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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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## Photography Exhibition Winners Announced

The Art League of Fort Myers announced the winners of the Photography Only exhibition, which will remain open until Friday, April 27. The exhibit showcases more than 50 fine examples of first rate photography. The league would like to thank all of the participants for a job well done.

Also, the Art League of Fort Myers issued a reminder that receiving for the May Busting Out All Over exhibit will be Saturday, April 28 between 1 and 3 p.m.✪

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Bridge by Dan Calvert - first place



A scene from *The Imaginators*

## Sand Bash Returns To Fort Myers Beach



The Fort Myers Beach 2nd annual Sand Bash will take place at the Holiday Inn this Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 29.

This year, there's a sister event a week later at historic Tin City in Naples – Tin City Wine Tasting and Sand Sculpting Festival. Plus, coordinators have added a wine tasting festival component to both events and will be coordinating with the sixth annual Fort Myers Beach Film Festival.

The Fort Myers Beach event will have a movie theme, featuring sculptures from movies from the 1930s to today while the Tin City event is themed Wines From Around The World. Both events will be entirely protected from the elements via a massive tent on the beach and under the covered parking area at Tin City.

New this year, Sand Bash is coordinating with the 6th annual Fort Myers Beach Film Festival ([www.fmbfilmfest.com](http://www.fmbfilmfest.com)). On Friday night, April 27, an oversized inflatable movie screen will be set up at the Holiday Inn to show films.

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## Florida Rep's Lunchbox Series Continues With An Adventure

Florida Repertory Theatre's popular Lunchbox Theatre Series continues at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, April 21 with a make-believe adventure about the power of using your imagination. Perfect for kids of all ages, *The Imaginators* plays at 11 a.m. The \$12 admission price includes the performance, lunch and an interactive post-show workshop.

In *The Imaginators*, Tim and his big sister, Anne, just moved to a new town, and they don't know any of the kids in their new neighborhood. Afraid she'll get picked on, Anne doesn't want to be seen playing childish games with her kid brother. But when they meet the girl from next door – the fabulous Nina Frances Elizabeth Vanderhelden – she takes Tim and a reluctant Anne on an epic make-believe adventure. Using only moving boxes and the stuff they find inside them, the three heroes battle a child-eating monster, and discover their strengths, the value of cooperation, individuality and the unlimited power of their own imaginations. This inventive and exciting play is a journey into a forgotten world of creativity and fantasy that we all possess – if we just know where to look for it.

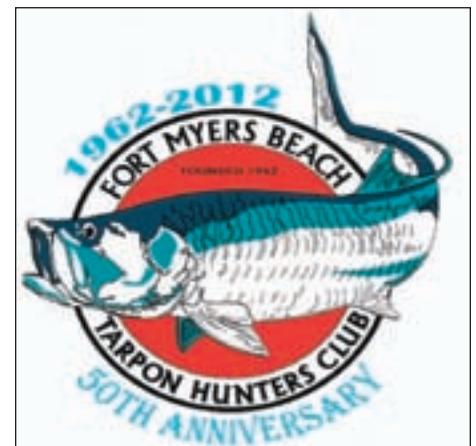
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## Open House At Tarpon Hunters Club On Saturday

This Saturday, April 21, the Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary with an open house from 5 to 9 p.m. Established in 1962, it is the oldest tarpon fishing club in the world.

Past members are invited to attend the gala in order to renew friendships and to meet and socialize with new members and club officers. Meet club legends who over the years have tamed the mighty fish known as Silver Kings.

The open house will be held at Bonita Bill's Restaurant, 702 Fishermans Wharf in Fort Myers Beach under the Matanzas Bridge. Meetings are held on the first



Wednesday of each month.

For more information, contact Mac or Lois MacKenzie at 437-2487 or go to [www.fmbth.com](http://www.fmbth.com).✪

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now

# Boy Scout Troop 18 Headquarters

by Gerri Reaves



**W**hen the cornerstone of blue marble was laid for the new Boy Scouts of America Troop 18 headquarters on October 1, 1944, each troop member placed a keepsake in it.

The building was constructed west of the Edgewood Methodist Church, whose sanctuary stood on Seminole Avenue at Freemont Street. The church had become the troop sponsor in May 1942.

The new building was funded with about \$1,800 from scouting supporters, and the land was donated by the City of Fort Myers.

Doug Bartleson, who joined the troop at age 12 in 1948, well remembers the headquarters. The cinder-block structure was approximately 50 by 100 feet, he recalls, with four patrol rooms of 12-foot square on each corner.



The cornerstone, laid on October 1, 1944, was incorporated into a new church building decades ago

photos by Gerri Reaves



Troop 18 scout master H.O. Kight poses in the doorway at the Thomas Goolsby Boy Scout Memorial hut, which once stood in the Fort Myers City Park. He served as a Royal Palm Council executive before becoming a scout volunteer. He died in 1966

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society



Boy Scout Troop 18's headquarters once stood on Seminole Avenue west of Freemont Street

photo by Gerri Reaves

The facility included a kitchen, showers, a small storage room and a scout master's office. There was room in the attic to store camping gear.

A large field lay behind the building, where scouts could hone their camping skills and play sports.

According to Bartleson's *Scouting in Fort Myers, The Early Days*, Troop 18 had a "fantastic advancement record" and the most Eagle scouts of any troop in the Royal Palm district, or maybe even the Sunny Land Council.

Also vivid in his memory is H.O. Kight, who led the troop from 1946 to 1953. Before becoming scout master for Troop 18, Kight had served as council executive for the Royal Palm Council from 1927 until 1936. (Fort Myers later merged with the Sunny Land Council.)

After Kight resigned that professional paid position, he became a volunteer.

The scout leader had earned his eagle badges in his youth and was a member of Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout of America's National Honor Society for campers.

An exemplary mentor and a fount of knowledge on scouting, Kight was a natural at training scouts and inspiring them to lead and attain eagle status themselves, according to Bartleson.

The scout master personally funded the full woodshop in back of the headquarters, too, so his troop could earn all their woodworking badges.

Scouting enjoyed a heyday in the 1940s and 1950s, but participation later waned, not only in Fort Myers, but nationwide.

In 1969, the church ceased sponsorship of the troop, which subsequently lost its charter and was disbanded. The scout headquarters that had meant so much to so many young men was eventually demolished.

The cornerstone contents had crumbled into dust, but the cornerstone was salvaged and incorporated into a new church building.

The site of the former Edgewood Methodist Church is now Grace Christian Ministries. Other church buildings and a parsonage occupy the land where the Troop 18 headquarters, field and woodworking shop once were.

The troop's history, however, has resumed. It was re-chartered in May 2002 by the

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# Photography Only Winners



*Street Singer In Green* by Steve Conley - Second Place



*Decay* by Tom Haydock - Merit Award



First place winner Dan Calvert

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*Boat On A Leash* by Jeanna Foxall - Third Place



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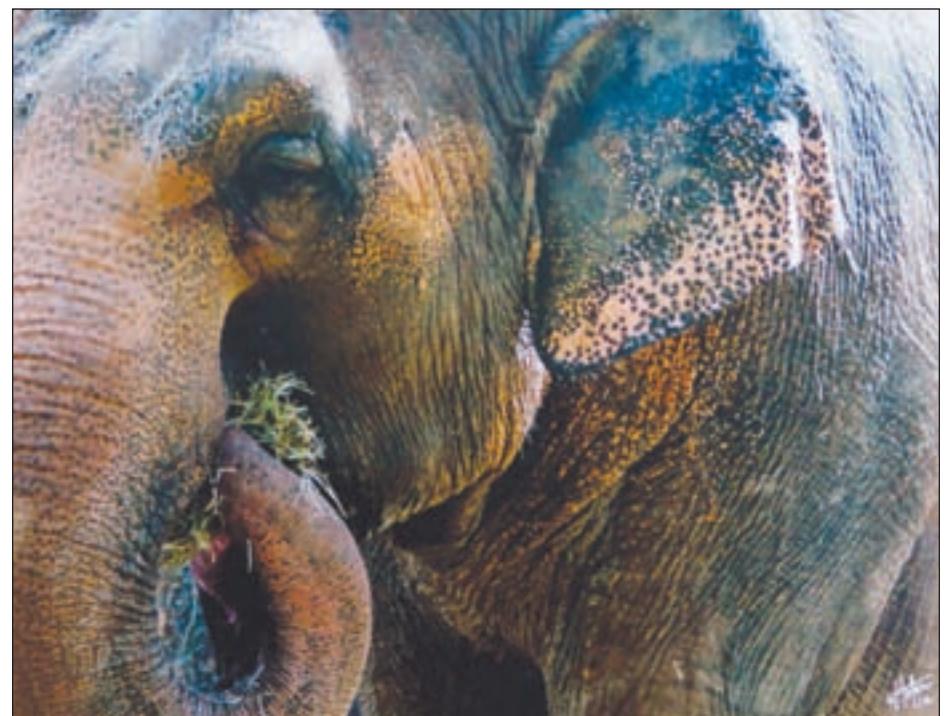
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*Elephant* by William Hofer - Honorable Mention

# MOAA Hosts Vice Admiral



Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink accepts a gift of the American flag from MOAA Chapter President Roger Trifsthauser

Nearly 80 members and guests of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA heard Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, chief of navy reserve, describe the importance of the reserve component of the U.S. Navy at a recent meeting. Active duty reservists are currently serving in areas throughout the Pacific, Mideast, Persian Gulf, the Horn of Africa and the Atlantic. Also in attendance were three navy academy midshipman candidates from Lee County: Cole Wright (Evangelical Christian School), Samantha Robbins (Canterbury School) and Michael



U.S. Navy Academy midshipman candidates: Cole Wright of Evangelical Christian High, Samantha Robbins of Canterbury School and Michael Higgins of Evangelical Christian School

Higgins (Evangelical Christian School).

This was the final meeting of the sea-

son. Meetings will resume in November.✪

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# Tribute To America's Heroes

Join the Fort Myers Recreation Division, the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and American Legion Post 38 on Sunday, May 27 at Centennial Park in Fort Myers for A Tribute To America's Heroes, which will begin at 11 a.m. The tribute will feature performances by noted gospel recording artist Gayla James, Lee County Young Artist of the Year Sam Bostic, Ancelyn Willis and FMPD Officer Yvetta Dominique.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office will provide a rifle salute and flyover. The Fort Myers Police Department will present the Colors and the United States Coast Guard will be laying a wreath on the Caloosahatchee River.

Also, the American Red Cross will be accepting items for "Care Packages" for deployed troops such as individually wrapped pieces of hard candy (Twizzlers, Tootsie Rolls, Tootsie Roll Pops, bubble gum, Skittles, lollipops and Life Savers). Other items include microwave popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, Kool-Aid, drink mixes and other snack foods. Non-perishables include travel size wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm and foot powder. Toiletry items such as shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shower soap/gel while entertainment activities such as playing cards, puzzle books and reading material will also be accepted.

Concessions will be available. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.✪

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## Lee County Draws Tourism Year-Round

submitted by Commissioner Ray Judah

Easter used to mark the end of tourist season but thanks to the vision and outstanding work of the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau and Tourism Development Council, visitors from all over the world enjoy our well-maintained beaches and amenities throughout the year. A strong collaborative partnership between the VCB/TDC and the Lee County Port Authority, with professional assistance from our marketing agents in German-speaking countries, the United Kingdom and Canada promote Lee County as the premier vacation destination for tourists throughout the world.

The tourist tax is divided into three basic categories: 54 percent for marketing and advertising, 26 percent to maintain and manage our beaches and 20 percent for capital projects such as baseball stadiums. Recognizing that our beaches and waterways are the foundation of Lee County's multi-billion dollar tourism economy, the TDC has funded more than \$48 million during the past 10 years to manage and renourish our beaches and protect and maintain our rivers and coastal estuaries.

Over the years, Lee County has worked with federal, state and local governments, along with special tax-

ing districts such as the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, to ensure the proper management of our beaches from Boca Grande and Sanibel/Captiva to Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Beach. Tourist tax funds are also used extensively for county-wide projects such as rehabilitation of the fishing pier on Fort Myers Beach, nourishment of Yacht Club Beach in Cape Coral; restrooms on Sanibel, Bonita Beach and Lovers Key; and construction of numerous beach parks along our county coastline. Summer tourism is enhanced with TDC support of The Great Calusa Blueway for canoe, kayak, and paddleboard enthusiasts.

Over the past eight years, the TDC has funded efforts to develop stricter water quality standards and landmark legislation to protect and restore the Caloosahatchee and coastal estuaries. However, increased federal and state funding for enhanced water storage and treatment of excessive releases of polluted water from Lake Okeechobee, coupled with meaningful changes in public policy by the South Florida Water Management District for managing Lake Okeechobee as a living ecosystem rather than a reservoir for agricultural runoff would greatly reduce adverse harm to the Caloosahatchee and coastal estuaries.

The TDC also understands the importance of diversifying amenities to strengthen the flow of tourism revenue into our local economy. To that end, the tourist tax was used to build the Minnesota Twins Spring Training Complex and JetBlue Park. Major League baseball teams, amateur baseball organi-

zations, and collegiate baseball and softball tournaments all place a lot of heads in beds while pumping more than \$75 million annually into our local economy and extending the use of the stadiums far beyond the Spring Training season.

The Fort Myers Miracle call the Lee County Sports Complex home for their 150-game season from April to August, and the Gulf Coast Instructional League uses the facility in the fall and winter. Amateur baseball tournaments are scheduled throughout the year intermixed with non-baseball events such as concerts, and garden and RV shows.

JetBlue Park was designed to provide soccer fields after spring training and in fact, the South Florida Knights Soccer Club, a youth soccer organization with Global Premier Soccer, recently announced that JetBlue Park will be their new home starting this fall. The Knights will partner with North Fort Myers, Gateway and Sanibel soccer clubs. Furthermore, the Boston Red Sox will use JetBlue Park for rehabilitation of injured players and their Minor League rookie program. Other non-baseball events will include outdoor family movie nights, recreational sports leagues and concerts.

The VCB and TDC have done an extraordinary job of balancing the use of tourist tax revenues to increase the flow of business to our motels, hotels, restaurants, retail stores and attractions; provide responsible stewardship of our precious water resources; and support a variety of amenities with year-round use.\*

## League Of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Lee County will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers.

The topic for the meeting is Lee County Mosquito Control, with executive director T. Wayne Gale providing a presentation on the need for mosquito control, how it is accomplished, the costs and an explanation of why Lee County is different than the other counties in Florida with regard to mosquito control.

League members and the interested public may make reservations by e-mailing fishpatricia@yahoo.com or calling 466-8381.

Cost to attend the lunch is \$20, and student rates are available. Lunch choices include chicken cordon bleu, Tri Salad (tuna, chicken, krab) or vegetarian.

For more information, contact Sandy Frank at 415-7654.

The League of Women Voters of Lee County Florida is a non-partisan organization that promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Information on the programs and issues of the League of Women Voters is available on the web at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org), [www.lwvfla.org](http://www.lwvfla.org) and [www.lwvlee.org](http://www.lwvlee.org). Call 278-1032 or e-mail [lwvlee@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvlee@yahoo.com).\*

## Yacht Club Aids Children's Hospital

On March 10, St. Charles Yacht Club in south Fort Myers held a boating event for children who had been treated, or were currently under care, at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The event, entitled Making Waves for The Children's Hospital, organized and funded by the club, included lunch in the open air at the marina with lots of games including remote controlled powerboats in the swimming pool.

Fifteen children, many of whom were hospitalized at The Children's Hospital the day before the event, and their families were greeted by NBC-2 Meteorologist Robert Van Winkle. The children and their parents received special attention from U.S. Coast Guard officers who gave tours of their exciting and fast silver and red boat, and were also invited to get aboard a TowBoatUS rescue vessel. For this event, BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water sent the club loaner life preservers and *SAIL* magazine provided name tag holders which can also be used as sunglass retainers.

The highlight of the day was going out on the Caloosahatchee River aboard St. Charles Yacht Club members' boats after lunch. The children were encouraged to sit alongside the captains. All the captains reported great enthusiasm.

"It was incredibly special to see the children's faces light up as they came aboard and then felt the freedom of boating," said Joanne Garner, children's event committee chair.

On the same evening, a gala dinner and auction brought over 100 club members and guests to St. Charles Yacht Club. Resident Victor Mayeron served as Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer. There was a spirited live auction of five items: a week on a Moorings 47-foot powerboat in the British Virgin Islands, five days at South Seas Island Resort including an Offshore Sailing School learn to sail course, a gift certificate to Congress Jewelers on Sanibel, a progressive dinner in four Mediterranean-style villas owned by club members, and a week at Fish Tales, a private home on North Captiva.

To date \$72,657 has been raised through child sponsorships, a shopping spree at Chico's Company Store, private donations and pledges, event registrations, and the silent and live auctions. "We are grateful to our members and guests for such incredibly generous support of our Making Waves for The Children's Hospital project," said Liz Byck, event co-chair and auction committee chair.

Club members, the children and their families bonded through the special events and plan to keep in touch. The St. Charles Yacht Club has an active art group which has invited one of the young girls, under treatment for cancer, to exhibit her jewelry at the club's annual art show.\*

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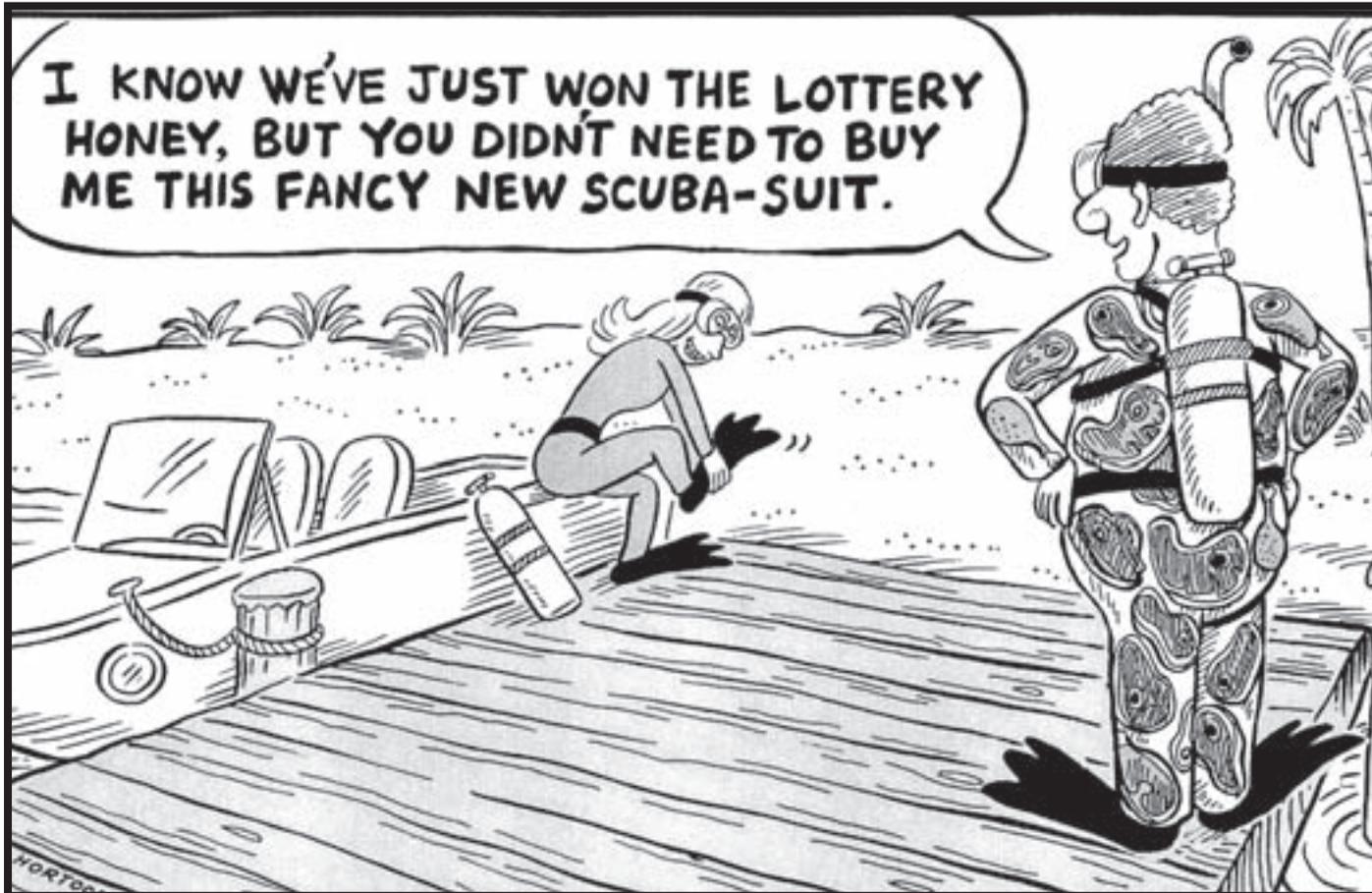
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## Boy Scout Troop 18

Gateway Trinity Lutheran Church of Fort Myers.

Visit the site where decades ago, scouts had fun as they acquired skills that prepared them for adult life. See the cornerstone laid with great hopes in 1944.

Then, drop by the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the historic East Fort Myers neighborhood.

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.

Then, visit one of the area's best research centers – the Southwest Florida Historical Society – where you can read Bartleson's history of several Fort Myers Boy Scout troops.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization 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.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and *Scouting in Fort Myers, The Early Days* by Doug Bartleson.\*

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## Sand Bash

"Sand Bash has successfully brought so much attention to Fort Myers Beach, we are honored to partner with this fun event by bringing films to the beach," said Mark List, chairman of the Fort Myers Beach Film Festival Board. "Park yourself on a beach chair or blanket and settle in for a free entertaining evening."

Guests are welcome to attend daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April 20 to 29. There will be many interactive activities for guests to partake in, including:

- Watch world-renowned sand sculptor, John Gowdy, create a painting on a spinning canvas to music known as *Flying Colors*. Once complete, Gowdy's paintings are auctioned with a portion of the sale going to a local charity
- Kid's activities area with bounce houses, water slides and more
- Chain saw art demonstrations with world-renowned Canadian artist Craig Mutch

- Sand sculpting demonstrations presented by The Sand Lovers
- Photo opportunities with sand sculptures
- Two amateur sand sculpting contests for all ages

- Over 50 vendors from around the country offering food, beverages, specialty retail and arts and crafts
  - Quick Sand, a speed sculpting competition presented by The Sand Lovers
- The Sand Lovers, LLC, a professional sand sculpting company, and the Fort

Myers Beach Holiday Inn have teamed up to produce the events. Master sculptors from around the world are coming to create new exhibition sculptures, something a bit different for Southwest Florida. Working without time limits, the sculptors' work promises to be spectacular.

Over the past few years, The Sand Lovers has directly and indirectly donated over \$130,000 to local charities from past sand sculpting events.

"We always make it a point to give back to the local community through charity donations and this year's Sand Bash will be no different," said Marianne Knight, owner and professional sand sculptor.

For the Fort Myers Beach event, tickets are just \$5 and children 5 and under are free. For a family of four, tickets are \$18 and tickets to the wine tasting tent are \$20 (includes sand access). For more information, go to [www.sandbash.com](http://www.sandbash.com).

For Tin City viewing and wine tasting event are \$15. For more information, go to [www.tin-city.com](http://www.tin-city.com).

### Location & Transportation

The second annual Sand Bash will be held at the Holiday Inn located at 6890 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach. Attendees are encouraged to arrive from the south in order to avoid traffic congestion. Event directors have coordinated a revolving bus system to transport attendees from the Lover's Key parking area to the site on the weekends.

The Naples Sand Bash event will be held at Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Avenue South in Naples.\*

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## Dancing With The Docs Gala



Patrick Nolan

The community is invited to the Dancing With The Docs Gala on Sunday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at the Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers. This fundraiser benefits Jewish Family Services of the

Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties.

The Fred Astaire Dance School is offering eight complimentary lessons to each of the participating doctors to learn a dance routine for the competition. The instructors will participate in the competition as dance partners for the doctors. They will also open the evening with a professional dance show.

Emcee for the evening will be Fox 4 anchorman Patrick Nolan.

The doctors participating in the dance competition are Dr. Lowell Hart, Dr. Amy Wecker, Dr. Tatiana Reynolds, Dr. Konnie Yankopulus, Dr. Anne McNamara, Dr. Peter Denk, Dr. Lynn Einbinder and Dr. Manish Bhalla.

The evening promises to be lots of fun and everyone attending may participate in judging the winners by buying votes for their favorite dancing doctor. Votes cost \$1 each. There will also be a silent auction at the event.

General admission tickets are \$65 each and include one cocktail, one vote, three-course dinner (entrée choices are salmon or vegetarian) and the dance show. Tickets are available online at [www.DancingWithDocs.com](http://www.DancingWithDocs.com).

For more information, contact Naomi Rubin at the Jewish Federation at 481-4449 ext. 3 or [naomirubin@jfedlcc.org](mailto:naomirubin@jfedlcc.org).

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# Along The River



There's a beach party every weekend at Nervous Nellie's on Fort Myers Beach

**Nervous Nellie's** on Fort Myers Beach is a casual, family-fun restaurant that boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. Dine inside in air-conditioned comfort or outside on Nellie's expansive waterfront patio. Grab a bite to eat or drink and jam to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area's premier musical talent.

Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Happy hour specials are served all day, every day.

This Friday, April 20, Harrold Antoine plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by the Picket Fence Band from 6 to 10 p.m. while 420 with Mark Kobie plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, it's Jimmy G downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by the Ira Wilkes from 6 to 10 p.m.; Sunday, No Way José downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by High Tide from 6 to 10 p.m. and Free Spirit upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Monday, Mary Winner downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Left of Center 6 to 10 p.m. while Rob Matson plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday, Smokin Bill plays downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed by Harrold Antoine from 6 to 10 p.m. while Phil Oxford plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.; Wednesday, Dave Collaton downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m. followed Ira Wilkes from 6 to 10 p.m. while Rob Matson plays upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m; and Thursday, Laurie Star Duo downstairs from 1 to 5 p.m followed by Mike Glean from 6 to 10 p.m. and The Oyster Band

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Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar, next door to The Sandy Butler Market, is hosting its monthly three-course wine dinner on April 24

upstairs from 6 to 10 p.m.

Nervous Nellie's and Ugly's are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. 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 Sunday, April 22 from 12:30 to 4 p.m., the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties is hosting the annual **Israel Fest**. The event is a celebration of Israeli Independence Day through Israeli arts, food and music. It's a day of wholesome fun for the entire family. This year's celebration includes:

- A shaded area with chairs to enjoy the celebration and listen to live music
- Delicious fresh food prepared by Chef Dalia Hemed
- Adult and children singers from Temple Beth El and Temple Judea performances
- Lynn and Joe Goldovitz performing Israeli and Jewish folk music
- The Shalom Dancers performing and teaching Israeli dances
- A craft booth where of kids all ages can make arts and crafts free of charge
- Kids can create a t-shirt with their name in Hebrew for a nominal fee
- The popular Archaeology Dig will return
- A 10-foot by 60-foot display depicting Israel's history and the history of Jews in Florida

Local temples and Jewish organizations will have booths with program and event information

Vendors selling gifts and jewelry

Israel Fest will be held at the Jewish Federation, 9701 Commerce Center Court (off Bass and Summerlin Roads), Fort Myers. The entrance fee of \$2 for anyone over the age of 12 will benefit the local Jewish Family Services. For more information, go to [www.JewishFederationLCC.org](http://www.JewishFederationLCC.org).

On Tuesday, April 24, **Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar** is hosting its April wine dinner. Enjoy a fabulous three-course tasting dinner paired with an excellent selection of California wines starts beginning at 7 p.m.

First course is seared scallops with lemon coconut curry aioli paired with a Pavilion Crossing chardonnay; second course is antipasto paired with a Cartledge and Browne zinfandel; and third course is a surf and turf of petite filet mignon with shrimp scampi served with béarnaise, green beans and shoestring fries paired with a Ramspeck cabernet.

The cost is \$40 per person and reservations are required by April 22. All wines served at the dinner can be purchased next door at The Sandy Butler Market.

Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar is located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Call 482-6765 or go to [www.shoalswinebar.com](http://www.shoalswinebar.com).



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From left, event committee member Heather Fitzenhagen, committee co-chair Sandy Stilwell, and Hope HealthCare Services president and CEO Samira K. Beckwith

## Celebration Of Women To Benefit Hope Hospice

For the past five years, nearly 1,000 women have gathered each spring in downtown Fort Myers to honor the female spirit and the important role women have in our society as caregivers. The Celebration of Women to benefit Hope Hospice has been a sellout every year. Tickets are now on sale for the 2012 event, and organizers are projecting another sellout.

What makes the celebration so popular? The fun! This year, guests will enjoy a champagne reception, silent auction, raffle, boutique shopping, lunch and a fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue, Mirage Boutique, Jennifer's and Brodeur Carvelle. Also, nationally-acclaimed musical artists Mark Sanders and Lee Van Asten will perform Broadway showtunes.

Winners in the auction and raffle will have even more reasons to celebrate. Among the available items:

- A pink Piaggio Vespa LX50 scooter, valued at \$6,000
- Unprecedented personal pampering with a \$1,500 gift certificate to Azul Spa
- A 46-inch flat screen TV from Bill Smith Appliances and Electronics, valued at \$1,399
- A Whirlpool Cabrio Energy Star, High-Efficiency Washer and Dryer, valued at \$1,800, courtesy of Home-Tech

"See you at the Celebration!" has become something I hear throughout the year from so many people in the community," said Hope Hospice president and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. "We really look forward to this fun afternoon with long-time friends and new ones, in support of a very important cause."

This year's Celebration of Women will be held on Thursday, April 26 at the

Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Doors open at 11 a.m. and valet parking will be available.

Tickets are \$55 per person. Tables for eight guests are \$550. Event sponsorships are available from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.hopehospice.org/celebration](http://www.hopehospice.org/celebration).

For tickets and sponsorship information, contact Sherri Holly at 855-454-3104 or [sherri.holly@hopehcs.org](mailto:sherri.holly@hopehcs.org).

Proceeds from the event benefit Hope Hospice, with a special emphasis on Hope Kids Care, for children with a serious illness, grieving or at the end of life.

The Celebration of Women event committee includes co-chairs Sandy Stilwell and Rose Bernal-Rundle as well as Victoria Black, Dodie Booher, Michel Doherty, Sharlene Dozier, Heather Fitzenhagen, Deanna Hansen, Elaine Hawkins, Amy Hawthorne, Jacque Miloff, Liz Munz, Jenna Persons, Betty Sanders, Judy Sowers, Rena Tchekmian, Mary Jo Walker and Raimonda Childress.

Sponsors of this year's event include The Bireley Family Funds, The George and Mary Jo Sanders Foundation, Harborside Event Center, The News-Press Media Group, Saks Fifth Avenue, Condo & HOA Law Group, *Gulfshore Life* magazine, Private Client Insurance Services, Stilwell Enterprises/Sunshine Grille, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Azul Spa/Dr. Patrick Flaherty, *Times of the Islands*/TOTI Media, Accent Business Products, Jennifer's, Mirage Boutique, Bill Smith Electronics and Appliances, Brodeur Carvell, FineMark Bank, The Hansen and Humprey Families, Home-Tech, Eco-Spaces/Landex Resorts, Lynn and Lory Kirby, Liz Munz, Mainsail Video Productions, John E. and Aliese Price Foundation, and Northern Trust.

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Sunday services: 9 and 11 a.m.  
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Unitarian Summer: 11 a.m. Tapestry of Faith Programs, child care provided  
Adult workshops: 9:30 a.m. Faith Like a River: Themes from UU History.  
226-0900, Email: allfaithsuc@embarqmail.com, Website: www.allfaiths-uc.org

## ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

10291 Bayshore Rd., N. Fort Myers  
Divine Liturgy is on Sun. at 10:30 a.m.;  
Rosary begins at 10 a.m.  
Lenten services (Presanctified Liturgy) will be on Wed. evenings at 6 p.m. starting on Feb. 22. Administrator is Very Rev. Peter Lickman, ph. 305-651-0991. We are a Church of the Eastern Catholic or Byzantine Rite, 1.5 mi. east of Int. 75.

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK

### ORTHODOX CHURCH

8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers  
Reverend Fr. Athanasios Michalos  
Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Programs, Greek School,  
Sunday School, Community Night  
239-481-2099

## BETH SHILOH

### MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

15675 McGregor Boulevard, 437-3171  
Rabbi: Judah Hungerman  
Friday Service, 8 p.m., Saturday Service,  
11 a.m. Shabbat School Saturday Morning,  
Adult Hebrew Classes.  
Call for information on full program.

## BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

### CHURCH OF GOD

16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166  
Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall  
Pastor: Barry Lentz, 281-3063  
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

## CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers  
239-850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove  
Retirement Center on HealthPark Campus  
An ecumenical non-denominational community of believers.

Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Reverend Ted Althouse, Pastor

revtedalthouse@aol.com

## CHURCH OF THE CROSS:

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188

Pastors: Jeff Moran and Michael Bulter;  
A nondenominational church emphasizing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.  
Sunday Service: 9 a.m. Contemporary  
10:45 a.m. Traditional.

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2439 McGregor Boulevard, 334-8937  
Reverend Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Senior Pastor  
Reverend David Dietzel, Pastor Emeritus.  
Traditional Sunday service 10 a.m. Nursery available

## CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

8400 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-5442 Randy A. Alston, Reverend.  
Sunday Services: Bible study, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Evening  
Worship, 7 p.m., Wednesday Prayer  
Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## CYPRESS LAKE

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor  
Sunday services: 8 and 11 a.m. Traditional;

9:30 a.m. Contemporary; 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Church K4J Kids for Jesus

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### METHODIST CHURCH

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
482-1250

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9:30 a.m. Praise Service

Sunday School all times

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p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.  
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Children's Church for ages 5-12 available  
at each service.

## FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard

Fort Myers, 482-2030

Pastor: David Stauffer.

Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;

Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The  
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Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning

Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6

p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

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2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901

239-332-1152, www.fumcftmyers.org

Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

5 p.m. Youth Program

7 p.m. Spanish Worship

## FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330

Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church School: 9:15 a.m.

## FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,

482-3133. Philip White, pastor

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Church School: 10:15 a.m.

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The Reverend Dr. John S. Adler, pastor.

Weekly services:

Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing

Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;  
9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing  
and Church School

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in  
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881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143

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9 a.m. Awesome Grace Contemporary

10:30 a.m. Classic Grace Traditional

8:45 & 10 a.m. Sunday School God's

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website: messiahreformed.com

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study

noon Sunday Fellowship Lunch

Monthly Teen Events

see website for podcasts, special events,

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### OF FORT MYERS

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239-985-8503

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11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.

7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

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E-mail: rabbi.barras@templebethel.com

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Shabbat Services, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

## WCI Community Donates Proceeds From Holiday Ornament Sales



Terri Lollo, Pelican Preserve fitness and activities director, Pat Archer; Tracy Connelly, senior director of development for The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida; Sue Jensen; and Judi Simpson. Not pictured is Dotti Hansen

Residents of Pelican Preserve made wonderful use of Swarovski crystal pieces donated to them from WCI Communities after the pieces were no longer needed for a chandelier in one of WCI's properties. The group of ladies made and sold custom holiday ornaments from the crystals, which raised \$2,000.

The group chose to donate their proceeds to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida's Gift Of A Lifetime Campaign, which seeks to raise \$125 million to build a new, free-standing tower at HealthPark Medical Center. That facility will house 136 new beds to treat children and grandchildren from the six-county area.✱

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### Churches/Temples

Saturday morning at 9 a.m.  
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Web site: [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org)  
Preschool director: JoAnn Goldman  
email [templejudeapreschool@gmail.com](mailto:templejudeapreschool@gmail.com)  
433-0201, Web site: [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org)  
Affiliated: United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

**THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX**  
5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers  
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Web site: [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org)  
Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon  
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**THE NEW CHURCH**  
The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circ. #401, behind Zoomers. Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events are held on the beach in Fort Myers Beach. See our webpage <http://www.new-churchflorida.com/> or call for more information 239-481-5535.

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1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers  
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Website: [www.taecc.com](http://www.taecc.com)

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Sunday Service:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11 a.m. Blended Worship  
[www.westminsterfortmyers.org](http://www.westminsterfortmyers.org)

**WORD OF LIFE CHURCH**  
2120 Collier Ave, Fort Myers, 274-8881;  
Services: Sunday 10 a.m.;  
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Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers,  
481-4040, Interim Pastor Jim Eggert  
Pastor Peter Weeks

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. Traditional;  
10 a.m. Blended Traditional and Contemporary;  
11:30 a.m. Contemporary.  
Children's Sunday School, Adult /Teen Bible Classes, 10 a.m.✱



Villas Elementary School personnel spent a Saturday morning helping sort food at the Harry Chapin Food Bank

## Volunteers Are Backbone Of Food Bank

The Harry Chapin Food Bank has a plethora of volunteers that help carry out the mission of the food bank. In 2011, 2,154 volunteers donated over 32,000 hours; this represents a value of more than \$680,000. In March of this year, 2,012 volunteers donated 3,159 hours sorting and packing 40,648 pounds of food.

National Volunteer Week, April 15 to 21, is the opportune time to give thanks to these volunteers who serve in many capacities, including sorting and packing food, processing fresh produce and donated items, repacking products, serving at mobile food pantries, providing administrative assistance, working at events, and serving on committees.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank volunteers come from many walks of life – professionals who donate their services, retirees, students, faith-based and commu-

nity service organizations and corporate groups.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

Sponsored by Points of Light Institute, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown each subsequent year.

Currently, the Harry Chapin Food Bank is seeking volunteers to help with the 20th annual Letter Carrier Food Drive on Saturday, May 12. Volunteers will help with a preliminary sort of the donated food picked up by the letter carriers.

For more information about volunteering for this event or other opportunities, contact Bedzaida Bryen at 334-7007 ext. 141 or [bedzaidabryen@harrychapinfoodbank.org](mailto:bedzaidabryen@harrychapinfoodbank.org).

For additional information about the Harry Chapin Food Bank, visit [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org).✱

## Annual African AID 5K Race

The African AID 5K Race is an annual fundraising event sponsored by New Hope Presbyterian Church and the Fort Myers Track Club for the children of South Africa who are affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. All of the proceeds raised will be donated to World Vision, a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. this Saturday, April 21 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 3825 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. The route will run along McGregor Boulevard from Jefferson Street to El Prado Street and back to the church. McGregor Boulevard will be closed to traffic from Jefferson Street to El Prado Street from 7:30 to

8:15 a.m.

Awards will be given out to the top male and female runners in the following categories: Overall, Masters, Grand Master, and Senior Grand Master in age categories ranging from 9 and under to 70 and over. Scoring and results will be calculated with the ChronoTrack D-Tag System. Refreshments will be served and awards will be presented immediately following the race. Each participant will also receive a free African AID 5K Race t-shirt. Walkers are welcome, too!

A registration form can be completed online at [www.ftmyerstrackclub.com](http://www.ftmyerstrackclub.com), picked up at New Hope Presbyterian Church at 3825 McGregor Boulevard, or filled out on-site on race day starting at 6:45 a.m.

Early registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 17 and under. Race day registration is \$30 for adults and the same price for ages 17 and under. For more information, call the Fort Myers Track Club at 332-4786 or visit [www.ftmyerstrackclub.com](http://www.ftmyerstrackclub.com).✱

# Tarpon Not Biting, But Redfish Are

by Capt. Matt Mitchell



Conditions to catch a tarpon were tough at best this week. Windy mornings and even windier afternoons made finding rolling tarpon hard if not next to impossible. A few mornings we did have a window of a few hours before the sea breeze kicked up.

I did have several reports of good numbers of fish in the Knapps Point area at first light until around 9 a.m. The fish were not in great numbers but pods of tarpon were found anywhere from in close to the beach out to around 20 feet of water. The bite seemed to be over by about 10 a.m.

One afternoon, despite the strong sea breeze, I found a good number of tarpon around Captiva Rocks in the middle sound. Although they were free-jumping and rolling all around the pack of six or more boats fishing them, no one hooked up. With so many tarpon being sighted I cannot wait for these winds to lie down and make it possible to go out and sight-fish.

Areas both inside and outside Captiva and Redfish passes have been great places to bend a rod. Spanish mackerel, ladyfish and sharks make up the majority of the action but you never really know what type of fish the next bite will bring. Free-lining live shiners either while drifting or from an anchored boat was the way to go here.

Redfish fishing up against the mangroves on the higher tides was about the best action in town for me this week. This was the first week I can remember in a long time that we did not catch any short reds at all. Every one caught was a respectable 22 inches and up around the 27-inch max.

I spent the majority of my time redfish fishing along the wind-blown sides of mangrove keys in the southern sound. The type of bait really did not seem to matter once

you located the fish. Fishing with long-time client Jerry Raffa from Sea Isle, New Jersey early in the week, I had one of the most productive redfish trips since the fall. We started out throwing chunks of cut ladyfish and mullet up under the mangroves. The first stop produced one nice keeper and another two or three good hook-ups the anglers lost.

For the next three hours we moved mangrove shoreline to mangrove shoreline catching at least a few redfish at every stop. No one spot held huge numbers of the hungry redfish but every stop produced at least a few good sized ones. At one point, while throwing live pinfish under popping corks, the redfish would chase the baits up onto the surface and stick their entire head out of the water to take the bait. Sure this fishing trip was scheduled on the best high tide we have had in months – a 2.7-foot tide – and as soon as the tide stopped coming in, it was like the off-switch was flipped and the bite completely quit.

The redfish bite has been very consistent all week if you can get out on the last few hours of a good high incoming tide. Add to that a south wind of any kind and redfish have been a good bet. While chasing them this week, we also caught a 19-inch flounder along with gag grouper and several small snook.

The bigger trout that have been around for a month or more really seemed to have disappeared on us this week. Stirred up dirty water made getting on any decent sized trout much harder than it has been. Fishing the passes on the slow or even slack tides with a live shiner on or close to the bottom did catch a few limits of trout this week. The reports I have had in recent weeks of some much bigger trout out along the beaches quickly came to an end too with choppy conditions gulfside.

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).✱



Paul Black with a 24-inch gag grouper caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

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The class will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 1:30pm to 4:30 p.m. at the Power Squadron's classroom, 16048 San Carlos Blvd. at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers. The class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area,

as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area.

Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. Optional On-The-Water training is also offered at a later date. Please check with the class instructor for details.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

# Feeding Babies



by Patricia Molloy

**S**pringtime means baby feeding time at CROW. Students and volunteers work around the clock to feed orphaned youngsters in the raccoon, opossum and rabbit rooms on the ground floor of

the clinic.

Currently, the clinic is caring for 40 Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) babies. The youngest ones must be tube fed a dried milk supplement every three hours. Once they are old enough to eat solid foods, the scavenging omnivores are fed a mixture of fruits, mice and soaked kitten chow.

The raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) room contains dozens of little bandits that chatter day and night. They are generally orphaned; incidents of rabies and distemper are low in baby raccoons (i.e., muzzles not required). They are also tube fed and/or bottle fed a milk supplement until they transition to solid meals similar to those fed to the opossums.

Feeding cute baby animals may seem like a dream job for volunteers and students, but as intern Megan Roan noted, "The hardest thing is resisting playing with them because we must keep human contact to a minimum, even when they cry for attention."

It takes weeks or months for the babies to mature enough to survive in the wild. With baby season just beginning, you can do your part in helping local wild-



Baby opossums like this one need to be fed every three hours



Hey! Where's my milk?



This young raccoon was squirmy and not quite ready to suckle. It had to be tube fed by student intern Megan Roan

life by donating items from the clinic's wish list: paper towels, Purina ONE Kitten Chow, Purina Puppy Chow (no colored chunks), wild bird seed, bleach, fragrance-free laundry detergent, new or gently used bath and hand towels, red heat lamps (250W), garbage bags (42 gallons) and ceramic crocks of all sizes (ramekins, etc.).

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

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## Plant Smart

## American Sycamore

by Gerri Reaves

**A**merican sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) is a large tree with a spreading, pyramidal, or round crown.

It can reach well over 100 feet in height with a spread nearly as wide. This straight-trunked tree is one of the largest broadleaf species in North America.

Found in river floodplains and bottomland forests in the wild, in Florida it occurs mostly in northern counties and is not very common as far south as Lee County.

Also called American planetree, it's a fast grower that makes an excellent shade tree because of its dense foliage.

This native's most identifiable characteristic is perhaps the beautiful peeling bark in shades of brown, gray, or green, with cream or white under-bark.

Also distinctive are the large incised star- or hand-shaped leaves with three to seven lobes. The inconspicuous red flowers appear in spring.

Clusters of the spherical fruit turn from green to brown, some remaining on the tree after leaf fall. Although the seeds are not a major food source for wildlife, they are a food source for some songbirds as well as mammals.

Older specimens, which sometimes have hollow trunks, provide habitat for



**The ornamental peeling bark is one of American sycamore's most distinctive characteristics** photos by Gerri Reaves

a variety of cavity-nesters such as owls, flycatchers, and chimney swifts.

This tree prefers plenty of moisture in rich well-drained soil. It is highly drought tolerant, but chronically dry conditions can shorten its life.

Raised roots can be a problem for sidewalks and driveways, so give it plenty of room. In a natural site, how-



**New leaves emerge in spring alongside seed balls that remained through the winter**

ever, those intertwining roots can help to stabilize soil and minimize erosion, so American sycamores are valuable in reclamation projects.

Both the seed balls and falling leaves can be maintenance considerations, too. But for homeowners who prefer shade and less grass to mow, this elegant tree is a blessing.

Sources: *A Gardener's Guide to*

*Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio, *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell, [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu), [floridata.com](http://floridata.com), and [sfrc.ufl.edu](http://sfrc.ufl.edu).

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

## Caring For Your Plants

## Make It Through The Dry Months



by Justen Dobbs

**M**arch and April tend to be our driest months here in Southwest Florida. This winter, we have received a below-average rainfall. This can be detri-

mental to some palms, trees, plants and grass if they are not tended to properly. If you drive around town and look at most front lawns, you will notice that they are dry-looking or even dead. For those not fortunate enough to have an irrigation system, keeping plants and trees looking good throughout the year can be a difficult task. So, what can be done about it?

A few simple steps can give your plants, trees, and lawn a better chance at survival during winter:

1. Set your mower so that it cuts less of your grass, keeping the blades tall. This forces the grass to send its roots down deeper and tap into more ground water. It also helps to prevent evaporation in between the blades.

2. Put down some fresh mulch (cypress, malalucuh or eucalyptus) in early winter. This helps the ground retain



**Palm trees have the ability to store water in their trunks. Grass, however, can dry out in some places and get brown areas**

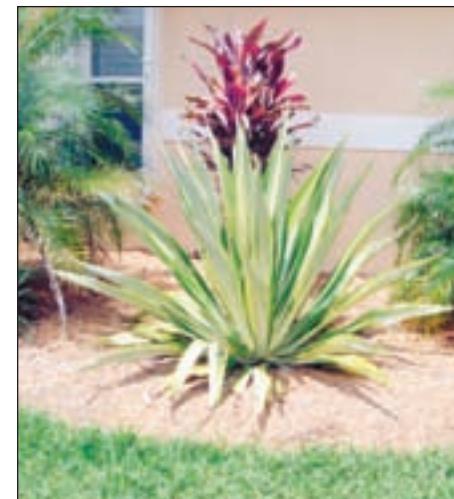
any moisture that is already present. Instead of evaporating, the much-needed moisture is sucked up by the plants' root system.

3. Fertilize all your palms in October or November with 8-10-10 or similar granular fertilizer. Fertilize your lawn at the same time with an appropriate fertilizer, too. This will strengthen your plants so they can better handle the dry months to come.

4. Keep rain-collecting bins under your gutter spouts to collect any rain water that we do have in winter time. Then, use this water in the driest places that need it

the most.

If you do have irrigation, winter can be a good time to find out if the system has any weak spots that aren't delivering water to your plants and lawn. If you allow your lawn to dry out in one area, it can invite pests such as Chinch bugs. These pests can cause further damage to your lawn and even death. Contact your pest control company to discuss this with them. You can also contact your landscaper (if you don't have one, just do a Google search to find some local companies; ask them for references so you can check on their work before hiring them)



**Drought-tolerant plants such as false agave are not native, but can go months without rain here in Florida, just as they do in other countries**

and have them perform a "wet-check" to make sure all sprinkler heads are covering as much area as they can. Typically, a few small adjustments to the heads can correct the problem and cover the dry spots in your lawn.

Remember, most trees and plants are designed to go dormant in the winter so they will not grow as quickly as in the summer- this is normal. But, you should still keep them in check to assure that they don't die from lack of rainfall.

*Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at [seabreezenurseries@gmail.com](mailto:seabreezenurseries@gmail.com).* ✨

## New Earth Day Programs Added At 'Ding' Darling

**J**N "Ding" Darling Refuge staff have announced all-new programs for its Earth Day lineup on Saturday, April 21.

A 45-minute Reading at the Refuge storytime and crafts program is focused on being earth-friendly.

At 1 p.m., refuge interns Kim Ramos and Nicole Adams will present "Plastic Bottle Epidemic: America has a drinking problem and it's time to kick the (plastic) bottle."

The refuge will celebrate the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day in partnership with Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge and Tarpon Bay Explorers.

"We are gearing our activities for all ages," said Ranger Becky Wolff, refuge education specialist. "We'll bring back our disposable bag-costumed Bagzilla character, and teach people how to make yarn out of plastic bags to weave into their own sturdy, reusable shopping bags."

Below is the schedule for earth-friendly and free fun:

Note: \*Regular tram tour fees apply.

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Wildlife Drive is open free to bikers and hikers

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Free bike rentals from Tarpon Bay Explorers' site (returns by 6 p.m.)

9:30 to 11 a.m. – Free Guided Refuge



Earth Day craft activities make use of recycled materials

### Caravan Tour

10 a.m. – The first 200 visitors to the Refuge will receive a free reusable shopping bag, courtesy of DDWS.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Ongoing free Earth Crafts in the Education Center Education Lab

- Make your own "Mother Earth" ornament
- Create a pop-bottle butterfly or jellyfish
- Learn from a pollinator and mind your own beeswax (candle, that is)
- Create a bracelet out of "plarn" (plastic-bag yarn)
- Meet and greet refuge educator

Bagzilla, costumed in a year's worth of an average person's disposable bag consumption

10 to 11 a.m. – Free Guided Native Plant walk along Indigo Trail

\*10 to 11:30 a.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

11 to 11:45 a.m. – Free Reading at the Refuge

11:30 a.m. to noon – "Let's Talk Trash" Marine Timeline Competition for Kids. How long does it take that trash to biodegrade in a marine environment?

\*11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

Lunch on your own

1 to 1:30 p.m. – Plastic Bottle Epidemic: America has a drinking problem and it's time to kick the (plastic) bottle

\*1 to 2:30 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

1:30 to 2 p.m. – Climate Change 101. Learn the basics of climate change and what you can do to help.

2:30 to 3 p.m. – Make Your Own Plarn. Plastic bag overload? Learn how to make "plarn" (plastic-bag yarn) and weave reusable shopping bags that are 10 times stronger than other plastic bags.

\*2:30 to 4 p.m. – Narrated refuge tram tour

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For more information on Earth Day at the Refuge, call 472-1100 or visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org).\*

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## Art For Your Garden

by Di Saggau

**E**leanor Ward's beautiful photos of flowers and local wildlife are a delight to behold. Now she's offering art that is meant to be displayed outdoors. The photos are printed on special paper and treated to withstand outdoor conditions. They will resist fading by the sun and are water resistant. They can be placed directly in the garden or on any outdoor wall. As she says, "Why not bring art to your garden?"

Ward is pictured with *Shoo* featuring great white egrets. It was taken at "Ding" Darling and is one of the photos on display at RS Walsh Landscaping, on Sanibel-Captiva Road across from The Sanibel School.

Other works are currently on exhibit at Lily & Co., Kay Casperson's Life Style Spa and Boutique, Royal Shell Real Estate in the office of John and Denise Beggs, San Cap One Source Realty in the office of Robert Coscia and Sandy



Eleanor Ward and her outdoor art

Ramseth, and at Gator Bites Tails and Ale in Fort Myers. You can also view her works at [www.naturesgifts-photoart.com](http://www.naturesgifts-photoart.com) or call Ward at 288-5684.

Ward is drawn to the beauty and diversity of nature and has a desire to share these wonderful gifts through her photo art. Prices range from \$149 to \$595.\*

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## Lunchbox Series

The Saturday morning show includes a bagged lunch from Florida Rep's restaurant partner, the Morgan House, and a post-show discussion with the actors and an interactive workshop with the Edison & Ford Winter Estates' Wild Wizard. Reservations are required to guarantee your lunch order. Tickets are \$12 each and available online at [www.floridarepeducation.org](http://www.floridarepeducation.org) or through the box office at 332-4488.\*






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Footprints exhibit at last year's Earth Day Festival

## Free Earth Day Festival April 21

More than 40 vendors and environmental partners will participate in the free Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 21 at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center, located at 1450 Merrihue Drive in Naples. The earth-friendly event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature environmental exhibitors and vendors, children's carnival, face-painting, educational presentations, live entertainers and guest speakers.

As a special offer, each guest who brings clean plastic shopping bags for recycling will get a free pass to a Florida State Park – one pass for every 20 plastic shopping bags turned in at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) exhibit, while supplies last.

The tentative main stage schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

- 10 a.m. – Puppet show, Caring For Critters
- 11 a.m. – Snake talk (featuring a live snake)
- 11:40 a.m. – Captain Ecology
- 12:30 p.m. – Award presentation
- 1 p.m. – Raptor presentation (featuring

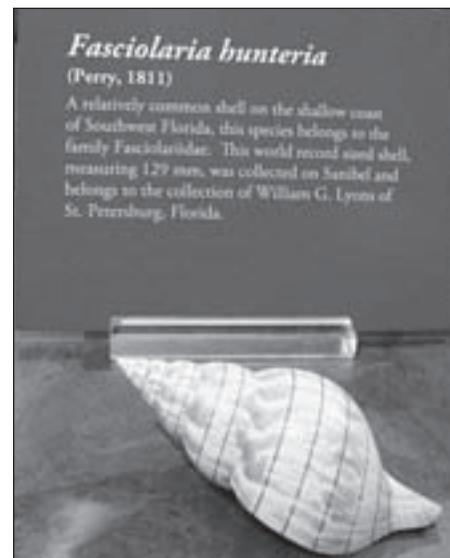
a live bird of prey)  
 1:30 p.m. – Captain Conservation  
 2:15 p.m. – Tortoise talk, followed by a walk to the Christopher B. Smith Preserve gazebo  
 No on-site parking is available at the Conservancy, due to ongoing renovations. Free parking will be available within walking distance at the Colonial Square complex, just south of the Post Office on Goodlette-Frank Road and at Lake Park Elementary. For this day only, Earth Day guests will be able to walk into the Conservancy Nature Center via the new entrance from Goodlette-Frank Road, Smith Preserve Way.

Free admission is made possible by the presenting sponsor, Fifth/Third Bank. Other support for the event has been provided by Subaru and Florida Power & Light.

For information about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, call 262-0304 or visit [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

## Museum Adds Shells To Display

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum has added three pieces to its World Record-Size Shells exhibit: a *Fasciolaria hunteria*, found off Sanibel, and an *Opeatostoma pseudodon*, found off Ecuador, are from the collection of William G. Lyons of St. Petersburg, Florida. The other shell, a *Spondylus tenellus*, was discovered



The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum added this species and two others to its World Record-Size Shell exhibit

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## Learn More About CROW

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 4,253 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, with 36 percent mammals and six percent reptiles/amphibians.

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

The CROW Picture Show is on Friday, April 27 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under.

The fee includes the presentation, plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility and become familiar with CROW's efforts to save wildlife through compassion, care and education.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 228. To learn more about CROW, visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



Baby barn owl



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## Tour To Calusa Indian Mounds On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours focuses on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions.

The tour departs from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva at 10 a.m. on Fridays and proceeds to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way, participants 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.

Guests will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and passengers will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family-run business and their tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax amidst the old Florida charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge, where lunch will be served overlooking the waterfront.

After lunch, participants 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 arche-



**Historic fish house**

ological and historical site – a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide guests on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

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.

For more information and reservations call 472-5300.✪✪

## Host An Overseas Exchange Student

World Heritage Student Exchange program, a public benefit organization, is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from Spain, Germany, Thailand, Norway, China, Russia, France, the former Soviet Union countries, Denmark, Italy, Sweden and more.

Host families are asked to include the student as a member of their family.

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Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his/her own personal spending money and expects to contribute to his/her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

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## America's Boating Course Offered

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering America's Boating Course on Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP.

Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class. The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be held on Saturday, April 28 also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and many other topics to make each boating experience safer and more enjoyable. Successful completion of this course entitles the boater to six months free membership in a United States Power Squadron.

The cost of the course is \$40, with a \$20 cost for a second person sharing the instruction materials.

The course is being taught at the San

Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd. at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers.

Students can register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call 466-4040 for more information.✪✪

## River Advisory

The Lee County Health Department is advising the public to be cautious before exposing themselves, pets or livestock to the brackish and fresh water of the Caloosahatchee River and its tributaries due to sporadic but potentially harmful algal blooms.

It is recommended not to fish, participate in recreational activities or drink the water if:

- The water appears greenish or off color.
- The water smells different.
- Dead or distressed animal and marine life are present.

Algae may grow in lakes, canals and rivers of the county for the foreseeable future. There are a large number of these fresh water bodies, making it impractical to track the algae conditions in all areas.

A warning will be issued if toxic blooms are identified in public areas.✪✪

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## Favorite Local Guitarist Garner's National Exposure



Marc Vee plays regularly at Key Lime Bistro in Captiva and Sunshine Grille in Fort Myers

For the past 12 years, Marc Vee has lived and entertained audiences here in Southwest Florida. Crossing the Everglades in 2000 from the "too crowded" Miami area where Vee grew up, studied music at The University of Miami and met his wife, Elizabeth.

The guitarist, composer and band leader decided to try something different. As he pondered where to go, a call came from a booking agent who needed a jazz band to play at The Alliance for the Arts concert series. Vee signed on and to his amazement, packed the house, playing his original music and sold 100 copies of his debut album, titled *Speaking In Sounds*.

Vee's latest and fifth album is titled *My Journey* and he performs regularly at venues such as Key Lime Bistro in Captiva on Tuesdays and Sundays and Sunshine Grille in Fort Myers on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sandy Stilwell owns Sunshine Grille and Key Lime Bistro and is a great supporter of the arts. Vee also plays private events ranging from weddings to corporate parties at the Hyatt and Ritz-Carlton hotels and concerts.

"Through the years, we have opened for many big names including Kenny G, Boney James and Dave Brubeck to name a few," said Vee.

Their latest album includes *Stairway To Heaven*, *Light My Fire* and eight Marc Vee original compositions. *My Journey* is reviewed in *Vintage Guitar Magazine* in the May 2012 issue along with an interview.

"My biggest passion of all is performing for people who came to listen to my music," he added. "What an honor!"

Vee stays busy all year around playing his guitar for people from all over the country, Europe and Asia, who come to Southwest Florida every year. Many of those folks take Vee's albums

to their countries and return for more the next year. Vee's CDs can be found at [cdbaby.com](http://cdbaby.com) and downloaded on iTunes.

For more information and a schedule of Marc Vee's upcoming performances, go to [www.marcvee.com](http://www.marcvee.com).✱

## Gulfshore Playhouse, Norris Center To Present *Simply Complicated*

Gulfshore Playhouse in partnership with The Norris Center will present Charlotte Cohn's *Simply Complicated: The Elegant Escapades of a Danish-Israeli Opera Singing Tank Commander* Cabaret on April 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include wine and snacks in a New York-style jazz club setting.

What do you get when you cross a Danish Orthodox Jew and a simple Israeli girl from a kibbutz? You get Charlotte Cohn, who at 19 was already a Commander in the Israeli Army, but had her sights on a different path. Join her in this eclectic evening of music ranging from Puccini to The Beatles and hear the real stories that brought her from Ben Yehuda Street to Broadway.

"I'm so thrilled to have Charlotte back to The Norris Center for this brilliant and exciting show," notes Jennifer Fox, park manager of The Norris Center.

Gulfshore Playhouse audiences will remember Charlotte in last fall's *Handle With Care* as Ayelet. Charlotte has performed on Broadway as "Musetta" in *La Boheme* and *Coram Boy*. Regionally she has played "Adriana" in *The Boys From Syracuse* and "Tailia" in *The Murder of Isaac*, both at Centerstage in Baltimore, "The Gargoyle" in *A Night in the Old Marketplace* (written by Glen Berger of Broadway's *Spider-Man*) and "Stephanie Necrophorus" in *Nine* at North Shore Music Theatre.

Charlotte Cohn's *Simply Complicated* Cabaret will perform April 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norris Center, 755 8th Avenue South in downtown Naples. Tickets are \$42, which includes wine and snacks and are available by calling The Norris Center at 213-3058.✱

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## Ballroom Dance Competition For Fifth Graders

Students from seven elementary schools in Lee County will compete in a ballroom dance competition at the Miromar Design Center on Saturday, April 21 beginning at 3 p.m. The event, known as Colors of the Rainbow, is the county-wide finale of the Dancing Classrooms program, a national program administered locally by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools.

The Colors of the Rainbow team match includes several rounds of competition where students are judged on various ballroom dance routines. Teams will be judged by County Commissioner Ray Judah, retired Circuit Judge Hugh E. Starnes and Judge Kathy Sturgis. The teams are identified by colors, with ladies wearing colored sashes and gentlemen wearing colored cards pinned to their backs. Rodney Lopez, star of *Mad Hot Ballroom*, is the emcee of the event. Colors of the Rainbow is open to the public.

The Dancing Classrooms program kicked-off in January with fifth grade students from Bonita Springs Elementary, Colonial Elementary, Edgewood Academy, J. Colin English Elementary, Orange River Elementary, Spring Creek Elementary and Tice Elementary. Students were taught 20 dance lessons



Youngsters learning some of the traditional ballroom dance steps

throughout a 10-week time period, and showed their skills to the community on two separate occasions at Miromar Outlets.

"On February 18 and again on March 3, I experienced the Dancing Classrooms exhibition at the Miromar Outlet Mall in Estero. What an exciting and powerful experience it was! I watched a sea of colors gather along the sidewalks, as students dressed in their designated color T-shirt prepared for their performance. What I quickly observed though, is that it wasn't just a performance, but rather a powerful display of pride and respect. These ladies and gentlemen, with heads

held high and arms in escort position, then delivered a very impressive performance," said Kim Presanzano, area operations manager, CenturyLink and secretary of board of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. "These students have learned dances that many adults only wish they knew. They know the history of the dance and even more powerful than that is when the colors start to mix, these ladies and gentleman transition from one dance partner to the next with the same respect, confidence and pride as when they stepped 'on the floor.' Certainly, 'knowledge is power,' but to add to that the respect, confidence

and pride that the Dancing Classroom curriculum is instilling in these young ladies and gentleman is quite simply, moving."

The mission of the Dancing Classrooms program is to build social awareness, confidence and self-esteem in children through the practice of social dance. The maturity necessary to dance together fosters respect, teamwork, confidence and a sense of joy and accomplishment which The Foundation hopes to bring to every fifth grade child in Lee County as the program grows.

"We see improvements in academics, attitude and self-confidence in students that participate in this program," said Marshall T. Bower, Esq., president and CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. "It is amazing to see the changes that take place in the way these students treat each other, their parents, and other adults as the dancing lessons progress."

Miromar Development is the Major Sponsor of the Dancing Classrooms program. The Miromar Design Center is located at 10800 Corkscrew Road in Estero.

For more information, call Janelle Beaber at 337-0433 or e-mail at [janelle@leeschoolfoundation.org](mailto:janelle@leeschoolfoundation.org).✱



Rebekah Pulley in concert

## Sunday Sunset Concert Series

The Alliance for the Arts' 2012 Bruce T. Gora Sunday Sunset Concert Series wraps up on Sunday, April 22 with Tampa-based Rebekah Pulley & The Reluctant Prophets. Gates open at 4 p.m. and the concert begins at 5 p.m.

An Alaskan born singer/songwriter and guitarist, Rebekah Pulley has been a fixture in the Tampa Bay music scene for more than a decade. She has garnered numerous songwriting awards during that time for her rootsy blend of soulful, southern folk-rock. Her ethereal vocals and poetic lyrics have made her a favorite among both fans and critics. Pulley has earned five "Best of the Bay" awards from *Creative Loafing Tampa*, which described her live singing as "both technically spot-on and emotionally devastating. It can drop your jaw and break your heart."

Pulley began playing the guitar at the age of 15 and was encouraged by her father Wallace, a full time country-western musician who played and traveled

the country with early rockabilly pioneer Charlie Ryan, among others. Her mother Joan, a former stripper turned housewife and born-again Christian, also came from a musical background. Joan's mother traveled and played the upright bass with Tennessee Ernie Ford and such performers of the day.

Rebekah found a new home in St Petersburg in 2000, where she worked odd jobs and spent her free time writing songs. Eventually, she built up the courage to perform at some of the local open mic nights, which over time led to her full time career in music. She has spent last 12 years performing at venues ranging from intimate coffee houses to large festivals, both as a solo act and with her band, The Reluctant Prophets, which will join her at the Alliance show.

Bring your family and friends along with chairs, blankets and coolers. General admission is \$20. Call 939-2787 or buy tickets online at [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org). Proceeds from the series benefit year-round Education and Outreach Programming at the Alliance.

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

music, food and entertainment.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. For additional details about the Art Camp, contact JL Hemenway at 464-1408.\*

## Art Camp At Davis Art Center

Summer Art Camp at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in June and July.

Art classes and special events will include:

Art Around The World Summer Camp – June 5 to July 25 – Camp will be held on eight Tuesdays and eight Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$80 per month or \$15 per day. Campers should bring lunch and a snack. Material cost is \$15 per student, per month.

Summer Art Show "Art Around The World" – Wednesday, July 25 – From 5:30 to 9 p.m., artwork by students and participating artists will be on display. There is also an open call to outside artists for the event, which will also feature

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As you may have read, the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF) claims process has been terminated. A new claims process and methodology is being administered under the direction of the United States District Court. You may be eligible for a claim under the Court's new methodology. Recent changes that may benefit you include:

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- **Claims previously ineligible under the GCCF may now qualify for payment.**
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- **Real estate sales between April 21, 2010 and December 31, 2010 may now qualify for BP compensation due to lower selling prices.**

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## Social Mores And Traditions At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau

**B**lack Tie, now showing at Florida Repertory Theatre, is kind of a *Father Knows Best* type of comedy that celebrates the civility of good manners and traditions of upper middle class East Coast WASPs. The comedy from AR Gurney is making its regional premiere at Florida Rep after a successful 2011 Off-Broadway run.

I thoroughly enjoyed this show. The setting is present day mid-August in the sitting area of a resort hotel room in the lower Adirondack Mountains, near Lake George in Upstate New York. As always, the set is superb with its knotty pine walls, stuffed game fowl, rustic pine furniture and the big-



Back from left: Carrie Lund, John Felix and Peter Thomasson; front Adam Jones and Hallie Wage

gest, most menacing moose head I have ever seen.

Curtis (Peter Thomasson) is preparing to throw the rehearsal dinner for the wedding of his only son, Teddy (Adam Jones). Thomasson is all unflappable geniality, someone who makes his stuffiness as endearing as it is annoying. Curtis is visited by the ghost of his father, played with a magnificent presence by John Felix. Felix is marvelous as the father who comes back to give a great deal of appropriate information, as well as a host of old school baggage. His sly grin and eyes that twinkle make him a favorite character. These two commanding actors have a wonderful rapport and succeed admirably, showing how our parents speak through us whether we like it or not.

Carrie Lund gives grace and poise to Mimi, Curtis' wife, who is not as unconventional as she'd like us to believe. Hallie Wage is a mixture of exasperation and love as daughter Elsie. Jones as Teddy offers an intriguing performance, creating a young man in full flight from his heritage who nevertheless respects it. His fear that he may not be in love with his bride-to-be is considerably effective. Directed by Chris Clavelli, the play balances nostalgia, humor, and some rather messy emotions with wit, and warmly embraces the eccentricities and foibles of its characters.

*Black Tie* is a generation-gap tale, charming and funny. It plays through April 22 at Florida Repertory Theatre in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street, between Jackson and Hendry, with ample free parking in the Fort Myers River District. Tickets are available online at [floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org) or by calling 332-4488.\*



Carrie Lund and Peter Thomasson

## An Identity Challenged Hero At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau



**T**here's a clever little comedy playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida. *Polish Joke* is sort of an autobiographical work by David Ives, who grew up in what he calls "the Polish Catholic

kingdom called South Chicago." In the plot the neighborhood is called "da bush," a home to mill workers, future janitors and priests drinking beer, which wouldn't be beer without an egg and salt. The story is a funny yet thoughtful examination of the Polishness and Jewishness and Irishness that makes us all alike and different.

The play starts with nine-year-old Jasiu (Adam Kazmarz) as he is chatting with his Uncle Roman (Michael McNally) in his driveway. Uncle Roman tells Jasiu, "I'm gonna tell you something now that will guide your entire life. Alla da wisdom you ever need to know. All Polish jokes are true." With his suit pants rolled up, playing with his yo-yo, Jasiu receives a hilarious life lesson that makes you wonder if the pace can be continued. It is.

Jasiu goes on a long journey. He knows he is Polish, but wants to find a way to escape his destiny. He is interviewed for a high level corporate job.

He's college-educated, well attired and answers to the non-ethnic name of John Sadler. His interviewer is a Wasp named Portia Benjamin Franklin Hamilton Yale (a marvelously bitchy Gabriela Elvir).

The interview ends with a Polish joke. In fact, the comedy is studded with light bulb jokes and references to every conceivable Polish working class stereotype.

Jasiu encounters a Polish immigrant (Rob Green) who, with his family, has come to America through a tunnel. Next is an emotionally nuanced scene between teen-aged Jasiu and the priest (McNally again) who had counted on his joining the fold. When Jasiu's flirtation with the priesthood ends, the play continues with a series of sketch-like scenes including one in which Jasiu is determined to move to Ireland but ends up in Poland. Tera Nicole Miller and Gabriela Elvir play several women he meets in both countries. McNally, Green, Miller and Elvir all play multiple roles and do it very well. The quick-change artistry of the five actors for their two dozen parts is superb in every respect.

In the end, Jasiu solves his Polish-American problem and, during the last scene, he has another quite touching visit with Uncle Roman that includes a talk about curried goat. *Polish Joke* was a lot of fun.

It plays through April 28 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee April 29 at The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1643 Woodford Avenue (corner of Woodford and 2nd) in historic downtown Fort Myers. For tickets visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or call 218-0481.\*

## Gallery Puts Out A Call To Artists

**A**rts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers, needs artists to submit their work for the Open Themed Juried Group Exhibit for July. This year, artists will have a choice of three themes: "Gone To The Dogs," "The Cat's Meow" or "Signs."

The artist should use his own judgment to interpret the themes. Artists have the choice of any or all themes, which will be collectively combined into the three exhibiting gallery rooms.

The cash prizes for first place is \$100, second place is \$75, third place is \$50 and a merit prize is \$25.

The gallery will be receiving art for the exhibit on Saturday, June 23 through Wednesday June 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artists may submit up to three pieces of original work for each theme. All wall artwork must be wired and ready to hang. There are no size limits, and both two- and three-dimensional media are acceptable. Art cannot have previously exhibited at Arts for ACT Gallery and must be labeled on the back.

The non-returnable artist fee for entry into the exhibit is \$8 for one piece, two pieces for \$15 and three pieces for \$20, payable in cash/check or credit card. If the piece sells while on exhibit, the artist will retain 60 percent of the sale with 40 percent going to the gallery and benefits ACT, Inc., the domestic violence and sexual assault center serving Lee County.

Judge(s) for the exhibit are to be announced.

Download the prospectus from [www.artsforactgallery.com](http://www.artsforactgallery.com) click on events then find July 2012 and click on Download

the Prospectus. Contact Claudia Goode at 939-2553 or 337-5050 or e-mail [cgoode@actabuse.com](mailto:cgoode@actabuse.com) with questions about this open exhibit.\*

## Open Fine Art Sessions

**T**he Portrait and Figure Painters Society of Southwest Florida will be holding open fine art sessions for all portrait and figure artists and visitors on Saturday, April 21 and 28. The sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Robb and Stucky, 13170 S. Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers. Check the website for updates at [www.portraitandfigure.org](http://www.portraitandfigure.org). Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Bring your own supplies for drawing or painting, easel, tray table and drop-cloth. For more information call Renate Reuter at 481-2081 or Julie Olander at 948-9695.\*

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## Dolphin Tale Concludes Outdoor Family Movie Series At The Alliance

The 2012 Outdoor Family Movie Night Series at the Alliance for the Arts wraps up on Friday, April 27 at 8 p.m. with *Dolphin Tale* starring Morgan Freeman, Kris Kristofferson, Ashley Judd and Harry Connick, Jr. Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase, but picnic baskets, blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. Bring your family and enjoy a truly heartwarming movie under the stars.

Based on true events, *Dolphin Tale* tells the story of a young dolphin named Winter who lost her tail in a crab trap and Sawyer, the introverted 11-year-old boy who befriends her. Sawyer meets the rescued dolphin at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and rallies his friends and family to save Winter by convincing a pioneering doctor to create a unique prosthetic tail to restore the dolphin's ability to swim.

The movie is free, but a suggested \$5 family donation will help ensure continued free programming at the Alliance. Support is provided by Briers CPA, Riverside Realty, Staging Matters and Winged Foot Title.

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



## Professional Artists Asked To Donate To Arts For ACT Auction

ACT, Inc. needs donations of art from professional and emerging artists for its fine art auction fundraiser, benefitting domestic violence and sexual assault clients and their children.

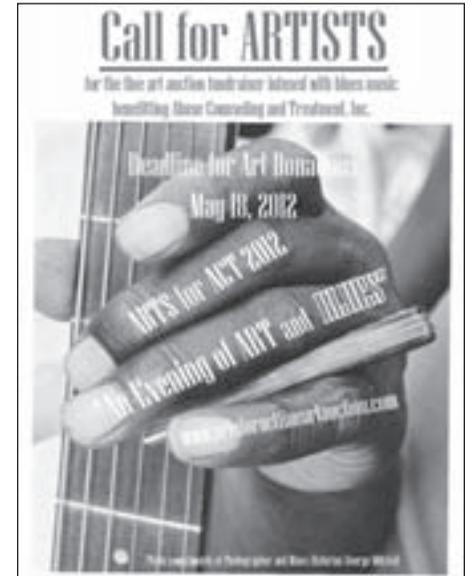
Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., the domestic violence and sexual assault center serving Lee, Hendry and Glades counties, is hoping many people will donate to the fine art auction fundraiser, Arts for ACT 2012.

ACT is a non-profit agency that provides safe shelter, counseling, a 24-hour hotline, information and referral, forensic examination, advocacy and education.

Only 40 artists will be chosen for the live auction event that may be auctioned off by a guest celebrity auctioneer (past celebrities: Jessie Metcalfe, Lily Tomlin, Sharon Stone, Meryl Streep, Joan Rivers, and Niecy Nash). Artwork may be two- or three-dimensional and of any media. Only original works will be accepted into the live auction.

Art must be delivered on or before May 18 to the ACT administrative offices. Silent auction artwork is also being accepted. Artists will receive one free ticket to the art auction.

Contact Claudia Goode at 939-2553 or [cgoode@actabuse.com](mailto:cgoode@actabuse.com) with any questions about participating in this event. Forms may be downloaded at [www.artsforactgallery.com](http://www.artsforactgallery.com). Click on Portfolio, then click on Artist Art Donation Forms for Arts for ACT 2012.\*



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Immokalee Foundation group

## Boston Red Sox Hit A Home Run For The Immokalee Foundation

The Immokalee Foundation students recently spent a day at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers to experience a day at the ballpark and watch the Boston Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays. The unforgettable experience was made possible with proceeds from last November's Charity Classic Celebration Fund A Dream auction.

Students met up with Red Sox personnel to learn the business of baseball, took part in a



Sharon Bayata, Heather Meech, Lois Gomez and John Ferguson



Nicole Pappas, Marcos Diaz, Elijah Basil, Andrea Torigan, Rolando Gutierrez and Colin Baird

## Sellouts And Attendance Record For Red Sox In New JetBlue Park, But Boss Measures Success Differently

by Ed Frank



Every game was a sellout and attendance increased 26 percent – all the result of the brand new JetBlue Park, the spring training home of the Boston Red Sox. But for Katie Haas, the Red Sox director of Florida business operations, success was measured by a different count.

If you attended any of the recent 16 spring training games at JetBlue Park, you likely would have seen Haas directing traffic and parking cars.

About 9,500 fans packed the stadium every game, and the movement of traffic along East Daniels Parkway “was our number

one issue,” she said. But by the fourth or fifth game, the problem was under control, she added.

“We measured success when 15 minutes before the first pitch, the traffic on Daniels had cleared,” Haas said.

Like the opening of any major building project, there was a learning curve and undoubtedly changes and improvements will be made before the 2013 Grapefruit League season. A punch list of odds and ends for the \$78 million facility is currently being addressed.

And while the Red Sox major leaguers have headed north, a large number of minor leaguers remain at the Fenway South complex for extended spring training. Also in heavy use is the state-of-the-art rehab facility that is larger than the rehab quarters at Boston's Fenway Park, Haas noted.

A local soccer club will be using the six soccer fields at Fenway South, she said. And the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department also will schedule activities there.

Thanks to the added capacity of JetBlue Park – about 2,000 more seats than the City of Palms Park in downtown Fort Myers, where the Red Sox formerly played – spring training attendance for the 15 teams in Florida topped 1.6 million this year.

The Red Sox drew 151,417 fans in 2012, compared to 120,613 a year ago at City of Palms Park.

Figures released last week by Florida Sports, a division of Enterprise Florida,

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job shadowing program that allowed them to experience the role staffers play in making the game happen, and also assisted with various tasks to learn more about possible career paths. TIF was also afforded the opportunity to participate in the Red Sox Community Corner, a program that allows non-profit groups to distribute literature and raise awareness – an important part of TIF's mission. The 2012 Charity Classic Celebration is slated for November 16 at The Ritz Carlton Beach Resort in Naples.

For additional information, call 430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).



Juan Garza and Rolando Gutierrez



Elijah Arreaga with Wally, the Green Monster



**Florida Zucchini and Parmesan Skillet Cake**

1 pound zucchini  
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped  
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
 Very thinly slice zucchini crosswise with a mandoline or other manual slicer.  
 Heat 1 tablespoon butter in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until foam subsides, then sauté zucchini and garlic, stirring until zucchini is just beginning to soften, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and cool 10 minutes. Add basil and salt and pepper to taste. Melt remaining tablespoon butter in an 8-inch nonstick skillet and remove from heat.

Arrange one fourth of zucchini mixture in a layer in skillet and sprinkle with one fourth of parmesan. Repeat layering 3 times. Cook skillet cake over moderate heat until bottom of cake is well browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Slide cake onto a large paper plate, then place skillet over cake and, holding plate firmly, invert cake back into skillet. Cook cake, shaking skillet frequently to prevent sticking, until underside is browned, 4 to 5 minutes more. Slide cake onto a platter. Cut like a pizza.

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Florida Zucchini and Parmesan Skillet Cake



**Snowbirds Encouraged To Leave Unopened Items For Food Drive**

Snowbirds departing for their northern homes are encouraged to leave their unopened, non-perishable food items at their local post office for inclusion in the 20th annual Letter Carrier Food Drive on Saturday, May 12. The food will be included in the food drive and will be delivered to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Lee County and Collier Harvest in Collier County. All food collected will be distributed to their networks of non-profit agencies at no charge.

Last year's Letter Carrier Food Drive, "Stamp Out Hunger," resulted in more than 400,000 pounds of food donated and over \$2,300 in monetary donations. This year, the need is even greater. Children who receive free breakfasts and lunches during the school year will be in need during the summer months when these meals aren't available; the food bank assists in providing this service.

Food items especially needed include canned soup, canned meats and fish, canned vegetables, fruits and juices, boxed goods (such as cereal), pasta and rice.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of non-profit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties, who provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly.

For additional information about the Letter Carrier Food Drive or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org).✽

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Assistant PGA Professional John Alfuth and PGA Golf Professional Michael Raber

## Junior Golfers Tee Off At Shell Point

The Shell Point Golf Club will offer a Junior Golf Camp to golfers age seven to 15 years old. The four-day camp will be held at the Shell Point Golf Club from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Classes will be directed by Assistant PGA Professional John Alfuth and Teaching Professional Steve Pereira, while being supervised by PGA Golf Professional Michael Raber. The program will review all aspects involved with the game of golf including etiquette, rules, short game and full swing. The cost is \$100 for the camp and it is recommended that participating juniors have their own golf clubs and pull cart.

Participants must register in the Golf Shop prior to every session. Each session will include specialized instruction for an hour and a half, a brief break that includes a drink and a snack, which will then be followed by an hour and a half of course play.

"Golf is part of many lifestyles and communities here in southwest Florida," said Michael Raber, Head Golf Professional at Shell Point Golf Club. "The summer time offers us a great opportunity to work with junior golfers and help them focus on their

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## JetBlue Park Success

Inc., showed slight decreases in 2012 spring training attendance for the Minnesota Twins and the nearby Tampa Bay Rays.

The Twins totaled 117,503 for 16 games played at Hammond Stadium in the Lee County Sports Complex, down from 129,453 in 2011. Tampa Bay, playing at the Charlotte Sports Park in Port Charlotte, totaled 87,916 fans this spring, compared to 95,859 a year ago.

Any way you compare, Major League spring training is alive and well in this area. The fact that 356,836 fans attended games here this past month is proof positive.

### Florida Tarpons Perfect At 5-0

A 59-51 victory last Saturday on the road over the Lakeland Raiders improved the Florida Tarpons season record to 5-0 in the Ultimate Indoor Football League.

Newly-acquired quarterback Chris Wallace threw six touchdown passes and kicker Ross Gornall added 11 points (one field goal and eight extra points) as the local team and Cincinnati remain as the only undefeated teams in the 12-team UIFL.

The Tarpons have a bye week this week and return to Germain Arena next week to take on the Mississippi Hound Dogs.

### Everblades Return Home

The Florida Everblades hockey team returned home to Germain Arena on Monday tied with the Elmira Jackals at one game each in the best-of-seven American Conference semi-finals of the ECHL.

The Everblades evened the series last weekend with a 5-0 victory in the second game at Elmira after losing the first game 3-1. Games two, three and four were held at Germain this week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

If games six and seven are necessary, the two teams will return to Elmira. The Jackals held the top American Conference seed in the 2012 Kelly Cup Playoffs.

David Fischer's goal with just two seconds left in the overtime period lifted the Florida Everblades to a 5-4 victory over the Elmira Jackals Monday night at Germain Arena. The win gives Florida a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

### Miracle Win Six Of Seven

After a slow season start, the Class A Fort Myers Miracle baseball team has won six of seven games and started the week tied for second in the Florida State League South Division, just two games out of first place.

The 6-4 Miracle are home at Hammond Stadium for only one game this week, Thursday, hosting the Brevard County Manatees at 7:05 p.m.

With the exception of the Thursday night home game, Fort Myers is on the road this week at Jupiter and Bradenton.✪



Shell Point Golf Club's third hole

own game and ways to improve. Since they are out of school they have the chance to enjoy learning more about the game of golf."

To register for the Junior Golf Camp, call the Shell Point Golf Club at 433-9790.✪

## Father Anglim Academy Golf Tournament

Golfers are welcome to participate in the fifth annual Father Anglim Academy Charity Golf Tournament, which will be held at the West Bay & Golf Club on Sunday, May 6. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The tournament will include gifts, continental breakfast, lunch, awards and prizes as well as a silent and live auction.

West Bay & Golf Club is a private Pete and P.D. Dye Course. Twelve of the course's 18 holes are adorned by water features. Strategically-placed bunkers and tight, well-defined fairways challenge golfers to a higher level of game at this premier golf course.

Orthopedic Specialists of Southwest Florida will help host the tournament and Val Ward Cadillac will sponsor the "Hole In One" grand prize.

Father Anglim Academy of Fort Myers is a unique school that provides a safe, supportive and nurturing Educational opportunity for students with learning challenges such as learning disabilities, speech and language disorders, developmental delays, ADHD and autism spectrum disorders. Nearly all Father Anglim Academy families require some level of financial assistance.

Proceeds from this charitable event will help families offset school tuition.

The cost is \$110 per person or \$400 for a foursome, with a portion being tax deductible. Registration is available online at [www.fatheranglimacademy.org](http://www.fatheranglimacademy.org) or by calling Nancy Gardella at 337-4010.✪



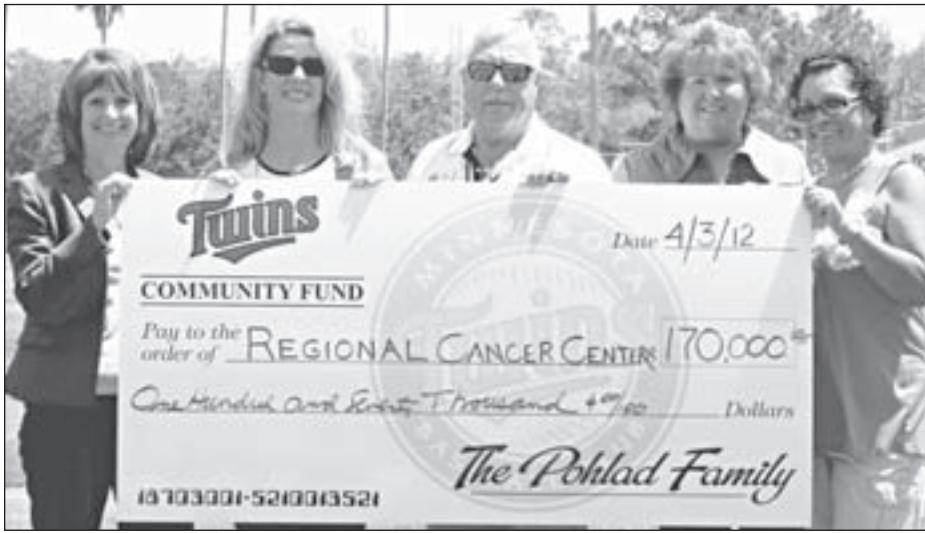
Challenger League volunteer and player

## SFCA Softball Team Helps Others

Southwest Florida Christian Academy's varsity softball team assisted with the Fort Myers American Challenger League players on March 24. The Challenger League boys and girls have special needs and wish to learn how to play little league.

"This is the most enjoyable and rewarding service project I've ever done!" said SFCA senior Sam Hillman.✪

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From left: Gayle Reynolds, sponsorship committee member; Debby Welsh, committee chair; Jack Nelson, Minnesota Twins; Sharon MacDonald, vice president, Lee Cancer Care; and Lydia Christie, auction committee member

## Twins Help Raise Over \$170,000 For Cancer Care

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that over \$170,000 was raised to benefit cancer programs and treatments through this year's events in partnership with the Minnesota Twins organization. Lee Memorial partners annually with the Minnesota Twins to raise funds for compassionate cancer care programs

and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System's Regional Cancer Center. Compassionate care oncology programs assist members of the Southwest Florida community who are battling cancer while also facing economic hardship.

A check presentation ceremony was held on April 3 at Hammond Stadium in South Fort Myers, prior to the Twins game versus the Tampa Bay Rays.

Funds were raised through the 14th annual Minnesota Twins Celebrity Classic at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers and the Twins & Pins Celebrity Bowling Classic at Gator Lanes in Fort Myers.

Both events included the opportunity to meet Twins players, and live and silent auctions.

On hand to support the cause were Minnesota Twins Manager Ron Gardenhire, current stars Joe Mauer, Danny Valencia, Brian Duensing, Drew Butera and others. Twins legends Tony Oliva and Kent Hrbek also attended to support the cause.

Lead sponsors were Ultimate Sports Adventures, David and Cheryl Copham, SEI, Wells Fargo Insurance Services and Audi Jaguar Land Rover of Fort Myers.

Tournament director Ken Shoriak said, "Everyone involved, The Minnesota Twins, Fiddlesticks Country Club, Gator Lanes, our sponsors and partners and our planning committee to name a few, went the extra mile to help us provide excellence in care to our cancer patients."

For information on the 2013 Minnesota Twins Celebrity Golf Classic or the Twins & Pins Celebrity Bowling Classic, please visit [www.LeeMemorial.org/Foundation](http://www.LeeMemorial.org/Foundation) or email [TwinsGolf@leememorial.org](mailto:TwinsGolf@leememorial.org).

## Tennis Social To Benefit Early Education

Brightest Horizons is hosting Serve It Up For The Children, Charity Tennis Social on Friday, April 27 at Legends Country Club. All skill levels are welcome and you do not need a partner. The registration fee is \$40 per person, and play begins at 11 a.m. This will be a Doubles Round Robin Tournament. You will be matched with players at your skill level and will have a different partner for each round. At the end of the tournament, you will add up your total games won and the player with the most games will win. There will be an award ceremony luncheon immediately following play, plus a silent auction.

Join Brightest Horizons in the fight to break the cycle of poverty. Betsy Guttag, volunteer and board member, is the chairperson for this year's event.

Proceeds will benefit the early education and literacy programs offered at Brightest Horizons Child Development Center in Harlem Heights. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information about Brightest Horizons Child Development Center, visit [brightesthorizons.org](http://brightesthorizons.org) or contact Connie Martin at 481-2100.

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Standing from left, head coach Doug Cohen, coach Mike Arcentales, Michael Bubar, Dylan Whiteside, Olivia Bohannon, Yvonne Wojtas, Chase Brown, Olivia Jensen and coach Robert Iwaniec. Kneeling, Savannah Klingerman, Macy Hoesley, Julianna Whiteside, Richard Lemay, Tommy Arcentales and Emily Higginbotham. Not pictured are Kaleigh Kaaber and Lily Tessier

## Tennis Team Goes Undefeated

Southwest Florida Christian Academy's middle school tennis teams achieved outstanding victories in its first year of existence. The boys' team finished the season undefeated with a 6-0 record while the girls' team ended the season with a 5-1 record. The team coaches are Doug Cohen (head coach), Robert Iwaniec and Michael Arcentales.

## Teams And Individuals Needed For Food Bank Golf Classic At Grandezza

Both teams and individual golfers are still being solicited to participate in the second annual Harry Chapin Food Bank Golf Classic being held at Grandezza Golf & Country Club in Estero on Wednesday, May 9. Golfers, sponsors at all levels and silent auction items are all needed for the event. The \$125 cost per player includes green fees with cart, awards and dinner.

The four-player scramble shotgun start begins at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Every dollar raised at this event enables the food bank to distribute \$6 worth of food to those in need.

Co-chairs of the Harry Chapin Food Bank Golf Classic are JoAnna Bradshaw and Nancy Klaas.

If you're not a golfer, there are many ways to support this event without actually playing, including auction donations, volunteering and a variety of sponsorships. To register for the classic, to obtain sponsorships, to donate silent auction items or to be a volunteer, contact Chris Robinson at [chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org](mailto:chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org) or go to [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org) for additional information.



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Alva	Alva	1972	10,921	2,000,000	1,800,000	5
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2007	3,827	1,175,000	1,099,500	199
Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1992	3,220	1,100,000	950,000	100
Bonita Bay	Bonita Springs	1992	3,320	1,100,000	950,000	150
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	2003	2,709	869,900	825,000	43
Gulf Harbour Yacht	Fort Myers	2004	3,403	779,000	725,000	96
Creciente Condo South	Fort Myers Beach	1972	1,560	699,000	635,000	46
Pelican Sound	Estero	2000	2,921	675,000	600,000	92
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2004	2,690	599,000	575,000	290

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### Financial Focus

## Earth Day Lessons Can Apply To Investors, Too



by Jennifer Basey

**A**pril 22 is Earth Day. Started in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is designed to create awareness of the Earth's environment and to encourage conser-

vation efforts.

If you and your family participate in Earth Day events, such as helping clean up a local park or taking materials to a recycling center, you know the benefits of doing your part to improve your surroundings. But are you doing everything you can to upgrade your environment for investing?

Actually, as an investor, you can learn a lot from the lessons of Earth Day. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Diversify** – If you're familiar with Earth Day, you know that it involves multiple activities, including educational programs and do-it-now action steps. This variety is necessary because protecting our environment is a complex challenge. Meeting your short- and long-term investment goals can be challenging, too, but you'll have a better chance of success by diversifying your investment dollars across a range of vehicles, such as stocks, bonds, government securities and certificates of deposit (CDs). Diversification can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio, and high volatility can be an obstacle for some people trying to follow an investment strategy. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect

against loss.)

- **Seek growth opportunities** – Some people plant trees on Earth Day, hoping to watch them grow over the years. As an investor, you, too, need to plant "seeds" today in the hopes of growth in the future. That means, among other things, that when you purchase growth-oriented investments for the long term, you need to try to stick with them and not "uproot" them after short-term declines in price.

- **Develop good habits** – If you attend an Earth Day program, you will learn about many eco-friendly habits you can develop, from using energy-efficient light bulbs to recycling old computers and other electronic devices. To invest successfully, it's important to develop good habits, such as staying invested in all types of markets, seeking tax-advantaged investments and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate for your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term objectives.

- **Avoid "toxins"** – At some Earth Day events, you can learn about "green" substitutes for toxic chemicals in common household cleaners. When you invest, you may also want to avoid "toxins," or at least "toxic" behaviors, such as chasing after "hot" stocks that are inappropriate for your needs or trading so frequently that you run up big fees, commissions and taxes.

- **Think long term** – Above all else, Earth Day is a reminder to us that we all want to leave a healthy planet to future generations, which means we need to make moves that are beneficial for the environment over the long term. When you invest, you also need to focus on the future. That means following a long-term investment strategy and not getting sidetracked by short-term events, such as political crises and economic downturns.

Earth Day comes once a year, but its lessons can have a lasting impact on our environment. When you apply these same lessons to your own investment environment, you may be able to achieve

some healthy results.

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## Chiropractic Office Opens



Dr. Casey Means

**D**r. Casey Means, D.C., has opened New Life Chiropractic in downtown Cape Coral. New Life Chiropractic offers affordable chiropractic care for the entire family. They will offer care for car accident injuries, sports injuries, neck and back pain, and help educate patients on general preventive care. Families can also benefit from affordable prices on school and sports physicals.

"Chiropractic care is more than just making the pain disappear. It is about learning, understanding, and taking care of your body to improve your quality of life," said Dr. Means. "I want to work with my patients to help them gain a better understanding of their own pain, and how to manage it in between visits for

chiropractic care."

Dr. Casey Means is a North Fort Myers High School graduate and Lee County native who has been practicing in Southwest Florida since 2008. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida Gulf Coast University, and his Doctorate of Chiropractic care from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, Florida.

New Life Chiropractic is located at 1411 SE 47th Street, Suite 10, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Evening and weekend appointments are available upon request. Call 541-3555 or visit [www.newlifecapecoral.com](http://www.newlifecapecoral.com) for more information.\*\*

## Crawford Book Signing Event

**A**uthor Joyce Holton Crawford, a resident of Fort Myers, will be available to sign copies of her book, *I Dare You Disaster*, on Tuesday, May 1 at Annette's Book Nook, 7205 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach. She will be appearing at the store between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

In *I Dare You Disaster*, fifth grade best friends Jeff and Greg are looking forward to middle school in a year. But when two middle-school bullies confront them, they dare Jeff and Greg to do something the friends know is wrong: spend the night at school. Jeff and Greg know that completing this dare means the bullies will leave them alone, so they take the dare. While they sleep peacefully in an art room, something downstairs disrupts their slumber. Scared and worried, Jeff and Greg soon realize that they are not alone in the building anymore.

Read *I Dare You Disaster* to find out what trouble awaits them in this exciting, action-packed, adventurous tale.

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley,  
My

son's kindergarten teacher said that he might have a sensory disorder because various textures in food and clothing make him

uncomfortable. I know he hates tags in his clothes, his socks, and smooth creamy foods. I thought it was just his personality. What is a sensory disorder?

*Rachael P., Fort Myers Beach*

### Dear Rachael,

A sensory disorder is a very real concern and this type of problem can range from very mild to severe. This disorder is sometimes called a sensory integration disorder and more recently has been re-named to sensory processing disorder (SPD).

According to the American Journal of Occupational Therapy, "sensory processing is the way the nervous system responds to sensory input, i.e., light, sound, touch, taste, etc. There is a continuous flow of information available from all the sensory systems, and the brain must sort through the information, prioritize and emphasize components, to decide both how to understand what is

going on and to decide what you will do based on the information available". So whether you are eating an apple, taking a walk, or doing homework, the successful completion of the activity requires processing sensation signals or "sensory integration."

What happens when the disorder occurs is that the sensory signals do not get organized into appropriate responses. People then can either over respond to a sensation or they can also under respond. Over responding can be an adverse reaction to physical contact, light, sound, food, or other sensory input. An under reaction might look like someone is not responding to a sensation such as intense heat, cold or even pain.

There are a wide variety of responses that both children and adults demonstrate when they have sensory processing difficulties. While many of us have experienced occasional difficulties processing sensory information, those with the disorder experience these difficulties daily, and SPD interrupts and upsets their daily life.

Research indicates that as many as 1 of 20 children experiences sensory problems that may be serious enough to affect everyday life, including success at school. The good news though is that there are well-established treatments to help those who experience SPD. For more mild cases of SPD, there are many modifications that can be made at home or school. A child may just need some extra time to move about the classroom, permission to avoid certain foods, have

the tags cut out of their clothing or wear seamless socks that don't irritate their feet.

For more serious problems with SPD, Occupational Therapy with a sensory integration approach has been identified as the most effective means of treatment. For the child, the OT sessions seem like lots of fun. The therapist guides the child through play based activities that help the child learn appropriate responses to sensation in an active, and meaningful, way so the child is able to respond and behave more functionally. Over time, the child will remember their responses that will then generalize what they have learned beyond the OT sessions to the other settings such as home and school.

SPD is a complex disorder and the above information is just a brief overview of this condition. For more information on this topic, visit <http://ot.usc.edu/academics/sensory-integration> and <http://www.spdfoundation.net>.

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## Eden Autism Services Summer Programs

Eden Florida will offer summer youth experiences in Fort Myers and Naples that combine recreation and learning for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Asperger's ages 4 to 22. The summer camp programs include academics, life skills training, social skills, recreation and swimming. One-on-one behavior therapy is also available.

All instruction that Camp Eden will provide is based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), and all summer staff at Camp Eden are qualified Behavioral Assistants.

Eight one-week sessions are available starting at \$250 per week. Scholarships are available.

Eden School of Naples is located at 2801 County Barn Road. Eden School of Fort Myers is located at 2438 Second Street at the First Presbyterian Church in Downtown Fort Myers.

For more information, call 992-4680 ext. 5010.\*

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## Jen Chapin To Appear At Hunger Summit

Jen Chapin will provide the keynote address at the fifth annual Hunger Summit at Hodges University, 4501 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers. This year's summit emphasis is participation in agencies through volunteering, outreach and fundraising. The public is invited to attend the half-day event from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge to attend the summit, which is offered through the auspices of the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The day begins with a light breakfast and features breakout sessions, workshops, and the keynote address. Registration is requested and may be made by going to <http://hungersummit2012.eventbrite.com> or calling Homer Gutierrez at 334-7007 ext. 129.

Chapin is secretary of the Board of Directors of WhyHunger, and knows firsthand about the exciting work being done to fight hunger and poverty at the grass-roots level across the country and the world. As a young person with a lifelong involvement in the WhyHunger and the "how" questions of hunger and its solutions, she inspires and empowers other young people to see how they can make a difference every day, right in their own communities.

Chapin asks provoking questions about politics and economics of hunger



Jen Chapin

and poverty, while also tapping into WhyHunger's Reinvesting in America network to highlight the work of community-based organizations – groups that are doing ground-breaking work to help individuals and communities gain self-reliance. Jen carries on the work of her father, Harry Chapin.

"He saw hunger and poverty as an insult to America," she said.

Chapin, along with guitarist Jamie Fox, will then present a concert that evening in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$30 each. Seating is limited and tickets may be purchased by contact-

ing Joyce Jacobs at 334-7007 ext. 130, 839-4143 or [joycejacobs@harrychapin-foodbank.org](mailto:joycejacobs@harrychapin-foodbank.org). Proceeds from the concert will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

For more information about the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or go to [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org).\*

## An Evening Under The Sea

Marine biologist Susie Hassett will take participants young and old on an undersea adventure that is sure to be great family-style fun.

An Evening Under The Sea will be held at the Cape Coral Yacht Club, 5819 Driftwood Parkway, on Friday, April 27 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Included at the event will be a wide range of educational information. Children will engage in interactive games, touch tanks, a live puppet show, temporary tattoos, face painting and more.

Cost is \$5 per person, with children under 2 admitted free). Pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact the Cape Coral Yacht Club at 574-0806.\*

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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

**L**izzie 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,

Years ago as children, my sister and I heard our parents say, "Don't ever put me in a nursing home," or what is now called an assisted living facility.

Times change, living conditions change and longevity changes, as does health and families and maybe most of all costs and financial resources change.

How do you suggest we get out of this one?

Helen

### Dear Helen,

No one should ever be made to prom-

ise that they would never do something because you never know what is your fate down the road. For many people who did promise never to do something, there is positively no other option, or destroy their own or their family's life.

Your parents expressed their opinion at the time, not knowing what would happen down the road. I feel that you are caring for your family and what ever you decide will be the proper choice.

Lizzie

### Dear Helen,

Assisted living communities are not today's skilled nursing facilities. Assisted living communities are apartments with social and some medical support. The social support includes scheduled activities, meals and transportation. The medical support includes medication, administration and various other activities depending on the county standards. Nursing homes are still nursing homes, designed for individuals needing skilled nursing care.

Whether assisted living or nursing homes, it is a difficult transition for an individual to leave one's own home. Sometimes, unfortunately, individuals cannot continue to live safely in their own home.

It is difficult to make promises about the future when we do not know what the future will hold. I know this time in any families' journey is difficult, and you will make the best decisions.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce's e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.\*

### dearPharmacist

## Nightshade Foods: Delectable Or Deadly?



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

### Dear Pharmacist:

I live in chronic pain. It's usually my joints, but now my nerves are involved. My tests are all normal, and my doctor gives me Celebrex, Vicodin and Flexeril. I feel

doped up, and still live in pain. What else can I do?

BC, Sanibel Island

Avoid eating a certain class of foods known to ignite pain in the muscles, joints and nerves. Some of you can guess which foods I'm talking about here, especially if you grew up in tropical regions of the United States, where your summer camp counselor told you to avoid the wild berries of deadly nightshade, which contain belladonna. Nightshades belong to the Solanaceae family and I bet you eat a nightshade food each day.

The most common are tomatoes, white potatoes (not sweet potatoes or yams), potato starch is found in hundreds of medications; eggplant and peppers (including all those deliciously spicy pep-

pers like cayenne, chili and habenero). Tabasco sauce, which contains large amounts of heat-causing "capsicum annum," ranks up there. Paprika is a sneaky one, showing up in flavoring mixes or under "added spices" on the label. Other nightshades include goji berries (bummer, they're the latest rage in the antioxidant crowd), ashwagandha, Cape gooseberries, ground cherries and garden huckleberries (thankfully not blueberries). We all know cigarettes cause cellular damage, but they are also a nightshade.

These all cause pain. If you don't believe me, have a full-on nightshade "party" and load the salsa on your breakfast omelet, have French fries with lunch, and for dinner, eat eggplant parmesan with some stir-fry peppers and tomatoes. NSAIDs anyone? Because all those nightshades are sure to cause a flare-up for you, necessitating non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). The flare-up could take three hours to three days to occur, so connecting the dots is tricky. If you are sensitive to weather changes, this could be a sign of nightshade sensitivity – don't ask me why.

So what's the problem with some of our favorite farmer's market heroes? Well, nightshades contain alkaloids that accumulate and block an enzyme called "cholinesterase" lighting the body's pain fuse: muscle spasm, aches, joint pain, tenderness, hip pain, inflammation and stiff movement. Heartburn, too. And you thought heartburn was related to a Prilosec-deficiency, didn't you? While

## Fundraiser For Local Kidney Transplant Patient

**K**enny Cox is waiting for the phone call that will change his life. He needs a kidney transplant, but the costs are overwhelming. Volunteers are planning a fundraiser to help offset his expenses.



Kenny Cox

In the mid-90s, Cox was diagnosed with renal reflux, which has caused irreversible damage to his kidneys. His left kidney currently only functions at 20 percent, and his right kidney has completely failed. Doctors say a kidney transplant is critical to his survival.

Despite his health challenges, Cox, 46, is very optimistic and focuses on the positive things in his life, such as his girlfriend and his family and friends. He is surrounded by a strong support system of loved ones who will undergo testing to see if they are suitable kidney donors, and he's very grateful. A painter and musician, Cox loves using his artistic abilities and spending time outdoors camping. He hopes to resume his normal lifestyle once he receives his new kidney.

A kidney transplant costs approximately \$250,000. Even with health insurance, Cox faces significant medical expenses related to his transplant. For the rest of his life, he will need follow-up care and

symptoms may dissipate in a few days or weeks if there is no more consumption, the problem is that we keep eating nightshades in almost every meal. The body never gets clear of them so it stays "on fire" 24/7 despite all your pain-relievers.

If you're otherwise healthy, eat up. But if live in chronic pain, or have Rheumatoid arthritis, try completely eliminating nightshades for three solid months. Hang in there because it takes a few weeks before the pain even begins to retreat. I've read anecdotal reports where some people kiss pain goodbye forever just by avoiding nightshades. Can you imagine? Complete pain relief, it costs nothing and the only downside is an occasional craving.

*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.\**

daily anti-rejection medications. The cost of post-transplant medications can range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per month, and they are as critical to his survival as the transplant itself.

To overcome these financial challenges, Cox turned to the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) for assistance. NFT is a nonprofit organization that helps transplant patients raise funds to pay for transplant-related expenses.

"Kenny has battled health complications for years," said Lauren Wilmer, NFT fundraising consultant, "but he manages to maintain a good attitude, and he's an inspiration to many. At NFT, we're helping Kenny raise the necessary funds so he can keep concentrating on his health without having to constantly worry about his medical bills."

Friends and family are planning a hog roast fundraiser Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 123, 4249 Sanibel-Captiva Road. There will be live bands, raffles and a silent auction for items such as resort vacations, fishing trips, golf outings, and restaurant certificates.

Admission is free, but donations are strongly encouraged. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact Kelly Pohler at kellypohler@yahoo.com or 691-7455.

To make a donation in honor of Cox, mail a tax-deductible gift to the NFT Florida Kidney Fund, 5350 Poplar Ave., Suite 430, Memphis, TN 38119. Be sure to write "in honor of Kenny Cox" in the memo line. Secure donations can be made online at [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org). Click on "Patients We Help" to locate Cox.\*

## Complementary Cancer Therapies

**L**ee Memorial Health System is offering the next in its complimentary For Your Health seminars. Palliative care physician Andrew Esch, M.D., and Marie Hepp, ARNP, oncology outreach education coordinator, explore the use of complementary therapies in the journey through cancer on Tuesday, April 24. The seminar will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hyatt Place Coconut Point, 23120 Via Villagio in Estero.

Aromatherapy, massage, acupuncture, yoga and meditation are among the most successful complementary therapies that help patients with serious illnesses.

Seating for this seminar is limited. Reservations are requested. Call 454-8762 or visit [www.leememorial.org](http://www.leememorial.org) for more information.\*

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Dr. Dave

## Benefits Of Anya



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

I first met her while browsing through the fine apparel section of Walmart. She was speaking/singing to me over the K-Tel sound system. I heard her again while lying cata-

tonic in the dentist's chair and yet again in an incense shop (I was absolutely livid that day and stopped in to have my anger addressed.) But most often, her voice floated into my head while I was on hold over the phone.

I loved the haunting, loving, soothing Enya. Too cheap to buy the CD, I often called 9-1-1 and asked to be put on hold. I hadn't thought of her in quite some time until a recent newspaper article caught my eye stating that a birth control pill named Enya or Anya (the anglicized version) was recently developed to soothe out menstrual cycles. Taken continuously, a woman (duh) could be completely free of a period. This really isn't big news to any doctor, as many pills can achieve this feat. But what really caught my medulla was the mention of the Maryland Museum of Menstruation.

Now as I doctor, you'd think I'd have heard of this museum, being well aware of the Amusing Museum of Armpit Hair, the Smithsonian Center of Saliva and of course the Navel Academy Museum (check out the Italian lint exhibit). The Museum of Menstruation (MuM) is an actual place complete with the latest and greatest menstrual artifacts you would ever care to imagine, period. Err... if feminine hygiene ads on TV tend to make you fumble uncomfortably for the channel changer, this place would make you fumble for your lunch. It can be easily located by the number of men sitting alone nervously in parked cars all around the street. But the curator is actually a man, proud to put "men" back in "menstruation." He claims the biggest issue... umm... debate at his museum is concerning custom-made periods using medications like Anya. Is it good to fool Mother Nature?

I personally have found it was never a good idea to fool your mother when she has a big wooden spoon in one hand, a cheese grater in the other hand and Tabasco sauce in the third. Are there benefits in having a natural monthly bleed? One school of thought states that a regular bloodletting may be a reason that women, on average, outlive men as it tends to rid the body of excess iron, too much of which can damage pleasant organs like the heart and liver. Men have to play hockey (against my sons) or drive (with my sons) to lose that amount of blood. This bloodletting is also a reason why donating blood is somewhat cardio-protective. But now, a woman can order up the type of menstrual pattern she'd prefer. She can reduce or eliminate periods altogether. Maybe have one every three months or once a year or none at

all. Not only does this appeal to those who prefer the convenience ie athletes, soldiers, frequent travelers or frequent brides but also to those who suffer from painful periods or anemia secondary to too much blood loss.

According to the 1931 *Home Physician*, my most up to date and oft used medical reference text, painful periods arise mostly in "women of neurotic

temperament getting their feet wet just before the period... or running a sewing machine. As well it is important to avoid exposure of the arms, shoulders and legs occasioned by present day fashions."

Excessive menstrual flow, of course, stems from "excitement of any kind such as parties, dancing, theaters, novel reading, long hours of piano practice, exhausting school studies and indolent

habits."

Treatment involves covering up those "bare shoulders and taking an enema." Wouldn't you rather take an Enya?

*Like the column? You'll LOVE the book the Doctor is In(sane), available at Sanibel Island Books & Gifts. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at [www.wisequacks.org](http://www.wisequacks.org).*✱

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SWFAS Detoxification Center

## SWFAS Launches New Outpatient Detox Program

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) has launched a new pilot treatment program aimed at helping persons detoxify from opiates on an outpatient basis.

The new Outpatient Detoxification program adds another option for persons addicted to painkillers such as Oxycontin and Oxycodone, two of the leading opiates. Patients previously only had one choice – the inpatient SWFAS Detoxification Center – if they were experiencing withdrawal from the drugs.

The outpatient program isn't for everyone, according to Alejandro Garcia-Barbon, director of the SWFAS Detoxification Center.

"The ideal candidate is someone who has a stable home environment, has used opiates within the past 72 to 96 hours, and agrees to follow the eight-week program," Garcia-Barbon said.

SWFAS initially will have room for seven people in the program. Cost is \$4,000, although there is some public funding for those who qualify, based on family income.

"Our goal here is to help these individuals remain substance-free. Research has shown that the longer someone stays in treatment, the more likely they are to remain clean and sober. After eight weeks of treatment, they should be developing new behaviors, meeting new people and experiencing new environments," Garcia-Barbon added.

Chances of relapse should be reduced, he said, which means they are less likely to need more costly residential treatment in the future. Currently, about 75 percent of the Detoxification Center patients are there for opiate addiction.

Those who participate in the program are expected each week to meet with medical staff, attend three group therapy sessions, one individual counseling session and one case management session.

When medically appropriate, the attending physician will prescribe Suboxone, a medication used to assist detoxification.

For more information about the Outpatient Detox program, call 332-9689 or visit [www.swfas.org](http://www.swfas.org).

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Group therapy session at SWFAS



Main living area of the SWFAS Detoxification Center



Individual counseling session at SWFAS

## LEAPP Hosts Public Screening About Elder Abuse In America

In honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 22 to 28), Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership (LEAPP) will hold a free public screening about elder abuse in America. The short film *An Age for Justice: Confronting Elder Abuse in America* will be shown, followed by a post-screening discussion led by LEAPP partners. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lee County Sheriff's Office at 14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway in Fort Myers.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an observance throughout the U.S. to promote victims' rights and to honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. The film being shown is part of a nationwide effort to increase public awareness of elder abuse in America and to give elders and advocates a voice for needed policy changes. In many cases, elder abuse victims are also victims of crime.

Guests should arrive no later than 9:45 a.m. in order to be escorted to the room designated for the event. Refreshments will be provided. To reserve a seat, RSVP to 590-0861.

Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership (LEAPP) is a coalition committed to creating community partnerships that effectively promote awareness of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults in Lee County. The coalition's mission is dedicated to providing education, services, advocacy and support to vulnerable adults.

For additional information about LEAPP, call 211 or 433-3900. United Way 211 information specialists are prepared to help you with your concerns regarding elder abuse and questions about Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership.

## Powerful Tools For Caregivers

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself. This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six sessions held once a week. Two experienced Class Leaders conduct the series (many are experienced caregivers themselves, who have successfully applied the techniques they teach). Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the "tools" you choose and put them into action for your life.

You will receive a book, *The Caregiver Helpbook*, developed specifically for the class. A donation of \$25 to help defray the cost of the book is suggested, but not required to attend the class.

Classes will be held at the Lake Kennedy Senior Center (Veranda Room), 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral, from May 15 to June 19. Sessions are held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information about respite care or to register, call 343-2751. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

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## Make-A-Wish Foundation Walk



Robert Colantonio and his son, Dominic, cross the finish line March 24th at Florida Gulf Coast University



Lily and Andrea Kidder



Amanda Bray and Michelle Persante with Frankie Vitiello and his bronze medal

## Pet Adoption Deal For Public Service Employees

Now through May 15, Lee County Domestic Animal Services will show their appreciation to public service employees by discounting pet adoption fees. Employees such as those in social services, transportation, housing, fire service, education, military, law enforcement and public housing are only a few of the groups that qualify to adopt a puppy or kitten for \$25 or an adult pet for just \$8 when they show their work ID. All other potential adopters should check Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com) for other adoption promotions including two-for-one cats and kittens.

"Animal Services realizes how dedicated our public servants are and we would like to say thank you by offering them a discount on adopting a new best friend and family member," said Donna Ward, LCDAS director.

The agency will be making this offer to various groups of individuals each month in appreciation for their hard work and commitment and to spotlight the variety of pets available from the county's animal shelter.

The reduced adoption fee still includes the complete package of services consisting of sterilization, age appropriate vaccinations, county license, microchip ID, de-worming, flea treatment, a heartworm

test for dogs, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, 10-Day Health Guarantee, and a bag of Hill's Science Diet dog or cat food. The adoption package is valued at over \$500.

To take advantage of this offer, just visit Animal Services' shelter at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway. Pets available for adoption may be viewed online at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). Information is automatically updated hourly and adoption applications may be submitted online.

For more information about pets for adoption or any LCDAS programs and services, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). If you are inquiring about a pet you have seen online, please have the animal ID number ready for faster assistance.\*



Nicholas and Ashley Martinez, Nick Schaefer with Taylor Marini and Leilani Martinez were among more than 300 participants



Cherry Blossom Centennial stamps

## Cherry Blossoms Featured On Stamps

The U.S. Postal Service has issued two-part Cherry Blossom Centennial stamps, commemorating the centennial of the gift of 3,020 cherry blossom trees from the city of Tokyo to the city of Washington, D.C. The two-part panorama signifies the friendship between Japan and the United States. The se-tenant (two-part, side-by-side) stamps picture cherry trees in full bloom around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. Each stamp is valued at 45 cents and is a forever stamp. The stamps are on sale nationwide.

The cherry blossom stamp on the left side features trees arching over two girls dressed in bright kimonos and a family on a stroll with the Washington Monument in the background. The group is shown in 1912 period attire. On the right-hand stamp, the Jefferson Memorial forms the backdrop for tourists taking in the sights under a canopy of pink blooms. This group is shown in contemporary clothing. With these subtle details, artist Paul Rogers represents the 100 years between the gift and modern day.

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# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. ART: Which French painter is known for his depictions of ballerinas?
2. ANATOMY: Where is the hyoid bone located?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only mammal that can fly on its own?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest U.S. state in land area?
5. TELEVISION: What was the theme song of the TV sitcom "Married with Children"?
6. MOVIES: Who played the dad in the film "The Shining"?
7. ADVERTISEMENTS: What product did the first television advertisement feature?
8. HISTORY: Aside from Rome, where did the popes of the Catholic Church reside for a brief period in the Middle Ages?
9. PERSONALITIES: What actor got his start as a circus performer?
10. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen"?

## ANSWERS

1. Edgar Degas 2. Throat 3. A bat 4. Rhode Island 5. "Love and Marriage" by Frank Sinatra 6. Jack Nicholson 7. Bulova watches 8. Avignon, France 9. Pierce Brosnan 10. President Harry Truman

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which three major-league pitchers hold the record for most consecutive starts without a victory?
2. What is the highest Andre Dawson ranks on the Chicago Cubs' list of most home runs for a season?
3. In the 2010 season, Mark Ingram became the Alabama Crimson Tide's all-time leader in rushing touchdowns (42). Who had held the mark?
4. During the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons, the Seattle SuperSonics had three players each average 20 points per game. Name two of the three.
5. On how many U.S. Olympic teams did NHL great Mike Modano play?
6. Chaunte Lowe set an American record in 2012 in the women's high jump at the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships. How high did she jump?
7. In 2011, Charl Schwartzel became the third South African golfer to win the Masters. Name the first two.

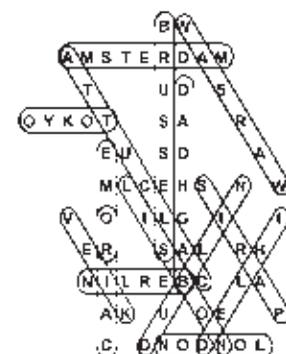
## ANSWERS

1. Cliff Curtis of the Boston Braves (1910-11), Matt Keough of the Oakland A's (1978-79) and Jo-Jo Reyes of the Toronto Blue Jays (2008-11), all with 28. 2. Tied for sixth, with 49 home runs in 1987. 3. Shaun Alexander (1998), Dale Ellis and Xavier McDaniel. 5. Three (1998, 2002 and 2006). 6. Six feet, 7 1/2 inches. 7. Gary Player (1961, '74, '78) and Trevor Immelman (2008).

## PUZZLE ANSWERS



## A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT



## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2012

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A sudden change of plans could lead to a misunderstanding with a friend or family member. Be ready to offer a full explanation of your decision. A past favor is returned.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot of traveling later on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance to develop.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Pay more attention to your aches and pains, and avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that edu-

cation becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love music and nature. You would be an excellent environmentalist, as well as a fine singer or musician.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 27, 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to 17th-century German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler. Scientists in the 20th century developed the Big Bang theory, which showed that Kepler's calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.

- On April 23, 1564, according to tradition, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon. It is impossible to be certain the exact day on which he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn.

- On April 26, 1865, John Wilkes Booth is killed when Union soldiers track him down to a Virginia farm 12 days after he assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. The original plan involved a simultaneous assassination of Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of State William Seward.

- On April 24, 1936, a group of firemen responding to an alarm in Camden, N.J., is televised. It was the first time an unplanned event was broadcast on television, anticipating the development of live TV news coverage.

- On April 25, 1947, President Harry Truman officially opens the first White House bowling alley. Eisenhower closed the two-lane alley in 1955 and turned it into a mimeograph room. Nixon had a one-lane alley installed underground directly beneath the North Portico entrance of the White House.

- On April 28, 1958, "The Witch Doctor," by singer/songwriter David Seville, hits the No. 1 spot on Billboard's pop charts. The song used the unusual technique of recording the singer's voice at a speed different than the music.

- On April 29, 1974, President Richard

Nixon announces to the public that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena. On Aug. 8, 1974, Nixon avoided a Senate impeachment trial by becoming the first American president to resign from office.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was beloved American humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "You can't say civilization don't advance, for in every war they kill you a new way."

- Elkhart, Ind., has the dubious distinction of being the RV capital of the world.

- According to a survey by the magazine Vegetarian Times, if you're a vegetarian, you have 3 percent of the U.S. population for company. Only half of 1 percent of Americans are vegans, consuming no animal products at all, while 10 percent say they follow a "vegetarian-inclined" diet.

- The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters.

- In 1743 one Dr. John Cohausen wrote a book called "Hermippus Redivivus," in which he described how anyone could live to the ripe old age of 115 -- a particularly impressive feat in the 18th century. His recipe for a long life involved burning gum olibani, styrac, myrrh and a variety of herbs, then inhaling the fumes, while at the same time "imbibing the exhalations of the nearest little girl."

- According to the law in the town of Chester, England, if you catch a Welshman within the city walls after the sun has gone down, you may shoot him with a longbow.

- Those who study such things say that the asteroids are so rich in minerals that one cubic kilometer of one of these heavenly bodies would provide the materials to make enough steel to supply the world's industry for more than a decade, with more than a century's worth of nickel, to boot.

- The shortest complete sentence in the English language is "Go."

- If you're like half of all Americans, you live within 50 miles of your childhood home.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you live to the age of a hundred, you've got it made, because very few people die past the age of a hundred." -- George Burns

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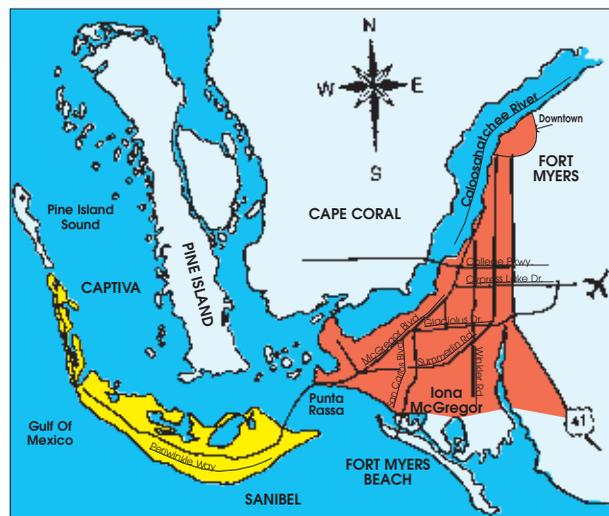
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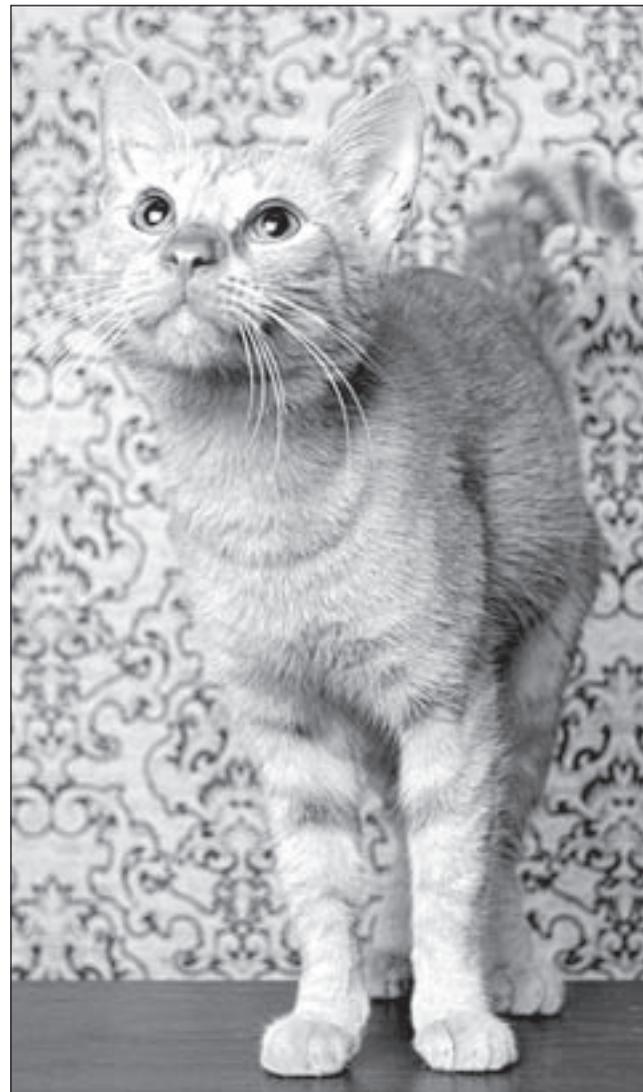
Hi, my name is Carrot Top. I'm a funny little feline with lots of personality. I can entertain you for hours and be a great companion for the whole family. My adoption fee \$25 during the Famous Felines and Celebrity Canines Adoption Promotion.

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [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, Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

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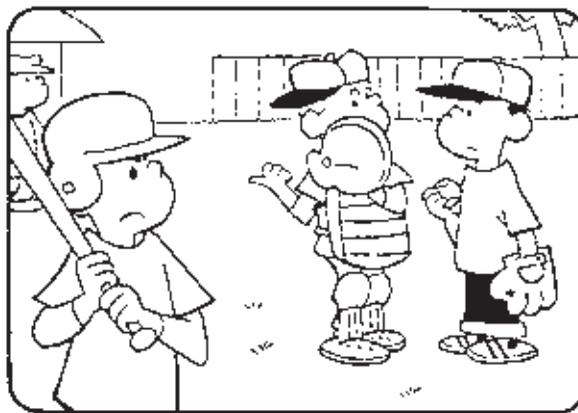
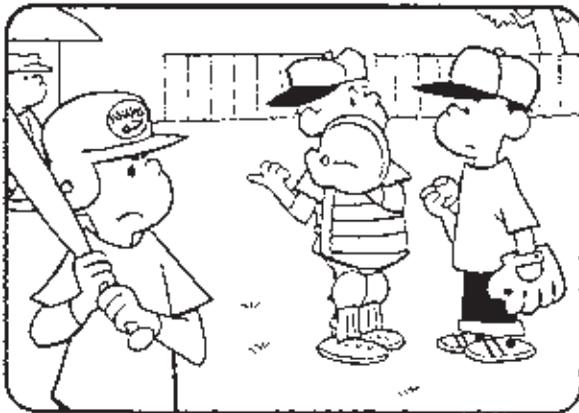
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BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences between the top and bottom panels. How many can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Fence is shorter; 2. Cap logo is missing; 3. Ball is in hand; 4. Glove is different; 5. Cap is smaller; 6. Glove is different.

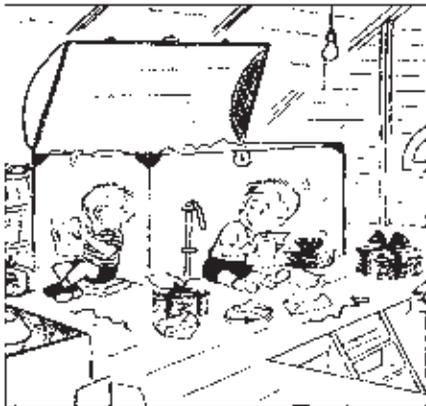
**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**SUDOKU**

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**SCRAMBLERS**

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



"Do you realize that our  
is entrusted to the man who wrote this  
drive and to the woman who fell for it?"

Posey

LEWOLF

Wavy

RYCUL

Rugged

OGHUT

Fall

EMBLUT

**TODAY'S WORD**

answer on page 35

**SCRAMBLERS**

*solution*

- 1. Flower; 2. Curly;
- 3. Tough; 4. Tumble

*Today's Word:*  
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## SUDOKU

### To play Sudoku:

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

answer on page 32



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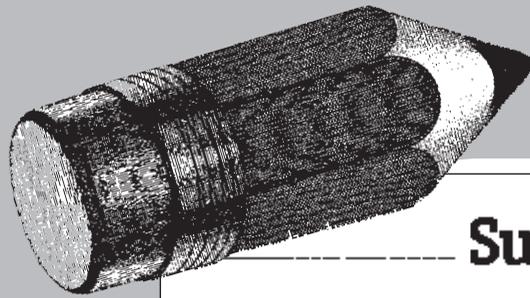
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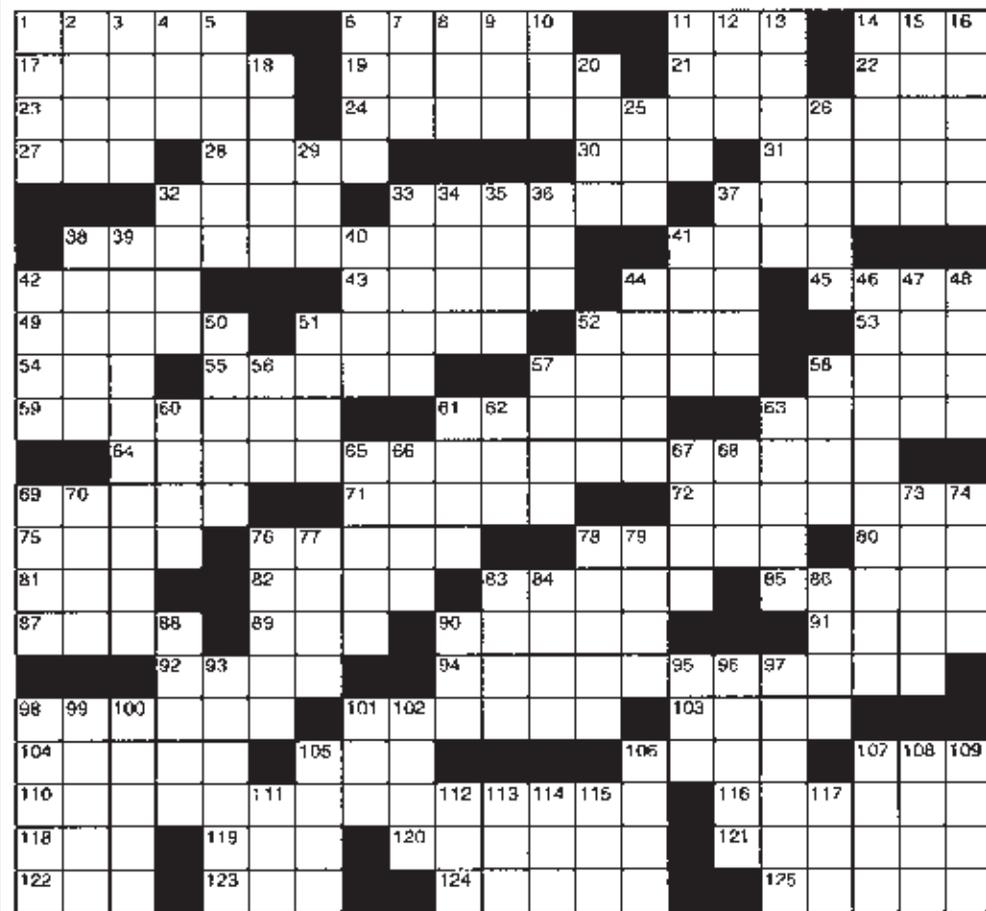
# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 32

## Super Crossword

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Dracula" prop
  - 6 — mignon
  - 11 Roast beef au —
  - 14 Enjoy the Alps
  - 17 Tropical treat
  - 19 Classical nunk?
  - 21 A Turner
  - 22 Another Turner
  - 23 Toed the line
  - 24 Start of a remark by 36 Across
  - 27 Prom wear
  - 28 Idle
  - 30 Fury
  - 31 "Garfield" cartoonist
  - 32 Shalt or Ssket
  - 33 Ned of "Deliverance"
  - 37 Stir up
  - 38 Speaker of remark
  - 41 Carrey title start
  - 42 Windmill part
  - 43 Violinist
  - 44 Singer
  - 45 Cabbage concoction
  - 49 Aquatic animal
  - 51 Bodybuilder Charles
  - 52 "— Show" ('94 film)
  - 53 Private pension
  - 54 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
  - 55 Restive
  - 57 Trumpeter Berigan
  - 58 Explorer Hedin
  - 59 '68 Tom Jones hit
  - 61 Shatter
  - 63 — suit
  - 64 Part 2 of remark
  - 69 Raid
  - 71 Sinuous dances
  - 72 Jihad
  - 75 Verve
  - 76 Posada of baseball
  - 78 Thin porridge
  - 80 Thurman of "The Avengers"
  - 81 Deighton or Dawson
  - 82 Blows away
  - 83 Isaac's mom
  - 85 Remove varnish
  - 87 Lug
  - 89 Morning moisture
  - 90 Comic Sherman
  - 91 "— It a Pity?" ('70 song)
  - 92 Got older
  - 94 Part 3 of remark
  - 98 Yearned
  - 101 Titania's hubby
  - 103 "Java" man?
  - 104 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
  - 105 Woody herb
  - 106 With 107 Down, "Chocolat" address
  - 107 Kimono closer
  - 110 End of remark
  - 116 Like some recordings
  - 118 Out — limb
  - 119 Gumshoe
  - 120 Update a story
  - 121 Ida of "The Sea Wolf"
  - 122 Fashion monogram
  - 123 Symbol of sturdiness
  - 124 "Jane Eyre" character
  - 125 Murcia mister
- DOWN**
- 1 Primer pooch
  - 2 Forbidden
  - 3 Summit
  - 4 Kyser or Starr
  - 5 Ornamental opening
  - 6 Comic Joey
  - 7 Wedding words
  - 8 "Hulk" Ferrigno
  - 9 SASE, e.g.
  - 10 Mowry of "Sister, Sister"
  - 11 Be in accord
  - 12 Luau instrument
  - 13 Rarely
  - 14 Martin or McQueen
  - 15 Aclor Sorbo
  - 16 What i.e. stands for
  - 18 Hersey setting
  - 20 Tizzy
  - 25 Strive
  - 26 Whittier's feet
  - 29 Buddhist movement
  - 32 Merriment
  - 33 Beer storage?
  - 34 Humorist
  - 35 Bombeck
  - 35 Cry of concern
  - 36 Dress size
  - 37 Like a beach
  - 38 Photo finish
  - 39 Narrow-minded
  - 40 One of the Marches
  - 41 Rub out
  - 42 Nullify
  - 44 Swindle
  - 46 Sausage type
  - 47 Precinct
  - 48 Lack
  - 50 Bondix role
  - 51 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
  - 52 Wharf
  - 56 Prepare to feather?
  - 57 Seeks change?
  - 58 Fluctuate
  - 60 Tenor Kozlovsky
  - 61 Peevishness
  - 62 Genetic into
  - 63 Vends
  - 65 Flung
  - 66 Warm embraces
  - 67 "No dice!"
  - 68 Farm tool
  - 69 Cratier's cloth
  - 70 Toast topper
  - 73 — acid
  - 74 All ears
  - 75 Too experienced
  - 77 Had bills
  - 78 Bit of a beach
  - 79 Be
  - 83 Disparage
  - 84 Palo —, CA
  - 86 Cast
  - 88 Scout rank
  - 90 Presidential nickname
  - 93 Trallona treat
  - 95 Heifer or hen
  - 96 Last
  - 97 Telescope sighting
  - 98 Croce's Mr. Brown
  - 99 "Hee Haw" host Buck
  - 100 Mount Everest's locale
  - 101 Absent
  - 102 Grumpy guy
  - 105 Singer Springfield
  - 106 Alzapp of football
  - 107 See 106 Across
  - 108 Pro — (tree)
  - 109 Perpetual lab assistant
  - 111 Soho snack
  - 112 PBS benefactor
  - 113 Accounting abbr.
  - 114 Tiny
  - 115 "— of You" ('84 hit)
  - 117 "Tarzan" extra



## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Macrame and wigam
  - 5 Split the bears
  - 9 Swore home
  - 12 Old Italian money
  - 13 Parks or Bonheur
  - 14 Rage
  - 15 "Animal House" event
  - 17 Aww preceder
  - 18 Garp
  - 19 "Monopoly" building
  - 21 Therefore
  - 22 "SNL" alumna
  - 24 Broge coup
  - 27 Writer Buscaglia
  - 28 Giant in a nightmare
  - 31 Moray, for one
  - 32 Under the weather
  - 33 Towel designation
  - 34 Post bath application
  - 36 Aviate
  - 37 Halt
  - 38 Wild West show
  - 40 2009 Pixar movie
  - 41 Backbone
  - 43 Quiver contents
  - 47 Funny guy
  - 48 "Sleep well"
  - 51 Potsdam pronoun
  - 52 Sleeping
  - 53 Meriment
  - 54 Bumpoo into
  - 55 Old letter opener?
  - 56 Appear
  - 61 Journal
  - 6 Journal
  - 7 Blond shade
  - 8 Wash in a tub
  - 9 Wait patiently
  - 10 Genealogy chart
  - 11 Holder
  - 16 To and
  - 20 Acapu co gold
  - 22 Yo Yo Ma's instrument
  - 23 Sacred
  - 24 Collector
  - 25 Meadow
  - 26 Fire
  - 27 Biography
  - 29 Carnival city
  - 30 Kreskin's claim
  - 35 Innate
  - 37 Parsley servings
  - 38 "La tette" painter
  - 40 Coffee vessel
  - 41 Take to the pool
  - 42 Gait
  - 43 Find the sum
  - 44 Look lustfully
  - 45 Roller coaster cry
  - 46 Coster feature
  - 48 Sapporo sash
  - 50 "The ramparts"
- DOWN**
- 1 — Romeo
  - 2 Urban disturbance
  - 3 Horse's gait
  - 4 Great cruelty
  - 5 Cheese choice



## A RIVER RUNS MAGIC MAZE THROUGH IT



- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
- |           |          |        |        |
|-----------|----------|--------|--------|
| Amsterdam | Caro     | Kiev   | Rome   |
| Baghdad   | Calcutta | Lisbon | Tokyo  |
| Berlin    | Delhi    | London | Warsaw |
| Brussels  | Dublin   | Paris  |        |



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This turn-key, fully furnished and accessorized waterfront two bedroom condominium is set amidst a community of 320 condominium residences. The split floor plan offers en-suite bathrooms in both bedrooms which exemplifies ample privacy. With the fully equipped kitchen, dining and living it makes condominium ownership simple and hassle free! Take pleasure in the view off the open porch overlooking the water display in the lake and sandy lakefront beach just below the pool vicinity. The Gardens at Beachwalk is centrally located Ft Myers gated community which is Mediterranean inspired. Close proximity to hospitals, shopping, library and beaches of Ft Myers Beach and Sanibel. **Offered for \$140,000.00 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**



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