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Florida's first family pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Edison, Edison Ford President and CEO Chris Pendleton and curator Alison Giesen

## Gov. Scott Visits Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Florida Governor Rick Scott, his wife Ann, daughter Jordan and son-in-law Jeremy toured the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers on December 28.

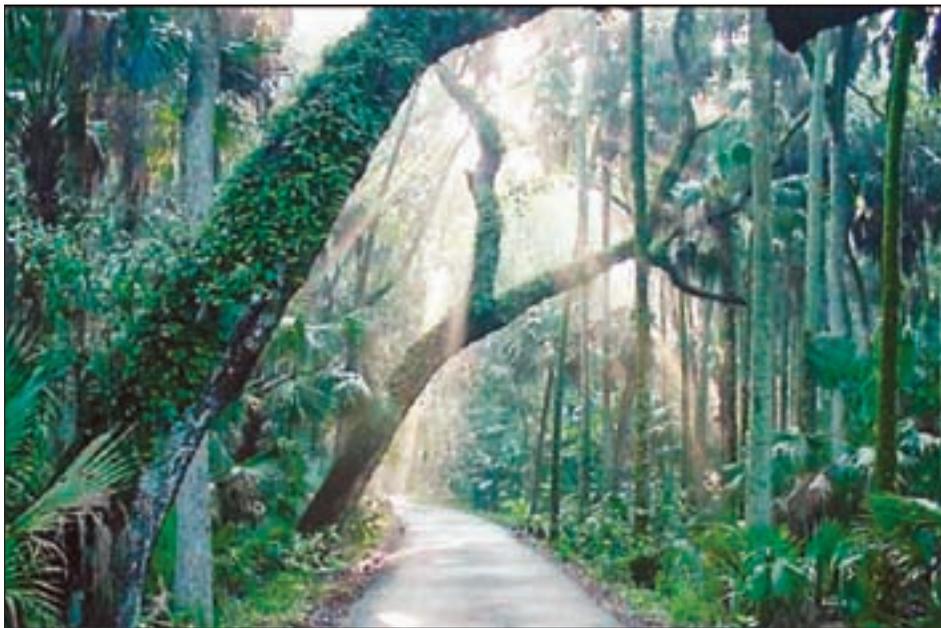
Edison Ford CEO and President Chris

Pendleton and curator Alison Giesen gave Florida's first family a tour of the newly restored riverside homes and gardens as well as the Edison Botanic Research Laboratory.

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

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## Morning Stroll And Meander



Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve in North Fort Myers

Take a morning stroll in the woods at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve in North Fort Myers and walk along a quarter-mile live oak loop on Saturday, January 14 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Traverse wetland, oak hammock and pine flatwoods on ADA-compliant boardwalk

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## Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire To Be Held At Lakes Regional Park



Two knights competing in performance combat

photo courtesy of www.EloquentImaging.com

The Riverdale Kiwanis have set their annual Medieval Faire for the weekends of January 14 and 15 as well as January 21 and 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Lakes Regional Park in Fort Myers. The two-weekend event is expected to draw more than 10,000 attendees.

The 2012 Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire will feature jousting, live chess match, live sword fighting, royal court, children's games and rides, jugglers, magicians, minstrels, period food and medieval themed merchants. Entertainment at the faire will be provided by professional touring medieval faire professionals.

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A strolling violin minstrel at the 2011 Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire

## Young Artists To Perform

Young Artists Awards vocalists Carla Martinez and Peyton Davis will be performing at the Alliance for the Arts on Friday, January 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. during the opening of the January exhibition.

Martinez, a multiple year and category finalist of the Young Artists Awards program, is currently attending the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Davis, 15, has also been named a finalist at the Young Artists Awards competition and currently attends Cypress Lake High School.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. The performance is free and open to the public. Visit [www.youngartistsawards.org](http://www.youngartistsawards.org) for more information about the program.\*



Carla Martinez

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

# Margaret Gets Her Story

by Gerri Reaves



In 1913, Margaret Mickle got her first scoop in at the age of 10, demonstrating the plucky spirit that future readers would appreciate.

Anchored off her family's Captiva Island's beachfront home were scientist Russell J. Coles and Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. She set off in a skiff, determined to photograph the former President of the United States. Her skiff overturned, but she swam while holding the camera over her head.

As the crew helped her aboard, she asked, "Where's Teddy?" and was told he was unavailable. Overhearing her, Roosevelt said, "Anyone who calls me Teddy can see me." For

her audacity, she was rewarded with dinner with the great men and a .22 rifle.

Most important, however, is the photograph she took, in which Roosevelt (left)

looks more like a scruffy fisherman than a former exalted President. To top off the serendipitous meeting, the men later sent her a unique pair of fish-skin slippers.

In early adulthood, Mickle worked briefly for Lee Memorial Hospital. She is pictured during that period of her life, a somewhat impish woman who evidently found the drudgery of hospital work just too dreary. Her job description included washing the windows!

A gift for writing and reporting led her to pursue a newspaper career. She wrote for the *Tropical News*, and then the *Fort Myers News-Press*, after the *News* and *Press* consolidated.



A young Margaret Mickle, future society columnist  
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

She was society editor at the *Press* for 20 years, where she wrote a popular gossip-filled column called "Local Lowdown," which appeared with an illustration of a doghouse. She didn't name names, but would put deserving character in that doghouse, and readers in the know would understand what she meant.

She was a founding member of the Southwest Florida Historical Society.

To delight of readers, at age 83, she came out of retirement in 1986 and started writing for the *Fort Myers Observer*.

Visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society to explore part of Margaret Mickle's legacy. The all-volunteer non-profit organization is one of the area's best research centers. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

Contact the society at 939-4044 or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Then find out more about the history of journalism in Fort Myers at the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street. Be sure to see the exhibit on local Mid-Century Modernist architecture.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [www.swflmuseumofhistory.com](http://www.swflmuseumofhistory.com). Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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



Mickle snapped this photo of former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt and scientist Russell J. Coles when she was only 10 years old, after swimming out to a boat anchored off Captiva  
courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



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**Medieval  
 Faire**

Tickets will be available the day of the faire. Adult tickets cost \$15 and children tickets (5 to 11 years) cost \$5 to attend. Free onsite parking is available.

All profits from the Medieval Faire go to the Kiwanis of Riverdale Foundation Fund to support local programs, including Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, Christmas dinners, Buckingham Exception School, Orange River Elementary, Sunshine Elementary, school grants and scholarships.

For more information on the Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire, visit [www.medieval-faire.com](http://www.medieval-faire.com). For group ticket information, call Sandy Wheeler at 369-6881.\*

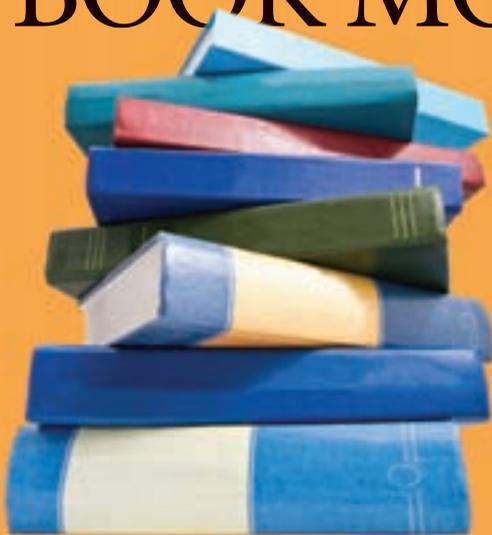


Barely Balanced professional acrobats perform at a past Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire photo courtesy of [www.EloquentImaging.com](http://www.EloquentImaging.com)

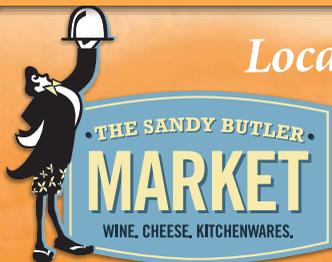


Children and adults alike enjoy the Seahorse ride at the 2011 Medieval Faire

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## Downtown Outdoor Antiques Market

A downtown outdoor antiques market, to be held on the second Saturday of each month throughout the winter season, will return to Fort Myers beginning on Saturday, January 14. The markets take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Markets On Main, a new experience in outdoor events designed for browsers and serious shoppers, seamlessly blends nostalgia with avant garde creativity in an up-to-the-minute "green" shopping experience.

On the second Saturday of each month during the winter season, 20 to 30 unique vendors will offer a selection of wares, works of art and natural wonders that will make your head spin.

Morphing from the original downtown antiques market, with its ongoing 17-year reputation, this new version of an already popular venue still offers antiques and collectibles in a fun spirit of recycling, but has combined that market with indie arts and crafts, plus a green market. Here you will find not only antique treasures, but also re-purposed, vintage furniture crafted into garden art, vintage clothing pieced into wearable art, and items from nature that surely must be edible art.

Homegrown plants, handmade soaps and hand-painted signs designed for every room or mood in your home and life can also be purchased.



Markets On Main are held during the winter on the second Saturday of each month

The combined markets are managed by Cindy Kiesel, a member of the River District Alliance of historic downtown Fort Myers. Contact Cindy at 689-6246 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday for more information.

Upcoming market days are January 14, February 11, March 10 and April 14.\*

## Republican Women's Lunch

The Lee County Republican Women's Club (chartered) will hold its monthly luncheon at the Crown Plaza Holiday Inn, located at 13052 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers, on Tuesday, January 10. Social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon to follow at noon.

Featured speakers at the meeting will be Karen Harrington, U.S. House of Representatives candidate for Florida District #20, and Javier Manjarres, editor of the conservative blog *The Shark Tank*.

For more information or to make reservations, call 574-2571.\*

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Governor Rick Scott and family visit the Edison & Ford Winter Estates

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## Rick Scott Visits Estates

of "Save America's Treasures" at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site.

For additional information, call 334-7419 or visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org).



Thomas and Mina Edison greet Governor Rick Scott

## Vendors Sought For Pet Expo

Grace Community Center will host a Pet Expo on Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors are needed for this first annual event, with booths starting at \$45. Proceeds will benefit the Grace Community Center and its pet ministries including Feed The Pack and PAWS.

"We are thrilled to offer this type of event to our community," said Carol Musselman, event chair. "We are seeking pet vendors of all types to ensure we provide great value to our guests."

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Musselman by phone at 574-7161 or e-mail [musselman@egracechurch.com](mailto:musselman@egracechurch.com).

Grace Community Center is a hub for the community, providing a path so that its neighbors can live lives of freedom and dignity. This 56,000-square-foot facility and its ministries impact the Cape Coral/North Fort Myers area and the Route 41 corridor between Tampa and Naples. Teams feed the hungry, clothe the needy, heal the sick and educate the uneducated.

For more information on Grace Community Center, call 244-1818 or visit [www.egracecenter.org](http://www.egracecenter.org).

## Edison & Ford Estates Announce January Programs, Class Calendar

The Edison and Ford Winter Estates is open year-round, seven days a week, offering traditional tours and creative programs to expand the usage by visitors and community members.

The interpretation of the site honors the legacy of the Thomas Edison and Henry Ford families through science, history, arts and education programs, lectures, special events and activities. Edison and Ford changed the world with their inventions, pioneering the automobile industry, movies and film, lighting and electricity, sound and communications. They were lovers of the arts, devoted naturalists and futurists in their vision. Following the legacy of the two world renowned entrepreneurs, there are vast opportunities to explore their life interests and work.

The following calendar of activities is also updated regularly on the website:

### January 2012

January: Edison Ford Inventor's Summer Camp registration begins

January: Exhibit opening "Thomas Edison, Lewis Latimer and the Light Bulb" with the Black History Museum

January 5 and 19: Emerging Inventor's Early Learning Class

January 10, 17 and 24: Homeschool Class, "Cartooning with Doug MacGregor"

January 10: Volunteer Program Meeting and New Volunteer Orientation

January 13 and 14: Botanical Illustration Class in the Gardens with Megan Kissinger

January 14: Edison Ford Garden Talk, "Seasonal Winter Plants"

January 14: Day of Discovery at Florida Gulf Coast University

January 16: "Cartooning with Doug MacGregor: Innovators and Inventors" Class, (grades 4 through 12)

January 18 and 20: Homeschool Class, 1: Sixth grade

January 21: Director's Tour to Palm Beach, Flagler Museum and Society of the Four Arts

January 22: Edison Ford Bridal Fair  
Contact the Edison Ford at 239-334-7419 to confirm schedule or visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org) for the latest news and information. All dates and times are subject to change.

The Estates is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 239-334-7419 or visit their website at [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org).

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# HORTOONS



## NFM Annual Flea Market

The North Fort Myers Community Center, located behind the North Fort Myers Library at 2021 North Tamiami Trail, will be hosting their Annual Flea Market.

This flea market, held outdoors under two pavilions and on the football field, will take place on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. The Pop Warner football concession stand will be open for food and drink purchases.

Clean out your closets and turn your junk into someone's joy. Six foot tables are available for \$10 each under pavilions only. Six foot spots available for \$5 each on football field only (you must provide your own tables). Take advantage of the crowds a community flea market can gen-

erate. Spaces are going fast, so register early to guarantee your spot or table.

Call 652-4512 to pay and reserve your tables or spots. Credit cards or debit cards are the only method of payment accepted. Table/spot rentals are non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no rain date.

Call Christine or Libby at 652-4512 for more information.✪

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## English Country Dancing

Learn the social dances of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (year-round), at the Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road, Fort Myers, 432-2154. Dress is casual – wear flat shoes with non-slip soles and no flip-flops. Partners are not necessary and beginners welcome. The music is live and the evening is family-friendly.

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.✪

## Greeters Club To Host Spring Fashion Show

Kick off the new year with a Spring Fashion Show. Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on Thursday, January 19 at Colonial County Club on 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers.

Call today to join this dynamic group of women of Lee County. Attending the luncheon costs \$18, with advance reservations required.

For more information, call Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Linda Fitzpatrick at 437-5653, e-mail Greeters.Lunch@comcast.net or check us out on Facebook at Greeters of Fort Myers.✪

## Daughters Of The Confederacy

The Fort Myers United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter 2614 meets on the third Saturday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 12300 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 728-3743 for a reservation to attend.✪

## Goss To Speak At Republican Women Lunch

The January Luncheon Meeting of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, January 9.

The guest speaker will be Chauncey Goss, candidate for Florida's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and a resident of Sanibel.

Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and program to follow at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers.

The all-inclusive cost is \$16 per person.

To make reservations, call 239-432-9389 or send an e-mail to cindylignelli222@gmail.com.✪

## Birding Class At 'Ding' Darling

A birding class sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, called *How To Bird The Refuge*, will be held on Wednesday, January 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Harold Johnstone will conduct a one-hour session in Auditorium B at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center, which will be followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

The San-Cap Audubon's goal is to help beginning and intermediate birders learn tips to increase their bird-watching enjoyment.

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# Shellabration Challenge For The Largest Group Sanibel Stoop



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Shellabration 2012, to be held from February 17 to March 4, not only "shellbrates" the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show, but also the islands' shelling obsession.

The festivities kick off with a mass Sanibel Stoop event on Bowman's Beach on Friday, February 17 at 10 a.m. Designed to break a Guinness Book World Record in the Largest Treasure Hunt category of 250 people. Islanders and visitors are invited to join in and sign their names to be sent to the *Guinness Book of World Records* to prove the island has broken the record. The Sanibel Bicycle Club will lead a ride to Bowman's Beach for those interested in participating in the Sanibel Stoop. Departure will be from Sanibel City Park, next to The Community House.

There's a name for it here on Sanibel Island, that shell-bent thing. They call it the Sanibel Stoop. So intertwined have the island and its shells become, that Sanibel's identity is totally invested in seashells – known as one of the top shelling destinations in the world.

Beginning in the early 1900s, the procession of shellers up and down the island's beaches sparked a friendly competition between guests at two early local hotels – Casa



Shellabration pocket watch by Bill Jordan



Tween Waters Inn on Captiva has donated a one-week vacation for two

Ybel and The Matthews. Hallie "Granny" Matthews hosted the Shell Show & Fair in her hotel lobby starting in the late 1920s. By 1931, the event moved to the Sanibel Community Association's (SCA) Community House.

"Because it's the 75th anniversary, we wanted to do something special," said Marge Meek, SCA president. "It shows everyone this is a shell island."

The week-long Shellabration promises shell-mania. For more details, visit [www.Shellabration2012.com](http://www.Shellabration2012.com), call 472-2155 or stop by The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way.✧



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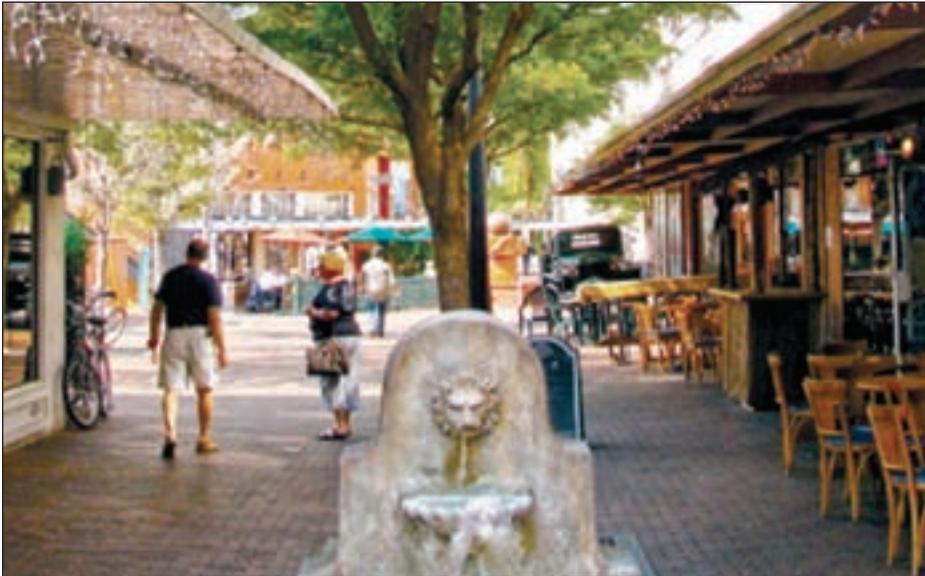
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Due to popular demand, **True Tours** is expanding its historical walking tours to include Fridays. Regularly scheduled Saturday and Sunday tours are still offered and brunch packages are available with the Sunday programs. The tours begin at 10:30 a.m. and are approximately 60 minutes in duration. Cost is \$10 per person.

Walk with the knowledgeable guides as they wind through the brick courtyards and colorful tile-floor arcades that make downtown Fort Myers so unique. Learn about the exciting true tales of the struggle for dominance by Fort Myers' first families: Edison, Heitman, Langford, Firestone, Ford and Franklin, along with national companies like Standard Oil. Along the route, admire beautifully restored buildings in architectural styles varying from Art Deco to Moorish and Spanish-Mission to Neo-Classical.

For private parties of eight or more, Haunted History tours are available on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Lunch programs can be arranged on any day at any time for private groups.



Learn about Florida's freshwater and sea turtles at CROW on Sanibel

For information and reservations, call 945-0405 or visit [www.truetours.net](http://www.truetours.net).

On Saturday, January 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., buy unique and local art at the **Saturday Art Fair in The River District**. Stroll along the sidewalks of First Street while browsing through the treasures sold by a wide array of local vendors; painters, potters, weavers, jewelry makers, photographers, stained and fused glass. The event is free to the public.

For more information, contact Claudia Goode at 939-2553.

Enjoy good food, drink specials and a rockin' good time at **Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** in Fort Myers Beach. The casual, family-fun restaurant boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, sandwiches and entrées. While relaxing on the outdoor patio, swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music. Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Enjoy happy hour all day, every day at Ugly's.

On Friday, January 6, Vytas Vibe performs 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, No Way José 1 to 5 p.m. followed by High Tide 6 to 10 p.m.; Monday, Vytas Vibe 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Left of Center 6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday, Vytas Vibe 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Harrold Antoine 6 to 10 p.m. downstairs and Mike Glean 6 to 10 p.m. upstairs; Wednesday, Vytas Vibe 1 to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, Lori Star Duo 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Harrold Antoine 6 to 10 p.m. downstairs and The Oysters 6 to 10 p.m. upstairs.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. Parking for your car or boat is free for patrons. The GPS coordinates for Nellie's Snug Harbour Marina are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W. Call 463-8077 or go to [www.nervousnellies.net](http://www.nervousnellies.net).

On Tuesday, January 10, the **Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW)** presents a special program entitled CROW's Aquatic Patients: Fresh Water and Sea Turtles. Part of its Wonders of Wildlife series, it is led by CROW volunteer Bev Ball. It begins at 11 a.m. in the facility's Healing Winds Visitor Education Center.

The clinic's sea turtle patients come from the coastal waters between Sarasota and Miami and the program highlights the variety of fresh water turtles that are found throughout Southwest Florida. Ball discusses the reasons why these wild animals are admitted to CROW.

CROW is located at 3883 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel. Call 472-3644, ext. 229 or go to [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).

Every Wednesday through season, **Captiva Cruises** offers boat cruises and tours from Captiva Island to the historic **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** in Fort Myers. Cruise time aboard *Santiva* is approximately one hour and 40 minutes.

The guided cruise offers a scenic and historical overview of Captiva and Sanibel Islands, a unique look at the Caloosahatchee and its importance ecologically and culturally, a great view of the Estates from the water, lunch at the private club and a tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Boat departs Captiva at 10 a.m. from Captiva Cruises, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane. It arrives for lunch at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street, after which guests will be given a guided tour of the Estates. Participants will return to Captiva aboard *Santiva*.

Reservations are required by calling 472-5300 or going to [www.captivacruises.com](http://www.captivacruises.com).\*

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# Ring In The New Year With Fort Myers Art Walk, Saturday Art Fair

Art lovers can start the New Year with Fort Myers Art Walk and the Saturday Art Fair on the weekend of January 6 and 7.

The next monthly Art Walk will take place on Friday, January 6, with local art galleries and art stops featuring new exhibits and shows. This regular cultural event draws between 1,500 and 2,500 people each month to the downtown Fort Myers River District.

Then on Saturday, January 7, the organizers of Art Walk present the seasonal Saturday Art Fair. This juried art event showcases individual artists at tables along the sidewalks of First Street. The Saturday Art Fair runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to attend. Forty artists and art vendors are scheduled to be at January's Saturday Art Fair.

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

Some art highlights of the Friday, January 6 Art Walk:

- Art of the Olympians: Showing an exhibition, *Legends of '68*, featuring artwork from four dynamic USA Olympians from the 1968 Olympic Games (Rink Babka, Bob Beamon, Peggy Fleming and Al Oerter) and a collection of works by Olympic artist Steve Allen.

- Art League of Fort Myers: Opening reception for *Imagination Gone Wild* exhibit.

- Arts for ACT Gallery: Opening reception for a group show featuring artists David Acevedo, Todd Babb, David Belling, JoAnne Bedient, Stephen Gray-Blancett, Christina Jarmolinski, Leo Johnson, Mel Meo, George Mitchell and Paul Rodino. Alicia Schmidt will be in the office gallery exhibiting her *Shell Series* and pop artist Jef Hernandez will exhibit in the middle gallery room.

- daas Gallery: Opening reception for *Untamed: The Art of Oliver Dominguez*.
- Gallery Showcase and Information Center at IberiaBank (Bayview Court at First Street). Art Walk T-shirts are available at this location as well as buttons, maps and brochures.

- HOWL Gallery: Opening of show featuring new and existing paintings by resident painter and tattoo artist, Matt Lackey.

- In One Instant: One year anniversary and show opening of *Street Walking: The works of Jim Lustenader*.

- Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center: Opening for *Salon d' Collage*, a dynamic

exhibition featuring the collaborative works of seven Southwest Florida artists.

- Space 39 Gallery: Group art show.

Held the first Friday of every month from 6 to 10 p.m., Art Walk features local and national artwork in the downtown art galleries and several art stops in the Fort Myers River District. The evening culminates with an after party at 10 p.m. The January after party will be held at Spirits of Bacchus on Hendry Street.

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

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

A map of Art Walk, showing transportation and parking, will be distributed by participating galleries. Art Walk is a rain or shine event. Art Walk was started by a group of art galleries and art enthusiasts and debuted in October of 2008. Art Walk is a River District Alliance event.

For more information on Art Walk, participating galleries and links to gallery websites, visit [www.fortmyersartwalk.com](http://www.fortmyersartwalk.com).✪

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Art of the Olympians director Cathy Oerter at December's Art Walk

## Inspiration And Legends Show

On Friday, January 6, Art of the Olympians (AOTO) will welcome Dance Alliance for a special performance. The dance troupe will perform two pieces: *Inspired* and *Home*.

*Inspired* was based on the spark of creativity of choreography by the late Cynthia Arenillas, with whom the founding members of Dance Alliance studied. The dancers have taken a favorite class combination of Arenillas and morphed it into a series of new and dazzling steps. The piece illustrates how we as artists continue to be inspired by our mentors.

The AOTO gallery will exhibit Legends of '68, featuring artwork from four dynamic USA Olympians from the 1968 Olympic Games.

The exhibit features artwork from 1968 Olympians: Rink Babka, silver medalist in discus; Bob Beamon, gold medalist in long jump; Peggy Fleming, gold medalist in figure skating and Al Oerter, gold medalist in discus.

In the ancient Olympic Games, athletes were expected to excel in not only athletic pursuits, but also to excel in mind and spirit. From 1912 until 1948, there was an official Olympic Art Competition as part of the games.

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

Their artwork and stories will be on display through Saturday, January 28. Families, friends and community members are invited to attend a special reception on January 6 beginning at 6 p.m. to experience Legends of '68 in the Olympian Art Gallery at the Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery at the Al Oerter Center for Excellence, located at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Admission to the reception is free.

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

For more information, visit [www.artoftheolympians.com](http://www.artoftheolympians.com) or call 332-5055.\*

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For more information about this and future meets, visit [www.fortmyersdrumcircle.com](http://www.fortmyersdrumcircle.com).\*

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## Book Signing

Southwest Florida resident and author Elaine Myers will be available to sign copies of her children's book, *The Adventures of Lizzy Beth*, on Thursday, January 12 from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Friday, January 13 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church Festival, 2628 Del Prado Blvd. in Cape Coral.

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For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or [traci@tate-publishing.com](mailto:traci@tate-publishing.com).\*



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# Big Cold Front Welcomes In The New Year



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**A**fter a near record December heatwave that brought weeks of highs in the low 80s and perfect Florida winter time conditions, the coldest temperatures of

winter are on the way as I write this. Like the usual cold front pattern, fishing will be lively today as the front goes through and then will slow way down the day after the front until it slowly recovers as things start to warm back up. These cold fronts are all just a part of fishing and learning the fish patterns of winter. Although we keep hearing reports of red tide in our area, the middle to northern sound remains free of the toxic algae bloom. Large numbers of dead fish could be found from the causeway to the Sanibel Lighthouse, although they all looked like they had been dead for a long time and had blown in from somewhere else. I did hear a few reports of bait dying in anglers' live wells around Punta Rassa early in the week. North of Tarpon Bay, the sound was pristine with clear water and lots of bait and fish activity. Don't let all these shocking TV reports of red tide keep you from going out and



Max Bergmann with his 30-inch snook caught this week fishing with Capt Matt Mitchell

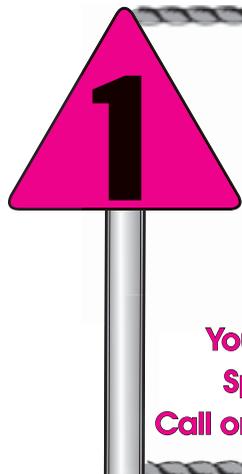
wetting a line or spending some quality time on the water. TV news simply wants to sensationalize the naturally occurring red tide to boost ratings. If you want to know if the red tide is in our area, check it out with your own eyes and nose. Take a walk out on the dock at Jensen's Twin Palms on Captiva, have a good look across the sound, talk to people who make their living on the water and make the call yourself. How often do TV media get out on the water? Probably never. If I have one more client from Wisconsin call me to tell me how bad our red tide is because they have seen it on the news I'm going to freak! Fishing this week was good and just got better and better the closer the cold front

got. The super low morning tides had the fish bunched up and feeding hard. Redfish were the main target. Most were on the small side but the action was non-stop once you located them. Although the big redfish of the week on my boat was only 24 inches, the action at times was awesome, with several double headers. Every trip this week we managed a few keeper reds along with some other mixed bag fish for dinner including pompano, flounder and sheephead. Catch-and-release snook fishing around the passes only produced a few fish but they were worth the wait as most were quality fish. The best snook bite was on the end of the outgoing tide. Snook to 30 inches were caught this week with a few bigger ones lost too. The 30-incher was

caught by 14-year-old Max Bergmann from Minnesota with the water temperature in the high 60s. The snook hit the bait so lightly I would have guessed it was a small fish at first. Not until a minute or so into the fight did the snook reveal itself, making a few great jumps and runs. We snapped a few pictures and released the fish unharmed. One of the things I really like about winter time fishing is the huge variety of fish that can be caught. My go-to winter rig of a live shrimp on a jig head will produce a crazy mixed bag. A few trips this week we had around 10 different species caught. You often have to fish though a lot of small fish while using live shrimp you never know what that next bite will bring. It could be something unexpected, another bait-stealing small mangrove snapper or it could be that one big fish that got you out on the water. Capt. Matt Mitchell has been fishing local waters since he moved to Sanibel in 1980. He now lives in St. James City and works as a back country fishing guide. If you have comments or questions email [captmattmitchell@aol.com](mailto:captmattmitchell@aol.com).\*

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CROW Case Of The Week:

# White Pelican



by Patricia Molloy

With a nine-foot wing-span, the American white pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) is one of the largest birds in North America. While their plumage is white, they have black flight

feathers that are visible when their wings are extended.

Unlike the more common brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*), the white pelican does not dive into the water for its food. It floats on the water and scoops fish and water into its distensible gular (throat) pouch. It then holds its heads up to drain out the water, allowing the bird to swallow the fish. Several white pelicans may fish together, moving in a circle to "herd" the fish toward the center.

Imagine the concern felt by naturalist Vince McGrath when he found one of these majestic birds in obvious distress near South Seas on November 29. McGrath promptly contacted the wildlife rehabilitation specialists at CROW. Upon arrival at the clinic, the pelican was unable to stand or flap his wings and had difficulty holding up his head.

At examination, it was discovered that the pelican was suffering from toxicosis caused by red tide. He had likely suffered respiratory irritation after breathing in the algal bloom or had eaten a fish that had digested the organism. "He had a lot of feather lice, so he must have been down awhile," noted CROW Senior Rehabilitator Robin Bast.

During the first few days of his treatment, the patient was tube fed Piscivore, a formula designed to meet the metabolic needs of a critically ill fish-eating seabird. He also



Dr. David Nichols and CROW student intern Jeana Harms evaluate the patient's condition



Ready for take off!

received fluid injections under the skin to prevent dehydration, along with a liver detox containing milk thistle to stimulate his liver. Artificial tears and an antibiotic ointment were administered to his eyes every two hours because the bird was unable to blink.

On day seven, the staff gave a collective sigh of relief when the pelican became "snappy" and tried to nip one of his caregivers. The following day, he began eating fish on his own and was eventually moved to the pelican complex so he could stretch his wings and exercise his chest muscles.

On December 14, the white pelican was healthy and eager for freedom. He was released on Sanibel, away from the algal bloom.

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

# An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery



Baby coyote

photo courtesy of CROW

submitted by Claudia Burns

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why critters come to CROW and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for more than 4,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the more than 200 different species, 54 percent were birds, 38 percent mammals and eight percent reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors can see photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, January 6 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education

Center, located at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road (across from The Sanibel School). Admission for adults is \$5, teenagers are \$3 and both members and children 12 and under are free.

Admission includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore CROW's

hands-on educational facility and become familiar with its efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information about The CROW Picture Show, call 472-3644 ext. 231. To learn more about CROW, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).\*

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This exotic flower is also called the crane flower

photos by Gerri Reaves

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**Bird Of Paradise**

by Gerri Reaves

Upon seeing the exotic flower of the bird of paradise (*Strelitzia reginae*) for the first time, someone is likely to do a double-take and ask “What’s that plant?”

This native of South Africa is also

called the crane flower because the flower resembles a bird in flight or poised with wings spread and plume erect.

The flowers are comprised of orange sepals and a blue tongue, which emerge from a beak-like bract, or modified leaf. How’s that for vivid color in the landscape?

The flowers last up to two weeks when cut for flower arrangements, one advantage to having it in the landscape.



Bird of paradise’s paddle-shaped leaves resemble those of the banana plant, a close relative

The large paddle-shaped leaves arise from a clump, reaching five feet high – or more – and at least as broad. This structure makes it ideal for filling swaths of space in a mass planting.

The waxy, evergreen leaves are about one and one-half feet long and six inches wide. They resemble miniature banana leaves. In fact, bird of paradise is a close relative of the banana family.

Although prized for its beauty, the bird of paradise is not necessarily low maintenance. While it will adjust to various light conditions, from full sun to shade, it requires plenty of water and well-drained rich soil. For optimum

bloom, it requires fertilizer. It is also liked by pests such as grasshoppers and scales.

Clumps can be divided for propagation, and it does well as a container plant.

The capsules split to reveal red seeds.

Sources: *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau, edis.ifas.ufl.edu, and [www.floridata.com](http://www.floridata.com).

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Master Gardener training classes are scheduled for 14 consecutive weeks each Friday (except for Good Friday) starting on January 27 and continuing until May 4. Classes will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Classes will be held at two training locations: Terry Park and Rutenberg Park, both located in Fort Myers.

Master Gardener trainees are required to participate in volunteer activities after graduation. Classes are taught by horticulturalist Tom Becker and others.

Applications are now being accepted for the winter/spring class. For an application and more information, contact Claudia at 533-7514 or visit our website at <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/MGHomepage.shtml>.\*

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Queen butterfly

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## Morning Meander

and trail while learning more about the birds, butterflies and plants that call this home. Visit one small section of a 1,290-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, scenic observation areas and picnic pavilions.

Participants will gather at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve's east entrance, located at 10130 Bayshore

Road in North Fort Myers. Meet in the parking lot at 8:45 a.m.

For more information, call 533-7455 or visit [www.conservation2020.org](http://www.conservation2020.org).

This free tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. Restrooms are available.

On Saturday, January 7, nature lovers are invited to take a morning meander atop the marsh at Prairie Pines Preserve, also located in North Fort Myers.

The free guided nature walk along a

quarter-mile loop boardwalk will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

This hour-long stroll will traverse a seasonal marsh while learning more about the birds, butterflies, and plants that call it home. Visit one small section of a 2,654-acre Conservation 20/20 wilderness oasis that includes nature trails, wildlife observation areas and equestrian trails. Restrooms available.

Participants will meet in the parking lot of Prairie Pines Preserve, located at 18400 N. Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers

For more information, call 533-7455.\*

## Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club Sets Next Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island, 899 Buttonwood Drive in Fort Myers Beach.

Dinner will be catered by The Sandy Butler Restaurant and is available for \$14 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Tom Swanbeck at 292-6284 for required reservations and additional information.

The Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club was formed in 1953 and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization for the purpose

of promoting safe, enjoyable boating and good fellowship. This community oriented club, with more than 130 members and 60 boats, maintains a very active schedule of year-round activities – both on and off the water – for members and guests. Evening meetings are held once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining their own waterfront facility, dues are only \$100 per year per couple or \$60 per single.

To learn more about the club, visit [www.FMBYachtClub.org](http://www.FMBYachtClub.org).\*

## Bird Walk At Fort Myers Beach Lagoon

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will have its first off-island bird outing on Saturday, January 7 at the Fort Myers Beach Lagoon.

Meet at Villa Santini Plaza (approximately five miles from the Fort Myers Bridge, diagonally across from the Holiday Inn on Estero Boulevard). Free parking will be available. These bird walks are open to the public and all levels of experience. A \$2 donation is appreciated.

For additional details, call Hugh Verry at 395-3798.\*

## Captiva Cruises To Resume Tour To The Tarpon Lodge & Calusa Heritage Trail On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its *Discover Southwest Florida History* tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva and travel to Pineland on Pine Island.

Along the way, passengers will get an up-close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss commercial fishing and the fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and to the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today. They will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and will be oriented to this charming location, the family-run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax while enjoying the "old Florida" charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge, where lunch will be savored with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands.

After lunch, passengers will walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC), located across the street from The Tarpon Lodge. The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide them along the Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

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

Additional information and reservations for this *Discover Southwest Florida History* cruise to Pine Island, or any of Captiva Cruises programs and tours, may be obtained by calling Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.\*



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## Annual Speaker Series, *In The Face Of Courage*, Starts In January



Joel Sonnenberg



Richard Picciotto

Shell Point Retirement Community has announced its fourth annual Speaker Series will begin in January, according to Dawn Boren, director of resident life. This year's theme is *In The Face Of Courage*, and features Joel Sonnenberg, Richard Picciotto, and Dave Sanderson, all of whom have overcome a range of adversities. All residents of Southwest Florida are invited to attend, but tickets are required. This series will be presented during the following dates and times:

- Monday, January 16, at 7 p.m.: A Story of the Resilience of the Human Spirit with Joel Sonnenberg
- Friday, February 3, at 7 p.m.: Surviving the World Trade Center Collapse with Richard Picciotto

## Antiques And Jewelry Show

The Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show is held three times a year – January 14 and 15, February 11 and 12 and March 10 and 11 – featuring 25 to 30 of the highest quality antiques, jewelry and collectible exhibitors brought together for your viewing and buying pleasures. Some are from the Southwest Florida area and many are from different parts of the country.

The Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show is held at The Community House, located at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel. Hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show has been a part of the Sanibel charm for more than 30 years. There have been four owners of the show and, at times, they continue to set up booths through out the winter season.

The current owners of the show are Amy and Jon Oakley of Oakley Promotions. The Oakleys are second generation to the antiques world and to the Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show.

Amy is a native of Fort Myers Beach. Her parents, Ken and Carol Borton, had Granny's Stuff Antiques Store on Fort Myers Beach in the late 80s and early 90s. Amy's dad also specialized in crystal repair. The Borton's love of travel and antiques led them to do antiques shows all over the country, from Maine

to California, but always made sure to be home for the Sanibel Island Show.

When Amy's mom passed away in 2002, she started working with her dad learning the craft and artistry of crystal repair and restoration. In 2007, the Oakleys took over the Crystal Repair business full time after Ken passed away and have done the Sanibel shows for the last five winter seasons as crystal and glass restoration specialists. For the past 25 years, at least one member of the family has participated in this show.

This year, the Oakleys will make the transition to show promoters. They also have two antiques shows in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina held in the fall and spring. The Oakleys strive to offer high quality antiques, jewelry and collectibles exhibitors that provide a wide array of quality merchandise.

As the Oakleys say, "We do 30 antiques shows a year as crystal repair specialist, from the original Miami Beach Antiques Show with over 800 exhibitors to small woman's club shows in Raleigh, North Carolina. While we travel for our Crystal Repair business, we always are on the look out for interesting and fun booths to invite to the Sanibel show."

For information about the Sanibel Island Antiques and Jewelry Show or about crystal and glass repair, go to [www.oakleypromotions.com](http://www.oakleypromotions.com) and [www.crystal-glassrepair.com](http://www.crystal-glassrepair.com).

• Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m.: The Miracle on the Hudson with Dave Sanderson

"The annual speaker series has become such a popular series, and we are very pleased to continue offering top notch speakers again this year for the fourth year of its existence," said Boren. "We know that the speakers lined up have faced many different challenges and they have all been able to look at the positives of those experiences. We hope that each presentation will offer an opportunity to engage the mind on a variety of topics."

The presentations will be held in The Village Church auditorium on The Island at Shell Point on three different nights, January through March. Tickets can be purchased as a subscription to the entire speaker series for \$60, or individual speaker presentation tickets can be purchased at \$25 each. To purchase tickets, or for additional information, call 454-2067 or visit [www.shellpoint.org/concerts](http://www.shellpoint.org/concerts).

Speaker Series Details:

*A Story of the Resilience of the Human Spirit with Joel Sonnenberg*

Joel Sonnenberg is a young man who was transformed from a lifeless lump of coal into a diamond of rare beauty. Only through faith and persistence was Sonnenberg able to beat insurmountable odds in order to live a life of blessing and honor.

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*Surviving the World Trade Center Collapse with Richard Picciotto*

Firefighter and inspirational speaker Richard Picciotto was a FDNY Battalion Commander in Manhattan on September 11, 2001. Following the terrorist attack, Picciotto rushed inside the World Trade Center to rescue those inside, but soon found himself trapped in the smoldering rubble of the North Tower after its collapse.

Picciotto's gripping first-person account provides a firefighter's view of the 9/11 World Trade Center catastrophe and emergency response. He played a vital role in the massive operation, testified in front of the 9/11 Commission, and has appeared on many major networks, including CNN, the History Channel, and National Geographic. His book, *Last Man Down*, chronicles his harrowing experience on 9/11 and has become a *New York Times* bestseller.

*The Miracle on the Hudson with Dave Sanderson*

Returning home from a routine business trip on January 15, 2009, Dave Sanderson survived The Miracle on the Hudson. After a bird struck flight 1549, there was nothing for the crew to do but to ditch the plane in the Hudson River. Sitting on the plane, in what many would consider to be the wrong place at the wrong time, Sanderson knew he was exactly where he was supposed to be. Thinking only of helping others in the crisis, Sanderson became the last person off the plane that day, and was responsible for ensuring many others got off safely.

Though facing fear and exposed to frigid water and freezing temperatures, he remembered the words of his mother, "If you can't, you must," and he summoned the inner strength to persevere.✪



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Caring For Your Plants

# Palms And Frost

by Justin Brent



One of the first questions people ask about a certain palm is its cold hardiness or cold tolerance (both mean the same thing). This refers to the minimum temperature that a

palm can withstand before it begins to freeze to death.

Different types of palms come from different parts of the world. Some come from tropical rainforests while some come from hot, dry deserts. A palm's natural habitat is where it has been growing since the beginning of time (in most cases). Thus, the palm has become accustomed to the climate, conditions and environment around it. If a palm is subjected to colder or drier conditions than it is used to in its native home, it can suffer damage or even death.

Even some of our Florida native palms can withstand more frost than others. Our native Needle Palm (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*) is cold tolerant to -15 degrees F, while our native Coconut Palm (*Cocos nucifera*) does not like temperatures below 40 degrees F!

Simply put, a palm has a temperature and humidity range in which it is able to

photosynthesize and grow. If the temperature falls below this range, the cells in the palm's leaves (chlorophyll) stop photosynthesizing and begin to die. The leaves will be the first to go, followed by the stems, crown, and lastly the main trunk.

Some palms have been chilled long enough to lose all their leaves (defoliate) but not long enough to freeze the grow point (crown). In this case, the palm will usually recover by pushing new growth once temps become warmer. Full recovery can take years. New developments and discoveries in horticulture are replacing cold-sensitive Golden Malayan Coconut Palms with new hybrids and a higher-elevation Cold-Hardy Coconut Palm out of Madagascar. This new species can withstand temperatures down to 22 degrees F!

The lesson learned here? Ask your local nursery or landscaper if the palms you or they want to use are cold hardy down to at least 25 degrees F. Then you can rest easy throughout our cooler winter season.

*Brent is the first person in the Western Hemisphere to create Teddy-Triangle hybrid palms through manual cross-pollination. He is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He has served on the board of the Palm Society of Southern California and is a member the International Palm Society and the Florida Farm Bureau. Brent can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com.\**



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## Broadway Palm's First Production, *Me And My Girl*, Back To Start 2012



A scene from *Me And My Girl*



Jennifer Weingarten as Sally Smith and Vince Wingerter as Bill Snibson

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is proud to present the Tony Award winning musical *Me And My Girl*, playing through February 11. The theatre opened its very first season with this production back in 1993. This toe-tapping musical explores slapstick humor alongside a feel-good love story.

Bill Snibson, a cockney ne'r-do-well from Lambeth, finds himself to be the unlikely heir to the Earl of Hareford. In order to collect his inheritance, he must learn to be a proper gentleman and satisfy the executors of the estate. The Duchess feels she can help Bill and make him "fit and proper," but she doesn't think there's any hope for his cockney girlfriend. They attempt to educate Bill into the ways of the gentry and separate him from his cockney girlfriend... and the result is chaos of the most comical kind!

Performances of *Me And My Girl* are staged Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$27 to \$51, with group discounts available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

## Stutts Returns To Theatre Conspiracy In *Walt Whitman: Liberal And Lusty*

Theatre Conspiracy, Southwest Florida's most innovative theatre company, is pleased to announce the opening of *Walt Whitman: Liberal And Lusty As Nature*, written and performed by Will Stutts on January 6 at the Fould Theatre in Fort Myers.

Stutts, who enthralled audiences last year with his portrayal of Frank Lloyd Wright returns to Fort Myers as Walt Whitman, among the most influential poets in the American canon, often called the father of free verse. His work was very controversial in its time, particularly his poetry collection *Leaves Of Grass*. "The proof of a poet is that his country absorbs him as affectionately as he has absorbed it."

As the play begins, we encounter Whitman in old age at his home in Camden, New Jersey, its floor littered with books, papers and peanut shells. His left arm hangs limply at his side, rendered useless by one of a series of strokes.

Whitman moved to the city in 1873 and remained there the rest of his life, but he never had any illusions about it. "God created Camden as an exercise for purgatory," he says early in the play. Later, as he recalls visits from such luminaries as Oscar Wilde and the Brontes, he calls himself "the only person that ever caused anybody intentionally to come to Camden."

He is speaking to his unseen biographer, Horace Traubel.

His narrative is roughly chronological, starting with his beloved mother and stern father ("the coldest man I've ever known") and proceeding through his early years in Brooklyn and Long Island, his spotty journalistic career, his service in field hospitals during the Civil War, his time in Washington with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Justice Department, and finally his move to Camden and his continual revision of his revolutionary poetic masterpiece, *Leaves Of Grass*.

When asked about the show, Stutts replied, "I always believed theater should entertain. But you've got to leave (the audience) with something. It's a two-way street - they paid that ticket to get something, and if it's a little bit of illumination, if it's an interest to go and read more ... What theater can do is in a very accessible way remind them of who (the characters) really are, to bring them alive and let people see, where did all that stuff come from?"

Tickets for the show are \$18. *Walt Whitman: Liberal And Lusty As Nature* plays January 6 through January 21, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with one Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on January 15.

For more information, visit [www.theatreconspiracy.org](http://www.theatreconspiracy.org) or call the box office at 936-3239.✪

## Classic At Firehouse Theatre

Begin your new year at the Firehouse Community Theatre with *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring. The show runs January 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. and January 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. *Arsenic and Old Lace* is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

Directed by long time theater member Julie Wilkins, *Arsenic and Old Lace* is a combination of humor and bizarre situations that centers on two elderly sisters who are famous in their Brooklyn neighborhood for their numerous acts of charity. Unfortunately, their charity includes poisoning lonely old men who come to their home looking for lodging. The two sisters are assisted in their crimes by their nephew who believes he is Teddy

Roosevelt. The situation becomes more complex when a second nephew discovers the murders and a third nephew appears after having just escaped from a mental institution.

The cast includes Barb Brandenburg McDowell as Abby Brewster, Janice Groves as Martha Brewster, Mike Shough as Mortimer Brewster, Henry Avery as Teddy Brewster, Deb Kik as Dr. Einstein, Sonja Steadman as Elaine Harper, Dennis Rock as Officer O'Hara, Sam Medina as Officer Brophy, Troy Avery as Officer Klein, Robert Wilk as Rev. Harper, Raoul Battaler as Lt. Rooney, Wayne Wilkins as Mr. Witherspoon and Travis Dowhen as Mr. Gibbs.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the window. For advance ticket sales, call 863-675-3066 or email [info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com](mailto:info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com).

The Firehouse Community Theatre is at 241 North Bridge Street in downtown LaBelle. For more information visit [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com).✪

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## ArtFest Fort Myers Artists Presenting Workshops



**Square Bracelet by Emilie Pritchard**

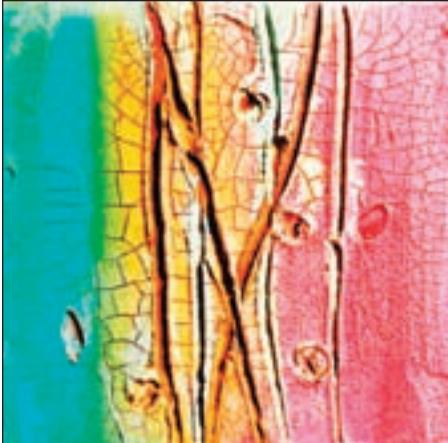
ArtFest Fort Myers returns to the River District on February 4 and 5 and, for the first time this year, there are three opportunities to participate in workshops with ArtFest participating artists – either before or after the event – at the Alliance for the Arts. These *Brush With A Master* workshops represent a new collaboration between ArtFest and the Alliance.

On Friday, February 3 from 9 a.m. to noon, Panama City-based master artist Emilie Pritchard will introduce you to the fascinating world of modern beadwork and lead you through creating your own unique bracelet based on the evolution of the cube. Pritchard has been a weaver for



**Untitled by Rachelle and Teri Meagher**

expression. Grunau's workshop is \$150 for Alliance members and \$175 for non-members.



**Bright by Rachelle and Teri Meagher**

most of her career, but recently broadened her horizons to include fascinating, geometrically-derived beadworks. Her jewelry and abstract pieces are as dazzling to the mind as they are to the eye. Her bead weaving workshop is \$85 for Alliance members and \$100 for non-members.

On Monday, February 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., explore watercolor/acrylic collage with Ohio-based painter Mel Grunau. His realistic and abstract images tend to be infused with subdued colors, which he says reflects his reserved personality. His work has been purchased for numerous private and corporate, national and international collections. This is a great opportunity for artists of all levels to learn about the limitless possibilities of the watercolor/acrylic collage medium and to bring away new techniques for artistic



**Evening Shadows by Mel Grunau**

Then on Tuesday, February 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Minneapolis-based mother/daughter team of Rachelle and Teri Meagher will present mixed media texture techniques. They have quickly established a national reputation for their vibrantly colored, highly textured paintings. Teri Meagher was recently featured inside the front cover and on page one of *The Artist's Magazine*. Come explore their toolbox of techniques that build layers of texture, color and loose abstract imagery. Their workshop is \$150 for Alliance members and \$175 for non-members.

All three *Brush With A Master* workshops will be held at the Alliance for the Arts, located on the corner of Colonial and McGregor boulevards in Fort Myers. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today. Contact Jamie Golob at



**Overture to Summer by Mel Grunau**

939-2787 or [education@artinlee.org](mailto:education@artinlee.org) to register or get more information. Go to [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) to download the entire

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## A Cool And Swingin' Show At BIG ARTS



by Di Saggau

A favorite with BIG Arts audiences returns on Saturday, January 28 with a brand new show and a special guest. *Five By Design*, a popular vocal quintet, will treat audiences

to some great music that also features sax legend Richie Cole. The show is done in a Garrison Keillor-style radio broadcast that touches upon Cole's 40-year career in music.

I spoke recently with Mike Swedberg, a member of the group, and he told me that the cast members not only sing, they do the commercials and comedy sketches.

"We even have a sound effects table and one of our members is the foley man," said Swedberg. "Of course, the special guest of the broadcast is Richie Cole who has recorded with some of the biggest names around, including Doc Severinsen, Lionel Hampton and Buddy Rich."

Swedberg said the show is balanced with timeless music, sketches and old time radio commercials. "People love the show. As far as the music goes we've got



Richie Cole performs with *Five By Design*

great standards, *Take The 'A' Train*, a swing treatment of *Almost Like Being In Love*, and a great Latin-style treatment of *Night And Day*. We even have a clever commercial for a make believe product, Spiff Dog Food, our sponsor for the evening."

Richie Cole is called the last of a breed – a fast and competitive musical gunslinger. Swedberg talked about his favorite Cole moments in the show. "Richie does an incredible arrangement of *Pure Imagination*, followed by a vocal arrangement of *What A Wonderful World*," made famous by Louis Armstrong.

He added, "The show is good for all ages. Older people love it because it brings back memories, but young people

have really been getting into the music a lot more too. We get a lot of positive feedback even from kids in high school."

The members of *Five By Design* met in college in the late '80s. A performance with the Milwaukee Symphony in 1994 launched their symphony career and they have been performing full time ever since. Their style is similar to the Modernaires of Glenn Miller fame, and Tommy Dorsey's Pied Pipers. It's an evening of warm, well-rounded vocals with vintage style, a touch of comedy and sax legend Richie Cole.

*Cool And Swingin'* with Richie Cole and *Five By Design* performs in Schein Hall at BIG Arts on January 28 at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 395-0900.\*

## Limited Engagement At Art Center

The Minneapolis-based physical-theater company Live Action Set performs its original production, *The 7-Shot Symphony (aka The Kickass Cowboy Show)*, 2011 Ivey Award winner for Best Overall Production and Overall Excellence. The show runs January 12 at 7:30 p.m., and January 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Hailed as "the love child of Quentin Tarantino and Cirque du Soleil," and "avant-garde for the masses," Live Action Set's mash-up of seven myths from around the world reinterpreted against the backdrop of America's epic Old West has received critical acclaim across the Midwest. The show's American setting of superhuman strength, heroism, and comeuppance illuminates the contemporary relevance of these ancient tales.

Performed without set or props, just with a whole lot of creative ingenuity, *The 7-Shot Symphony* places focus on the actors' bare ability to illuminate a world of richly filled images. Creating visually entertaining and emotionally insightful storytelling, Live Action Set builds upon its roots in dance, continues its tradition of physical theater, and infuses elements borrowed from cinematography, cartoons, Italy's Commedia dell'Arte, and France's treteau traditions.

Performances are supported by live, original tunes from Minneapolis-based band Tree Party, whose style puts a contemporary twist on traditional country music.

Originally premiering in March, 2011 at Loring Theater, *The 7-Shot Symphony* has performed in Red Wing, Minnesota and Chicago, Illinois. The tour to Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee marks the company's first multi-city venture beyond the Midwest.

"Based on the success at home as well as in Chicago and Red Wing, we believe this show has the wings to take flight and soar to audiences beyond our Twin Cities. Touring extends the life of the production, employs actors, promotes Minnesota, and is a big part of our plan for long range sustainability," said Noah Bremer, artistic director

Live Action Set is led by Joanna Harmon, executive director, and Noah Bremer, artistic director. This production is developed by Live Action Set under the primary creative direction of Ryan Underbakke and written by Matt Spring and Ryan Underbakke and performed by Mark Benzel, Joey Ford, Damian



The Old West comes alive on stage

Johnson, Emily King, Matt Riggs, Dustin Suggs, and Jenna Wyse. Local band Tree Party – Joey Ford, Jenna Wyse, Travis Bolton, Andy Carroll, and Derek Trost – will perform originally composed music live with their violin, mandolin, electric guitar, and upright acoustic bass. Debbie Tallen creates the lighting design, and Mandi Johnson and Amelia English create costumes.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is at 2301 First Street in the River District, Fort Myers.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the office and with regularly scheduled seasonal events. Contact Sally Joslyn at 333-1933 or sally.sbdac@gmail.com for more information.\*

## Fort Myers Beach Art Association Hosts Open House

These are the last days of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association (FMBAA) "Art Divine" holiday sale, which will close with the Open House event. Many pieces still cover the walls as artists bring in new pieces when one in sold. Don't miss this 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 for really great prices. Tickets can be purchased for the raffle of a framed watercolor painting by the famous artist Jerry McLish. Drawing for the winner will be at the Open House, which takes place on Thursday, January 12, with proceeds benefitting the scholarship fund. The holiday sale extends until noon on January 12. The gallery will be open during regular hours.

On January 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the FMBAA 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 demonstration, *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 at 463-3909 to sign up to attend.

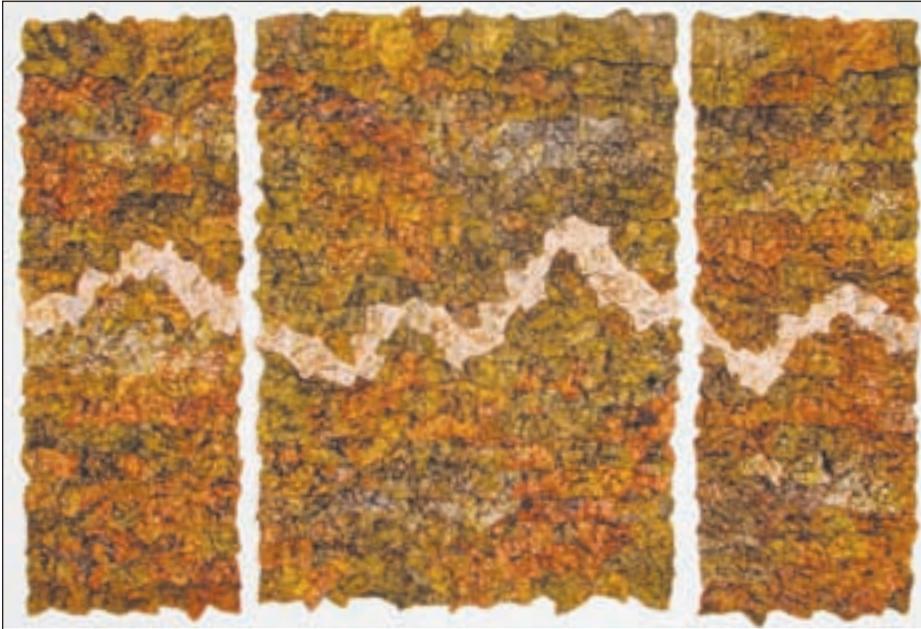
Rose Edin, TWSA NWS, will be teaching a workshop at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association from January 16 to 20 in *The Wonderful World of Color*. She is a watercolor instructor, author and well known fine watercolor artist. The workshop is \$300 for members and \$330 for non-members. More information can be found by calling Karen Borden at 463-0343. Sign up now to reserve your space in the workshop.

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

The FMBAA also sponsors local artists teaching short workshops on the beach. Sue Pink will be teaching *Collage* on February 2 and 3. These classes will cost only \$50 per day for expert instruction. Neil Walling will again teach *Plein Air Painting* for three mornings on February 23, 24 and 25 for only \$20 each. For the first time, Patty O'Kane will offer *Introduction To Drawing and Dry Media Exposure*, an introductory level/refresher course using various materials and techniques in a series of four evening classes from 6 to 9 p.m. two days, Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26, and two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 31 and February 1. Cost is \$100 for the series, or \$25 for

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# Alliance February Exhibit Showcases Mixed Media Artist Michelle Sales



*Imprint 7* by Michelle Sales

Mixed media artist Michelle Sales opens her new solo exhibition in the main gallery at the Alliance for the Arts on Friday, February 10 with a reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The Illinois-based artist has been expressing herself forcefully with pigment and mixed media since childhood.

Sales began her life as a painter, but her primary focus now is mixed media sculpture. "My work is concerned with the accumulation and preservation of memory," she said. "I create work which retains the mnemonic threads in physical form. Casting my net, I capture personal memories as they rise to the surface."

Sales has won numerous awards and recognition in both national and international exhibitions and was recently featured at The Busan International Art Exhibition in South Korea. Her exhibition will run through February 25.

Meet the artist and explore her work during a gallery walk and talk on Saturday, February 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. Fort Myers painter Annie St. Martin will be featured in the Member Gallery and a collection of work by Charles Vavrina will be on display in the Theater Lobby during the entire run of Sales' exhibition.

For more information, contact exhibition coordinator Krista Johnson at 939-2787 or [exhibitions@artinlee.org](mailto:exhibitions@artinlee.org).

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨



*Bloom One* by Michelle Sales



*Titania* by Michelle Sales



*Ossified Alice One Right Side* by Michelle Sales



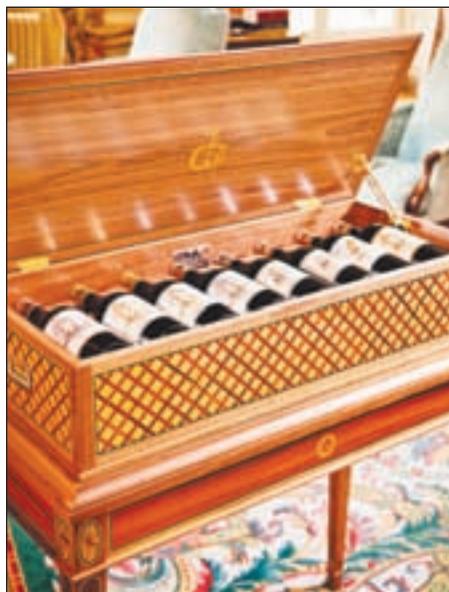
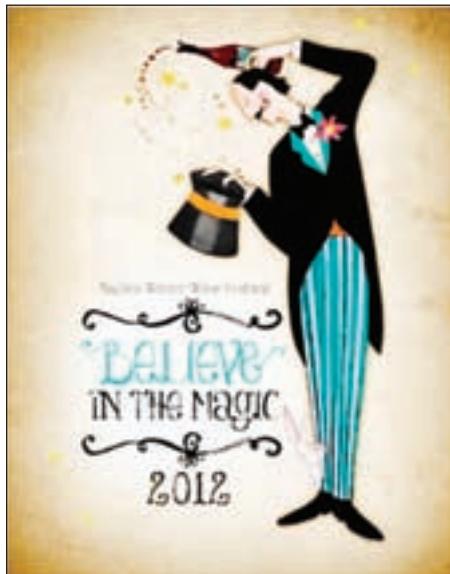
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## Naples Winter Wine Festival



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finale, a behind-the-scenes experience at the Kentucky Derby and a trip to India. All funds raised by the festival benefit Naples Children & Education Foundation's mission of supporting charitable programs that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County.

*Wine Spectator* magazine has ranked NWWF as the nation's top charity wine auction since 2004. The festival is



Liters, Magnums & Cases, Oh My Lot features an intimate dinner at Shafer Vineyards, among other exquisite offerings

planned and executed by the trustees, foundation staff and hundreds of volunteers.

Festival events span three days, beginning with Meet the Kids Day, during which guests interact with children who have benefited from festival proceeds and witness charitable dollars at work.

Guests take part in wine tastings throughout the weekend. They also attend intimate dinners prepared by famous chefs at private homes of NCEF trustees with wines selected and poured by renowned vintners.

A festival highlight takes place at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples – a

founding sponsor of the festival – with a culinary showcase and live auction of 67 lots. A wine-down party that evening and brunch the next day bring festivities to a close.

Festival ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple; and \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a schedule of 2012 festivities and more information about the Naples Winter Wine Festival, visit [www.napleswinefestival.com](http://www.napleswinefestival.com) or call 888-837-4919.✱

## Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library Programs

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

### Adults

Stitch a Mini Sampler

9:30 a.m. Friday, January 13

Try the beautiful, traditional craft of embroidery as you create this quick and easy sampler. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

Adoption and Genealogical Research

9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, January 14

Adoption is a highly sensitive topic for many people. In recent decades, especially with the advent of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) in the 1980s, adoptees have become more aggressive in asserting their rights to complete access of their medical background records and history, as is the case with all other citizens of the United States. While researchers continue to encounter roadblocks to full access, this seminar will discuss strategies and options that are available to make the process easier. Attendees are encouraged to share their stories and experiences as well. Registration is required.

Fitness On The Go

January 17 through January 31

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ing hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Book Discussion: Harry Turtledove's *How Few Remain – A Novel Of The Second War Between The States*

Noon Wednesday, January 18

We all have favorite authors but finding new authors to love can be a fun part of the book discussion experience. This year we will read the first novel of an author's series. Join us!

*The Hidden History of Everglades City* with Maureen Sullivan-Hartung

10 a.m. Saturday, January 21

Attention all history buffs! Check out this must read and meet the author as we explore the history of the Last Frontier known as Everglades City as it was in pioneer days. Hear the tales of the folks who settled there - strong men and courageous women. Copies of the book will be available for purchase following the presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library. Registration is suggested.

Valentine Beadwork

9:30 a.m. Friday, January 27

Create this beautiful piece of beadwork

as a valentine for yourself or a friend. All materials supplied. Registration is required.

### Family

Family Storytime

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

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

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, January 19 and 26

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

### Children

Game Day For Kids!

4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12

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Kids Read Down Fines

6 to 7 Monday, January 23

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

### Teens

Hunger Games Book Discussion & Cupcake Decorating

5 p.m. Wednesday, January 11

"May the odds be in your favor" as you read this teen series about a sixteen-year-old forced to show her survival skills in *The Hunger Games*. We will watch the preview for the movie and talk about our favorite parts of the book. Decorate cupcakes with icing, sprinkles and enjoy our discussion of this next popular series. For grades 6 and up. Registration is required.

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### Shiitake Shrimp

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 2 tablespoons minced garlic  
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 ¼ cup dry sherry  
 2 tablespoons sugar  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ¼ cup olive oil  
 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
 2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves  
 1 teaspoon black pepper

Trim stems from mushrooms and slice caps. Sauté mushrooms until lightly browned and most liquid evaporate. Add shallots and garlic, sauté 1 to 2 minutes. Add white wine vinegar and sherry, scraping bottom of pan to loosen any browned bits. Add sugar and salt, stirring to dissolve sugar. Cook until liquid is reduced by half. Gradually stir in oil, mustard, thyme and pepper. Add shrimp and heat thoroughly.  
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### Shiitake Shrimp

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### "Hunger Games" Shrinky Dink Badges

5 p.m. Wednesday, January 25

Decorate your own Shrinky Dink Hunger Game Badge. All supplies are provided. You can make yours into a badge or make a keychain. For grades 6 and up. Registration is required.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library is located at 2050 Central Avenue in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, please call the library at 239-533-4600. A sign language interpreter is available with five business days notice to library staff. An assistive listening system is available; request at desk.

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## Book Review

## Erich Maria Remarque: *The Last Romantic*



by Max Friedersdorf

**A**ll Quiet On The Western Front

by Erich Maria Remarque remains the most famous anti-war novel of all time. A worldwide literary sensation, the book set

unprecedented best-selling standards for 20th century publishing.

Conscripted in his teens, Remarque, 19, was wounded five times by shrapnel, hospitalized for 15 months and was on his way back to the front when World War 1 ended on November 11, 1918.

After the war, Remarque left his small backwater hometown, becoming a successful journalist in cosmopolitan Berlin. Recalling the war and "all its hideousness," he became a self-proclaimed pacifist whose most celebrated book would become a testament to the scourge of war.

On the night that Adolf Hitler was sworn in as German Chancellor in 1933, Remarque – acting on a tip that he was on a list – drove all night to the Swiss border as the first step in a forced exile that eventually led to the United States and American citizenship. Remarque had been stripped of his German citizenship and his books banned and burned.

Assisting in his escape from Europe was actress Marlene Dietrich, whose long-lasting affair with Remarque is described as "the apogee of Remarque's emotional life" by British author Hilton Tims in his marvelous new biography, *Erich Maria Remarque: The Last Romantic*.

Remarque spent most of his life in the U.S. writing in Hollywood and New York, where he romanced an impressive bevy



of beauties besides Dietrich. These included Dolores del Rio, Lupe Velez, Maureen O'Sullivan (Jane of the *Tarzan* pictures), Luis Rainer, Greta Garbo and a happy, late marriage to Paulette Goddard.

After his death in 1970 at the age of 72, Marlene Dietrich wrote, "He was the last of the romantics. Besides the great writer that he was, he had a capacity few men have. The capacity to understand the emotions of all living creatures. Understand them and soothe aching hearts, including mine, all through the years of his self-chosen exile in America."

Published in 1929, *All Quiet On The Western Front* still has the power after 83 years to impress. It is the "magnificent exception" to all war novels, according to Geoff Dyer, author of the newly released *The Missing Of The Somme*. "None has the imaginative cohesion of purpose and design or the linguistic intensity and subtlety to rival the English translation of Erich Maria Remarque's masterpiece."

*Erich Maria Remarque: The Last Romantic* by Hilton Tims. Paperback, 240 pages, 16 photos, \$14.\*

tection since the creation of Yellowstone National Park. King stayed in the historic East Fork cabin at Mile 43 on the Park Road for 10 days between June and September.

The festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 300 juried artists and artisans will feature their fine art, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, photography, metal works, and mixed media.

The festival is held on Cape Coral Parkway between Del Prado Boulevard and Vincennes. Free admission and parking will be provided along with area's largest collection of art, food and fun for the whole family.

For more information, call 549-5615, [www.capecoralfestival.com](http://www.capecoralfestival.com).\*

## Poster Artist Selected For Rotary Festival

**T**he Rotary Club of Cape Coral announced that local Fort Myers talent David King is the official poster artist for the 27th annual Cape Coral Festival of the Arts. King is a wild-life and natural landscape artist whose medium is watercolor. He specializes in scenery and wildlife paintings.

King was a part of the Artist-in-Residence program at the Denali National Park. The Artist-in-Residence program is a national program that enables established artists to reside in a park while they create park-related art. Artists have played a significant role in raising public awareness of the natural wonders preserved within the national park system and the need for their pro-

## Symphony Presents A Night At The Oscars

**T**he Southwest Florida Symphony presents nationally-known pops conductor Michael Berkowitz in a program of music selected from the American Film Institute's Top 100 Film Scores. The Symphony's Pops series continues with *The Envelope, Please – A Night at the Oscars* on Friday and Saturday, January 21 and 21 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

The program will include *Singing in the Rain*, Tyzik's *Big Movie Suite*, *James Bond Medley*, *Cabaret*, *Theme from The Godfather* and the *ET Flying Theme* by John Williams, among others. Vocalist Valerie Perri will join the orchestra for selections that include *People* and *Get Happy*. This concert is sponsored by AAA Travel and the Crowne Plaza at the Bell Tower Shops.

Michael Berkowitz is currently the principal pops conductor of the Santa Rosa Symphony in California. Michael served as Marvin Hamlisch's music director for nine years, appearing with him at the White House, the London Symphony and the Academy Awards. Michael also had a 13-year working relationship with arranger Nelson Riddle as his drummer, assistant conductor and musical contractor. Berkowitz has led numerous orchestras including the Boston Pops, the Cincinnati Pops, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony and the National Symphony. His acclaimed conducting technique as well as his comfortable and humorous manner on the podium has made him a favorite of audiences and orchestras throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Visit [www.berkmusic.com](http://www.berkmusic.com) for more information about Berkowitz.

Valerie Perri is best known to theater audiences for her Award-winning performance in the lead role of Eva Peron in the Tony Award-winning musical *Evita*. Directed by the legendary Harold Prince, Valerie headed the first national touring production performing the lead role across the United States and Canada. Other Broadway shows include starring roles in *West Side Story*, *Gypsy*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *I Do, I Do*, *The World Goes Round*, *Man Of La Mancha*, *Annie Warbucks*, *City Of Angels*, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*. Valerie has performed with symphony orchestras on the concert stage at Wolftrap, Copley Symphony Hall in San Diego, Frankfurt Germany's esteemed Opera House, The London Palladium and Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Single tickets start at \$20. Call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or visit [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org) for more information.\*

## Second Island Pirate Fest & Ball Announced

**T**he Original Bert's Bar & Seafood Grill announces the second annual Island Pirate Fest & Pirates Ball to benefit *From Our Hearts* charity.

The public is invited join the fun and help wage the war on breast cancer. One hundred percent of the funds that are raised from the auctions, raffles and games will go to *From Our Hearts*, a Pine Island charity whose goal is to make breast cancer care available to everyone, not just those who can afford health insurance. Last year, the Island Pirate Fest & Pirates Ball successfully raised more than \$7,000 for the charitable organization through a variety of events.

The Island Pirate Fest will begin on Friday, February 3 with the Parade of Mermaids. The Pirate's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 4 and the Pirate's Live Auction will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 1 p.m. at Bert's Bar & Seafood Grill, located at 4271 Pine Island Road in Matlacha. A Pirate Ship contest and Boat Parade will follow the auction. Donation of goods and/or services to be auctioned off are being accepted by calling 412-468-8245

*From Our Hearts* works closely with *Partners For Breast Cancer Care* and Lee Memorial Health System. One of the many projects the organization funds is to provide mammograms for people who could not manage to pay without their help. The result has been beneficial in so

many ways. For example, early detection for treatment has been possible with the group's help. Those who do have the resources to fund their own care have found emotional support in the alliance.

Attendees will enjoy chance drawings, games, entertainment, food and drink specials as well as contests for those in pirate garb. Bert's Bar offers a superb waterfront venue that lends itself to the idea of pirates and seafaring people. So don yer best pirate garb, practice yer pirate-speak, dust off yer tri-cornered hat and join us for a weekend to be remembered 'n talked 'bout ferra bloody long time!

For more information, send an e-mail to [matey@piratesball.com](mailto:matey@piratesball.com) or visit [www.PiratesBall.com](http://www.PiratesBall.com).\*

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## Two Risk-Taking Couples Bring New Indoor Football Team To The Area



by Ed Frank

As the new year dawns, two entrepreneurial couples are investing their resources and business know-how to bring a new indoor football team to this area despite the less-than-rosy results of other minor league sports franchises that have come and gone of late.

Andrew and Leah Haines and Michael and Anna Taylor have teamed to bring the new Florida Tarpons of the Ultimate Indoor Football League to Germain Arena in Estero, with the home opener on March 9 against the Carolina Aviators.

Haines and Taylor founded the league a year ago and have since sold their interests for \$1.45 million to Assured Equities IV, a Florida corporation, although Haines remains as league president.

Now in its second season, the Ultimate Indoor Football League has expanded to 11 teams. The Tarpons will play a 14-game season.

Although both Haines and Taylor have impressive backgrounds and experience in professional sports, you've got to hand it to them for the risk-taking to launch a new minor league team here in this difficult economic environment.

There's no question that the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team and the Florida Everblades hockey team are successful operations. But let's look back at a few of the failures.

The Florida Firecats of the now defunct arenafootball2 league played here nine seasons, from 2001 to 2009. They won three division titles, two conference titles and were in the postseason playoffs seven of the nine seasons.

Their first season, the Firecats averaged 6,085 fans per game at Germain Arena. By 2008, attendance had dropped to 3,170, and the next year to 2,666. Unable to meet their team and league financial obligations, the team folded.

And remember the two professional basketball teams that couldn't make it here. The Florida Sea Dragons of the United States Basketball League folded in 2002 after three unsuccessful seasons. That failure was followed by the Florida Flame of the National Basketball Association Development League that went bye-bye after just two seasons.

In 2006, another indoor football team lasted for just one season – the Fort Myers Tarpons of the National Indoor Football League. This ill-fated team played before sparse crowds at the Lee Civic Center.

Let's hope, however, that the new Tarpons will succeed where others have

failed.

Andrew Haines has started and sold more than three dozen businesses, including minor league sports teams in basketball, arena football and hockey.

Michael Taylor, in addition to his co-ownership of the team, also will serve as head coach and director of football operations. He has been part of ownership groups that owned and operated four arena/indoor football operations in three leagues. He also has coaching experience at the college level.

He also is president and CEO of the Tour Program Golf School, a demanding Florida school.

We hope the success that Haines and Taylor have experienced in their other ventures will spill over to their newest – the Florida Tarpons.

But it won't be easy. History has proven that.

### Surging Everblades just one point out of first place

The Florida Everblades, winners of five straight games, can move into first place in the ECHL South Division this weekend when they take on the first place Gwinnett Gladiators on the road.

Florida began the week with an 18-13 season record, just one point behind Gwinnett. The local hockey team won three on foreign ice last weekend, defeating Greenville, Gwinnett and South Carolina.

The Everblades face Gwinnett tonight, Friday and Saturday at Gwinnett.

Florida returns to Germain Arena next week, hosting the expansion Chicago Express on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.\*

## Book Signing And Story Telling Cruise With Bubble Room Creator

Captiva Cruises will be hosting a special sunset and cocktail cruise on Sunday, January 22 featuring Katie Gardenia, original owner and creator of the world famous Bubble Room restaurant on Captiva. From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Gardenia will share some of her memories and stories and will sign copies of her new book highlighting her recipes and experiences while running the Bubble Room. Gardenia's book is titled *A Bubble Moment* and is a collection of fond memories, short stories and tall tales, recollections and secret recipes.

The cruise, aboard Captiva Cruises' *Lady Chadwick*, will depart from McCarthy's Marina, next door to the Bubble Room. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a complimentary glass of champagne and a red velvet cupcake prepared by Gardenia.

*The Lady Chadwick* features an enclosed cabin as well as a large open air deck and full service bar. For more information or reservations call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.\*

## Masterworks II By Southwest Florida Symphony

The Southwest Florida Symphony will present Masterworks #2 with conductor Michael Hall on Saturday, January 7 starting at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The Symphony will be joined by the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida and Jennifer Paulino, Misty Bermudez, James Barbato and Stephen Mumbert, soloists.

The performance will include:

- Verdi - *Overture to Sicilian Vespers (I Vespri Siciliani)*
- Respighi - *Three Botticelli Pictures*
- Mahler - *Lieder*, arr. by Timothy McDonnell, featuring Jennifer Paulino
- Mozart, *Mass, K. 317, Coronation*

The five-act opera *Sicilian Vespers* was commissioned for the Paris Exhibition of 1855 and is centered around the efforts of 13th century Sicily to free itself from French occupation. The overture is full of drama and both fiery and lyric themes.

Respighi's *Three Botticelli Pictures*, composed in 1926, was inspired by three well-known paintings by the 15th century artist in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. Each movement illustrates one of the paintings through the use of brilliant orchestral colors, picturesque images and

pastoral dances.

German art songs (*Lieder*) are regarded by vocalists as the finest pieces to sing. The texts are meaningful and the melodies are beautiful. Mahler loved the poetry and used the songs as a basis for many of his symphonies.

Completed in Salzburg in 1779, the *Mozart Mass K. 317* was premiered on Easter Sunday of that year. The four vocal soloists, often heard as a quartet, contrast with the larger forces of the SATB chorus. The work is a joyful and celebratory setting that sparkles with orchestral color.

Michael Hall will present a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m., prior to the concert at Barbara B. Mann Hall. Tickets are priced at \$20 to \$82. Student tickets priced at \$5 are available through the Campus Chord Club and Student Rush.

Call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or visit [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org) for more details.\*

## Swing/Ballroom Dance Lessons

Learn to swing and ballroom dance at the Cape Coral Yacht Club. Classes will be held on Mondays, January 9 through 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you'd like to learn something completely new or touch up your

skills, this is the class for you. Private lessons are available upon completion of group lessons.

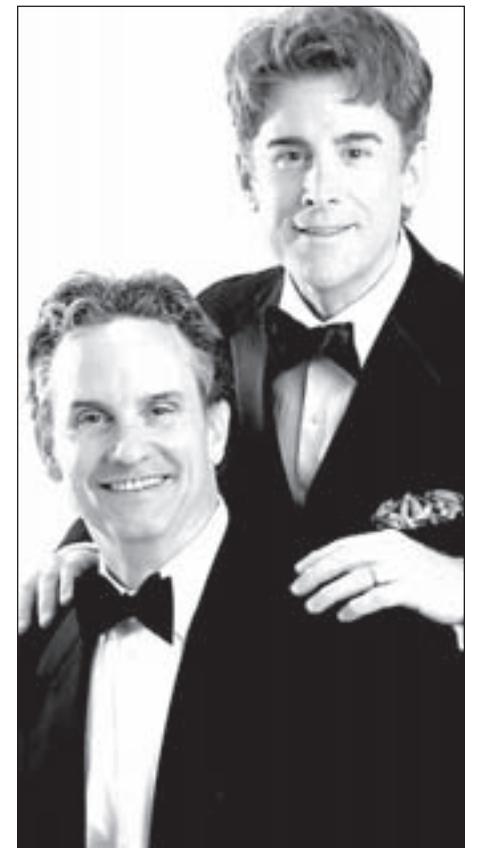
Cost is \$45 for residents, \$67 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required by calling 574-0806. The Cape Coral Yacht Club is at 5819 Driftwood Parkway.\*

## GC Symphony's Broadway Heroes

The Gulf Coast Symphony, Southwest Florida's premier community orchestra, presents a concert to celebrate the great heroes of the Broadway stage, *Broadway Heroes*. This captivating performance includes music from some of the best Broadway musicals of all time and features special guest stars and Broadway veterans Kip Wilborn and Sal Viviano.

*Broadway Heroes* takes place at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Sunday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. Single tickets cost \$33.50, \$38, \$42.50 and \$57 and can be purchased at [www.gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://www.gulfcoastsymphony.org), by calling 481-4849 or at the box office one hour prior to the concert.

For more information, e-mail [info@gulfcoastsymphony.org](mailto:info@gulfcoastsymphony.org).\*



Sal Viviano and Kip Wilborn

## Financial Focus

Investment  
Landscape  
Outlook For 2012

by Jennifer Basey

**A**s an investor, you know that 2011 was a somewhat “choppy” year, with the financial markets going through many ups and downs. So what can you expect in 2012?

As Baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra is quoted as saying, “It’s hard to make predictions – especially about the future.” And these words are certainly applicable for anyone who would like an accurate forecast of the investment climate.

Yet we do know of some factors that may affect your portfolio in the months ahead. Here are a few of them:

- Strong business fundamentals – This past year, all the noise about the debt ceiling debate, the size of the U.S. deficit and the European financial situation tended to drown out some fairly good news: U.S. businesses’ balance sheets were strong for the most part, borrowing costs remained low, and corporate profits were good – and corporate profitability remains a

key driver of stock prices. Heading into 2012, these fundamentals continue to look positive, which may bode well for investors.

- Europe’s debt crisis – Greece’s economic problems made a lot of news in 2011, but they weren’t the end of the story in Europe, as major financial difficulties also face Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. It’s by no means clear how these problems will be resolved, so don’t be surprised to see them lead to intermittent, if short-lived, shocks to the markets.

- Election-year patterns – As you’re well aware, we’re voting for President in 2012. But you might be surprised to learn that the S&P 500 Index has shown negative returns in only three of the last 21 Presidential election years. Coincidence? No one can say for sure – and at this point, no one can say if this pattern of positive returns will continue during this election year. Still, it’s an interesting phenomenon.

So there you have it: the good, the bad and the quirky. Take them all together, and you still may not be able to foresee what will happen with the markets this year, but you’ll have a lot to think about.

But instead of trying to predict what will happen in 2012, you may be better off following these tried-and-true investment strategies:

- Diversify your holdings. By spreading your money among a wide range of investments, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind,

though, that diversification, by itself, can’t guarantee profits or protect against loss.

- Don’t ignore your risk tolerance. If you worry excessively about market fluctuations, you may have too much risk in your portfolio, which means you may need to make some changes.

- Always look at the “big picture.” Financial markets will always fluctuate. But if you can keep your focus on your long-term objectives, and make decisions accordingly, you can avoid overreacting to short-term events.

Like other years, 2012 will bring with it periods of both turbulence and smooth sailing. But by making the right investment moves, you can still chart a course that can allow you to move ever closer to your future goals.

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SWFAS Elects  
2012 Officers

**S**outhwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) has elected officers for 2012. They are:

President - Andrea Fraser-Laster, assistant attorney in the Lee County Attorney’s Office  
Vice-President – Dena Geraghty, Lee County Dependency and Juvenile Drug

Court

Secretary – William Keyes, attorney at law

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Other members of the board of directors are retired FBI Agent Fred Anderson; Mark S. Atkins of Lee Memorial Health System; Diana Black, First Community Bank of Southwest Florida; Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Cameron; Joseph P. D’Alessandro, Goldberg, Racila, D’Alessandro and Noone, LLC, and former state attorney; Scot D. Goldberg, Goldberg, Racila, D’Alessandro and Noone, LLC; Lee County Tax Collector Larry Hart; and Kathleen Smith, public defender for the 20th Judicial Circuit.

“This group’s diverse experience and knowledge will help guide SWFAS’ activities as a critical part of the health care system, focusing on the treatment and prevention of substance use disorders,” said SWFAS CEO Kevin B. Lewis.

SWFAS is Southwest Florida’s leader in the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders. About 5,000 people per year, from ages 9 to 90, start on the road to recovery with the nationally-acclaimed programs of SWFAS.

For more information, visit [www.swfas.org](http://www.swfas.org) or call 332-6937.✪

Planned  
Parenthood Lee  
County Lunch

**I**n recognition of the 39th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida presents its Lee County Choice Affair Luncheon. The luncheon will take place Tuesday, January 24 at 11:30 a.m. at Traditions on the Beach, 3111 West Gulf Drive, Sanibel. It will feature noted cartoonist, graphic designer, freelance artist and children’s book author/illustrator Doug MacGregor.

MacGregor has been a cartoonist for 32 years. He got his professional start drawing editorial cartoons for the *Norwich Bulletin* in eastern Connecticut in 1980. He moved to Florida in 1988 and was editorial cartoonist for *The News-Press* until 2011. MacGregor has published five children’s books, and is the author of *Get Creative*, *Turn On The Bright Side of Your Brain*, a 144-page book filled with visual puzzles, brainteasers, drawing, coloring, math and reading exercises that challenge the young and young at heart to be more creative. He has long been passionate about education and the environment; with many of his cartoons also touch on driving, safety and transportation topics.

Cost is \$60 per person (sponsorships available). For reservations and information, register at [www.MyPlannedParenthood.org](http://www.MyPlannedParenthood.org) or call 941-



Doug MacGregor

365-3913, ext. 1124. Proceeds benefit Planned Parenthood’s sexual health services in Lee County.

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, Inc., an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., began operations in 1966 and presently provides vital reproduc-

tive health services and comprehensive education to women, men and teens in Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota counties.✪

Pulitzer Prize  
Winner To  
Deliver Lecture

by Andrew Stansell

**T**he Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at Florida Gulf Coast University announced that its annual Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture Weekend will be held on February 17 and 18. This year’s guest lecturer will be Mary Oliver, the celebrated winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Lannan Foundation Literary Award, and the National Book Award for poetry.

The Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture is a signature event of the Center that brings public intellectuals to discuss issues such as sustainability, ethics, democracy and literature. This year’s lecture will be a poetry reading with commentary, and will be held at Saint Michael and All Angels Church, located at 2304 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel on Friday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Oliver is widely recognized for her lyrical poems that use vivid imagery to portray the natural world. The center chose Oliver for this year’s lecture because her poetry renders the gravity, grace and beauty of the ordinary world and inspires a universal “sense of wonder.” Much like Rachel Carson’s unparalleled contributions to human understanding of our environment, Oliver’s work has inspired deep

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley,

I am going back to work and will no longer be at home when my children arrive home after completing their school day. I want to enroll

my children in an After School program. What do you know about After School programs? Are they good for kids or is it better for them to come home?

*Tracey J., Fort Myers Beach*

**Tracey,**

After School care programs are very popular with parents and fill an immense need for after school supervision for approximately 15 million children in the United States. Initially, the main purpose of After School programs was to keep children safe but now the programming and goals of most After School programs is much, much broader and often includes academic, social, emotional and health objectives. Most After School programs have links to the community as well, which increases the connectedness of its citizens.

Some research published by the After School Alliance, a national non-profit organization that promotes access for After School care for all children, found

that "children in quality After School programs are more likely to come to school and stay in school, more likely to hand in their work and get better grades." They also reported that "students in After School programs are less likely to join gangs, be victims or perpetrators of violence, become teen parents or engage in a host of inappropriate behaviors. Studies have shown that parents are less worried and more productive when students are in After School programs, saving companies hundreds of billions of dollars."

The hours between 3 to 6 p.m. are sometimes referred to as the "danger zone" for children and youth. According to Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a bipartisan anti-crime organization led by police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, victims of violence and leaders of police officer associations, has found through a series of studies that violent juvenile crime is most likely to occur between 3 and 6 p.m., and that youth are more likely to engage in risky behaviors – smoke, drink or do drugs – during these hours. Clearly, the need for supervision during these hours is critical.

Locally in Southwest Florida, After School Programs provide a wide variety of activities for children. There is typically a healthy snack, academic support, physical activity and a time for relaxation.

Andrea Miller, a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, and director of the Sanibel Recreation Center that sponsors an After School Program, identified many of the benefits of this type of programming in my interview with her.

Ms. Miller reported some of the benefits built into the Sanibel Rec After School program include supervised structured programming, a state-of-the-art facility with pools, tennis courts, gymnasium and game room, CPR/AED lifeguard trained staff, passive and active activities ranging from a variety of athletics to arts and crafts, positive social interaction with peer group, special guest speakers, entertainment and field trips, plus a 5:30 p.m. pickup time for working parents and full day offerings on non-school days.

Of course, each After School program has it's own programming, specific rules and regulations. Generally speaking, After

School programs provide excellent supervision and activities for children. Children usually enjoy this setting and the benefits are numerous.

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## Early Childhood Educator Wins FLAEYC Award

**E**dison State College Child Care Center Director Martha Kebhart has earned the Outstanding Member Award from the Lee County affiliate of the Florida Association for the Education of Young Children (FLAEYC).

The Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children nominated Kebhart for the award, which is presented to one person each year who has played a vital role in the local association and demonstrated outstanding dedication and work for young children.

"Martha has been a backbone of our local organization. She is always available to answer questions, get people involved and keep our local group on track and doing what is right for the children and the staff that take care of them. She is a professional and models professionalism in the early childhood field," said JoAnne Fuciu, president of the Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children.

Kebhart has worked for Child Care of Southwest Florida since 1977, beginning as a teacher in the classroom, and later serving as an assistant director before becoming director of Edison State College Child Care Center in 2003.

She graduated from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. with a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood education.\*

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## Fort Myers Beach Art Association

each class (contact instructor). Materials will be provided.

As always Patty Kane will be teaching her watercolor classes on Mondays at the gallery. Patty's new series starts on January 9 and you can reserve a spot by calling the gallery now.

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on shows or classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com).\*

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Dr. Dave

## Breast Feeding Offenders



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

From the Going-Just-a-Tad-Overboard file comes the story of Elizabeth McGarry, detained at Kennedy Airport by security staff for attempting to stow breast milk aboard a

plane. She was forced to drink from her own breast milk (I assume that she used the bottle, otherwise... well...) to prove to security that it was not going to be used to bring about the destruction of the free world. Far be it from me to judge these boobs... er... security staff, but what, other than a stiff breeze, was going through their minds? "Ralph, I need backup over in sector 7. It appears we might have a 36D in progress."

Is breast milk dangerous? Well, hold on to your soothers folks because, apparently in the wrong hands, it can be downright nasty. The advantages of breast milk (for babies only) are now well documented. Breast-fed infants have less asthma, allergies, ear infections, gastrointestinal infections, meningitis, respiratory infections, etc. They enjoy an IQ some eight points higher on average than their formula fed

friends, have more fun at the beach and are responsible for world peace in Kansas.

Every pediatrician from Dr. Spock to Captain Kangaroo recommends that babies enjoy mother's milk for at least six months, longer if possible. Even the mother derives benefits, encountering less ovarian and premenopausal breast cancer, to say nothing of the bonding that takes place while Junior latches on and tugs away as though he were in a Slurpee guzzling contest. But the breast can also be a dumping ground for many environmental toxins a mother might have been exposed to over the years. Breasts, being primarily fat, accumulate fat-soluble toxins such as benzenes, toluenes, mercury, lead, broccoli and more importantly PCBs and dioxins.

Humans are at the top of the food chain (excluding grizzly bears and those freaky guys in *Lord of the Rings*.) Over many years, humans gradually accumulate fat-soluble toxins from plants and animals that have been reared in a pesticide-laden, chemical soup. These are in turn concentrated in breast milk and from there a whopping 20 percent of a mother's total fat-soluble chemical load is transferred to the baby over six months of breastfeeding.

With several tons of PCBs falling on the Canadian Arctic, Arctic mothers have been found with large concentrations of toxins in their milk, after it thaws out. Inuit children were subsequently found to have a mildly diminished immune system. Women in Michigan who ate fish from the Great Lakes ended up suckling their

wee ones into significant developmental delay, thanks to PCBs and dioxins.

But don't throw out the baby with the breast milk just yet. Breast feeding remains head and shoulders above any other method of infant nutrition. But there are some useful precautions to take should pregnancy or breast feeding (the latter often requiring the former) be in your future. Avoid extended exposure to dry cleaners, hair salons, print shops, body shops or any other environment where solvents, fumes, metals, paint thinners etc. might be inhaled.

Avoid hobbies such as glass staining, model building or glue sniffing. Wash foods of all pesticides thoroughly or use organically grown food. Ensure your workplace is safe for pregnant and lactating women. Have an industrial hygienist assess this if necessary. Decrease use of cleaning products around the home or work. (Guys, my hate mail box is already full.)

Don't eat fish from rivers or lakes that have high potential of contamination. Avoid renovating homes built before 1950 (leaded paint). Decrease exposure to caffeine, alcohol, nicotine and drugs as most of these are passed in breast milk.

It behooves every mother/airplane milk smuggler to try and provide the best possible start to their child's life. No sense crying over spilled weaponry.

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](http://www.wisequacks.org).✱

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

My mother-in-law hated me from the first day she met me. She thought I wasn't good enough for her daughter. I guess I wasn't then, but as luck would have it, I have been extremely successful.

She hated our son, but adored our daughter. After my wife mentioned it to her, she disliked them both.

Years have passed and when my mother-in-law's health started to go, I asked her to come and live in our home. She lived with us for six years and not a day passed that she didn't tell me how she still hated me.

Please tell me why would a person be so hurtful to us when we have been so good to her?

Erick

### Dear Erick,

Treating others well regardless of how you are treated by them... well done! I wish many would watch and learn from your example. It is a difficult road and at times, I am sure, seems impossible, but it screams a lot about your character. Your mother-in-law sounds like a self-centered individual, interested only in her own feelings. I am sure she can justify everything she says, feels and does.

I do not know why she acts the way she does. One thing is for sure: she is not going to change. She is getting her needs met by being mean.

If and when her presence in the home affects your family's health and happiness, making a change is OK and not throwing in the towel. In some families due to personalities, past history, etc., strong and wide boundaries are needed. You can still care, but care from a distance.

Pryce

### Dear Erick,

Congratulations on your success.

Some people would never ever admit that they could do anything wrong. Their opinions are right regardless of the facts.

You were kind and generous people to give her a home. Her mental impairment in later life just compounded the problem.

Some people seem to be nasty individuals, regardless of the kindness of others. Nasty when they were young, and even worse when they are older.

Lizzie

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).✱

dearPharmacist

## Leave Your House Without A Raincoat



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:** I am 87 years old and at the end of my journey. I've been through so much, and today I'm writing letters to special people. I wish to thank you for improving the

quality of my life the past few years with your columns and books. There is so much to say... a simple thank you will have to suffice. I wish I could go back and make changes earlier on, but I can't. I hope my daughter and the younger generations will listen to you. Happy New Year, Suzy.

LS, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

I'm honored to be among the "special" people in your life, thank you very much. I've chosen your letter to inspire others to reclaim their health. I still recall a letter that was written by an 85-year-old man explaining how he'd live his life differently if he could. The letter is found in the late Leo Buscaglia's book, *Living, Loving and Learning*. Here it is:

If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I wouldn't try to be so perfect. I would relax more. I'd limber up... I know very few things that I would take so seriously, I'd be crazier. I'd be less hygienic... I'd climb more mountains, I'd swim more rivers, I'd watch more sunsets... I'd eat more ice cream and fewer beans. I'd have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I was one of those people who lived prophylactically and sensibly and sanely hour after hour and day after day... I'd try to have nothing but beautiful moments - moment by moment by moment.

I've been one of those people who never went anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it all over again, I'd travel lighter next time. If I had to do it all over again, I'd start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I'd ride more merry-go-rounds, I'd watch more sunrises, and I'd play with more children, if I had my life to live over again. But you see, I don't."

My friends, I've spent 13 years writing health columns, every single week, rarely taking the allowance of a reprint during vacations. I post health tips on Facebook every single day. I do so because my passion is to inspire and empower all of you to feel great again, using any treatment, medication, supplement or healer that works. You are never trapped, if you aren't feeling bet-

ter, or you don't like your health track, make a new choice. Don't take the good aspects of your health for granted because one day, they (and you) will be gone.

As 2012 turns the corner, focus on what feels well in your body, not what you haven't accomplished. Set reasonable goals and this time, expect success. Now, following Leo's lead, is anyone up for skydiving with me?

*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](http://www.dearpharmacist.com).*✱

## Car And Bike Show

This Sunday, January 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Ninth Annual American Heritage Car And Bike Show to benefit Barbara's Friends and The Children's Hospital Cancer Fund, Lee Memorial Health System's Doudation, will be held in the Fort Myers Harley Davidson parking lot, located at 2160 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

There will be awards presented to participating automobiles and motorcycles, along with many vendors. Admission to the show, presented by Corvette On The Gulf and Fort Myers Harley Davidson, is free.

For more information about this event, contact Larry Dudley at 727-547-8082 or Fort Myers Harley Davidson at 275-4647.✱



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Immokalee Middle School students in TIF shirts

## Early Christmas For 27 Students In Immokalee

Christmas wishes came true for 27 students in Immokalee when they received news that they had been accepted into The Immokalee Foundation's Take Stock In Children Immokalee program, a scholarship and mentoring program that will provide the students with the opportunity to attend four years of college tuition free.

The students were selected based on economic need, essay questions and an interview. Approximately 70 applicants were interviewed prior to the holidays and told they would receive a letter in the mail with news of their acceptance, and that it should arrive before Christmas.

"The students kept telling us what a great Christmas present the news would make, so it gave us an idea to make their holiday extra special," said Liz Allbritten, TIF's executive director. The foundation worked with Immokalee Middle School and on the last day of school before winter break, the boys and girls were invited to the cafeteria, presented with a festive holiday box and instructed to open them all at one time. The box contained a letter congratulating them on their acceptance to Take Stock In Children Immokalee program. Although a surprise with little notice, many parents were able to attend and their tears of joy conveyed their excitement.

"All of the parents were so grateful and so proud," explained Allbritten. "One mother told me she couldn't express in words how she felt and the appreciation she had. It is those moments that remind us what a difference we are making in the Immokalee community."

For the students, it was a giant step toward achieving their dreams. Jose Flores, a ninth grader at Immokalee High School, had no idea what to expect when he was told to go to the middle school, but he was pleasantly surprised. "This means everything to me. By helping me pay for college, I won't have to settle for a low paying job. It is helping me build a better life."

Seventh grader Irian Reyes said she was amazed when she realized she had been accepted. "I wanted that scholarship so badly. I wanted to make my parents



Jose Flores and Irian Reyes

proud and show them I could do it. To see them at the school congratulating me was great."

The students understand the commitment that is required of them. At an official ceremony, to be held in January, the scholarship recipients will sign a pledge to earn good grades, stay out of trouble and meet weekly with a mentor through high school graduation. Allbritten says the pledge makes students accountable and teaches them to be responsible. "They have to do the work and in the end, they reap the benefits of their commitment."

For Reyes, it also serves as a reminder to stay positive. "I know I need to believe in myself and not let anybody bring me down."

The students receive scholarships thanks to the generosity of donors who raised their paddles at Fund A Dream, a live bidding experience held during TIF's annual Charity Classic Celebration that allowed benefactors the unique chance to support the young people of Immokalee by giving directly to the children. The donors will be invited to the TSIC induction ceremony so that they have the opportunity to see first-hand the impact they have made on a child's life.

In addition to Jose Flores and Irian Reyes, other students accepted into the TSIC program include Jorge Armando, 7th grade; Maria Espinoza, Jennifer Flores, Leslie Gallegos, Maria, Gomez, Francisco Gonzalez, Damian Gonzalez-Perez, Gael Henry, Eduardo Hernandez, Luz Celeste Herrera, Benjamin Lucio, Erfrain Martinez, Adriana Lynn Mateo, Vanessa Ortiz, Mandi Perez, Bryan Reyes, Clarissa Rios, Jean-Phillip Sanon,



Immokalee Middle School students opening their TIF gifts

Lizbeth Soriano, Valerie Soto, Mark Trejo, Christopher Turrubiardez, Siomara Varela, Gabriela Velazco-Salazar and Jessica Chaparro Venegas.

"From the bottom of my heart, I thank our wonderful donors," said Allbritten. "This program, as well as other TIF programs, would not be possible without their commitment. I am so grateful and I know these kids are grateful."

The Immokalee Foundation has a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and vocational school, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development.

To learn more about volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit [www.immokalee-foundation.org](http://www.immokalee-foundation.org).✪

## Dr. Piper Center Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Dr. Piper Center for Social Services hosted their 96th Children's Christmas Party at the Dr. Piper Center for Social Services on December 25. In attendance were over 300 children, 20 families and 40 volunteers.

Partners in the community donated 61 bicycles and over 1,000 different toy items. Included in these community partners were Rotary of South Fort Myers, Bill and Ann Coats, Lehigh Community Services and Mount Hermon Ministries.

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It was the pleasure of the Dr. Piper Center's to carry on this wonderful tradition of Christmas spirit in the memory of Fort Myers entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr. Ella Piper, who began hosting this event 96 years ago on the same property where the Dr. Piper Center currently stands.

Each child was able to take home two toy items, traditional Christmas goodie bag, a book and stuffed animal. Businesses also donated the items that were in goodie bags such as citrus, fruit, candy and small toys.

The Dr. Piper Center for Social Services looks forward to many years of generosity and philanthropy used to help the children of this community on Christmas morning. ✪

## Northwest Regional Library Programs

Next month's roster of activities at Northwest Regional Library offers topics for all ages. The following activities are free to the public:

### Adults

CHNEP: Partners in Action to Preserve Our Environment

4 p.m. Tuesday, January 3

Meet Lisa Beever, director of The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, a partnership working to protect the natural environment from Venice to Bonita Springs to Winter Haven. You'll learn how your neighbors – citizens, businesses, agencies and organizations alike – are working together on this important partnership. She'll provide both the watershed report and the water atlas; two recent items produced to help everyone – including you – understand our valuable natural resources, impacts to them and actions to protect them.

CHNEP: Neighbor To Neighbor Florida-Friendly Landscaping

4 p.m. Tuesday, January 10

Seventeen neighbors in Southwest Florida show, in this video, how they transformed their diverse properties into beautiful oasis for people and wildlife that conserve precious water resources and reduce pollution but also save time and money. Warren Bush, chair of the CHNEP Citizens Advisory Committee and master gardener, will answer questions and guide people to resources available.

Nibbles and Novels

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 11

Chat about books, discover new favorites and meet other book lovers while enjoying a snack.

English Café

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, January 12, 19 and 26

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

CHNEP: Sealife In Southwest Florida Estuaries

4 p.m. Tuesday, January 17

An estuary is where fresh water from the land mixes with the salt water from the sea. We call estuaries by other names including bay, harbor, bayou, sound, pass and bight. Charlotte Harbor estuary also includes the tidal portion of the Myakka, Peace and Caloosahatchee rivers as well as the tidal portions of many creeks. Join us to learn about the sealife that lives in the waters of our estuaries. Communications Manager Maran Hilgendorf will answer questions and guide people to resources available, including guided wading trips into nearby waters.

Book Discussion: Jeffrey Eugenides' *Middlesex*

2 p.m. Wednesday, January 18

This Pulitzer prize winning novel jour-

neys 80 years with an immigrant family to reveal a shocking secret painfully manifesting in its youngest generation. Registration is required.

CHNEP Calendars: Beauty & Diversity Through Donated Images

4 p.m. Tuesday, January 31

Since 2005, the CHNEP has been creating popular calendars of donated images that depict the beauty of the natural environment of Southwest Florida. Communications Manager Maran Hilgendorf will showcase select images of more than 2,000 donated images that show the beauty and diversity of the natural environment. Guidance will be provided on how to submit images for the 2013 calendar. Join us in the exhibit area for this program.

### Family

Baby-Parent Rhyme Time

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

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

Family Storytime

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, January 12, 19 and 26

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

CHNEP: Adventures In The Charlotte Harbor Watershed

11 a.m. Saturday, January 7

Carol Mahler, author of "Adventures In The Charlotte Harbor Watershed," and a professional storyteller, will bring the story alive for people of all ages. Learn about the environment of Southwest Florida through the adventures of four animals: a yellow-crowned night-heron on the Caloosahatchee River, an alligator on the Peace River, an otter on the Myakka River and a mullet in the estuaries.

CHNEP: Video - *Adventures In The Charlotte Harbor Watershed*

4 p.m. Tuesday, January 24

The Lee County School District turned the book "Adventures In The Charlotte Harbor Watershed" into a video with author Carol Mahler, five students from Manatee Elementary School in Lee County and others. Rick Tully, environmental education coordinator with the Lee County School District, will be our guide through the natural environment of Southwest Florida – through the eyes of the four animals featured in the book and local school children.

### Children

Kids Read Down Fines

10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, January 7 and 21

5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 10  
Children and teens can earn a \$2 coupon for every 15 minutes of reading during the allotted time in the designated area of the library. For ages 18 and younger. Coupons may be applied to cards issued to patrons age 18 and under only. Please bring your library card.

Pazazz

6 p.m. Tuesday, January 10

Pazazz is a place for tweens 10-12 years old, who want to learn about design, art, fashion and style. Learn about

careers on the creative side. Explore art and style from a world perspective as well as picking up some practical life-skill tips and having fun with a craft. Supplies provided by Friends of the Northwest Regional Library. Registration is required.

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### Teens

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## Pulitzer Prize Winner

appreciation for the wildness and beauty of nature.

The 8th annual fundraising celebration will be held on Saturday, February 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Island beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer. This is the major fundraising event for the center and helps to further its sustainability initiatives locally and globally.

The lecture will be free and open to the public. Seats will be reserved for contributors to the celebration. Invitations to the lecture and fundraising celebration will be mailed out in early January to the center's mailing list. Contact the center by e-mail at [cese@fgcu.edu](mailto:cese@fgcu.edu) or by phone at 590-7166 if you would like to be added to the mailing list.✪

Regional Library. Registration is required.

Yu-Gi-Oh Card Gaming

12 p.m. Saturday, January 14

Gather with like minded Yu-Gi-Oh card players to play for fun and share strategies. This is not a tournament.

Lego Tuesday - Build A Bridge Contest

6 p.m. Tuesday, January 17

Remember the great stuff you used to make when you were little? You are even more creative now. Drop by the Teen Patio, team up with a friend and build. Current structures will be on display in the Teen Zone. There will be prizes. For grades 6 and up.

Talk It Up

6 p.m. Tuesday, January 24

What is your favorite movie, book or CD? Talk It Up is a place where teens can meet and swap favorites. It's rather like an online rating system, except it's face-to-face... and there's pizza. For grades 6 and up. Registration is required.

The Northwest Regional Library is located at 519 Chiquita Boulevard N. in Cape Coral. For more information about a program or to register, call the library at 239-533-4700. 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](http://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.✪



Mary Oliver

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## Restful Yoga For Stressful Times

The North Fort Myers Community Center announced that monthly yoga classes will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Classes are \$30 per month and space is limited.

Terri Fields, yoga instructor, has been practicing yoga for 15 years. She will help students reduce stress and calm their minds. Yoga also improves circulation, increases energy, strengthens and tones the entire body.

Register in advance by calling 533-7440 or visit [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org). For more information regarding the yoga classes, call 652-4512.✪

# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which youth group's slogan is "Learn by doing"?
2. TELEVISION: Who was the German commandant of Stalag 13 in TV's "Hogan's Heroes"?
3. U.S. GOVERNMENT: Which state did Harry Byrd represent in the U.S. Senate for 32 years?
4. INVENTORS: Who was the inventor of the first practical process of photography?
5. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek goddess Persephone?
6. HISTORY: What did Jack Ruby, who killed JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, do for a living?
7. SPORTS: When was the Stanley Cup first awarded?
8. THEATER: Tennessee Williams won a Pulitzer Prize for which one of his plays in 1948?
9. GEOGRAPHY: The city of Cartagena, Spain, lies next to which body of water?
10. EXPLORERS: What was the nationality of polar explorer Roald Amundsen?

## ANSWERS

1. 4-H 2. Col. Wilhelm Klink 3. Virginia 4. Louis Daguere 5. Queen of the underworld 6. Ruby was a Dallas nightclub owner 7. 1893 8. "A Streetcar Named Desire" 9. Mediterranean Sea 10. Norwegian

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the four N.L. pitchers to win the Cy Young Award in consecutive years.
2. It took just 1,303 innings for pitcher Kerry Wood to record 1,500 career strikeouts. Who held the mark for fewest innings to reach that mark before Wood?
3. Who holds the NFL record for most TD passes caught in a season?
4. Three No. 11 seeds have advanced to the NCAA Final Four in men's basketball. Name two of them.
5. True or false: Until the 2010-11 NHL campaign, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and Los Angeles Kings had never gone to the playoffs in the same season.
6. How many total medals did U.S. boxers tally in the Olympics between 2000 and 2008?
7. Who was the last senior golfer before John Cook (2010-11) to win the last tournament of one Champions Tour season and the first tournament of the next season?

## ANSWERS

1. 1. Sandy Koufax (1965-66), Greg Maddux (1992-95), Randy Johnson (1999-2002) and Tim Lincecum (2008-09). 2. Pedro Martinez did it in 1,337 innings. 3. Randy Moss had 23 TD receptions for New England in 2007. 4. LSU (1986), George Mason (2006) and Virginia Commonwealth (2011). 5. True. 6. Seven medals (one gold, two silver and four bronze). 7. Gil Morgan, 1997-98.

## My Stars ★★★

FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2012

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships -- personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile,

travel aspects continue to be strong.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Jan. 9, 1493, Christopher Columbus, sailing near the Dominican Republic, sees three "mermaids" and describes them as "not half as beautiful as they are painted." They were in reality manatees. Mythical mermaids have existed in seafaring cultures since the time of the ancient Greeks.

- On Jan. 14, 1639, in Hartford, Conn., the first constitution in the American colonies, the "Fundamental Orders," is adopted. The Fundamental Orders declared that "the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people."

- On Jan. 10, 1901, a drilling derrick at Spindletop Hill near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil, signaling the advent of the American oil industry. The geyser flowed at an initial rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day and took nine days to cap.

- On Jan. 15, 1919, two million gallons of fiery hot molasses floods the streets of Boston, killing 21 people and a dozen horses. The molasses burst from a 58-foot-high tank in the heart of the city. An 8-foot-high wave of molasses swept away freight cars, knocked over the local firehouse and pushed over the support beams for the elevated train line.

- On Jan. 13, 1939, Arthur "Doc" Barker is shot and killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay. Barker, of the notorious "Bloody Barkers" gang, was spotted on the rock-strewn shore of the island after climbing over the walls and tying pieces of wood together into a makeshift raft.

- On Jan. 11, 1973, the owners of America's 24 major-league baseball teams vote to allow teams in the American League to use a "designated pinch-hitter" that could bat for the pitcher, while still allowing the pitcher to stay in the game.
- On Jan. 12, 1984, a panel oversee-

ing the restoration of the Great Pyramids in Egypt abandons modern construction techniques in favor of the method employed by the ancient Egyptians. Restorers stopped using mortar and adopted the system of interlocking blocks practiced by the original pyramid builders.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American essayist Logan Pearsall Smith who made the following sage observation: It is the wretchedness of being rich that you have to live with rich people.

- The word "avocado" is derived from a South American Indian word that means "testicle."

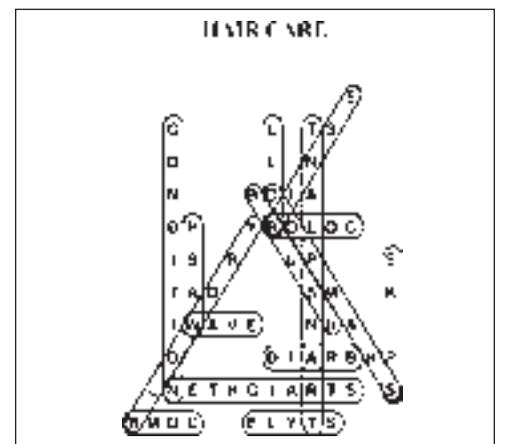
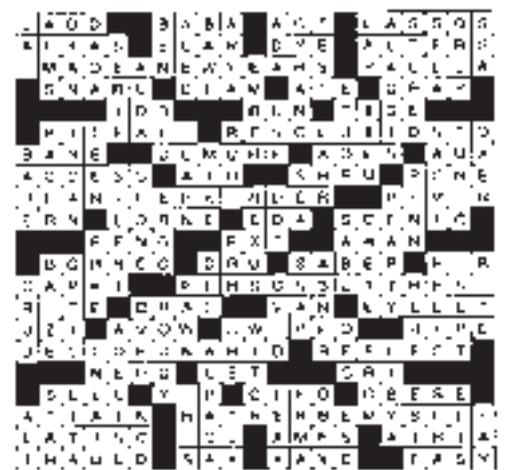
- When the miniskirt was introduced to the world in the 1960s, the reaction was swift and often harsh. Women who wore them in the Malagasy Republic were sentenced to 10 days in jail. Congolese police arrested 300 women for wearing the new style, and Egyptian law branded the garment as indecent. In Caracas, Venezuela, the clergy got involved; churches admonished women to give up their minis or "be condemned to hell." Perhaps the seeming overreaction wasn't entirely unjustified, considering the effect the miniskirt had in some places. It was reported that two women wearing minis caused a two-hour traffic jam in downtown Cairo, and a 63-year-old man in Rio De Janeiro was sentenced to three days in jail after biting the legs of the miniskirt-clad woman seated next to him on a bus.

- The first animated color TV commercial was broadcast in 1949, and it was created by none other than venerable children's book author Dr. Seuss. The ad was for the Ford Motor Company.
- Historians say that Abraham Lincoln had a shrill, high-pitched voice rather than the deep and sonorous tones we usually hear when the 16th president is portrayed in film and television.
- Those who study such things say that Americans' favorite T-shirt color is white, followed by blue and black.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you have an important point, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time -- a tremendous whack." -- Winston Churchill

## PUZZLE ANSWERS



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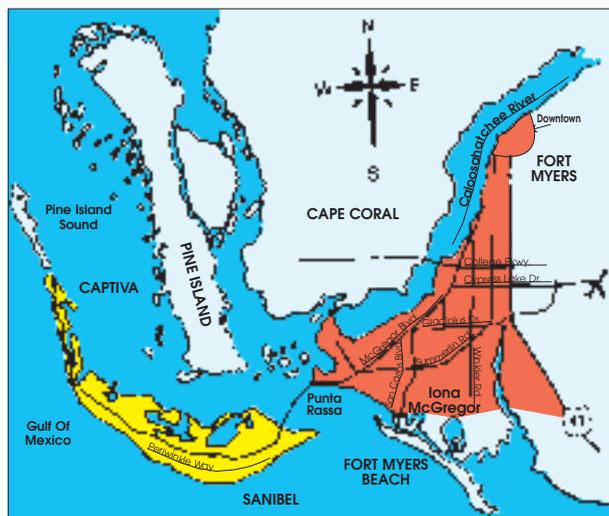
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**Trixie ID# 522897**

**M**y name is Trixie (ID# 522897) and I am a year-and-a-half old female tri-colored hound mix. I'm a sweet, lovable little dog that promises to be a loving, loyal companion. I'm kind of on the shy side and have a very gentle nature. I warm up to people in no time though, and will even eat out of your hand.

My adoption fee is \$29.99 during January's Blue Light Special Adoption Promotion

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My name is Flor, aka Florence (ID# 515327) and I am a 2-year-old female calico domestic short hair. I'm a very playful kitty with lots of energy, so I guess you could say I'm a "Type A" personality. I love to be around people and other cats, too. I'm a great listener... just tell me anything and I'll purr in response.

My adoption fee is \$19.99 during January's Blue Light Special Adoption Promotion (adopt a second cat or kitten free)



**Flor ID# 515327**

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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 3 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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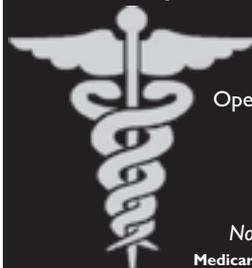
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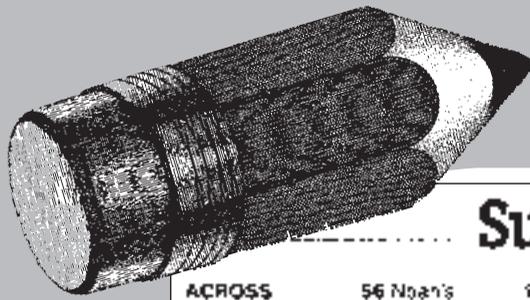
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  - 5 "Ighanda, 9 Sister"
  - 12 Poles 1000s
  - 16 "American Must Wanted" into
  - 20 Panama
  - 21 Chase away guy
  - 22 Changes
  - 23 Start of a remark by Goro Piret
  - 26 Rice dish
  - 27 Tangle
  - 28 Duet
  - 29 Consumed a wish
  - 31 Carl
  - 32 All-arounder
  - 34 Hum bug?
  - 36 "The — s High" 1980 hit
  - 38 Hazard
  - 42 Part 2 of remark
  - 47 Betu —
  - 48 Reserved
  - 50 Mideast girl
  - 51 Supp
  - 52 Way in
  - 55 Lend a hand
  - 56 Noah's Ark
  - 57 Carnie connection
  - 58 Part 3 of remark
  - 62 Surround
  - 63 West
  - 64 Crown of "Bonanza"
  - 65 Actor LeShan
  - 66 Picturesque —
  - 68 Switchboard
  - 70 1970s band
  - 71 As an island
  - 73 Joanne of "Pec River"
  - 74 Cavalry
  - 76 Spang —
  - 78 French dynasty
  - 80 Part 1 of remark
  - 83 — al passage
  - 84 University
  - 86 Family
  - 87 A hole near the sole
  - 88 Stan
  - 89 Profess
  - 90 Walked off with
  - 93 Pickable
  - 94 Part 5 of remark
  - 97 Act like a
  - 100 Dweeb
  - 101 Empower
  - 102 Denier
  - 103 Bear's advice
  - 105 Puppy bark
  - 107 Hole for Liz
  - 111 Shout
  - 115 Hoax
  - 117 End of remark
  - 121 Hispanic airport
  - 122 Corner the cake
  - 123 The —
  - 124 Lolly
  - 125 Exchange
  - 126 Geize
  - 127 Sammy of Slubby
  - 128 No sweat
- DOWN**
- 1 Clou En —
  - 2 Charity
  - 3 Anthropologist
  - 4 A 19's on
  - 5 Hole for a rat
  - 6 Baldwin of "Mica"
  - 7 Cry like a baby
  - 8 Novelist
  - 9 Tobacco
  - 10 Nasty guy?
  - 11 Try out
  - 12 Drink like a
  - 13 '92 Disney hit
  - 14 Aud ophid's
  - 15 Ward of "Sisters"
  - 16 French airport
  - 17 God agency
  - 19 Painter's stroke
  - 24 Robert of "Rhapsody in Blue"
  - 25 Fireplace
  - 26 Misjudge
  - 27 Bookkeeping entry
  - 28 Dagobert, a lion
  - 29 Like Machu Picchu
  - 40 Hack
  - 41 Hind out
  - 42 Designer
  - 43 Cowardly
  - 44 Mother
  - 45 Jokin
  - 46 Draft animals
  - 47 Move right
  - 48 Buster Lyson
  - 53 Taciturn
  - 54 Teatime
  - 56 Where the gulls are
  - 57 Quake
  - 58 As a result
  - 60 Link
  - 61 Banned pesticide
  - 62 Corda
  - 66 "The Thrift of Ragged" star
  - 67 Mino
  - 68 Marant
  - 69 Misjudge
  - 71 Fabric
  - 72 Eye-related
  - 73 Saucer
  - 74 Gager
  - 75 One of the Yakums
  - 76 Ant que
  - 77 Like a
  - 78 — the bullet
  - 79 Muck
  - 80 Dupe
  - 81 Roman poet
  - 82 Present
  - 84 Mind —
  - 85 Actor
  - 86 McDowell
  - 89 "Sweet —" (1963 song)
  - 90 Healer of pain
  - 91 Good
  - 92 Cat page
  - 95 Like mother-of-pearl, often
  - 98 Starting in
  - 99 Neighbor of Niger
  - 103 Christmas tree
  - 104 Singer James
  - 106 Mascagni
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  - 110 Head
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  - 113 Blood
  - 114 — "Corn ng" (89 song)
  - 115 Cockati
  - 116 Head
  - 118 John A. Allen's dad
  - 119 Language
  - 120 Walton of Wray

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Roman
- 5 Full-page
- 9 Outlets get together
- 12 Text
- 13 Paid
- 14 Organism
- 15 Young
- 16 Dermatology
- 17 Soccer
- 18 So does
- 19 Occurrence
- 20 Years truly
- 22 "Get Laid"
- 24 Director
- 27 Cultural
- 28 First name
- 31 Mess up
- 32 Records
- 33 Blow rock
- 34 Tied
- 36 Immortal
- 37 Under the
- 38 Prestige
- 39 The film "24"
- 41 Mathematician
- 42 Get along
- 43 Superhero
- 44 California
- 45 Family member
- 46 Party member
- 47 Has
- 48 "The —" (1961 musical)
- 49 Green
- 50 Football
- 51 "The —" (1940 film)
- 52 Staff member
- 53 Information
- 54 Pharaoh
- 55 Math term for one
- 56 Time of year
- 57 "The —" (1963 song)
- 58 Healer of pain
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**DOWN**

- 1 Soapy
- 2 Always
- 3 Start over
- 4 1940
- 5 Information
- 6 Pharaoh
- 7 Math term for one
- 8 Time of year
- 9 Full-page
- 10 Party member
- 11 The " —" (1961 musical)
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### New Listing:

#### Coco Bay

Almost new, very seldom used 2/2 with a den and a 2 car garage in a gated and security monitored community. This unit has a spectacular view of the lake. The community pool and facilities are conveniently located a short walk down the road. The Coco Bay community is centrally located in South Fl. Myers just minutes to Ft. Myers Beach and Sanibel. This is a great opportunity to put yourself right in the middle of paradise. **Priced right at \$190,000. Call for a private showing today, Bob Berning 239/699-9597 or Ken Colter 239/851-1357.**



### Magnificent Gulf Front Home with Panoramic Views

Absolutely gorgeous Gulf Front home with expansive views. Enjoy magnificent sunsets from the vanishing edge raised pool, surrounded by lush tropical vegetation. Only the finest amenities used in this home with gourmet kitchen, wine room, Travertine flooring, granite, extensive molding work, oak flooring, private elevator, detailed beamed ceilings, fireplace, paver stones, outdoor kitchen with additional fireplace, pass thru pantry and many more extras. This home is truly exceptional and must be seen. **Offered for \$5,995,000. Contact Ralph Galletti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galletti 239/826-5807.**



### The Ultimate Fishing Retreat!

This charming three bedroom, two bath home is located on the very desirable East End on a canal. Enjoy the beautiful pool with three waterfalls & spa, the new large dock on the canal or lounge in the spacious screened in deck overlooking the pool and canal. Cathedral ceilings in the open family room directly off of the eat in kitchen. A large master suite with walk in closet & screened deck/sitting area. This home includes an oversized garage perfect for large boat and beach access just around the corner. This home provides Gulf access, beach access a huge dock and a tropical canal. Perfect for a fisherman! **Offered for \$599,000. Offered Contact Tracy "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540.**



### Unbelievable Value

House Lot pkg. in the tropical setting of the beachside community of Gulf Shores. Excellent bayou and river views. 3 bedroom/2 bath island style house with metal roof, Hardi siding and trim, impact windows, granite counter tops, raised wood panel cabinets. Plenty of room for a pool. Our in house designer can customize this floor plan for a small fee. Call soon to insure your ability to make changes and color selections. **Offered for \$775,000 . Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239-699-9597**



### Upper Captiva

This tropical gem features two lots. The Bay front lot features a brand new boat dock extending into the bay with deep water dockage (6-10') Great for the boating and fishing. The Gulf front lot offers incredible views of the Gulf on pristine white beaches. The exterior of the home is complete, the interior is not. A perfect opportunity to finish the home to your own tastes and specifications. Only 1/2 mile from South Seas plantation. The perfect retreat for anglers and beach enthusiasts. **Offered for \$895,000 Contact the Walters Team: Tracy "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie "Ms. Listr" 239/841-4540.**



### Crown Colony

Absolutely stunning former model. This home has it all. Solid surface countertops, tumbled marble backsplash, new stainless steel appliances, glass cooktop and raised panel cabinets in kitchen. 18" diagonal tiles, wood floors, solar OR gas heated pool and Spa with an Aqualink system to monitor it all. Tray ceilings, built-ins and faux painting. Golf course and lake views. Beautifully landscaped and pool deck. Golf membership is optional. **Priced to sell at \$397,500. Contact Ray Ochester 239/410-9725.**



### Beautiful Builder's Personal Custom Home

Waterfront, designed with only the finest appointments, includes gourmet kitchen, family room fireplace, custom shelving, detailed woodwork and ceiling work throughout. Outdoor kitchen with magnificent pool area. Boat lift, garage holds up to 10 cars. Superb workmanship. **MUST SEE! Offered for \$1,995,000. Contact Ralph Galletti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galletti 239/826-5807.**



### Vacant Residential Building Lots

Naples -Royal Palm Golf Estates home site located on water/golf course at beginning of cul-de-sac. **Bank Owned. Offered for \$34,900**  
Naples-Pine Ridge Over 1 acre building site. **Bank Owned. Offered for \$289,900**

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