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Holiday House Now Open In Fort Myers



Holiday House is open through December 23

The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club's 55th annual Holiday House is now open. According to Holiday House Co-Chair Linda Burkey, this year's theme of "Believe" captures the tradition and beauty of the holiday season with more than 100,000 lights. The theme is different each year, giving people a reason to come back. Many families make it a yearly tradition enjoyed by all generations.

"We consider Holiday House to be our gift to the community each year as members

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Edison & Ford Holiday Nights Tree Trail, free to the public and open through December 31

Estates Holiday Nights Children's Tree Trail In Heritage Gardens Is Free

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights Children's Tree Trail, located in the Edison Ford Heritage Gardens, is free and open to the public, now through Saturday, December 31. The Children's Tree Trail is a holiday tradition during Edison & Ford Holiday Nights, with handmade ornaments on trees created by Lee County students.

The following schools have decorated a tree for the 2011 holiday season:

Allen Park Elementary; Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. Elementary; Caloosa Middle; Cape Coral High; Challenger Middle; Colonial Elementary; Cypress Lake Middle; Edgewood Academy; Edison Ford Homeschoolers; Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts; Estero High; Fort Myers Beach Elementary; Franklin Park Elementary; Harns Marsh Elementary; Heights Elementary; Island Coast High; Manatee Elementary; Mirror Lakes Elementary; North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts; Orange River Elementary; Patriot Elementary; Pinewoods Elementary; Ray V. Pottorf Elementary; Royal Palm Exceptional Center; San Carlos Park Elementary; Skyline Elementary; St. Andrew Catholic School;

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Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve

Guided Morning Walk Amongst The Pines

Take a guided tour of Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve on Saturday, December 24 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot at 6351

Stringfellow Road in St. James City.

The tour, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, is offered free of charge for all participants.

Pine Island is the only place in Lee County where you will find naturalized longleaf pines. Walk a 1.12-mile trail that leads through low-growing saw palmetto, abundant grasses and flowering

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Boston Red Sox City Of Palms Park Yard Sale

The Boston Red Sox will host the City of Palms Park Yard Sale.

The sale will be held on Saturday, December 17 and will give 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, jerseys and signed artwork to ballpark furniture and collectibles. A portion of the 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.

The yard sale will begin at 8 a.m. Fans may enter through the Broadway Gate. Merchandise will be displayed along the concourse area and within the



Stadium seat

players' clubhouse located under the ballpark stands. All sales are cash only. All

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

O, Christmas Tree

by Gerri Reaves



The Christmas tree in this undated historic photo evokes childhood memories for many Fort Myers natives. Well past the mid-20th century, many locals cut their own trees from the wild and decorated them with homemade ornaments such as colorful paper chains, stars, and popcorn strings.

Before electric lights and store-bought trees became standard holiday items, the hunt for one was a hands-on affair. Unlike today – when by Thanksgiving vendors are hawking northern Christmas trees in parking lots -- families didn't put one up until a week before Christmas at the earliest, according

to "old timers."

One long-ago Christmas, a family went all-out to decorate the native pine tree shown in the photo and thought it meaningful enough to record for posterity.



This undated photo captures a Christmas morning scene of long ago courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Popcorn strings, a toy French horn, an abacus, a stocking, and ornaments resembling angels hang from the proud tree.

Surrounding it are gifts from Santa – a toy piano, blocks, a train engine, a small cuddly doll, and a rocking-horse wagon.

Father Christmas reigns over the holiday scene from the wicker table by the piano, and a wreath hangs from the curtain rod.

The historic tree inspired two members of the Southwest Florida Historical Society to revive this old-time Christmas.

Dora Miller and Diane Maddox created an old-fashioned tree that stands at the entrance to the society's headquarters.

Maddox says the tree is similar to what people had until store-bought northern ones became common.

She also recalls that "usually, we had tangerines in our stockings instead of oranges, because there were oranges everywhere, but not as many tangerines."

Miller, who remembers going with her mother to the downtown B&B Market to buy a tree each year, says they wanted to keep things simple, making ornaments out of paper chains and topping the tree with a big yellow handmade star.

The tree -- actually a large Australian pine branch -- resembles the one in the historic photo, minus the small electric lights, of course.

Bill Mellor's childhood tree memories are interwoven with a breakfast-picnic celebration. His birthday was only days before Christmas, so that's the day his family drove "way out on the Tamiami Trail, which was a narrow little road then," he says. That was during the Great Depression.

From the property of E. Dixie Beggs, they cut a little long-leaf yellow pine, whose leaves were difficult to decorate.

When they went out early in the morning, they cooked their breakfast and enjoyed it there, a tradition they kept for years.

Visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where the old-time tree spreads holiday cheer to all who enter and reminds us of how Christmases were celebrated in historic Fort Myers.



Southwest Florida Historical Society's Christmas tree honors the local tradition of procuring a tree from the wild and decorating it with homemade ornaments

photo by Gerri Reaves

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Festival Of Trees Announces 2011 'Peoples' Choice' Award Winners



Ribbons adorn the popular RDA entry

More than 5,700 people visited the 2011 Festival of Trees in the Fort Myers River District, and thousands of those visitors took the time to vote for their favorite trees in the festival's annual "Peoples' Choice" awards.

The Fort Myers River District Alliance (RDA) was the overwhelming crowd



RDA's tree, *It's A Wonderful Life*

favorite at the festival. The RDA tree, titled *It's A Wonderful Life*, won both the Most Traditional and Best All-Around ribbons from festivalgoers. Numerous voters remarked that the tree, which was adorned with old-fashioned ornaments, bubble-style lights and tinsel, reminded them of their childhood.



Camp-Rigby's tree won Most Creative



Detail of the Camp-Rigby tree



Mayor Henderson with CenturyLink's entry

Camp-Rigby Roofing-Sheetmetal Contractors, Inc. received the majority of votes for the Most Creative tree award. The company's "Monopoly Mania" tree featured hand-crafted ornaments made of Monopoly boards, game pieces and the game's signature currency.

Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson selected the CenturyLink "Starry, Starry Night" tree as the Mayor's Choice during

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A record number of visitors came to see the unique display of trees

Record Attendance At Festival Of Trees

More than 5,500 people visited the fifth annual Festival of Trees in Fort Myers. The event, presented by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, was hosted at the Sidney &

Berne Davis Art Center from November 25 through December 2.

"Every year, we've seen a jump in the number of people who've come to see the trees," says Kirsten O'Donnell, Goodwill's director of public relations and marketing. "We had almost a thousand more people come this year than in 2010."

The week-long holiday event featured 27 elaborately-decorated holiday tree

displays, along with dazzling wreaths and other holiday activities. The trees and wreaths, which were donated by The Home Depot, were then decorated by local businesses, organizations and individuals, who donated their time and materials to the event.

Visitors to the event came not only from across Florida, but across the globe.

"About a quarter of the people who visited us came from other states or

countries," says O'Donnell. "We had folks from 39 states, from here in Florida to as far away as Alaska. Our international visitors came from 11 different countries, including Norway, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Spain and the Netherlands."

O'Donnell says that this was the first year that guests were asked for their home towns.

"We were really pleased by the results," she added. "We understand that most of the out-of-towners were here to visit family and friends for the holidays, but it's great to know that locals think of our event as a must-see for their out of town guests."

At the close of the Festival, the trees were auctioned at the Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie fundraiser. Goodwill is currently tabulating the proceeds from the event.

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

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

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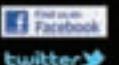
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Toys For Tots - Let's Help The Marines Help Needy Families

Cape Harbour of Cape Coral is a collection site for Toys For Tots again this Christmas season. Donation boxes are located at the Sales Center, located at 5703 Cape Harbour Drive, and at The Joint Restaurant, located at 5785 Cape Harbour Drive. This year, your generous gifts and donations will be especially appreciated as we endeavor to bring smiles to so many more children and families who are in need.

Toys For Tots began in 1947 when a group of Marine Reservists from Los Angeles, under the leadership of retired Reservist Maj. Bill Hendricks, collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The 1947 pilot program was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys For Tots in 1948 and has expanded it to a nationwide campaign.

From 1947 through 1980, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On Reserve drill weekends during October, November and December, Reserve Marines refurbished the used toys. Since Christmas of 1980, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys.

In 1991, The Marine Toys For Tots Foundation became an operational non-profit organization and has been the

fundraising and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Program.

The objectives of Toys For Tots are to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign and to contribute to better communities in the future.

Elements of Toys for Tots:

- The United States Marine Corps
- The Marine Corps Reserve (15 to 20 percent of the 40,000 forces are involved in Toys For Tots campaigns)
- Marine Corps League Detachments (A 43,000-member veterans organization of men and women who have served in the U. S. Marine Corp)
- Local community organizations (created in communities that do not have a Marine Reserve Center or a MCL Detachment)

Toys For Tots is a Native American Program influenced by the special relationship between the Marines and the Navajo Nation resulting from the contributions of the "Code Talkers" of World War II fame.

In addition, Toys For Tots has a literacy program whose mission is to provide books for our nations most economically disadvantaged children to assist them to compete academically. The UPS Store and Mailboxes, ETC. have delivered more than 1,000,000 books to children across

the country resulting from contributions of over \$1.5 million dollars in contributions.

To learn more, go to www.toysfortots.org.

CCMI Receives \$2,500 Grants

The City of Fort Myers and the Lee County Homeless Coalition each recently granted Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. \$2,500 to support the non-profit's programs.

The City of Fort Myers Arts & Culture Grant of \$2,500 will benefit CCMI's Montessori Student Art Program. This funding will support the Montessori School students as they develop a new project, *The Evolution of Art*, which focuses on a specific artist while showcasing the development of the students as they learn, create and grow.

CCMI's Community Montessori School provides students with a variety of creative opportunities through art, music and movement that strengthen students' developmental assets, excitement and curiosity about new experiences.

The LCHC awarded CCMI with the 2011-12 Client Identification Grant of \$2,500 to assist persons who are homeless in obtaining birth certificates, driver's licenses and/or state identifications. Without proper identification, an individual is not able to obtain employment or receive financial assistance and may be subject to arrest. By providing funding to assist with obtaining these documents, the

LCHC hopes to create a fresh start for the homeless.

CCMI is an innovative non-profit 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 Cafe and Marketplace and Home Delivered Meals programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in their Community Montessori, offers homeless and comprehensive case management services through their 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.

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.

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ProFiles' tree won Downtown Diva's Choice

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Festival Of Trees

the annual River District Holiday Stroll. The all-black tree was inspired by Van Gogh's famed *Starry Night* painting, featured silver stars and swirls of blue color.

Another crowd-pleaser, "The Gift of Bling" by festival newcomer ProFiles, earned the Downtown Diva's Choice honor, awarded by *Fort Myers News-Press* columnist Stephanie Davis. The pink and purple tree featured a unique tree-topper, which snowed blasts of confetti and glitter.

The Festival's 27 tree displays were auctioned off at the Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie fundraiser for the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. In the events' first four years, they have raised more than \$215,000. Proceeds from the 2011 Festival and Gala are still being tabulated.

The Festival of Trees is presented with the assistance of sponsorships from The Home Depot, the *Fort Myers News-Press*, *D'Latinos Magazine*, *Azteca America SWFL* and *Sunny 106.3*. Additional support was provided by Gulfcoast Consulting Group, Inc. and Westco Builders of Florida, Inc. More information about the Festival of Trees is online at www.tuxandtrees.com.

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O, Christmas Tree

The society is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Also on display is a free special exhibit on World War II.

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

Then stroll festive downtown Fort Myers and contemplate the holidays of old as you experience the new.

Walk a couple of blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see an exhibit featuring local architecture, 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.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.*

One Day Letter Carrier Toy Drive

Letter carriers in Lee and Collier counties collected 14,812 toys on Saturday, December 3 to benefit Toys For Tots. More than 75 envelopes containing monetary donations were also received. A dollar amount is not available at this time for either county.

Fort Myers and Cape Coral residents can still drop toys off at any Walgreens location. In Lee County for pick up of larger items, call 239-699-8121. Monetary donations can be made by credit card at <http://fort-myers-fl.toysfortots.org>. Checks can be mailed to Toys For Tots, P.O. Box 150393, Cape Coral, FL 33915.

In Collier County for pickup of larger

items, e-mail joe.johnston1@comcast.net. Monetary donations can be mailed to Toys For Tots, P.O. Box 8982, Naples, FL 34101.

Please make the holidays brighter for families who are struggling to get by. The Downtown Fort Myers Post Office, located at 1350 Monroe Street, and the Bonita Springs Main Post Office, located at 26150 Old U.S. 41, are official Operation Santa Claus locations. You can register at these offices to "adopt" a needy family. You will be required to complete a simple application and show a photo ID. Letters to Santa will be made available to you for your selection. Return to this location with your wrapped gifts boxed and ready to mail by December 21. Postage is required to mail the Operation Santa Claus/North Pole package to your "adopted" family.*

Children's Charities Pledges \$1 Million To FGCU

Southwest Florida Children's Charities is donating \$1 million to Florida Gulf Coast University to create an endowment supporting the Southwest Florida Children's Charities Music Therapy Program within FGCU's Bower School of Music.

"This generous gift will help make our long-planned music therapy program a reality," said FGCU President Wilson G. Bradshaw. "There is a great need in Southwest Florida for music therapy - for children as well as adults - and I'm pleased that FGCU can finally begin educating generations of music therapists."

Southwest Florida Children's Charities provides funding to local charities serving children. Its signature annual fundraising event, "The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest," has distributed nearly \$3.5 million to local organizations since its inception. This is the second gift to Florida Gulf Coast University. The first provided scholarships for pre-medical students pursuing degrees in pediatrics.

The 2012 Southwest Florida Wine and Food Fest events are scheduled for February 24 and 25.

"We are delighted to partner with the University to make the Music Therapy Program a reality. The graduates of the program will make a difference in the lives of children and families in Southwest Florida," said Dr. Steve Machiz, Founding Chairman of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

According to Dr. Donna Price Henry, FGCU Dean of Arts & Sciences, "Music Therapy is defined as the use of music in the treatment of individuals who have problems of a mental, physical and/or emotional nature. This is an exploding field which shows great promise in treating the increasing numbers of children identified as autistic, as well as those with numerous other disorders which severely limit their development. We believe that with the Bower School of Music and its concentration on music education and performance and the College of Education's strength in special education for children, adding a degree in Music Therapy will be an asset to the University and will enable its graduates to make a significant difference in the lives of many Southwest Florida children."

It is anticipated that the Southwest Florida Children's Charities Music Therapy Program will be open to the first majors in August 2014.

For more information, contact Linda Lehtomaa, senior director of Advancement, at 239-590-1071.*



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Shoals is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. It is closed on Christmas Day. Call 482-6765 ext. 1 or go to shoalswinebar.com.

For first-timers or even seasoned pros, putting an elaborate holiday meal on the table for family and friends can be daunting. The Sandy Butler Gourmet Market offers



The Sandy Butler Market and Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar in Fort Myers

holiday take-home meals that allow you to impress your guests without the fuss. Dishes include turkey, traditional herb stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and fresh-baked pumpkin or apple pie.

To order a savory, gourmet meal for your holiday gathering, call The Sandy Butler Market at 482-6765 ext. 2 or go to sandybutler.com. The market is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. It is closed on Christmas Day.

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Along The River



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On Wednesdays, the **Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center** offers tours of San Carlos Island's commercial fishing fleet. The three hour guided tour starts at 9 a.m.

It includes a one-and-a-half hour guided visit at the museum which contains a touch tank, a hands-on beach area and several aquariums and exhibits. The tour continues with a visit to the commercial fishing industry, including Erickson & Jensen Supply House, Trico Shrimp loading dock and Beach Seafood. See how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are build, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other important factors used in this unique million dollar industry; a memorable experience!

The cost for the tour is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children seven years of age and older. Reservations are required.

Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center located at 718 Fishermans Wharf on San Carlos Island in Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-8101 or go to ostegobay.org.



Ichiban means "Number One" in Japanese

On December 21, **The Edison Restaurant & Bar** is hosting a 'Twas the Wednesday Before Christmas themed Ladies Night. Ladies, wear your best flirtatious holiday outfit and compete for a \$500 gift package.

There's a complimentary vodka bar from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Terrace Bar and from 8 p.m. to close, ladies receive \$1 house cocktails. Live music starts at 8 p.m. with the Derek Trenholm Band featuring Derek Trenholm, Darrell Nutt, Tyler Kluesner and Heather Brooks. Everyone is invited to enjoy dollar barbeque and Vendors on the Green from 5 to 7 p.m. on the terrace.

The Edison Restaurant & Bar is open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and cocktails. It is located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 936-9348 or go to edisonfl.com.

Want to spoil your rockstar staff? Give them the gift of glam by booking an exclusive party at downtown Fort Myers' **ProFiles**. Schedule an employee appreciation party at the upscale nail salon and receive a \$50 gift card or inquire about individual gift cards for friends and members of your valued team. All gift cards are redeemable at any of ProFiles' five Lee county locations.

It's not just the ladies who want to shine during the holidays. For the guys that work their fingers to the bone, try the shop's signature Man-i-cure; the exfoliating spa manicure includes massage and having his nails buffed to a high shine or matte finish.

ProFiles is located at 2232 First Street, Fort Myers. Call 466-6245 or go to profile-shairnailskin.com.

Prepare for holiday entertaining and gift giving at **First Street Liquors**. As downtown Fort Myers' only full-service liquor store, it is conveniently located near Publix off of McGregor Boulevard.

Traditionally, spiked eggnog is served with amber rum, Bacardi or bourbon. Other holiday drink favorites include Washington Apple (Crown Royal, cranberry, sour apple schnapps and 7-Up), cranberry and Champagne, Bailey's Irish Cream and coffee with a candy cane garnish and white wine spritzers. First Street Liquors also stocks a wide variety of domestic and imported beers.

Need a gift for the host or hostess? A bottle of California wine, French Champagne or Italian Prosecco makes a great holiday gift.

Whatever your holiday plans are, drink responsibly by assigning a designated driver or calling a taxi for a safe ride home.

First Street Liquors is located at 2023 Altamont Avenue, Suite 107 in the First Street Village shops, Fort Myers. It is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 332-3945.

Prefer a non-traditional holiday celebration? Drop in downtown Fort Myers favorite **Ichiban** for great Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The family owned and operated restaurant features an extensive sushi menu, Sake bar and daily Chinese lunch and dinner specials.

Ichiban is open all day Christmas Eve and 4 to 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Ichiban is located at 1520 Broadway, downtown Fort Myers, in the historic Post Office Arcade. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. Free delivery is available within the River District. For more information, call 334-6991.*



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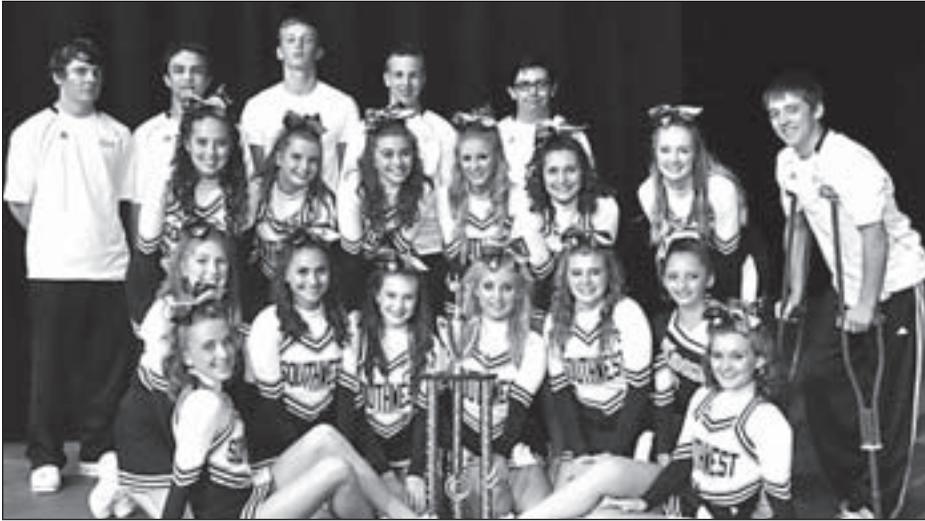
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For just \$35 online or \$40 at the door, each guest will receive a color photo on a motorcycle, drink tickets, one raffle ticket, free mini massage, hair and makeup styling. Tickets are going fast and participants are encouraged to register and pay in advance on the website at www.blessingsinleeco.org. The website conveniently accepts Paypal ticket purchases that will make registering much easier.

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Yule Log Burning Tradition Revived

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is bringing an old Christmas tradition back to Fort Myers this holiday season – the burning of a yule log on Wednesday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. The church is at 2756 McGregor Boulevard, about two miles north of Colonial Boulevard at Poinciana and McGregor.

This ancient holiday tradition is a symbolic Christmas gift to its neighbors in historic Edison Park. The ritual will include readings of Christmas classics such as "A Visit from St. Nicholas," singing of Christmas carols, throwing the year's troubles (written on slips of paper) onto the fire, and lighting candles from the logs. Mulled cider will be served as well.

The burning of a Yule log became popular in this country in the late 1800s, ironically about the same time that the custom died out in England and Europe. Some American colleges, notably Columbia University and the College of William & Mary, as well as Stetson University in central Florida, have long-standing traditions of burning a yule log as part of campus Christmas celebrations.

One of All Faiths' members enjoyed the tradition when she taught at Stetson during the late 1970s and suggested that the congregation sponsor such an event.

All Faiths' minister, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson, says, "This time of year, there are so many ways of celebrat-

ing. The arrival of the winter solstice, the burning of the yule log, and the passing into the winter season especially offer a unique opportunity for holiday reflection."

Perhaps the oldest Christmas tradition, the burning of a yule log was adopted from Germanic pagan practices, with the fire coming to symbolize the light of Jesus rather than the light of the sun. The yule log began as a celebration of the winter solstice, the earliest sunset of the year, when the lengthening days were greeted with some relief. In those ancient times, winter was often a time of famine, when survival was no sure thing. Good luck was said to come to all who took part in lighting a yule log, and it was believed that the house where a log was burned was protected from lightning.

In ancient times, the log was often an entire tree, and in England was supposed to burn throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas, from Christmas Eve until epiphany on January 6. Eventually, the burning of the log was moved indoors to a large hearth that had come to be the central feature of homes. As the great hearths that could accommodate an enormous log were replaced with gas-burning stoves, the custom disappeared. A remnant of the ancient tradition is the *Buche de Noel*, a cake roll decorated to resemble a log.

Parking will be very limited, so attendees are asked to car pool, walk, or use the alternative parking area on Poinciana.

For more information, call the All Faiths office at 226-0900. To see more of All Faiths' holiday activities, and the dates and times of its holiday services, visit www.allfaiths-uc.org.✱

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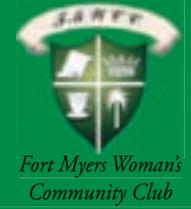
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Low Tide Options



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

The big low tides of winter are here. Some of the morning low tides this week were minus five feet. Add to that northeasterly winds and the water was much

lower than the tide chart forecast. If you can get your boat off the lift, these super-low water conditions are a great time to go fishing. Not only does it bunch up the fish but it really exposes channels, sandbars and grass flats you would never really know the layout of until you see it with your own eyes.

Action on the low water was brisk all over the sound this week. Deeper creeks and edges of bars in the "Ding" Darling Refuge were a good place to get started. Bouncing live shrimp on the bottom caught a wide variety of species with a few keeper size redfish in the mix too. Trout, black drum, sheepshead and ladyfish made up most of the action back

in the "Ding." While fishing the edge of one shallow bar we managed to sight fish a few tailing reds as they moved up and down the shallow water feeding. The biggest redfish sighted one morning was only 23 inches but to see, cast and catch these redfish is always a thrill.

The edges of these deeper channels in the refuge have been loaded with trout of all sizes. Both Skitterwalks and Mirrodines drew great top water strikes. This year marks the end of the November/December sea trout closure for our area. This is good to hear as trout stocks are at a higher level than they have been in years. This closure never really made any sense to me as our trout seem to spawn in the spring time. These popular fish are generally easy to catch and make for a nice fish dinner for clients.

With the mullet spawn in full swing now, one of my favorite things to do on the lower winter tides is to sight fish for the bull sharks that make their living on these mullet schools. These schools of roe-filled mullet can be in the tens of thousands and larger than a football field in size. This annual event usually starts right after Thanksgiving and ends sometime in January. Mullet school up in huge numbers and make their way out of the rivers and estuaries through the passes



Low water redfish caught with Capt. Matt Mitchell

and into the gulf to spawn a few miles offshore.

Mullet schools can be spotted throughout the sound and across many shallow grass flats. Wherever the mullet go, the sharks that feed on them are not far behind. On shallow water flats five-foot-plus bull sharks are easy to spot, often swimming in water too shallow for them to hide their backs, dorsal fins and tails.

A fresh chunk of mullet or ladyfish pitched out in front of a shark will quickly draw the attention of this apex predator. After watching the shark eat your bait, set the hook and simply hold on. The show

is just starting. Watching the big head shakes, submarine-like wake and mud trail behind the charging, hooked shark all in less than the knee-deep water, is a rush. The shallow flats around Rocky Channel and Buck Key are both great places to do this.

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, e-mail captmattmitchell@aol.com.



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Nautical Trivia

by Bryan Henry

The four-masted bark Dirigo, the first steel sailing ship built in America, was launched in Bath, Maine on February 3, 1894.

- Shipbuilder Donald McKay built 26 clipper ships, from the Stag Hound in 1850 to the Glory of the Seas in 1869.

- The first satellite for the GPS navigation system was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, February 22, 1978.

- The Caribbean island of Nevis once issued a postage stamp depicting Christopher Columbus peering over the side of his ship with a telescope. This was a gross historical error because while Columbus sailed the ocean blue

in 1492, the telescope wasn't invented until 1608.

- One of the most brutal buccaneers of the 17th century, Henry Morgan, though captured and sent as prisoner to England, was eventually knighted by the British and made governor of Jamaica.

- The origin of tonnage in measuring a ship derives from medieval times when a ship was measured by the amount of "tuns," or barrels of wine, that it could carry.

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by Emilie Alfino

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Rehabilitation of Wildlife) received a phone call November 14 that a skunk was in someone's yard with some sort of bottle



Eastern spotted skunk recuperating in his cage

Bast. "I threw a towel over him and put him in a carrier. At this point, he had sprayed. We couldn't get the bottle off his head, so I gently poked holes in it so he could breathe, being careful not to poke him in the face."

Bast put her new patient in the increasingly pungent van and drove an hour back to CROW. The students who were off that day in the student housing said they could smell the van approaching.

Once in the clinic, staff could see that, luckily, the bottle – it was a Gatorade bottle – wasn't very tight and hadn't been there very long. They used mineral oil around the skunk's neck as lubricant and slowly and gently twisted the bottle off his head. "The bottle came off nicely," Bast said. "Unfortunately he decided to spray again at that point."

A physical examination revealed the

skunk had only a small abrasion on his neck, which is how Bast knew the bottle hadn't been there long. Because of the difficulties involved in handling skunks, he was cleaned and put in a cage downstairs in the adult mammal room, where staff observed him for a week to make sure his wound didn't get infected.

The skunk was released on November 19. "I got to do the release," Bast said. "He took off like a shot." He was released in Alva rather than Lehigh Acres where he was found. "We didn't want to release him in an area with a lot of development nearby. In Alva he'll have lots of wooded habitat, away from Gatorade bottles," Bast said.

Quite possibly, the skunk was trying to get into the bottle to lick the remnants of its contents. CROW staff has seen it all – animals that've gotten into



The skunk being transported for release

peanut butter jars and all sorts of things. "They're not able to realize the consequences," Bast emphasized. "This is an important reminder to pick up your trash and the plastic rings around soda cans."

The staffers in the van and those sprayed during the exam washed up in a mixture of tomato juice, white vinegar, and baking soda – it helps, but not 100 percent. "The clinic still smells like skunk, and the van will smell for a bit longer," Bast laughed. I had to give a presentation to a high school biology class the next morning, and I had to apologize to the students in the front row. I told them a skunk thanked me by spraying me – just one of the hazards of working with wildlife. But I would do anything for these guys, including getting sprayed. I have some friends who

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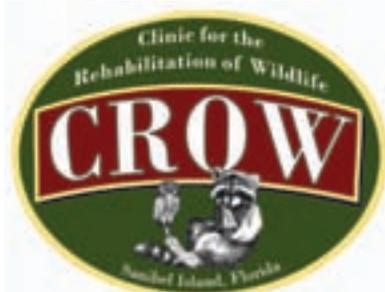
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Pendant clusters of shell-like flowers give shell ginger its name

Plant Smart Shell Ginger

by Gerri Reaves

Shell ginger's (*Alpinia zerumbet*) name derives from its pendant clusters of pretty flowers. It is also called shellflower for an obvious resemblance to porcelain-like sea shells.

This fast-growing native of Asia can

reach up to eight feet high and can double or triple its size in several years, spreading via rhizomes, the fleshy roots just under the soil. If you plant it, plan your space carefully.

Dense clumps of tall stems arch out symmetrically from the plant's center, making it an attractive accent or background plant.

The long narrow leaves are 18 to 24 inches long, and when crushed, emit a



A shellflower opens

photos by Gerri Reaves

ginger odor. Dark green and waxy, they contrast prettily with the delicate pink, white, or yellow flowers.

The plant is usually evergreen in South Florida, but an exceptionally cold winter will cause it to die back and produce new canes in the spring.

Shell ginger prefers fertile moist soil and full sun to partial shade. Dwarf and variegated species exist.

The seeds are contained in an inconspicuous capsule.

Sources: *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; floridata.com; Waterwise: South Florida Landscapes; and edis.ifas.ufl.edu.

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

Winter Solstice Celebration Cruise

Captiva Cruises will be hosting a special cruise to celebrate the winter solstice on Wednesday, December 21, the shortest day of the year, and to benefit The Randell Research Center's (RRC) Calusa Heritage Trail. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel the waters of Pine Island Sound.

We are thrilled that Emmy Award-winning and Grammy-nominated flutist and composer Kat Epple will be performing for us during this Winter Solstice Benefit Cruise. Kat's music will be interspersed with an interpretive narrative defining the winter solstice as well as identifying and discussing planets and stars. Mysteries and features of our night skies will be pondered as we cruise under the magic of the night sky. 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, so please join us and share in this timeless and universal fascination of our night skies.

This special Winter Solstice Cruise benefiting the Randell Research Center will be on Wednesday, December 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and costs \$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 in her work towards 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. Kat 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.

Join us for what will surely be a magical evening. Reservations are required. Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.✱

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Eastern Spotted Skunk

would probably say I'm crazy."

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.✱

Morning Meander

Take part in a Morning Meander atop The Marsh in North Fort Myers on Saturday, December 17

from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Prairie Pines Preserve.

This guided nature walk along a quarter-mile loop boardwalk, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, is free to attend. Participants should meet in the parking lot of Prairie Pines Preserve, located at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers.

From an ADA-compliant boardwalk, this hour-long stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the plants and animals that call it home. Visit one small section of a 2,654-acre Conservation 2020 wilderness oasis that includes hiking and equestrian trails and wildlife observation areas. Restrooms are available on site.

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Shell Museum Announces Natural Science Lecture Series For 2012

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has lined up its presenters for the 2012 Natural Science Lecture Series. All lectures will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. at the museum and are free with admission or membership.

Wednesday, January 11: Dr. Steve Geiger of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission discusses molluscan fisheries and their place in the food chain.

Wednesday, February 8: Dr. William Marquardt of the Florida Museum of Natural History reviews the history of the Calusa.

Wednesday, February 29: Shell Museum Director Dr. José H. Leal explores the diversification and impact of cowries.

Wednesday, March 7: Dr. Edward Petuch of Florida Atlantic University describes his research on Western Atlantic mollusks.

Wednesday, March 21: Dr. Gary Schmelz examines mollusk fossils and what they tell us about prehistoric Florida.

Dr. Steve Geiger of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Research Institute in St. Petersburg, Florida, will be the museum's first presenter. Geiger is a research scientist in the Marine Fisheries Research department and he has been employed with the State of Florida since 1988. He has worked in the Molluscan Fisheries group since 2001 and has led the group since 2009. His current work focuses on shellfish monitoring and restoration - primarily scallops, hard clams and oysters. Geiger has published 13 peer-reviewed articles and co-authored a book chapter on

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Research scientist Dr. Steve Geiger will lecture at The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum January 11



Symphonic Chorale Presents Messiah At Barbara B. Mann Hall

By Jim George

One of the classic works of Christmas will be presented by a new yet not-so-new group at Barbara Mann Hall on Friday, December 16 at 8 PM. The newly constituted 80-voice Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, formerly the Southwest Florida Symphony Chorus, will continue a 50 year tradition of presenting Handel's beloved Messiah in partnership with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. It will be the Chorale's inaugural concert as an independent chorus and will include Gerald Finzi's, *In Terra Pax*, one of the minor masterpieces of 20th-century English music. The piece reflects on the Christmas story, using extracts from St Luke's gospel and a poem by Robert Bridges to re-imagine the nativity to the English countryside, with shepherds abiding in the fields of the Cotswolds. The combination of the traditional Messiah and the more contemporary *In Terra Pax* will be the highlight of the weekend in this must-see concert as the sounds of the season fill Barbara Mann Hall. In a nod to local singers who do not have an opportunity to sing Messiah with orchestra, the chorale is also inviting members of area choirs to join it on stage for the stirring Hallelujah chorus.

A high powered quartet of soloists will highlight the concert. Jennifer Paulino, soprano; Sandra Carney, alto; James Barbato, tenor and Stephen Mumbert, bass all bring national and international performance credits to the concert.

The chorus and orchestra will be conducted by the Chorale's Artistic Director, Timothy McDonnell, who brings impressive credentials in his own right having served

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Name Our Two New Stingrays

The Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center announced that the newest members of its family are two beautiful stingrays just waiting to be named. If your name(s) is chosen, you win a year's membership to the organization which benefits include receiving newsletters, special invitations, discounts on purchases in the gift shop and free visits to the Marine Science Center's museum. The contest closes on Sunday, January 1.

To name the stingrays, call the Marine Science Center at 239-765-8101 or Joanne Semmer at 239-470-4993. If you prefer, e-mail your suggestion(s) to jj37a@yahoo.com.

The Marine Science Center is open to and assists universities, high schools, grade schools, home schoolers and visiting scientist. The foundation supplies support equipment and personnel for numerous research projects. Over the years, it has conducted many studies through the foundation including Baywatch Water Quality Monitoring, the POD Project - a dolphin photo ID program, the Manatee Photo ID Program with the Department of Environmental Protection, plankton analyses, tidal circulation patterns and water-column chemical properties, just to name a few.

The Marine Science Center has reached thousands of people with its message of conservation: school chil-

dren, scout troops and retirement home residents visit its museum and participate in its programs. Classrooms and laboratory provide an indoor learning environment while boats and the bay shores fit the bill for an outdoor classroom. The marine center offers schools a Museum in a Suitcase for those unable to visit the facility. The science summer camps make learning about the environment fun. It also reaches families and adults by setting up information booths at community functions and providing public speakers to many organizations.

The foundation is made up of dedicated volunteers who take an active role assisting in its goals; without them, Ostego Bay would have a difficult time promoting the understanding, preservation and enhancement of its marine environment. Without the hard work and dedication of its team of volunteers, the Marine Science Center's school field trips, home school programs, curriculum development, research, public displays and many other aspects of the foundation would not be possible.

The volunteers of Ostego Bay are the lifeblood of its organization, as it aims to provide these services with the highest degree of quality possible. If you wish to join the team, call 239-765-8101. Ostego Bay has many other activities scheduled and exciting upcoming events in which you may want to become involved. Many positions are available: docent, fund-raising, helping with field trips and tours, maintaining aquariums, setting up and maintaining exhibits, etc.

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Red Sox Yard Sale



Red Sox jerseys

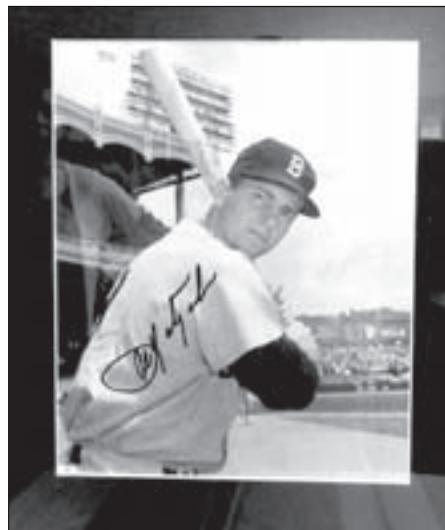


Signs and Sox memorabilia

Tickets for all 2012 Spring Training games at JetBlue Park are scheduled to go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 17 at City of Palms Park.

Fans can purchase tickets at City of Palms Park in Fort Myers, online at www.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.

Lee County has been the Spring Training home of the Red Sox since 1993. The new lease at JetBlue Park provides for a 30-year extension from



Signed photographs



An assortment of framed photos

the date JetBlue Park opens. 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



Chairs



Desks and book cases

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.

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.*



Furniture

sale items are subject to availability and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Prices begin at \$1.

Lakes Park Restoration Moves Forward With Far-Reaching Benefits

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board approved a partnership with Lee County to complete the Lakes Park restoration project that is expected to have far-reaching benefits for water quality and natural systems in the region.

The Lakes Park project entails construction of 40 acres of filter marsh connecting the east lake to the west lake, resulting in a flow way that reduces nutrients, improves oxygen content and enhances conditions for native wildlife. As a result of this restoration work, cleaner water will be discharged from the lake to improve water quality in Hendry Creek and Estero Bay, Florida's first Aquatic Preserve.

"By improving water quality within the park, downstream water bodies will also benefit," said Daniel DeLisi, SFWMD Governing Board member. "This project exemplifies the district's mission to restore watersheds and estuaries through local partnerships."

This project was initially identified as an element in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to enhance water quality in Hendry Creek and Estero Bay.

Lakes Park is a former rock quarry currently managed by Lee County as a 279-acre recreational area, with 158 acres of lakes. Storm water from surrounding neighborhoods and commercial areas flows into the lakes.

The district and Lee County have worked cooperatively to address water quality concerns within the watershed. Prior projects in the park include:

- Reconstruction of water control structures
- Installation of aeration fountains
- Exotic plant removal
- Design and permitting of the filter marsh

The total cost for the district's contribution in Fiscal Year 2012 is \$1.5 million, which is being matched by Lee County. The district has invested \$435,000 to date in the project.*



Lakes Park on Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers

Public Invited To Attend Young Artists Awards Auditions

The public is invited to attend the Young Artists Awards auditions and view the best of Southwest Florida's young performers competing for the chance to win \$25,000 in savings bond scholarships and the opportunity to perform at our gala on Sunday evening, March 4 at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Admission is free; please call 239-574-9321 for specific times.

Auditions will be held at the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers, in the following 11 age group categories:

Saturday, January 14 - Dance 8-14, 15-21; Drama 13-16, 17-21

Sunday, January 15 - Contemporary Voice/Musical Theatre 8-12

Saturday, January 21 - Instrumental Music 13-16, 17-21; Classical Voice 13-16, 17-21; Contemporary Voice 13-16, 17-21

In addition, there remain a limited number of audition slots in selected categories for student ages 8-21 from throughout Southwest Florida to participate. Students should call or e-mail director@youngartistsawards.org for availability.

Now in its ninth year of programming,



Student Halie Boling auditioning at the 2011 Young Artists Awards auditions

The Young Artists Awards is Southwest Florida's premiere performing arts audition, performance, education and scholarship program for students ages 8-21. Participants have the opportunity to perform before panels of professional adjudicators. More than 40 judges from across the nation participated last year. Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel. The panels will choose 22 students to perform individually at our gala and eleven runner-up students will also perform in a coached group number. An "Audience Choice" award will be voted on by audience members in atten-

dance that evening. All participating students will also have a chance to perform at various community events.

As a not-for-profit organization, the Young Artists Awards also collaborates with other area organizations to provide additional information about opportunities to student participants in the performing arts.

Please find more information about the program at www.youngartistsawards.org and go to our Facebook page Young Artists Awards for updates.*

Symphonic Chorale To Hold Mid-Season Auditions

The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida will hold mid-season auditions on Monday, January 9 at The Canterbury School, located at 8141 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Auditions are available by appointment.

The auditions are open to singers age 15 and older. Singers should bring two copies of a prepared vocal selection of their choice in any genre. In addition, singers will be asked to sing some vocal exercises and some unprepared selections.

Please call 239-541-8761 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

The Symphonic Chorale rehearses at Canterbury School on Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Currently planned performances include works by Beethoven, Dvorak and Brahms.*

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Final Saturday Music Walk

The final Saturday Music Walk takes place on December 17. As of January it will move to the third Friday.

The monthly music event features live bands at over a dozen venues, including restaurants, galleries and bars, plus street performers all over the downtown streets.

Music Walk venues showcase a variety of music, from punk, rockabilly, indie, reggae, and folk, to piano and steel drums. Music Walk is an all ages event that starts at 7 p.m. Free parking is available.

Music Walk partners and venues include: HOWL Gallery/Tattoo, Spirits of Bacchus, Space 39, Red Rock Saloon, United Cafe, French Connection Cafe, The Franklins Shops, Enjewel, Happenings Magazine, Hotel Indigo, Twisted Vine Bistro, Indigo Room, Harborside Event Center, Coloring The World, City Tavern, Downtown House of Pizza, World Famous Cigar Bar, Hideaway Sports Bar, Morgan House, The Veranda Restaurant, Market America Realty, Main Street Antiques, WinkNews6, Classic Rock 94.5, Cool Hand Luc's, Lush Bakery, and AmeriDry.

Highlights of this Saturday's Music Walk include:

- HOWL Gallery/Tattoo - Holiday Heavy Metal, featuring Neither, Sgt. Fubar, and Hackish. All ages. Plus Kash

• n Karry Holiday Sale inside HOWL.

- Spirits of Bacchus featuring live music by the Steve Farst.

- French Connection featuring blues by Mike Imbasciani.

- Indigo Room featuring live music by rockabilly band Memphis56.

- Morgan House featuring The Oyster Fantastic Band 7 to 10 p.m. and DJ Christyle from 10 until close.

- City Tavern featuring Headcount, toe-tapping rock and roll songs that you know every word to.

- Twisted Vine, live music by Patrick Jerome.

The Veranda, musical stylings of Gary Goetz at the Piano Bar.

For additional information contact andy@fortmyersmusicwalk.com.*

Alva Craft Show

Alva Community Center is looking for craft vendors for our upcoming Craft Show that will be held on Saturday, February 4. The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 pm at Alva Community Park, located at 21471 North River Road in Alva. Spaces are available for a nominal fee of \$10. (Tables, tents, chairs, etc. are not provided). Public admission will be free.

For further information on this event or to become a vendor, contact Sandra Bates at 239-728-2882 or BatesSW@leegov.com.*

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Alliance's Gift Shop Expands Into Gallery



Alliance for the Arts' Etcetera Gift Shop

The Alliance for the Arts gift shop, Etcetera, will overflow on Friday, December 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as artists normally featured in the gift shop will bring in more of their work and display it in the main gallery. This is your perfect chance to find unique, locally made gifts for your friends and relatives. Coffee and refreshments will be served, so stop by to take a look and say hello.

Participating artists include Tom Haydock, Susan Mills, Robin Cox Walsh, Dlynne Designs, Zdenka Fiala, Aboriginals, Sally DeSandy, Pat Collins, Lucia Garcia Designs, Alisha Koyanis and Babs Snyderman.

Located in the Alliance for the Arts lobby, Etcetera supports independent, local artists and is continuously restocked with new, original works like glass jewelry, quilted fabrics, hand-made books, artistic home furnishings, hand decorated wine glasses and one-of-a-kind painted pottery.

The Alliance for the Arts proudly 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, and is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

Alliance Announces New Board Members

Now in its 36th year serving the community, the Alliance for the Arts is pleased to announce three new Board Members for 2011-12: Jeanne Dozier-Bartlett, Shareen Groce and Kelley Smith. The trio will join the existing board in helping the Alliance continue its mission to facilitate and nurture the creation, development and education of arts and culture.

Jeanne Dozier-Bartlett has been an art teacher with Lee County Schools for 12 years. She is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Jurisprudence and a Minor in Fine Arts. She lives in Fort Myers with her husband Tyler and two year old son Dozier. She is an advocate for the arts, has served on the Board for Partners in Self Sufficiency and is currently serving on the Junior League of Fort Myers Board of Directors.

Shareen Groce has been in Southwest Florida on Sanibel and in Fort Myers for 40 years. She previously lived in Minneapolis, Mn., Washington, DC and Annapolis, Md. She's been working with the art community and artists, buying from, promoting and exhibiting herself since 2000, with a focus on Lee County's

art scene. She volunteers at the Alliance, as well as at BIG ARTS on Sanibel and Arts for ACT. Groce says she's "thrilled to be in a position to make certain that art in Lee County thrives because art has an important impact on our community."

Kelley Smith has taught painting in area schools for almost 10 years. She's the mother of a spunky 3 1/2 yr old little girl, who thinks she's an actress. Smith says she's "very much looking forward to helping the Alliance and becoming more active in the community."

These new faces will join the current Alliance 2011-12 Board of Directors: Shirley Snyder McLaren - President
Pamela Beckman - Vice President
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Piggy Bank Raffle

ArtFest Fort Myers

ArtFest Fort Myers, a juried fine arts festival featuring 215 national artists, high school art competition, interactive arts, children's crafts, fine food and entertainment, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. This is a free event coming to Downtown Fort Myers along Edwards Drive, between Heitman and Lee.

Dedicated to providing art enrichment to our community, ArtFest Fort Myers is particularly attuned to supporting art education programs and this season those programs will be supported in an exciting and unique way.

The "Share for Education Piggy Bank Raffle," sponsored by IBERIA Bank and held over ArtFest weekend, will showcase nine "one of a kind" hand painted/embellished piggies. These themed piggies, painted by local artists, will be filled with fabulous gift certificates, with values ranging from \$800 to \$1,600, and the Grand Prize Piggy includes a trip for two to New Orleans. Over festival weekend, patrons can purchase raffle tickets for the piggy of their choice and random drawings will determine the lucky winners on Sunday afternoon.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Piggy Bank Raffle go directly to the ArtFest Fort Myers art education

programs.

"Arts education has a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of children and will actually increase overall academic performance," said Sharon McAllister, Executive Director of ArtFest Fort Myers. "We rely on the support of our patrons and appreciate the partnership with IBERIA Bank, as we increase funding for art programs targeted at elementary aged students."

An enhanced after school art program for numerous elementary schools and Boys & Girls Club locations is funded by proceeds from the raffle. Reaching over 300 after school students and approximately 200 Boys & Girls Club participants in 2011, with supplies and instruction for creative projects, made the Art Clubs a huge success. With your support, ArtFest can make an even bigger impact in 2012. Check our website at www.ArtFestFortMyers.com for a sneak peak at this season's piggies and the wonderful prize packages they contain.

Some masterpieces take a lifetime to acquire - find yours in a weekend at ArtFest Fort Myers!

Admission to ArtFest Fort Myers is free due to the generous support of its sponsors. Adjacent parking lots, street parking and city garages will be open. Look for directional signs.

For more information, visit www.ArtFestFortMyers.com.*

Music Walk Moves To Third Fridays In 2012

Starting in January 2012, Fort Myers Music Walk will happen each month on third Fridays. The move is due to event conflicts throughout the year that caused date changes in 2011.

The River District Alliance, which hosts the event, decided the event would need to change dates in order to better benefit the downtown business community and create the least amount of conflicts with annual and seasonal Saturday events. The event was moved to

fourth saturday several times in 2011 to accommodate events such as Edison Festival of Lights, Surf and Song Festival and Zombicon.

2012 Fort Myers Music Walk Dates:

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

For additional information, contact Andy via e-mail at andy@fortmyersmusicwalk.com.*

Art Divine Holiday Sale Continues At Beach Gallery

Art is flying out of the gallery doors at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association. This is an opportunity to purchase original local artwork at prices no higher than \$99. Included in the hundreds of pieces are both framed and unframed works done in various media.

The sought-after minis are hung and ready for purchase as well. These small works of art have become collectors' items locally and are eagerly awaited each season. For \$10, you can buy a small painting and help support the art association.

Tickets can be purchased for the raffle of a framed watercolor painting by the well-known artist Jerry McLish. The drawing will be at the open house on January 12, and proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

The holiday sale extends until noon on January 12.

On January 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the board will host the open house at the gallery for members and those interested in checking out the association. President Meg Bushnell will introduce the activities of the association and from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a free demo, A to Z Acrylic, by Kevin Tobin, Jr. He will cover pigments, extending paints, digital grounds, and

"open" acrylics. There will be information packets, samples and refreshments. Call the gallery to sign up to attend.

Rose Edin, TWSA NWS, will be teaching a workshop January 16 to 20 in the wonderful world of color. She is a watercolor instructor, author and well known fine watercolor artist. The workshop is \$300 for members and \$330 for non-members and more information can be found by calling Karen Borden 463-0343.

February's workshop will be Carol Frye NWS ISEA, a Florida artist who works in multimedia, intuitive methods. Her workshop is \$285 for members and \$315 for non-members. More information on workshops can be found on the web at www.fortmyersbeachart.com or by calling the gallery at 463-3909.

The Art Association also sponsors local artists teaching short workshops on the Beach. Sue Pink will be teaching collage on February 2 and 3. Classes cost \$50 per day. Neil Walling will again teach his plein air painting for three mornings on February 23 to 25 for \$20 each. For the first time Patty O'Kane will offer Introduction to Drawing and Dry Media Exposure, a refresher course using various materials and techniques in a series of four evening classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, January 26 and 27 and Tuesday and Wednesday, January 31 and February 1. Cost is \$100 for the series or \$25 for each class. Materials will be provided.

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open



A Perfect Morning oil painting by Michele Buelow

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. It will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and January 1. For more information on shows or classes, call 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

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Canadian Girl Gets Dream Role



Alexandra Sullivan as Clara

Alexandra Sullivan, an 11-year-old, sixth grade student at Evangelical Christian School, moved here with her family in 2006 from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She began dancing as a way to make friends and now is getting the opportunity to dance her dream role as Clara in Turning Pointe Dance Theatre's annual performance of *The Nutcracker*. "This is the best Christmas present a dancer could hope for!" said Sullivan once she got the part.

Turning Pointe Dance Theatre is

performing the two-act ballet *The Nutcracker* at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts on Saturday, December 17 starting at 3 p.m. The school is located at 1856 Arts Way in North Fort Myers.

For advanced tickets, call Nancy Galante at 239-277-9956.

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Stingrays

Ostego Bay welcomes new faces and any fresh new ideas you may have to offer.

The Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center is located at 718 Fisherman Wharf in Fort Myers Beach. It is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 239-765-8101 or visit www.ostegobay.org.

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Lecture Series

such topics as scallops, stone crabs, plankton dynamics, and Antarctic deep sea fish. He also has five years' experience on crustacean fisheries research and four years of public outreach background.

In 1986 he received his bachelor's degree in marine science from Southampton College. He received his master's degree in 1993 and doctorate in 1999 from the University of South Florida. His master's research focused on the biology of juvenile tarpon and his doctoral research focused on zooplankton responses to changes in food supply.

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Melody Anglin Trio

Harpist Melody Anglin In Concert

Each United Methodist Church (BUMC) announces the second presentation of its acclaimed Hibiscus Series, The Melody Anglin Trio, on Thursday, December 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program will be held in the Sanctuary of BUMC, 155 Bay Road (behind the library), with a reception following the concert to meet the artists. This is a return engagement for the talented Melody Anglin, having last appeared in 2009.

Anglin is an international concert harpist, soprano and composer who has performed in Ireland, Europe, England, Austria, South America and across the United States. Featured with several major orchestras throughout the U.S. and abroad, she has also performed with Dave Brubeck, American composers David Diamond, Jacob Druckman,

Franco Autori, and is presently collaborating with concert pianist and composer Oksana Kolesnikova to create a recording of his works. The world premiere of one of their collaborations, *Aurora: Fantasy in E minor*, will be presented at the concert.

Joining Anglin is Russian violinist and concert artist Zoriy Zinger, who has soloed with the Russian Symphony Orchestra and at Lincoln Center, as well as cellist Jonathan David Anglin. On select compositions, bass baritone Douglas Renfroe will join the Melody Anglin Trio. Renfroe is the Director of music and fine arts for BUMC, and is the creator of the Hibiscus Series which is beginning its fourth full season.

The program will feature traditional classical compositions for harp as well as many of your favorite holiday selections. The concert is open to the public with a free will offering collected to offset expenses. For additional information, contact the BUMC office at 463-9656.✪

Cattle Barons' Ball Site Announced



Sweetbay Store

Sweetbay Supermarket has corralled its resources to offer the former Sweetbay store on Daniels Parkway and Plantation Drive as the host location for the 2012 Cattle Barons' Ball.

"The site is centrally located with ample parking and a magnificent store that is sure to help make the event another success," said Beth Hayes, coordinator of the event for the American Cancer Society of Lee County. The store is located at 6800 Shoppes at Plantation Drive.

"We are so proud to provide space for the Cattle Barons' Ball," notes Nicole LeBeau of Sweetbay Supermarket. "We know our space will give those attending enough room to kick up their heels and raise as much as possible for the American Cancer Society."

The gala will feature a Wild West-themed night of gaming, silent and live auctions, gourmet "grub" from Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, and dancing to the great country sounds of One Night Rodeo.

Cattle Barons' Ball, one of the largest and most unique fundraising events in Lee County, will be held on January 21. Now in its ninth year, the event has raised more than \$3 million for research, education and patient services to survivors and their families. A portion of the proceeds is dedicated specifically for ROCK (Reaching Out to Cancer Kids) programs. Specialists in Urology www.specialistsinurology.com is the 2012 Presenting Sponsor for the second year in a row.

More information about the Cattle Barons' Ball and the American Cancer Society is available by e-mailing beth.hayes@cancer.org or by calling 239-936-1113 ext. 3909.✪



Calendar Girls Florida Dance Team Welcomes New Year

The Calendar Girls Florida dance team will be greeting 2012 with a busy January schedule. The team raises funds to support the Paws For Patriots program providing service dogs for veterans.

The team kicks off its Wild West extravaganza show at the Golden Gate Community Center, located at 4701 Golden Gate Parkway in Naples, where they perform for the Collier County Association for the Blind at 1 p.m.

January 13 will find the team in Cape Coral at the St. Andrew's Festival, located at 1509 SE 27th Street and starting at 7 p.m.

The CG breeze into Windmill Village, located at 16131 N. Cleveland Avenue, on January 19 at 7 p.m.

On January 20 at 6 p.m., the team makes an encore performance at Fort Myers High School at the Learning for Life Talent Show.

The CG wrap up the month with two shows on January 28. At 8 a.m., they will cheer on runners and walkers in the Prostate Cancer Challenge 5K at Lakes Park, located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. Then at noon, the team appears for the fifth year at Pioneer Days in Pioneer Village, located at 7974 Samville Road in North Fort Myers.

For more information about the Calendar Girls, call 239-850-6010.✪

A Complex Comedy At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau



Watching good theater is always a treat. Joining in on the action is something else entirely. Both work well in *Becky's New Car* now showing at Theatre Conspiracy.

From the moment Becky Foster (Lauren Drexler) comes on stage, in a frenzy of cleaning and chatting, she needs help and is not ashamed to ask for it. Spontaneity in the show depends on her skill to make the audience feel comfortable enough to assist her. Drexler is a master at handling this kind of role.

Becky is faced with a dilemma. She works for a car dealership and one day a wealthy gentleman comes in and buys nine cars, one for every member of his staff. The gentleman, Walter Flood,

is played by Scott Thomson. He is a recent widower who falls for Becky, presuming she is a widow. Becky is not. She has a husband Joe (Gene Krupp) and a son Chris (Jordan Wilson). Joe is a roofer, a nice-guy husband and Chris is a 26-year-old psychology major still living at home and spouting psychobabble about people around him.

Other cast members are Martin Hastings as Steve, a neurotic car salesman still wallowing in his wife's accidental death; Nancy Antonio as Ginger, a former wealthy woman and friend of Walter; and Bri Curtis as Kensington Flood, Walter's daughter.

The cast provides terrific acting in a story that becomes increasingly entangled as it goes from one comic situation to another. Actually some of the situations are quite serious, but with humorous undertones.

Playwright Steven Dietz knows how to write witty dialogue and invent scenes with tremendous comic potential.

Becky has a pretty good life but there's another one out there and she longs to find out if it's for her. Walter, the sympathetic millionaire billboard magnate, invites her to a party at his house. Becky brings audience members on stage to advise her whether or not she should attend. When someone says no, she simply asks another person on stage until she gets the answer she wants, which is yes. Then they help her dress for the occasion.

The show is unpredictable from the get-go. Only in the latter part of act two does the audience start putting some of the pieces together as the twists and turns continue.

I really enjoyed this show in spite of what I call a tricky plot. By that I mean there are a few unanswered questions, but that's OK because the audience is neither insulted nor taken for granted. Basically this clever new comedy provides laughter aplenty.

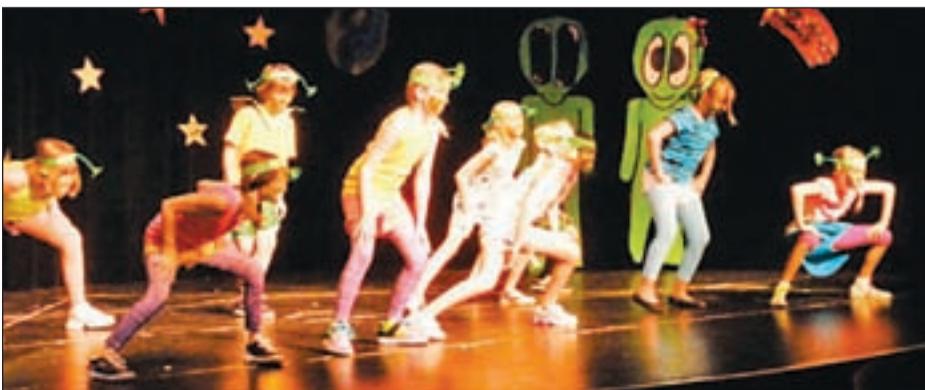
Becky's New Car plays through December 17, at Theatre Conspiracy, 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. For tickets call 936-3239.✪



Pictures from 2010 Winter Camp



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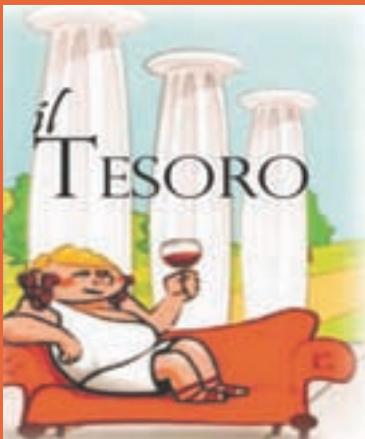
Winter break is fast approaching and what better way to engage your child in the arts than at Wild Winter Arts Camp at the Alliance! This is the perfect opportunity for K-12 students to act, sing, dance and create during the upcoming holiday break. This five-day, award winning camp runs from December 26 to 30. It is 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-12 students in adapting classic stories and fairy tales, culminating with a performance for family and friends on December 30 in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts. Classes will include visual art, acting, storytelling and improvisation. Campers will be exposed to the world of professional art and have plenty of fun while they're at it. Space is limited, so register your child today before it's too late.

Wild Winter Arts Camp is \$175 for kids grades K-6. 7-12 graders may register to be Stars-In-Training for \$150.

The camp runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, with the final performance at 3 p.m. on December 30. 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 for the entire week. Contact Rachael Endrizzi at Florida Rep by calling 239-332-4665 or visit www.floridarepeducation.org.

The Alliance for the Arts proudly 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. They are located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✧



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Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library Programs

Next month's roster of activities at Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

Adults

Wii Your Way To Fitness

11 a.m. Saturdays, January 14 and 28

It's a Wii party at the library! Sure to be an enthusiastic workout, you are in for a real treat. Laugh while you melt away the pounds. Connect with others while you stretch it out. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

Family

Toddler Storytime

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, January 11, 18 and 25

Children 2 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. Registration is required.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

2 p.m. Tuesday, January 17

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday with fun and activities.

Teens

Gaming At Your Library

4 p.m. Thursday, January 12

So you think you can play? Dunbar Jupiter Hammon Public Library is up for the challenge! Join us for a day filled with fun and games. Beat your best score or someone else's. Challenge your friends and have a great time. There will be a prize for the highest score and refreshments will be served.

Pizza and Pages

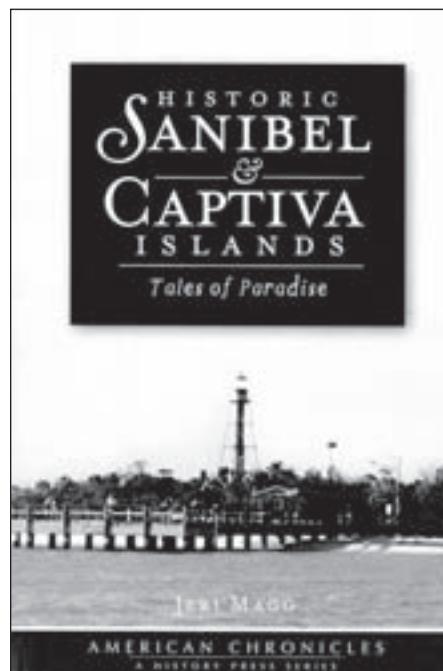
4 p.m. Tuesday, January 17

What's better than dinner and a movie? Dinner and a book! Pick up the required reading at your library and join us to discuss it. Was the plot obvious? Did the storyline keep you at the edge of your seat? Was the climax worth the read or was it a total snore? Bring your thoughts, questions and opinions... we'll bring the pizza! Ask at desk for this month's book title. For grades 6 and up.

The Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library is located at 3095 Blount Street in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 239-533-4150. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff. An assistive listening system is 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 239-479-INFO (4636), for more information about a specific program.✱

Historic Sanibel & Captiva Islands: Tales Of Paradise



The story of Sanibel and Captiva Islands stretches back over 300 years, to a time when natives roamed the islands and Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon first met and tried to subdue the Calusa Indians in San Carlos Bay in 1513. The next few centuries

were flooded with pioneers, fishermen and clergymen in their quest to tame the wilderness in search of a better life.

In *Historic Sanibel & Captiva Islands: Tales Of Paradise*, discover how anthropologist Frank Cushing visited pioneer Sam Ellis in 1895 after the farmer discovered bones on his homestead and how President Theodore Roosevelt's men saved a little girl from drowning when he lived on a houseboat in Captiva to study local marine life. Join local history columnist Jeri Magg as she recounts the storied history of these little slices of paradise.

Author Jeri Magg has been freelancing for more than 20 years, writing for regional and local magazines and newspapers. She and her husband, Karl, moved from New York to Sanibel in 1980 with their two daughters, Carolyn and Kathy. An avid bike rider and beach addict, Jeri has volunteered at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village for more than 10 years and has authored numerous articles about the history of the islands. Now, after 30 years of listening to innumerable tales, many told by the original pioneers or their descendants, she's compiled these stories, along with a site map in this book, so others may enjoy the islands while learning their history.

Historic Sanibel & Captiva Islands: Tales Of Paradise is available at Sanibel Island Bookshop (1571 Periwinkle Way), other local bookstores and retailers as well as directly through the publisher online at www.historypress.net.✱

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Estates Tree Trail

St. Francis Xavier; Tanglewood Elementary; Three Oaks Elementary; Trafalgar Elementary; Trafalgar Middle; Treeline Elementary; Tropic Isles Elementary; Varsity Lakes Middle; and Veterans Park Academy for the Arts. Support provided by the Lee County Foundation for Public Schools, Lee Art Teachers Association and Golden Apple Teachers.

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. is provided by school and community groups. The Children's Tree Trail is free to the public.

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights are \$15 for adults and \$1 for children (ages 6 to 12); guided tours are \$20 for adults and \$1 for children (ages 6 to 12). Groups may schedule guided or unguided tours from 5 to 7 p.m. and will receive a discounted group rate.

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 239-334-7419 or visit the website at www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

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Morning Meander

plants all characteristic of a healthy plant community shaped by fire. And during this stroll you will learn more about fire's role in a diverse ecosystem.

The degree of difficulty for the tour is moderate. Wear sturdy shoes or boots. Participants should also bring water, sunscreen, a hat (shade is scarce in some areas), binoculars and camera. No rest rooms are available on site.

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Shell Point's Red White And Blue Scramble Was A Huge Success



Timothy Stephenson, Jason Scoggins and David Moreland

The "Red, White and Blue Scramble," Shell Point's eighth annual charity Shell Point Open Golf Tournament, raised \$20,000 that will benefit the Waterside Medical Complex which offers medical and healthcare services to residents of Shell Point and the surrounding local community. This complex includes the Larsen Pavilion (a 219-bed skilled nursing facility), a state-of-art rehabilitation center and many more healthcare services.

This year the tournament took place on Friday, November 11 at the Shell Point Golf Club, and a special ceremony was held to recognize the courageous efforts of all veterans. Before the tee-off, all the veterans who were present gathered for a group photo and received a special patriotic golf marker.

"This year we hosted the tournament on a very special day, 11-11-11. It was truly an honor to meet all those in attendance who have, and still do serve our amazing



Veterans who played in 2011 Shell Point Open

country," said Timothy Stephenson, executive director of the Legacy Foundation. "This was our eighth year hosting the Shell Point Open, and every year we continue to receive overwhelming support. Golfers and sponsors alike continue to support and enjoy this tournament because of developing friendships and the opportunity to help a worthwhile cause."

Additionally this year, a participating golfer, Scott Loiacano - who works for Wright Construction - successfully made a hole-in-one on Shell Point Golf Club's 16th hole. This is a first in the history of the tournament. He received a two-night, three-day stay at the Sandpiper Resort, as well as a \$100 Home Depot card. Hole #16, a par 3 at 120 yards, was Loiacano's last hole of the tournament, which was a great way to end the day.

UBS Financial Services Inc., The Scoggins/Moreland Group, graciously offered to be the title sponsor for the event, which hosted 110 golfers. The corporate sponsors included Wright Construction; The Alliance Development Fund; Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Home; and Alexander & Hoover, CPA's, PA.✪



Scott Loiacano made the first ever hole-in-one in the 2011 Shell Point Open

Breakfast With The Blades Raises Over \$107,000

The 4th annual Breakfast with the Blades generated over \$107,000, nearly \$50,000 more in gross revenues than the 2010. event.

All proceeds will be matched by a private donor and will support The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign.

The breakfast was held at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa and featured a full hot breakfast, a meet-and-greet autograph session with Florida Everblades players and the opportunity for guests to bid on exclusive auction items including hand-signed memorabilia from the worlds of sports and entertainment, tickets to top sporting events, gourmet dinners and trips and travel to some of the most desirable destinations in the world.

Highlights from the spirited live and silent auctions included luxury selections from Tiffany & Co., The Diamond District and Tag Heuer watches. A stand-out culinary experience was the opportunity to be treated to a four-course rum dinner for 20 guests by Chef Justin Fleming of Hemingway's Island Grill. Travel packages included trips to the exotic islands of St. Thomas, St. Kitts and Curacao, a first class stay at the Bellagio in Las Vegas and the opportunity to

attend the 2012 NHL Winter Classic in Philadelphia.

Sports memorabilia included hand-signed items from NHL legend Mario Lemieux, New York Yankees stars Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter and a true collector's item - a hand-signed jersey from New England Patriots star Tom Brady's college days at Michigan.

The event was presented for the fourth consecutive year by Picone Financial Partners and was sponsored in part by The Club at Renaissance, Gulf Coast Town Center, Epic Medical Systems, Jaguar of Fort Myers, The Fort Myers Film Festival, The Florida Everblades and Lee Memorial Health System Foundation.

Former Florida Everblades star and jersey-retiree Tom Buckley served as honorary chairman for the event in memory of his daughter Piper Lynne Buckley.

Senior Director of Marketing for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation Jeannie Cummings remarked of the event's success, "We are deeply moved by the generosity of the community in its support of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Breakfast with the Blades is a fun, family-oriented event that encourages healthy habits and active play for children. The day gives children a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with their local sports heroes and the parents seem to really enjoy bidding on the outstanding auction items we feature each year."

The over \$214,000 in new funding will support the building of a new 136-

bed Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida at HealthPark Medical Center south of Fort Myers. This new state-of-the-art facility will provide new specialty services to treat the most critically ill children and their families. The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is the only children's hospital between St. Petersburg and Miami. Part of Lee Memorial Health System, The Children's Hospital of

Southwest Florida receives no direct tax support and operates as a "safety-net" health system treating all children regardless of their families' ability to pay for services.

For information on the 2012 Breakfast with the Blades or for corporate sponsorship opportunities, contact Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6950.✪

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Holiday House

contribute decorations to over 50 areas," said Holiday House Co-Chairman 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.

"Holiday House has something for everyone," added Schultz. "In addition to

walking through these two festively decorated homes and grounds, children can visit Santa each evening at the Langford-Kingston home." A variety of local music and dance groups will provide entertainment each evening. The 15-night schedule includes performances by local dance troupes, school choruses, jazz and brass bands, orchestras and more.

Holiday House 2011 will run through December 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.

For more information about Holiday House, call 239-738-3710 or visit www.fmwcc.com.✪

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Thanks To Double Blunders By Chicago's Marion Barber, Tebow Marches Denver To Sixth Straight Win



by Ed Frank

The history books chronicle the greatest blunders and the greatest collapses in sports. Who will ever forget the slow ground ball that rolled through the legs of Boston's Bill Buckner in the ninth inning of Game Six in the 1986 World Series that led to the Red Sox defeat by the New York Mets?

Or what about that awful, painful scene in the 1999 British Open when Jean Van de Velde needed only a double-bogey six on the 18th hole at Carnoustie to win the championship. The Frenchman hit one shot off the bleachers, dumped another into the water and then found a bunker to card a miserable triple-bogey seven. The disaster put him into a three-man play-

off that he lost.

More recently, fans young and old moaned in agony when golfing legend Tom Watson needed only a par on the 72nd hole at Turnberry in 2009 to capture his sixth British Open and become the oldest ever to win golf's prestigious prize. After a beautiful tee shot, his second caromed over the green and he finished with a bogey five. In an anti-climax playoff, he lost to Stewart Cink.

Strange as it may seem, the uncanny, come-from-behind antics of Denver quarterback Tim Tebow, the former Florida great, who has led the Broncos to six straight wins and seven in eight games – including three in overtime – since taking over the QB job, can, in some ways, be attributed to mindless errors by his opponents, at least last Sunday.

We might even be able to add the double-pronged gaffes of Chicago Bears running back Marion Barber to the all-time list of major blunders. Here was the scene:

With little more than four minutes remaining and the Bears leading 10-0, Denver faced the possibility of its first home shutout loss in team history. But the ex-Gator directed the Broncos to a touchdown, narrowing the score to 10-7.

Chicago recovered the on-sides kickoff and needed only to run out the clock to preserve the victory. As the seconds ticked down, Barber foolishly ran out of bounds to stop the clock, forcing a Bears' punt.

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My 6-year-old son has autism. We have been trying everything to help him. Some things work and some don't.

I have heard that

iPads can help children with autism. What do you know about this?

Elisa F., Fort Myers Beach, Florida

Elisa,

It is very difficult to find reliable methods to help children with autism. Many of the reported strategies that are supposed to work with children who have autism do not or may just not work for your child. I'm sure that many of your interventions you chose to implement for your son will need a trial-and-error approach to find out if they are beneficial for him.

I, too, have heard that there has been substantial success using the iPad with children who have disabilities. In fact there was a recent *60 Minutes* TV program that praised the benefits of the iPad for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other disabilities.

In an interview of Dr. Howard Shane, Director of the Center for Communication Enhancement at Children's Hospital Boston, he said, "

the iPad is absolutely part of our clinical practice here. The screen size gives us enough real estate to be able to create materials and applications that are meaningful. While it is not curing autism it is offering a tool that improves the potential of a person with autism and gives them an opportunity to become a better communicator, better understanders and better learners. He said, "The iPad is clearly the next step, a game changer."

This is certainly a very strong endorsement from an expert in this field, although there is no formal research to date on the benefits of the iPad for those with ASD. Many of the new iPad applications (apps) focus on helping children learn how to handle social situations, and helping to develop fine-motor skills, which increase skills for writing or manipulating small objects.

According to a recent article in *The New York Times*, several good websites have already been created to review special-needs apps. Most of these sites are not driven by advertising nor do they receive referral fees for recommending apps. They are listed below.

iPad Apps for Autism

Technology in (Spl) Education, which includes a list of free and discounted apps
Speech-Language Pathology Sharing, for language development

SNapps4kids.com. This site is a program of Easter Seals, lists more than 700 apps, but includes about 60 that have been professionally reviewed. The reviews are all done by a special education teach

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That gave Tebow enough time to work down the field allowing Matt Prater to boom a 59-yard field goal to tie the score with three seconds remaining, forcing overtime.

Chicago won the toss and began the overtime marching into Denver territory within the field goal range of Robbie Gould. But blunder number two by Barber occurred when he fumbled away the ball.

That's all that Tebow needed. A few quick completed passes, a game-ending 51-yard field goal by Prater, and Denver had the win.

Just as Red Sox fans will never forget Buckner's World Series error; Bear fans will never forget Barber's two disastrous blunders.

And Tebow will forever thank Barber for those miscues.

Jake Mauer Returns for Third Year as Miracle Manager

The Minnesota Twins announced this week that Jake Mauer, the older brother of Twins' catcher Joe Mauer, will return as manager of the Fort Myers Miracle in 2012. It will mark his third year at the helm of the strong A farm team.

Mauer previously managed the Twins' rookie level Gulf Coast League Twins. Steve Mintz will begin his fourth season as pitching coach for the Miracle.

Everblades Drop Two of Three to Elmira, but Just One Point out of First Place

Just one point separates the four teams in the South Division of ECHL. Despite losing two of three games last week to the Elmira Jackals, the Florida Everblades began the week just one point out of first place.

With a 12-11-1 season record, the Everblades are on the road this week facing Gwinnett twice and Greenville once. Florida returns to home ice next week hosting Trenton Thursday and Friday nights at Germain Arena. Both games have 7:30 p.m. starts.*

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Lessons are free after a one-time payment of \$10 which covers lifetime membership to Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center.

Contact Gillian Carney, 603-9828, or email fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com.*

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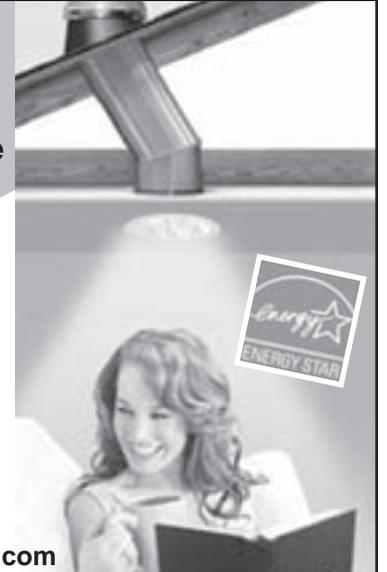


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Successful Debut For STEM At Work Student Program

Lee County students are gaining momentum as more opportunities arise for them to participate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives. On December 6, students from Ida Baker, South Fort Myers, East Lee County, Mariner, Estero, Fort Myers High and Dunbar High School's Engineering programs gathered at the Lee County Public Education Center for a kick-off event to introduce this year's STEM At Work Student Program.

Through this program, implemented by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools in partnership with The School District of Lee County, HSA Engineers and Scientists and STEM Team of Southwest Florida, students have the opportunity to learn through involvement with businesses in Lee County. Through field trips, shadowing, internships and hands-on experiences, students are given the chance to experience the day to day operations of professionals in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"We want to take students out of the classroom and get them involved in real world activities that will encourage them



Janelle Beaber, left, with some of the students

to engage and learn from a different perspective. The feedback we have received from students in the program is extremely positive. They are beginning to understand the importance of these educational fields and career opportunities and what STEM is all about," said Marshall Bower, president and CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools.

The kick-off event included an introduction of the program as well as a hands-on engineering challenge administered by David Miller of the Chamber of Southwest Florida.

The STEM At Work Program, administered through March 2012, is funded through Suncoast for Kids Foundation, donations and grants. Partners include B&I Contractors, Inc., Cement Industries, City of Fort Myers, Edison State College, Edison-Ford Winter Estates, EnSite, Florida Gulf Coast University, Imaginarium Science Center, Lean Engineering Services, Lee County Utilities, Manhattan Construction, Inc., Shaw Development, Museum of Science and MIT Club SWFL.

For more information on the



Janelle Beaber at the kick-off



Students get involved in STEM

Foundation, contact Janelle Beaber, director of marketing and development, at janelle@leeschoolfoundation.org or call 337-0433.✪

Condo and HOA Water Leaks: Covering The Repairs

by Richard D. DeBoest II, Attorney at Law



It's everyone's nightmare – flooding of his or her condo from the unit above or a leak outside in the common area. It's a complex scenario to resolve,

typically involving six different parties: the Association, the Association's insurance company, the upstairs owner, the upstairs owner's insurance company, the downstairs owner and the downstairs owner's insurance company.

These issues are governed by a Condominium insurance law adopted in 2008 and amended in 2010, found in Section 718.111(11) of the Florida Statutes. This law covers many areas, but I will address the five most common questions: 1. Who insures what? 2. Who makes the repairs? 3. Who pays for the repairs? 4. Who pays the deductible? 5. Can the association "opt out" of the insurance law?

Who Insures What?

Per the law, the Association's policy of hazard insurance covers "all portions of

the condominium property as originally installed or replacement of like kind and quality, in accordance with the original plans and specifications" except "all personal property within the unit or limited common elements, and floor, wall, and ceiling coverings, electrical fixtures, appliances, water heaters, water filters, built-in cabinets and countertops, and window treatments, including curtains, drapes, blinds, hardware, and similar window treatment components, or replacements of any of the foregoing."

Thus, in the typical leak into your condo, the association's insurance covers all drywall in the unit for losses caused by a covered hazard. The association's insurance also covers all other damage except that caused to the excluded items listed above.

Who Makes The Repairs?

The law says the association makes all repairs to the items covered by the association's insurance, unless the members have voted to "opt out" as described below.

Who Pays For The Repairs?

The association pays for all repairs to the items covered by the association's insurance, unless the members have voted to "opt out" as described below.

If, however, the cause of the damage can be attributed to the owner's or another person's negligence or intentional act, the association may seek to recover the cost of the repair from the guilty party. Also, the association is not obligated to pay for reconstruction or repairs if the losses were known or should have been

known to the unit owner and were not reported until after the insurance claim was settled or denied.

Who Pays The Association's Insurance Deductible?

Unless the association has voted to "opt out" as discussed below, the law requires the association to pay the deductible.

Can The Association "Opt Out" Of The Insurance Law?

If a majority of the total unit owners vote to opt out, the requirements to make the repairs to the unit, the requirements to pay for the repairs as a common expense and the requirement to pay the deductible as a common expense can be changed. However, an association cannot "opt out" of what it insures. If an association's wishes to "opt out" it must record a special type of notice in the public record indicating that it has opted out of paragraph J of the insurance law.

Conclusion:

There are certain exceptions in the condominium insurance law for limited common elements, owner constructed improvements and other matters. Therefore, the answers to the foregoing questions should be considered general and not applicable to specific factual situations.

This information is general and is not intended as specific legal advice applicable to your association. DeBoest recently co-authored a chapter in *Florida Condominium and Community Association Law* published by The Florida Bar and he regularly speaks and writes on community association law topics. He can be contacted at inquiry@condoandhoalaw-group.com.✪

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School Smart

er or certified therapist. The reviews and categories are organized based on skills learned rather than what disability or diagnosis is targeted.

a4cwsn.com, Apps for Children With Special Needs, features 500 video reviews done by Gary James of Oxford, Conn., who has a son with autism and a daughter with epilepsy.

iAutism.info. This database contains over 400 apps for iPad/iPhone and nearly 70 for Android.

You should be able to find at least a few apps through these various links that will help you decide whether an iPad is a tool from which your child would benefit. Talking with his teachers and therapists may also provide you with some direction as well.

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

Financial Focus

Charitable Giving Helps Everyone



by Jennifer Basey

To participate in the spirit of the holiday season, you may be thinking of making some charitable gifts. If so, you'll no doubt enjoy helping a group that does valuable work.

But to begin with, it's important to understand just how necessary your gifts are to the country's social fabric. Given the effects of the Great Recession and the slow recovery, it's not surprising to learn that charitable giving fell a combined 13 percent in 2008 and 2009, after adjusting for inflation, according to The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. And although 2010 giving increased by 2.1 percent, again adjusted for inflation, many groups are seeing tough times as 2011 comes to a close. So your gift counts.

And it can count for you, too. By contributing to a qualified tax-exempt organization [e.g., a charitable group that has received 501(c)3 status from the IRS], you may earn valuable tax deductions. This is true whether you give cash or another type of asset, such as stocks or real estate. And you may be able to get further tax benefits if the noncash asset you've donated has appreciated in value since you purchased it.

Making charitable gifts now may help you reduce your taxable estate. As you may know, the estate tax exemption level has fluctuated in recent years, so it's

hard for any of us to say for sure that we won't be subjecting our estates to these taxes. However, that doesn't mean you can't take steps now to plan for possible future estate taxes.

One such step might involve establishing a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you'd place some assets, such as stocks or real estate, in a trust, which could then use the assets to pay you an income stream over a certain period of time. When you establish the trust, you may be able to receive tax benefits based on the amount the charity is likely to ultimately receive, the charitable group's so-called "remainder interest." Upon its termination, the trust would relinquish the remaining assets to the charitable organization you've named. Keep in mind, though, that this type of trust can be complex; to establish one, you'll need to work with your qualified tax advisor and estate-planning attorney.

Another popular contribution vehicle is the "donor-advised fund." Here's how it works: You give cash or appreciated securities to the donor-advised fund, with the expectation of receiving a tax deduction for the contribution in that same year. You recommend which charities are to benefit from the contributions to the fund, and the fund invests and manages your contribution, along with the other assets in the fund. Again, you'll need to consult with your qualified tax advisor before establishing a donor-advised fund to help ensure you obtain any expected tax benefits.

As we've seen, you can follow different charitable giving strategies. But however you choose to make charitable gifts, you can take satisfaction in helping worthy organizations while possibly improving your own tax picture.

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

Tourism Council Has New Chair

The Board of Lee County Commissioners has appointed Commissioner John Manning as chairman of the Tourist Development Council (TDC).

Manning has more than 20 years of public service experience, having served as a Lee County commissioner from 1988 to 2000 and was again elected in 2010. He also served as a Cape Coral City Council member from 1982 to 1986 and worked as a consultant with the Fort Myers Office of Malcolm Pirnie from 2000 to 2011. Previously, Manning worked as a corporate benefit consultant for 28 years with clients in both the public and private sectors.

Manning is the commission chairman. He represents District 1, which encompasses Boca Grande, Bokeelia, Cape Coral, Captiva, Matlacha, Pine Island, Sanibel, St. James City and Upper Captiva. He is an active member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and serves as the board liaison for the Lee County Economic Development Office/Horizon Council, Lee County

Sheriff's Office and Value Adjustment Board.

Manning has been appointed to serve on the Growth Management Select Committee and as a trustee of the Florida Local Government Investment Trust. He was also recently appointed by his colleagues to the board of directors for the Transportation and Expressway Authority Membership of Florida.

Manning is a 32-year resident of Lee County. He received a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University in Boston and completed postgraduate studies at Purdue University.

Manning replaces TDC Chairman Frank Mann.

The nine-member TDC was established by the county in 1983 to increase tourism to Lee County.✽



Commissioner John Manning

Equestrians Nonprofit Elects New Board

Special Equestrians Inc. recently announced its new board of directors for 2011-12. The nonprofit organization helps children and adults with disabilities by providing a structured therapeutic horseback riding program and equine-assisted activities.

The new leadership board, elected at the annual meeting, includes President Christi Pritchett Sarlo, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, P.A.; First Vice President Allison Leone, Visually Impaired Persons of Southwest Florida; Second Vice President April Tennesen, Lee County Public Schools; Secretary Kathleen Berlick, volunteer; Treasurer Freda Jones, Raymond Building Supply Corp.; and Executive Director Jan Fifer, volunteer.

The mission of Special Equestrians is to improve the physical, mental and emotional well-being of individuals with disabilities through the equine experience who are referred by doctors, therapists and teachers.



Christi Pritchett Sarlo

The organization, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt local charity, is supported solely by individual donations and service fees donated by riders.

For information, contact 226-1221 or visit www.specialequestrians.net.✽

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Dr. Dave

End Of An Era

by Dr. Dave
Hepburn

While in Yellowknife giving a talk with fellow Wisequack, Dr. Rob Sealey Esq, we decided to explore the area by taking a hike, something we have often been

urged to do. Before hiking, we met with a guide who reminded us that bears in the NWT have a bit of an attitude and a sense of entitlement. "In fact, they designed our license plates. But should you be pursued by a bear, you must not jettison your backpack as this will just habituate the bear to people and create problems for future generations. Please keep your backpack on your back, that is why it is called a backpack. Were it meant to be flung aside at a time of crisis it would be called grandpa."

Now honestly, I'm thinking a little differently from the ranger here. If a ravenous ura major is hot on my heels and wants my backpack and decides that if he doesn't get it, he will rip it off me along with my arms and uvulas and pancreases and things, then the last think I am thinking is about the well being of future hikers and whether the bear will be habituated. No sirreeeee. I wish to be habituated

myself, back to my couch and remote if at all possible. I am completely jettisoning that pack and will let him gorge on all the jujubes and Snickers bars he wants. The alternative is to smack Sealey in the back of the knees with my bear stick and then make a run for it. Actually, I planned to do that anyway as a backup.

Now as we all enter another cold and flu season, some tend to panic at the thought of a sore throat, snuffle or cough and come flying in to the clinic to see if we have discovered a miracle cure for the cold that we plan to share with nobody else but them. Folks, chicken soup is the best we can do. But many of these worried well still want an antibiotic despite the fact that the overuse of antibiotics can render bugs resistant for future generations to deal with. We can habituate these bacterial bugs... and we have.

In fact, our reckless use of antibiotics has made us complicit in the recently discovered and extremely dangerous super bug. We have now created a monster that is not an actual bug itself (like MRSA) but is nastier. It is a plasmid.

A plasmid is a chunk of DNA that can be passed to ANY bacteria, allowing them to be resistant to antibiotics. MRSA, only a super bug, can still often be treated with powerful antibiotics, but the super super bugs are created courtesy of this plasmid that can slip into any old E. coli or Salmonella or Klebsiella and make them resistant to almost all drugs. This drug-resistant bacterial gene called NDM-1 (for New Delhi metallo 1, of course) has the potential to cause some major havoc.

Plasmids, which contain this NDM-1 gene, can be exchanged or transferred from one bacterium to another through conjugation (bacterial conjugal visits) in the passionate heat of an abscess, a bowel or Sudbury. It allows the organism containing the gene to adapt, thrive and reproduce in a hostile environment. Antibiotics, once a scary enemy to a bacteria, are suddenly as ineffective as a pygmy flea trying to take down a T.rex of the Jurassic period which, as we all know, were larger and tougher than the T.rex of the Cretaceous period and probably the Triassic age, making this a most excellent Pulitzerian metaphor or even like a simile. This has some scientists suggesting that the end of the antibiotic era is soon upon us. We may be resorting to Listerine, maggots and Kardashians. (Obviously, Kardashians have nothing to do with helping improve society; maggots are infinitely more useful.)

An August 11, 2010 report in *The Lancet* indicates that medicine has lost an important bacterial infectious disease battle and humans are at risk now more than ever. Indeed, this wee plasmid has powerful pandemic potential.

So resist developing bacterial resistance by resisting the urge to go looking for antibiotic treatments for a cold, flu, diarrhea or a trip to Sudbury. For Sealey's sake... keep your backpack on.

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I was shocked and appalled to read in the newspaper that a single woman with no job, no husband, living in a tiny house with her parents and her six older living children could have in-vitro fertilization and deliver eight more babies,

There is little doubt that the taxpayers will have to pick up the bill for the next 20 years plus.

What is this country coming to?

Agnes

Dear Agnes,

This seems to me to be medical technology gone amuck, and an extreme violation of medical ethics.

I was always under the impression that children needed a married mother and father. The father supported his children and made it possible for the mother to give care. That mindset, I guess, has long gone to extinction.

I cannot imagine any ethical physician allowing such a procedure to go to term. Apparently money was his motive and I wonder if he also committed to their support for the next 20 years.

Lizzie

Dear Agnes,

Well, the reality show pushes me over the edge. Unfortunately, I bet you millions will watch it like a bad train wreck, so awful but they cannot turn away.

There are many facts we do not know; maybe the mother lied to her physicians about her circumstances. Many of us do lie to our doctors. Maybe the physician told the mother the pregnancy needed to be reduced but she refused. There is a term for patients not following medical advice: AMA. If a patient refuses a procedure and makes an informed decision, a physician cannot force a patient to have a procedure. I think there is a criminal statute that covers that. I am sure the details will be fodder for the electronic and print media for months to come.

Just a small but important point: the mother of the 14 children lives with her parents. She came from an intact family with a married mother and father. So maybe the marriage certificate is not what is important as much as the quality of parenting in an intact family or single parent family that is the critical factor.

Pryce

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

dearPharmacist

B Vitamins Reduce Homocysteine, Improve Memory And Bone Strength



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I read your facebook post about improving memory with B vitamins. Can you elaborate more one day?

CK, Nashville, Tennessee

Most people know that ginkgo, vinpocetine, Eleuthero and Acetyl L-carnitine support memory function but they don't usually consider the B vitamins brain food like I do. The best Bs to support memory are vitamin B6, B9 (folate), B2 (riboflavin) and B12. The reason these serve your memory is because they reduce homocysteine, an amino acid that you create as you break down protein. Too much homocysteine, and you'll constantly forget things. I believe that reducing homocysteine with B vitamins is one of the easiest and most affordable ways to preserve memory. Studies back me.

As far back as 2002, physicians had the data to prove that homocysteine levels correlate with dementia and Alzheimer's risk. The higher the homocysteine, the more damage to your brain. The study was published

in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. A few years later, the 2005 Framingham Offspring Study printed in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* and concluded high homocysteine levels impacted memory. The study participants were, on average, 61 years old. What would've been the outcome for those folks had someone told them to improve B vitamin status when they were in their mid 40s?

What about you? A simple blood test can determine your homocysteine level. High levels also happen to be associated with heart attack, stroke, blood clots and atherosclerosis. If you have high homocysteine, I recommend supplementing with vitamin B6 (pyridoxine), B12 (methylcobalamin), B2 (riboflavin) and B9 (folate), these are the only things that reduce homocysteine well. You can also simplify everything by taking a B complex vitamin.

Here's more perspective, according to the Framingham study: homocysteine levels higher than 10 micromoles per liter increased the risk of dementia by 75 percent! Levels higher than 14 double your risk for Alzheimer's disease. Just FYI, the Rotterdam Study found that men or women with the highest homocysteine levels almost doubled their risk of fracture. Ouch!

Medicine raises homocysteine indi-

rectly too. If you've read my *Drug Mugger* book, you'd know there are hundreds of medications that deplete B vitamins. Your medicine steals your probiotics too, and you need those to manufacture certain B vitamins in your GI tract. So any drug that steals probiotics (or B2, B6, B12 or folate) can raise your homocysteine level, and therefore contribute to memory loss. There are hundreds of drugs, including antacids, acid-blocking (reflux) medications, menopausal hormones, birth control pills, antibiotics, blood pressure drugs and steroids that alter B vitamin levels. Talk with your doctor about a blood test to determine your homocysteine level, and ask if you can take a B vitamin because there are a handful of meds that interact. Eat your Bs in green and leafy vegetables. B complex supplements are sold nationwide.

DID YOU KNOW:

Never combine your anti-anxiety or sleep medications with alcohol or sedating herbs like Kava Kava.

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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Marc and Sheri Neeley (Proprietors of Roadhouse Café) with Celebrity Waiters Neil LeClair, Pam Beckman, Daniel Zeugin, Elaine Hawkins and Victor Mayeron



Kathy Mayeron, Pam Beckman, Daniel Zeugin, Kathryn Kelly (Executive Director of Heights Foundation) and Neil LeClair

Celebrity Waiter Dinner A Success

Roadhouse Café hosted a Celebrity Waiter Dinner on Monday, December 5 which benefitted The Heights Foundation

The event raised \$17,000 to support the School Success programs and Annual Fund of The Heights Foundation.

Hosts Marc and Sheri Neeley donated dinner proceeds and coordinated auction items provided by friends and fans of Roadhouse Café.*



Michele Eddy (Board member) and Elaine Hawkins



Joe Delaney Trio provided live jazz entertainment



Karen Tasman, Terri Bryan, Joe Bryan and Gary Tasman (Capital Campaign Advisory Committee member)

Shell Point Assisted Living Hosts 'Home For The Holidays'

Shell Point Retirement Community's Assisted Living facilities will host a "Home For The Holidays" event to allow individuals the opportunity to learn more about the assisted living options at Shell Point. This event will take place on December 22, 23, 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arbor Assisted Living located in the Woodlands at Shell Point.

The holidays are a time when families gather together to celebrate; however, they can also be a time for discussing the future. If you are concerned for a parent or loved one, but find it difficult to discuss such serious issues as healthcare, transportation, driving, and even a decline in their health recently, you can get more information on how to approach this conversation from experienced professionals at Shell Point.

Assisted Living at Shell Point is designed to create a homelike environment, while offering resort-style services and features to assist in maintaining optimum health and



The Arbor at Shell Point Retirement Community

independence; with the reassurance of knowing that assistance is always available should it be needed. Shell Point Retirement Community offers the finest assisted living choices available with a variety of price points and floor plans to choose from.

Shell Point Assisted Living representatives will be on hand the days prior to Christmas Eve, and the days following Christmas Day from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to tour you and your family around the assisted living buildings and to answer all of your assisted living questions. Guests are encouraged to call 239-454-2077 to schedule a tour.

Shell Point Retirement Community is a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community located in Fort Myers just off McGregor Boulevard and Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.*

Winter Wonderland Blood Drives

To combat the holiday season blood shortages, the Lee Memorial Blood Center will be holding special Winter Wonderland Blood Drives at each of its hospital locations:

Cape Coral Hospital – Volunteer Auxiliary Room
Wednesday, December 28, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 29, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gulf Coast Medical Center – Community Room
Tuesday, January 3, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 4, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

HealthPark Medical Center (in the atrium):

Monday, January 30, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All donors receive:

- Meal ticket to the Hospital Cafeteria
- Coupons: Jason's Deli * Bealls * Foster's Grill * Domino's Pizza
- Free 15-minute chair massage
- Long sleeve Blood Center shirt
- Warm, fuzzy feeling knowing that a life or two was saved

Chance prizes include gift cards for Bealls, Sandy Hook Fish & Rib House, Regal Cinemas, Lotus Essence Spa, NAPA Auto Care Oil Changes, Caloosa Auto Spa Car Washes, First Choice Haircutter's Gift Basket and assorted gifts from Belk's

Grand prizes include

- Three-day, two-night stay at the Resort at Marina Village (one bedroom suite)
- Two passes for Thriller Boat Tours on Sanibel

In addition, there will be lots of free food and door prizes.

For more information, visit www.leememorial.org/publicaffairs or contact Pat Dolce at 239-454-8766.*

Community Foundation Awards \$273,500 In Cultural Grants



Helena Finnegan, Imaginarium, right, with Tamara Pigott, director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau

On December 6 area cultural organizations gathered at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts to receive their Arts & Attractions grants established by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the Lee County Tourist Development Council and the City of Fort Myers.

The grants are used to create programming and marketing initiatives that attract tourism, strengthen the area's cultural landscape and provide organizational resources to spur growth and ensure sustainability. Candidates are required to submit year-end reports.

A total of 30 awards totaling \$273,500 were distributed to local cultural organizations.

Organizations receiving awards in 2011 include: Artfest Fort Myers, Arts for ACT, Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, BIG ARTS of Sanibel, Bonita Springs Concert Band, Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, Creative Theater Workshop, Cultural



Fran Goldman, SWFL Symphony

Park Theatre Company, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, ECHO, Inc., Edison Festival of Light, Florida Arts, Florida Repertory Theatre, Friends of the Lakes Regional Library, Gulf Coast Dance, Gulf Coast Symphony, Imaginarium Hands-On Museum, Laboratory Theater of Florida, Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Lee County Black History Society, Music Foundation of SWFL, River District Alliance, Sanibel Music Festival, SWFL Attractions Association, SWFL Museum of History Foundation, SWFL Symphony, Theatre Conspiracy, Town of Fort Myers Beach, Uncommon Friends Foundation and Young Artists Awards.

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 are open to the public 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 in Fort Myers.✪



Annette Trosbach, Laboratory Theater, with Tamara Pigott



Yvonne Hill, Black History Society

Book Review

America, The Superpower

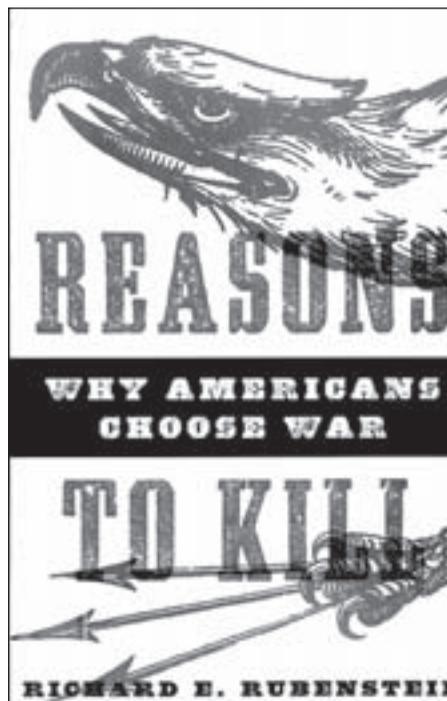
by Max Friedersdorf



Despite a staggering domestic economy with persistent high unemployment, the United States, militarily, is now "the most dominant superpower since

Rome, with more than 140 military bases (700 or 800, if one counts bases controlled by the United States) in at least 63 foreign countries."

Maintenance of the world's largest military-industrial complex and deployment of the largest, most far-flung military establishment costs about one-



fourth of the U.S. annual budget, rising to 50 percent if cost of past wars are included.

These impressive figures are contained in an important new book by Richard E. Rubenstein, Washington, D.C. Professor of Conflict Resolution and Public Affairs at George Mason University. This annual military budget of one trillion dollars plus, the author explains, is "almost equal to those of all other nations combined."

"More than half of *Fortune* magazine's top 100 companies are deeply involved in defense production," Rubenstein reports, and "the American economy is now so dependent upon war spending that we ourselves, workers and farmers as well as bankers and military-industrial tycoons, can be said to have an interest in the case."

Being the world's superhero, the book suggests, is dangerous for our future because "every empire eventually breeds resentment and revolt. Making war now seems a normal and perma-

nent activity," Rubenstein adds, "even though its outrageous costs, financial, physical, psychological, and spiritual, are inflicting acute damage upon us and upon future generations."

Rubenstein urges more effort toward peaceful conflict resolution, and avoiding war unless justified by legitimate self defense or moral duty.

Readers will find Rubenstein's timely study a well-researched explanatory narrative of the causes of past and current American wars; a fair critique of government policies and justifications leading to war, and most importantly, urgent concern for America's fighting men and women in combat on the front lines of the empire.

Reason To Kill, Why Americans Choose War, By Richard E. Rubenstein. Bloomsbury Press, New York, Berlin, London. Hardback, 238 pages, \$25.✪

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. LITERATURE: Ollivanders is the name of a shop prominently featured in which series of novels?
2. PSYCHOLOGY: What unnatural fear is represented in disorder oneirophobia?
3. MOVIES: Which Alfred Hitchcock movie features a main character who is confined to a wheelchair?
4. MUSIC: Which rock-and-roll group had a hit with the song "Got to Get You into My Life"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the setting for the TV soap "Another World"?
6. ANCIENT WORLD: Who was one of the chief founders of the philosophy of Cynicism?
7. POETRY: Who wrote the words, "God's in his heaven/ All's right with the world"?
8. ART: For what type of work was the 16th-century artist Titian best known?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek goddess of love?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest lake in the world?

ANSWERS

1. The "Harry Potter" books 2. Fear of dreams 3. "Fear of dreams" 4. The Beatles 5. Bay City 6. Diogenes 7. Robert Browning 8. Painting 9. Aphrodite 10. Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last pitcher before Seattle's Felix Hernandez in 2010 to have at least 30 quality starts in a season?
2. In the decade of the 1950s, a future Hall of Fame pitcher had the most losses during the 10-year span. Name the pitcher.
3. Name the last defensive lineman to be a Heisman Trophy finalist before Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh in 2009.
4. When was the last time the Hawks played in the NBA Finals?
5. Twice in the 1980s, the NHL had Stanley Cup Finals featuring two Canadian teams. Name the teams and the years.
6. Cadel Evans won the Tour de France cycling race in 2011 at the age of 34. Who is the oldest winner of the event?
7. In 2011, Rory McIlroy set a record for lowest four-round score at golf's U.S. Open with a 268. Name two of the four to hold the old record of 272.

ANSWERS

1. Arizona's Randy Johnson had 30 quality starts in 2002. 2. Philadelphia's Robin Roberts had 149 losses (and 199 wins) for the decade. 3. Warren Sapp of the University of Miami, Fla., in 1994. 4. It was 1961, when they were the St. Louis Hawks. 5. Montreal and Calgary, in 1986 and 1989. 6. Fritzie Lambot was 36 when he won it in 1922. 7. Jack Nicklaus (1980), Lee Janzen ('93), Tiger Woods (2000) and Jim Furyk ('03).

My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2011

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) I know, dear Lamb, that you don't like anyone trying to take charge of one of your projects, but try to be a bit more flexible. A new idea could help hasten a positive result.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) I'm sure, like the time-thrifty Taurus that you are, that you've done much of your holiday shopping. But don't relax yet. Wrap those gifts now to save yourself lots of unwanted pressure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be receptive when a family member or friend asks to confide in you. Your positive reaction could ensure that he or she will have a happy holiday experience.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't be rushed into wrapping up that workplace problem. Consider leaving it until after the holidays. This way you'll have the facts you need to reach the right resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll get news that will make you glow brighter than the lights of the holiday season. Be sure to use what you learn both carefully and kindly, to avoid giving the wrong impression.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That frayed relationship could be mended in time for the holidays if you were more flexible. Give a little, and you could get back a lot more than you imagined.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Things might not seem to be settling down as quickly as you would prefer. But it might be just a little holiday time flutter. You'll soon get news that will lead to more stability.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Stop getting so involved in everyone's personal problems that you lose precious time with loved ones. Remember, even the Supreme Court closes for the holidays.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) All signs point to a bright holiday, with all of those pesky problems finally resolved in your favor. Share the good times with people you love and, of course, who love you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your plans should not be set in stone and cemented over. Leave some openings in case you need to make changes. Spend the holidays with your nearest and dearest.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Surprise! This holiday finds you on the receiving end of the generosity of those who

are usually the recipients of so much that you give so freely and lovingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That piece of good news assures that you'll be swimming in clearer, calmer waters this holiday season. There might be a storm or two ahead, but you'll weather it all in fine style.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a flair for seeing things as you'd like them to be, as well as a gift for turning your perceptions into reality.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 23, 1888, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled "Self-Portrait With Bandaged Ear." During his lifetime, van Gogh sold only one painting.

- On Dec. 22, 1900, the first car to be produced under the "Mercedes" name is delivered to its buyer, Emil Jellinek, an Austrian car racer and auto dealer to the rich and famous. In exchange for buying 36 of the cars, the auto company agreed to name its new machine after Jellinek's 11-year-old daughter, Mercedes.

- On Dec. 24, 1923, President Calvin Coolidge touches a button and lights the first national Christmas tree to grace the White House grounds. The tree was the first to be decorated with electric lights -- a strand of 2,500 red, white and green bulbs.

- On Dec. 20, 1957, rock 'n' roll star Elvis Presley receives his draft notice for the United States Army. He served in Company D, 32nd Tank Battalion, 3rd Armor Corps in Friedberg, Germany, where he attained the rank of sergeant.

- On Dec. 25, 1962, "To Kill a Mockingbird," a film based on the 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name by Harper Lee, opens in theaters. The Great Depression-era story of racial injustice and the loss of childhood innocence is told from the perspective of a young Alabama girl named Scout Finch.

- On Dec. 21, 1975, in Vienna, Austria, Carlos the Jackal leads a raid on a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), killing three people and taking 63 hostage. Carlos managed to evade international authorities until 1994, when French agents captured him hiding in the Sudan.

- On Dec. 19, 1986, Michael Sergio, who

parachuted into Game Six of the 1986 World Series at New York's Shea Stadium, is fined \$500 and sentenced to 100 hours of community service. Sergio had landed on the infield with a "Let's Go Mets" banner in the first inning of the sixth game between the Mets and the Boston Red Sox.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was megalomaniacal French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte who made the following sage observation: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

- Orchids are lovely flowers, and many people dedicate years to growing them and finding rare specimens. If you're like most people, though, you probably don't realize that the word orchid comes from the Greek word "orchis," which means "testicle."

- Records show that the town of Helena, Montana, had more millionaires per capita than any other city in the world -- way back in 1888.

- In the early 1970s, a British plumber named John Hancock replaced an antique toilet in the home of John Lennon, then kept the old toilet for the rest of his life. In 2010, after Hancock's death, his heirs put it up for auction. Even the auction house was surprised when the former Beatle's throne fetched a whopping \$14,740.

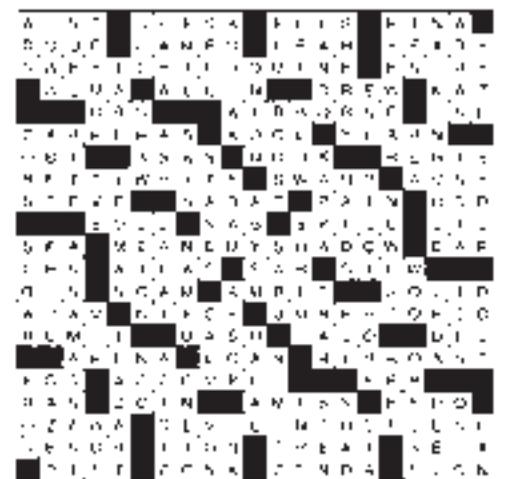
- When you're in an unpopulated area and gaze up at the night sky, it's easy to be overwhelmed by the profusion of stars. But what's truly overwhelming is this: All the stars that are visible from Earth represent only 0.00000000000001 percent of all the stars in the known universe.

- You may not be aware of this, but there is a new fad that is catching on among some groups across the country: tall biking. Hobbyists construct bicycles with normal-sized front and rear wheels, but with frames and seats that extend anywhere from 6 to 10 feet off the ground. Some riders actually use these bikes to joust, using lances made out of PVC pipe and foam rubber. It's unclear, however, exactly how the riders mount their steeds.

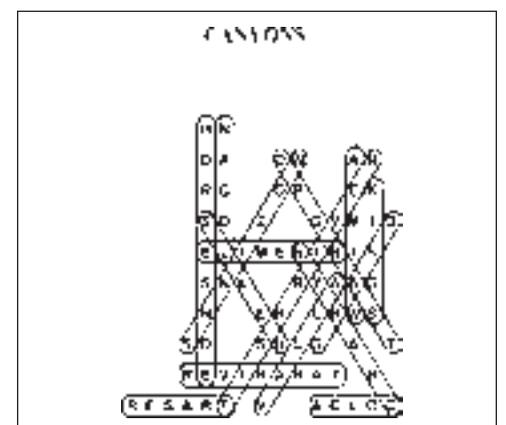
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you wish to be loved, show more of your faults than your virtues." -- Edward Bulwer-Lytton

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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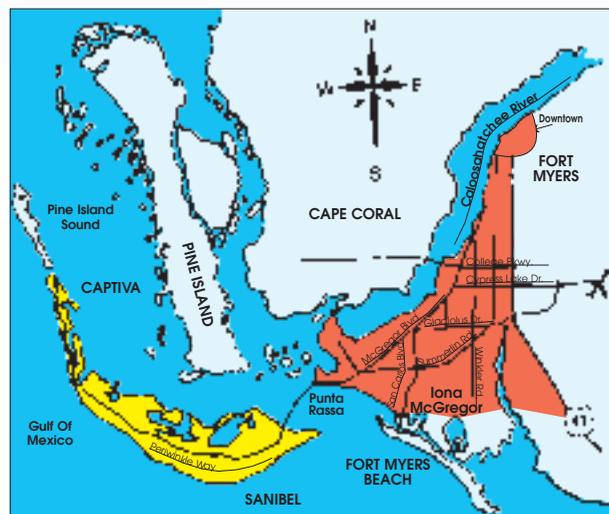
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My adoption fee is \$30 during December's Home 4The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

Would you prefer a brown tabby? My name is Juno and I'm a 2-year-old female domestic short hair. If kitties got report cards I would get an "A" for a super sweet disposition. I love to be around people and follow the staff and volunteers all around the adoption room. I also love to give everyone little kisses on their face. If you adopt me I promise to shower you with affection, too!

My adoption fee is \$30 during December's Home 4The Holidays Adoption Promotion (adopt a second cat or kitten free)

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services'



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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. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

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Ospreys on Sanibel and Captiva are currently exhibiting courting and mating behavior as they prepare for their 2011-12 breeding season. In mid-January, when the large brown and white raptors start incubating their eggs, the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) will celebrate the official beginning of osprey breeding season with Ospreyfest!

The event features CROW's popular "Story of Ospreys," presented by Mark "Bird" Westall, founder of The International Osprey Foundation (TIOF), Claudia Burns, longtime CROW/TIOF volunteer, and Dave Horton, creator of the "Hortoons" seen in many publications on the islands.

Ospreyfest! is sponsored by the Sanibel Captiva Trust Company, with Bailey's General Store as wine sponsor, and will take place at Traditions on the Beach in Sanibel's historic Island Inn on West Gulf Drive, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 15. A silent auction of osprey-related items will be offered prior to a delicious three-course dinner, created and served by Andrea Mucciga's award-winning staff.

The highlight of the evening will be a live auction of Darryl Pottorf's stunning depiction of a young osprey,

created especially for CROW. Following the auction, Burns will present "The Story of Ospreys," punctuated with amazingly life-like osprey calls performed by "Bird."

All proceeds of the event go toward the care and feeding of wildlife patients at CROW. Additional sponsorships are available for \$100 (Hatchling), \$250 (Nestling), \$500 (Fledgling) and \$1,000 (Fish Hawk). The Fledgling sponsorship includes tickets for two, while the Fish Hawk designation admits four to the event.

Admission to Ospreyfest! is \$75 per person and limited to 175 celebrants. For more information and to reserve your place, contact Debbie Friedlund at 472-6667 or SanibelFL@hotmail.com.✪



Darryl Pottorf's stunning depiction of a young osprey is valued at \$22,000 and will be the main auction item at Ospreyfest!

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Saturday December 17, 7 a.m. at
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Huge neighborhood garage sale,
including Christmas gifts, household
items, bedding and various items.

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GARAGE SALE

Saturday, December 17, 8 a.m.
No Early Birds, 1097 Skiff Place, Sanibel.
Tables, linens, duvet sets,
decorative pillows, coffee machine,
kids playpen, toys, misc.

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Symphonic Chorale

as Director of Liturgical Music at the Pontifical North American College in the Vatican. He is presently also Chairman of the Music Department at Ave Maria University.

Earlier this year the symphony chorus broke away from the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and established itself as The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, an independent chorus. The chorus will continue cooperative concerts with the orchestra but will no longer be tied exclusively to the symphony orchestra. The chorus was formed 50 years ago and during that time has presented an impressive musical resume through its performances of all the major choral pieces.

Tickets are available through the Symphonic Chorale at 239-560-5695, Chorale Members, and The Southwest Florida Symphony Box Office at 239-418-1500.✪

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SUDOKU

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

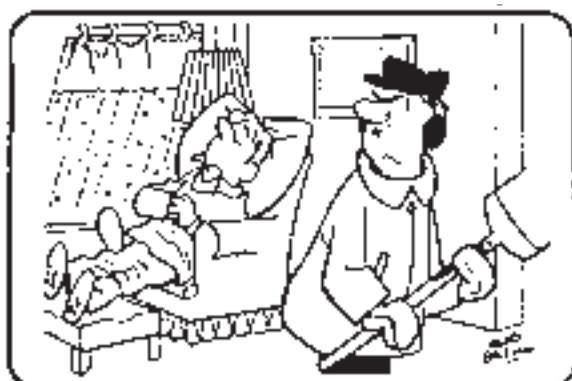
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

SCRAMBLERS

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

Stop: TRIVED

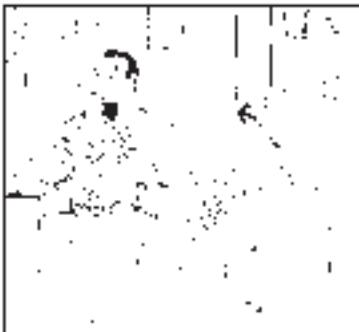
Flashy: NOTARE

Enjoy: VASOR

Loop: LICCR

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35



"The boss finally _____
I have to start looking for
a new job tomorrow."



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614 (United Daughters of the Confederacy ®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employ- ees).....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118

Kiwanis Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

Lions Clubs:

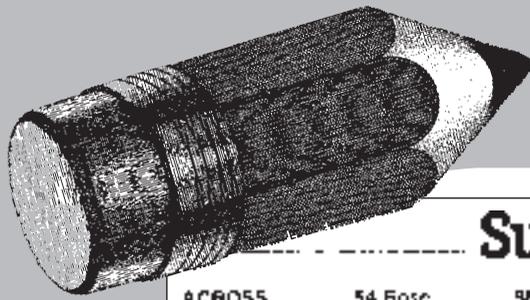
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 32

Super Crossword ROSE GARDEN

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| ACROSS | 54 Rose
Nylund's
portrayer | 58 'The Name
of the Rose'
author | DOWN | 42 Gaps, now
full last? | 92 Summer
time falls |
| 1 The
train? | 59 Overlooked
length | 101 Sand line
manly | 1 Piches | 45 Stephen of
Hornsea
with the
Vampire? | 93 Lame but
space station |
| 5 Media's
10 Condi
illings | 61 Skin
puzzler | 103 Salt mining
105 Alio CA | 2 Where the
fall corn
grows | 48 Faces a tall
50 Ph. Gela - | 95 Hussain
space station |
| 14 Active
volcano | 62 Invol of 'The
Crocodile
Hunter' | 106 Diner's sit
107 Right side
110 Tamagotchi
wealth? | 3 Fatiguer
of Oasis | 52 '98 Edward's
homeland | 97 Tranquil
99 Lily of
pharmaceuti-
cals |
| 18 'The Green
156 ml' | 63 '78 Heals
Nylund's | 112 Eutcher's
offering | 4 Amishook | 53 Passover
meal | 100 Morning
meal |
| 19 Vial an
ornament | 65 Pastidious
Leeson | 115 The - and
'107 film' | 5 Room with
pink walls? | 55 Watching
machines? | 102 6 ym
vehicle? |
| 20 Russell's
sister | 67 Unmatched | 117 Fair - | 6 Room with
pink walls? | 56 Potty offic' | 104 Muslim
c dairy term |
| 21 Lisa
'The
Wizard' | 68 World's
hobbies | 119 Ending for
'Tudor' | 7 Runner
Zalozek | 57 Dairy case
purchase | 106 Sgt. or col |
| 23 Gurney
Parses of | 71 Apparent | 120 Sought after | 8 Room with
pink walls? | 58 'Upstairs,
Downstairs'
genre | 109 Live empor' |
| 26 - nouns | 72 Curator | 121 Parry or
person | 9 Adair
noun | 60 Ornamental
loop | 111 WWII
admiral |
| 27 Soptano
Gucco | 73 Strength
noun | 122 Wrong | 10 Sundry
character' | 61 Whinn's
wealth | 113 Shonan's
son |
| 28 - a day's
work | 74 Health
concern | 126 Archipel
Sallinen | 11 Whinn's
wealth | 12 Joe of 'Dr
Quinn | 114 Threat words
referred |
| 29 Seem Nancy | 77 Billy Rose
song | 129 Conductor
Sey | 13 '92 Four
Seasons FI | 14 Glasses | 116 Locked
longingly |
| 31 Heroin's
Krazy | 80 Organ of
inhabitant | 131 Rose
McGowan
move | 15 Dishes | 16 'Lama | 118 - a
customer |
| 32 Myrina
monster | 81 Peeps pot | 136 Murdo mystery | 17 Stage
backdrop | 17 Cockade
ingrained | 123 Confronting
124 Lightweight
gun |
| 34 In light | 82 Helarance
you're | 137 Take the
on | 22 Chomskian
Thomas | 24 Grocer's
measure | 125 Large
tasting |
| 37 Adjective
sulla | 83 Halitosis | 138 Spring for | 25 Talmadge? | 26 'The Rose
Tango' | 127 Wine |
| 38 One of
'The Thin
Tanors' | 84 Prepare
brunes | 139 Actress
Live on
lattice | 30 Vane letters | 27 Elephant
Boy' star | 128 Consume a
today |
| 43 Road's A
the Gang | 86 Bar supply | 140 Will on
lattice | 33 Gull
35 Patch | 28 Christiane
39 'Elephant
Boy' star | 130 All' cion |
| 44 Pina | 87 Linguist
Capriky | 141 Bear on the
bean | 36 Run through | 38 Max, man?
39 Slove sign
40 Puma
antonymy | 132 Vladimir
Escherbach |
| 46 Kiana com-
merbund | 88 Scope | 142 Hope's 'The
Prisoner' | 38 Male swans | 41 A swath was
her swan | 133 Squads
scout |
| 47 Interrogates | 89 Unbroken | 143 Nymph
Carolina
campus | 39 Help a hawk | | 134 'Wings'
358' |
| 49 Granny's
companion | 90 'Drama
Comedy'
figure | | 40 Puma
antonymy | | 135 Solo of
'Star Wars' |
| 51 Tourney of
Philon | 96 Caroline to
Tart | | 41 - bird | | |

King Crossword

ACROSS	7 Ballet skit	10 Misanthrope for man	13 Praline fruit	14 Conspire or Map	15 Quilting stitch	18 Attendance crisis	19 Madeline hemlines?	20 New no follower	21 Settled drama	23 - genres	24 Captain's to face	28 Rival to Ripley	31 Madame Madame	32 Diana's surrealism on 'Surreal'	33 Dark measure	34 Am night	37 Bice reduction	38 Sirocco heat	41 Archa Julia	42 Avastate surrealist	45 New	49 Rival to protestors	51 Number 1000's	29 Rival to Ripley	31 Madame Madame	32 Diana's surrealism on 'Surreal'	33 Dark measure	34 Am night	37 Bice reduction	38 Sirocco heat	41 Archa Julia	42 Avastate surrealist	45 New
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52 Summer time falls	93 Lame but space station	95 Hussain space station	97 Tranquil	99 Lily of pharmaceuti- cals	100 Morning meal	102 6 ym vehicle?	104 Muslim c dairy term	106 Sgt. or col	109 Live empor'	111 WWII admiral	113 Shonan's son	114 Threat words referred	116 Locked longingly	118 - a customer	123 Confronting 124 Lightweight gun	125 Large tasting	127 Wine	128 Consume a today	130 All' cion	132 Vladimir Escherbach	133 Squads scout	134 'Wings' 358'	135 Solo of 'Star Wars'										
DOWN	1 Gonia's	2 Eye layer	3 Sirocco heat	4 Ober	5 Lira	6 Bishop	7 Gonia's	8 Eye layer	9 Sirocco heat	10 Ober	11 Lira	12 Bishop																					

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Look no further for the perfect vacation home or investment property! This ground level condo is located in the popular Loggerhead Cay complex and is only ONE UNIT back from the beach! Enjoy amazing sunsets and breathtaking views of the ocean. This 2/2 is tiled throughout and features updated bathrooms. Easy access to the pool and beach through the screened in lanai helps keep the sand and mess to a minimum! **Offered for \$615,000 Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540**

Punta Rassa #404

WOW! End Unit with balcony off the dining area. Pure silk breezes capturing the aura of not only the sunsets but also the panoramic views of Sanibel Harbour Resort. Recently remodeled kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel sink tiled floor. Other features include, tray ceilings, tiled lanai, sun shutters, and oversized affinity washer and dryer. Social Membership to Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club. This sun splashed home is worth visiting to absorb the portrait of "Paradise by the Sea". **Offered for \$339,900. Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420.**



Exceptional Home on Almost 1 Acre!

Words truly can't describe this extraordinary home/location, but Better Homes & Gardens definitely comes to mind. This 4 BR (could be 5 or 6), 4 1/2 bath home has too many new upgrades to mention all. New kitchen '06. Thermidor frig, Wolf stove, Miele DW, custom cabs/granite counters. 1st floor master has new Master Bath '10. Custom Vanities, Kohler Jacuzzi, walk-in Rain Shower, closet built-ins. 3 new A/C's '10. New Roof '04. Many new Hurr. rated windows. Custom wood and marble floors, Spanish tile. The yard is big (almost an acre) and beautiful! The back is completely fenced, and the property extends approx 20-30' beyond the back fence and was left natural for a very private setting. Perfect for play area, outdoor activities, or just enjoying nature. Garage has extra storage rm/workshop. Pinehurst is a great community, all larger homesites, tucked off of the popular Daniels Rd. corridor - convenient to shops, restaurants, hospital/medical, SWFL Reg Airport, Twins training stadium. **Offered for \$699,000. Contact Nancy Finch at 239/822-7825.**



Lowest priced 4 bedroom home in Crown Colony Golf & Country Club

This very rare 4 bedroom, 2 bath model has lake exposure from the private heated pool and spa with Aqualink Control. Membership in the Golf and country Club is optional, but available. The club, golf course and restaurant is totally owned by the members with no debt load and the homeowners association is in excellent financial condition. **Offered for \$379,000. Contact Larry Hahn 239/898-8789**



17170 Harbour Pointe Dr #1232 - Sanibel Harbour Towers South

This Penthouse must be seen to be appreciated. Sweeping 180 degree views of the bay, the gulf, the river, small islands in the bay and Sanibel Island offer serene surroundings from the interior or your own private sun deck. The interior was totally re-done by an interior designer in 2005, with nothing but the best in appliances, cabinets and amenities. Open floor plan for entertaining, with plenty of room for privacy on the main living level or the loft/library on the second floor. Unique master area with separate sitting area for privacy. This stunning penthouse is a one of a kind that should satisfy the most discriminating buyer. Beach access, pool, fishing pier, restaurant, bike path. **Offered for \$2,800,000 Contact Sharon Wise 239/849-9121 or Ray Ochester 239/410-9725**



Coco Bay

3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2,153 sq. ft. home in Coco Bay. Huge outdoor lanai and pool area allows you to make the most of the Southwest Florida lifestyle. Open floor plan featuring tropical design. Great private community close to Sanibel & Fort Myers Beach. Kitchen features granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, wood cabinets and a wine cooler. Off-Season reciprocal with Kelly Greens grants owner use of golf course and dining facilities. **Offered for \$419,500. Contact Bob Berning 239-699-9597 or Ken Colter 239/851-1357.**



YOU MUST SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

This elegantly appointed 3/4 pool home in Sanibel Estates was extensively remodeled in 2002 by Benchmark and no detail was spared! Home features Brazilian cherry wood floors, top floor master suite, 2 complete guest suites, rooftop sundeck with Bay views, coffer and tray ceilings, granite stone and marble surfaces, 3 floor elevator, media room, library, chef's kitchen with Crystal cabinetry and MUCH more. The elevated pool is light w fiber optics and overlooks the gardens and canal. Accommodate your boat at this 65' dock with 2-50 amp shore power available. Home has been meticulously landscaped and features brick paver walkways. This home is truly one of a kind! **Contact Tracy Walters 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters 239/841-4540**



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