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Decorating Begins For Holiday Nights At Edison And Ford



Members of the Edison Inventors Association

Decorating teams began installing the 37th annual Edison & Ford Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates on Wednesday, November 14. "Edison Ford curators have selected very unique decorating teams from throughout the region who bring special skills and interest in recreating old Florida history and the old-fashioned holiday themes that we all treasure," said Chris Pendleton, Edison Ford president and CEO. "Decorating days are an event at Edison Ford and the decorators work to get the perfect look to surprise visitors with something new every year."

Decorators include: American Institute of Architects – Southwest Florida, Bennett's Fresh Roast, Cartoon Designs by Doug MacGregor, Edison & Ford Winter Estates volunteers, Edison Community Neighborhood Association, Thomas A. Edison Congregational Church, Edison Festival of Light, Edison Inventors Association, Florida Power & Light, Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, General Electric, Greater

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Winter Wonderland is the theme for this year's 26th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship of Fort Myers Beach

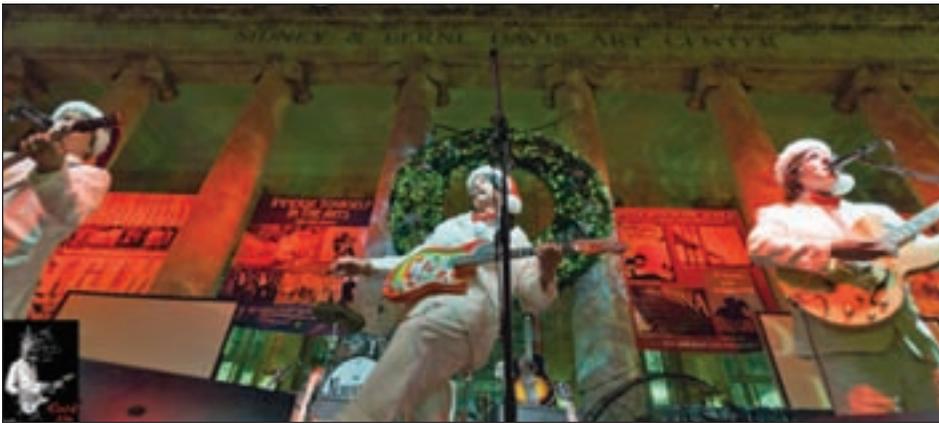
Sand Sculpting Championship

From Friday, November 16 to Sunday, November 25, the American Sand Sculpting Championship returns to Fort Myers Beach. The main event will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discounted tickets are on sale at the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Master sand sculptors from around the world are scheduled to hit the beach to work with over 1,000 tons of sand to create 30 works of sand sculpture art, all under the

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Holiday Cheer Coming To The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center



Jingle Bell Rock performing at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is partnering with Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and the Rotary Club of Fort Myers to present Family Fun Day on Saturday, November 24.

The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with the 5th annual Brunch With Santa, which continues until 2 p.m. There will be a Children's Workshop from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and The Nowhere Band – Southwest Florida's premier Beatles tribute band – will play on the front steps starting at 6 p.m.

The evening's events will take place in conjunction with Holiday Stroll, which includes the Davis Art Center's annual wreath lighting at 7 p.m., performed by Fort Myers Mayor Randall Henderson. Kick off the holiday season at the Davis, located in the downtown Fort Myers River District, at 2301 First Street.

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Ranger Miller demonstrates successful fire-making with a bow drill

Wilderness Survival Fun Day

Spend the day before Thanksgiving learning how to survive in the wild at Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve.

Kids aged 12 to 16 will learn the four basic needs of survival and then challenge themselves in two of them. Participants will build debris hut shelters and practice the primitive art of fire making. All materials will be provided.

Parents will sign their kids in at the Six



Campers pose with the shelter they built out of natural materials

Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Interpretive Center from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21 for a day full of hands-on learning. The cost per child is \$15 and reservations are required. This fun day is limited to 10 participants, so register early.

Participants should wear closed-toe shoes and dress to be outside. They should also bring water, two snacks and a lunch. This will be a technology-free zone, so no cell phones, iPods, etc.

If you have any questions, contact Heather Gienapp at 533-7556. Call 533-7440 to sign up or visit www.leeparks.org for additional information.✪

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Walter Langford's First On First

by Gerri Reaves



The house pictured in the undated photo was built in 1905 by Walter G. Langford, and although for decades it has been known as the Langford-Cox house, it could also be called the first Langston-Kingston house.

This one-and-one-half-story structure on the southwest corner of First Street and Woodford Avenue features a hip roof, large porches and dormers. Like other houses of the era, it was designed for the subtropical climate and river breezes in the days before air conditioning.

Langford hailed from one of the region's most influential families. He inherited considerable business acumen from his cattleman father, Dr. Thomas E. Langford, for whom he worked for a time.

Walter Langford played an important role in convincing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to extend its route to Fort Myers. He is best remembered for organizing the First National Bank (originally known as Lee County Bank) in 1907 and serving as the first president.

In the 19-teens (sources differ as to exactly which year), Langford sold the house to George Kingston, the inventor of the Kingston carburetor, as a winter home.

Langford then bought John T. Murphy's house (today's Murphy-Burroughs Home) across the street in 1914 after Murphy's death. The Langford family lived there for several years, awaiting the construction of what was destined to be one of the city's premier historic structures, today's Langford-Kingston home at Hough Street.

He subsequently sold the Murphy house and in 1919 moved into that new house. He died less than a year later at age 47.

In 1925, Kingston bought that house too, thus the reason for saying there are in fact two historic Langford-Kingston homes.

As for the 1905 house at Woodford, in 1951 Norman Cox, a major gladiolus producer and shipper, bought and remodeled it as office space. By that time, many altera-



The historic structure almost a century old is now a law office

photo by Gerri Reaves



Original lattice windows and an inviting large porch evoke old Fort Myers

photo by Gerri Reaves



Walter G. Langford built this house in 1905 at First Street and Woodford Avenue

courtesy of Southwest Florida Historical Society

tions had been made, including the replacement of wood framing on the porches with wrought-iron columns.

The lovely lattice windows remain.

Today, the nearly century-old structure is the offices of Fried & Fried, P.A.

Walk down to First and Woodford and imagine the time when that part of town was primarily residential.

Then stroll a few blocks south to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about the historic neighborhoods of East First Street.

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Fort Myers Public Art:

Mina Edison

by Tom Hall



Just past the sculpture of Thomas Edison at the entrance to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates sits *Mina Edison*, the “home executive” who ran Seminole Lodge and its surrounding until she

gifted the estates to the City of Fort Myers in 1947. The larger-than-life cold cast aluminum statue is the work of North Fort Myers sculptor Don “DJ” Wilkins.

Wilkins seated Mina Edison to one side of a concrete bench that sits within eyeshot of the standing sculpture of her husband. “She’s looking over at him as if to invite him to come over and sit by her,” Wilkins reveals. “I think that’s why so many people sit next to her. They’re responding unconsciously to that look in her eye.”

Scores of visitors do take advantage of Thomas Edison’s spot on that bench for photo ops with the estates’ grand dame. “She’s especially popular with kids,” notes Lisa Sbuttoni, public relations and marketing director for the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. “It’s not unusual to walk by and see a small child curled up in Mina’s lap.”

To make his sculpture kid friendly, Wilkins blunted the contours of the handkerchief Mina holds in her right hand so that it won’t poke or cut anyone sitting on the sculpture. “We also carved channels in her dress to make sure that water didn’t pool around her hand.”

The sculpture appropriately resides in the Edison Heritage Garden. It’s a place in which Mina would have felt at home. While husband Thomas was busy collecting plants and testing them for their scientific and medicinal value, Mina took a more conventional approach to gardening. She planted gardens throughout the grounds, including a moonlight garden of white and blue blooms, a lily pond garden of iris, water lilies and papyrus, and a rose garden as well. All became perfect backdrops for the socialite’s many tea parties and luncheons.

Mina did not merely garden. She was active in numerous garden clubs and related civic groups that included the Chautauqua Association (where she served as president of the Bird and Tree Club), the National Audubon Society, the John Burroughs Association, and the School Garden Association of America. It’s there where she introduced new friend and prodigy Bernese Barfield Davis to garden clubs.

The concept may sound frivolous today, but in the 1930s and ‘40s, garden clubs were important social organizations that not only initiated civic beautification projects, but demonstrated for the first time in American history that women could wield positive socio-economic



DJ Wilkins’ sculpture of Mina Edison sitting on a bench at The Estates is a popular place for visitors to have their photo taken

power within their communities.

Berne Davis took her mentor’s example to heart, creating an endowed chair in 2006 for landscape design, horticultural education and research at Florida Gulf Coast University, thereby extending Mina

Edison’s legacy well into the 21st century.

An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District’s public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to truetours.net.✪

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Social Security Office Hours To Be Reduced

Effective November 19, the Fort Myers Social Security office will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday. In addition, beginning January 2, 2013, the office will close to the public at noon every Wednesday.

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete face-to-face interviews and process claims work without incurring the cost of overtime. The significantly reduced funding provided by Congress under the continuing resolution for the first six months of the fiscal year makes it impossible for the agency to provide the overtime needed to handle service to the public as it has done in the past.

In addition, on November 23, the day after Thanksgiving, all Social Security field offices will be closed to the public. As we did last year, employees working that day will focus on reducing backlogged workloads.

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to a local office. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability or Medicare benefits, signing up for direct deposit, replacing a Medicare card, obtaining a proof of income letter or informing us of a change of address

or telephone number are conveniently available at www.socialsecurity.gov or by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. Many of our online services also are available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov.

Bryson Appointed HR Florida State Council Treasurer

Martha Bryson, SPHR, Hope HealthCare Services director of staff relations, has been appointed registrar for the HR Florida State Council, an affiliate of the Society for Human Resources Management.

Currently serving as treasurer, Bryson serves as part of the executive committee that governs the activities of the council, including the 2013 HR Florida State Conference & Expo.

A member of the Hope HealthCare Services team since 2003, Bryson is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources, a career-long commitment dedicated to mastering the core HR principles and staying current in the HR profession. She has held the position of secretary and was a two-term district director on the HR Florida State Council.

Bryson previously served as president of HRMA of Southwest Florida and is a graduate of Siena Heights University in Michigan.

Lee County Commissioners Inauguration

On Tuesday, November 20 at 8:15 a.m., Lee County Commissioners John Manning, Cecil L. Pendergrass, Larry Kiker and Frank Mann will take the oath of office during an inauguration ceremony in the commission chambers on the second floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street, downtown Fort Myers.

An ensemble from the Cypress Lake Center of the Arts will supply musical entertainment. The ceremony will be followed by a 9 a.m. reception in the courthouse lobby on the first floor. The weekly board meeting will begin at its usual 9:30 a.m. starting time. The public is invited to attend all inauguration activities and the board meeting.

For more information call event coordinator Lori Borman at 533-2737.

Charity Beach Ball Is Saturday

Only a limited number of tickets are left for the Fort Myers Beach Charity Beach Ball on Saturday, November 17. The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation is hosting the event from 6 to 11 p.m. at the DiamondHead Beach Resort. Join your

friends and neighbors for a fun evening to benefit the local island community.

The Beach Ball is a black tie optional dinner with The Marc Vee Band providing entertainment and dance music. There will also be a silent auction during the evening featuring donations from many local businesses. Auction items include once in a lifetime experiences and trips.

Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at www.charitybeachball.com. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be returned back to the local community.

League Of Women Voters Monthly Meeting

The League of Women Voters will meet on Saturday, December 1, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive, Fort Myers.

The featured speaker will be Ann Arnall, director, Lee County Department of Human Services.

The meeting is open to league members and the public. Cost is \$15 for breakfast. Student rates are available. For reservations call 462-3444 or e-mail carolbf@centurylink.net by November 27.

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Bluegrass At The Alliance For The Arts This Sunday

Bluegrass music will fill the theater at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, November 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. when the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents the third and final concert in its Fall Indoor Bluegrass Series at the Alliance.

The concert features the Naples-based Bean Pickers, Myakka River Bluegrass and Pain In The Grass. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$5 for Alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first serve. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

The outdoor Palmgrass Bluegrass Festival on the Alliance amphitheater stage is Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It features headliner Newtown from Lexington, Kentucky as well as Swinging Bridge, The Florida Bluegrass Express and The Bugtussle Ramblers.

Advance tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the gate. To purchase them online, go to www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.

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



Turkey Bingo At Lake Kennedy

Come to the Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral, and enjoy some Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 18.

This fun event offers a unique twist to this ever popular pastime. Your entry fee of \$10 gets you 10 games and, with a little luck, you could win a traditional holiday meal.

Here is how it works:

- Buy 10 game sheets for \$10
- Play 10 exciting games of Bingo
- Have fun with friends while helping the Lake Kennedy Center.

Bingo players could win:

- Turkey dinner from Publix that serves six to eight people (Limited one dinner per person)
 - Traditional trimmings basket (Limited one basket per person)
 - Traditional pie with whipped cream included (Limited one pie per person)
- No cash prizes will be awarded.

Snacks are available for a donation. Call the Lake Kennedy Center at 574-0575 for additional details. ✨

Autumn Arts And Crafts Fair

The public is invited to the City of Fort Myers Autumn Arts and Crafts Fair at the Riverside Community Center located along the Caloosahatchee. The fair is November 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair is a fun way to explore the fascinating world of fine craft making, with activities for all ages. You can meet and talk to the local craftsmen, learn about their techniques, and make purchases. Find creative and practical gifts just in time for your holiday shopping. Bring your kids, friends and family for some fine arts and crafts, food and fun.

There is no admission is fee and they're will be hourly raffles/
Riverside Community Center is at 3061 East Riverside Drive, Fort Myers. ✨

Gulf Coast Shakespeare Festival

Gulf Coast Shakespeare Festival on November 17 at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers
"All the world's a stage, All the men and women merely players." The third Gulf Coast Shakespeare Festival comes to The Alliance for the Arts on November 16 and 17. The VIP reception and preview party is on the 16th from 5:30 to 7 p.m.. A full day of performances and fun, free thanks to generous sponsorships, will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 17.

Committed to providing important educational opportunities in theater, The Laboratory Theater of Florida is pleased to present this annual festival on the green at the Alliance for the Arts location in Fort Myers. "It's a perfect fit for the festival," said Artistic Director Annett Trossbach.

Look forward to full-length productions of such favorites as *Othello* and *Twelfth Night*, to name a few, as well as Renaissance weapons demonstrations, dancers from Gulfshore Ballet, costumes, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* fairies, scenes, songs, and you'll sample delicious snacks throughout the day. "There is truly something for everyone. Young and young-at-heart will be entertained!", said Lab Theater's festival coordinator Kym

Yaeger Hoffmann.

Jonesez BBQ and Chef Brooke's organic creations are just some of the culinary treats at this year's Shakespeare Festival. "This family festival is bound to delight everyone! It's a brilliant entertainment and educational experience for kids, with plenty to keep the adults happy, too," says Lab Theater's Artistic Director Annette Trossbach.

The free performances on the Saturday schedule include:

10 a.m. – Gulfshore Ballet dances
10:15 a.m. – *Twelfth Night* adaption
11:15 a.m. – Broadsword and Fencing demonstration

11:45 a.m. – Scenes from *Romeo & Juliet*

12 p.m. – *Othello*
2 p.m. – A Kellyn Celtic Compendium of Dance

2:30 p.m. – Learning a Part: Bottom as an Amateur Actor on the Elizabethan Stage

3 p.m. – How to Shake It Like Shakespeare

3:30 p.m. – Stage combat and broadsword demonstration

4 p.m. – The Commedia Robin Hood

Visit the Festival website at tinyurl.com/GCSF2012 for tickets for the VIP chocolate and champagne reception on November 16 and discounted hotel rates at the festival hotel Legacy Harbour Resort & Suites. Contact 239-332-2048 for more information on special overnight rates. ✨

Fall Harvest Dinner Show

Attend the Fall Harvest Dinner Show with Kim Jenkins on Friday, November 30, presented by Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral.

Another snowbird season is here and it's time to get together with friends and entertainer Kim Jenkins, the One Man

Boomer Band, an exceptional vocalist who has the versatility, power and range to sing a wide variety of music from the 1950s to today. The evening's featured dinner is chicken chardonnay, wild rice pilaf, a vegetable and dessert.

Cost to attend Fall Harvest Dinner is \$18 for members and \$23 for non-members. Contact Lake Kennedy Center at 574-0575 to make reservations or for more information. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. ✨

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Junior League Member Social

The Junior League of Fort Myers (JLFM) announced its next New Member Information Social, open to women over the age of 21 who are interested in learning more about the League, on Thursday, January 3 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The gathering will be held at The Bell Tower Shops, Suite 251 (in the former J. Jill store) at 13499 S. Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

Interested in promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community? Come and hear detailed information about the League and membership requirements. Learn more about the JLFM's charitable initiatives which include Juvenile Justice Program, Kids in the Kitchen Nutrition Initiative with mobile food pantry and

Taste of the Town. Our members are career women, working mothers, stay at home moms, full-time and part-time volunteers of all ages. We represent a variety of races, religions and ethnic origins, all committed to making difference in our community.

RSVP online at www.jlfm.org, by emailing newmember@jlfm.org or by calling the office at 277-1197.*

Call For Artists

The Art League of Fort Myers Holiday Happenings art exhibit will open December 7 and run through December 28. The judged show will feature works by art league members only. For a prospectus, go to <http://www.artleagueoffortmyers.org/prospectus-december-2012-holiday-happenings.html>. Call 275-3970 for more information.*

Mah Jongg Club

The Purple Dragon Mah Jongg Club, located at 15675 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers, is having their 10th anniversary Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, December 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg members and past members are invited to come join the celebration and catch up with "old friends."

If you are interested in attending, call MariAnne at 433-4474 by Friday, November 16 for further details and reservation.*

Greeters Club

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on Thursday, November 15 at Colonial County Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Fashions by Trader Rick's are sure to entice folks to update their wardrobe.

Call today to join this dynamic group of women from Lee County. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$20, with reservations required. Contact Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Marie Gaither at 791-8966 or email wmgaither@aol.com. Also, Check out Greeters of Fort Myers on Facebook for other fun activities.*

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Walter Langford's

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

Be sure to visit one of the area's best research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you learn more about Langford and the houses he built.

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.

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The adopted families will be residents of Lee, Collier or Charlotte counties. Information on the adopted families is kept confidential. You will be provided with a child's (or sometimes a parent's)

letter. You will be asked to purchase some or all of the requested items. Items are to be unwrapped and packaged in a box ready to mail.

Your Operation Santa Mail package will need to be delivered to a designated drop-off post office where a postal clerk will address the package and advise you of the postage required. You will need to provide the postal clerk with the numbered Dear Santa letter. The post office will deliver the package with the Operation Santa Mail return address

Participation requires completion of an application. Contact Debra Mitchell by email at debra.j.mitchell@usps.com or call 573-9638 to participate and to receive an application.✱

Letter Carriers Host Toy Drive

Lee and Charlotte county letter carriers will feel like Santa on Saturday, December 1. Residents in both counties are encouraged to place a new, unwrapped toy in or by their mail receptacle for collection by the letter carrier. This one-day toy drive to benefit the Marine Corps League Toys For Tots program yields the majority of the toys that will be shared with underprivileged children locally.

In Lee County for pick up of larger items, call 699-8121. Post Office lobbies as well as Walgreens stores in Lee County will have a donation container for toys. Monetary donations can be made by credit card at <http://fort-myers-fl.toys-fortots.org>. Checks can be mailed to Toys For Tots, P.O. Box 150393, Cape Coral, FL 33915.

Please make the holidays brighter for families who are struggling to get by and donate a toy on Saturday, December 1.✱

Made By US Fashion Show And Sale

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas

For the second year running, area craftswomen will be raising funds and awareness for projects benefiting women both here and abroad at Made by US (women-made creations): Fashion Show and Sale.

The show will be held on Friday, November 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Fort Myers, 3411 Shire Lane. It will benefit The GRACE Project (Guatemalan Rural Adult and Children's Education).

It will include food, music and entertainment. The project works in Guatemala and locally to improve the lives of Guatemalan women and their families through education, particularly in human trafficking prevention and reducing violence against women. The group is a local service partner of the Zonta Club of Sanibel/Captiva, which is also a sponsor of the event.

Made by US is the brainchild of island Zontian and event emcee Gari Lewis.

Local craftswomen, many of them from Central America, will be selling their hand-made goods including hand painted jackets, organic cotton tops and dresses, vintage re-designed clothes, jewelry, bags and accessories. Students from PACE Center for Girls of Lee County, another Zonta service partner, will also feature their pop-top jewelry.

Admission is \$10 and children under 16 are admitted free.

For more information call Gari Lewis at 395-2403 or the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers at 561-2700.✱



The GRACE Project fashion show will feature hand-made goods including hand-painted jackets

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Along The River



Vino's Picasso offers fun art sessions for children and adults of all skill levels

Head down to Fort Myers Beach for the **The Sunset Celebration** this Friday and Saturday nights. Friday features live music from Troublemakerz while Big Al and the Phat Kats will jam on Saturday. The event is held from 4 to 9 p.m. both evening (weather permitting) at Times Square.

For more information, call 463-5900.

On Saturday, November 17 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. is the 6th annual **Sundown Patrol Hangar Dance**. Event owner Earl Leamer (Chief Observer at Sundown Patrol of Lee County) will host the gala at the ACI Hangar at Page Field, Fort Myers and will be lead by Master of Ceremonies Craig Wolf. The Hangar Dance supports the Sundown Patrol of Lee County. There will be a 16-piece band, catered food, a performance by the Calendar Girls and Rowdy Rhythms, complementary beer and wine and a silent auction.

The 6th annual Sundown Patrol Hangar Dance is at Page Field, 325 Danley Drive,



Paul McCarthy, owner, of Captiva Cruises aboard the *Santiva*. The restored vessel takes visitors down the Caloosahatchee to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates every Wednesday.

Fort Myers. Call 239-481-2801 or go to www.SundownPatrol.org.

On Sunday, November 18, **Lee County Alliance for the Arts** is hosting a Bluegrass concert presented by the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida. The show runs from 2 to 5 p.m. Doors open at 1:15 p.m.

The concert features the Naples-based Bean Pickers, Myakka River Bluegrass and Pain In The Grass. Seating is open and first come, first serve. Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$5 for Alliance members. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult.

Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers near the Colonial intersection. Call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

On Tuesday, November 20, **Vino's Picasso** offers two great sessions for experienced adult painters and would-be painters.

Paint on your own at the Open Studio Session Tuesday through Thursday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Price is \$20 per person. The evening class is entitled Dreamcatcher and runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and the session (like the adult sessions) may be cancelled if the minimum number of three registrants is not met.

Vino's Picasso has sessions for adults and children alike. It is not an art school and does not pretend to be. Most sessions are for adults to meet and drive their artistic expression with a great drink and good friends. Ninety percent of its clients have never painted before, so be not afraid!

Adult groups are supplied with the paint (acrylic), palette, brushes, canvas, apron and even corkscrews for opening wine bottles. The friendly staff will set up and clean up too. Participants only need to worry about bringing their own wine/beer or buying something unique from Vino's Picasso's bar and leaving with a new masterpiece! There is no instruction during this time and Lee County regulations do not allow for B.Y.O.B. during children's sessions.

Vino's Picasso is located at 15250 South Tamiami Trail, #109, Fort Myers. Call 288-6953 or go to www.vinospicasso.com for a calendar of events.

Every Wednesday season, **Captiva Cruises** offers boat cruises and tours from Captiva Island to the historic **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** in Fort Myers. The boat depart at 10 a.m. and cruise time aboard *Santiva* is approximately one hour and 40 minutes.

During the excursion along the shorelines of Captiva and Sanibel and up the Caloosahatchee, guests will learn about the exciting history of the area's vital ecosystem. Upon arrival in Fort Myers, enjoy lunch at the private Royal Palm Yacht Club followed by a guided tour of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. Participants will return to Captiva aboard the *Santiva*.

While relaxing on the boat, hear about Captiva's rich history, including the famous fishing camps popular in the early 1900s. The roster of fascinating characters that frequenting the camps included J.N. "Ding" Darling, President Theodore Roosevelt and John Roach, the man who purchased Useppa Island for the Izaak Walton Club for tarpon fishing. Other notable locations include Punta Rassa, an important cattle town from which Florida bovines were shipped and traded with Cuba in the 1800s.

Captiva Cruises also offers dolphin watch and wildlife cruises that make for memorable family adventures. The tour company reports seeing dolphins on approximately 95 percent of their cruises. It's difficult to imagine anything more spectacular than watching dolphins playfully jumping in the wake of the boat while pelicans gracefully skim the water for fish! The trip runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and is narrated by volunteers from the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Captiva Cruises is located at McCarthy's Marine, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva Island. For reservations, call 472-5300 or go to www.captivacruises.com**



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The Heights Foundation volunteers hand out Thanksgiving goodies

Heights Foundation Seeks Donors For Thanksgiving Food Basket Outreach

The Heights Foundation is seeking organizations and individuals to participate in the Bountiful Blessings Thanksgiving Food Basket outreach. Since 1999, the program has helped families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood make a traditional Thanksgiving meal to share with their families.

In 2011, partner agencies, businesses, philanthropic organizations and more than 100 volunteers provided turkey dinners with all of the fixings to 250 families. This year, the foundation hopes to assist nearly 400 families.

"The Heights Foundation works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. We can only do this because of the generous support of our neighbors who contribute their time and money to support our mission," said Julie Workman, director of programs and community relations for the Heights Foundation. "Donations of food or Publix gift cards will help families in our community. Volunteers are also needed for our donation drop off day and outreach event."

Donations can be dropped off on Thursday afternoon, November 16. The outreach event will be held on Sunday, November 18.

Organizations and individuals interested in participating can contact Julie Workman at 482-7706 or Julie@heightsfoundation.org. All donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations can be made online at www.heightsfoundation.org/bountiful-blessings.



The Heights Foundation Thanksgiving Outreach will assist nearly 400 families

Fishing Derby Postponed

Originally scheduled for November 17, the second annual "Ding" Darling Kids Fishing Derby on the Sanibel Causeway has been postponed due to high levels of red tide. Stay tuned for future bulletins rescheduling the free event.

Visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or call 472-1100 ext. 236 for updates.

The event is made possible by support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, Sanibel Island Fishing Club, and Lee County Parks & Recreation.

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Thursday, November 22, 2012
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Vocal Artistry Gala And CD Release



Michelle Caulkins, Cliff Smith, Joseph Caulkins, Devon Morreale and Jim Griffith
photos by Kristen Troyer Photography

Vocal Artistry is proud to announce that its season of supporting local non-profit charities through music has begun on a high note. At its gala and CD release party on October 28, more than \$10,000 was raised through generous donors, guests, a silent auction and CD sales. Nearly half of the proceeds were donated to the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center and United Way. The rest will help the volunteer singing group, which serves as an outreach of the Music Ministry at the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, to cover shoestring concert production costs during the season as they work to raise funds and awareness for their community partners (listed below).

Additionally, CD sales throughout the entire season will continue to benefit the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades.

Vocal Artistry Community Partners, 2012-2013 Season

After The Rain of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides housing for women recovering from substance abuse, homelessness and domestic violence. It also accesses supportive services for residents to become employed, self-sufficient and capable of rebuilding family relationships. The main goals are to develop healthy character and success in all areas of life.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank seeks to overcome hunger in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties through education and by working in a cooperative effort with affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the leading global organization focused on Type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults with this disease, JDRF is the largest charitable support of T1D research.

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County is the only non-residential, gender specific program for at-risk girls in the county. PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a nationally recognized juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention program for teenage girls facing challenges such as physical, sexual and emotional abuse, foster care, academic



Phyllis Daugherty, Deborah O'Neal, Jaime Knaub, David Norris and John Daugherty



T. Wayne and Mavis Miller with Michelle and Joseph Caulkins

failure and delinquency.

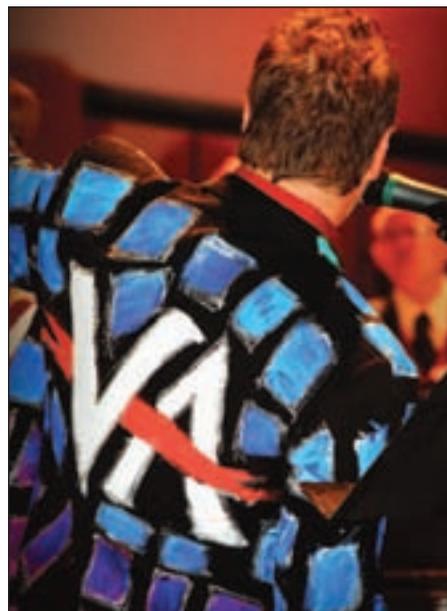
Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (SWFAS) is the largest comprehensive substance abuse treatment program in Southwest Florida, providing effective and affordable care to individuals and families impacted by addiction and other problem behaviors. As a recognized not-for-profit organization, they deliver treatment and prevention services at all levels of intensity for both youngsters and adults.

United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all people in our community. This is accomplished through fundraising, fund distribution, community building, volunteer advancement, and information and referral.

Vocal Artistry is an outreach of the Music Ministry at the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers. It is a select 22-voice choir dedicated to performing choral music of the highest quality, strengthening our community and voicing the needs of others. More than music, their performances inspire, entertain, enliven and engage our minds, souls and spirits through the power of music. Artistic director Joseph Caulkins founded Vocal Artistry in 2010, and he also serves as Director of Music Ministries for the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.VocalArtistry.org.



David Norris, Leoma Lovegrove and Jason Thomashevsky
photo credit Kristen Troyer Photography



Maestro Joe and his coat of many colors, designed by artist Leoma Lovegrove
photo credit Kristen Troyer Photography



Artist Leoma Lovegrove signed copies of Vocal Artistry's new CD for fans at the gala
photo credit Kristen Troyer Photography

Empty Bowls Project Coming Soon

Those attending the 5th annual Empty Bowls project at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, December 1 will be able to select a handmade ceramic bowl created and donated by Lee County students. The popular event, which will feature 700 bowls, will be held between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Admission is a \$10 donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. This donation entitles the individual to select a bowl and receive a variety of soup selections from local restaurants. Not only would the selected bowl be a useful item in the home, but the purchase of an additional bowl would also make a great gift.

In addition, those attending will be able to participate in a silent auction of special bowls provided by artisans. Panera Bread is the presenting sponsor. Lehigh Senior High School art teacher Suzie Somogyi is serving again this year as the chair for the Empty Bowls committee.

Students at the following Lee County schools are busy making the bowls: James Stephens International Academy, Paul Lawrence Dunbar Middle School, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Lehigh Acres Middle School, Trafalgar Middle School, Edison Park Elementary School, Lehigh Senior High School, Hispanic



This is a sampling of bowls made for the 2012 Empty Bowls project in Fort Myers

Honor Society volunteers, Mariner High School, Orange River Elementary School, Franklin Park Elementary School, student volunteers of Jennifer Hambling, Alva Middle School, Cypress Lake High School, The Sanibel School, San Carlos Park Elementary School, and The Canterbury School.

Ten local restaurants to date will be providing soups and Panera Bread Café will offer bread to accompany the soups. Early commitments include: Jason's Deli, Vegetarian Vegetable; University Grill, Pasta Fagioli; Prawnbroker, Manhattan Clam Chowder; Panera Bread, Broccoli Cheddar; Oasis, Chicken Noodle; LaMotta's, Minestrone; Mel's Diner, Turkey Noodle; Christof's on McGregor; Acorn Squash; McGregor Café, TBD; and

Sweet Tomatoes, Chicken Pot Pie.

Celebrities will again be serving up the soup. To date, celebrity servers are Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson; Lee County Commissioners John Manning and Tammy Hall; Lee County School District board members Mary Fischer, Tom Scott and Don Armstrong; Lee County School District board superintendent Joseph Burke; Lydia Black, Alliance for the Arts; Doug MacGregor, cartoonist, writer and illustrator; Lois Thome, WINK-TV; Shelley Allman, Walmart; Robert Van Winkle, NBC-2; Francesca Donlan, the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel VCB; and Stephanie Davis, Downtown Diva.

Attendees will be entertained with performances by Varsity Lakes Middle School Step Team, Trafalgar Elementary

Recorder Group, Lehigh Senior High School Dancers, Paul Lawrence Dunbar Jazz Band, Oak Hammock Middle School Dance Team, and Fort Myers Middle Academy Guitars/sm. Group. Pottery demonstrations throughout the day will be provided by Chas Bean and Theresa West-Taylor.

Art teacher John Hartom initiated the Empty Bowls project in 1990-91 when he joined a drive to raise charitable funds in his Michigan community. Hartom's idea was to organize a charitable event to give artists and art students a way to make a personal difference. Hartom's students made ceramic bowls in their high school art classes. The finished products were then used as individual serving pieces for a fund-raising meal of soup and bread. Contributing guests kept the empty bowl as a symbol of the need to feed the hungry.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of 160 nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties that provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over one million pounds of food are distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank monthly.

For more information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, contact 334-7007 or go to www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Mariner Class Of 2002 Raises Funds For Fellow Graduates At Reunion



Derek Tabor and Jennifer Harley at graduation in 2002



Tammi Russell and Becca Rodriguez

The Mariner High School class of 2002 did more than reminisce at their 10-year reunion, which took place recently at Rumrunners in Cape Coral. The classmates also gathered in support of two of their fellow graduates who are fighting cancer; Derek Tabor and Jennifer Harley. Organizers sold orange ribbons for a donation at the reunion, which raised \$645.

Tabor was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma in September 2011, a rare bone cancer that affects mostly males between the ages of eight and 15. He is currently receiving treatment at Longstreet Cancer Clinic in Gainesville, Georgia. Harley was diagnosed with cervical cancer in September 2011. She is currently receiving treatment at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. Tabor and Harley are now battling a recurrence of cancer



Elaina LeGros, Chrysten Burzio, Rachel Toomey, Bridget Zalesak and Katie Fritche

after long treatments and costly medical bills.

Online donations and words of encouragement for Tabor and Harley will be accepted for those who couldn't make the event at <http://www.derektabor.com/> and www.caring-bridge.org/visit/jenharley respectively.✱



Bridget Zalesak, Melissa Bryant and Lacey Herring

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Church School: 10:15 a.m.

Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

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OBITUARY



RICHARD (DICK) DUBBE

Richard (Dick) Dubbe, 83, passed peacefully from this world on November 6 in Fort Myers, Florida, surrounded by his family. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 9, 1929 to Albert and Frieda Dubbe. He graduated from Roosevelt High School and attended the University of Minnesota, receiving a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1953.

Richard met his life-long bride, Wanda Mae Dubbe, in Minneapolis, and they married in Wanda's home town of Sacred Heart, Minnesota in 1950. They raised their family in Minnesota and California, before retiring to Sanibel Island, and then

Shell Point Retirement Community, in Florida.

For his career, Richard's love of audio and video recording technology led to research and management positions at 3M Company, where he obtained numerous patents and awards, developed numerous products, and pioneered the development of today's digital audio and video technology. In retirement, he served many years on the board of directors of the Lee County Electrical Cooperative.

Boating was another long-standing love of Richard and his family, and many adventures were had exploring lakes, rivers and seas throughout the U.S. His curiosity about everything and his ability to fix anything made for great stories, and his optimism and warm smile made for many friends and good times.

Throughout his life, Richard contributed his diverse talents to his church, his communities and the people around him. He was an inspiration and blessing to those whose lives he touched.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Wanda; four grateful children, Dean, Jane, John and Kent, and eight admiring grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 23, at Sanibel Congregational Church located at 2050 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel Island. Please join his family in celebrating the life of Richard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hope Hospice at Shell Point, c/o Legacy Foundation, 15010 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Arrangements have been entrusted to National Cremation & Burial Society North Fort Myers.*

Food Bank In Need Of Turkeys For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and turkeys are in very short supply in order to feed hungry Southwest Floridians. The Harry Chapin Food Bank has put out a plea for the 3,000 turkeys needed by its participating non-profit agencies. These agencies rely on donated turkeys to fill holiday food baskets for the ever-increasing numbers of hungry adults and children.

Higher living costs, coupled with job loss and other difficulties, mean Southwest Florida families are struggling to make ends meet. The approaching holiday season will stress household budgets even more. Struggling families cannot afford holiday meals and other traditions that so many of us take for granted. They need your help.

Individuals can assist the food bank by either purchasing turkeys or contributing financially to purchase turkeys. The approximate cost of each turkey is \$15. Businesses can help by holding a turkey drive, collecting money so that the food bank can purchase turkeys, and encouraging customers to support the drive.

To sign up or make a donation for the turkey drive, simply visit www.harrychapin-foodbank.org and look for the Turkey Team link. You can either make a general donation, or sign up and connect with Facebook to engage your network of friends, family and coworkers.

Form a "Turkey Team" with family members, co-workers and friends, and multiply your generosity. It's a great way to join together to help end hunger here this Thanksgiving. Make a donation that will buy turkeys or Thanksgiving meal trimmings for those in need.

Turkeys can be dropped off at the Harry Chapin Food Bank warehouse, at 3760 Fowler Street in Fort Myers, or at 2221 Corporation Blvd. in Naples; checks can be mailed to the same addresses and you can also make a secure donation online at www.harrychapinfoodbank.org. Time is of the essence as Thanksgiving doesn't wait – the annual "turkey day" is approaching very rapidly.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of 160 nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties that provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over 1 million pounds of food are distributed by the Harry Chapin Food Bank monthly. For every dollar donated, about \$6 in food value goes back to the community. In the past fiscal year, the Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 15 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$24.9 million. This is roughly the equivalent of 12.5 million meals to people in need.

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

Hollywood Hairstylist's Widow Keeps His Salon Going

by Jeff Lysick

Joe Micale's hairstyling clients included the likes of entertainment icons Marilyn Monroe, Clint Eastwood, Barbra Streisand and Mickey Rooney. But they also included his neighbors from Fort Myers, Sanibel and throughout Southwest Florida.

And no matter what their names, he treated everyone like they were a star.

The man who was always smiling, always joking, always sharing a story – many of which are included in his self-published book, *Confessions Of A Hollywood Hairstylist* – Micale, better known as "Little Joe," died following a motorcycle accident nearly a year ago, on November 26, 2011.

Facing an uncertain future without her spouse, Ginny Micale pondered for months how to go on, and what to do with their business, Beverly Hills Hair Design.

"I kept thinking, 'What would he want me to do?'" said Micale. "I was looking for a sign that would tell me to keep on going."

Then one day, it happened.

While driving in South Fort Myers one afternoon, she came upon the intersec-



Ginny Micale holds a photograph of herself and her late husband "Little Joe" as well as his book, *Confessions Of A Hollywood Hairstylist*

tion – McGregor Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road – where Joe's life came to an end. The traffic light turned red, and she stopped. At that same moment, she said she received a "message" on the radio.

"Glenn Miller's *In The Mood* started to play... it was our favorite song," said Ginny, smiling. "I knew that it was the sign I was looking for, so I went ahead and made the move."

Moving from their previous location in the Kingston Square Shopping Center,

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Don't Leave Dock Without Winter Staple Live Shrimp



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Cold and windy conditions most of the week kept all but the most die-hard anglers off the water. With another strong cold front blowing through, I ended up cancelling

several trips midweek and only made it out a few days. Action was good, with high numbers of fish caught. Despite the less than perfect weather, it was not a problem to keep a rod bent with a great mixed bag of fish.

With all of the recent red tide reports, I keep expecting to see dead fish all over the sound. But so far, so good with only a few long dead mullet washing in from the gulf side. The strong prevailing east winds should help keep the red tide offshore and out of the bay. I've yet to see

any significant amounts of dead fish, even though its reported all over the local TV networks daily.

This last blast of cold really pushed good numbers of sheepshead into the sound. Docks, bridges and basically any structure – whether it be deeper mangrove shorelines, rocky shorelines or downed trees around the passes – all held good numbers of sheepshead. Go with small sharp hooks, light leader and the least amount of weight you can use to keep a fresh shrimp chunk close to the bottom. A sheepshead bite is a little different than other fish and being patient enough to wait through the little nibbles until the line comes tight is the key to hooking these small-mouthed fish.

Sheepshead make a great target species for shorebound anglers and pier fisherman as they are found in big numbers around dock and bridge pilings all winter long. One old trick to get them chummed up and feeding is to scrape barnacles off the pilings with a flat shovel. Regulations



Randy Yee from Hawaii with a slot-size redfish caught fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

for sheepshead are 12-inch minimum and 15 per person per day. This high limit on sheepshead makes this tasty crustacean-eating fish a favorite for anglers looking to take home a fresh fish dinner.

Trout fishing remained strong this week, with limits caught throughout the sound. Finding clear water was the main factor to getting on that consistent bite. The longtime favorite classic trout rig of a live shrimp fished under a popping cork was hard to beat, with jacks, ladyfish and Spanish mackerel being found in the same places as the trout. Jig fisherman bouncing the bottom with soft plastic shrimp imitations also got in on the fast-paced trout action.

Our redfish action this week was a little more hit or miss, with the strong winds and lower tides making it hard to find the right shoreline. The low tide action in mangrove creeks mostly resulted in just under the slot-size fish. These 16- to 20-inch fish are the normal winter sizes redfish we will encounter until the spring. Bouncing the bottom with a live shrimp rigged on a 1/4 oz. jig head to

target slot-size redfish caught other species including snook, flounder and snapper.

How quickly things change. It was just a few weeks ago I was fishing a fall pattern with shiners and pinfish being the go-to bait. With a few cold blasts, our fishing has switched over to that winter pattern and is now all about live shrimp fished close to the bottom. If conditions warm back up, things could quickly switch back over, but from now until the spring, I won't be leaving the dock without the winter staple of live shrimp.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Drop them at the River Weekly, 1609 Hendry Street, Suite 15, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, or email to press@riverweekly.com.



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Captiva Cruises Resumes Historic Trips To Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound; a story of fascinating characters and traditions. The cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning November 20, and travel to Pineland on Pine Island. Get an up close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and hear about the area's diverse fishing cultures – from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company, to the spectacular tarpon and sport fishing of today.

Passengers will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge and oriented to this family run business and its storied tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Take in the old Florida charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge, where lunch will be served overlooking Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands. After lunch, take a walk to The Randell Research Center (RRC). The RRC, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain, at the internationally significant Pineland archeological and historical site, a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida. An RRC educator will guide the group on The Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian

mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

Captiva Cruises also offers cruises to Cabbage Key, Useppa Island, Boca Grande, The Edison & Ford Winter Estates, beach and shelling excursions to Cayo Costa State Park, sailing adventures, sunset cruises, and dolphin watch and wildlife adventures with The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. These are excellent opportunities for families and neighbors to get together and learn about the history of Southwest Florida, and spend a day out on the water.

For more information and reservations call Captiva Cruises at 472-5300.✳

Experience One Of The Best Birding Sites In Lee County

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, December 15 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Participants will meet on the beach located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it dead-ends.

Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Also, the spot is a great place to see waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

This event is free with parking fee of \$1 per hour (tour is approximately 2 hours). Restrooms are available in the building at the first parking lot.

For more information, call 707-3015. This birding tour is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.✳



Piping plover

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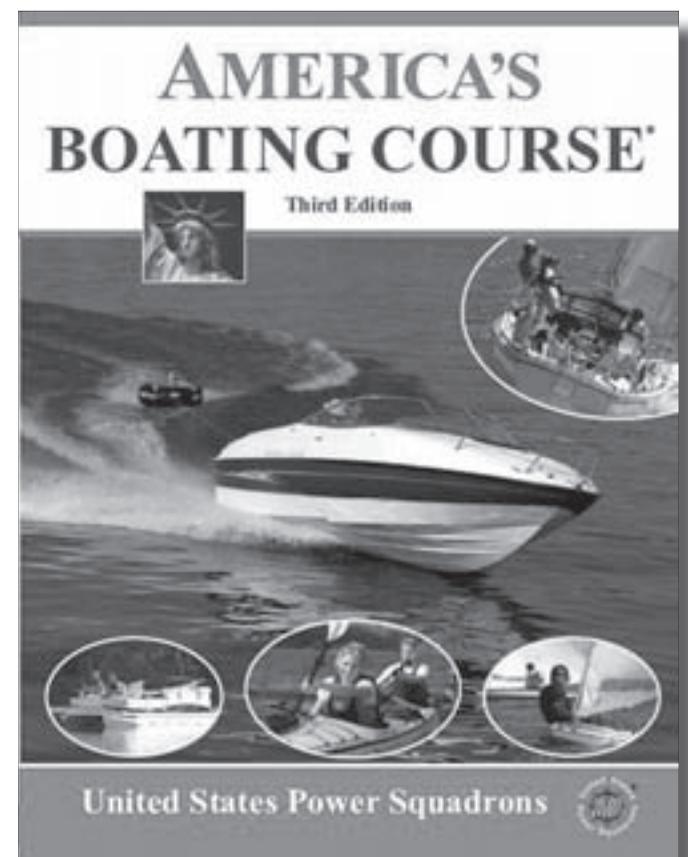
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Caloosahatchee Oxbow And Riverlore Cruises Return



Telegraph Creek

Join SCCF for a riverboat adventure on the Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise to experience the historical Caloosahatchee on November 30, the Friday after Thanksgiving. This guided monthly cruise explores the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. Follow the river back to a time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee and settlers braved living amongst the wilderness.

The 2.5 hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

The tour is guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) Natural Resource Policy Director. The vessel is the stable and spacious 47-passenger Manatee Rover pontoon boat that features daily Manatee tours. All seats have a great view for photographs and bird watching.

Cruises depart at 1 p.m. from the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam off SR 80 in Olga. Cruise dates in 2012 are: Friday, November 23; Sunday December 9; and the following Sundays in 2013: January 27, February 10, March 10, April 14, and Mothers Day, May 12.

Cruises depart at 1 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, with payment due at time of reservation. Also needed are the names of all passengers at the time of reservation. Call SCCF at 472-2329 and note that reservations must be made by Tuesday, November 27 for the November 30 cruise. Space is limited.✪



Members of the Myers, Brettholtz & Company crew during Make A Difference Day

CMCS Festival Of The Islands Regatta Results

The Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society (CMCS) sponsored its annual Festival of the Islands Regatta on November 3 in the Gulf of Mexico off of Fort Myers Beach. The weather was nearly perfect for a regatta with sunny skies, pleasant temperatures, easterly breezes off the beach and calm seas. Thirteen boats participated in four divisions. There were a total of three races.

Results:

Multi-hull Division: First place – *Triumph* (Erik Soronen)

Spinnaker Division: First place – *Macushla* (Joel Andrews); Second place – *Full Tilt* (Eric Milbrandt)

Non-Spinnaker Division: First place – *Air Supply* (Steve Romaine); Second place – *Nurdle* (John Churchill); Third place – *After You* (Gary Blessing)

True Cruising Division: First place – *Vixen* (Brock Johnson); Second place – *Jolly Mon* (David Naumann); Third place – *Barefeet* (Bill Misenheimer)

The CMCS racing program is open to both members and non-members. For more information on its sailboat racing program, visit www.cmcs-sail.org.✪

Myers, Brettholtz & Company Cleans Beach At New Pass Bridge

On October 27, also known as Make A Difference Day, employees of Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA, volunteered their time cleaning the beach at New Pass Bridge on Estero Boulevard, just south of the dog beach and Lover's Key.

From 9 a.m. to noon, the firm collected 100 pounds of garbage covering the north, south, east and west corners of New Pass Bridge, including the dog beach and surrounding mangroves where accessible.

For more information, visit www.mbcopa.com or call 939-5775.✪



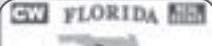
Volunteers on Make A Difference Day collected 100 pounds of refuse near the beach at New Pass Bridge and Lover's Key



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CROW Case Of The Week:**Great Blue Heron**

by Patricia Molloy

On Wednesday, November 7, Shell Point Retirement Community co-workers Shane Waruszewski and Linda Keller were asked to check on a great blue heron

located on the property's golf course. Standing three to four feet tall with a wingspan of nearly six feet, these majestic birds (*Ardea herodias*) are North America's largest heron.

When Waruszewski and Keller arrived at the scene, the avian was lying down. They immediately called CROW for advice. That's when Gareth Johnson, patient admissions and first responder, sprung into action.

According to Waruszewski, "We were told two days prior the bird was not walking around properly. I had a helper, Linda, who had done rescues in the past. When we approached it, the heron jumped a bit and became more active. We didn't want to pick it up, so I took the shirt off my back and threw it over its eyes. The bird calmed down immediately."

Once the sick bird was calm, the problem of transporting the large avian

arose. "Linda held it while I drove her golf cart to Eagles Preserve Island on the property to obtain a clean garbage can." Waruszewski returned and wrapped the bird in a towel which he used as a gurney to safely lift the bird into the makeshift carrier. Its legs appeared to be injured, so he placed the bird in headfirst. "We felt this would allow the bird to stretch its legs if it wanted." The two drove the heron to the security station to meet Johnson and the CROW van. "I was very impressed at how fast [he] got there," stated Waruszewski.

Johnson quickly returned to the wildlife clinic, as the bird slipped in and out of consciousness. It was admitted to ICU where the wildlife specialists found the patient to be nonresponsive, dehydrated and cold to the touch, which indicated that it had been ill for some time. The staff kept the heron warm while a manual palpitation was performed that indicated a past fracture to the bird's femur which had healed improperly. Pain medications were administered alleviate the patient's discomfort. Additionally, the heron was found to be suffering from Brevetoxicosis caused by red tide inhalation.

While red tide causes little more than respiratory and eye discomfort for most humans, it has a more serious effect on marine wildlife. The great blue heron will continue to receive intensive care including daily tube feedings and the administration of Lactulose to stimulate the liver into filtering out the toxins.

To support the health of our wildlife, go to CROW's website and make a dona-



This great blue heron (patient #3159) was admitted to CROW from Shell Point in Fort Myers
photo courtesy of Shane Waruszewski

tion to a specific patient or species.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from our

local area. 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.*

Beach Yacht Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club will be held Wednesday, November 28 at the American Legion Post 274 on San Carlos Island, 899 Buttonwood Drive.

Dinner will be catered and is available for \$14 per person. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7, and the membership meeting is from 8 to 9 p.m. Potential new members wishing to attend any or all portions of the meeting are invited to call Commodore Pete Oiderma for required reservations and additional information at 463-6240.

The Fort Myers Beach Yacht Club was formed in 1953 and incorporated as a not for profit organization for the purpose of promoting safe, enjoyable boating and good fellowship. This community oriented club, with over 140 members and 60 boats, maintains an active schedule of year-round activities, both on and off the water, for members and guests. Evening meetings are held once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday. Because the club does not have the expense of maintaining its own waterfront facility, dues are only \$100 per year per couple or \$60 per single. Visit the website at www.FMBYachtClub.org.

Bonsai Society Show & Sale

Bonsai enthusiasts throughout Southwest Florida are invited to the annual Bonsai Show & Sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18. The free event, sponsored by the Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Lee County Election Center, 13180 S. Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers (across from the Bell Tower Shops).

This annual event will feature bonsai exhibits and critiques, workshops and demonstrations, raffles, silent auctions and sales of bonsai trees and supplies. Vendors will be present to assist attendees with bonsai needs and supplies. Ed Trout, Toby Diaz, Ernie Fernandez, Mike Feduccia, Mike Cartrett and Dorothy Schmitz, all renowned bonsai artists, will be available to give lectures and provide demonstrations.

Bonsai is a horticultural art of growing trees in pots. It had its origins in China and Japan. Information about bonsai and the association will be available at the meeting.

For additional details about bonsai, the association or the annual show and sale, contact Jim Bremer at 482-7543.*

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Flamegold's panicles of showy yellow flowers wave atop the foliage

Plant Smart

Flamegold

by Gerri Reaves

Flamegold (*Koelreuteria elegans*) is a non-native flowering tree known for its profuse showy yellow flowers and unusual seed capsules.

Several species of *Koelreuteria* are found in Florida. Two species, *K. elegans* – a native of Taiwan and Fiji – and *K. paniculata* – a native of China and Korea

– are considered invasive in Florida's southern region. The two can be distinguished by the fact that *K.* is evergreen.

Panicles of five-petaled flowers appear above the foliage. The shower of falling petals gives the tree another common name, golden rain tree.

The papery three-sided capsules resemble two-inch-long Chinese lanterns. The pinkish pods can remain on the tree for months, eventually turning tan. In fact, blooms and pods often appear simultaneously.



Pinkish seed pods resemble papery Chinese lanterns

photos by Gerri Reaves

The little lanterns, which contain three spherical black seeds, can be used in dried long-lasting flower arrangements.

The bipinnate compound leaves can be over a foot long and comprised of pointed coarsely toothed leaflets.

This fast-growing tree can reach up to 50 feet high. The seeds germinate very quickly, and it is theorized that birds eat and spread the seeds.

Drought and disease tolerance, as well as pest resistance, helps it persist. There

is no known chemical control to eliminate it, so removing it can be difficult.

Sources: *Flowering Trees for Central and South Florida Gardens* by Maxine Fortune Schuetz, *Flowering Trees of Florida* by Mark K. Stebbins, and ifas.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

Plants For Shade



by Justen Dobbs

Some large, older landscapes in Southwest Florida have a lot of large shade trees. These trees can be pine, oak, jacaranda, cypress, or royal poinciana. While this creates a

beautiful, lush atmosphere by holding in moisture and keeping the ambient temperature higher during frosts, it may pose a problem with the plants growing below the canopy. Most plants, includ-

ing Florida natives, prefer filtered sun or full sun. So, how do you properly landscape a yard that is almost completely shade?

There are many different plants that actually prefer heavy shade and can grow normally under those conditions. Notice, I said "grow normally," because you can actually grow any plant you want in heavy shade, but it doesn't mean it is going to thrive and live long-term. Plants that require sun but are planted in shade can become stretched, a term used to describe the abnormal lengthening of the stems, leaves, or fronds upwards toward the sun. These plants are not used to growing in undergrowth so they shoot up abnormally fast in order to try to reach for more sunlight. This can cause weak, sickly stems and leaves and is bad for the plant in the long-term. Think about a palm seed that falls from a towering palm in the Amazon rainforest. The seed can germinate due to the warmth and humidity, but then has to live in nearly 90 percent shade because of the canopy up above. So, the seedling will grow up to three times as fast in order to reach more sunlight above. Once the palm breaks through the canopy above, its trunk growth slows way down and the stem will begin to harden off.

With regard to Southwest Florida yards that have heavy shade, there are some plants that you will want to put at the top of your list. These plants include:

1. Ferns – just make sure they have plenty of water
2. Bromeliads – focus on variegated



Ferns thrive in shade and Ti plants come in many colors

(striped) varieties since many colored ones can fade in heavy shade while variegation will not.

3. Variegated Flax Lily – will grow in any light conditions and is low-maintenance

4. Cat Palms – stay under seven feet tall and prefer shade

5. Cordylines; Ti plants – may lose some color, but do fine in shady conditions

6. Seville Sod – this is a hybrid strain of grass that is engineered to live in shady conditions without thinning out like typical Floritam.

You should water and fertilize shade

plants the same as you do any other plant. Just because your shady plants are nice and green year-round doesn't mean they don't need fertilizer. Also make sure that they are not planted too close together so that each plant can receive some airflow. Lack of airflow can lead to pest problems such as sooty mold.

Dobbs is a landscape architect in south Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreezenurseries@gmail.com. ✨

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Alliance For The Arts Upcoming Events & Exhibits



GreenMarket at the Alliance

Enjoy the Alliance for the Arts' GreenMarket, featuring locally grown, caught, cultivated and created goods and goodies, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find a selection of local produce and products, including bread, honey, soap and more. Relax and enjoy live music, kids activities and even gardening and cooking workshops. Also, join a free outdoor yoga session every Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Additional upcoming events at the Alliance includes:

- Art Council Of SWFL Winner's Circle Biennial Exhibit, held November 16 through December 27. An opening reception will take place on December 7 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. A Walk and Talk with Jan-Ellen Atkielski is planned for December 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The Member Gallery will feature Barbara Valentine.

- Gulf Coast Shakespeare Festival, held on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Laboratory Theater of Florida presents Shakespearean plays, workshops, short pieces, Renaissance combat and games for kids. Free admission.

- Bluegrass Concert In The Foulds Theatre, held on Sunday, November 18, 2 to 5 p.m. Featuring the Naples-based Bean Pickers, Myakka River Bluegrass and Pain in the Grass. Tickets are \$7 at



Art Council exhibit *Lavender Time* by Heinz Jellner

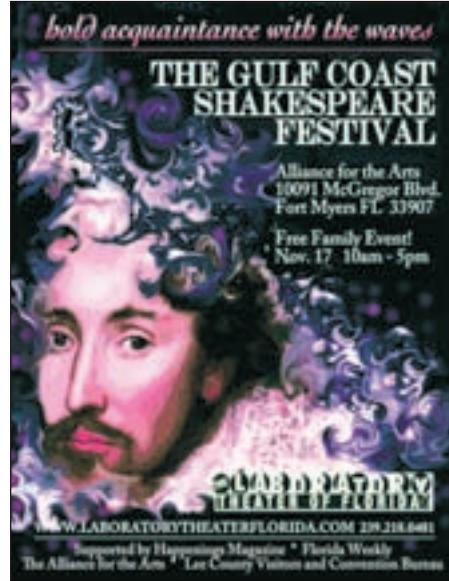


Art Council exhibit *Greece Donkey* by Pauline Healey

the door or \$5 for Alliance members. Presented by the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida. Seating is open and first come, first serve. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 1:15 p.m..

- Theatre Conspiracy Presents *The Nerd* by Larry Shue, staged November 30 and December 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. A matinee is offered on December 9 at 2 p.m. One of the funniest plays ever written, this extraordinarily inventive, side-splitting comedy centers on the hilarious dilemma of a young architect who is visited by a man he's never met, but who saved his life in Vietnam. Individual tickets are \$20. Discounts are available for Alliance members, season ticket holders and groups. Call 936-3239 or visit Theatre Conspiracy's website to purchase tickets or for more information.

- Empty Bowls Benefit For The Harry Chapin Food Bank held on Saturday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out and enjoy great soups served up by 10 local chefs in handmade bowls



Shakespeare Festival flyer

created by area students, all while being entertained by performances from the amphitheater stage, all to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. There will also be a pottery demonstrations and silent auction. Bowls are \$10 each.

- Palmgrass Bluegrass Festival will take place on Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$15; at the gate, tickets are \$20; children 12 and under are free. The Acoustic Music Society of SWFL presents a day of bluegrass under the warm Florida sun. Six regional Florida bluegrass bands, including headliner Newtown from Lexington, Kentucky, will perform bluegrass, newgrass and old-time country. Finger pickin' good music for the whole family. Visit www.palmgrass.org for more information.

- Alliance Gift Shop Explosion will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Support local artists during the holiday season. Peruse an expanded selection of handcrafted items by artists normally found in our gift shop. Alliance members receive 10 percent off and all purchases enter you into a raffle to win Bruce T. Gora Sunday Concert



Empty Bowls event in 2011



Food line at Empty Bowls

Series tickets.

- Wild Winter Arts Camp 2012, open to grades K to 12, will run December 26 through 28 and January 2 through 4. Cost is \$110 for three-day session.

Fill Your Stockings With The Arts: Open to students in grades K to 12, these three-day camps are all about acting, dancing, singing and even the visual arts. Each week culminates with a performance for friends and family as well as a student art show. Campers will have a true sense of ownership and pride in their work, resulting in increased confidence

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Bean Pickers



Bugtussie Ramblers



Larry Wilson and Thunder Mountain Railroad



Captain Joe & the Bottom Feeders



Kids at the Alliance winter camp



Alliance winter camp kids perform



Yoga at the Alliance GreenMarket



Joanna White's Mindless Dribble

Holiday Classic Comes To Life On The Broadway Palm Stage



The cast of *Miracle On 34th Street* at the Broadway Palm

Broadway Palm presents a musical adaptation of the holiday classic *Miracle on 34th Street*, playing November 22 through December 25. This dazzling musical is filled with humor, spectacle, beloved songs and is joyful entertainment for the entire family.

Miracle on 34th Street, based on the 1947 Academy Award winning classic film, tells the heartwarming story about Kris Kringle, a white-bearded man who claims to be the real Santa Claus. Kris Kringle is hired as a Macy's holiday Santa where he completely enchants children and shoppers. Insistent that he truly is Santa Claus, Kringle is faced with discouraging skepticism from children, their parents and Macy's executives. Determined to prove himself, he manages to rekindle the miracles and enchantment of the Christmas season and make believers of them all.

Join Broadway Palm as they celebrate the spirit of the season with *Miracle on*

34th Street, playing November 22 through December 25. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday with selected matinees. Be sure to check out the all-new, upscale dinner theatre experience on Saturday nights. Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$55 with discounts available for children and groups of 20 or more.

Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨

CARD OF THANKS

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association would like to thank its sponsors, the visitors and guests who attended the events, purchased art and raffle tickets and were so kind to the participating artists. The gala was well attended and the delicious food served by Fish House Restaurant, South Beach Grill, Sand Bar, Skye's and Truly Scrumptious was spectacular. Music by the Cypress Lake String Quartet provided the perfect backdrop for the evening. Jo List sang beautifully at our Saturday Jazz Cafe and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Sponsors Fish Tale Marina & Santini Marina Plaza, Al and Kathy Durrett, and Marketing Director Georgia Reinmuth did an outstanding effort of supporting this event and the art association. We cannot begin to thank them for the time, effort and money they have devoted to Paint the Beach. We at the art association are hugely grateful to them.

Contributing sponsors: Holiday Inn (FMB), Beach Pub, Silver Sands, *Island*

Sand Paper, and national sponsors Liquitex, Guerrilla Painter, Paper, *Plein Air Magazine*, Chartpak, Cheap Joes and American Frame helped to make this event possible. Our local newspapers *The Sand Paper* and *the Beach Observer* did a terrific job of helping us promote the event on the beach. Thank you to the Town of Fort Myers Beach who helped us with parking and venues.

A huge thank you to Skye's Restaurant, Capt. Phil Pica, Capt. Neil Eisner, Sun Collection and Key West Comfort Inn who donated items for the lively auction done by Corky Condon, Al Durrett and Mimi Little. This first-time event was lots of fun and bidders were generous. Thank you.

And lastly we thank all the artists who spent a week with us painting our beautiful town. Rain and wind and sun did not defeat them and they turned out wonderful pieces of art. Everyone is already talking of next year so plan to be a part of it all.

Photos of the event will be on our website soon at fortmyersbeachart.com ✨

Music Is All About The Roses At Barbara B. Mann

You will definitely want to be at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall as Leif Bjaland leads the Southwest Florida Symphony in the opening concert of the 2012-13 season. This Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m., join the symphony for a colorful program of music all about the rose – *Roses from the South*, *Rosamunde* and *Der Rosenkavalier Suite*.

Then, the symphony switches into holiday mode with the Holiday Pops, New Year's Eve Gala Down by the Riverside and special holiday treats.

- Masterworks 1

Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m.
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

Leif Bjaland, Conductor

Featuring pianist Priscila Navarro and The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida

The Symphony's artistic advisor, Leif Bjaland, will lead the orchestra in works by Johann Strauss II, Schubert, Chopin and Richard Strauss. From a grand Viennese ballroom to the stage of the concert hall, the opening concert program is a celebration of the dance. Imagine gliding to a popular waltz by "The Waltz King," enjoy an exciting polonaise for piano and orchestra by the great master of romantic piano music,

savor the beautiful melodies of ballet music and choruses by Schubert and marvel at the virtuosity of the entire orchestra as they approach hyper-waltz-mode in *Der Rosenkavalier Suite*.

Navarro, featured soloist for the Chopin, is a 17-year-old sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University, studying under the guidance of Dr. Michael Baron. She has won both local and international competitions. Her latest awards include first place at the Chopin International Competition of Texas, and first place in the Chopin International Competition of South America. She has been presented in important halls around the country and world, and will be presenting her debut at Carnegie Hall next spring. She is the winner of the 2012 Jillian Prescott Music Awards Competition.

The Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida is an 80-plus member auditioned community chorus which will be joined by the Ave Maria Chamber Choir, a 30-member student choir from Ave Maria University. Both choruses are under the artistic direction of Timothy McDonnell, DMA and perform often with the Southwest Florida Symphony. They will join the symphony for selections from Schubert's *Rosamunde*.

The Southwest Florida Symphony's Masterwork's Series is sponsored by Uhler & Vertich Financial Planners and Fifth Third Bank. The performance by the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida is sponsored by Don Fjellin.

A free pre-concert lecture starts at 7 p.m. in the hall.

Enjoy coffee and pastries, then stay

for the dress rehearsal on Saturday, November 17 at 9:15 a.m. at the Barbara B. Mann PAH. Cost is \$15. Call 418-1500 or visit www.swflso.org to order tickets.

Season subscriptions are now on sale. If you have purchased a single ticket for the opening concert, take your seat for a test drive, then call the Symphony Box Office to apply your single ticket purchase to a full series subscription.

- Holiday Pops

Saturday, December 22 at 8 p.m.
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

Jim Stephenson, Guest Conductor
Sara Dell'Omo, Vocalist

(This program will also be performed on Friday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. at The Village Church at Shell Point)

Bring the entire family as the Southwest Florida Symphony rings the Christmas holiday with the orchestra's annual Holiday Pops Concert. Celebrate the joyous music of the season with Guest Conductor Jim Stephenson in a performance of selections from *The Nutcracker* and other traditional holiday favorites, along with several of Stephenson's own arrangements.

Vocalist Sara Dell'Omo from the U.S. Marine Band will return as the featured soloist. She will be featured in popular holiday favorites to include *Mele Kalikimaka*, *Hot Santa* and *Santa Baby* as well as Stephenson's touching original composition, *Timeless Treasures*. Dell'Omo will be joined by vocalist Deborah Polkinghorn in *When You Believe*.

The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra will perform *Holiday Overture*, *We Three Strings*, *Here Comes Santa* and Jim's wildly popular arrangement of *Rudolph*. Also on the program are selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* and *Holly-Jolly Sing-Along*.

They expect a pre-concert appearance on December 22 by Santa Claus along with pre-concert carols in the lobby performed by Chamber Ensembles from the Youth Orchestra.

The Holiday Pops Concert is sponsored by the Neil Goldberg Dream Foundation.

Tickets to Southwest Florida Symphony Concerts make great Holiday gifts for friends, family and co-workers. Call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 for information about gift certificates and flex packages.

Buy tickets online at www.swflso.org or call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500.

- New Year's Eve Gala Down by the Riverside featuring Dinner & Dancing
Jim Stephenson, Guest Conductor
Harborside Event Center
7 to 8 p.m. – Appetizers and cash bar
7 to 9 p.m. – Silent auction
8 to 9 p.m. – Dinner
9 to 10 p.m. – Concert performed by the Southwest Florida Symphony Pops
10 to 10:10 p.m. – Live auction
10:10 to midnight – Dancing to music by the Vince Evans Quartet

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Classical Music To Be Performed At Koreshan Site

The melodious strains of such legendary composers as Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven will fill the Koreshan State Historic Site's Art Hall this season.

Five chamber music concerts will be presented by Bella Gutshtein and Boris Sandler, artistic directors and founders of the Estero Concert Series.

Performers for these concerts are all accomplished classical musicians, several of whom are currently with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and other important musical groups around the country.

The concerts also will feature a restored 1885 Steinway grand piano which was used by Koreshans in numerous concerts during their golden age.

The venue honors the Koreshan Unity Settlement, which considered art and music an integral part of their lives. The Art Hall was built circa 1905.

Gutshtein became interested in developing a cultural center there about seven years ago. Following reconstruction of the facility, she brought a New York architect to the hall to ensure that it would provide the proper acoustics for chamber music.

The Art Hall at the Koreshan State Park is located at 3800 Corkscrew Road. Seating is limited to 80 attendees.

All concerts will be held at 4 p.m. Tickets are available at \$30 per person; this price includes entrance to the park. Subscriptions also will be available. Reservations may be made by calling 596-8404 or emailing rcc@rccnaples.org.

The concert series events are:

Saturday, November 17, 4 p.m., A Family Affair, featuring Naples Philharmonic violinist Sania Whitaker, her father on piano, and Victor Derevianko and his wife Diana Cahanescu, on cello.

Sunday, December 30, 3 p.m.

Voices of Russia. This fundraiser will include art and a wine and cheese pre-concert reception at 3 p.m. Table seating will be limited to 60 people. Featured song artist will be Roza Bulat and musicians from the Philharmonic, including Bella Gutshtein at the piano. The concert starts at 4 p.m.

Sunday, February 24, 4 p.m.

Music of Beethoven and Mozart, featuring Bella Gutshtein, piano; Boris Sandler, violin; Monica Biacchi, viola; and Susan Bergeron, cello.

Sunday, March 17, 4 p.m.

Music of Brahms and Dvorak. Artists will include Kenneth Friedenber, French horn; Bella Gutshtein, piano, with the Naples String Quartet – Boris Sandler



Boris Sandler and Bella Gutshtein

and J. Kozbial, violin; J.T. Posadas, viola; and Adam Satinsky, cello.

Sunday, April 28, 4 p.m.

Music of Haydn and Schubert. Artists will include Chaika Piano Trio – Bella Gutshtein, Boris Sandler and Adam Satinsky; Naples String Quartet.

The Estero Council of Community Leaders, Koreshan State Historic Site, the Friends of Koreshan and Bella Gutshtein collaborated to present this concert series.

Estero's Community Plan includes a goal to integrate the Koreshan State Historic Site and its historic heritage into the fabric of the community. This concert series will provide the cultural environment envisioned by the Koreshans for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors of today.*

Don't Miss Schoolhouse Rock Live!

Time is running out to get your tickets to see *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* The zany musical adventure based on the popular 1970s cartoon series plays Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17 at 11 a.m. in the Arcade Theatre.

Tickets to the popular Lunchbox Theatre Series for children and families are only \$12, and the admission price includes the show, an interactive workshop, and a boxed lunch from April's Pie Company.

Based on the pop-culture phenomenon that entertained a generation of American kids, *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* is a fun & exciting musical journey through grammar, history, geography, science and outer space! Audiences will join Tom the Schoolteacher and all the classic favorite *Schoolhouse Rock* characters for 45 jam-packed minutes of singing, dancing and learning! Kids of all ages will fall in love with these clever, catchy and classic songs – including *I'm Just A Bill*, *Interplanet Janet* and *Conjunction Junction*.

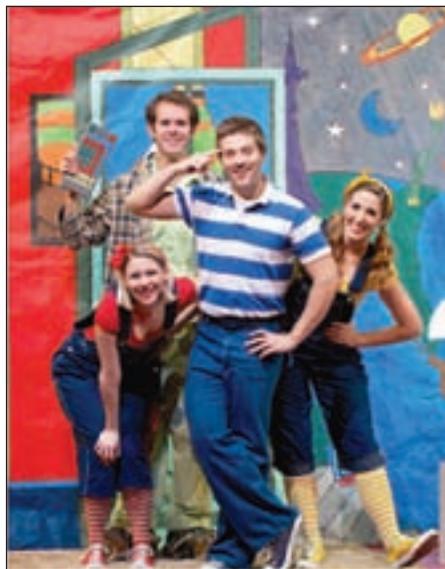
In addition to the Saturday morning performance designed to give families a day at the theatre, the Lunchbox Series features a special performance on Friday, November 16 that is custom-designed as a field trip opportunity for schools, day cares and other groups interested in supplementing their arts curriculum.

Both performances include a bagged lunch from April's Pie Company, Florida Rep's River District neighbor, a post-show discussion with the actors and an interactive workshop led by the Edison & Ford Winter Estates' Wild Wizard.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! plays in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17 at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$12 and available online at www.floridarepeducation.org or through the box office at 332-4488.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! is sponsored by LCEC, and Florida Rep's Educational programming is generously sponsored by the Alliance for the Arts, Grampy's Charities, City of Fort Myers, Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Florida Theatrical Association, LCEC, Publix Charities and Arthur Zupko.

Florida Repertory Theatre is located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry Streets with free parking in the Fort Myers River District, and the Education Department is just across the hall from the Historic Arcade Theatre.*



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Symphony Masterworks 1

The Southwest Florida Symphony will open the 2012-13 season with their performance of Masterworks 1 on Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. Included will be Strauss' *Roses from the South*, Schubert's *Incidental Music from Rosamunde*, with the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida, Chopin's *Grande Polonaise* featuring Priscila Navarro, winner of 2012 Jillian Prescott Music Awards Competition, and Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier Suite*.

The Symphony's newly appointed Artistic Advisor, Leif Bjaland, will lead the orchestra in works by Johann Strauss II, Schubert, Chopin and Richard Strauss. From a grand Viennese ballroom to the stage of the concert hall, the opening concert program is a celebration of the dance. Imagine gliding to a popular waltz by "The Waltz King," enjoy an exciting Polonaise for piano and orchestra by the great master of romantic piano music, savor the beautiful melodies of ballet music and choruses by Schubert and marvel at the virtuosity of the entire orchestra as they approach hyper-waltz-mode in *Der Rosenkavalier Suite*.

Maestro Bjaland will present an informative pre-concert lecture in the Hall from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

This program is an ebullient celebration of the dance with works that have as a common theme, the transformation of dance pieces to concert music.

The 19th century composer Johann Strauss II, known as "The Waltz King," composed over 500 waltzes, polkas and other types of dance music. The waltz and the Strauss family are virtually inseparable. Strauss waltzes generally follow a pattern of an introduction, a medley of five waltzes and a coda. *Roses from the South* uses themes from the

composer's 1880 operetta *The Queen's Handkerchief*.

The composer Richard Strauss (no relation to Johann) is known for his operas and tone poems. *Der Rosenkavalier Suite* is drawn from the comic opera first performed in 1911. The conductor Artur Rodzinski is traditionally credited as arranger of the Suite, first performed under his direction, in 1944.

The Suite begins with the opera's orchestral prelude, followed by tender music depicting the appearance of the Rosenkavalier. The violins introduce the first waltz which is followed by the whole orchestra in waltz mode! The piece requires true virtuosity from the orchestra.

Chopin composed the *Grande Polonaise* in 1830-31. He added the *Andante Spianato* as an introduction in 1834. The *Polonaise* is a moderately slow dance of Polish origin in 3/4 time.

Schubert composed incidental music to *Rosamunde* in 1823 for a play. While the play was a failure and has been lost, the music remains as among Schubert's most famous works. It contains ballet music, several choruses and several entr'actes. Like most works by Schubert, the music contains beautiful melodies.

Subscriptions for the five-concert Masterworks Series start at \$82. The three concert Pops series subscription prices are \$49 and up.

Flex Packages of three, six and eight concert tickets are available for patrons who prefer flexibility in their attendance. You will receive vouchers that can be redeemed for any series concert throughout the season (does not include Shell Point or Sanibel.)

Single ticket prices start at \$18. Student Rush tickets are sold for \$5.

To order tickets, call the Southwest Florida Symphony Box Office at 418-0996 or visit www.swflso.org for more information. Tickets are also available online.✪

Combined Concert At Barbara B. Mann

For many years, Edison State College has presented a series of concerts to the general public for free.

"It's an opportunity to enjoy a night of outstanding music," said Dr. Thomas Smith, musical director at Edison State College.

On Tuesday, November 20, the Edison State College Symphony Orchestra and Edison State College Chorale will offer a Combined Concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. Admission is free.

The Edison Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Smith, will perform Mozart's *Symphony No. 35*, (the "Haffner"); Haydn's *Concerto for Trumpet*, featuring student trumpeter Tito Alvizuris; Brahms' *Academic Festival Overture*; and a special composition for orchestra by talented student composer Bryan Starkweather, "Adair."

Under the direction of Candace Baranowski-Sundby, hear the Edison

State College Chorale, joined onstage by internationally acclaimed concert pianist Enrico Elisi from the Eastman School of Music, as they perform Brahms' *Liebeslieder Waltzes* and other choral favorites.

For more information, visit www.edison.edu.✪

Bus Trip To See Arabian Nights

The Kennedy Cruisers travel north to Orlando to experience Arabian Nights with a bus trip on Thursday, December 6. When the lights go down, the main event begins in the Palace of Horses, where guests of all ages will enjoy a magnificent holiday celebration Broadway-style show. Luxurious round trip transportation, a great show and a wonderful lunch are included in the price of the ticket. Lunch includes a main dish, veggie, dessert and a beverage.

Cost is \$63 for members and \$68 for non-members. For additional information or to make reservations, contact the Lake Kennedy Center at 574-0575.✪

10th Anniversary Cattle Barons' Ball January 19

The American Cancer Society announced last week that Harborside Event Center will host the 10th anniversary of the Cattle Barons' Ball on January 19. This is the first time the Wild West-style fundraising gala will be held at Harborside, the city's premier event venue located in the heart of the downtown River District.

"We can't think of a more exciting and appropriate venue than Harborside for the tenth anniversary of the Cattle Barons' Ball," said Bob Simpson, CEO of LeeSar, who is chairing the event along with his wife, Linda. "The City of Fort Myers has been such a great supporter of the American Cancer Society, so it is fitting that they have partnered with us for this history-making event to support our friends and neighbors who are battling and surviving cancer."

The theme of the 2013 Cattle Barons' Ball is "Starry Nights Under A Southwest Florida Sky." The planning committee promises all the best-loved "Wild West" features of past events, plus a glitz and glam twist befitting of the anniversary. The gala will feature a night of cowboy-

themed games, silent and live auctions, exquisite desserts, special surprises and dancing to the award-winning country sounds of One Night Rodeo. Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Norman Love Confections will be back to provide a gourmet dining experience.

Premier Oncology is the presenting sponsor for the anniversary gala. LeeSar, a leader in health care supply chain management, has committed a \$25,000 R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Cancer Kids) sponsorship and John and Mary Jo Boler are back in as the \$25,000 Ranch Manager Sponsor.

Other sponsors who have saddled up for the event to date are Med Assets, Suncoast Beverage Sales, Scanlon Automotive, Enterprise Holdings, Wells Fargo, VIP Realty, Harborside Event Center, St. Jude's, Pace Medequipment, Haskell Company, Medtronic, McKesson, Lee Memorial Health Systems, Jason's Deli, Cheney Brothers, Clive Daniel Home, C.R. Bard, Boston Scientific, American Contract Systems and Abbott Laboratories. The "Sugar Slinger" sponsor is once again Norman Love Confections and the "Waterin' Hole" Liquor sponsor is Jim Beam.

To learn more about volunteering to help with the 2013 Cattle Barons' Ball, contact the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org or call Beth Hayes at 936-1113 ext. 3909.✪



Brunch With Santa invitation

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Holiday Cheer

This year's Brunch With Santa will be catered by French Connection Cafe. Entertainment will be provided by talented Lee County children's groups. The event has been expanded to include a full day of activities, including a bounce house and children's workshops with holiday crafts.

Jingle Bell Rock, the first concert of the new Rock The River concert series, begins at 6 p.m. The Nowhere Band returns to play holiday and classic rock favorites. While covering the full spectrum of The Beatles' long and varied career, The Nowhere Band creates an unparalleled, entirely live reproduction of 1960's Beatles performances. They blend period



The Nowhere Band

costumes and authentic instruments with modern lighting and an abundantly talented quartet to create an experience any true Beatles fan simply can't afford to miss. These songs will bring the smiles and memories back to life!

Tickets to Brunch With Santa are \$12; Children's Workshop, \$6; Brunch & Workshop, \$15. The Jingle Bell Rock concert is free.

If you are interested in having your children's group perform, email Devon Morreale at devon@sbdac.com. For more information or for tickets, visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933.✪✪

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 1 large avocado, peeled, seeded and diced
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 1 teaspoon powdered cumin
 Your favorite hot sauce (for heat)
 Sea salt to taste
 Fresh ground pepper to taste
 In a medium-sized mixing bowl, combine all ingredients. Stir to combine. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt, pepper and hot sauce.*



Florida Corn, Tomato and Avocado Salsa

Children's Mural Art Project Debuts

The Fort Myers Beach Children's Mural Art Project at Seafarer's was officially installed on November 10 as part of the 2012 Paint The Beach event.

"This is a perfect example of an idea coming to fruition through collaboration among multiple organizations and individuals," said Fort Myers Beach Parks and Recreation director Patti Evans. "This project goes a long way toward improving our community's image and cultural awareness."

Islander John Heim was the brains behind this unique, community-based art project. Following support from members of the Lee County Commission and Town Council, a partnership between Lee County and the Town of Fort Myers Beach Park and Recreation Departments quickly developed. With the focus to provide artistic opportunities for island children and beautify the Seafarer's Village Plaza site, the Children's Mural Art Project was born.

With Lee County's financial sponsorship of supplies and materials, the town was responsible to identify an artist willing to oversee the project and coordinate the community's participation. Local artist Mark Harris of Harris Art Works agreed to volunteer his time and talents. He identified the necessary materials and supplies and assisted our young artists.

Fort Myers Beach Recreation coordinator Randy Norton successfully identified young art enthusiasts from Beach

Elementary K-Kids, Beach Elementary Arts Students, Bay Oaks "Club Rec," Chapel by the Sea "Kidz Days" and Beach Baptist Afterschool. Since early August, Harris has volunteered three days a week at Bay Oaks Recreational Campus to create a total of 36 six-foot by eight-foot murals.

For more information, call the Bay Oaks Recreational Campus at 765-4222.*

Venetian Masquerade Ball

The second annual Venetian Masquerade Ball, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 at Cypress Cove at HealthPark, will follow the theme "Unmasking The Magic." Proceeds will benefit the Resident Benevolent Care Fund.

Enjoy a romantic evening of mystery and mystique as wandering troubadours transport you to a magical place of glamour and intrigue. Witness the charm of strolling violinists, jugglers, mimes and dancing, all under our glittering lights of Venice. Savor an exotic assortment of our finest gourmet cuisine while you enjoy a refreshing Campari cocktail or choice of beverage from the full host bar.

Tickets go on sale January 10 and will be \$100 per person. Event is black tie optional; masks encouraged.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Jean Christensen at 415-5140 or jchristensen@cchpf.net.*

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The Mating Game At Off Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau



I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change is playing at the Off Broadway Palm. I saw the musical five years ago on their main stage, thoroughly enjoyed it then, and like it even better in a

more intimate setting. It's a musical that everyone can relate to and being up close and personal with the actors really brings it home.

Audiences are taken through the life cycle of love with a series of vignettes that cover everything from first dates through marriage, the child-bearing years, divorce and old age. Most of it is not meant to be taken too seriously, and the actors set just the right tone.

A four-person cast consisting of Adam Clough, Erik Hogan, Caitlin Newman and Kate Marshall, performs over 20 characters with an excellent sense of comedic timing. They play skillfully off each other and they all have great singing voices.

Hogan and Marshall had the audience in stitches with their funerals-are-for-dating scene and another where it's the man

who cries during a sad movie. Newman sings a beautiful rendition of *I Will Be Loved Tonight*. She adds a sparkling dimension to the stage.

Clough handles one of the tenderest moments when his middle-aged character questions the status of his 30-year marriage. "Shouldn't I be less in love with you?" he asks himself as he sits across the breakfast table from his wife. "No," he concludes with a loving smile. I also loved the segment where a divorced young woman makes her first dating video.

The musical comedy includes many situations and stereotypes about male-female relationships. All four actors add hilarity and, at times, sensitivity to truthful moments in the mating game. Everyone is bound to find some bit of truth in these capsules of love.

Live piano accompaniment by William Asher is exceptional. Paul Bernier directs and choreography is by Amy Marie McCleary.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change will be at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre through December 25. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*



The entire cast of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*



A scene from the show

Holiday Magic 2012 Coming To Cape Harbour

Cape Harbour presents Holiday Magic 2012 on Friday, November 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Come join us as we celebrate the magic of the Christmas season. Enjoy live entertainment, our annual holiday tree lighting and a visit from Santa Claus. The event is open to everyone, admission and parking are free.

Cape Harbour has something to entice everyone. Have a bite to eat at any one of our waterfront restaurants, The Joint, Rumrunners or Pignoli on the Harbour; then top it off with coffee or a dessert selection from Run Agrounds. After dinner, stroll the Promenade and find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list at our exclusive boutiques and galleries, or perhaps a gift certificate to that special someone for a relaxing spa treatment. Take advantage of a sunset cruise, tour luxury yachts, or just sit and relax by the water and enjoy our fabulous Southwest Florida sunset.

Harbour View Gallery will be celebrating its fifth anniversary here at Cape Harbour. Stop by the gallery to register any time prior to the drawing at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 16. You may win a beautiful amethyst crystal pendant "Crystal Mountain," designed and donated by their jewelry artist Beverly Fox.

Of course, Santa Claus has promised

a visit and will be available for photos in his workshop at the Pavilion from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your whole family, including your family pets. Don't forget to bring your own camera to capture all those special moments. There is no charge to visit Santa and you may take unlimited photos to add to your family album.

At 7:15 p.m., Cape Harbour comes to life as thousands of colorful, twinkling lights are switched on and the Christmas tree is illuminated. This magical event will take place center stage between the towers, a tradition to mark the official start of this year's holiday season.

During the celebration, enjoy live music by "This Point Forward," sponsored by The Joint, from 6 to 9 p.m., with music to appeal to everyone of every age.

Volunteers will also be accepting donations for Toys For Tots at the event. You may also bring donations to the Sales Center at anytime before or after the event.

For more information, call 945-6116 or log on to www.capeharbour.com.*

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Alliance November Events

and creativity. There are a limited number of spots available.

Winter Break Arts Camp is \$110. There are two sessions. Each runs from Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m. and aftercare services are available until 5 p.m. for \$5 per day.

For more details, call the Florida Repertory Theatre Education Department at 332-4665 ext. 20, send an email to EdDirector@floridarep.org or visit www.floridarepeducation.org.

• Joanna White will exhibit her work from January 4 through 26. An opening reception will be held on January 4 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. White will host a Walk & Talk on January 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. The Member Gallery will feature artistic collaborations.

White will be exhibiting installation based work as well as independent sculpture. Practical objects such as Post-It notes, thread and delicate paper are transformed into contemporary artworks. Large scale pieces comprised of delicate handmade boxes which the artist refers to as vessels. Some works feature tiny oil paintings on the outside and glimpses of to do lists and various words—a hint of former use and life on the inside.

The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Visit www.artinlee.org for additional details.*

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Barbara B. Mann Concerts

Tickets are \$125 per person. Buy tickets online at www.swflso.org or call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500.

Special room rates are available at Hotel Indigo. Call 337-3446 and ask for the Symphony Block Room Rate. Rooms will be held until November 15.

The New Year's Eve Pops Concert is sponsored by the City of Fort Myers.

• Youth Orchestra Concert
Sunday, December 9 at 7 p.m.
Cypress Lake High School

The Youth Orchestra Program will present a concert at the Cypress Lake High School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. The Sinfonietta will perform under the direction of Nanette Grant. The new concert orchestra will be directed by Roland Forti.

Dr. David Cole from FGCU will conduct the Youth Symphony in a program that includes Copland's Hoedown and Procession of the Sardar from Ippolitov-Ivanov's Causasian Sketches. The Chamber Ensembles will also perform.

The Percussion Ensemble performance will feature Todd Betz on marimba. Betz serves as Principal Percussionist of the Southwest Florida Symphony and as the Youth Orchestra Manager.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500. Tickets will also be available at the door.*

Young Artists Awards Registration

Registration for the Young Artists Awards auditions for area students ages 8 to 21 is now open. Thirty-five cash scholarships and other prizes will be awarded this year.

The Young Artists Awards is the area's premier performing arts audition, performance, education and scholarship program for students from throughout Southwest Florida, now going into our tenth year of programming.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform before panels of professional adjudicators; over forty judges from throughout the nation participated last year. Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel.

Twenty-two finalists will be chosen to perform individually at the tenth anniversary gala at the Broadway Palm Theatre on March 11, 2013. Eleven runner-up students will perform in a coached group number. The newest award, "Audience Choice" will be voted on by audience members in attendance that evening.

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



2012 Winners

Auditions will be held at the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, January 19, Sunday, January 20 and Saturday, January 26, 2013 in the following eleven categories:

Dance: ages 8 through 14,
Dance: ages 15 through 21
Contemporary Voice (including musical theatre): ages 8 through 12
Contemporary Voice (including musical theatre): ages 13 through 16
Contemporary Voice (including musical theatre): ages 17 through 21

Classical Voice: ages 13 through 16
Classical Voice: ages 17 through 21
Instrumental Music: ages 13 through 16
Instrumental Music: ages 17 through 21
Drama: ages 13 through 16
Drama: ages 17 through 21
Students may audition in multiple categories.

For a guaranteed audition slot(s), registrations must be postmarked by December 15. A limited number of late

registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only if postmarked before January 1, 2013. Audition fee waivers are available. Many students were unable to participate last year because of space and time limitations, so send in your registration now!

Visit their website at: www.youngartistsawards.org to download a registration form, and email info@youngartistsawards.org or call 239-574-9321 for more information. Like our 'Young Artists Awards' Facebook page for additional updates.*

Looking Back At Henry And Tom

by Di Saggau

Camping With Henry And Tom is playing at Florida Rep's new ArtStage Studio Theatre. It's an illuminating and dark look at history and the entanglements of business and government in 1921, involving Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Warren Harding. Thanks to \$300,000 worth of renovations, the ArtStage includes more seats, a bigger stage and the eye-sore column that was right in the middle of the room is gone. It's quite a transformation.

The play by Mark St. Germain is a comedy with a lot of poignant drama and "what if" scenarios. It begins as the three famous men try to escape reporters and The Secret Service. They end up in a wooded area in Maryland, stranded after their Model-T car hits a deer. The deer suffers in pain throughout most of the play, serving as a metaphor of violation to nature and also allowing various comments from the characters that show both compassion and insensitivity.

Ford is played by Graham Smith. He starts out as a self-centered, fast-talking, wheeler-dealer and ends up showing us he is not only ambitious and an idealist, he's egotistical and a bigot. This is a real eye-opener for some people. The relationship between the three is fascinating.

Ed Pilkington is Thomas Alva Edison and he displays a comedic cantankerousness that balances out the seriousness of the play. He is cynical over the thefts of many of his inventions by movie companies. He gets a lot of laughs and deserves them.

Peter Thomasson is the flawed Warren G. Harding, a man who never wanted to be President, and has not gone down in history as being a very good one. He does, however, express the most concern about the poor deer.

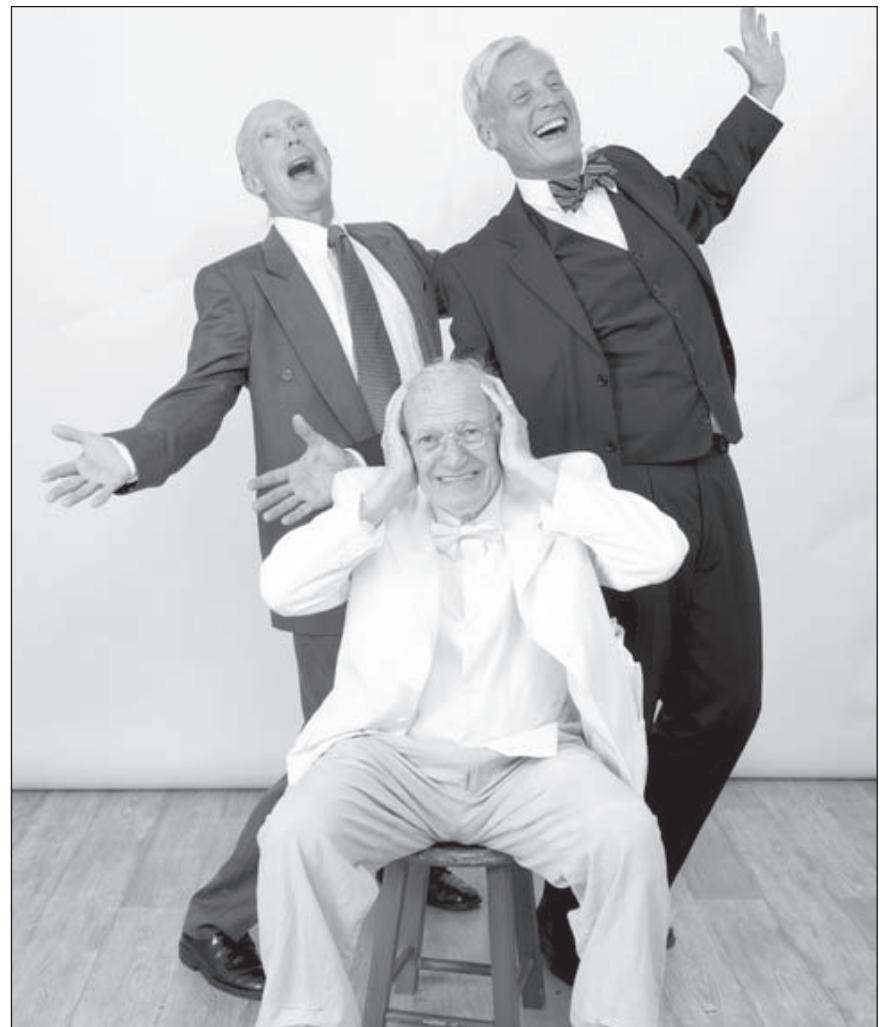
The audience is introduced to the flaws and faults of these three men through creative dialogue, delivered with convincing passion by three outstanding actors. There's also a fourth, Brian Hatch, who plays Colonel Edmund Starling, Harding's Secret Service man. He is not on stage very long, but I was impressed with his interpretation of the character.

Camping With Henry And Tom is performed in the round with a well constructed set and there isn't a bad seat in the house. There's even some music involving one of Edison's inventions. I'll bet you haven't heard Al Jolson sing *Alexander's Rag Time Band* for quite some time.

If this play is an example of what's to come in this new theater, and I'm sure it is, we're all in for a terrific season.

Camping With Henry And Tom, directed by Robert Cacioppo, plays through November 25 in Florida Rep's ArtStage Studio Theatre, located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Fort Myers River District.

For tickets, go to www.floridarep.org, visit the box office or call 332-4488.*



Graham Smith, Ed Pilkington and Peter Thomasson

Florida Senior Games/Sunshine State Games Winter Festival Update

The registration deadline for the Florida International Senior Games & State Championships is Friday, November 16 and more than 2,000 athletes are expected to compete in the 22 sports over the nine days of competition in Polk County, December 1 to 9. Online registration is available at www.flasports.com.

While the Olympic-style Sports Festival kicks off on Saturday, December 1 with action in four sports (Archery, Bowling, Pickleball and Swimming), the 10K Road Race will be held on Saturday, November 17.

The Florida Senior Games is teaming with the 36th Annual Lake to Lake Run in a qualifying event for the 2013 National Senior Games. All runners 50 and over, who finish in first through fourth place in their age group, or meet minimum performance standards set by the National Senior Games Association, qualify for National Senior Games competition. The 2013 National Senior Games will be held July 21 to August 4, in Cleveland, Ohio.

A last-minute venue change has moved the 5K and 10K Cycling Time Trials to Research Way and University Boulevard on the campus of the University of South Florida Polytechnic Institute. The time trials will be held on Saturday, December 8.

Besides the 22 sports of the Florida International Senior Games & State Championships in Polk County the first week of December, three Sunshine State Games events will be taking place in conjunction with Senior Games events. Badminton, Powerlifting and the 5K Road Race will be a part of the Sunshine State Games Winter Festival.

Sunshine State Games Badminton will be played at the Kelly Recreation Center on Sunday, December 2. Sunshine State Games Powerlifters will be in action on Saturday, December 8 at the Lakeland Center the day before the Senior Games Powerlifting event. Both Sunshine State Games events are for athletes age 49 and

under. On Saturday morning, December 8, the athletes of all ages can compete in the 5K Road Race around Lake Hollingsworth in an Intergenerational Sunshine State Games/Florida Senior Games State Championships event.

The online registration deadline for Sunshine State Games Badminton and Powerlifting is Friday, November 16 and the Road Race online registration deadline is Thursday, November 29.

Over the nine days of competition for the Florida International Senior Games & State Championships, the Florida Sports Foundation will need assistance from local volunteers. For those who have wanted to work behind the scenes at a sporting event, this is your chance. A volunteer application is available at www.flasports.com.

For more information about the 2012 Florida International Senior Games & State Championships and Sunshine State Games Winter Festival, visit www.flasports.com.*

50-Mile Relay

Florida Gulf Coast University will host the 4th annual 50-Mile Fly-By-Night Relay sponsored by Elevation Burger, on Friday, November 30 from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Teams of five to eight members will complete a race of 50 miles on the FGCU campus. Each leg of the race will be a two-mile loop around campus, so members need only be able to run, jog or walk two miles at a time. For a team of eight, that means only three to four loops

over the course of up to 10 hours.

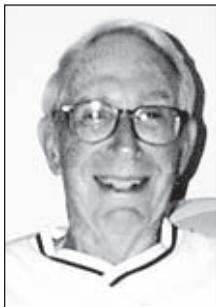
Cost per team is \$190. The event will support Gulf Coast Humane Society and the Honors Program at FGCU. Each member will receive a dry-fit shirt and a free meal at Elevation Burger.

This year, all registration is online. The application can be found at www.active.com/running/fort-myers-fl/4th-annual-fgcu-50-mile-fly-by-night-relay-2012. Team spots are limited and early registration is encouraged.

For more information, contact Jason Davis at jdavis@fgcu.edu or Sean Kelly at skelly@fgcu.edu.*

Three NFL Quarterbacks Suffer Concussions In A Single Day

by Ed Frank



If you watched Sunday night's classic battle between the Chicago Bears and the Houston Texans, you saw Bears quarterback Jay Cutler suffer a concussion after a vicious head-to-head hit by Houston linebacker Tim Dobbins. This followed an earlier concussion by Bears' defensive end Shea McClellin who also left the game.

If you watched Sunday's game between the San Francisco 49ers and the St. Louis Rams, you saw 49ers quarterback Alex Smith go down with a concussion. And the same goes for Philadelphia quarterback Michael Vick, who was knocked out of the game against Dallas suffering a concussion.

Three NFL quarterbacks down by concussion on a single day.

Dobbins was at least five yards away from Cutler when the quarterback let go of the ball, and he didn't lower his head for the cheap shot until after the pass was thrown. What should have been an immediate ejection resulted in only a roughing-the-passer penalty against Dobbins.

When asked after the 13-6 Houston victory whether he thought his hit caused the concussion, here was Dobbins' comment:

"I have no idea. No clue. But it was good that he (Cutler) was out, though. You always want to take the quarterback out of the game."

Dealing with brain injuries – and a concussion is a brain injury – has been atop the NFL agenda for several years. And mandates have been adopted on how to evaluate such injuries. Before being cleared to return, players must undergo independent examinations that show normal neurological results.

Obviously, however, tougher penalties, bigger fines and concussion protocols have not eliminated the problem.

Sunday's raft of concussions should send a message to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell that his anti-concussion program has failed miserably. Maybe suspending Dobbins and his likes for several games might send a message.

But it probably won't happen.

Interestingly, before Sunday's Bears-Houston game, Bears President Ted Phillips and Army Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter held a forum in Chicago to discuss health and safety issues that NFL players and military veterans share.

"It's going to take years to really get the culture change we're looking for," Phillips said during the forum.

The lingering effects of concussions have littered the football landscape for decades. The onset of early dementia, strokes and suicides have been well documented. But the often-heard excuse, "football is a tough game and injuries are part of the game," is the common response from players, coaches and NFL executives.

The Sunday concussion was at least Cutler's third in the NFL, and he had another in college when playing for Vanderbilt.

You need only to read about the deteriorating health of another Bears quarterback, Jim McMahon, who led the Bears to a Super Bowl victory in 1986, and who suffered multiple concussions throughout his 14-year career, to understand the seriousness of the problem.

Just 53 years old, McMahon suffers from early stage dementia and is among 2,400

retired players suing the NFL for concussion-related brain injuries.

There are no easy answers to solve the concussion crisis. But perhaps the week-after-week blows would be reduced if a player cheap-shotted another in the head, he would be suspended immediately.

Everblades Win Two of Three at Home; Depart on Six-Game Road Trip

The Florida Everblades won two of three games last week at Germain Arena before departing on a six-game road trip to Greenville, South Carolina and Carolina.

The local hockey team defeated Elmira twice on home ice, 6-3 and 5-3, before losing a wild 7-6 slugfest to first-place Gwinnett 7-6 Saturday night. Former Everblade Rylan Galiardi notched his second career hat trick to pace Gwinnett.

Florida started the week with a 5-5 season record and two shootout losses.

World's Top Women Golfers Here This Weekend in CME Titleholders

The CME Titleholders golf tournament featuring the best LPGA players will be held here this weekend at Twin Eagles in Naples.

The Thursday-Sunday event is the first LPGA tournament to be held in this area in more than a decade.

The women will compete for a \$1.5 million purse with a \$500,000 first-place prize.*

Home 4 The Holidays Promo

Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS) will join more than 4,000 pet shelters and adoption centers across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico during Home 4 the Holidays, a national event organized to raise awareness of the joys of owning shelter-adopted pets. Organizers hope to match more than 1.5 million dogs, cats, puppies and kittens with loving, adoptive families. LCDAS launched its local campaign on November 1 and by December 31 hopes to place at least 500 pets from its facility into life-long homes. The campaign will place special emphasis on finding homes for those pets that have been at the shelter the longest. Adopters can take home a new family member for \$20 to \$50 off the regular adoption fee based on their length of stay at the shelter.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs six months or older, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, training DVD, behavior help line, microchip pet ID, Science Diet pet food, and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

In the past, some shelters have actually gone so far as to discourage families from adopting pets during the holidays. Historically, however, this did not stop them from getting new pets during this time. It just took away the adoption option and forced them to support the puppy mill industry. As always, Animal Services works to match the needs of the pets with the lifestyles of the families regardless of the time of year.

Adoption hours are 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). Pictures of pets available for adoption can be viewed online at www.LeeLostPets.com. The website updates hourly.

Information about the Lee County Animal Care Trust Fund is also available at www.LeeLostPets.com. Consider a donation to the ACTF for tax-deductible year-end giving. This fund assisted over 1,200 pets this past year requiring veterinary care for illness or injury. Donations can be made online or mailed to:

Animal Care Trust Fund, c/o Lee County Domestic Animal Services, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33912.*

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Estates Holiday Decorating



The Lee County VCB

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McKibbin Hotels, The Nest Home and Garden, Paradise Shops at Southwest Florida International Airport, June Pekol Realty, Prawnbroker Restaurant Group, Royal Palm Yacht Club, Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce, Shell Point Retirement Community, South Fort Myers High School Automotive Academy, Southwest Florida Historical Society, St. James City volunteers with the Brinson Family, True Tours and WGPU Public Media.

Edison & Ford Holiday Nights will be open nightly, December 1 through 30, (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) with tickets on sale from 5:30 to 9 p.m. In addition to the regular evening admission ticket, limited tickets are available for the Tuesday night special Behind the Scene tours inside the homes with the curators. Tickets may be purchased in advance; Edison Ford Members are free with discounts for their guests.

There are special discounts for groups of 20 or more with advance reservations. Public admission for self-guided touring is \$15 for adults, \$1 for children. For visitors who wish a historian tour guide, tickets are \$20, \$11 children (ages six to 12). Opening weekend (December 1, 2, 3, and 4), all Lee County residents will receive \$5 off admission of a self-guided tour with proof of residency. The Edison Ford is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information call 334-7419 or visit the website at www.edisonfordwinter-estates.org.



St. James City volunteers with the Brinson Family

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Sand Sculpting

theme of Winter Wonderland. This is the largest sand sculpting competition in Florida. Residents and visitors will have an opportunity to see a collection of some of the world's top sand sculptors create master sculptures and compete for the title of American Champion. The singles competitions will take place the first week, followed by the doubles competition in week two.

In addition to watching the sculptors compete, there will be various interactive activities for all ages to participate in during the event. This year, from November 23 to 25, is the return of a long-standing tradition; the Advanced Amateur Florida

State Championships. The competition is open to amateur sculptors who have never competed at the master level and are not professional sculptors.

Events include amateur mixed team and solo events with categories for adults and children. This year guests also have a chance to experience a first-time event, the Junkanoo Sand Sculpting Luau on Friday, November 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Junkanoo on the Beach. Tickets are \$30 per person and include parking, dinner buffet and live entertainment.

For tickets and a full schedule of events, call the Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500 or go to www.fmbandsculpting.com.



Chamber chair-elect Norma Jean Pevey; Chamber President Bud Nocera; Katrina Salokar, Paradise Advertising and Design; John Rowland, VizMarket; Ruthann O'Brian, Affordable Designs; and Sis Berube, The News Press

photo by Jane Ross

Beach Chamber Welcomes New Members During Luncheon

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed new members during the November 8 luncheon meeting held at the Nauti Turtle Restaurant. They are: Katrina Salokar, Paradise Advertising and Design; John Rowland, VizMarket; Ruthann O'Brian, Affordable Designs; and Sis Berube, The News Press. Chamber President Bud Nocera, as the featured speaker, talked about progress being made in purchasing and outfitting one of the "Bambis" the chamber will purchase to promote tourism and businesses on the beach.

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce represents more than 400 local businesses, working to promote a positive business climate in the Fort Myers Beach area by providing networking opportunities, community events, and tourist information.

For more information call 454-7500 or visit FortMyersBeachChamber.org.

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Goodwill's Tice Street property entrance

New Fort Myers Headquarters For Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has signed closing papers to purchase a 126,000 square foot facility in Fort Myers. The building, located at 5100 Tice Street, is four times larger than the agency's existing headquarters in North Fort Myers.

"Our agency has experienced exponential growth over the last five years," explained Tom Feurig, president and CEO of Goodwill. "North Fort Myers has been our home since 1966, and we plan to maintain a presence in North

Fort Myers. We've made the most of the 30,000 square feet we have here, and we've just run out of opportunities to expand in our existing space."

Since 2007, Goodwill has experienced a 300 percent increase in the number of clients it serves through its mission services. That year, the agency assisted 7,200 Southwest Floridians with disabilities and other disadvantages. By the close of 2012, Goodwill estimates that 29,000 clients will have come to the agency seeking opportunities to become more independent.

That increase in mission services has also sparked growth within the organization itself. Over the last five years, Goodwill's Southwest Florida workforce has increased in size from 425 to 650



Front view of the Tice Street property

employees. A number of Goodwill employees have been asked to work from home or temporary locations to accommodate the organization's rapid growth.

The current agency headquarters is home to Goodwill's administrative staff, operations plant, e-commerce department, Secure Shred facilities and a Job-Link center. However, the new Fort Myers facility will be more than just an administrative and resource center. The larger location will provide the agency with the opportunity to expand its services even further, with room to accommodate the Goodwill LIFE Academy charter school, a clearance/outlet store, and a



Rear view of the Tice Street property

training center to provide opportunities for people with disabilities.

"It's exciting to know we're going to be expanding our services in East Fort Myers," added Feurig. "We hope to contribute to the growth and revitalization of the greater Tice area."

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides programs and services to help people with disabilities and other disadvantages overcome their barriers to employment and independence.

For more information about Goodwill and its services, visit the agency's website at www.goodwillswfl.org.✪

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A sign made by Little Joe can be seen from the window of Beverly Hills Hair Design

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Salon

Fort Myers, Micale reopened Beverly Hills Hair Design in the Kelly Carlos Office Center at 11595 Kelly Road, Building 300, Suite 317 in South Fort Myers.

Although she estimates that the business has lost approximately 90 percent of its clients since Joe's passing, Micale is hoping that people will return once they know that she has reopened "just around the corner" from the previous location.

"We reopened on June first of this year," she said. "I still have 10 or 12 clients."

Everywhere you look around the

hair salon, a little bit of Joe's influence remains. Autographed photos of some of his favorite clients from his decades working in the entertainment business – including Jack Lemmon, Red Skelton and good friend Casey Kasem – line the walls. Even the original marquee from the salon's previous location hangs from a tree located just outside a window.

"Whenever I look out there, I feel like he's looking over me... and everything's gonna be okay," added Micale.

Asked what her favorite Little Joe story was, she recalled the tale of Richie the paper boy. Richie was having a tough day selling newspapers and had planned on using the money he earned to help his mother pay that week's rent. It was late

in the afternoon and he still had a large stack of papers to sell when a large black limousine pulled up in front of Richie at the Villa Capri Restaurant. Three men got out of the car and one of the men, whom Richie recognized by his blue eyes, asked if he could buy the rest of his newspapers for his friends inside the restaurant. He handed him a crumpled bill, and all Richie could see was \$5. The paper boy gladly handed over the stack of newspapers and quickly headed home, only to discover when he got home that Frank Sinatra had handed him a \$50 bill.

In addition to wanting Little Joe's previous clients to know that his business is still up and running, Micale would like them to know how much they meant to

him, not just professionally, but personally.

"I'd like them to know that I'm carrying on as he would want me to," she added. "I can't fill his shoes, but I do the best that I can. When I'm working on one of his clients, I feel like he's in the room with me. His philosophy was that when somebody was in the chair, the he was going to give them the best experience they ever had... the best cut, the best color or the best perm. Always the best experience possible. The client always comes first."

For more information, visit www.beverlyhillshairdesign.net. To make an appointment, call 395-3116.✪

Airport Taxis To Donate To Food Bank

On Tuesday, November 20, MBA Airport Transportation will donate \$5 of each fare to the Harry Chapin Food Bank through its Drive Hunger out of Southwest Florida promotion. MBA Airport Transportation, LLC is the taxi concessionaire for Southwest Florida International Airport.

MBA Airport Transportation, LLC is a DBE joint venture whose partner members are John J. Poelker, Jr., Mary Poelker, and Judith Griffin. Poelker was a personal friend of Harry Chapin and is also a co-founder of the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, serving as the president of the board from 1989 through 1995.

Signs at Southwest Florida Airport direct the public to the taxi booth, where passengers are greeted by staff and receive a complimentary newspaper and bottle of water. Each passenger is given a comment card showing the exact fare to their destination.

Information about the promotion may be obtained by contacting Michelle Byrne at 482-2777.✪

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley,
My son who's in second grade is having some problems. His teacher says that he is a good kid, but his classroom manners aren't the best and that he inter-

rupts quite a bit. He has been punished for this but it hasn't made much of a difference. What can I do?

Jessica M, Sanibel

Jessica,

Very often, behaviors such as classroom manners – often referred to as pro-social skills – must be taught directly to children. Sometimes it is just not enough for them to know that they must behave. They must have clear instructions and practice in understanding how to behave.

It sounds like your son is having some difficulty listening. Listening well is probably the most important skill a child – or for that matter, an adult – can have. (We've all met adults that don't listen well, and we know how unpleasant it is to spend any amount of time with them).

According to Ellen McGinnis and Arnold P. Goldstein, authors of *Skillstreaming the Elementary School Child*, listening can be taught as a sequence of steps. Once a child has learned these five steps, it is important for children to practice them so they become proficient at using them.

The steps are as follows:

1. Look at the person who is talking.
2. Sit quietly

3. Think about what is being said
4. Say yes or nod your head.
5. Ask a question about the topic to find out more.

If you plan to teach these steps to your child there are some additional ideas you need to discuss so that these steps will make sense to him. You might want to point out that there are certain things a person can do to show that he is really listening. Discuss with your child the importance of facing the person who is talking and not to fidget, turnaround or do other things that indicate lack of attention.

You should also talk with your child about the importance of verbal and non-verbal messages and how these messages indicate listening. Tell him it is important to show (without words) that he is listening. The head nod is a great way to do that. Make sure to tell your child that if he has questions to stay on topic. If he has a question about something else tell him to ask if he can change the subject.

Practice these steps with your child. You can play school with him and pretend you are the teacher explaining an assignment. You can be yourself and explain to your child a specific family matter or activity that will take place. You can have practice sessions between children if you have another child that might benefit from this instruction or is willing to practice as well.

Have your child learn the five steps and then when you rehearse them, both you and he can state the step you are demonstrating as you go through this. It won't take long for your child to understand the sequence, internalize it and use it correctly.

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A Lee County Board of County Commissioners proclamation named November 1 as Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award Day

Blue Chip Award Winner

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners honored Oswald Trippe and Company's 18 years of recognizing small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success by passing a resolution to honor November 1 as Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award Day.

Commissioner John Manning presented the proclamation that also recognized Gary V. Trippe's dedication to the community, vision and desire to share triumph over adversity and contributing to the success of Southwest Florida's business community.

BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company provides comprehensive insurance and risk-management services to families and businesses throughout Florida.✱



Lee County Commissioner John Manning, left, with Gary V. Trippe

Scholarships

Florida's school choice programs ensure that no child will be left behind by allowing parents to choose the best educational setting – public or private – for their child. Eden Florida accepts the McKay Scholarships For Students With Disabilities Program, which has provided more than 24,000 Florida students with special needs the opportunity to attend a participating private school during the 2011-12 school year.

A private K-12 school for children with autism or autism spectrum disorders, Eden offers specialized services with school campuses in Lee and Collier counties. Eden is offering appointments for families to visit the schools and to learn more about their services, and how to qualify and apply for McKay Scholarships.

A child qualifies for the McKay Scholarship if he or she has a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Accommodation Plan and has attended school for an entire year. The next deadline for intent filing for the McKay Scholarship is December 3 for students enrolling in January 2013.

"Eden is proud to provide an alternative for families seeking the best education for their children with autism," said Taire Malloy, director of development

of Eden Florida. "Eden's therapeutic teaching techniques of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) have been found to be successful for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder."

For more information about Eden Florida and the McKay Scholarship, contact Jackie Indriago, education coordinator, at 384-5620 or email Eden.florida@eden-services.org.✱

Children's Mental Health Conference

On Saturday, November 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Florida Gulf Coast University will hold the second annual children's mental health conference in the Cohen Center ballroom. The conference will address some of the problems associated with mental health disorders in children and youth. Keynote speaker is Dr. Demetri Papolos, director of research, Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation.

Topics at the conference include working cooperatively with schools, managing behavior at home, holistic treatment options, classroom management techniques and an "Ask The Doctor" session.

General registration is \$49 (with con-

tact hours for nursing and mental health \$69) and the student rate is \$25, including lunch.

To register, visit <http://registeriog.fgcu.edu/>.

Event sponsors include FGCU College of Education, Florida Institute of Government, Southwest Florida Community Foundation and NAMI (National Association of Mental Illness). Local vendors will also be available to share community resources with attendees.✱

Gulf Coast Writers

On Saturday, November 17 at 10 a.m., creative arts attorney Ann Dalton will advise Gulf Coast writers on the traps and pitfalls of copyright and fair use law. Collaboration, serial and electronic rights will also be discussed in detail.

The meeting will take place at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers (south of the Edison Ford Estates).

Members are \$3, non-members are \$5. First-time attendees are free.

For more information on the Gulf Coast Writers Association, visit the website at www.gulfwriters.org.

For further information on the meeting, e-mail Joe Pacheco at sanibeljoe@comcast.net.✱

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Financial Focus

Don't Overlook Financial Risks In Retirement

by Jennifer Basey



When you retire, you may well have accomplished some important financial goals, such as sending your children through college and paying off your mortgage. Yet, you can't relax

just yet, because your retirement could easily last two or three decades, which means you'll need at least two or three decades' worth of income – which, in turn, means you'll need the proper savings and investment strategies in place. And, just as importantly, you'll also need to be aware of the types of risk that could threaten these strategies.

Let's consider some of these risks:

- **Longevity** – None of us can say for sure how long we'll live. But it's still important to have an estimate, based on your health and family history. So if you think you may live for 25 years in retirement, you'll want to withdraw enough from your investments each year to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle – but not so much that you deplete your funds before the 25 years have passed.

- **Inflation** – We've experienced pretty mild inflation over the past few years. But over time, even a low rate of inflation can seriously erode your purchasing power. To illustrate: If your current monthly costs are \$3,000, with only a 3 percent annual inflation rate, that would be about \$4,000 in 10 years. And in 25 years at that same rate, your monthly costs will have more than doubled, to about \$6,200. To help protect yourself against inflation risk, it's

important to have at least some investments that offer growth potential, rather than only owning fixed-income vehicles, such as certificates of deposit (CDs). You'll also want to consider sources of rising income potential, such as dividend-paying stocks. (Keep in mind, though, that stocks can reduce or discontinue dividends at any time and are subject to market fluctuation and loss of principal.)

- **Market Fluctuations** – When you retire and begin taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio – that is, when you begin selling off investments – you'd obviously like prices to be high. After all, the classic piece of investment advice is "buy low, sell high." But it's impossible to try to "time" the market this way, as it will always fluctuate. That's why you may want to consider sources of income whose value is not dependent on what's happening in the financial markets. Your financial advisor may be able to recommend investments that can provide you with this type of income stream.

- **Low Interest Rates** – Many retirees depend on fixed-rate investments for a good portion of their retirement income – so it's a real challenge when interest rates are low. Consequently, when you retire, you'll certainly need to be aware of the interest-rate environment and the income you can expect from these investments. Longer-term fixed-rate vehicles may be tempting, as they typically offer higher rates than shorter-term ones, but these longer term investments may have more price fluctuation and inflation risk than shorter-term investments. Consequently, you'll still likely need balance between short, intermediate and long-term investments to provide for a portion of your income in retirement.

Retirement can be a rewarding time in your life. And you can help make your retirement years even more enjoyable by understanding the relevant investment risks and taking steps to address them.

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

Extreme Couponing Classes

Extrême Couponing classes, presented by the Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral, will begin on Thursday, December 6. Cost is \$15 for the four-session series, held from 5 to 7 p.m. each evening.

Want to learn how to save a lot of money by shopping with coupons? Want to learn how to shop at a store and have them give you money back at the register? Katie Jones can teach you how it's done.

Jones is a grocery shopping couponing queen that is ready to reveal her secrets that will have you saving big every time. Each class will offer information about couponing lingo, popular stores couponing policies, manufacturer coupons versus store coupons, how to prepare for a shopping trip, and the best resources for finding the biggest savings.

Sign up for all four classes and receive \$10 off registration. Preregistration is required.

The class schedule includes:
 December 6 – Couponing 101 (Beginner)
 December 13 – Couponing 201 (Intermediate)
 December 20 – Couponing 301 (Advanced)
 December 27 – Couponing Mixer (All Levels)
 Classes will be held at the Lake

Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., in the Veranda meeting room. For additional information, call 574-0575.✪

Free Car Seat Safety Inspection

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Kohl's Center For Safety Program will be providing free car seat safety inspections on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Kohl's, located at 112 Commercio Street in Clewiston.

Research shows that an estimated 30 percent of children still continue to ride unrestrained and 80 percent of all car seats are used incorrectly. More than 1,700 children have been saved since 1996 just because they were riding in a properly fitted car seat and in the back seat.

Education and information to improve these numbers is of critical need in our community. According to Safe Kids and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a correctly used safety seat reduces fatality risk by 71 percent and serious injury risk by 67 percent.

Car seats will be available at a reduced price if your car seat is part of a recall, out dated or not the appropriate car seat for the child.

Bilingual fitting technicians will be available. Appointments are strongly encouraged and may be made by calling 343-5224 for a time that's convenient for you.✪

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
North Captiva Sands	Captiva	2007	4,202	1,700,000	1,300,000	123
Treviso	Bonita Springs	2005	3,612	995,000	862,500	4
Treviso	Bonita Springs	2005	3,685	875,000	850,000	11
Natures Cove	Estero	2006	3,436	869,900	800,000	152
Renaissance	Fort Myers	2005	3,087	799,000	737,500	209
Whiskey Creek	Fort Myers	1959	2,832	525,000	500,000	96
Verandah	Fort Myers	2007	2,914	519,000	490,000	155
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	2,488	439,900	455,200	69
Siesta Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1983	2,338	450,000	440,000	256
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1998	2,244	435,900	425,000	109

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

Dr. Dave

Swine's Surrogate Sow Ranch



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

As a species, humans apparently aren't terribly bothered about farming other species for food, clothing or luggage, yet controversy swirls around the use of animals

bred to save the lives of thousands of people waiting for organ transplants. Xenotransplantation refers to the transplanting of live organs from one species to another.

It appears that the baboon kidney and heart happens to be the best size match for a human organ. In addition, baboon tissue is less severely rejected by the human host's immune system. Unfortunately finding a baboon, outside of Ottawa, is relatively rare.

WANTED – Ranch hand, willing to relocate to exciting new baboon ranch in the Kootenays. Must be able to recover quickly from convulsive fits of laughter after hours of gazing upon hundreds of brilliant psychedelic butts. Imagine the thrill on a beautiful Fernie morning as the foreman stirs your soul with "Round up them 'boons boys, its harvest time!" Call

now and wrangle yerself a baboon.

The more similar an animal is to a human, the less likely the human's immune system is to reject that animal's organ. A yak liver or a muskrat ovary, for example, would be savagely rejected in nanoseconds by a human host. And while any organ belonging to a rat would likely happily survive for years in most men of the male variety, it is the pig that is most like man and has become the chosen animal for xenotransplantation research. (Did I just sense a collective nod from women the world over?) Porcine tissue has already been used for years as insulin and for replacement of defective heart valves.

As if genetically modified foods haven't stirred enough controversy, genetically modified organs are sure to raise concerns. With a deft touch of genetic manipulation, pigs can now be bred possessing major organs that are more human than pig. These organs are therefore less likely to be rejected by the human host. As sacrificing a pig is slightly more acceptable than sacrificing Snooki, pigs are the animals of choice.

Advantages of xenotransplantation are obvious in a world where too many recipients await too few human organ donors. Plump pieces of pig pancreas could function in diabetics. Fetal pig brain may be used to mitigate the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

(SORRY: I pause here, once again distracted by my trusty hound Leo, who is now handing me a pair of slippers to go along with the newspaper, clean socks

and hot chocolate brought to me earlier. Normally this dog has an irritating habit of reading over my shoulder, trying to fix my spelling mistakes. This past week, however, the ignowrant beast has been extra nice but has refused to help me on the column at all.)

The major risk of animal organ transplants is the potential for transmission of animal viruses into the human population. The pig, for example, coexists peacefully with a virus known as Porcine Endogenous RetroVirus (PERV) that cannot be eliminated. Studies have shown that PERV transmission to lab rats has caused no disease, though apparently the PERV rats did zip about trying to peek at other rats in the shower. We don't know what a PERV might do in man, but considering the effects of other cross species viruses such as Ebola and possibly the AIDS virus, caution cannot be overemphasized.

And before running down to the barnyard market in search of those farm-fresh spare organs to replace a clogged kidney or a pickled liver, realize that only 31 people have attempted xenotransplantation and none have survived. The human body eventually rejects the xenograft. The wee Californian, Baby Fae, lasted a whopping 20 days with a baboon heart. The use of these xeno-organs as a temporary measure (actually kept outside the body), while awaiting a human donor, is also being studied. But as the race for more powerful anti-rejection (immunosuppressant) drugs escalates and herds of transgenic swine carry ready-to-harvest

human organs, hospital orders may include, "Hello, Swine's Surrogate Sow Ranch? This is the hospital and we'd like to order two hearts, 17 kidneys, one liver and a couple of pounds of bacon."

(Excuse me, it's the dog again.)

"No, Leo, I do not want more slippers or the Johnson's cat!" I mean, how smart can an animal be, especially one who drinks from toilets, chases his tail and day trades?

Now, this next section on canine xenotransgraggitpasa\$*s^!\##~`kv% kuvqwey##wqpj.

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

Dr. Dave is returning to Africa on safari in September 2013. If interested in going with him, call 888-432-8344 to find out more.*

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

After we retired, we moved to a lovely small town where many retired people lived. We joined the church and clubs and soon had a nice group of friends. Then, we realized after 10 years it was time to move closer to our one caring child. Five hundred miles was just too far in spite of visits, e-mails and the telephone.

We sold our house and before we left gave a goodbye party. We received very few cards at Christmas from our "friends." It didn't take long for us to realize that those who we thought were our friends were not, and now we realize we missed having deeper friendships with the people who have proven they were really our friends.

We are very hurt and disappointed, and now realize older people (and I hope this does not include us) just make very light touch acquaintances – out of sight, out of mind. Is this acceptable behavior in today's society?

Edwina

Dear Edwina,

I do not know if the behavior you describe is acceptable, it certainly is very

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dearPharmacist

Take Glutathione If You Take Acetaminophen



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I recently read a magazine article that discussed the health benefits of glutathione, and I was shocked at how many there are. Do you recommend this supplement for

everyone?

LS, Orlando, Florida

Glutathione is fantastic for the human body. We make it actually and it supports liver function. It boosts your immune system, and helps you cleanse your system by grabbing heavy metals, like mercury and other poisons. Because it's an antioxidant, it can neutralize oxidative damage from free radicals; those are the loose cannons in your body.

Sounds too good to be true, right?

To answer your question, popping a little capsule of glutathione is less effective than other options, in terms of raising blood levels. The gut does not absorb glutathione well. Glutathione is a nutrient best made inside our cells or "intracellularly." Luckily, virtually all of our organs

contain cells that are able to cook up the recipe of glutathione using three natural amino acids: glycine, glutamate and cysteine (a more stable form of cysteine).

To make it yourself, you could increase consumption of foods that contain these precursor amino acids, or you could pay for the direct injection, given by IV over about 5 or 10 minutes. It's worth the "ow" for the needle stick, and if you're chronically ill, this will have a huge impact in your ability to clear toxins.

However, if working it into your diet is more appealing to you, then you're in luck because there is quite a variety of food that you can do this with! Some of the fresh foods known to be high in these amino acids are: avocados, asparagus, garlic, spinach, broccoli, tomatoes, milk thistle and unprocessed meats. However, if you do decide that oral supplementation of glutathione is the best choice for you though, I recommend Liposomal Glutathione by Empirical Labs, or S-Acetyl Glutathione by Xmogen. Both of these products can be ordered for you by a physician; they are not at health food stores.

You can also buy a high-quality whey protein supplement at any health food store, and this will quickly raise levels by providing the essential amino acids you need as precursors. Just be sure if you take whey protein, you are not allergic to dairy components.

If you have cancer, or take immunosuppressive drugs, or if you've had an organ transplant, I would avoid glutathione supplementation unless your doctor

advises it. While glutathione is a great preventative measure to take, and I've tried it orally, and by injection, the studies are inconclusive as to whether it is helpful for every disease and disorder that exists. Patients with AIDS or certain cancers do exhibit low levels of glutathione, but it's not clear whether the reduced levels are a result of the disease process, or whether they played a part in the manifestation of the disease.

Finally, acetaminophen is a drug mugger of this nutrient, so you will need to restore levels if you take that drug.

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

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Entrance to Cape Coral Hospital

Hospital Opening Extra Beds For Season

Lee Memorial Health System will begin opening extra beds at Cape Coral Hospital in December as part of substantial efforts to plan ahead and meet the demands of the area's population increase during winter months. Preparation is key when facing the challenges that accompany seasonal migration.

The number of visitors to the emergency department increases and hospital beds fill quickly as thousands of seasonal visitors seek treatment for injuries, heart attacks, and chronic illnesses while away from home. To accommodate these needs, a total of 42 extra beds will be available until April of 2013, 24 of which will open on December 3, followed by an additional 18 beds on January 7. Fifteen of the new beds will include telemetry equipment used to monitor patients with

life-threatening conditions.

"Rest assured, we're adding more beds to avoid overcrowding and accommodate the expected influx of patients throughout our health system," said Wendy Piascik, vice president of patient care services at Cape Coral Hospital. "The quality of care we provide will remain exceptional."

Preparations for season are done carefully and involve multiple departments – including medical staff, nursing, care management, housekeeping and others – to coordinate admissions and discharges to sustain an optimal flow throughout the facility while ensuring safety and keeping patients' best interest foremost.

To minimize congestion of the health system, seasonal residents should find a physician and make appointments in advance. It also helps to provide copies of your medical records. Many hospital visits can be avoided by taking preventative measures under a physician's care. Permanent residents can help by making appointments after seasonal residents have returned north.✪

Fashions For Funding Raises Money For Hospital's Capital Campaign

The Lee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is proudly sponsoring a fundraiser luncheon and fashion show, featuring fashions by Dillard's, to support efforts to build America's newest children's hospital: the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

"This event is an opportunity for people in the community to support this wonderful not-for-profit organization and its commitment to providing the best care for our children. Getting this hospital built is a major undertaking, and every effort, no matter how big or small, will take us one step closer to getting the doors open," said Sandy Heise, president of the Lee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Join in this afternoon of fashion and fun to support The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida Capital Campaign on Tuesday, January 15 at the Lexington Country Club, 16257 Willowcrest Way in Fort Myers. Doors open at 11 a.m. with a silent auction. There will be door prizes and plenty of shopping. Be sure to check out Dillard's "Pop-Up Shop" filled with handbags, accessories, jewelry and more.

Tickets – which are expected to sell out fast – are available for \$35 in the gift shops of Lee Memorial Hospital, HealthPark Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital and Gulf Coast Medical Center, or by calling Marianne Bechhold at 466-1266.

The Auxiliary is asking for donations of merchandise, gift certificates or services to use for auction items and door prizes. Donors will receive recognition for their contribution to this exciting event. This is the Auxiliary's seventh show and nearly 300 people are expected to attend.

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida opened in 1994 and is currently located within HealthPark Medical Center. It was renamed the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida in 2012. It is the only hospital in a five county radius specializing in the life-saving care of infants and children. The construction of the new Golisano Children's Hospital will be paid for through a combination of philanthropy

and bond funding. Lee Memorial Health System does not receive direct tax payer support, which is why community involvement is so important.

For more information about the event, or to volunteer or donate, contact the co-chairs of the Auxiliary, Jean Perkins at 567-2685, or Mary Jane Rockas at 437-6872.✪

AHA Fit-Friendly Worksite Award

The Lee County Port Authority was recognized by the American Heart Association (AHA) as a Gold Level Fit-Friendly Worksite at the November 8 joint board meeting of the Board of Port Commissioners and Airports Special Management Committee. This program showcases the importance of a healthy work environment and employers who go above and beyond when it comes to their employee's health.

Gold Level awards are given to worksites that meet the criteria to offer employees physical activity support, increase healthy eating options at work and promote a wellness culture, as well as implement at least six physical, two nutrition and one cultural activity to a minimum of 25 employees.

The Lee County Port Authority has introduced Health Hub, a new wellness program that offers activities and information to employees with the goal of improving health and well-being. Some of the elements of the LCPA program include on-site fitness with yoga and other exercise classes offered "Walk At Noon" with maps outlining different walking paths and distances for airport employees or the public, on-site Mobile

Mammography, free on-site flu shots, "Lunch & Learn" educational programs, the addition of healthy options in vending machines and participation in the 2012 Lee Heart Walk.

"The Lee County Port Authority is proud that the American Heart Association has recognized our commitment to promote a healthier lifestyle," said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. "We want to encourage our employees by offering ways to improve their physical health while they are at work."

The American Heart Association's mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. The Fit-Friendly program started in 2007 and has recognized more than 2,500 worksites representing 5.6 million employees.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 7.5 million passengers in 2011 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. Page Field provides services to corporate, commercial and private aviators and accommodated more than 78,000 aircraft operations in 2011. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction and both airports are funded solely with revenue generated from their operations.

For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com.✪

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Mom And Me

common. Friendships are convenient and situational. Rarely are close meaningful relationships formed. It is disappointing, however, to think relationships are deeper only to find like yourself that the relationships are more situational.

I find in my travels that some older people have lifelong relationships, but fewer new relationships are formed because life can be uncertain due to moving and ever changing health status.

Pryce

Dear Edwina,

There is no doubt that friendships in all ages are situational.

People are attracted to others with similar interests. Older people who are well and able to be on the "GO" want to be with others who can also "GO."

Years ago, people did not move around but stayed in their own areas and had the same friends for many years – sometimes very boring.

Personally, I have moved around a lot and sometimes I try to keep contacts alive, but other times I do not. I also have three women friends that I have known for over 50 years. It is fun to talk to them for about 20 minutes. Their lives have changed and so has mine, and we no longer have much in common.

Lizzie

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

Support Group For Families Of Long Term Care Facility Residents

A support group specifically for families of nursing home and assisted living facility residents will meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 10 a.m. at the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, 12468 Brantley Commons Court in Fort Myers.

The focus of this support group meeting is issues, concerns, and questions families face as they cope with placing a loved one in a long-term care facility. The group is open to all interested families of nursing home or assisted living residents at no charge.

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, a United Way partner agency, provides informational, educational, and supportive assistance to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their caregivers.

For more information, call the Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 437-3007.✪



Megan Weaver and her daughter Chloe Weaver made a food donation during Aviation Day for the Harry Chapin Food Bank

Aviation Day Participants Help Restock Harry Chapin Food Bank

Attendees at the annual Aviation Day are used to bringing in nonperishable food donations for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The November 3 event brought in 2,397 pounds of food. In addition, \$1,383.71 in cash donations was received; the monetary donations will enable the food bank to distribute over \$8,000 in food to families.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribu-



The Chic-Fil-A cows came out to give a hand during Aviation Day. They are shown with Maureen, Charlie and Walter, Harry Chapin Food Bank representatives

tion to families in need through a network of 160 nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties that provide food to more than 30,000 people monthly. Over one million pounds of food is distributed by the food bank each month.

For every dollar donated, about \$6 in food value goes back to the community. In the past fiscal year, the Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 15 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$24.9 million. This is roughly the equivalent of 12.5 million meals to people in need.

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

National Hospice Month



Samira K. Beckwith

submitted by Samira K. Beckwith
President and CEO of Hope
HealthCare Services

While National Hospice Month in November provides the opportunity to recognize many important aspects about hospice care, Hope HealthCare Services dedicates the month to those who are our highest priority – the individuals and families in our care.

Everything we do at Hope has a common focus: to improve the quality of life for those in our care through support and comfort, no matter their age nor

their stage of illness. We strive to engage the community during National Hospice Month and throughout the year to help everyone learn about the programs and services available to our families and neighbors.

During this national month of recognition, Hope is pleased to invite members of the public to a number of events designed to honor those in our community who have been touched by hospice, and to remember those whose memories we cherish.

Celebration of Life memorial services will take place at each Hope location to provide convenient access throughout the communities we serve, including Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs and LaBelle.

I invite you to visit www.HopeHCS.org/CelebrationofLife for details and to learn more about our additional National Hospice Month activities, including a Tennis Challenge at The Sanctuary Golf Club on Sanibel, a clothing drive at Evelyn & Arthur at Coconut Point, and privately hosted cocktail parties and teas, health fairs and other events honoring the important role that hospice plays in our communities and families.

Hope HealthCare Services offers programs that extend beyond hospice to serve thousands of individuals each day. Learn more at www.HopeHCS.org, and thank you for your long-standing support ... because everyone deserves Hope.✱

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Doctor Introduces New Injection Device

Dr. Alexander M. Eaton presented the development of a new device designed to improve the safety and comfort of patients during intravitreal injections at the annual meeting of the American Association of Ophthalmology in Chicago on November 10. Eaton will share results of clinical use of the Guarded Injection Device following clinical trials at Retina Health Center involving 67 patients.

The device was developed by Eaton in collaboration with Dr. Hussein Wafapoor of Retina Health Center, Dr. Robert Avery of California Retina Consultants, and former Alcon employees Dave Booth and Dyson Hickingbotham. The device incorporates a small gauge needle covered by a thin protective sleeve designed to protect the needle from contamination risks before and during the injection such as aerosolized saliva droplets from speech or breathing, as well as from the eyelashes or other external contaminants.

Retina Health Center recently began clinical trials to evaluate if the device is faster and/or more comfortable than existing techniques that use a lid speculum.

This is the first of a number of products being developed by I-Tech JV Development Company which address issues with intravitreal injections to reach clinical trial. By combining a team of retinal thought leaders and experienced device designers, the I-Tech JV Development Company is able to rapidly

assess and develop products to meet evolving retina needs.✱

Mental Health Conference For Children At FGCU

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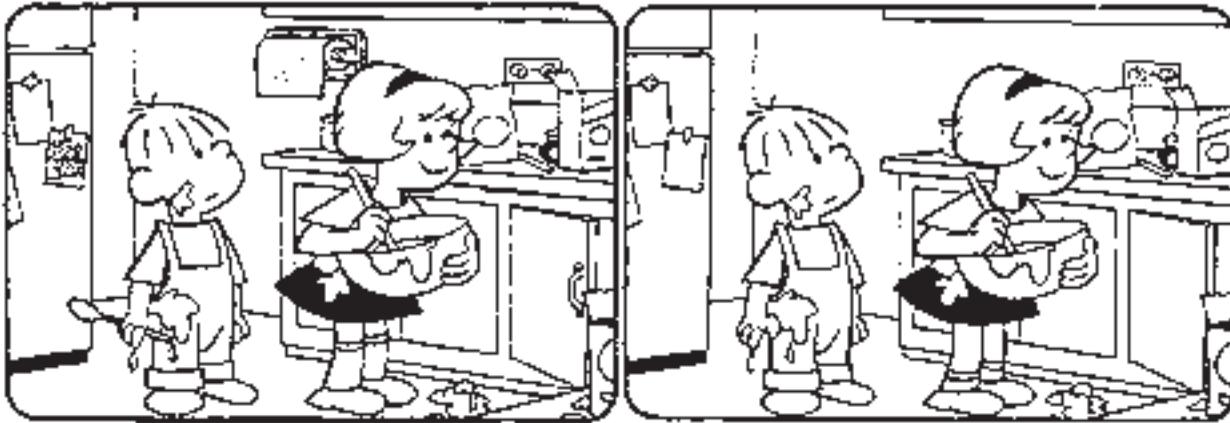
General registration is \$49 (with contact hours for nursing and mental health \$69) and the student rate is \$25, including lunch.

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TODAY'S WORD

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week

My name is Jake and if you need a recommendation, all you need to know is that I'm a staff favorite here at the shelter. They say I'm a big guy but I have an easy-going personality and a nice temperament. I don't know what that means but I'm sure it's good! My adoption fee is only \$38 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

I'm Brinky and I'm also a staff favorite. I was found with my two kittens and we spent the next few months in a foster home. I have a very outgoing personality and I love everybody, especially other cats. I love other cats so much I will need to be adopted into a home that already has cats. My adoption fee is only \$10 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services Home 4 the Holidays 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. 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.

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Absolutely gorgeous Gulf Front home with expansive views. Enjoy magnificent sunsets from the vanishing edge raised pool, surrounded by lush tropical vegetation. Only the finest amenities used in this home with gourmet kitchen, wine room, Travertine flooring, granite, extensive molding work, oak flooring, private elevator, detailed beamed ceilings, fireplace, paver stones, outdoor kitchen with additional fireplace, pass thru pantry and many more extras. This home is truly exceptional and must be seen. **Offered for \$5,349,000. Contact Ralph Galietti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826 -5807.**



ISLAND BEACH CLUB

Quiet, well maintained, contemporary 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo located on the desirable west end. Views of the Gulf from kitchen and living room. Updated and ready to be enjoyed. **Offered fully furnished for \$539,000. Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters " Mr. Listr" 239/ 994-7975**



SUNDIAL SPECIAL

If what you are seeking is a beautiful condo with resort style living on Sanibel Island for your personal enjoyment AND rental income then look no further. This fabulous pet friendly, remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit at Sundial Beach Resort has it all. Tile throughout, granite counter tops, washer/dryer, extra storage for bikes, all with easy access to the beach, pool restaurant and spa. This is a first floor unit just waiting for you. **Offered for \$495,000 Contact Pat Powers 239/222-8992**

