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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

DECEMBER 2, 2011

Bromeliad Sale At Terry Park



Thousands of bromeliads will be for sale December 4 and 5 at Terry Park, Fort Myers

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Bromeliad Sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the main building at Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Thousands of bromeliads for use as yard and patio plants, house and gift plants, decorations and arrangements will be there.

Email Larry Giroux at DrLarry@comcast.net for more information.✱



Bromeliads make great gifts

Soups And Bowls Plentiful At Empty Bowls Event

Who doesn't like a good bowl of hot soup? And who doesn't like beautiful handmade ceramic bowls?

Both are available at the 4th annual Empty Bowls event at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, December 3.

Those attending, for a \$10 donation, will be able to select a handmade ceramic bowl created and donated from 700 made by Lee County students. The popular event will be held between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The \$10 donation entitles the individual to select a bowl and choose from a variety of soup selections from at least a dozen local restaurants. Celebrities will be assisting with serving. The purchase of an additional bowl would make an excellent gift.

In addition, those attending will be able to participate in a silent auction of special bowls provided by artisans. Panera Bread

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Let It Snow! At Art Of The Olympians

Art of the Olympians (AOTO) predicts snow flurries in downtown Fort Myers during the Holiday Stroll from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m on Friday, December 2.

Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will ride down First Street in a horse-drawn carriage as holiday lights illuminate the streetscape. From there the procession will travel down Hendry Street to a Christmas tree in the median at the corner of Edwards and Hendry, and continue to AOTO where snow machines will be blowing snow from atop the building onto the visitors below. AOTO will also host a snowball throwing competition.

Get in the winter spirit and stroll through the museum's two galleries to discover memorabilia from Winter Olympic icons such as Shaun White, Peggy Fleming and Cameron Myler.

Guests are encouraged to visit both the Olympic Sport and Olympic Art Galleries to view the Legends of '68 exhibit and

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Edison & Ford Estates, Holiday Nights 2010

photo by Mike Shapiro

Estates' Holiday Nights Opens December 2

The 36th annual Edison & Ford Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates opens December 2 at 5:30 p.m. with discounts to Lee County residents.

December 2, 3, 4, and 5 the Estates

will offer \$5 off self-guided tours during Holiday Nights to Lee County residents. The resident discounts can be used from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Those seeking the discount need proof of residency.

During the holidays the homes and gardens of Thomas and Mina Edison and Henry and Clara Ford are seasonally decorated, the Edison Ford Inventor's Museum and Edison Botanic Research Lab are open and nightly entertainment at 7 p.m.

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Holiday Carol Sing To Help Community Ministries Feed Hungry; Need For Food Called 'Critical'

Residents young and old can celebrate the holidays by singing together to help feed the hungry at the 21st Annual Holiday Carol Sing presented by First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

The Holiday Carol Sing will be Tuesday, December 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers, between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue.

Admission is at least two cans of non-perishable food for the Everyday Café and Marketplace (formerly known as The Soup Kitchen), operated by Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. (CCMI), and a voluntary cash donation when possible.

"We certainly need to raise all of the money we can to feed the hungry, but in the

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Dorothy Shofran of Fort Myers tells Santa what she wants for Christmas at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

Fort Myers Concert Band Plays The Courthouse

by Gerri Reaves



So enthusiastic was young attorney and cornet player Peter O. Knight that he organized the town's first brass band in 1885 even before the musicians had instruments to play.

The band led by Knight sold subscriptions to raise money for sheet music and instruments. Original members included JL Cutler, PC Gaines, WM Jameson, Edward L. Evans, EP Kantz, CJ Huelsenkamp, WR Perkins, WR Washburn, Dan C. Kantz, CL Oliver, John Jeffcott, and William Jeffcott.

One of their first gigs was serenading the honeymooning Thomas and Mina Edison at the Keystone Hotel. Mrs. Edison complimented their efforts by saying she had never before heard such ethereal music.

The size and make-up of the band varied over the decades, but their performances were a staple in town celebrations, parades, and park concerts.

Even the name altered from time to time – brass, concert, or military band – based, it's assumed, on the type of instruments and music that predominated.

Originally, the musical group practiced at Knight's mother's house, but the racket caused complaints – evidence that seems to contradict Mina Edison's praise.

The town invested in the new community organization by building a band gazebo at Second and Lee Streets.

The band went into a lull in the 1890s, but revived in 1896. A public subscription raised money for white duck uniforms and weekly concerts commenced in the new bandstand. On July 4, the band performed for 1,500 people at a celebration on Tournament Street.

The leadership of Prof. Francis W. Perry initiated a period of growth and increased professionalism. The well-known composer and teacher, who had trained at the New England Conservatory of Music, reorganized the group and led it for many years.

During the 19-teens and '20s, the band entered its heyday, sporting snappy uniforms and playing a continual round of outdoor concerts at the city park, Pleasure Pier, or in parades and at public events.

In this circa 1920 photo, the concert band poses at the east entrance to the Lee County Courthouse. Pictured in the front row from left are: Bert King in the white uniform, George Peterson, George Zweifel, Morris McWilliams (kneeling), Chick Morrow, OS Vaughn, Bob Moger, and Charlie Lienard. In the second row are: DA Page (round glasses), Oscar Sheets, Leslie Sheets, Nick Lienard, Albert Jackson, and Orion White. In the back row are: Ralph McWilliams, HC Willis, Bob Thompson, George Dupuy, Harvey Lutes, and George Haas.

Walk down to the Lee County Courthouse, the scene of many historical photos, and imagine the town's concert band posing for posterity.

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

Be sure to ask about the schedule of exciting Escorted Day Trips and see the exhibit, Learning from Modernism: A Celebration of Mid-Century Design, co-hosted by the American Institute of Architects, FLASW.

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

Continue your 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 and *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer.*



Few photos are taken on these historic steps today

photo by Gerri Reaves



The Fort Myers Concert Band poses on the steps of the east entrance of the Lee County Courthouse, circa 1920
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Museum of History



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Edison & Ford Winter Estates In December

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the month of December with Holiday Nights opening December 2. Other programs include Holiday Hands-On Science Days, Edison Ford Garden Talks and a variety of other special programs and activities throughout the month. The December schedule of programs and events include:

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights, December 2 through 31, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Holiday tradition continues with Edison & Ford Holiday Nights, Southwest Florida's 36-year annual event. The winter homes of the Edison and Ford families will be seasonally decorated. Guided Tours at will be offered 6 and 7 p.m. (special ticket) of the homes and gardens including period decorations and Edison and Ford family traditions. The Edison Ford Inventor's Museum will be open every evening with special exhibits as well as nightly holiday performances by area students and groups. Special discount nights available to Lee County residents on December 2, 3, 4 and 5. Group rates are available to groups of 20 or more people with advance reservations. Edison & Ford Holiday Nights was chosen one of the top 100 events in the nation by the American Bus Association.

Edison Ford Holiday Nights Children's



Creative Cottage at Edison Ford; Holiday Nights opens December 2

Tree Trail, December 2 through 31, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Every year the area's students and art teachers create unique ornaments and decorate the special Tree Trail in the Heritage Garden. This year the trees feature recycled materials and light bulbs, of course. The Tree Trail is free to the public, thanks to support from the Lee County Art Teacher's Association, and Lee Foundation for the Public Schools.

Emerging Inventors Early Learners: Soaring in the Sky, December 1, 9 to 11 a.m.

Henry Ford built cars and invented



Creative Cottage opens with new Edison Ford Fruit Tea and other delectable items

the assembly line in America. Children will learn about Ford antique cars and take apart a replica Model T. Emerging Inventors Early Learners class is a child and parent learning class for children ages one to three years. The class includes immersion into the buildings, museum and gardens. Each program is theme-based and combines early science, invention, storybook reading and hands-on activities. Edison Ford members \$5, non-members \$15 (one adult, one child) additional \$5 per child.

Emerging Inventors Early Learners: See Santa, December 15, 9 to 11 a.m.

Get an up-close opportunity to meet and greet Santa this holiday season. Early inventors will have lots of time with Mr. Claus. Emerging Inventors Early Learners class is a child and parent learning class for children ages one to three years. The class includes immersion into the buildings, museum and gardens. Each program is theme-based and combines early



Holiday Hands-On Science Days at the Edison Ford Estates

science, invention, storybook reading and hands-on activities. Edison Ford members \$5, non-members \$15 (one adult, one child), additional \$5 per child.

Edison Ford Garden Talks: Holiday Container Gardening, December 10 at 9 a.m.

The Edison and Ford families grew many varieties of plants and herbs on their winter estates and many of them were planted in containers. Edison Ford horticulturists will teach participants the basics of container gardening, which plants complement each other, as well as how to create a holiday gift container for friends and family. Edison Ford members are free, non-members \$5; all participants will receive 20 percent off in the Edison Ford Garden Shoppe.

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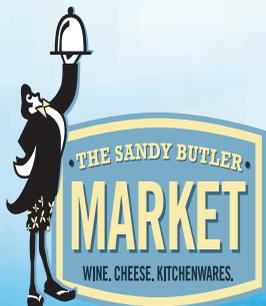
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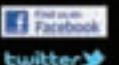
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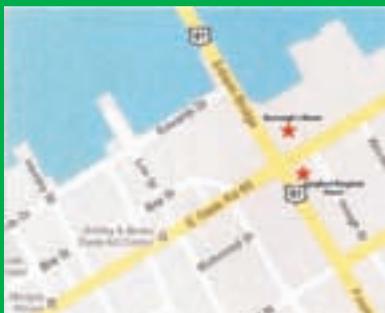
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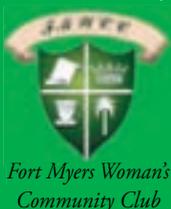


Holiday House is located at the corner of First & Fowler in Downtown Fort Myers. Parking is available at First United Methodist Church field (2466 First Street).

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December Events

Volunteer Orientation, December 13, 9:30 a.m.

Join Edison Ford staff and kick-off the holiday season in the Edison Caretaker's House with Curator Alison Giesen. Alison will discuss how holiday traditions originated, as well as the history of a Florida Cracker Christmas. Special guest Robin Gretz from Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida will discuss the Book Buddy Program. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a child's book to donate to the coalition. This is a regular monthly volunteer meeting and mandatory training for all new Edison Ford volunteers but potential volunteers are also welcome.

Doug MacGregor, Artist, Cartoon Illustrator and Guest Santa, December 13, 16 and 23, 6 to 8 p.m.

Join Santa (Doug MacGregor) in the Edison Caretaker's House Education Center to create a personalized holiday drawing to take home. Free with admission. Santa Doug will also sign his latest book available in the Edison Ford Shops, *Get Creative, Turn on the Right Side of Your Brain*.

Homeschool: Seasonal Science Spectacular, December 14, 1 to 3 p.m.; December 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 3 p.m.

Get ready for holiday hands-on fun including computer card graphics, snow cone making, cloud creation station, dreidels and much more. Students and their parents can enroll in a half-day curriculum that follows the Florida Sunshine

Objectives for Learning. The program follows the Lee County mandated program and addresses environmental science, history and reading SOLS. Pre-visit curriculum materials will be mailed to registered families. Registration required. Program recommended for grades one through six. Edison Ford members \$5; non-members \$15 (one adult, one child), additional \$5 per child.

Edison Ford Artists & Authors Night, December 18, 6 to 8 p.m.

Looking for the perfect gift for the person on your list who has everything? Creative Cottage Artists and Authors will personalize artwork and books for a one-of-a-kind gift and participants can sample the new Edison Ford Fruit Tea. Edison Ford Members are free; shopper passes will be issued at the Edison Ford ticket counter for non-members.

Holiday Hands-On Science Days, December 27 through 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take a trip to the past and learn how the Edison and Ford families celebrated the holidays. Participants will make unique presents, cards, decorations, test toys and invent games as well as prepare for a blizzard while making snow cones, as they engage in holiday science experiments. On December 30, every hour students will enjoy a different cultural New Year celebration from around the world. Registration required. Program recommended for grades kindergarten through six. Four days: Edison Ford members \$170, non-members \$200; one day: Edison Ford members \$50, non-members \$55.

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Edison Ford is the winner of the 2009 National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is an official project of Save America's Treasures at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site. For additional information call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterstates.org.

World AIDS Day Event

The Island Coast AIDS Network (ICAN) will hold a World AIDS Day Observance, Concert and Walk on Friday, December 2nd at Centennial Park in Downtown Fort Myers. The event will include guest speakers, information and free testing from local health and service organizations and a live concert by local band Strange Arrangement. The event will commence at 4:30 p.m. and conclude with an HIV Awareness walk beginning at 6:30 p.m. along Edwards Drive and First Street.

As HIV/AIDS continues to affect millions of people at an increasing rate, organizations like ICAN are dedicated to stopping the spread and increasing awareness of the disease. Please join us in honoring those who have been lost and infected by HIV/AIDS.

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Believe is the theme for this year's Holiday House

Holiday House

The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club's Annual Holiday House will have a Senior Night, Sunday, December 11. A complimentary refreshment pavilion for seniors will be provided by Calusa Harbor. Seniors are encouraged to bring friends to enjoy this 55-year tradition.

"We consider Holiday House to be our gift to the community each year as members contribute decorations to over 50 areas," said Holiday House Co-Chair Beth Schultz. Hundreds of members and volunteers of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club spend hours embellishing the interior and exteriors of the Burroughs and Langford-Kingston homes, lawns and grounds with holiday decor.

The Burroughs Home and Gardens is located on 2.45 acres in downtown Fort Myers and is bounded on the north by the Caloosahatchee River and on the south by First Street. The home boasts turn-of-the-century Georgian Revival architecture and has not been altered considerably since construction was completed in 1901. The Langford-Kingston Home is a 5,000-square-foot Prairie School residence and one of downtown Fort Myers most outstanding houses.



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"Holiday House has something for everyone," added Schultz. "In addition to walking through these two festively decorated homes and grounds, children can visit Santa nightly at the Langford-Kingston home." A variety of local music and dance groups will provide entertainment each evening.

Holiday House 2011 will run from December 9 through 23. The hours for Holiday House will be nightly from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 10 and under are free. Veterans and military personnel are free with military ID. Free parking is available off Fowler Street behind First United Methodist Church.

For more information about Holiday House, contact 738-3710 or visit www.fmwcc.com.



Local Businesses Gear Up For The Fort Myers Chamber Of Commerce Christmas Boat Parade

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce and local businesses are gearing up for the annual Christmas Boat Parade to take place on Saturday, December 3. The parade will commence at 6:10 p.m. from Salty Sam's Marina. The festive night-time parade will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus on the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Boat, sponsored by Adventures in Paradise.

"This year's Christmas Boat Parade will feature the most boats we have had for some time. The excitement this event generates is always a special, joyful night many people always look forward to either watch or participate," said Andrew Cochrane, chairman

of the board of directors for the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce. "This year is a great opportunity to view the parade from a terrific list of sponsored host sites and celebrate the season."

People's Choice Viewing Sponsor locations are: Big Game Waterfront Grill, Bonita Bill's, Nervous Nellies, Yucatan Bar & Grill, and the Fort Myers Princess. Patrons will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated boat at these locations.

The vessels will assemble in front of the docks at Salty Sam's Marina at 5:45 p.m. At 6:10 p.m. the boats will begin to leave Salty Sam's Marina going past Parrot Key Caribbean Grill and Big Game Waterfront Grill heading northwest, passing by Bonita Bill's and under the sky bridge. They will travel in and out of Siesta Isles and go around Bowditch Point turning in front of the Pink Shell Resort. The boats will travel past Nervous Nellies, Sunset Boat Tours Fort Myers Princess and the Yucatan Bar & Grill on the return. The parade will end at Salty Sam's Marina for the Winner's Circle Party and awards presentation at Big Game Waterfront Grill. Other viewing areas include the fishing piers under Matanzas Pass, Baywalk Fountain Square, and the Siesta Bay canals.

Salty Sam's Marina is offering free overnight dockage to all participating boats with advance registration. Boats will be required to pay for electricity if needed. Salty Sam's Marina is located at 2500 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach. For advance reservations call 463-7333.

Awards will go to the first three places in the following categories: power-driven vessels up to 26 feet in length, power vessels 26 feet and over, and sailboats. There is no cost to enter the parade and businesses are encouraged to sponsor a boat.

Anyone who would like to participate in the boat parade should contact the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500. Registration forms are available on the Chamber website at <http://fortmyersbeachchamber.org>. To be a sponsor, contact Nancy Eaton at the Chamber.



Annual Boat Parade is December 3

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Fort Myers Art Walk Offers Holiday Shopping

December's Fort Myers Art Walk and the Saturday Art Fair will offer some great holiday shopping options for local residents and tourists alike.

The first weekend of December will see new art exhibits, the official Christmas tree lighting, and a growing art fair in downtown Fort Myers.

The next monthly Art Walk will take place on Friday, December 2, with local art galleries and art stops featuring new exhibits and shows. This regular cultural event draws between 1,500 and 2,500 people each month to the downtown River District.

Then on Saturday, December 3, the organizers of Art Walk present the seasonal Saturday Art Fair. A new twist this year is a juried event showcasing individual artists at tables along the sidewalks of First Street. The Saturday Art Fair runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to attend. Thirty-nine artists and art vendors are scheduled to be there.

The monthly Art Walk runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. The December Art Walk will include a dozen art galleries and art stops and will feature new art shows, live music, and the traditional after-party.

An added bonus December 2 will be the annual Holiday Stroll and Christmas tree lighting starting at 7 p.m. Mayor Randy Henderson (in a horse-drawn carriage) will lead the Holiday Stroll procession along First Street starting at Monroe Street. As the stroll heads east, the lights along First Street will be illuminated for the season. The carriage will head to Hendry Street, turn north and stop just north of Bay Street. The mayor will light the official downtown Christmas tree in the grassy median of Hendry Street. He will then travel to the Art of the Olympians at the river's edge where fake snow will fall on strollers. The procession will turn around and head south on Hendry Street back to First. Turning east on First, the mayor's carriage will proceed to the Goodwill Festival of Trees at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. First and Hendry streets will be closed temporarily during the stroll and tree lighting.

Here are some art highlights of December's Art Walk:

- **Art of the Olympians:** Showing an exhibition, Legends of '68, featuring artwork from four dynamic USA Olympians from the 1968 Olympic Games (Rink Babka, Bob Beamon, Peggy Fleming, and Al Oerter), and a collection of works by Olympic Artist Steve Allen. Vocalists from the Young Artists Awards program will be performing holiday songs starting at 6:30 p.m.

- **Art League of Fort Myers:** Opening reception for Small Packages exhibit.

- **Arts for ACT Gallery:** Opening reception for new show featuring artists Cheryl Fausel, Honey Costa, and Ron Evans.

- **Coloring The World:** Holiday art sale to include metal sculptures by Mac Worthington, paintings by Stephen Gray Blancett, jewelry by Raven, and pottery by Sandy Pond.

- **daas Gallery:** Opening reception for Earth: A Cry for Deliverance, a juried group exhibition.

- **Gallery Showcase and Information Center at IberiaBank** (Bayview Court at First Street). Art Walk T-shirts are available at this location as well as buttons, maps and brochures.

- **HOWL Gallery:** Kash 'N' Karry X-mas Show offers big savings on many art pieces including original art, framed art, T-shirts, and unframed posters and prints, available for immediate take-home.

- **In One Instant:** Holiday Salon: Photography and Gifts for the Season, with more than 20 different local and regional photographers represented.

- **Market America Realty & Investments:** Reception for exhibit by cris' creation photography called Lost in the '50s.

- **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center:** Final night of Goodwill Festival of Trees.

- **Savvy on First:** Featuring artists Bekki Shanklin and Judy Hylant.

- **Space 39 Gallery:** Group art show. Held the first Friday of every month from 6 to 10 p.m., Art Walk features local and national artwork in the down-

Postmaster Rings Campaign Bell



Fort Myers Postmaster Anne Murray with Terrell and Kaiya Pickett

Fort Myers Postmaster Anne Murray and her staff volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army red kettle campaign on Wednesday, November 23. Postmaster Murray challenges all local businesses to "adopt" a kettle for a day. The red kettle campaign enables the Salvation Army to provide assistance to the needy during the holiday season.✧

town art galleries and several art stops in the Fort Myers River District. The evening culminates with an after-party at 10 p.m. The December after-party will be held at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

Always a collector's item, new Art Walk buttons will be available at galleries that night. Art Walk has its own T-shirt (in red or black). Shirts are available for a \$12 donation at the IberiaBank gallery showcase during Art Walk.

A free shuttle service courtesy of Select Transportation Inc. with stops planned near the art venues and parking at the Harborside Event Center will be available for Art Walk patrons. Shuttle stops include The Oasis Condominiums, Art of the Olympians, and the Patio de Leon entrance at First Street.

A map of Art Walk showing transportation and parking will be distributed by participating galleries. Art Walk is a rain or shine event started by a group of art galleries and art enthusiasts; it debuted in October of 2008. Art Walk is a River District Alliance event. For more information on Art Walk, participating galleries and links to gallery websites, visit www.fortmyersartwalk.com.✧

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Kiwanis Holiday Party For Special Needs Children

On December 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club will hold its annual holiday party for Lee County's special needs children at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. The club has invited over 400 children from 21 schools to attend the event, which the group has been sponsoring for over 32 years. At the party each of the schools will be presented grants to support their ESE programs.

Activities at the event will include a performance by the Calendar Girls dancers, a puppeteer act and special appearances by Cape Coral Mayor John Sullivan, Kiwanis Lt. Governor Bruce Boyd and Santa Claus. Lunch and gifts will be provided to the students, including a dreidel for Chanukah. The Cape Coral Kiwanis Club's sponsored programs will also assist with the event including the Cape Coral High and Oasis High School Key Clubs, Builders Club of Providence Christian School and Aktion Club.

For more information on the holiday party, email Tina Pegler of the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club at tpegler@lflmail.org or call 936-8072, ext. 107. For more information on the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club, email Samuel Huber at president@mycapecoralkiwanis.org, call 471-9956 or visit www.mycapecoralkiwanis.org.✱



Teachers from Lee County schools are presented grants to support their ESE programs at the 2010 holiday party



The Cape Coral Kiwanis Club hosted area special needs children at the 2010 event held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club

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Sunshine Seafood Cafe has a new home...Right next door!

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Churches/Temples

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Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.*

Christmas Pageant

Halle Rainey, a 2nd grader at Evangelical Christian School, and James Drye, a 5th grader at Hancock Creek Elementary, will perform as Abby and Dalton in this year's SWFL Christmas Pageant, *Saving Grace*.

Performances will be December 2 to 11 at McGregor Baptist Church. Tickets are available <http://swflchristmas.com/promote> or by calling 2399361754.*

Christmas Craft Fair

There will be a Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tropicana Co-op Clubhouse, 16711 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers near the intersection with John Morris Road. Handcrafted items only: decorative painting, canvas paintings, handcrafted cards, art glass, wood works including toys, quilts and fiber art, shellcraft, and raffle. Proceeds from the raffle benefit Ronald McDonald House, Fort Myers. For information, call 482-7530.*

Letter Carrier Toy Drive Is Saturday

In Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties, letter carriers will feel like Santa on Saturday, December 3

Residents are encouraged to place a new, unwrapped toy in or by their mail receptacle for collection by the letter carrier. This one-day toy drive to benefit the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots program yields the majority of the toys that will be shared with underprivileged children locally.

For pick-up of larger items in Lee County call 699-8121. Walgreens stores in Fort Myers and Cape Coral will have a donation container for toys. Monetary donations can be made by credit card at <http://fort-myers-fl.toysfortots.org>. Checks can be mailed to Toys For Tots, PO Box 150393, Cape Coral, FL 33915.

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Youth Orchestra Season Opens

The Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra season opens with a Fall Concert December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Cypress Lake High School Auditorium.

The performance will include Sibelius' *Finlandia* and Bernstein's *West Side Story*. The Sinfonietta, string orchestra and five chamber ensembles will also perform.

The Youth Symphony, under the direction of Maestro Michael Hall, and the Sinfonietta, under the direction of Nanette Grant, will perform a program of captivating classics, featuring the talents of these energetic ensembles. The Symphony Youth Orchestra is a talented group of auditioned area students who are trained and rehearse with professional musicians from the Southwest Florida Symphony.

Tickets are \$7 and are available at the door or by contacting the box office 418-1500

Members of the Youth Symphony will take the stage "side by side" with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra for two works by Rimsky-Korsakov on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Pops Timeless Treasures concert.*

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Change Up The Plan As Conditions Vary



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

The week brought all kinds of conditions, from glassy smooth, perfect days to windy and really rough the next. These quickly changing conditions are typical of winter. They did bring

lots of different opportunities to anglers even though I often had to change up the day's game plan.

One day I would be out running crab pots along the beaches, sight-fishing in crystal clear water for tripletail and enjoying some awesome Southwest Florida winter time conditions, then the next day I would be hunkered down and hiding on the leeward side of the bay from the strong east winds fishing in dirty wind-blown water with zero visibility.

Being flexible and ready to fish anything that the day brings is what keeps the rod bent.

During calm periods, fishing out along the beaches produced really good action. Tripletail were caught running crab buoys from Naples to Boca Grande. I was thrilled to see how many smaller tripletail were out there.

One day while running pots I counted over 40 small fish. This is a great sign as tripletail are one of the fastest growing

fish in the ocean and these fish will be over the 15-inch minimum size soon.

Running more than 50 miles of crab pots one day, we ended up with an 11-pounder and a six-pounder in the box. We also saw several bigger fish, one of which was in the 20-pound class, the size of a garbage can lid.

With conditions so calm many of the tripletail seemed much more spooky than usual and would quickly vanish when presented with a bait. A few of the many crab buoys we ran also held cobia. Though not big enough to be legal size they are fun to catch and put up a real good fight on light tackle.

Acres of Spanish mackerel were easy to spot breaking the surface gulfside too, along with some bonita crashing through the mix.

In and around the passes was also a good place to be when conditions were not crazy rough. The edges of Captiva Pass held good numbers of redfish with my best day of redfish action coming there this week. Bouncing shrimp and pinfish on the bottom caught 10-plus redfish on the incoming tide one morning. All were between 22 and 25 inches and were bright silver in color compared to the more copper-colored models we catch in the sound and river.

We also caught and released a few snook in Captiva Pass, although they were all on the small side.

The sheepshead bite along the wall and on the docks at Redfish Pass is really starting to kick off. The cold front that will arrive this week should really fire off this bite. The pilings of the Sanibel Causeway are also a good spot to catch some bigger sheepshead. Live shrimp and fiddler crabs rigged on a small sliding sinker and light wire hook is the best way



Sam Mitchell with a 29-inch redfish caught fishing Matlacha Pass with Capt. Matt Mitchell

to catch these quick biting fish. As we get into our winter time conditions these are one of the few species that are turned on by the cold weather. Though not one of the more glamorous species, these crustacean feeders are one of our winter staples.

With trout, snook and grouper seasons all closed, if you're looking for a fish dinner sheepshead are plentiful and seem to feed no matter what the conditions.

When the tide has been up high enough during windy days, I have been exploring and spending quite a bit of time fishing from the southern end of Matlacha pass to the causeway. This big area has great tide movement and is loaded with oyster bars, mangrove islands and grass flats. It gets very little fishing pressure as it is slow speed zone and hard to access because it is shallow. Most boats just ride right by it on the way up and down the river to fish somewhere else.

This wide open area takes some time

to learn but it has been holding some big redfish. They seem to follow the mullet schools, feeding on what they stir up from the bottom.

Setting up and putting out a four-rod spread of cut baits and waiting them out produced redfish up to 31 inches this week. If I'm looking for a big redfish as a topper fish for the day's trip, it's usually worth camping out over there. Although this whole area is pretty much within minutes of my neighborhood, until the last year or two I never really fished or explored it too much.

It never hurts to have many places close to home to fish on these windy crazy days of winter.

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

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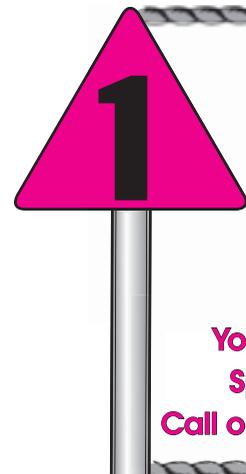
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CROW Case Of The Week: Wood Stork

by Emilie Alfino



This juvenile male wood stork arrived at CROW on October 13 and became CROW's 3,707th case of the year; CROW is currently over 4,030 cases for 2011. He was found standing

in one spot for three days straight in a pond in Fort Myers.

CROW sent Rehabilitator Colleen Goff and a volunteer to rescue the bird. On the drive back to CROW, it appeared three separate times that the stork had died; his condition was that grave.

When he arrived at the clinic, he was incredibly weak and emaciated. He couldn't hold his head up or move at all. Staff found no fractures yet the bird couldn't stand, presenting a very big mystery.

The X-rays found nothing suspicious: no hooks, no gunshot, and no broken bones. He had some plaque lesions in his mouth, indicating infection. A plaque lesion is a buildup of some sort of infection – it doesn't have to be encased in skin and does not always have to appear tumor-like, but it is possible that they can. Blood work and cytology was done to help solve the mystery.

Results showed a severe infection of several types of bacteria. He was put on intensive supportive care: subcutaneous fluids, heat because he couldn't maintain his body temperature on his own, pain medications and an antibiotic called Baytril that works against a wide range of bacteria. He also required antibiotic ointment in his eyes because he was so weak he couldn't blink. Staff had to tube feed him. "We all thought that he wasn't going to make it," said CROW Wildlife Rehabilitator Robin Bast.

The next day he was still weak and couldn't move his head. "We were doing physical therapy three times a day because he couldn't move his legs or wings by himself," Bast explained. "If we didn't move them for him, the muscles could atrophy and he wouldn't be able to use them again."

Two days after he came in, finger mullet was added to his diet via force feeding. By the 18th he was starting to show signs of getting stronger. "He could maybe move a leg or something by himself. At that point he was starting to blink on his own, so we discontinued eye meds but continued everything else plus vitamin injections," said Bast. "We started with both subcutaneous and IO (intraosseous, which means "in the bone") fluids, then switched to just subcutaneous fluids." The bone catheter stayed in until the 19th.

Still, the stork had problems keeping food down. "Both with the tube and force feedings, sometimes he would regurgitate because he couldn't handle it. It's a delicate balance between giving them the food they need to maintain weight and the energy needed to heal, while being mindful of what their body can handle



The stork gaining strength in his outdoor "day camp"

and digest in its delicate state," Bast said.

Because the bird was down, staff had to clean his "vent" – where feces comes from – three times a day. "It's not the most pleasant job," Bast said. "It highlights the fact that wildlife medicine isn't all fun. It can be a dirty job too. But if you work in this field, you care so much for the creatures in your care that you do everything in your power, glamorous or not, to help them heal."

"Shortly after the IO catheter was removed, the stork was sitting up on his hocks – on his own. At that point we fashioned a sling out of an ordinary fabric reusable grocery bag," Bast explained. "We cut out leg holes and taped it to a cage. We would put him in the sling and he was able to be upright for about four hours a day."

At that point he had stopped regurgitating fish and was able to hold his food better but still didn't have control of his head. Two days later he was controlling moving his head from side to side.

By the 23rd, a little over a week later, he was standing on his own. "His head was still drooping slightly and he couldn't stand for very long periods of time, but was able to stand on his own," Bast stated. "We continued antibiotics and force feeding but he soon started to eat fish on his own."

Two days later, the stork was walking and standing well, so he was put outside in CROW's pelican cage during the day – Bast refers to it as "day camp" – and continued with antibiotics and vitamin injections. He spent his days outside for physical therapy and came back in at night.

"Shortly afterward, he started trying to fly but he wasn't strong enough to get very far," Bast said. "He flapped his wings but wasn't flying." He was kept outside in the pelican compound for the rest of his rehabilitation once his medications and force feeding were discontinued.

This juvenile wood stork, which came to CROW so near death, was released November 11 on Sanibel. "We released him on Sanibel because we suspected the reason he was so ill was that he had some kind of toxin in his system that he picked up where he originally came from," Bast explained. "We didn't think it was a good idea to put him back exactly



CROW volunteer Colleen Goff releasing the bird into a flock of wood storks on Sanibel

where he came from, and the wood stork flock he'd been with was gone. We found a flock on Sanibel and a volunteer and Colleen Goff released him into that flock, since they are social birds.

"Toxins can do strange things to the body," Bast stated. "It's hard to know exactly what he got into but once the body is weakened, secondary infection can take over. Animals usually get into something humans have placed in the environment (chemicals), but red tide (an algal bloom that can have toxic effects on wildlife) can also be a cause. "I really like this

stork's story, because when he came in we thought he was a long shot and it was exciting to see him come back from being so ill. It reminds me why I love my job."

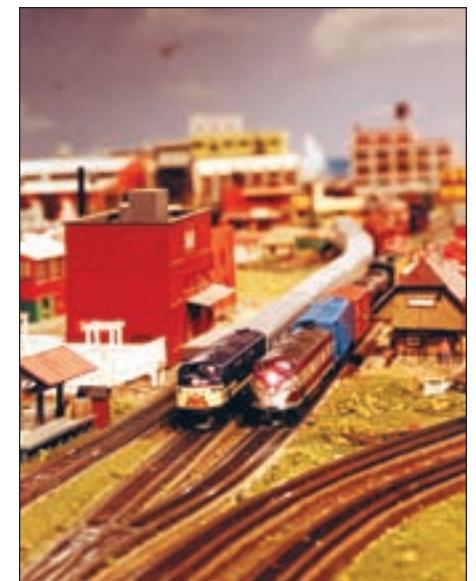
CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a nonprofit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. The hospital accepts patients seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mail donations to PO Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Visit www.crowclinic.org or call 472-3644.*

Model Train Room Attraction Open For Visitors

The Gulf Coast Model Railroad at Shell Point Retirement Community is now open for tours. Last year thousands of visitors toured the train room, and this year many new upgrades have been added.

Visitors from all over the Southwest Florida area are welcome to stop by and see this 40' x 40' model train display in the shape of the state of Florida. Some of its features include hundreds of recognizable geographic landmarks such as Tallahassee's old Capitol Building, Pensacola freight yards, the Gainesville Gator Bowl, Epcot and Disney World, Kennedy Space Center with an orbiting space shuttle, Miami's famous hotels, the Everglades and even Shell Point Retirement Community. The "Train Room," as it is called by the Shell Point residents, is located on The Island at Shell Point.

Some of the recent renovations include detailing and upgrades in the scenery, and a city street was added that allows the trains to run down the center of the road; it is completely hand-painted. The annual maintenance was done to make sure the miniature railroad stays in the most efficient operational condition. In addition to the features already mentioned, the display has several hundred buildings, automobiles, trucks, tractors, and people. Originally built in 1971 by



Shell Point Model Train Room

a group of residents who enjoyed model railroads as a hobby, the Gulf Coast Model Railroad is operated and maintained by Shell Point resident volunteers. Up to nine trains run around the nearly 1,000 feet of track, and on about 100 turnouts, or switches. The switches and trains are motivated electronically from four console panels, and the self-operated children's layout features Thomas the Tank engine.

Visitors can stop by to see the Gulf Coast Model Railroad for free on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Special group tours larger than 10 people can be scheduled by calling 454-2152.*

Plant Smart

To Prune Or Not To Prune

by Gerri Reaves

Look around after a tropical storm and you'll notice that one tree in particular has weathered conditions unscathed. If there's a hurricane-proof tree, it's the cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*), Florida's state tree.

Also called sabal palm, it has evolved to withstand the challenges of the subtropical climate – winds, drought, pests, and fire – and is deeply anchored in the earth by large taproot.

The cabbage palm's foliage is naturally spherical in shape and the tree is self-pruning. Some gardeners prefer to remove the tree's lower fronds for neatness, but green fronds should be left on the tree.

Removing green fronds compromises the tree by making it more susceptible



The cabbage palm's natural spherical shape withstands hurricanes and protects the "heart" at the base of the fronds

to pests and robbing it of the nutrients gained through photosynthesis.

Harsh pruning or "hurricane cuts" definitely are not recommended. Such cuts render the tree more vulnerable to wind damage.

To properly prune the tree, maintain the "9 to 3 o'clock" configuration at a minimum. That means that the bottom fronds spread from the crown horizontal to the ground.

Trimming beyond that, say in an "11 to 1 o'clock" – or carrot-top – configuration, stresses and damages the tree, making it likely that the top will snap in a gust of wind. Once that happens, the tree will die.

Another reason to avoid over-pruning is that if the tree is on a subdivision, commercial, or industrial development site, it violates the Lee County Land Development Codes designed "to allow required trees to grow into normal, mature landscape features."

Consider leaving the inflorescences on the tree, too. The tiny creamy flowers develop into black berries that wildlife depend upon.

A little restraint in palm pruning will save you time and money. It might even save your tree.

Sources: leegov.com and fnps.org.

*Plant Smart explores sustainable gardening practices that will help you create an environmentally responsible, low-maintenance South Florida landscape.**



Carrot-topping and hurricane cuts not only damage trees, but incur removal and replacement costs for homeowners

photos by Gerri Reaves

Florida Yards And Neighborhoods Introductory Class

Join Florida Yards and Neighborhoods for an introductory class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. Taught by Lee County Extension Master Gardeners, each principle is explored in class, so students can apply what they learn to their own yards. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching,

and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed.

The class is Wednesday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Eco-Living Center at Rutenberg Park, 6490 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers. The cost is \$8 per household.

To register, go to <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu> and scroll down and click on icon WebTRAC.

For more information call 533-7514

Sponsored by Lee County Extension and the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program.*

Cruise Celebrates Winter Solstice

Captiva Cruises will be hosting a special cruise to celebrate the winter solstice on Tuesday December 21, the shortest day of the year, and to benefit The Randell Research Center's (RRC) Calusa Heritage Trail.

The cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel the waters of Pine Island Sound. Emmy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated flutist and composer Kat Epple will be performing during the cruise. Epple's music will be interspersed with a narrative defining the winter solstice as well as identifying and discussing planets and stars.

Long before people started celebrating Christmas or Hanukah, ancient cultures celebrated the winter solstice and the coming of more daylight. Being out on the water at night is an incredible experience; share in this timeless and universal fascination with the night skies.

This Special Winter Solstice Cruise benefiting the Randell Research Center will be on Wednesday December 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and cost \$65 per person. A full-service cash cocktail bar will be available on Captiva Cruises' Lady Chadwick, and light hors d'oeuvres and wine will be complimentary.

The Randell Research Center (RRC), a program of The Florida Museum of

Natural History, is dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. The RRC has established and maintains the Calusa Heritage Trail around the internationally significant Pineland archeological site, a massive shell mound site encompassing more than 200 acres along the mangrove coastline of Pine Island. Captiva Cruises offers weekly cruises to the Calusa Heritage Trail focusing on the fishing cultures of Pine Island Sound.

Kat Epple uses her music and her work for environmental and humanitarian awareness. She has amassed a large collection of flutes from cultures around the world, which she features in her original compositions and CD albums. Her music has been described as celestial yet earthly, primeval, and innovative. Epple specializes in Calusa-inspired music, and created the music for many Calusa documentaries, including *The Domain of the Calusa*, and the dance performance Calusa with the David Parsons Dance Company.

Reservations are required. Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.*

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From High Salinity To No Salinity For Caloosahatchee

by Rae Ann Wessel, SCCF Natural Resource Policy Director

What a year of water quality challenges it has been!

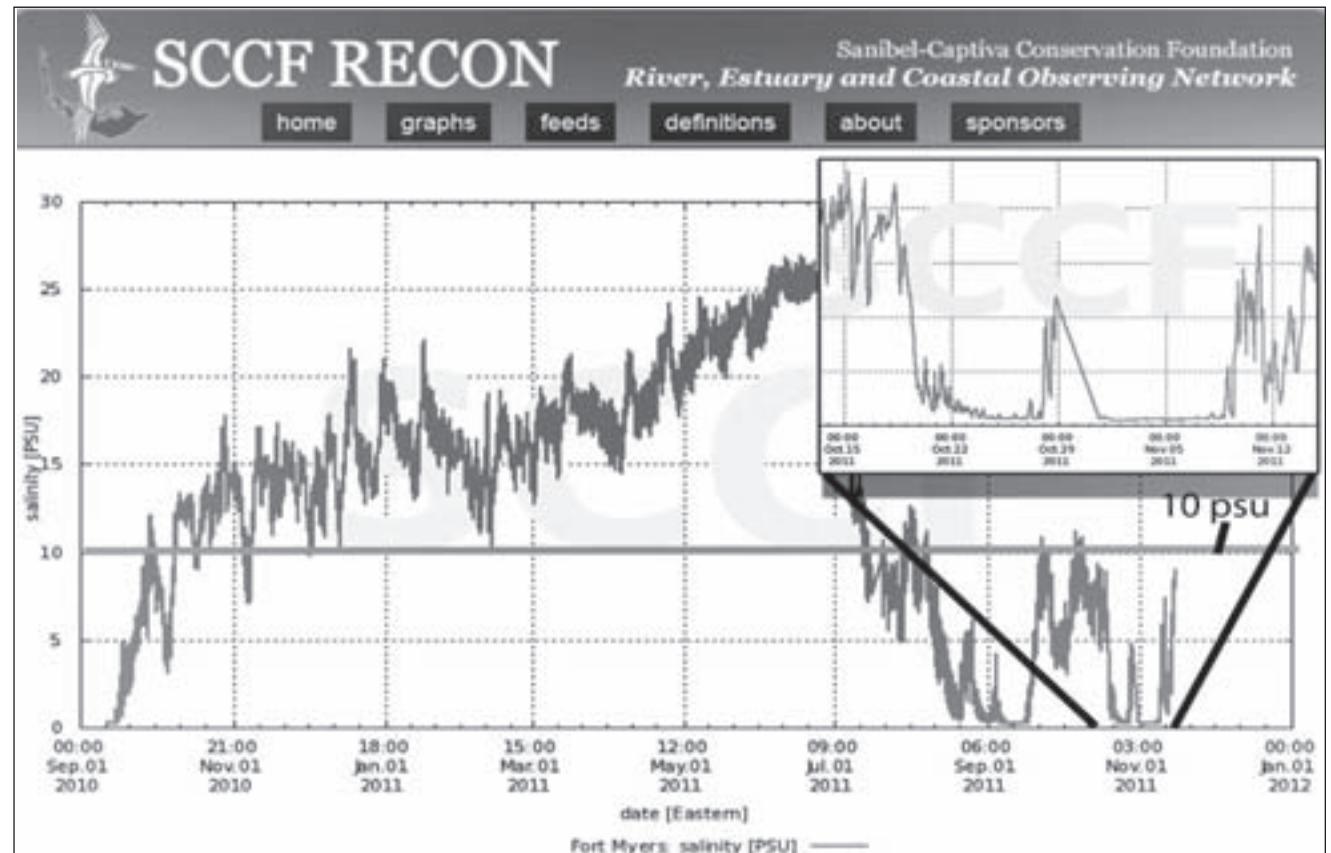
Beginning in October 2010, we were in a critical drought, the driest October in 50 years that was not relieved by the very moderate wet season we experienced this summer. In fact, we were very, very concerned that the drought conditions we suffered last year would pale by comparison to the coming year because of the rainfall deficit.

Just in the nick of time, three rain events in October changed all that, providing 264 percent of our average October rainfall over a three-week period, making last month the wettest October in 80 years.

In one year we went from the driest October in 50 years to the wettest October in 80 years! This is an excellent example of the "flashiness" of south Florida's channelized greater Everglades watershed, which was constructed for flood control and where extremes seem to be more normal than "normal" conditions.

This October's rain dropped the salinity in the Caloosahatchee precipitously, as you can see in the graph of salinity readings at Fort Myers SCCF's real-time water quality RECON sensor. You can observe real-time water quality and plot graphs of selected sites and parameters on our RECON website at <http://recon.sccf.org> or from the link on SCCF's website homepage, www.sccf.org.

The importance of salinity extremes is the impact they have on native, local wildlife and their habitats. During drought conditions, if water managers cut off all freshwater flow, as they have in the past, the tapegrass habitat is decimated. Tapegrass beds support the endangered manatee in its wintering ground upriver as well as fish and shellfish, snook fry, blue crabs, clams and shrimp. During very wet conditions, excess water is disproportionately dumped down the Caloosahatchee from Lake Okeechobee, bringing nutrient pollution and dark-colored water that cause algal blooms and block light needed by seagrasses. Without light, these plants can't provide oxygen needed by fish and shellfish.



Healthy water conditions would keep salinity at or below 10 psu at Fort Myers. Notice that for nine months the Caloosahatchee was outside of desirable conditions, with salinities too high or too low, which results in serious harm to water quality, fisheries and habitat.

We continue to provide weekly data and recommendations to both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District regarding the management of water. Our objective is to get water from the lake to the Caloosahatchee when it is needed in the dry season, and to prevent huge dumps of water when lake levels are high, in order to support healthy aquatic conditions and habitat in the river, estuary and coastal waters.

It is an ongoing battle and we welcome all concerned voices to help make that point. SCCF, working with our west coast stakeholders, sends weekly conditions reports to the water managers and local legislators. You can read these reports and background information on conditions on our website at <http://www.sccf.org/content/201/Caloosahatchee-Condition-Reports.aspx>.

Florida Yards And Neighborhoods Rain Barrel Class

Join Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) at a rain barrel workshop and learn how rain barrels can collect water from your roof. Just one-quarter inch of rain on a typical roof will create over 600 gallons of water. FYN's 55-gallon recycled barrels will be

transformed into a rain barrel during the class that students can take home to start conserving water, preventing storm water run-off, and saving money!

The workshop is Saturday, December 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 6940 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers. The cost is \$45 per rain barrel

Advance registration is required to attend the class and to reserve your barrel. Go to <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu> and scroll down and click on icon WebTRAC. For more information call 533-7514.*

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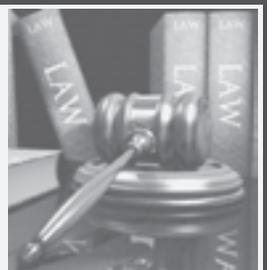
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Florida Rep Hosts Winter Arts Camp At Alliance

Wild Winter Arts Camp is the perfect opportunity for K-12 students to act, sing, dance and create during the upcoming holiday break. This five-day award-winning camp runs from December 26 to 30. It's presented by Florida Rep and hosted by the Alliance for the Arts.

Professional performing and visual artists Rachael Endrizzi, Claire Guy and Ray Hernandez will instruct K through 12 students in adapting classic stories and fairy tales, culminating with a performance for family and friends at 3 p.m. on December 30 in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance.

Classes include visual art, acting, storytelling and improvisation. Campers will get a taste of the professional art world and have plenty of time for fun.

Wild Winter Arts Camp is \$175 for children in grades K to 6th. Stars-In-Training for grades 7 to 12 is \$150.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up is between 4 and 4:15 p.m. Post-camp care is available until 5 p.m. for an additional \$25 per week.

Contact Rachael Endrizzi at 332-4665 for more information or go to www.floridarepeducation.org.

The Alliance for the Arts supports artists and arts organizations in our area as the state designated Local Arts Agency for Lee County.

The Alliance for the Arts galleries and gift shop are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard.*



Youngsters perform at the 2010 winter camp



Craft time from last year's camp



Children work on projects

First Downtown Walk Of Wine Trail

The River District Alliance is presenting its newly discovered WineTrail and Beyond in Downtown Fort Myers, courtesy of Historic River District Fort Myers downtown restaurants, hotels, retailers and galleries.

A Walk of Wine Discovery happens on Saturday, December 10. It is a celebration of the great variety and choices of wine now available in Fort Myers hotels and restaurants from wineries all over the world.

WineTrail and Beyond continues in participating restaurants, bars, hotels and local galleries with tastings of top quality wines: chosen to showcase hand-picked menus in the best downtown restaurants. Their food selections are specially designed to match their carefully chosen wines from the great regions of the world.

WineTrail adds a culinary experience offered by the master chefs of the area. Participants will be able to discover something new about wine varieties and the regions from where they come. Connoisseurs, beginners and everyone in between are welcome.

Live music and art will also be featured. WineTrail and Beyond sponsors include OPICI Wine Co. of Florida; Holiday Inn, Downtown Fort Myers; Legacy Harbor Hotel & Suites; Downtown Italy; Spirits of Bacchus; The French Connection Café; Twisted Vine Bistro; Vino de Notte; Yanos; Space 39; Howl Gallery/Tattoo; Enjewel; The Franklin Shops/Tea and

Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used.
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Wine Loft; In One Instant Gallery; and Lush French Bakery

For more information about Fort Myers WineTrail and Beyond visit: www.fortmyerswinetrailandbeyond.com or call Craig Colton 561-289-3426, or Tyrone Humbles, 265-1948.*

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Holiday Nights

is provided by school and community groups.

Tickets for a self-guided tour are \$15 for adults and \$1 for children ages six through 12; guided tours are \$20 for adults and \$1 for children ages six through 12. Groups may schedule guided or unguided tours from 5 to 7 p.m. and will receive a discounted group rate.

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights was chosen one of the top 100 events in the nation by the American Bus Association.

The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonford-winterestates.org.*



Canterbury School senior John Badir helps carry one of the decorated boxes of food to the Nations Association truck

Canterbury School Food Drive A Success

Canterbury School students, parents and employees collected food and money for the Nations Association's Thanksgiving food drive.

"We filled 77 boxes, each with enough food for an entire week for a family," said

Kathy Gilstad, a Lower School teacher and one of the coordinators for the drive. "We collected more than 300 pounds of potatoes, 200 pounds of apples, 150 pounds of carrots, 65 pies and an additional 10 boxes of canned food for the Nations pantry."

The school also turned over a check for \$2,450.90.

This is the 25th year Canterbury School has supported the Nations Association Thanksgiving food drive.*

New Work Featured In Alliance Member And Theatre Galleries



Old Red Truck #1 by Lydia Fogaras Ljuboja

The Alliance for the Arts presents paintings by Barbara Fewster and Lydia Fogaras Ljuboja, MD, from November 21 through December 31 with an opening reception on Friday, December 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

In the Member Gallery, Fewster's paintings include works of acrylic, watercolor, ink and collage. She's been a painter for 35 years and has had many one-woman shows in Florida, Ohio, Illinois and Alabama. She says it is important for her to "be honest" in her paintings and that she hopes viewers will see in her work her love for the earth and our need to care for it. Ten percent of the sales of her work will go to the Ronald McDonald House of Southwest Florida.



Pink Cadillac 1960 by Lydia Fogaras Ljuboja

Painter and retired pathologist Lydia Fogaras Ljuboja, MD, is the featured artist in the Alliance Theatre Gallery. Her series of brightly colored acrylics of classic vehicles represent just one facet of her long artistic adventure, which she says began at boarding school in pre-WWII Romania. She became a physician in France in the 1950s before moving to Hawaii and then Ohio, where she was a pathologist at Mt. Sinai Hospital until retiring in 1991. Ljuboja has been painting and showing her work locally since moving to Fort Myers in 2004.

Alicia Schmidt: 40 Years A Retrospective is on display in the Alliance Main Gallery until December 31. Schmidt will lead a "gallery walk and talk" from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3.

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 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard.*

Cleveland International Piano Competition Winner To Perform

BIG ARTS has announced the lineup for its Sunday classical afternoon series, beginning with the 2011 Cleveland International Piano Competition winner, Alexander Schimpf, who performs at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 11.

The classical afternoon concerts continue with guitar and cello musicians the Moeller Duo on Sunday, January 15, and the Adaskin String Trio on Sunday, January 29.

Individual concert tickets are general admission \$32, children admitted free with a paying adult. The Classical Afternoon concert series is \$82 for all three concerts. To reserve child ticket, call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.

The first German winner of the prestigious Cleveland International Piano Competition, Alexander Schimpf triumphed over finalists from around the world in the August 2011 competition. His performance alongside the Cleveland Orchestra helped him to win the \$50,000 cash prize, as well as 50 concert engagements throughout the U.S. over the next two years.

Schimpf will perform at New York City's Carnegie Hall just one week before his BIG ARTS Classical Afternoon debut on Sanibel.

His Sanibel program includes Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin*, Schubert's *Sonata No. 21 in B-flat major, D. 960*, and a new composition by Adrian Sieber titled *Fantaise II... und schon verglüht (... and already in embers)*.

Since winning first prize at the 2008 German Music Competition in the solo



2011 Cleveland International Piano winner Alexander Schimpf

photo by Balazs Böröcz

piano category and the 2009 Beethoven Competition in Vienna, Schimpf has made a particular name for himself as a promising young talent in concert appearances, which include performances in France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, England and South America. His first CD, released in 2010, was co-produced by classical music labels Deutschlandradio Kultur and GENUIN.

Schimpf's career has already taken him to many concert halls and festivals throughout Germany, including Gasteig, Munich's Allerheiligen-Hofkirche, Musikund Kongresshalle Lübeck, Elmau Castle, and the Beethovenhaus Bonn. He has also performed in France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and England. His concert performances have also been recorded by the German broadcasters BR, NDR and SWR, Austria's ORF and Radio France.

Classical Afternoons Grand Patron Series Sponsor is Deborah and John La Gorce.

Visit www.BIGARTS.org for more event and performance information including links to performer's sites. To purchase tickets, buy online, stop by BIG ARTS at 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel or call the Marks Box Office at 395-0900.*

Florida Hot Rods And Hogs Show Has Entertainment For Everyone

Sunday, December 4, will provide fans of a plethora of vehicles at a mega event at the Lee Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. One hundred five acres of show cars and motorcycles and 65,000 square feet of exhibitor space will provide the largest single-day car and bike show in Florida.

The Florida Hot Rods & Hogs Car and Bike Show's title sponsor is the Seminole Casino Immokalee. Attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. With a projected attendance of 20,000, this will be the largest single-day food drive in the tri-county area.

Spectator general admission is \$12; \$10 if you bring two food items. Children under the age of eight are free when accompanied by an adult. The Lee Civic Center charges \$5 for spectator parking.

Numerous well-known personalities will make appearances at the all-day event:

- Chip Foose, the youngest person to be inducted into the Hot Rod Hall of Fame.
- Buddy Baker, the first NASCAR driver to exceed 200 mph on a closed course, and the first driver to win the same race at the same venue as his father.
- "Big Daddy" Don Garlits, who perfected the rear-engine top fuel dragster design.
- Shirley Muldowney, known as the "First Lady of Drag Racing," and the first woman to receive a license from the National Hot Rod Association to drive a top fuel dragster.

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Southern Fried Mahi-Mahi Sandwiches

2 eggs, large
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 cup cornmeal
 4 five-ounce mahi-mahi fillets
 1 cup vegetable oil
 8 soft sandwich rolls, split
 leaf lettuce
 2 tomatoes, sliced thin

Beat together eggs, salt and cayenne in a shallow dish. Mix flour, salt and pepper in a shallow dish; place cornmeal in separate dish. Coat fillets in seasoned flour; dip in egg wash and then into cornmeal to coat. In a deep fry pan, cook the fillets in oil at 375 degrees F. for 2 to 4 minutes, browning on each side. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve on sandwich rolls with lettuce and sliced tomatoes.

Yield four servings

Nutritional Value Per Serving

Calories 314, Calories From Fat 59, Total Fat 7g, Saturated Fat 3g, Trans Fatty Acid 0, Cholesterol 127mg, Total Carbohydrates 34g, Protein 28g, Omega 3 Fatty Acid 0.12g

Look for "Fresh from Florida" ingredients at your grocery store.✪



Southern Fried Mahi-Mahi Sandwiches

A Ghostly Tale At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* has been delighting audiences during the holidays for many years. Laboratory Theater of Florida is taking a new tack and presenting it as the ghost story they say Dickens meant it to be. The production is the work of Artistic Director Annette Trossbach and Louise Wigglesworth, a resident playwright for Laboratory Theater.

Trossbach told me that they had the idea early last summer to develop the play according to some notes and letters Dickens left about the novel. She said, "He always referred to it as a ghost story. We met with our director, Mike Carlip, and did some brainstorming on where we wanted to go with the show. It's not something to bring a five-year-old to see because it's dark and is about the haunting and judgment of Ebenezer Scrooge. It looks into his soul with the same characters, Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future."

She said the play will be performed in the round. "The audience will be on the outside edges of the theater and the

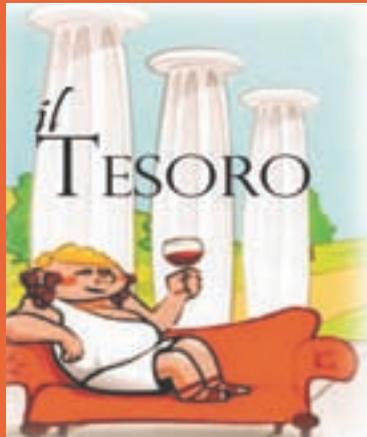
action will take place in the center. It's very dramatically lit and there are beautifully hand-crafted puppets involved that serve different purposes, along with a surprise element."

Trossbach said the appropriate age for those seeing the show would be 12 on up. "This is not the Victorian happy-go-lucky show that is usually shown. Scrooge gets badly haunted. It's spooky for him."

She said Laboratory Theater likes to explore and do cutting-edge theater with classic pieces. "We are the only teaching theater in Southwest Florida. Anybody young at heart or young in years can audition to be in a show or to work in some capacity for the theater.

"They will learn elocution and voice, character and text analysis, and many more types of acting methods. We're also starting a Readers Theater Series in January, for people who maybe don't want to perform in front of a crowd, but like to read plays and discuss theater."

For more information and for tickets to *A Christmas Carol: The Haunting and Judgment of Ebenezer Scrooge*, call 218-0481 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com. The show opens December 9 and plays through December 18. Laboratory Theater of Florida is located in its new home, 2428 2nd Street, in downtown Fort Myers.✪



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Gulf Coast Symphony To Perform Tchaikovsky, Beethoven With 14-Year-Old Pianist At BIG ARTS

The Gulf Coast Symphony comes to BIG ARTS Saturday, December 4, for a special island concert that includes the works of Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. The symphony will feature Tristan Teo, the 14-year-old winner of this year's Virginia Waring International Piano Competition. Tickets are \$25 General, \$10 Student, and Child 17 and under free. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in BIG ARTS Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Visits by the Gulf Coast Symphony are a staple on Sanibel. In this classical access concert under the direction of Dr. Andrew Kurtz, audiences will be treated to performances of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 1 in G minor*, "Winter Dreams" and Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Opus 37*, featuring Teo.

A native of Canada, Teo has been awarded top prizes in several international piano competitions. At the age of 11, he placed first in both the solo and concerto pre-college divisions of the 2009 Kingsville International Isabel Scionti Piano Competitions, becoming the youngest contestant ever to achieve this honor. Earlier this year, he was awarded first prize at the 5th Bösendorfer and Schimmel USASU International Piano Junior Competition. In April, Teo garnered first prize wins in both the solo and concerto competitions of the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition in California. In his spare time, Teo enjoys reading and creating LEGO masterpieces.

To learn more about this concert, as well as information about upcoming events, workshops and membership, stop by BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, Sanibel; call 395-0900; email info@BIGARTS.org; or log on to www.BIGARTS.org.*



Tristan Teo



Gulf Coast Symphony

Blues, Sweat & Cheers Benefit

On Sunday, December 11, a benefit concert for the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) in honor of local musician Kenny Cox is being held at the Alliance for the Arts. The event runs from noon to 6 p.m. and features live musical performances. There will be an admission as well as food, beverages and raffle items.

Contributing musical artists:

Dana Paul and his eight-piece tribute band Spinning Wheel. Paul is not only the singer's singer, he's the musician's singer. His vocal wizardry and electric personality have made him one of the most talked about performers around.

National performing blues artist Seth Walker. The driving delivery and infectious down-home style of Walker's voice and songs resonate with Blues and Roots music. He has honed his skills for the last 10 years in Austin, Texas, playing among the best blues musicians in the world.

Captiva's own TroubleStarters.

NFT patient Cox, age 45, needs a lifesaving kidney transplant. His son will donate one of his kidneys to save his father's life. Cox's insurance will cover the transplant surgery but not the anti-rejection medicine which costs \$5,000 per month. The surgery cannot be scheduled until \$50,000 for the NFT in honor of Kenny Cox has been raised. To date, he has raised \$38,000. To raise the remaining \$12,000, his friends and fam-



Local musician Kenny Cox needs a new kidney

ily are hosting the benefit concert.

To read Cox's story and/or to make a donation, go to transplants.org/donate/kennycox. To make a donation in honor of Cox, mail a tax-deductible gift to the NFT Florida Kidney Fund, 5350 Poplar Ave., Suite 430, Memphis, TN 38119. Be sure to write "In honor of Kenny Cox" in the memo line. Secure donations also can be made online at transplants.org/donate/kennycox.

For more information about NFT, call 800-489-3863 or visit transplants.org. To become a sponsor, donate or volunteer for Blues, Sweat & Cheers, contact Kelly Pohler at kellypohler@yahoo.com (691-7455) or Kristi Hyde at kristihyde@msn.com (462-2620).*

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Let It Snow

a collection of works by Olympic Artist Steve Allen. These 1968 Olympic Legends joined AOTO founder Al Oerter in 2005 to help the organization inspire individuals to discover and explore the power of their creative potential through arts, sports and educational programs based on the Olympic values.

Their artwork and stories will be on display through January 28.

Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery at the Al Oerter Center for Excellence is at 1300 Hendry Street. Admission to the Let It Snow reception is free of charge.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed to on Sundays, Mondays and holidays.

For general museum information, visit www.artoftheolympians.com. or call 332-5055.*

True Tours Expanding Tour Schedule

Due to popular demand, True Tours now offers Historical Walking Tours every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Brunch is also available with the Sunday tour.

If you're going to Art Walk, True Tours offers a tour one hour prior to Art Walk at 5 p.m. the first Friday of every month.

Private party tours are also available. Call for information and reservations at 945-0405 and visit www.true-tours.net.*

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A Holiday Treat At Broadway Palm Theater



by Di Saggau

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas: The Musical* is now playing at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. The show is packed with all the famous songs from the

1954 film of the same name with added flair and lots of fun. The costumes and choreography are fabulous. If you aren't familiar with the story, it follows entertainers Bob Wallace (Ryan William Bailey) and Phil Davis (John Ramsey), who were two buddies from World War II. Fast forward to 1954 and they are now one of America's leading entertainment acts, which includes appearing on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

They meet up with the sister act of Betty and Judy Haynes (Kara Farmer and Lisa LeCuyer) and follow them to a snowless Vermont. There they connect with their old general, Henry Waverly (Michael Weaver), who owns a struggling inn. Business is bad, it's unseasonable warm, bookings are scarce and the bills are piling up, so Bob and Phil concoct a plan to

turn things around.

The show has some outstanding musical and dance numbers. Songs include *Sisters*, *The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing*, *Love, You Didn't Do Right By Me*, and of course, *White Christmas*. The *Blue Skies* number with a touch of Fosse, is an absolute standout as is *I Love a Piano* in sophisticated black and white.

The stellar cast includes Pauline Cobrda as the inn concierge Martha Watson, who belts out *Let Me Sing and I'm Happy*. The song is repeated by Susan Waverly, the general's granddaughter, and it was a favorite of the audience. The night I saw the show, Kelly Tackett played the role which is shared with Jessica Daniels.

The cast has great stage presence with voices as good as their dancing and that makes for many bright spots in the show. *White Christmas* is a cozy trip down memory lane and one that should quickly get you in the holiday mood. It's directed and choreographed by award-winning director/choreographer Ann Nieman. The show runs through December 25. For tickets call 278-4422, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*



Ryan William Bailey, Kara Farmer, John Ramsey and Lisa LeCuyer



Betty and Judy in their *Sisters* act



The *Blue Skies* number



The Firehouse Singers will be featured in *The Christmas Toyshop*

The Christmas Toy Shop At Firehouse Theatre

Start your holiday season as the Firehouse Community Theatre presents *The Christmas Toyshop* by Michele L. Vacca, directed by Mike Shough and featuring the music of the Firehouse Singers.

The Christmas Toyshop is produced by Special Arrangement with CLASSICS

ON STAGE! of Chicago.

The Firehouse Singers will present several favorite holiday songs under the direction of Nick Fidanza.

Showtimes for this Christmas program are December 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 7 p.m. and December 4 and 11 at 2 p.m.

For advance ticket sales, call (863) 675-3066 or email infor@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 North Bridge Street in downtown LaBelle. For more information, visit www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.*

Paul Todd Music Of Lights Show Tickets Available

Tickets are going fast, but still available for the Paul Todd concert *Illuminated*, the Music of Lights on Monday, December 12 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. The concert will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

This will be the world premiere of the program for entertainer, composer, and musician Paul Todd. The program will feature 1,500 audience participants receiving complimentary hand-held sound activated light bars to use during the performance.

The unique program will begin at 7 p.m. In addition to Paul Todd, performers joining him include Amy Van Wyk, Jeff Ramsey, Ellie Vandermuese, Paul Todd, Jr., Christie Cole, Todd Peterson, and a 100-voice choir.

Tickets begin at \$25 and may be purchased at www.bbmannpah.com or by calling the box office at 481-4849. Special sponsor tickets are available to support the Harry Chapin Food Bank and to attend the grand reception pre-concert.

Paul Todd has been amazing audiences since he won the prestigious National Yamaha Keyboard Contest at the age of 14. He has performed with a number of great musicians and since beginning his solo career has experienced all facets of

the music industry. He has composed the theme songs for many prominent organizations and scores for two musicals.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.org.*

Holiday Concert

The Southwest Florida Gay & Lesbian Chorus presents *Here We Come A Caroling*, a holiday concert with traditional Christmas music and cabaret style seating. Performances are on Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers. UUCFM is located at 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers 33912, just off Daniels Parkway.

On Saturday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. it will be performed at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples located at 6340 Napa Woods Way, Naples 34116.

Complimentary desserts and beverages will be served at all performances.

Donation for tickets is \$15 and tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 410-2025 or at the door the day of the concert. Website: www.gaychorus.org.*

Our email address is press@riverweekly.com

Theatre Conspiracy To Aid Troops



New seats at The Foulds Theatre

Theatre Conspiracy is opening the comedy *Becky's New Car* at the Foulds Theatre on December 2 at 8 p.m.

Becky's New Car, by Steven Dietz tells the story of Becky, a housewife, mother and car dealership employee. Her life isn't exactly unhappy – but from her desk at a car dealership, she can't help but wonder what else is out there. And then she finds out.

When a wealthy suitor presumes she is a widow – and she doesn't correct him – she finds herself leading a double life until it quickly (and hilariously) accelerates out of her control. This clever and witty new comedy shows an unexpected and inventive way to escape the midlife doldrums.

Starring Lauren Drexler as Becky and directed by Stephen Hooper, the show plays December 2 through December 17, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with one Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on December 4. Tickets are \$18. Thursday nights are “buy one get one half off”.

Opening night December 2 is “pay what you will, with the audience naming the ticket price that night. For more information go to www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Opening night of *Becky's New Car* is a fundraiser for the Stan and Haney DRAFT Fund (Direct Relief and Assistance for Florida's Troops). Fifty percent of ticket sales that night will go to support our troops.

Established in 2003, the DRAFT fund provides financial assistance to military personnel who have a family connection to Southwest Florida. Funds will be allocated to immediate family members for care packages and shipping/postage. Stan and Haney have been 96K Rock on-air personalities for the last 15 years. They air on weekday afternoons.

Theatre Conspiracy and the Alliance for the Arts have acquired new seats for the Foulds Theatre. These new seats are padded and very comfortable. To offset the cost, seat sponsorships are available!

Theatre Conspiracy in conjunction with OnStage Publications has launched a mobile Donation & Review Machine for the 2011-12 season. The mobile app, dubbed ArtsFreePress, allows audience members at a live performance to pledge donations right from their seats, and post instant reviews via a smart phone or similar

mobile device.

Engaging new, younger audience members especially, and capitalizing on the social networking craze and Twitter, ArtsFreePress gives audience members the opportunity to instantly review the performance they are watching. Reviews and comments are posted to a live Twitter feed, allowing audience members to interact with each other, as well as their social networking friends.

Live “audience challenges” invite patrons at a performance to make small pledges for donations of \$5, \$10 and \$25 to Theatre Conspiracy. As each audience member makes a pledge, the overall goal of the audience challenge for that performance is re-calculated and posted on the same live Twitter feed in which reviews are posted.

Audience members will be able to connect directly to the app without the need to download or install anything. ArtsFreePress will be accessed through a QR code found in the program books that are passed out free before each Theatre Conspiracy performance or by navigating directly to www.artsfreepress.com through a mobile device.

“Audience members spend, on average, 33 minutes browsing our program books during a performance,” says Norm Orlowski, president of OnStage Publications. “Now they can also access our mobile app to make pledges or talk directly to our partner organizations. Performing arts groups make a significant impact on local economies.

“We think this kind of innovative revenue gathering and cutting-edge communication is critical for their survival in times like these.”*

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Book Review

The Paris Wife



by Max
Friedersdorf

Reading *The Paris Wife* is like driving up to a railroad crossing and watching in hypnotic fascination as an inevitable train wreck occurs right before your eyes.

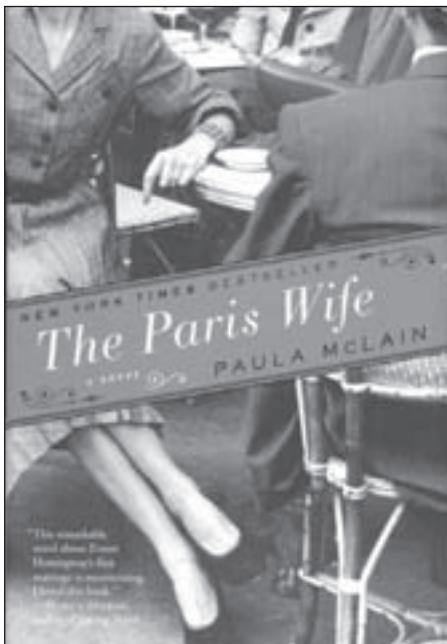
You can't turn away.

The train wreck is the smash-up of Ernest Hemingway's first marriage to a lovely, faithful, intelligent and devoted girl named Hadley Richardson.

Swept up in a whirlwind courtship, the red-headed Hadley, in her late twenties, marries the 21-year-old Hemingway and they set sail for Paris where they become part of the roaring twenties' "Lost Generation."

Living in a wretched, walk-up, toilet-down-the-hall, cold water flat, the young couple nevertheless develop friendships with wealthy and successful mentors like Gertrude Stein, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Pablo Picasso.

Hemingway accepts special assignments from the *Toronto Star* as a foreign correspondent but spends most of the time writing poems and novels while Hadley tends to their new baby boy, Bumby.



A vamp soon appears in the form of a chic, slender brunette from St. Louis named Pauline Pfeiffer, a gal with money, a job as Paris correspondent for *Vogue*, and definite designs on the handsome, macho Hemingway.

Pauline soon ingratiates herself with Hadley and helps out with the baby sitting and shopping and joins the couple on a skiing trip to Switzerland and a vacation in Antibes on the French Riviera.

Hemingway, by this time, is wrapping up his first great novel, *The Sun Also Rises*. During their five years of

marriage, Hadley has been an honest critic of Ernest's work, not always to his appreciation, but Pauline has deduced what he really wants is plenty of unqualified praise and support.

Hemingway leaves Hadley and marries Pauline. Thirty-five years later, Hadley is vacationing in Arizona with her new husband, Paul Mowrer, when she receives a call out of the blue from Hemingway who has since married two more times and won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Hemingway, after a long conversation, concludes, "We loved each other too much. No, that's not it at all. I ruined it."

The Paris Wife by Paula McClain is a terrific novel and has been high on the bestseller lists since publication earlier this year. It captures a remarkable period of time and a love affair between two unforgettable people.

McClain constructed the book by following the very well documented historical record. "The true story of the Hemingways' marriage is so dramatic and compelling, and has been so beautifully treated by Ernest Hemingway himself in *A Moveable Feast*, that my intention became to push deeper into the emotional lives of the characters and bring new insight to historical events, while staying faithful to the facts," McClain explained.

The Paris Wife, By Paula McClain. Ballantine Books, New York. Hardback, 320 pages, \$25.*

Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library Programs

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

Adults

- How to Interview Family Members, Friends & Relatives, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 3

Genealogical research involves gathering information from a variety of sources. These sources may include family members, especially elderly parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles. Neighbors and co-workers of ancestors are two additional potential information sources.

This seminar will focus on techniques that have a proven track record for obtaining information relevant to genealogical research. The lecture will include a discussion of specific questions that can be especially helpful when dealing with elderly respondents suffering memory-related challenges. Registration is required.

- Small Business Series: FAQs About Starting a Business, 2 p.m. Monday, December 19

Should I start my own business? Am I an entrepreneur? Do I have what it takes? Learn the answers and what is needed to successfully start your own business. Registration is required.

- Reader's Choice Book Discussion, noon Wednesday, December 21

Take a break from our regular series of assigned books and share a book you've been reading or an author you really enjoy. This is a Reader's Choice month.

Family

- Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 7. This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

- Baby-Parent Rhyme Time, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, December 8, 15

Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby! These rhymes and songs are for infants up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

Children

- Wii for Kids, 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, December 14. Play dodgeball, slot car racing, darts and more with the Wii Playground. Registration is required.

- Kids Read Down Fines, 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, December 19

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and younger only. Registration and library card are required.

Teens

- Creative Writing for Teens!, 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 7

Use writing, poetry and art on paper

and place these in a poetry book that you will make today. All materials and snacks provided. For grades six through 12. Registration is required.

- Kids Read Down Fines, 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, December 19

Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and younger only. Registration and library card are required.

- Gift from the Heart, 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 21

Make a special gift from the heart for someone you love. Several different projects will be available for you to choose from. All supplies will be provided. For grades six through 12. Registration is required.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library is located at 2050 Central Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days' notice to library staff. Assistive listening system available; request at desk.

Check the Lee County Library System's website at <http://library.leegov.com>, or pick up an events calendar on your next visit, to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.*

Book Signing In Cape Coral

Elaire Myers, a resident of Cape Coral, will be available to sign copies of her children's book, *The Adventures of Lizzy Beth*, December 10 at 4 p.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 2628 Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral.

In *The Adventures of Lizzy Beth*, Lizzy and Joey head into the woods behind Lizzy's house to see what nature has in store for them. Lizzy takes care of a baby rabbit with a broken leg, sees some baby deer being born, and makes friends with the animals at a nearby pond. Even when Lizzy is at home, her fun with animals doesn't stop. But Lizzy's adventures aren't all fun and games. On one of her last walks into the woods, Lizzy gets into trouble when she's caught in a trap for small animals. Hurt and afraid, Lizzy has to rely on her animal friends to find help so she can return home safely. Can Joey and her other new friends do enough to save her?

For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or traci@tatepublishing.com.*

Cape Coral Book Signing At Show

Laura Allen Nonemaker, a resident of Cape Coral, will be available to sign copies of her children's book, *Benny's Angel: A God's Secret Garden Adventure* on December 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church Gift and Craft Show, 10360 Stringfellow Road in Saint James City.

Who stole the flowers in God's Secret Garden? Find out in this tale, which uses animals, nature, and a visit from an angel to teach the importance of prayer and the value of trusting God.

For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or traci@tatepublishing.com.*

Book Signing

Author Joseph F. Giattini, MD will be signing copies of his book, *Personal Memoirs book, The Store: The Success of an Immigrant Family in the Face of Personal Tragedy and National Economic Depression*, December 10 from 11 .m. to 2 p.m. at the Sandman Book Company, 16500 Burnt Store Road, #110 in Punta Gorda.

The Store is a loving look back at a very important part of the author's life. Giattini takes readers back in time to when his parents moved out of the city and started a new life for their family. After Paul opened his barbershop, Mamie got the entrepreneurial bug herself, and thus the store was born. People from all over town visited the store for everything from cigars to candy. Giattini leads readers on a journey through days past in *The Store*.

For more information, contact James Branscum at 888-361-9473 or james@tatepublishing.com.*

Lakes Regional Library Programs

Next month's roster of activities at Lakes Regional Library offers topics for adults, families and children. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

- English Café, 6 p.m. Mondays, December 5, 12

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

- Book Discussion: Erik Larson's *In the Garden of Beasts*, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 13

Erik Larson's book takes place in pre-war Nazi Germany and focuses on the lives of the American ambassador, William E. Dodd and his promiscuous daughter, Martha. Dodd's frugality and growing concern over Hitler's ambitions as well as his daughter's numerous affairs including a member of the Gestapo and a Soviet spy make for a fascinating read. Registration is required.

Family

- Fun with Letters, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 1

Fun with Letters is for parents, grandparents, childcare providers and other caregivers—and their children, ages two

to five. Parents and other primary caregivers are children's first teachers. This workshop presents the five early literacy practices that you can use to learn more about the world. Register both you and your child for this event.

- Baby-Parent Rhyme Time, 10 a.m. Monday, December 5

Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby! These rhymes and songs are for infants, up to 24 months accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is required.

- Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 7

Children two years old and their caregivers participate in song, fingerplays and short stories. The success of this age group depends on adult participation and encouragement. Toddler storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.

- Family Storytime, 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 7

This program is for the whole family and lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

- Fun with Science and Math, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 13

Fun with Science and Math is for parents, grandparents, childcare providers and other caregivers and their children, ages two to five. Parents and other primary caregivers are children's first teachers. This workshop presents the five early literacy practices along with interactive science and math activities. Register both you and your child for this event.

- Holiday Centerpieces, 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 20

Start a new family tradition by crafting a beautiful centerpiece to highlight your holiday table. Parents and grandparents are invited to participate with their children. All materials will be provided. For ages three and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. Registration is requested.

Children

- Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. Monday, December 5

Preschoolers (ages three to five) attend this storytime independently while parents or caregivers wait nearby in the library building. This storytime includes activities that require more participation and a longer attention span. Each preschool storytime lasts about 30 minutes. Registration is required.

- Ehlert Excitement, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 8

Lois Ehlert has become one of the most prolific authors and artistic illustrators of children's books. Rekindle your child's appreciation for her books through stories, activities and a craft. Registration is required.

- A Sandra Boynton Bash, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 14

This special program will feature all things Sandra Boynton! Join in for some stories all about pigs, sheep, cows, jazz and hippopotami. While Boynton won't be there in person, she will be there in spirit as participants do some cool Boynton-inspired activities. For ages two to five. Sponsored by the Friends of the

Lakes Regional Library. Registration is requested.

- Christmas Centerpieces, 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 20

Start a family tradition by crafting a Christmas centerpiece to highlight your holiday table. Parents and grandparents are invited to participate with their children. All materials will be provided. For ages three and up. Sponsored by Friends of the Lakes Regional Library. Registration is requested.

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

Check the Lee County Library System's website at www.lee-county.com/library, or pick up an events calendar on your next visit, to find out about programs at other locations. Call the host library, or Telephone Reference at 479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.*

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AIDS Event

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Red Sox 2012 Spring Training Schedule; Tickets For Inaugural Season Go On Sale December 17

The Boston Red Sox have released the 2012 Spring Training schedule, which includes 18 games at the team's new Spring Training facility, JetBlue Park at Fenway South. The 33-game exhibition season includes one game against the Washington Nationals in Washington, DC on Tuesday, April 3. Tickets for all 2012 Spring Training games at JetBlue Park are scheduled to go on sale on Saturday, December 17.

Ticket prices at JetBlue Park will range from \$5 to \$46 for the 2012 season with more than 75 percent of tickets available priced at \$27 or less. Like City of Palms Park, the Red Sox previous Spring Training home, the majority of seats in the park will be in the shade.

Spring Training tickets will go on sale at 10 a.m. on December 17, and fans can purchase tickets at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers, online at redsox.com, and by phone at 888-REDSOX6. Fans who require ADA-accessible seating may also call 877-REDSOX9. Hearing-impaired fans may call the Red Sox TTY line at (617) 226-6644.

Boston will open the Spring Training season with two college exhibitions on Saturday, March 3: a 2:35 p.m. matinee against the Northeastern University Huskies, followed by a nightcap with the Boston College Eagles at 7:05 p.m.

The Red Sox will kick off the 2012 Grapefruit League schedule at home on Sunday, March 4 at 1:35 p.m. against their Mayor's Cup rival Minnesota Twins. The Twins host Boston at Hammond Stadium the following night, the second of six total contests between the cross-town foes.

Boston will visit the AL East rival New York Yankees on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:05 p.m. in Tampa and will host the club on Thursday, March 22 at 7:05 p.m. The contests are two of nine scheduled night games for the Red Sox this spring, including six at home.

On March 17, the Baltimore Orioles will visit JetBlue Park as part of a split-squad St. Patrick's Day match-up starting at 1:35 p.m. The team will also play a 1:05 p.m. game against the Orioles in Sarasota. Other division matchups include three additional contests against Baltimore, four versus the Tampa Bay Rays and four with Toronto.

The team will also hold the City of Palms Park Yard Sale on December 17, giving fans an opportunity to purchase a selection of items from the Red Sox' 20-year history at the ballpark, including memorabilia from former and current players, ballpark furniture, and collectibles. Fans may enter through the Broadway Gate beginning at

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2012 BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

(All Times Eastern and Subject to Change)			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Saturday, March 3	Northeastern	JetBlue Park	2:35 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	Boston College	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Monday, March 5	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	7:05 p.m.
Tuesday, March 6	Baltimore Orioles	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
Thursday, March 8	St. Louis Cardinals	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.
Friday, March 9	Pittsburgh Pirates	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	Tampa Bay Rays	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sunday, March 11	Baltimore Orioles	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Monday, March 12	Miami Marlins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, March 13	New York Yankees	Tampa	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14	Off Day		
Thursday, March 15	St. Louis Cardinals	JetBlue Park	2:35 p.m.
Friday, March 16	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	Baltimore Orioles (SS)	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	Baltimore Orioles (SS)	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Sunday, March 18	Tampa Bay Rays	PortC harlotfa	1:05 p.m.
Monday, March 19	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20	Toronto Blue Jays	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	Pittsburgh Pirates	Bradeiton	135 p.m.
Thursday, March 22	New York Yankees	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Friday, March 23	Baltimore Orioles	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	Miami Marlins (SS)	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	Philadelphia Phillies (SS)	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Sunday, March 25	Toronto Blue Jays	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
Monday, March 26	Philadelphia Phillies	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.
Tuesday, March 27	Tampa Bay Rays	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28	Off Day		
Thursday, March 29	Toronto Blue Jays	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Friday, March 30	Minnesota Twins	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	Tampa Bay Rays	PortCharlotfe	1:05 p.m.
Sunday, April 1	Minnesota Twins	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Monday, April 2	Washington Nationals	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, April 3	Washington Nationals	Nationals Park	6:05 p.m.

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Private Prep Schools Loaded With Star Basketball Talent Are Changing The Face Of High School Basketball

by Ed Frank



A small private prep school in northern Indiana best known as the high school of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts is one of about a dozen private boarding schools throughout

the nation that are changing the face of high school basketball.

Amazingly, this school of 200 students in Indiana, La Lumiere, will have seven graduating seniors that will sign with Division I colleges – five already have signed National Letters of Intent – two with Purdue, one with Indiana, one with New Mexico and one with Southern Illinois.

La Lumiere, and the handful of other top-tier private schools so loaded with talent that most local high schools won't play them, instead compete among themselves traveling nationwide.

And these athletes are students, not just basketball players, who must adhere to the rigid academic standards and school policies.

In a state where high school basketball is a near religion, La Lumiere sets a far different standard than most public high schools. Here basketball ranks third in importance after academics and student life.

"Yes, we're unique to the area," says La Lumiere coach Alan Huss, a former Creighton University player. "We prepare our kids to go to college with a great academic environment. We realize that 75 per cent of all high school students are not capable of doing the work we require."

His players, who are recruited nationally and internationally, face the pressure of the classroom and are not

treated differently than non-athletes.

"The teachers don't care who they are. They need to work and I put that on them," Huss said.

On any given day, as many as 35 college coaches can be seen in the La Lumiere gym scouting his players. And it's understandable when you observe the five seniors who already have signed with major college basketball programs – two guards, two forwards and a center.

Jay Simpson, a 6-foot-9-inch forward, and Raphael Davis, a 6-foot-5-inch forward, have signed with Purdue. Both transferred to La Lumiere this year: Simpson from Champaign, Illinois, Central High School; and Davis from Fort Wayne, Indiana, South Side.

Davis, a 4.0 student, played for three difference coaches in three years and needed the stability and attention to detail that the La Lumiere program provides, according to Huss. Simpson, also a top student, has flourished with the school's set schedule and study hall requirements.

Hanna Perea, a 6-foot-9-inch power forward, signed with Indiana. Originally from Columbia, he transferred to La Lumiere a year ago from United Faith Christian Academy in North Carolina. Huss describes Perea as a "freak athlete" who is taking that athleticism and learning how to be more productive with it.

Obji Aget, a towering seven-footer, has signed with Steve Alford's New Mexico; and the fifth Division I signer is Antonio Drummond, a 5-foot-11-inch guard who will play for Southern Illinois and is described as the team leader.

Huss said his two remaining seniors, Aarom Emmanuel, a 6-foot-1-inch guard, and Matel Buovac, a 6-foot-7-inch forward, are still considering offers from several Division I schools.

Because it is a boarding school –



Five basketball players from tiny La Lumiere School in Indiana who have signed National Letters of Intent with major Division I colleges are from left, Jay Simpson, Objí Aget, Antonio Drummond, Raphael Davis and Hanna Perea

tuition is \$33,370 a year – lengthy holiday breaks allow for extended team travel. The players never miss a day of school because of a basketball game.

During the current Thanksgiving vacation, they traveled to New Haven, Connecticut, where they went 2-0 in the National Prep Showcase, defeating Lee Academy of Virginia 83-57 and Vermont Academy 102-93. Both Vermont and La Lumiere are nationally ranked top 20 teams by *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

This weekend, La Lumiere seeks to extend its 4-0 season record when it faces the nation's No. 2 high school, Findlay Prep of Nevada at the University of Kentucky's Rupp Arena. Huss said all 12 members of Findlay Prep will sign with Division I colleges.

In just his second year as La Lumiere coach, Huss said, "We're just scratching the surface. I'm excited about the future." His sophomore class of three players is "very strong," but with seven departing seniors he will probably "go young" with next year's recruiting.

La Lumiere will play 35 games this season and hopes in the future to play in the prestigious Fort Myers City of Palms Tournament.

The famous movie *Hoosiers* dramatically portrayed the excitement of Indiana high school basketball. The La Lumiere Lakers are giving a new meaning to Hoosier basketball.

Everblades Split Pair against Greenville Last Weekend

The Florida Everblades hockey team went 1-1 last weekend at Germain Arena defeating the Greenville Road Warriors 5-0 Saturday night after a 5-2 loss Friday.

Florida began the week with a 7-8-1 season record, but just three points out of first place in the ECHL South Division.

They travel to the Midwest this week for three games, one against Toledo and two against Kalamazoo. The Everblades return home next week for three games with Gwinnett, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.✪

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Spring Training

8 a.m. All sales are cash only. A portion of the yard sale proceeds will be donated to three local charitable organizations: Police Athletic League of Fort Myers; Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc.; and Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc. All yard sale items are subject to availability and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The annual Spring Training equipment truck departure will take place on Saturday, February 11 from Fenway Park.

Prior to the start of the exhibition season, Red Sox will hold workouts at the organization's new Player Development Complex at Fenway South. Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report

on Sunday, February 19, and will hold the first workout on Tuesday, February 21 with the first full squad workout on Saturday, February 25. All workouts are open to the public free of charge.

JetBlue Park sits within Fenway South, the Red Sox new Spring Training and Player Development Complex, which will provide a single, state-of-the-art, year-round site where both Major and Minor League teams can train together. The ballpark includes improved features and amenities such as new food options, an HD video board as well as interactive family areas. The Yawkey Way experience at Fenway Park will be recreated on the road positioned immediately south of JetBlue Park during Spring Training and will add to the ballpark's concourse with a street festival feel including entertainment, concessions and other activities.✪

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Kiwanis Collects Books For Patients Of All Children's Specialty Care



Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South at the 2010 Breakfast with Santa

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South is collecting new or like-new children's books for the All Children's Specialty Care of Fort Myers patients and their siblings. The books will be distributed at the annual Breakfast with Santa holiday party that the club helps to organize. Ages of the children range from babies to middle school.

Donations can be dropped off at three Fort Myers locations: Priority Marketing (8200 College Parkway, Suite 201); Mills-Price & Associates Inc. (6710 Winkler Road, Suite 1); and Bean, Whitaker, Lutz and Kareh Inc. (13041 McGregor Boulevard). Final donations will be picked up on December 6.

The event is planned for December 10, and the club is expecting around 165 children to attend. Businesses committed to donating items or services include: Gulf Shore



Staff from All Children's Specialty Care with Santa Doug Fowler at the 2010 Breakfast with Santa

Bakery, Sun Harvest Citrus, and Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Douglas Fowler of Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida will volunteer his time to play Santa.

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at Edison State College.

For details on joining the Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers South (www.fmskiwanis.com), call Rachel Toomey at 940-3893 or email her at Rachel.Toomey33@gmail.com or on the web at www.fmskiwanis.com. For more information on All Children's Specialty Care of Fort Myers (www.allkids.org), call 931-5700.✪

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Financial Focus

Manage Money Carefully This Holiday Season

by Jennifer Basey



As you know, the holiday season can be joyous, hectic, celebratory – and expensive. And while you certainly enjoy hosting family gatherings and giving presents to your loved ones, you'll

find these things even more pleasurable if they don't add a lot more weight to your debt load. And that's why you'll want to follow some smart money-management techniques over the next few weeks.

To begin with, try to establish realistic budgets for both your entertaining and your gift giving. When you host family and friends, don't go overboard on your expenditures. Your guests will still appreciate your efforts, which, with a little creativity, can create a welcoming and fun experience for everyone. As a guiding principal, keep in mind these words attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, the famous German poet and philosopher: "What you can do without, do without." Set a budget and stick to it.

And the same rule applies to your gift

giving. You don't need to find the most expensive presents, or overwhelm recipients with the sheer volume of your gifts. This is especially true if you, like so many people, have been affected by the tough economy. Everyone you know will understand that gifts don't have to be lavish to be meaningful.

Furthermore, by sticking to a budget, you won't be tempted to dip into your long-term investments to pay for fabulous parties or mountains of gifts. It's never a good idea to tap long-term investments for short-term needs, but it can be especially bad when your investment prices are down, as they may well be this year.

So, if you want to stick to a budget but you don't want to raid your investments, how can you pay for your holiday season expenses? If you can spread out your purchases, you may be able to pay for them from your normal cash flow. But if that's not possible, you might want to consider "plastic" – your credit card. Using your credit card does not, by itself, need to amount to a financial setback, especially if you've chosen a card that offers favorable terms and you've already shown the discipline not to over-use that card. Just try to minimize your credit card usage over the holidays and pay off your card as soon as you can.

Of course, you can make your holiday season much easier, financially speaking, if you've set up a holiday fund to cover your various expenses. While it's too late to set up such a fund this year, why not get an early start on the 2012 holiday season? All you need to do is put away some money each month into an easily

accessible account, separate from your everyday accounts. You don't have to put in a great deal, but you do need to be consistent, which is why you may want to have the money moved automatically, once a month, from your checking or savings account to your holiday fund. When next year's holiday season rolls around, you might be pleasantly surprised by how much you've accumulated.

For now, following some common-sense money management practices can help you get through the holidays in financial shape – and that can get your new year off to a positive start.

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

Drum Circle Flourishing

A drum circle is flourishing in Fort Myers. It occurs every Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. under the pavilion at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy an evening of dancing and drumming. If not at the large pavilion, look for the circle by the small one by the Friends fountain. There will be drummers, dancers, poi spinners and those who just enjoy the rhythm experience. Feel free to bring snacks, drinks (non-alcoholic), chairs, and any percussion instrument (there are always extra drums available to play). For more information about this and future meets go to www.fortmyersdrumcircle.com.✪



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Dr. Dave

Interchangeable Tools



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

Have you considered surgery as a career but feel that slaving away in the roofing department at Home Hardware isn't exactly preparing you for a life of scalpels, sutures and

lawsuits? In fact, it may be the perfect place to practice your skills.

I recently shingled my roof. I did it all by myself with a little help from my sons, sons-in-law, neighbors, patients, local fire department, *Extreme Makeover* crew and St. John's Ambulance. This project involved multiple trips to the local hardware store and a few to the local emergency department. It dawned on me that the two repair shops were practically interchangeable and had I been the least bit resourceful I could have enjoyed one-stop shopping. The hardware store had most of the bandages and plaster I needed and the ER had most of the hardware. Here are some actual tools used by both Ty Pennington and me, albeit for different reasons:

Staple/nail gun. While not used with the same pneumatic force as a roofing gun, doctors use staple guns to close

many wounds in both the OR and ER. The roofing gun, frankly, is much more entertaining as it can be fired with considerable accuracy at the tyrant neighborhood cat, Edward Scissorclaws.

Saw. A century ago a famous country doctor once said, "The only two things I have in my black bag that I know that work for sure are morphine and my saw." Things haven't changed much.

Hammer and chisel. Hip replacements often require rearing back with a hammer and smacking the prosthesis into the leg like a blacksmith hammering a horseshoe, causing the entire body to reverberate.

Patients often leave the OR with a new hip but missing dental fillings.

Sandpaper. One of the stranger moments I have experienced in the operating room involved assisting in thoracic surgery. The thorax, as you recall, is that part of the grasshopper between the abdomen and the compound eyes. While repairing part of a lung that was weak and tended to pop, known as a pneumothorax, the surgeon wanted to make the lung adhere to the inside of the chest wall so that they no longer separated from each other. During the course of the operation the surgeon reached for a sheet of sandpaper. It actually still had the \$0.39 Home Depot price sticker! It had been sterilized and was now about to be used to grate down the chest wall, deliberately inflaming it and hoping for scar tissue.

Drill. The Black and Decker cordless drill is recommended by three out of four neurosurgeons for that burr hole needed in the skull to relieve dangerous pressure

caused by a bleed on the brain often sustained from falling off a roof.

Hydraulic lifts [See plastic surgery]. Nails and screws. Used for nailing and screwing bones and joints back together after, say, falling off the aforementioned roof.

So should you come down with a

nasty case of shingles, you know the drill. Call Ty or me; we'd love to get you hammered.

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.✴

dearPharmacist

The Right Hormones Can Make You Happy



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I took your column regarding hormone replacement to my doctor. He's never ordered progesterone, just estrogen because of the hysterectomy. For eight

years, I've suffered with occasional hot flashes, mood swings, insomnia, and I can't lose weight. Anyway, three days later, his nurse called to say he did some research, and wanted to add bio-identical progesterone to my compounded prescription cream. Two weeks later, I feel remarkably better.

SH, Boca Raton, Florida

You're lucky your doctor is open-minded. This is an important topic so I'm revisiting it. Should a woman with a hysterectomy just take estrogen, or estrogen along with progesterone? It's not black and white. Some physicians refuse to recognize the importance of progesterone once the uterus is taken out! That's unfortunate because women could suffer needlessly.

For new readers trying to understand this, let me back up. In early November, my syndicated column informed women with a hysterectomy that taking "unopposed estrogen," (meaning estrogen without progesterone) wasn't always a good idea.

Many doctors today assume the hormone progesterone has only one use - to protect the uterus. But that is wrong. There are progesterone receptors throughout the entire body, and like every other human hormone, it has far-reaching effects. Does it make sense to deprive the body of the benefits of progesterone just because one particular organ that used it was surgically removed? When you deprive a person of progesterone, an insufficiency develops and may lead to chronic fatigue, depression, anxiety, brain fog, insomnia, hot flashes, inability to lose weight, dry skin, thinning hair, bone loss, PMS, fibroids or migraines. Progesterone is known to relieve these problems, whether or not a uterus is present. It can benefit men sometimes too.

There remains confusion about progestin (drugs) versus progesterone (a natural, bio-identical hormone that humans produce). Progestin drugs have

been associated with birth defects, whereas progesterone is the major hormone of pregnancy. Progestins, in some studies, may be associated with higher risk for breast cancer, heart attack and stroke, whereas progesterone is not. Progesterone stimulates production of thyroid hormone, important to every aspect of life, whether or not a uterus is present. It's needed for brain health; progressive doctors administer this post-stroke in hospitals. In men (who don't have a uterus) progesterone inhibits 5-alpha reductase, which can help with BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia). Progesterone is incredibly protective to breast tissue.

According to two large European studies, women with or without a hysterectomy who use bio-identical hormones have no increased risk of any disease. So even though the current medical "standard of practice" still says to give unopposed estrogen, and some physicians still adhere to this, me and other health experts completely disagree. For the record, if people didn't disagree with "standards of practice" we'd still blame ulcers on stress and use leeches for blood lettings. We are born with many hormones and they are best kept in balance. It's dangerous to mess with Mother Nature.

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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Hot Rods And Hogs

The West Coast Chapter of Abate will host a Biker Rodeo. Live entertainment for all ages includes 15 bands that will be spread over three stages. There will be a special free Kids Alley sponsored by the Shriners, Lee County Sheriff's Office, and Home Depot that will include a youth entertainment center, face painting, finger painting, and bounce houses.

For more information or to find out how to register your hot rod or bike in the show, visit www.flrh.com. For more information about or to contribute to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 239-334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.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,

I am fed up with older women, the way they treat each other in ways men would never treat other men. I was at a local women's function with a woman that is severely handicapped. She had a stroke 30 years ago when she was in her early 40s and has struggled all of these years and never complains.

We were sitting at a designated table and all was fine. Then a woman came over and insisted we move to another location as it would make it easier for the

others. She gave this woman no consideration whatsoever. At this point it made no difference what table we sat at and it was closer to the handicapped ladies room.

Do you know why women are so cruel to one another?

Eva

Dear Eva,

I do not think all women are mean and cruel, nor do I think that all men are mean and cruel. People are people and regardless of their gender, some can be very thoughtless and mean to others. Just as some men are given to too much testosterone and fight with others, some women are given too much estrogen and fight with other women. Unfortunately mean people are part of our world. I do not give them much of my time or energy.

Pryce

Dear Eva,

People are people regardless of their age. There are miserable children and miserable seniors and many in between.

I am very sympathetic to people who are handicapped and try to give them extra concern. However, some handicapped people are unreasonable and expect us all to conform to their needs.

The occasion you are questioning sounds a little uncaring as the woman does not seem to be asking for extra special privilege.

Lizzie

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Some of the employees packing boxes

Uhler & Vertich Employees Take Part In A United Way Day Of Caring

Employees of the firm of Uhler and Vertich Financial Planners gave thanks on November 22 by participating in a United Way Day of Caring project in Bonita Springs.

The project was a partnership among Uhler and Vertich, United Way 211, Bonita Springs Assistance Office, Interfaith Caregivers of South Lee and Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Nearly 400 families – a total of over 1,500 individuals – received food for the Thanksgiving holiday. Approximately 16,000 pounds of food such as canned goods, non-perishable packaged items and fresh produce were given to families in need to make their Thanksgivings more abundant.

“Our entire team was gratified to take part in this; it drives home the dramatic need which still exists in our community. We’ve already made the decision to do another Day of Caring prior to Christmas,” said Tom Uhler, a principal in the firm and also the 2011-12 United Way campaign chair.



Handing out food

Families who attended the United Way Day of Caring food distribution were also provided other social services and referrals to agencies that could help them with clothing, job search, utilities, and counseling.

In addition to all of the employees of Uhler and Vertich, volunteers included those of the Bonita Springs Fire District, CERT, and the agencies involved.

The United Way’s Days of Caring is a year-round program that connects businesses with nonprofit agencies in need of assistance. Businesses have many choices as they select projects as needed by the agencies, including the type of project, location in our community, degree of physical labor, and time commitment.

“The volunteer spirit is very much alive in our community,” said Cliff Smith, president of United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades. “We are very thankful to Uhler and Vertich and our partner agencies for making this wonderful event possible and for helping so many people.”

The United Way Volunteer Center, the designated Volunteer Center for Lee, Hendry and Glades, creates connections between volunteer opportunities and individuals, families, businesses and groups to help them serve their community. To reach The United Way Volunteer Center call 433-2000. ✨

Wine Fest Angels Rock Party

A good time was had by all at the Wine Fest Angels Rock party at the home of Michele Eddy November 19.

The party was an auction item that was bid on by the Cophams and the Vogts. ✨

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Empty Bowls

is the presenting sponsor of the event. Lehigh High School art teacher Suzie Somogyi is serving again this year as the chair for the Empty Bowls committee. Entertainment and pottery demonstrations will also be provided.

For information about the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to harrychapinfoodbank.org. ✨

Writer’s Workshop

Orange Glow Music will host its Writer’s Workshop on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Nashville chart-topping songwriters Dave Gibson and Gary Hannan presenting. Gibson and Hannan have both published songs with major national recording stars including Reba McEntire and Joe Nichols. The workshop costs \$60 to attend and includes lunch. The event will be held at Orange Glow Music, 3880 Via del Ray in Bonita Springs. Interested parties should call 947-4664 to register. ✨



Cathy Snyder and Linda Snapp at the Wine Fest



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Nina Paight, Christina Prendiville



Dave and Cheryl Copham, Michele Eddy, Andi and Don Vogt



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Carol Sing



Carolers in the courtyard of First Presbyterian Church at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

event you don't have the money, do not feel embarrassed or let that keep you away. This is a birthday party – it's Jesus' birthday," said Organizer Sam Galloway Jr. "Our birthday party is in God's house and He welcomes everyone – regardless of means – and so do we."

Because of the overwhelming popularity of the event, three birthday parties are planned at 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The doors will open 30 minutes prior to show time.

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

"The need for food has become a desperate situation for many families in our community," Rev. deJong said. "Continued unemployment and the ongoing downturn in our local economy have caused many of our neighbors to ask for food to feed their families for the first time in their lives. We need our community to come together and help with all



First Presbyterian Church Pastor Paul deJong and Holiday Carol Sing Organizer and Sponsor Sam Galloway Jr. at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

the canned goods they can."

Galloway said cash donations are especially needed because CCMI can buy five times as much food for the same amount of money that residents spend at local grocery stores.

"This way, we can take every dollar and make it stretch as far as is humanly possible," he said. "The need is greater now than people realize. Please dig as deep as you can."

Residents who cannot attend any of the Holiday Carol Sing performances may donate canned goods at either the Galloway Ford dealership on Boy Scout Drive or the Coconut Point Ford dealership on U.S. 41 in Estero or mail donations to CCMI, PO Box 2143, Fort Myers, FL 33902

The Holiday Carol Sing is a festival of holiday music and family fun. This year's 90-minute performance will feature the

food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 2,500 children each school year.

CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. CCMI works in partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, Harry Chapin Food Bank and various community foundations as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups including The School District of Lee County and numerous churches, businesses and community support organizations.

The Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation was established in 1981 by the late Ned and Claiborne Foster Foulds, who moved to Fort Myers in 1958. Ned Foulds was a graduate of Harvard University and retired as a Junior Executive of the Airtemp Division of the Chrysler Corporation. Mrs. Foulds was a Broadway star during the 1930s known under her maiden name of Claiborne Foster and starred in more than 20 plays.

In recognition of their achievements, Mr. and Mrs. Foulds left their estate in trust to be administered by U.S. Trust, as a 501(c)3 Foundation in perpetuity to benefit charitable causes.

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Tyler Kosecki, Renae Kosecki and Kyle Kosecki collected canned goods for CCMI at last year's Holiday Carol Sing

First Presbyterian Church Choir, soloists and other special guests singing favorite holiday carols with audience sing-a-longs.

There is a strong rumor that Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman will be making a surprise visit for the "children in all of us" along with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and other holiday characters.

All canned goods and cash will benefit CCMI, which operates two locations of the Everyday Café and Marketplace in Cape Coral and on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Fort Myers.

The Holiday Carol Sing is the third of three hymn sings sponsored annually by the Galloway Family of Dealerships. The other two are Mrs. Edison's Hymn Sing in February and A Midsummer Night's Sing in July. All three events benefit the Everyday Café and Marketplace of CCMI, which was started in 1984 by First Presbyterian Church as The Soup Kitchen to help alleviate hunger and suffering in Lee County.

CCMI is an innovative nonprofit 501(c)3 organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through their Everyday Café and Marketplace and Home-Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in their Community Montessori, offers homeless and comprehensive case management services through the Cape Coral United Way Resource House, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 1,500 children each school year.

Last year, CCMI received more than 2,000 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items from the Holiday Carol Sing. The food was immediately distributed to those in need.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 334-2261.✽

CCMI Receives \$21,000 Foulds Foundation Grant

The Claiborne and Ned Foulds Foundation has awarded a \$21,000 grant to Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. to help upgrade technology.

"We will be able to replace a number of very old computers and create a better IT infrastructure for our staff and team leaders," said Dr. Dave Fleming, CCMI's chief of staff. "We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve our customers with even greater effectiveness through this amazing grant."

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Patients, Parents, And Local News Celebrities Show Their Style For The Children's Hospital Fashion Show

At only 1 lb. 14 oz., who would have thought Grace Novakovich and her twin brother James, weighing only 2 lbs. 5 oz. at birth, would walk, let alone model in a charity fashion show. But they are modeling in the 2nd Annual Fashion Show benefiting The Children's Hospital which their mother Jennifer Novakovich credits with saving their lives in 2006.

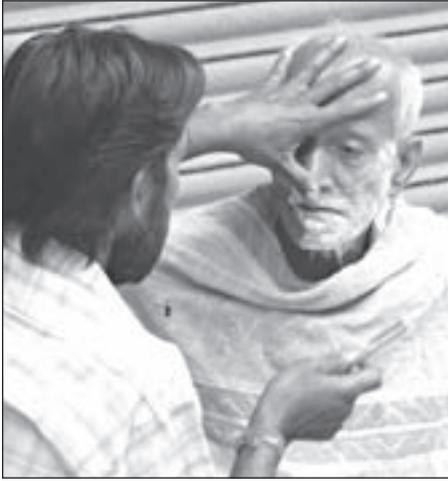
Joining the Novakovich twins will be Julie Briggs, a childhood cancer survivor who was also treated at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida along with Fox 4 News Anchor Patrick Nolan; WINK News anchor Lois Thome; and volunteers Rosalie Blakey representing Lexington Country Club; Kathie Shellenbarger representing Bonita Bay; and Joanne Weston representing Pelican Landing.

The fashion show, luncheon, and auction is scheduled for Friday, December 9, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, and is sponsored by The Lutgert Companies and Madison Marquette, presented by Trish Williams Productions, and organized by the Pelican Landing Children's Hospital Support Committee.

The auction begins at 11 a.m., lunch at 12:15 p.m., and the fashion show at 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$75 per person. Free chance drawing tickets are also available for \$10 each or three for \$25 to win an 18k gold and sterling silver diamond ring donated by Dufrane Jewelers LTD, \$1,000 cash, fresh flowers every month for a year donated by Planned Perfection, or a \$500 travel gift certificate donated by Schwinn Tours and Travel LLC. Winners do not need to be present to win.

Reservation and drawing tickets are available by calling event Chairperson Patricia Smart at 495-8295, the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6950, or online at <https://co.clickandpledge.com/advanced/default.aspx?wid=34946>.✽

A Journey To India, Part One



Administering to an elderly man

by Patty Molnar

At the beginning of November we embarked on a long-anticipated 18-day tour of India.

Before I describe the cities and sites we visited, some pertinent facts about the country are indicated. India is the second-most populous country in the world (after China), with 1.25 billion inhabitants. The religious breakdown is as follows: 80 percent Hindus; 13 percent Muslims (India is the second-most populous Muslim nation after Indonesia); with the remaining being Buddhists (India is the birthplace of Buddhism); Jains (an offshoot of Hinduism); Sikhs; Parsis who practice Zoroastrianism; and Christians.

India is composed of 30 states, seven of which border China and Tibet. Hindi is the main language of the people; English is the language of the central government and of higher education. There are 20 additional languages, each with its own script. The central government has a parliamentary system with a federal structure.

Although India is now the world's fourth-largest economic power, 70 percent of its citizens live in the countryside working in agriculture. While enough is produced to feed the entire population, a poor distribution system means 50 percent of the production rots before it ever reaches its destination.

The literacy rate today stands at 64 percent, an almost 40 percent increase since the British left India in 1947. Twenty-five percent of the populace lives in poverty, down 10 percent from two decades ago owing to economic reforms. These, combined with improvements in the educational system, are producing economic growth and freeing women from their traditional boundaries.

Everyone warned us about the poverty for which India is known and is in full view everywhere. However, our Indian guides told us not to give money to beggars (which are omnipresent), as virtually everyone could find some sort of work if he really wanted to. I don't know enough about the situation to either agree or challenge the veracity of this view.

Unfortunately, we were repeatedly told that India has huge problems with corruption and bureaucracy. Bribery cuts wide swaths through aspects of Indian life.



India has 1.25 billion inhabitants

However, one native lecturer we heard said there are signs that tolerance for such offenses is lessening, citing the fact that six corrupt officials involved with the troubled Commonwealth Games early this fall are now serving prison time, something that was unheard of 10 years ago.

First on the itinerary was India's capital of Delhi, a city of 15 million. Since we arrived two days before the start of our tour, we made two forays with a private guide into the section of the city known as Old Delhi. Driving there (or better said, being driven; you would have to have a strong death wish to drive yourself!) we saw on the side of the road a lot of goats waiting to be sold and sacrificed for an upcoming Muslim holy day.

We also got our first taste of the rules of the road in India. These are basically (1) the largest vehicle has the right-of-way; (2) the loudest and most frequently used horn, employed to announce one's presence, prevails; and (3) the most adventurous and aggressive driver gets the farthest. Imagine the following sharing the road: cars (mostly Tatas and Ambassadors, the latter being a British-looking vehicle used principally by government officials); rickshaws, both motorized (called tuktuks) and bicycle and occasionally water buffalo-driven; mini-taxis often with 10 or more passengers; buses (we were amused to see dilapidated buses with the improbable slogan of "The World's Most Eco-friendly Bus System" painted on their sides!); and numerous animals all over the roadway, including goats, cows, dogs, pigs and monkeys. Add into this mix the fact that no one stays in his lane and many actually create their own, and you have the most chaotic traffic we have ever witnessed! Incidentally, it was sad to see stray dogs everywhere. Their appearance is such that they all seem to be descended from the same dog, an Australian dingoish-looking canine.

The shopping streets of Old Delhi are composed of rows of mostly small shops, many of which sell textiles, fruit, spices and vegetables. In addition, there are lots of stands set up to sell "street food." Our experienced tour guide issued dire warnings on the consequences of this. There are the ubiquitous peddlers who approach you selling jewelry, postcards and other trinkets. Some of the jewelry is quite attractive and a fraction of what it would



Twenty-five percent of the populace lives in poverty, yet beauty abounds



Goats and people live side-by-side



The rules of the road are practically non-existent

cost stateside. Some of the enterprising business people we saw toiling out in the open were barbers, tailors and typists, the last using the old manual typewriters.

As one walks along the street and gazes upwards, one sees a jumble of signs

and tangle of electrical wires that would confound the most experienced electrician!

In the next installment, you will hear more about the sites we visited.

'Til then, "Namaste." ✨

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

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



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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My children who are now five and seven and in elementary school had lots of ear infections as toddlers. Both of them are having some trouble with reading in school. Could this be from the ear infections? What are some things I can do?

Emma J., Bonita Springs, Florida

Emma,

An ear infection or otitis media is the most frequently diagnosed illness for children in the U.S. and there has been a 150 percent increase in cases since 1975. Frequent ear infections during the first two years of life can have a harmful effect on a child's hearing and may lead to impairment of the child's developing language and speech skills according to an article in the *Journal of Speech and Hearing*.

There are many causes of ear infections including a genetic propensity, and bacterial infections. Treatment varies but often includes a course of antibiotics. For children who have chronic ear infections, an operation

called a myringotomy, the insertion of pressure equalization (PE) tubes, may be suggested as well.

Research indicates that when children experience ear infections in the initial stages of speech development, they might hear speech sounds in a fluctuating manner. This would make it difficult to hear the sounds consistently and would impede the infant's ability to form well-defined speech and sound categories. Consequently, this might lead to difficulties with phonics, language development and could hinder the development of reading.

Here are some strategies from experts at the U.S. Department of Education that may help your children. Several basic things parents can do are: 1) promote a healthy environment, 2) promote listening, 3) promote language learning, and 4) promote early literacy learning.

A healthy environment is a clean environment. Frequent hand and toy washing is important, especially when a child has an infection. While ear infections are not contagious per se, the fluid that may drain from an ear infection or upper respiratory infection is contagious. Parents and/or family members who smoke need to remember that second-hand cigarette smoke increases a child's prevalence of middle ear infections.

Good listening has two main features: it helps children to hear and understand speech and it helps to decrease background noise to minimize distractions for children

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School Smart

when they need to listen. To ensure good listening, frequently check to make sure children understand what they have been taught, by asking them to retell in their own words, what they have heard. You can decrease background noise by limiting exposure to noisy toys, and by creating quiet, TV/video game free areas at home.

The promotion of language learning activities includes asking simple questions, listening to what your child has to say, and talking about things that your child is interested in. To help children expand their language skills you can expand conversations with them by adding to what the child is saying by using more words, praising

the child for talking even when speech is unclear, and encouraging children to use their words to talk to one another. Making the language personal, and relevant, to the child's life will increase the chances that they remember what they have just learned.

The promotion of literacy learning through interaction with books, songs, and games is also an excellent strategy. Literacy learning means reading stories aloud to children, describing and explaining the pictures, referring to the child's own experiences, giving children books and magazines to look at on their own. Reading aloud from common daily experiences, such as traffic signs, newspaper headlines, labels on packages or other environmental language also helps to promote literacy.

A thorough hearing evaluation by a pediatric audiologist is important if you think that your child's hearing has been compromised. Discussion with specialists, your child's doctors, and school personnel should result in identification and intervention for any hearing and learning issues.

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

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BY HENRY BOLYINGOFF

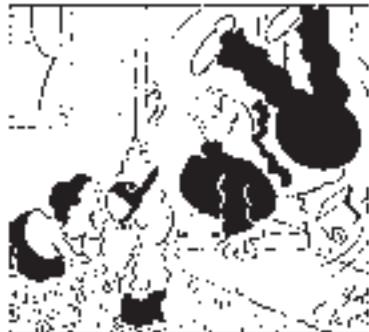


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Purse is different. 2. Shoes are black. 3. Dog is different. 4. Purse is missing. 5. Shaving cup is different. 6. Watch is gone.

SCRAMBLERS

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



"I bet that's how they invented the..."

Crowd
BLERAB

Wide
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TODAY'S WORD

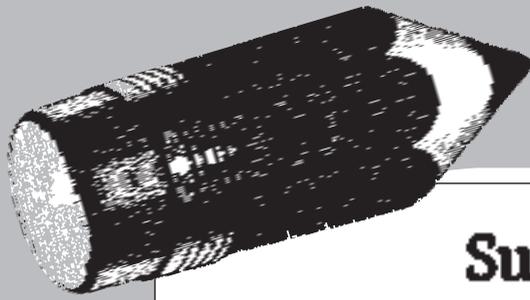
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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword

SHOCK TREATMENT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite closed
 - 5 Eat a Day before
 - 9 Junkie
 - 12 Spinal canal
 - 18 Prepare a feast
 - 20 Author Moby-Dick
 - 21 Run the show
 - 22 Fictionist
 - 23 Fictionist's favorite rockers?
 - 28 Saccharid
 - 27 Think twice
 - 28 Phrasal verb
 - 29 See 14 Down
 - 31 Misology
 - 32 Lassie's manner
 - 34 Puzzles
 - 37 Word with song and dish
 - 38 Question for a lady
 - 44 Figure
 - 46 300-year-old
 - 47 Genes
 - 48 Wordy Webster
 - 50 Equipment
 - 52 Bull, but not cobra
 - 55 Raven
 - 56 Randy
 - 58 Duck snacks
 - 60 Holes
 - 62 Approach
 - 65 Alarm for one
 - 68 Buddies
 - 70 South Seas
 - 71 Main
 - 72 Ty's
 - 73 Part of USSR
 - 76 Fictionist's home
 - 80 "—"
 - 81 G's
 - 82 "—" (deity)
 - 83 Malicious
 - 84 Gabba's
 - 86 First name
 - 88 Paradise
 - 90 Skene type
 - 94 "—" (verb)
 - 95 Gen
 - 97 "—" (TKP)
 - 100 Clear the
 - 101 Corolla of
 - 102 Cyber-currency
 - 105 Jacket of the tea
 - 107 Hoop dress
 - 108 "—" (jingo)
 - 111 Fictionist's
 - 115 Making time
 - 117 65
 - 118 Fictionist's
 - 119 Capote, or
 - 120 "Unforgettable"
 - 121 Born
 - 122 "—" (Gay)
 - 126 One of the
 - 130 Fleet
 - 133 Elector's
 - 137 Pick up
 - 138 Riddle
 - 139 "So — You"
 - 140 "—" (verb)
 - 141 Ganga of
 - 142 Await for
 - 143 Chain
 - 144 Work in the
 - 145
 - 3 Surface
 - 4 Dwell
 - 5 "—" (verb)
 - 6 Skater
 - 7 Loaded
 - 8 Baiting
 - 9 Wagner
 - 10 Cupes
 - 11 Jewell
 - 12 Italian
 - 13 Mischievous
 - 14 With 29
 - 15 Washington
 - 16 Words
 - 17 Lasso
 - 18 Morris's
 - 24 Wide work
 - 25 Ann
 - 30 Bure
 - 33 Hard word
 - 35 From "—"
 - 36 Page
 - 37 Bit of
 - 38 Singer
 - 39 Crawling
 - 40 Part 1
 - 41 Diamond
 - 42 "—" (Paulo)
 - 43 Sully
 - 44 Struthers'
 - 45 Roth
 - 49 Humble
 - 51 Prevent
 - 53 Tom or
 - 54 Defeat
 - 57 Perkin's
 - 59 "—" (Lady)
 - 61 Arcos
 - 63 Donzani's
 - 64 Got a galley
 - 65 Fancy
 - 66 Lesson
 - 67 Ruler
 - 69 Bedtime
 - 73 Mean
 - 74 Removes
 - 75 Feet
 - 77 Nabish
 - 78 Mans or
 - 85 Garrison
 - 87 La Scala
 - 88 Moxies
 - 89 Pige
 - 92 Lot size
 - 93 Stack
 - 96 Spruce
 - 98 Hook the
 - 99 Salary
 - 103 "—" (gender)
 - 104 Hospital
 - 106 Fast way to
 - 109 Lodge
 - 110 Lucille or
 - 112 Baring
 - 113 Learn fast?
 - 114 Ford
 - 115 Cockburn
 - 116 Less
 - 118 Mr. Miller
 - 123 Leave out
 - 124 Turner of
 - 125 He
 - 127 "—" (mainly)
 - 128 Balgerent
 - 129 Sumat
 - 131 Employed
 - 132 "—" (Parks)
 - 134 Clara's
 - 135 Common
 - 136 NASA

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1. Customer of J&J and J&K
- 2. Juice
- 3. Great cards
- 12. Teacher
- 13. So teacher
- 14. Parked
- 15. Actor
- 16. Mind
- 19. Poet
- 20. Move
- 22. Party, me
- 23. Away from
- 24. Verb
- 27. Activities
- 29. Pledge of
- 31. Verb
- 34. Trip
- 36. The word?
- 38. Mammal
- 39. Clark out
- 38. Formation
- 41. Verb
- 42. Payment
- 43. Verb
- 47. Body
- 49. Term with
- 50. Opposite of
- 51. Spite
- 54. Gall
- 55. And out
- 56. Male and
- 57. Run
- 58. Favorable
- 60. Superior
- 61. A
- 62. Verb
- 63. Male and
- 64. Run
- 65. Favorable
- 66. Superior
- 67. A
- 68. Verb
- 69. Numerical
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DOWN

- 1. Data
- 2. Kind of
- 3. Verb
- 4. Verb with a
- 5. Occupied
- 6. "—" (Frank)
- 7. Chat
- 8. Superior
- 9. A
- 10. Verb
- 11. Male and
- 12. Run
- 13. Favorable
- 14. Superior
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I THINK I'LL JUST TAKE THAT

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 G E C A Y I E N W K I A I S
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Mon. Wed. & Fri. Shell Point Train Room **FREE**

from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The Gulf Coast Model Railroad is open for tours. Visitors can

see this 40 x 40 foot model train layout that's shaped like the state of Florida with Tallahassee's old Capitol Building, Epcot and Disney World, and Kennedy Space Center with an orbiting Space Shuttle. Group tours can be scheduled. **For information please call (239) 454-2152.**

Dec. 8
Christmas with Boston Brass at 7:30pm. The 25th anniversary tour of Boston Brass will feature music from two holiday recordings, Christmas Bells Are Swingin', and The Stan Kenton Christmas Carols. Tickets are \$35. **To purchase tickets please call (239) 454-2067.**



Dec. 10, 11 **A Traditional European Christmas Celebration with Jan Mulder, pianist**



Dec. 10 at 2:15pm and Dec. 11 at 6:15pm. The Village Church Choir will join the Festival Orchestra and special guest performer, Dutch pianist Jan Mulder, to present A Traditional European Christmas Celebration. Mulder will perform traditional carols and a few contemporary classics. Tickets are \$10.

To purchase tickets please call (239) 454-2147 or visit www.shellpoint.org/villagechurch.

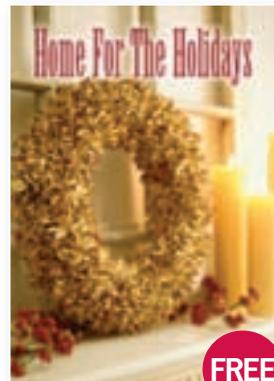
Dec. 19 **Holiday Pops by The Southwest Florida Symphony**

at 7:30pm. Vocalist Sara Dell'Omo, the first female featured soloist with the "President's Own" Marine Band, joins Composer/Conductor Jim Stephenson and the Orchestra in swinging versions of Xpopular holiday favorites. Tickets are \$25.



To purchase tickets, please call (239) 454-2067.

Dec. 22, 23, 26, & 27 **Home For the Holidays**



from 10am to 4pm. When family is home for the holidays, there is no better time to plan for your future healthcare needs and discuss assisted living. Shell Point assisted living representatives will be on hand for two days prior and two

days following Christmas to tour you and your family around the assisted living buildings and to answer all of your questions. You are encouraged to stop by on the day and time that works best for you! **Call 239-454-2077.**

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

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