Email director@youngartistsawards.org or call 574-9321 for more information.*

Alicia Schmidt Retrospective Exhibit Opens

*Lydia* by Alicia Schmidt

Cape Coral artist Alicia Schmidt's collection, *Alicia Schmidt: 40 Years A Retrospective*, will be on display at the Alliance for the Arts from November 21 through December 31 with an opening reception on Friday, December 2 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

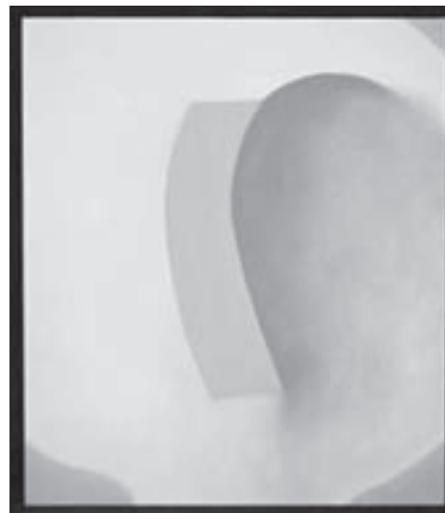
Schmidt will lead a gallery walk-and-

*Red Box* by Alicia Schmidt

talk from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3.

Schmidt has lived in Cape Coral since 1966, moving from Dunkirk, New York. Her work has been exhibited nationally, regionally and locally in solo, group, and juried exhibitions and has received many awards over the years.

Alicia Schmidt: 40 Years A Retrospective contains work dating back to 1971, including paintings, drawings and watercolors. The collection begins with traditional academic work in figures, landscapes and portraits but also repre-

*Pink Murex Shell* by Alicia Schmidt

sents various turning points in Schmidt's life and career as her work developed.

Schmidt is known today primarily as a minimalist abstract painter. She works in deep saturations of color and creates sparsely designed compositions. However, she has explored various subjects through the years. The human figure has been used most frequently, interpreted through different techniques and always incorporating simplicity of form.

She said this exhibition should be quite nostalgic for the many people who have seen her artwork on display throughout the years but that she hopes everyone will enjoy the diversity of her work.

During the duration of Schmidt's show Barbara Fewster will be on display in

*Blue Spruce: Pine Cone* by Alicia Schmidt

the Alliance Member Gallery and Lydia Fogaras will be on display in the Theater Lobby.

The Alliance for the Arts supports artists and arts organizations in the area as the state-designated Local Arts Agency for Lee County. The Alliance for the Arts galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*



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Bring your pet, human or animal for a photo with Santa

photos emailed to you as well as a one-year membership to CROW. Additional printed copies of the photos will be available from Island Graphics.*

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Join A Morning Marsh Meander

There will be a free guided nature walk on a 1/4-mile loop trail on Saturday, November 19, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The walk takes place at Prairie Pines Preserve, where participants will meet in the parking lot at 18400 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

From an ADA-compliant shell trail, participants on this 1-1/2 hour stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the birds, butterflies, plants and animals that call it home. Visit one small section of a 2,654-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, wildlife observation areas, and equestrian trails. Restrooms available.

For more information call 707-2206.

This tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks & Recreation.*

Recreational Boating Seminar

This seminar is recommended for new boaters to the area, especially if boaters from the north but new to Southwest Florida boating. Topics include identifying the local waterways, boat lifts and locks, boat ramp etiquette, and maintenance and protection of your boat. There will be a few guest speakers providing a wide range of information and answering questions.

Attendees must be 16 years of age or older for this seminar on Thursday, November 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee for Cape Coral residents is \$15; for non-residents, the fee is \$22. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Cape Coral Yacht Club, 574-0806.*

Saturday Art Fair In River District

Local vendors will set up on the sidewalks of First Street in the Fort Myers River District on Saturday, December 3 creating and selling their art. They will include painters, potters, jewelry makers and photographers.

There is no admission charge. The show will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The vendors include:

Gregory Wiegand, Wire Sculpture

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Irish Comedy At Herb Strauss

Described by *The New York Times* as “memorable,” *A Couple of Blaguards* arrives on Sanibel Thursday, November 15, for a special 10-night engagement at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way. Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$20 for children 16 and under. Single-event tickets as well as series and subscription tickets are available for purchase online through the BIG ARTS website. Season series tickets are \$108 for three shows. *Blaguards* runs through Saturday, November 26. All shows begin at 8 p.m.

Blaguards is a two-man comedy by award-winning authors Frank and Malachy McCourt. *Angela’s Ashes* and *A Monk Swimming*, respectively, about their experience growing up in Ireland and New York City. Complete with a sprinkling of Irish song and dance, the show, which *Newsday* said, “mixes the sweetness and kick of an Irish coffee,” has enjoyed much critical and audience praise as it has toured the U.S. for the last several years.

When *Blaguards* was on the St. Petersburg’s American Stage in 2001, it broke the theater’s record for box office ticket sales. Peter Smith, writing for the *St. Petersburg Times* that year, commented, “at *Blaguards*, a good time can be had by all.”

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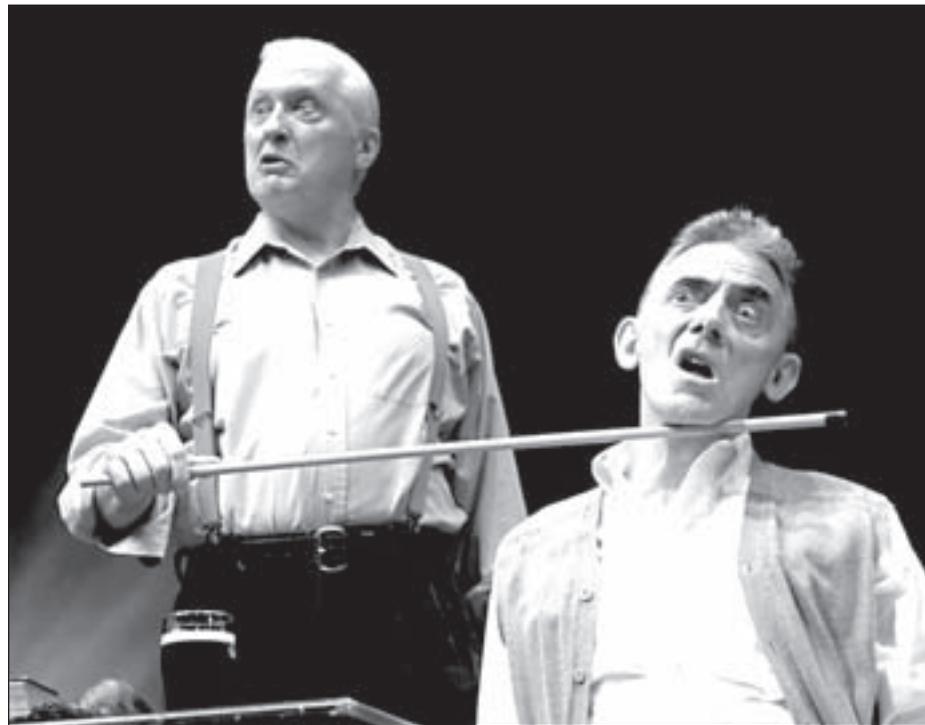


Jarlath Conroy and Howard Platt in *A Couple of Blaguards*

have to be Irish to appreciate the good-natured humor at the heart of this family comedy.

There will be an opening night reception at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 15.

A Couple of Blaguards, presented through special arrangement with Producer’s Incorporated, is supported by Herb Strauss Theater Season Sponsor The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company and Show Sponsors Residence Inn by Marriott – Fort Myers/Sanibel, and Linda and John Kramer.



Jarlath Conroy and Howard Platt in *A Couple of Blaguards*

To purchase tickets and learn more about upcoming shows at BIG ARTS Herb Strauss Theater, call the theater box office at 472-6862 or 395-0900; email

info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.✪

Calendar Girls’ Holiday Schedule

The Calendar Girls Florida will be spreading holiday cheer through the month of December.

On December 3 the dance team will visit the Southeastern Guide Dog School in Palmetto, Florida. The dancers will perform at 10 a.m. during the dog school’s open house. The public is invited to see guide dogs in training. The Calendar Girls have supported Paws for Patriots since 2006 to help provide guide and service dogs to veterans.

That evening at 8:15 p.m. the Calendar Girls will twinkle at the Cape Coral Holiday Festival of Lights on the Blockbuster Stage, Cape Coral Parkway.

Residents of Fountain Crest Retirement Community, 1230 Taylor Lane, Lehigh, will be able to see the Calendar Girls’ holiday show on December 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. Members of the public may come and join the fun.

The Holiday Town Square at the Lee County Northwest Regional Library, 519 Chiquita Boulevard North, Cape Coral, will be filled with sequins on December 17 at 11 a.m. when the Calendar Girls tiptoe in.

Finally, on December 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. the Calendar Girls will make history at the Historic Burroughs Home, 2505 First Street, Fort Myers, when they dance on the porch during the Fort Myers Women’s Community Club’s Holiday House, Believe.”✪✪

Mastersingers Will Bring Madrigals, Masters To Beach

Sixteen voices from the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers, southwest Florida’s well-known choral group, will sing a program ranging from madrigals and folk songs to works by master composers Mozart and Handel in Fort Myers Beach on Thursday, November 17.

Performing at Beach United Methodist Church at 7 p.m., the Mastersingers Chamber Chorus will reach back to the 16th century for the madrigals, *Fyre Fyre* by Morley, and *Mon Coeur se recommande a vous*. Folk songs will include the Scottish favorite, *Loch Lomond*.

The chorus will also sing from a list that includes selections from Mozart’s *Requiem*, Handel’s *Coronation Anthem #4*, movement one of John Rutter’s *Gloria*, and the patriotic *Homeland*, by Z. Randall Stroope.

The Chamber Chorus is a representative portion of the 70-member Mastersingers. It was formed in 2010 for concerts in venues that are unable to accommodate the full chorus.

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A Yuletide Review At Off Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau



The musical review *A Christmas Survival Guide* opens with a voice offstage saying, "Only 174 shopping days to Christmas." It's a countdown to which many can

relate. Soon it will be crunch time with presents to buy and wrap, parties to attend and holiday cards to mail.

The show focuses primarily on the hustle and bustle of the holidays and then, in the second act, some lovely traditional songs fill the air.

The cast consists of Jeff March, Caitlin Newman, Jessica Unice and Danielle Vetro and they offer a nice blend of voices on the group numbers. Everyone in the cast also gets their moment. Newman delivers a heartfelt *All Those Christmas Cliches*, and Vetro gives us a glimpse of what life is like being Mrs. Claus, in *Surabaya Santa* and a manic, comical rendition of *The Twelve Steps of Christmas*. Unice shines singing *Christmas Eve*. My two favorite performances were Newman singing *Little Girl Blue*, and March's rendition of *O Holy Night*, which brought down the house.

Audience participation is always great fun. A male member of the audience, the night I attended, was called up on stage twice. I'm sure the cast hopes they are as lucky every night in getting someone who enjoys their moment in the spotlight.

In the end, don't expect any real secrets for surviving the holidays that you didn't already know, just a fun blend



A scene from *A Christmas Survival Guide*

of holiday music to give you a welcome break during the mad dash to December 25. The show is directed by Victor Legarreta, who also serves as the voice on high that speaks various messages about the survival guide.

There are two or three double entendre statements that could be eliminated, but aside from that, the show is a lot of fun and ends on a beautiful note. I left the theater feeling great and kind of looking forward to getting ready for the holidays.

A Christmas Survival Guide plays through December 25 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, the great little theater inside Broadway Palm, 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. It's a chance to sit down for a couple hours, catch your breath and be entertained.

For tickets go to www.broadwaypalm.com or call 278-4422. In the director's note inside the program, Legarreta says, "I hope this production leaves us all in the holiday spirit and touches on something for everyone, be it holiday gatherings, religion, Santa or Elvis. So have fun with us tonight and Happy Holidays!" ❄️

ArtFest Fort Myers High School Competition

ArtFest Fort Myers, Southwest Florida's premier juried fine art festival, announces a Call for Artists for the high school art competition and exhibit, Art Under 20. This special fea-

ture is located in the heart of ArtFest Fort Myers on the weekend of February 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A large gallery tent provides the opportunity for participating students to exhibit their artwork in a professional setting to 60,000 ArtFest Fort Myers patrons. Cash prizes totaling \$6,500 will be awarded to student winners.

ArtFest Fort Myers invites all Lee County high school students to participate. All student art must be work completed solely by the displaying artist. Entries will be accepted in five categories: drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, and 3-dimensional. Each student entering the Art Under 20 Competition is required to submit a completed entry form on or before December 9. Entry forms are available at all Lee County high school art departments or www.ArtFestFortMyers.com

ArtFest Fort Myers is a two-day outdoor fine art festival. The Juried Art Show featuring 215 professional artists from across the country, the Art Under 20 exhibit and competition, the Kids@Art interactive art yard, plus food and entertainment combine to create a one-of-a-kind community festival. Admission to ArtFest Fort Myers is free due to the generous support of its sponsors.

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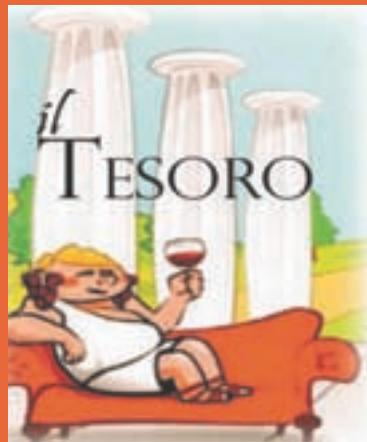
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Book Review

Rin Tin Tin



by Max Friedersdorf

The story of a lost puppy on a World War I battlefield that became Hollywood's biggest star has propelled *Rin Tin Tin, The Life And Legend*, to the year's best-

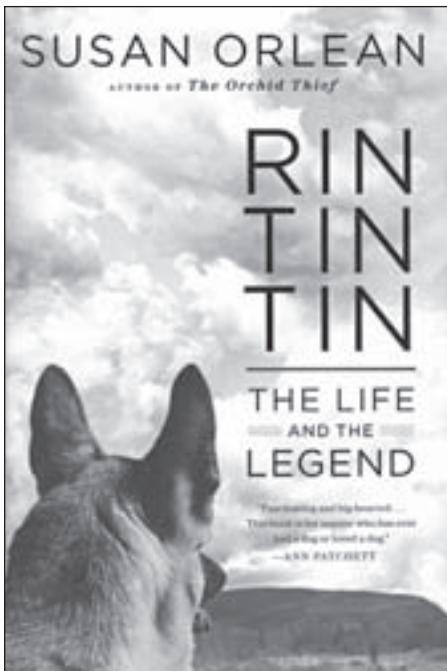
seller list.

Susan Orlean, the gifted writer for *The New Yorker*, spent 10 years researching, reporting and writing her gripping account of a chance encounter by a young American soldier on a French battlefield in 1918.

Lee Duncan discovered a newborn German shepherd in the ruins of a bombed-out dog kennel. He brought the dog home to California where its amazing athleticism and innate acting ability caught the attention of Warner Brothers.

Acclaimed as a book for anyone who has ever had a dog or loved a dog, *Rin Tin Tin* tells the story of an amazing animal that became Warner's biggest box office attraction during the 1920s, starring in 23 silent films that saved the studio from bankruptcy and made him the most famous dog in the world.

Orlean delves deep into the mystical



bonding between humans and animals, covering a 90-year history of dogs as pets, performers, companions of the handicapped, police dogs and dogs in war.

As a "dog" person I was early on attracted to the breed because of their pointy ears, alertness and intelligence.

My first shepherd was named Gail which I bought from a kennel in Ohio. I was away at college so Gail was raised mostly by my mother. Shepherds are one-person dogs, and Gail bonded with my mother. Gail's favorite pastime was

lying behind the couch and attacking the Omar bread man when he tried to slip his delivery inside the storm door.

My second shepherd was Bismarck. He was an aggressive fellow who loved to chase horses and fight with a huge standard poodle named Monty. Priscilla had to break up the fights by beating them with a board.

Our last shepherd was Trudy, a Fort Myers kennel product. She was a sweet girl, whose only bad habit was charging bikes on Sand Castle Road. Trudy was an outside dog and was miserable in the Florida heat and humidity. Sadly, we found her a new home in cool San Diego.

Rin Tin Tin, The Life And Legend, By Susan Orlean. Simon & Schuster. Hardback, 324 pages, seven photos, \$26.99. (Available on the New Books shelf at the Sanibel Public Library.)*

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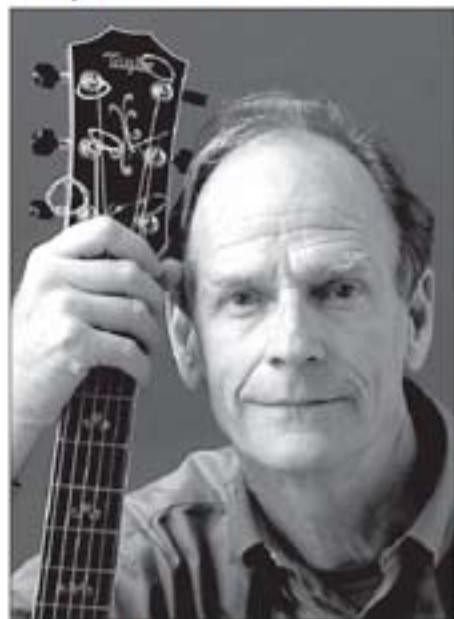
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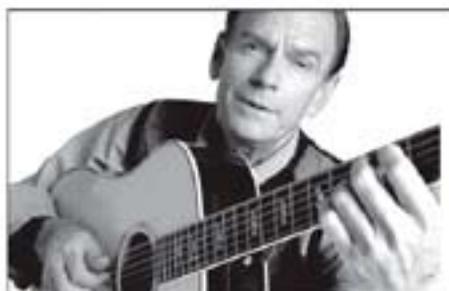


Folk Legend Liv Taylor In Concert



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folk, pop, gospel, jazz – and from upbeat storytelling to touching ballads. Taylor keeps a busy schedule touring internationally and instructing the next generation of musicians as a full-time professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Tickets to Liv Taylor are \$42 loge, \$37 floor, and \$15 child.

The Livingston Taylor concert is sponsored by West Gulf Company LLC. For tickets, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, call 395-0900, or go to www.BIGARTS.org.

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All ages are welcome to audition. Performers can enter the City of Palms ballpark through the executive offices to check in. If someone is unable to attend these dates, contact the Red Sox about submitting an audio recording.

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Think you have what it takes to sing in front of a sold-out crowd of over 11,000 people? The Red Sox are currently looking for new talent to perform the national anthem for the upcoming 2012 inaugural spring training season at JetBlue Park. All interested performers are invited to attend open auditions at City of Palms Park located at 2201 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers. Auditions are:

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Virginia Opossum

this defense mechanism, under serious threat, an opossum will respond by hissing, showing its teeth, and may attempt to bite as a last resort."

CROW's patient was soon eating solid food well on his own – soaked kitten chow with fruit and mouse bits. The BB wounds on his neck got infected and had to be cleaned out daily and fluid removed. There was good news, though – he was walking well so staff knew the BBs remaining in his leg weren't going to affect his movement.

Five days later all his wounds were starting to scab over properly and were healing well on their own, and the infection had cleared up. On the 12th day, he was finished with his round of antibiotics and was a normal adult opossum again. "At that point, he didn't really want to be here," said Bast.

He was released the next day at a site in Alva, since there was no history as to where he came from originally and because that original site was probably unsafe since he was shot there.

There are lessons to be learned from this story. "Opossums are not protected so it's not technically illegal to shoot them, but animals have feelings, too," Bast said. "There are humane trappers you can call if you absolutely can't deal with an animal you consider a pest. I don't think they're pests; every animal has a place in the ecosystem."

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Farmers Market

Shop local! Eat local! The Sanibel Island Farmers Market is back starting Sunday, November 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dunlop Road, Sanibel City Hall, next to the library. The Farmers Market will take place every Sunday through April 29.

The Lakes Park Farmers Market resumes Friday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. The Lakes Park Farmers Market takes place every Friday through April 27.

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Former Miracle Star Rescued



by Ed Frank

While the swirling controversy involving Penn State University engulfed the media of late, another frightening episode occurred last week involving a major league catcher who

once starred here for the Fort Myers Miracle.

Luckily that event ended happily when Washington Nationals' Wilson Ramos was rescued following a two-day kidnaping ordeal in Venezuela.

The 24-year-old Ramos had been seized at gunpoint outside his family home in Valencia and driven away in an SUV – the first abduction of a major league player in that country. The kidnaping set off a nationwide search that ended when commandos invaded a mountain hideout where he had been held.

It was just three years ago when Ramos helped the Miracle win the Florida State League first-half West Division title when he hit .288 with 13 home runs and was named to the league's All-Star team. The following year he moved up to Double A New Britain and was ranked the third best prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization by Baseball America.

Despite the fact that Ramos batted over .400 in spring training last year, he was assigned to Triple A Rochester rather than having him serve as a back-up to All-Star catcher Joe Mauer. But a month later, he received his first major league call when Mauer was sidelined due to an injury.

In his very first game, he went four for five to become the only catcher in baseball history to collect four hits in his major league debut.

While filling in for Mauer, he hit .296, but once Mauer returned Ramos was sent back to the minors before being traded to Washington in July last year in a deal for reliever Matt Capps.

That trade has since backfired on
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Wilson Ramos



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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Readers,

All of us have heard the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." We must connect with others and create our village to accomplish

to help a child feel accepted at school. Feeling connected to school increases children's well-being and academic achievement and decreases negative risk factors such as truancy and the likelihood of dropping out.

School psychologists are in a unique role to facilitate students' connections at school. We work directly with students providing educational assessments, leading individual and group social skills development sessions, guiding learning strategies and problem-solving skills, and helping students develop positive self concepts by linking efforts to achievements. The importance of connections is not limited to students. School psychologists also consult and collaborate with teachers, counselors, aides, administrators, and parents. We provide services such as serving on school problem-solving and leadership teams, analyzing and explaining educational data, developing classroom accommodations and modifications, meeting with parents and community members, and helping students transition to post secondary education or adult services after graduation. That is a lot of connections!

Helping our students and schools focus on strengthening positive relationships and increasing positive connections is at the heart of School Psychology Awareness Week. The theme, "Every link matters. Make a connection." is directed to students, but also carries an important message to all adults.

Parents, you can help build and celebrate your children's positive connections!

this goal. Making connections is the theme of School Psychology Awareness Week, being celebrated right now, November 14 through 18.

A student's life at school is filled with potential connections (relationships, linkages in learning, behavioral choices). Friendships with peers, relationships with teachers, acknowledgements from administrators, encouragement from coaches are all connections essential to making school an enjoyable place to learn. Supportive learning environments help students make positive connections among behavior, effort, skills, and achievement while also building resilience and the ability to meet challenges successfully.

Connections such as these are vital to our children. Having at least one trustworthy adult in addition to family, whether at school or in the community, can help children overcome challenges and adversity. One friendship is enough

• Encourage your child to do homework with a friend or a group of friends.

• Get to know at least two or three parents of your child's classmates by name.

• Listen more than talk next time your child tells you they have a problem. It shows them you believe in their ability to become good problem solvers.

• Encourage your child to come up with at least three ways to solve problems they run into, and congratulate them for thinking of different ways to solve problems. (Okay, some ideas will be a little grand, but thinking big is a great way to encourage imagination!)

• Take time each day to tell a child,

any child, that they are important. Tell them what they think, say, and do matters to everyone around them.

This theme is simply good advice: every link matters: make a connection and create your village.

Ms. Greggs is adjunct faculty at Edison State College where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also Nationally Certified School Psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.*

FGCU Faculty Member Earns Fulbright Award

Florida Gulf Coast University Professor of Anthropology Michael McDonald has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar and will travel to the Republic of Croatia to teach in the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Zadar during the 2012 academic year.

A founding faculty member in FGCU's College of Arts and Sciences, McDonald has led the development of FGCU's anthropology program, won several awards for teaching and service, and focused his scholarly interest on the anthropology of food and nutrition.

McDonald will consult with administrators and faculty members at the University of Zadar on matters of curriculum development and offer seminars on the anthropology of food. In addition, McDonald will continue his ethnological research on changes in local foodways including the effects that European Union membership will have on household wine-making customs of the Dalmatian Islands.

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Financial Focus

Five Good Reasons To Create An Investment Strategy



by Jennifer Basey

Some people buy investments here and there, now and then. Others open an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), put some money in it, and then forget about it. But this type of haphazard investment behavior can lead to haphazard results. On the other hand, you've got five good reasons for creating and following a comprehensive, long-term investment strategy.

Reason No. 1: You want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. For most people, building resources for retirement is the most powerful reason to invest.

As a key part of your investment strategy, you'll want to consider investments that have growth potential. The proportion of your portfolio devoted to these growth investments should be based on your individual risk tolerance and time horizon. And as you move much closer to your actual retirement date, you may decide to shift some - but certainly not all - of your portfolio from growth-oriented vehicles to those investments that can provide a reliable income stream and incur less volatility.

Reason No. 2: You need to stay ahead of inflation. Over the past few years, we've experienced relatively low inflation, but over time, even a low inflation rate can dramatically erode the value of your savings and investments. That's why you may want to consider investments that provide the potential for rising income.

Reason No. 3: You need to help manage the unexpected. You can't predict what life will hold in store for you. To cope with unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a new furnace, you'll need to create an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses so that you won't be forced to dip into your long-term investments. And to deal with other major uncertainties of life, you'll need adequate life and disability insurance.

Canterbury Reinstating Pre-Kindergarten

Cherie Gluhm, Lower School director at Canterbury, has announced that the school is reinstating a pre-kindergarten program for three-year-olds. "We look forward to providing a multi-sensory program honoring the unfolding development of this age group," Gluhm said. The program will begin in the fall of 2012.

The Pre-K 3 classroom will have a maximum of 15 children led by one teacher and one teacher assistant. This early learning experience provides a variety of activities with an emphasis on social interaction among children.

The curriculum includes language/literacy, math readiness, science, social studies, music, art and activities, emphasizing gross and fine motor skills.

"The Pre-K 3 program is designed to be fun," Gluhm added. "There is a

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Reason No. 4: You need resources for major life events. Your retirement may eventually require the bulk of your financial resources - but it's not the only milestone for which you'll need to save and invest. You may need a down payment on a house, or you may someday even want to purchase a vacation home. And if you have children or grandchildren, you may want to help them pay for college.

Reason No. 5: You'll want to keep in mind investment-related taxes. Taxes, like inflation, can eat into your investment returns. You'll need to evaluate whether you can benefit from tax-advantaged investments and retirement accounts, such as traditional or Roth IRAs.

So there you have it - five good reasons to adhere to a unified investment strategy that's tailored to your situation. This type of blueprint may not sound glamorous, and it's certainly not a get-rich-quick formula, but it will help you stay on track toward your important financial goals.

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Assisted Living Open House And Health Fair

Shell Point Retirement Community will host an Assisted Living Open House on Saturday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arbor Assisted Living located in The Woodlands at Shell Point. Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the assisted living options at Shell Point, as well as visit the health fair that will offer vision screenings, blood pressure checks, and balance assessments. While at the open house, individuals can participate in the personally guided tours of the building and attend a presentation about the lifestyle and care assisted living residents receive.

"As our aging seniors in Southwest Florida struggle during tough economic times we want to make sure that our community can offer a variety of choices for their lifestyles and needs," said Rita Southern, director of assisted living facilities and resident support services. "Assisted living offers individuals more of a home-based environment, while improving the daily quality of life through a variety of amenities."

Shell Point currently has two assisted-living facilities on site, the Arbor Assisted Living and King's Crown. The Arbor Assisted Living is has a total of 132 units and a variety of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom floor plans. The Arbor



Attend an open house November 19 to learn more about assisted-living options through the Shell Point Retirement Community

Assisted Living has an in-house medical center with a full array of qualified medical personnel. Amenities on-site for residents include a full-time activities leader, fitness center, salon, game rooms, chapel, library, and a number of social areas throughout the building.

The King's Crown features 120 residential units with studio and one-bedroom floor plans, an expansive private dining room, library, computer station, and a variety of activity and gathering spaces.

A third facility, The Springs (AHCA Licensure is pending), is slated to open in February and will offer an additional

105 units to the community for assisted living. The Springs will be open to the public on a month-to-month private pay basis. When completed, it will offer a heated swimming pool, exercise facilities, transportation, dining, 24-hour health-care staffing, and a professional activities leader who will coordinate events and activities, educational and entertainment programs, and opportunities for socialization and personal growth.

For information, call 454-2077.*

Veterinarian Reaches 10,000th Pet Sterilization



Dr. Thomas Powell

Dr. Thomas Powell could have spent his retirement years in Southwest Florida enjoying the great weather, playing golf, or maintaining his tan. Instead he continues to practice veterinary medicine and provides a vital service for Lee County, reducing pet overpopulation through spaying and neutering. His personal

goal was to perform 10,000 spay and neuter surgeries during his retirement. He accomplished his goal in just over four years working three days a week and is still going strong at Lee County Domestic Animal Services' Clinic.

"Dr. Powell is one of the most articulate and skilled veterinarians I've had the honor and pleasure to work with," said Donna Ward, LCDAS director. "We are truly blessed to have him as part of our veterinary services team at Animal Services," she added.

Even during difficult economic conditions, animal intake has fallen from over 16,000 animals in 2006 to 10,000 animals in 2010. LCDAS attributes this sharp decline to the aggressive low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter programs the agency has offered. Dr. Powell and the veterinary staff routinely perform more than 30 spay/neuter surgeries a day at the new LCDAS Spay/Neuter Clinic.

When asked if he is finally ready for retirement now that his goal has been met, Dr. Powell responded, "I intend to continue providing high-quality low-cost spays and neuters for a few more years." That's a fortunate thing for the residents and animals of Lee County.

A graduate of Purdue University, Dr. Powell practiced private veterinary medicine in Illinois from 1964 until 2006 before retiring to Southwest Florida.

For more information about low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter services offered through Lee County Domestic Animal Services, call 533-9234 or email spay@leegov.com.*

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Ramos Rescued

the Twins as the injury-plagued Mauer played in only 82 games this year and his replacements, Drew Butera and Rene Rivera, batted .167 and .144 respectively. And Capps, now a free-agent, is not likely to return to the Twins.

The abduction and rescue of Ramos was a hair-raising scene out of a Hollywood thriller. Apparently well-planned, the kidnappers took him to a remote mountain hideout and said they were going to demand a large ransom for his return.

"I didn't know if I was going to get out of it alive," Ramos later told reporters.

In the final moments before his release, the commandos and the kidnappers exchanged fire while Ramos hid beneath a bed. Arrested were four Venezuelan men, all in their 20s, a 60-year-old man and a 74-year-old woman. The older couple are believed to have provided food for the kidnappers.

Still being sought are four other men who escaped during the gunfire.

Ramos and his family are thankful he is alive. But the kidnapping points to the danger high-profile athletes face when returning to their native countries.

Everblades Four-Game Winning Streak Ended

The Florida Everblades won two of three games last week from the Wheeling Nailers, but saw their four-game winning streak end last Saturday with a 4-1 defeat at the hands of the Nailers.

Florida returns to home ice again this weekend facing the Greenville Road Warriors at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday at Germain Arena.

Friday is designated as Kid's Night with the first 1,000 children receiving a jersey bag. The Everblades will wear special jerseys designed with artwork from patients at the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The jerseys also will be worn for Saturday's game after which they will be auctioned off with the proceeds to benefit the hospital.

Florida began the week with a 6-7-1 season record and a third place standing in the ECHL South Division.*

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Chrissy DeWerff, Nancy Rivera and Luz Guzman of SWFAS



Former State Rep. Keith Arnold, Cape Coral Mayor John Sullivan, and SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis



SWFAS Board Treasurer Geoff Roepstorff, Robbie Roepstorff and former State Representative Keith Arnold

SWFAS Cape Coral Celebrates 20-Year Anniversary

Community leaders joined Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) staff and board members in celebrating the 20-year anniversary of its Cape Coral office on Wednesday, November 9. Thousands of Cape Coral residents have started on the road to recovery at the Cape Coral office.

Cape Coral Mayor John Sullivan said SWFAS was an “invaluable resource” in Cape Coral that was helping residents recover from substance abuse, which has been called America’s number one health problem by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Former State Rep. Keith Arnold, who originally obtained funding for the building from the Florida Legislature, said the SWFAS facility is a “great example of a public-private partnership” between the City of Cape Coral, which owns the land at 1105 Cultural Park Boulevard, and SWFAS, which owns the building.

The Cape Coral facility was built with state funds secured by Arnold and dedicated November 10, 1991, when it was owned by another treatment program, Outreach Inc. Three years later, Outreach closed its doors and reached an agreement for SWFAS to assume Outreach’s debt and ownership of the building as long as it was used for treating those with substance use dis-

orders. The facility is built on land owned by the City of Cape Coral, which leases the land to SWFAS under a long-term lease.

More than 7,100 youngsters and adults have since passed through its doors to receive assessments and access outpatient substance abuse treatment and classes in anger management and violence diversion. Juvenile Drug Court participants also attend weekly counseling sessions as a court-ordered alternative to a detention center while parents attend weekly therapy sessions.

“We recognize the need for more services in Lee County’s largest city so we’ve gladly made space available in our building for other nonprofits,” Lewis said.

More than a dozen agencies now offer services from the SWFAS facility either full-time or part-time under its additional designation as a United Way House.

Agencies that offer services at the United Way House include Lee Mental Health Center, Lee County Juvenile Drug Court, Literacy Volunteers of Lee County, Children’s Advocacy Center, CCMI and its Everyday Café and Marketplace, Lutheran Services of Florida, NAMI, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and various substance abuse recovery groups.

“Cape Coral residents now can access everything from food and job searches to mental health and substance abuse counseling without leaving Cape Coral,” Lewis said.

For information about the open house, call 772-1211. For more information about SWFAS, visit www.swfas.org.✪



Rosemary Boisvert of Cape Coral and Dawn Whelan of Cape Coral



United Way President Cliff Smith, SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis and SWFAS Board Member Fred Anderson



Tina Tracy of Lee Mental Health Center and Sheree Beauwells of SWFAS



Andy and Terry Halek of Cape Coral

Dr. Dave

Fish Fuzz



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

It came out of nowhere. A 100-foot grey ocean behemoth lunged out of the fog right toward the boat I was perched on some 23 miles out into the Pacific Ocean.

"Shut off your engine and reel in your rod!" barked the orders from the intimidating grey hull of a police ocean cruiser. "You in the bright white shirt, you are fishing in a NO FISH ZONE."

"But ... but officer I'm not wearing a bright white shirt."

"Well then put a shirt on before we go blind and let's take a look at your catch."

"OK, throw me something (snicker). As you can see, I have NO fish in this NO FISH ZONE so why don't ..."

"But you were, in fact, fishing. We saw your flasher, and that's all we need to see to give you this \$250 ticket."

"Hold on a second Cap'n Hiliner.

How was I supposed to know that I drifted into a no fishing zone; I don't see any signs?"

"Check your GPS guppy. Have a good Friday."

Busted by fish fuzz, carp cops, pickarel police. And I hadn't even caught any

salmon. But the day was not to be a total loss. I cruised over into the FISH-YOUR-BRAINS-OUT ZONE and reeled in a lovely large spring salmon which weighed approximately 36.476 pounds by my guesstimate though the broken scale at the marina had it pegged at 23.

(I know it was broken because many of the other experienced fishermen had also noticed that the scales were weighing much differently from what they told me their fish really weighed.) But my fish was expensive, an extra \$250 tagged onto the usual fishing expenses of gas, seasickness pills, 17 lost lures, 1 lost lunch, 1 lost watch, multiple large surgical bandages, skin hook extractor, three bribes and the requisite purchase of the market's salmon special on the way home.

Was it worth it? Depends on how much value you put into your health.

Most of you within the sound of this column will die of either a stroke, a heart attack, cancer or as an investigator in the Silverback Gorilla Prostate Study. Several studies have now confirmed that Omega-3 fatty acids lessen the risk factors for stroke and heart attacks with lesser-known benefits for cancer or gorillas. While salmon oil may reduce breast cancer in post menopausal women, its real raison d'être is in the vascular world. The American Heart Association studies indicate that Omega 3s decrease the growth of artery-clogging plaques, thin the blood, lower the level of those dangerous serum triglycerides and appears to even lower blood pressure a little.

Salmon is drenched in omega-3 fatty

acids, something we get little or none of in the typical North American diet.

Q: What about fish being contaminated with ocean residue?

Answer: Farmed fish do have more contaminants than wild salmon. They are fed fish pellets which may have concentrated PCBs, dioxins and heavy metal contaminants like mercury and Black Sabbath. Any salmon labeled as "Atlantic" is actually farmed. Wild salmon tends to be safer to eat but tougher to catch than farmed. Cooked properly however, 50 percent of contaminants can be removed from any fish; farmed, wild or pets.

Q: What about fish oil supplements?

Answer: Fish oil is considered safe as any contaminants are usually removed during processing. However they lack some of the other beneficial ingredients contained in real fish including several nutrients and many of my most expensive lures.

Q: So what do you recommend?

Answer: Two servings of fish per week is the current recommendation but if you are at high risk for cardiovascular disease you might consider daily supplements as well, after consulting with your doctor.

But most importantly, I recommend that if you come upon the fish fuzz on a Friday, never expose your flasher.

*Like the column? You'll LOVE the book The Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at www.wisequacks.org.**

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband and I both have multiple health problems and must see many doctors.

We always go together for these visits. When the doctor asks me questions I always answer to the best of my ability. My husband doesn't answer the doctor's questions directly and becomes furious with me if I answer for him and then we have big arguments for days after.

"Don't you tell him I have headaches and fainting spells when he asks," is his favorite response.

I can't see the point of going to doctors if you will not answer their questions – what is your opinion?

Shirley

Dear Shirley,

I agree: why ask advice if you are unwilling to consider the advice. Why go to a physician if you are unwilling to be honest with the history. But your husband has the right to have his own opinion and behavior. He also has to assume the consequences of his choices as well.

Pryce

Dear Shirley,

Your husband probably in his professional life was accustomed to asking the questions – not having to answer them.

I once heard of a woman who was so fed up answering her doctor's questions (irrelevant, so she thought) that she finally said, "I am not going to answer all of your questions. When people take their animals to the vet, the vet doesn't need to ask the animal questions, so why should you?"

If he doesn't want to cooperate with his doctors, I would also ask, "Why go?" Does he not realize the possible consequences – financial, social and other major family problems as the result of his actions and his possible suffering and pain and the burden of his decision on the family?

Lizzie

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

dearPharmacist

Coffee, Tea, Or... Diabetes?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I read your *Diabetes Without Drugs* book, and I am on Step 3 feeling better, and have lost 18 pounds. I was surprised to see such posi-

tive remarks about coffee; you really seem to approve of that for diabetics. Why? Everything I hear is that it's bad. Thanks,

ME, Decatur, Illinois

After years of being blamed for contributing to everything from heart disease to alien abduction episodes, good news is brewing for the vilified coffee bean. I want to state right here, right now, that I think the coffee (and espresso) itself is fine, especially if it's organically grown; the problem is all the other stuff that goes into making your latté palatable or scrumptious. Therein lies the problem for many people.

A recently published Finnish study found that quaffing three to four cups of joe daily can cut one's risk of developing type 2 diabetes by as much as 27 percent in men and 29 percent in women.

Jolt yourself with seven to nine cups per day (which I'm not advocating), and you'll sleep with your eyes wide open. Seriously, seven to nine cups and those percentages increase to 33 and 66 percent respectively!

Another study conducted by the University of Sydney in Australia found that a similar daily intake of tea resulted in a 20 percent reduction in the risk for developing diabetes. Now, percolate on this – a very recent Harvard study also found that consuming five cups a day slashed the risk for diabetes. The scientists found that certain compounds could reduce blood levels of a nasty inflammation substance (interleukin-6) by 60 percent. Just FYI, blood vessel inflammation plays some role in the development of coronary heart disease, so this is a very significant finding.

How can this be you ask? I know, we've all heard the litany of dangers associated with coffee consumption: Elevated blood pressure, cholesterol, and homocysteine levels (another inflammation mediator), vasoconstriction, jitteriness, and anxiety which sometimes causes one to hallucinate the aforementioned aliens. Well, as it turns out, these are believed to be only short-term effects. Long-term effects are much better. In fact, the study cites that there isn't a clear long-term impact on blood pressure. And zapping the interleukin-6 and the inflammation it causes may be why the temporary elevations of cholesterol are rendered innocuous, since it's believed that the only reason cholesterol

clings to your artery walls is because of ... drum roll ... inflammation!

A new study from the Archives of Internal Medicine concluded that women who drink four cups of coffee a day have a 20 percent lower risk of developing depression. A similar study previously done in Finland also correlated caffeine consumption among men with lower incidences of depression and suicide.

Take it leaded like I do, you fellow wild-eyed bean lovers! Decaf coffee does not produce similar results.

DID YOU KNOW?

The drug celecoxib is a drug mugger of folic acid, iron, melatonin and zinc.

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

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Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida Inc. and Presenting Sponsor ICI Insurance Center Inc., Danielli Martel, agent, hosted the 2011 Voices' Red & White Gala on Saturday, November 5, at the Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. The evening included a wine tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a special chocolate tasting by Norman Love Confections.

The 2011 Voice of the Year Award was presented to Nancy DuBois, executive director of Lee County Bar Association and a dedicated volunteer child advocate for the Guardian ad Litem program.

Song and dance performed by Southwest Florida youth representing the Broadway Palm Children's Theater, Florida Repertory Theater and WGCU-TV Curious Kids entertained guests throughout the evening.

Proceeds from the event benefit Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida Inc., a nonprofit organization supporting the 20th Circuit Florida Guardian ad Litem Program in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties by providing volunteer advocates and resources for foster children not provided by any other source. The Guardian ad Litem Program supports volunteers who advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children in court, the child welfare system and the community. For more informa-



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tion call 1-866-341-1425 or visit www.voicesforkids.org.



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A Snoezelen Room Opens At Cypress Cove

Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida is celebrating the opening of a Snoezelen Room, a controlled multisensory environment that can be used for people suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's and related diseases. A Snoezelen Room is specially designed to deliver stimuli to various senses using lighting effects, color, sounds, music and scents to create a soothing and stimulating environment.

The Snoezelen Room was made possible thanks to a combination of private donations from Cypress Cove residents and family members and a grant awarded by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

Originally developed in the 1970s in the Netherlands, Snoezelen Rooms have been established in facilities all over the world and are especially common in Germany, where more than 1,200 exist. Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida Inc. is a continuing care retirement community, consisting of 334 independent living units, 30 villas, 44 assisted living units and 64 skilled nursing beds.

Statistics show that in 2010 the population in Lee County over the age of 65 was 23.5 percent with approximately 23,000 individuals suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia-related diseases. These numbers speak loudly

to the growing need for services and resources. Working with the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer Resource Center and Occupational Therapist Nathalie Bradshaw Childress, Cypress Cove is working to develop educational opportunities for caregivers throughout the greater community to learn more about the benefits of a Snoezelen Room.✪

Fundraising Pledge Largest To Date For Hospital

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida has announced the largest pledge to date in its fundraising campaign to build a new 148-bed Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida on the grounds of HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers.

Trustees from the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, led by event chairman Dr. Stephen Machiz, publicly announced the \$10 million pledge to the capital campaign November 2 at Lee Memorial Hospital on Cleveland Avenue.

Each February (for 2012, on February 24 and 25) the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is held to support local children's charities. The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is its primary beneficiary. The two-day event includes luxury gourmet wine dinners held in private homes from Naples to Bonita Springs to

Fort Myers on the Friday evening, and a grand silent and live auction with food and wine tastings at the Miromar Lakes Beach Club located in Miromar Lakes, Florida on the next day (Saturday).

Prior to the capital campaign commitment, past contributions have supported life-saving pediatric medical programs and high-technology pediatric medical equipment.✪

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walkers

American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event Wrap-Up Event will take place November 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Vincent Salon & Spa, 1755-2 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers

The society will recognize the top fundraising teams and top fundraising individuals. The event had more than 3,500 walkers from 170 teams that raised \$185,000. The noncompetitive 5K walk took place at Tanger Outlets on October 22.

About the Put on Your Pink Bra Campaign

The pink bra symbolizes how personal the fight against breast cancer is. It's a call to arms to fight back against this disease. The American Cancer Society is devoted to helping people get well and stay well, finding cures and fighting back.

For more information about Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Lee County, go to www.putonyourpinkbra.com/leecounty.✪

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Canterbury Pre-K

growing need and desire to provide an early childhood program which connects families earlier to the school. Younger siblings want to be at school with their brothers or sisters, and parents want and will support a safe and nurturing environment for their young children. This program will also provide an appropriate learning environment for transitioning families into Canterbury's learning journey."

To be eligible for Canterbury School's Pre-K 3 program, children must turn three prior to August 1, 2012.

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Hope Clubhouse Celebrates Grand Opening

More than 150 community leaders and supporters toured the new home of Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida at the November 8 grand opening.

The 2,800-square-foot facility at 3602 Broadway Avenue was purchased for the nonprofit by Hope Clubhouse Board member Kathyne King and her husband John S. King of Fort Myers Beach. Many of the renovations were paid for with a Community Development Block grant awarded through the Lee County Commission.

Executive Director Debra Webb presented the Kings and Lee County Human Services Director Ann Arnall with plaques to be displayed in Hope Clubhouse commemorating their contributions.

"We would not have this facility to help rehabilitate those living with mental illness without the generosity of Kappy and John King and the support of Lee County government," said Hope Clubhouse Executive Director Debra Webb.

The Kings purchased the building for Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida in December for \$175,000.

"This has been a dream of ours to be able to help people in our area living with mental illness. If this clubhouse had been available when our children were in the initial stages of mental illness, it would have been such a blessing," Kappy King said. "We're so happy to be able to give a contribution to help. It will make a huge impact in our area and encourage others to give."

The facility has undergone major renovations during the past few months paid for by grants from the Ned and Claiborne Foulds Foundation, SENnetwork SENergy Project, The Rotary Club of Fort Myers, The Rotary Club of Fort Myers South, The Kiwanis Club Gateway to the Islands, in addition to the Community Development Block Grant awarded by the Lee County Commission.

The renovations include a full culinary unit for meal preparation and dining; snack bar for snacks, coffee and drinks; a business unit with computer stations for data entry, newsletters, grant applications and other clerical work; bank area for budgeting, cost analysis and financing; and office space for other administrative functions, all handled by members of Hope Clubhouse.

Hope Clubhouse of Southwest Florida is a model of rehabilitation for people living with severe mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and clinical depression. Hope Clubhouse opened its doors in March 2010 and has 80 members. Hope Clubhouse, the only one of its kind in Southwest Florida, fills a significant gap in the mental health system by offering opportunities for meaningful work, education, friendships and access to housing in a supportive, caring and dignified community setting.

Hope Clubhouse is one of more than 350 clubhouse programs worldwide,



Hope Clubhouse Executive Director Debra Webb, center, presents plaques to Kappy King (left) who donated the building and Ann Arnall of Lee County Human Services, who provided funding for renovation

based on the principle that meaningful work is critical in bringing positive change to the lives of those living with mental illness. Clubhouse staff help "members," as they are called, to develop work skills to enable them to return to productive employment in the community.

Mental health disorders represent five of the top 10 leading causes of disability worldwide, amounting to nearly one-third of the disability in the world. According to the World Health Organization, one in every four people develops one or more mental disorders at some stage in life. In Lee County alone, that could be 150,000 individuals.

The problems associated with recovery for people living with mental illness are especially prevalent in Florida. According to a 2008 mental health survey completed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the state of Florida ranks 49th in the nation in the delivery of mental health services.

For more information, visit www.hopeclubhouse.org.



Hope Clubhouse Board Member Bill Madaus of Naples and Hope Clubhouse Board Chair Susan Tew



Ken Miller, Hope Clubhouse Board Member Joyce Miller, Mary Fairweather



Hope Clubhouse Board Members Keith Alexander and Carolyn Johnson with Executive Director Debra Webb and Hope Clubhouse member Jourdan Miller



Greg Gardner and Daleen O'Dell of NAMI



Lee Mental Health Center CEO David Winters and Southwest Florida Community Foundation Director of Programs Anne Douglas

Edison State College Spring Registration

Registration for Spring 2012 classes at Edison State College opens to the general public on November 15.

Edison State College officials encourage anyone interested in taking classes this spring to register as soon as possible because classes fill up quickly.

In the past three years, enrollment at Edison State College has grown more than 50 percent, bringing total student enrollment to more than 25,000. ESC has been the fastest-growing state college in Florida for the past two years.

There are three spring terms offered:

- Full Spring Semester classes begin January 9
- Spring A Semester classes begin January 9
- Spring B Semester classes begin March 14

Registration runs from November 15 through January 9 for classes beginning January 9. Registration runs from November 15 through March 14 for classes beginning March 14.

For more information about registering for classes visit www.edison.edu/future. To request more information about classes at Edison State College, visit www.edison.edu/requestinfo.

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

- MUSIC:** What artist is the subject of a 1970s Don McLean song that begins, "Starry, starry night"?
- HISTORY:** When and where did the first African slaves arrive in America?
- ANIMATION:** What was the name of the craggy peak overlooking Whoville in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?
- MEASUREMENTS:** What is absolute zero measured in Celsius?
- MOVIES:** What was the home planet of the "Transformers" alien robots (2007) who came to Earth?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby horse called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president proposed the Great Society?
- LITERATURE:** Who wrote "The Canterbury Tales" in the late 14th century?
- MEDICAL:** What is the tine test used to diagnose?
- SCIENCE:** What elements were discovered by Pierre and Marie Curie?

ANSWERS

1. Vincent Van Gogh 2. 1619 (Jamesstown, Virginia) 3. Mount Cinnamon 4. -273 degrees 5. Cyberton 6. A foal 7. Lyndon Johnson 8. Geoffrey Chaucer 9. Tuberculosis 10. Polonium and radium

SPORTS QUIZ

- True or false: In 1970, Major League Baseball had four no-hitters -- all pitched in California.
- Name the first year and last year that Philadelphia's Steve Carlton led the National League in strikeouts.
- Four Stanford quarterbacks have won the Sammy Baugh trophy as the top college passer. Name two of them.
- In the 2009-10 season, Kevin Durant became the youngest scoring champion in NBA history (age 21). Who had been the youngest?
- Before Boston's Tim Thomas had 798 in 2011, which NHL goalie had recorded the most saves in one postseason?
- When Abby Wambach set the record in 2011 for most career goals by a U.S. women's soccer player in World Cup action, whose mark did she break?
- Julie Krone was the first female jockey to win a Triple Crown horse race. Which one was it?

ANSWERS

1. True. 2. It was in 1972 and 1983. 3. Dick Norman (1959), Guy Benjamin ('77), Steve Dits ('78) and John Elway ('82). 4. Chicago's Max Zaslofsky was 22 when he won the scoring title in 1947-48. 5. Kirk McLean had 761 saves for Vancouver in 1994. 6. Michelle Akers had 12 goals between 1991 and 1999. 7. The 1993 Belmont Stakes, aboard Colonial Affair.

My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let that intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership will help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two you need to know about it. A health problem needs to be taken care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in his or her support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals and those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, and that's just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable.

Be careful about decisions you might be asked to make at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're gifted with both natural wisdom and wit -- a good combination for success as a writer, a teacher and, most importantly, a parent.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Nov. 25, 1783, nearly three months after the Treaty of Paris was signed ending the American Revolution, the final British soldiers withdraw from New York City, the last British military position in the United States. The city had been in British hands since 1776.

- On Nov. 26, 1898, a powerful winter storm batters New England, killing at least 450 people in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Blizzard conditions caused 20-foot snowdrifts, some 100 ships were blown ashore in Boston and another 40 were sunk. About 100 people died when a steamer sank near Cape Cod, filling the harbors and nearby beaches with bodies and debris.

- On Nov. 23, 1936, the first issue of the pictorial magazine Life is published, and it quickly became an overwhelming success. At its peak, the magazine had a circulation of more than 8 million. Life ceased running as a weekly publication in 1972.

- On Nov. 27, 1942, guitar legend Jimi Hendrix is born in Seattle. Hendrix made his first U.S. appearance at California's Monterey Pop Festival in 1967. He made a splash by burning his guitar and was quickly established as a rock superstar.

- On Nov. 22, 1963, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, is assassinated while traveling in a motorcade through Dallas. First lady Jacqueline Kennedy was beside him, along with Texas Gov. John Connally and his wife. Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired three shots from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository.

- On Nov. 24, 1971, a hijacker calling himself D.B. Cooper leaps from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over Washington state carrying \$200,000 he extorted from the airline. Wearing only wraparound sunglasses, a thin suit and a raincoat, Cooper parachuted into a thunderstorm with winds in excess of

100 mph.

- On Nov. 21, 1980, 350 million people around the world tune in to television's popular primetime drama "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R. Ewing, the character fans loved to hate. J.R. had been shot on the season-ending episode the previous March.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was the 40th president of the United States, Ronald Wilson Reagan, who made the following sage observation: "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book."

- If you're like 75 percent of Americans, you like to doodle.

- There was a shipwreck in 1664 that had only one survivor, one in 1785 that also resulted in all but one aboard being killed, and one in 1860 that likewise left a single person alive. Considering the fact that shipwrecks are not that uncommon -- particularly in the heyday of ocean travel -- you might not think this much of a coincidence. Think again, though; in each of those shipwrecks, the sole survivor was named Hugh Williams.

- Those who study such things say that Roman Emperor Caligula's last words were, "I'm still alive!"

- If you go bankrupt, your creditors are forbidden from seizing your wedding ring to pay debts.

- In 1984, a woman named Deborah Martorano was shopping at Bloomingdale's in New York City, when one of the store's employees, a perfume demonstrator, sprayed her with scent. The experience evidently caused Martorano, who suffered from allergies and asthma, to spend 10 days in a hospital. This respiratory distress resulted in a \$75,000 settlement from the store.

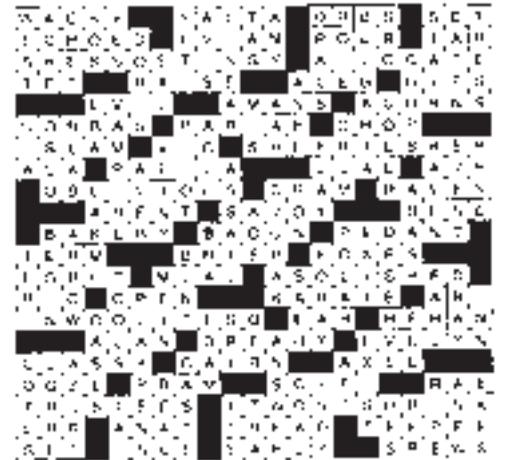
- The Dead Sea isn't a sea at all; it's a lake.

- If you ever travel to Borneo or Sumatra and come face-to-face with an orangutan, keep this tidbit of information in mind: If one of these great apes belches at you, you might want to back off; that's how they warn others to stay out of their territory.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors." -- Thomas H. Huxley

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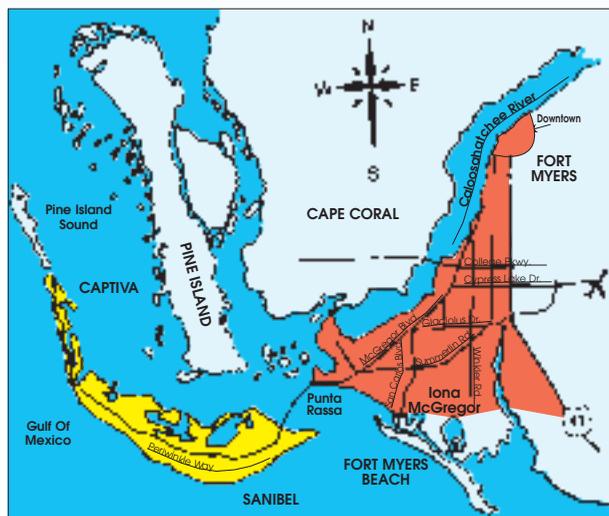
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Lady, ID #507156

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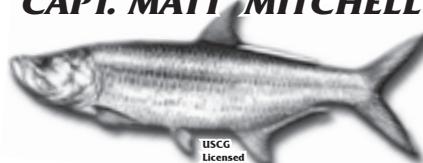


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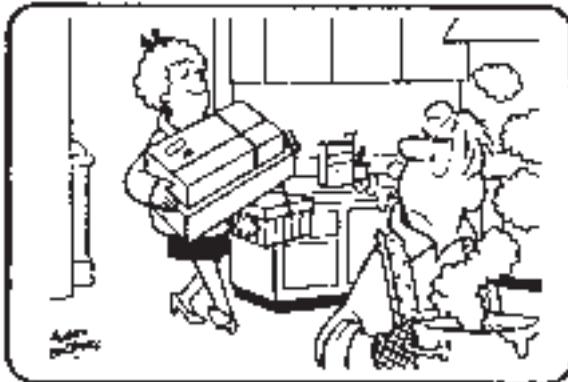
SUDOKU

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

answer on page 43

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Plant is on table. 2. Woman's box is missing. 3. Envelope is hung on wall. 4. Box is different. 5. Shoes are black. 6. Cabinet has no doors.

SCRAMBLERS

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

- Affect: **GNIFE**
- Deduce: **ANSORE**
- Smash: **CHARS**
- Chide: **CLODS**

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35



"If I have Gramma Brown's nose and Uncle Walt's and Cousin Emma's eyes, doesn't anything belong to me?"



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Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
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Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees).....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
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Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118

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Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

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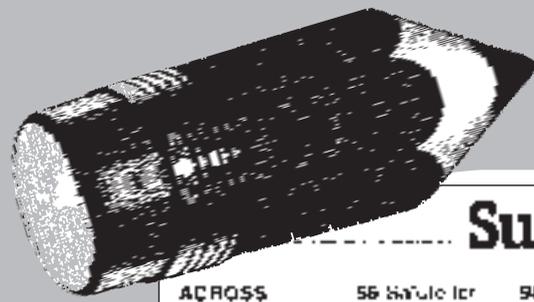
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
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POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 40

Super Crossword HOG WASH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Off the wall
 - 5 Ukranian city
 - 11 Keepers to Pope
 - 15 Average type
 - 18 Debauched
 - 20 French spa
 - 21 Rain heavily
 - 22 Fish
 - 23 Stan of a remark
 - 25 Remark
 - 27 Asian holiday
 - 28 Antigua exp'd
 - 29 Snake injury
 - 30 Hurries
 - 31 Deprived
 - 33 Pile up
 - 35 Square's slash
 - 38 Snake-charmer's crew
 - 41 Outcast
 - 43 Cloak in
 - 44 Riyadh religion
 - 45 Danone or Durel
 - 46 Part 2 of remark
 - 51 Neighbor of Fiji
 - 52 Rice dish
 - 55 Waxed wing-ding
 - 56 Salute for Caesar
 - 57 Unreure city
 - 59 Wee sorry
 - 61 Foo crew
 - 63 Aunt right?
 - 64 Type of cabbage
 - 66 Part of NU
 - 67 Highrise building?
 - 69 Part 3 of remark
 - 70 Know-nothing
 - 73 Semester
 - 74 Pkilly
 - 75 Hellman's "The Life"
 - 76 Marsh sign
 - 78 I should be square
 - 79 Put an end to
 - 83 Carina star
 - 84 Dentist's drool
 - 85 "The X-Files" (84 film)
 - 87 Moyers of "Katy & Alice"
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 94 Corn postcard
 - 95 Broadcast in July
 - 97 Betas or Rickman
 - 98 Cheerless
 - 100 One of the Waugh's
 - 101 Elegant
 - 104 — term
 - 105 Saichow kin
 - 106 Sludge
 - 107 Broomsbury buggy
 - 109 Bookstore section
 - 112 Actress Cassady
 - 115 Mirajane
 - 117 First of remark
 - 121 Bo human
 - 122 MD's area
 - 123 Risers relative
 - 124 Home on the range?
 - 125 "So there!"
 - 126 Man, for one
 - 127 All day break
 - 128 Cushes
- DOWN**
- 1 "Mas Lone y-hearts" writer
 - 2 Dur pan
 - 3 Akins or Hurakly
 - 4 Holyfield stats
 - 5 "Gal nealy!"
 - 6 Tre's abominable
 - 7 Para —
 - 8 One-dimensional
 - 9 Label
 - 10 Whichever
 - 11 Indiscent stones
 - 12 Parcel of Hamish Munster
 - 13 Where to spend rest
 - 14 Smashers
 - 15 Flight segment
 - 18 Consumed
 - 17 Lock
 - 19 Name of a Day
 - 24 "My Gal —" (1905 tune)
 - 26 Butcher shop
 - 29 75
 - 31 Age
 - 32 Garlic eater
 - 34 Bad start
 - 35 Consigned sigh
 - 37 ... of Alana, O
 - 38 Spy org
 - 38 '52 Winter Olympics site
 - 40 Spill the beans
 - 41 Navigate
 - 42 Bit of High's grp
 - 43 — major
 - 45 Like some Invas
 - 47 Chow out
 - 48 Sheltered spot
 - 49 Happening
 - 50 Russo of "Get Shory"
 - 53 Maurizio
 - 54 Biker
 - 58 Dalibus opera
 - 59 "Rusalka" composer
 - 60 Eya or Oating
 - 62 Disconcert
 - 65 "Shower —" (83 film)
 - 67 Gal cracking
 - 68 It's kept in a quiver
 - 69 Bikini part
 - 70 Opposite
 - 71 Way out
 - 72 Merc
 - 73 Hatcher of "Lis & Clair"
 - 74 Crooked
 - 75 Raid
 - 77 Add and awl
 - 78 Snow
 - 80 Actor Parlay
 - 81 Viscount's beller
 - 82 Carl
 - 85 Nursery terms
 - 88 Hole
 - 90 Desert relayed
 - 91 Dutch low
 - 92 Lanka
 - 93 "The holes we go"
 - 96 Snaked to cacy
 - 99 Response
 - 100 Be
 - 101 Sheep sheds
 - 102 "M" man
 - 103 Blue hue
 - 104 Social group
 - 105 Steeward
 - 108 TV's "People"
 - 110 Barbecue fuel
 - 111 The 500
 - 112 Mature
 - 113 From the top
 - 114 Guts by (with four)
 - 115 Mai
 - 117 Ideologue's suffix
 - 118 Singer's syllable
 - 119 Cock and bull
 - 120 Gen's opponent

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 You've got
- 5 Impoverish
- 6 Meritless
- 7 Carrot
- 8 Lohan
- 9 Mount
- 10 "Bun"
- 11 On the
- 12 "Up"
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MAGIC MAZE ● FEMALE NAMES IN SONGS BY THE BEATLES

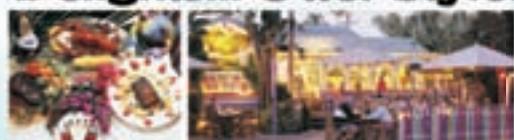
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Circle the names in the maze to reveal the names of the Beatles.

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| Anna | Lady Madonna | Mona's | Rose |
| Doris | Lucy | Mary Jones | Sadie |
| Joan | Martha | Prudence | Sally |
| Jula | Mary Jane | Rita | |



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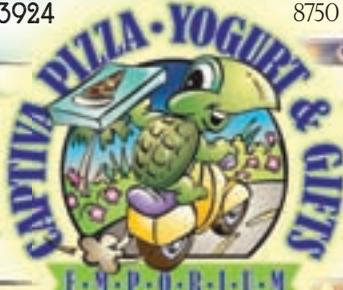


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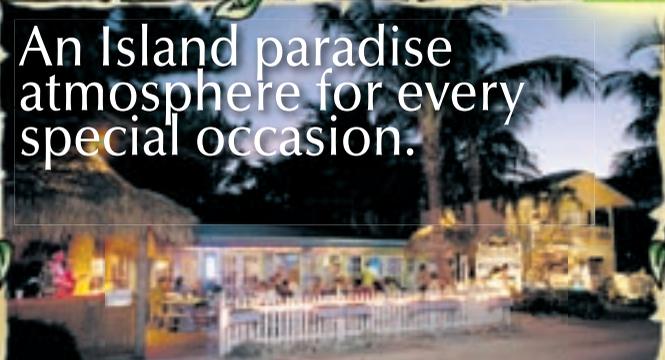
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