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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

DECEMBER 7, 2012



A popular activity at the GreenMarket is the drum circle, open to all ages

## Super Family Saturday

December 8 is Super Family Saturday at the Alliance for the Arts GreenMarket.

Anna Withrow's free outdoor yoga session begins at 9:30 a.m. Alliance youth instructor Sue Hansen will be cooking up some art beginning at 10 a.m. as she teaches kids of all ages printmaking techniques using veggies from the market and various kitchen tools. Also beginning at 10

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## Carol Sing To Help Feed The Hungry; Need For Donations Critical



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

Residents both young and old can celebrate the holidays by singing together to help feed the hungry at the 22nd annual Holiday Carol Sing, presented by First Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers and sponsored by the Galloway Family of Dealerships.

The Holiday Carol Sing will be Tuesday, December 11 at First Presbyterian Church, continued on page 16



Fort Myers detention basin

## Engineering Excellence Award

The City of Fort Myers earned a Grand Award in the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FICE) 2012 Engineering Excellence Awards competition for the newly constructed Downtown Detention Basin.

Phase I of the Riverfront Development Project is the first step toward bringing the vision of the downtown plan to reality.

With the completion of this phase, Fort Myers is poised to join other world-class

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Historic Dean Park residents light the way with luminaries

## Lighting Of The Luminaries At Dean Park

Historic Dean Park will commemorate its annual Lighting of the Luminaries at dusk Saturday, December 15. All are invited to help

volunteer and view the historic neighborhood in candlelight.

Within walking distance of downtown Fort Myers, Dean Park is a neighborhood of approximately 70 homes, mostly built between 1912 and the late 1920s. The residents of Dean Park share the vision and are dedicated to the protection, preservation and enhancement of their "front porch" neighborhood.

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Holidays Gone By

by Gerri Reaves



The downtown streets have a sparkle and energy as the holidays and the winter season approach.

Daylight hours are at their shortest, but the twinkle of holiday lights alleviates the December gloom.

Downtown couldn't be lovelier.

Nevertheless, for people with a tendency toward nostalgia, a few hours of time travel to a 1940s Christmastime in Fort Myers might sound appealing.

Those were the heady post-World War II days and terms like revitalization or redevelopment weren't in the news, for downtown was the epitome of vitality.

In fact, for many locals, it's that downtown vitality of six decades or so ago – before the age of sprawl and malls – that redevelopment aims for.

In the 1940s and 1950s, major stores such as JC Penney, McCrory's, Kress and Sears Roebuck & Co. lined First Street, along with numerous independent businesses, stores, and restaurants. People came from all over the county to Christmas shop.

Writing of his childhood memories for the archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, the late Dick Jungferman captured the magic of a downtown Christmas during the 1940s.

You were likely to encounter everyone you knew in the holiday bustle, he remembered. Goodwill abounded, symbolized by the overflowing Salvation Army donation kettles.

The sound of carols floated through open doors to wide sidewalks "jammed with people" carrying gifts.

Tired shoppers rested on a bench and chatted or enjoyed a sandwich and cherry smash at "Doc Dick's pharmacy" in the Earnhardt Building (aka Royal Palm Drugstore, owned by RQ Richards).

Jungferman recalled the Christmas when he, Jack Carter and Earnest Hardin gathered mistletoe from the woods and sold sprigs in front of the First National Bank, then located at First and Hendry.



The legendary Singing Christmas Tree took place in the band shell at Edwards Drive and Hendry Street

courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society

Perhaps the staff of the locally published *Hello, Stranger!* took notice of those enterprising boys.

In the December 1949 issue's lavish description of Christmas in Fort Myers, it extolled little boys selling mistletoe (the Jungferman trio, perhaps?), "multi-hued gladiolus" and the "pungent odor of fir balsam and pine" that emanated from the Christmas shops.

Southwest Florida, it boasted, was a land where, one could go fishing hunting, golfing, or hold an outdoor barbecue in December.

Seasonal visitors and permanent residents could look forward to a non-stop round of activities while friends up north shovel snow.

During the festive month, dances were held at the Civic Center on Edwards Drive – an auditorium that later renamed the Hall of Fifty States – and nightly at the Franklin Arms Hotel at First and Lee Streets.

On Saturday nights, the American Legion on East First Street hosted a dance with orchestra and a post-dance buffet – all for free!

The Fort Myers High School Band and Glee Club planned numerous concerts, the most renowned being the Singing Christmas Tree, created in 1945 by director "Skeet" Durrence. It was the musical highlight of the season, a combined effort of the Fort Myers Junior and Senior High Schools, and for years took place in the band shell next to the Exhibition Hall on the riverfront.

Both structures are now demolished, but the sites are now part of the just-completed riverfront detention-basin project.

In addition, local churches featured musicales, children's services, candlelight services, cantatas, and other special programs throughout the month.

Even stay-at-homes could get join the holiday spirit by participating in the city-wide Prize Christmas Decorations contest, which included outdoor trees, window displays and more.

Pete Bowen recalls one quirky bit of late-1940s history. Alice Tonnelier, widow of Peter Tonnelier, was known for extensively decorating her downtown properties with lights. It might have seemed modest by today's standards, but Bowen says it was sufficient to draw out-of-towners.

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The locally published *Hello, Stranger!* informed visitors and residents of all the holiday events

photo by Gerri Reaves



In 2011, a non-singing but beautiful tree stood on Hendry just north of Edwards Drive

photo by Gerri Reaves

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# Festival Of Trees People's Choice Winners



**Visions of Christmas Past, by the Fort Myers River District Alliance, won the Most Traditional**

For the sixth straight year, Southwest Floridians flocked to the Fort Myers River District to visit Goodwill Industries' annual Festival of Trees, presented by FineMark National Bank & Trust. More than 3,300 ballots were cast in the Festival's People's Choice awards, in which visitors can vote for their favorite trees.

"Our tree sponsors and designers can get pretty competitive with each other," said Goodwill spokeswoman Kirsten O'Donnell. "Some of them have been with us since we started the festival in 2007. It's a friendly competition, but they really covet those People's Choice ribbons."

Most coveted is the Best All-Around award, which this year was presented to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Its nine-foot-tall tree, Life's A Beach - Rock Hard! was decorated with seashells, starfish and other beach-themed ornaments. The tree's unique topper was a replica of one of the art center's iconic cylindrical light sculptures.

For the second straight year, the Fort Myers River District Alliance (RDA) was also a crowd favorite at the festival. The tree, titled Visions of Christmas Past, won the Most Traditional ribbon from festivalgoers. Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson also selected the RDA tree as the recipient of the annual Mayor's Choice award. In 2011, the RDA won both Most Traditional and Best All-Around.

Winner of the Most Creative award was the Health & Harmony Center's



**Life's A Beach- Rock Hard!, presented by the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, won Best All-Around award**



**Sweet Harmony, presented by Health & Harmony Center, won Most Creative**

inverted tree, Sweet Harmony. The tree was one of two upside-down trees at the festival, and was designed to look like a large ice cream cone, complete with sprinkles and a cherry on top.

The award-winning trees, along with the 22 others displayed at the festival, were auctioned off at the Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie fundraiser for the

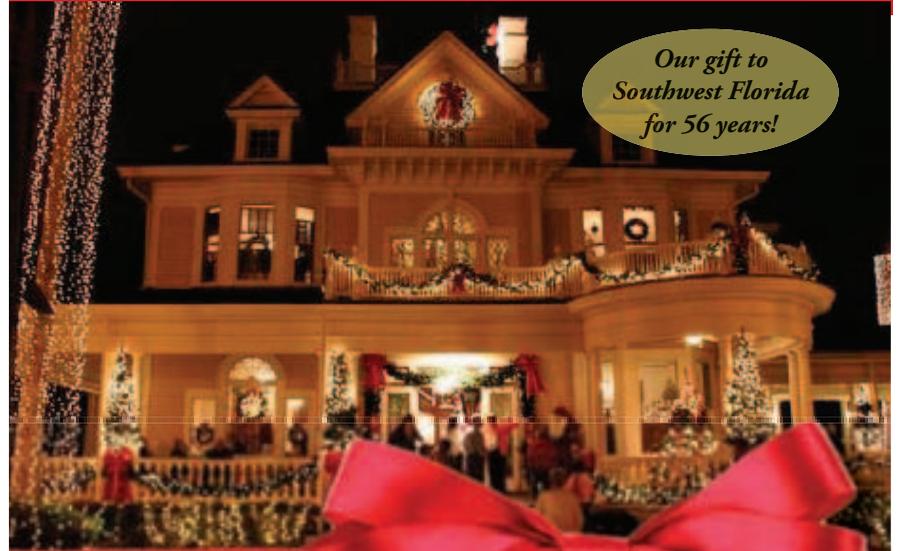
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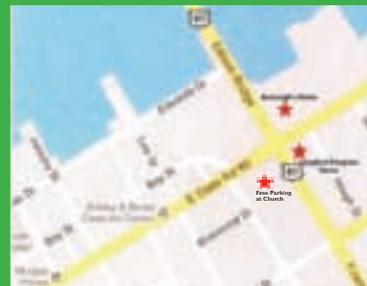
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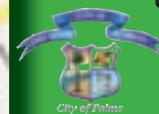
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Fort Myers Public Art

# Olympian's Art At Local Airport



by Tom Hall

Airports around the world are converting their often-antiseptic, empty terminal spaces into discovery zones where weary, bored and stressed travellers – and their families

and friends – can kill time by soaking up a sampling of the local culture and artistic flavor.

Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) has joined this trend thanks to a partnership between the Alliance for the Arts and the Lee County Port Authority that's called Art In Flight.

"People are spending so much more time in airports," observes Indianapolis Museum of Art Director Maxwell Anderson. "They've become a kind of a gateway to local culture."

Although no official statistics have been compiled to date tying art in airports to increased attendance at art galleries, cultural events or museums, most believe that airport exhibitions are a valuable way for them to reach a captive audience of people who probably don't characterize themselves as museum or gallery goers.

That was the strategy that prompted



Two of Olympian Al Oerter's abstract pieces are on loan to the airport from downtown Fort Myers' Art of the Olympians Gallery

Art of the Olympians to hang two of Al Oerter's abstracts at RSW. And they surely factored into Naples Museum of Art's decision to loan Louise Nevelson's *Dawn's Forest* to RSW for the next two years.

Still, there's no guarantee that bored-to-busy airline passengers will take the time to stop and notice the artworks on display in an airport setting.

"We've had to think hard about how to maximize opportunities for people to experience the art and to access the rest of the collection on the basis of one encounter," urban planner and public art consultant Todd Bressie told *The College Hill Independent* in a recent email interview. "There is a disconnect between

where people spend their time (in line, at the gate) and where you tend to see art at airports," which is typically in landside or pre-security locations.

But even if the ultimate goal of participating galleries, arts and cultural organizations and museums is to amp up their attendance, the fact remains that a far greater number of people are being exposed to the artworks and exhibits artists, galleries and museums display at airports like RSW than would otherwise see them.

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 [www.truetours.net](http://www.truetours.net). ✨



Harry Chapin

## Local Food Bank To Celebrate Namesake

Harry Chapin. Who was he and why does the Southwest Florida food bank carry his name?

The Harry Chapin Food Bank will answer these questions during an open house on Friday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to tour the facility, 3760 Fowler Street in Fort Myers, enjoy learning about Harry Chapin's life and share some birthday cake.

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# Annual Santa Sunday Brunch

December 9  
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## New Year's Eve Down By The Riverside Gala

The Southwest Florida Symphony invites the community to celebrate New Year's Eve with the Orchestra, Down By The Riverside at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The evening will kick off at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 31 with appetizers, a cash bar and an auction. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The Vince Evans Quartet will provide music before, during and following dinner. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic snow cones will be served.

At 9 p.m., the full Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra will present a gala Pops Concert under the direction of guest conductor Jim Stephenson. The concert will be followed by a live auction with items that include the chance to guest conduct the orchestra and the opportunity for one male singer to croon with the Orchestra on a Frank Sinatra tune at the January 11 and 12 Pops Concert.

Following the auction, guests will enjoy dancing to music by the Vince Evans Quartet. At midnight, guests may have an option to enjoy beverages and snacks while watching the City of Fort Myers fireworks display. Guests will enjoy cham-

pagne at midnight. Party favors will be provided.

The Pops Concert program will include arrangements by Jim Stephenson of traditional holiday selections as well as light classics and special features. The Symphony's Principal Horn, Gene Berger will be featured in Vinter's Hunter's Moon. In the Viennese tradition, waltzes and polkas by Johann Strauss, Jr., to include the festive Champagne Polka, will be performed.

A multi-talented musician, Stephenson began his career as a performer, playing seventeen seasons with the Naples Philharmonic in Florida. As a seasoned orchestra member, he became attuned to the possibilities of all the instruments and developed, early on, a career as an arranger, an avenue he continues to pursue today. In this capacity, Stephenson's work can be heard on four recordings with Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops and was featured by Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops on a nationwide Fourth of July telecast.

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

Full packages with the dinner, dancing and concert are available for \$125 per person. Tickets for just the concert are \$40. For more information, call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or visit [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org).

## Young Artists Awards Vocalists To Perform At December Art Walk



Sarah Daigle

On Friday, December 7, Young Artists Awards vocalists Sarah Daigle and Jordan Pilant will be performing at the Arts for ACT Gallery from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with December's Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers.

Daigle, 17, is a senior at North Fort Myers High School. Pilant, 15, attends Fort Myers High School. Both performers are past winners of the Young Artists Awards program.

The Young Artists Awards, beginning



Jordan Pilant

its 10th year of programming, is a not-for-profit education, performance, audition and scholarship program for students from throughout Southwest Florida. The organization is also a monthly partner with Art Walk.

The Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information on the Young Artists Awards, visit [www.youngartistsawards.org](http://www.youngartistsawards.org) or Young Artists Awards on Facebook.

## Lee Control Earns Accreditation As Fire Dispatch Center Of Excellence

Lee County's Emergency Dispatch Center, known by the radio call sign "Lee Control," has earned international accreditation as one of only 22 Emergency Fire Dispatch Centers of Excellence in the world.

The International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) is a non-profit, standard-setting organization that promotes safe and effective emergency dispatch services worldwide. Earning this IAED accreditation is voluntary and requires proper system oversight, fire administration control and quality improvements, careful compliance with the Fire Priority Dispatch System and certification for all emergency call-takers and fire dispatchers.

Lee County Emergency Dispatch Center pursued this accreditation to ensure it consistently meets the level of excellence in dispatching safely, quickly and effectively with the most appropriate resource.

"I am so proud of our staff for their dedication and contributions to the safety of our residents and visitors of Lee County," said Public Safety Telecommunications Program Manager Chief Tina M. Taviano. "Call takers and dispatchers are the 'first' first responders and provide an invaluable service to our community."

In 2009, Lee Control also became one of only 116 internationally accredited dispatch centers for emergency medical calls. Last year, Lee Control processed more than 222,000 calls that resulted in nearly 81,000 EMS dispatches and nearly 80,000 fire district dispatches.

Emergency Fire Dispatch combines the latest technology for gathering information, prioritizing dispatches and giving lifesaving instructions to the caller, saving precious time while first responders arrive.

Lee County Fire Chiefs Association president and Iona-McGregor Fire Chief William Elliott praised Lee County Emergency Dispatch Center for pursuing this elite credential.

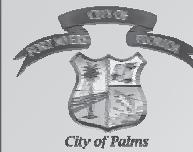
"Attaining this accreditation provides further assurance the dispatch staff will consistently send the right type and quantity of resources necessary to bring the fire or hazardous situation under control as quickly as possible," he said.

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## Engineering Excellence Award

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# HORTOONS

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## Festival Of Trees

Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The events have raised more than \$270,000 in their first five years.

Proceeds from the 2012 festival and gala are still being tabulated. However, organizers say the final total will easily top the previous record of \$65,000.

Additional sponsors were The Home Depot, Gulfcoast Consulting Group, Aaron's, *The News-Press*, *D'Latinos Magazine*, *Azteca America SWFL* and *Sunny 106.3*. Additional support was provided by Lee Designs, The Morgan House, Westco Builders of Florida, Inc., and Two Men and a Truck.

More information about the event is available at [www.tuxandtrees.com](http://www.tuxandtrees.com).

## Lee Republican Women's Club

The Lee Republican Women's Club (Chartered) will hold a dinner meeting at the Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn at 13051 Bell Tower Drive in Fort Myers on Tuesday, December 11. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner and the meeting program to follow at 6:30 p.m.

The Honorable Gary Lee, chairman of the Lee County Republican Committee, will be the featured speaker. His speech will focus on the Electoral College.

Members of the public and guests are welcome to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. To make reservations or for more information, contact 574-2571.

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## Former Washington Insider To Speak At Fort Myers Republican Club

Karna Bodman, an entertaining author, will be the featured speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club on Tuesday, December 11.

Her latest book, *Castle Bravo*, is dubbed an international thriller; it combines her experience as a former Washington insider with great imagination and skill. All of her books will be available for sale following the luncheon.

Bodman served as White House deputy press secretary during Ronald Reagan's administration. Her last position with the White House was as senior director of the National Security Council. When she left the White House to become senior vice president of public affairs, Bodman was the highest ranking woman on the White House staff.

The luncheon will also feature the installation of 2013 officers.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting, program, and installation of officers follow.

The luncheon cost is \$16. Reservations may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Gaile Anthony, at 292-5212.

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Fort Myers Empty Bowls Event attendees took time out from sampling soups to listen to one of the many student performances

## Fifth Empty Bowls Event Deemed A Success

Attendees at the fifth annual Empty Bowls Event, held at the Alliance for the Arts, were able to sample specialty soups from 10 local restaurants. Some 800 handmade ceramic bowls, created and donated by Lee County students from 30 schools, were available for selection.

Those attending each donated \$10 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. This entitled them to a bowl and a sampling of the various soups.

Local restaurants that provided the soups included Panera Bread Café, Jason's Deli, University Grill,

Prawnbroker, Oasis, LaMotta's, Mel's Diner, Christof's on McGregor, McGregor Café, and Sweet Tomatoes. Panera Bread, the presenting sponsor, also supplied bread to accompany the soup.

Attendees were entertained with performances by Fort Myers Middle Academy Guitar Group, Lehigh Senior High School Dancers, Oak Hammock Middle School Dance Team, Paul Lawrence Dunbar Jazz Band, Trafalgar Elementary Recorder Group, Varsity Lakes Step Team, and Veronica Young, Sherie Forbes and Sheena Torres-Nunez.

Pottery demonstrations were provided by Chas Bean, Theresa West-Taylor and Tim Smith. Way Too Tall Torrey created balloon animals for the children.

The soups were served by local celebrities, Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, TV anchor Lois Thome, Downtown Diva Stephanie Davis, Tv

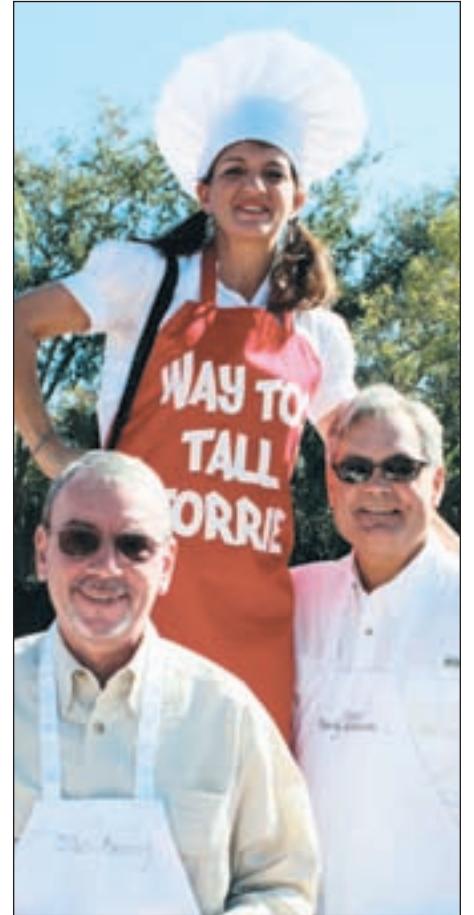
weather man Robert Van Winkle, Joseph Burke, Tom Scott, Don Armstrong, Mary Fisher, Mike Flanders, Lee County Commissioners John Manning and Tammy Hall, Mark Blust, Francesca Donlan, Lydia Black, Jacke Corey, Melody Hull, Denise Phillips, Pam Cronin and Shelly Allman.

In addition, those attending participated in a silent auction of special bowls provided by artisans. Lehigh Senior High School art teacher Suzie Somogyi served as the chair for the Empty Bowls committee; Marguerite Petcher, silent auction; Marjorie Resler, soup donations; Ann Sealey, student volunteers; Carolyn Gora, celebrity servers; and Carmelo Lamotta, soup serving chef.

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 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 [harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://harrychapinfoodbank.org).



Lee County Commissioner John Manning, left, and Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson assisted in serving soup during the event held at the Alliance for the Arts. With them is Way Too Tall Torrey, who provided balloon animals for the children

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# Along The River



The Morgan House's Santa Sunday Brunch is a downtown tradition for the entire family

Head down to Fort Myers Beach for the **The Sunset Celebration** this Friday and Saturday nights. Friday features live music from High Tide while the Troublemakerz 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 December 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., join jolly Saint Nick and his lively elves at **The Morgan House's** annual Santa Sunday Brunch. Reservations are recommended.

Kids will work up an appetite playing games while vying for prizes, jumping in the bounce house and visiting Santa Claus himself. Horse-drawn carriage rides are also available around the historic downtown River District.



Family owned and operated Ichiban is open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Keny Chong, Marytez Tano and Meng Chong creating sushi art

The Morgan House is located at 33 Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers. Call 337-3377 or go to [www.morganhouserestaurant.com](http://www.morganhouserestaurant.com).

Every Tuesday, **The Lazy Flamingo** features live music with vocalist and guitarist Robb Brooks. It's the perfect time to stop in for fresh seafood, drink specials and your favorite sporting events broadcast on the Fort Myers restaurant's multiple televisions.

As local seafood lovers know, The Lazy Flamingo is a great place for grouper sandwiches, raw oysters on the half-shell, conch chowder and mussels marinara served in a nautical-themed atmosphere. Don't forget that it's stone crab claw season! The Lazy's motto is "If our seafood were any fresher, we would be serving it underwater." The restaurant is also known for its secret recipe Flamingo garlic bread, buffalo wings and giant burgers.

With four locations in Lee County, the fun, casual restaurant has developed a loyal fan base. For family outings, the "little grown ups" can choose from kid-approved dishes such as chicken fingers, pasta and hot dogs. All items on the children's menu include a Lazy Flamingo flying disk and collectors cup.

The Lazy Flamingo 4 is located at 12951 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. It is open daily from 11 a.m. to midnight. Call 476-9000 or go to [www.lazyflamingo.com](http://www.lazyflamingo.com).

Prepare for holiday entertaining and gift giving at **First Street Liquors**. As downtown Fort Myers' only full-service liquor store, it is conveniently located near Publix off of McGregor Boulevard. From now through December, receive 10 percent off liquor and wine with a minimum purchase of \$30.

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

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

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

First Street Liquors is located at 2023 Altamont Avenue, Suite 107 in the First Street Village shops, Fort Myers. It is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 332-3945.

Prefer a non-traditional holiday celebration? Drop in downtown Fort Myers favorite **Ichiban** for great Chinese and Japanese cuisine. Ichiban is open all day Christmas Eve and 4 to 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.

The downtown hot spot has had a loyal following among River District diners for eight years. Family owned and operated, it offers friendly service, great lunch and dinner specials along with artfully crafted sushi rolls and sashimi.

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

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# Outdoor Palmgrass Bluegrass Fest



Swinging Bridge, Ernie Evans & the Florida State Bluegrass Band, New River Boys & the Bugtussle Ramblers. Keith Bass & The Florida Bluegrass Express will close the festival with a set beginning at 4:40 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 if purchased online or at the Alliance before 5 p.m. on December 7. They are \$20 at the gate. Children under 12 are free if accompanied by an adult. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. No coolers will be allowed. Food and beverages will be available from The Nosh Truck and Captain Bob's Smoking to Go BBQ. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) to purchase tickets or call 939-2787.



### Palmgrass Bluegrass Fest Performance Schedule

- 10 to 10:40 a.m. – Bill Metts & Friends
  - 10:50 to 11:40 a.m. – Swinging Bridge
  - 11:50 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. – Ernie Evans & Florida State Bluegrass Band
  - 12:50 to 1:40 p.m. – New River Boys
  - 1:50 to 2:40 p.m. – Bugtussle Ramblers
  - 2:50 to 4:30 p.m. – NewTown
  - 4:40 to 5:30 p.m. – Keith Bass & Florida Bluegrass Express
- The Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨

The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida brings a full day of bluegrass music to the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, December 8 at the inaugural Palmgrass Bluegrass Fest. Seven bands will play on the outdoor amphitheater stage from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lexington, Kentucky-based headliner NewTown takes the stage at 2:50 p.m. They are preceded by Bill Metts & Friends,

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## Men's Club Pancake Breakfast



The monthly Bayside Men's Club pancake breakfast is held on Fort Myers Beach

On Sunday, December 9 from 8 to 11 a.m., the Bayside Men's Club hosts its monthly pancake breakfast. All-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice are available for \$5. Breakfast is held in the Bayside Recreation Hall.

Bayside Estates is located 17601 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Ken Westcoat at 609-226-9955.✪

## Beach Hunger Walk Will Help Feed The Needy

Choice Market is gearing up for the 5th annual Hunger Walk, which benefits Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, scheduled for January 19. First Baptist Church of Fort Myers Beach volunteers are already hitting the streets to raise awareness and money to feed those in need.

"We're very happy to partner with Harry Chapin Food Bank to meet the needs of so many in our island community," said Craig Nelms, Choice Market's director. "We see Fort Myers Beach as one big family and you don't let family go hungry."

Choice Market is located on the campus of First Baptist Church of Fort Myers Beach at Connecticut Street and Estero Boulevard. The food pantry serves on average 920 mouths per month at a cost of approximately \$600. The market is open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Choice Market serves those who qualify for food stamps through the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) SNAP Program. Those who need to register for the DCF program can do so at the pantry on Thursdays. Choice Market is one of only two ACCESS Places on Fort Myers Beach where the public can register and qualify for state programs, such as food stamps, Medicaid and cash assistance. The food pantry provides a computer with an online link to DCF's ACCESS site and personal assistance for those who need it.

"It's just one of the ways we give back to our community," said Nelms. "We're all in this together, you know. If our services help to take a little of the burden off one individual, that's what we're here for."

The annual hunger walk, sponsored by WINK News, is the main fundraiser for Choice Market, which operates on an annual budget of approximately \$8,000.

That translates into an annual total of 11,040 mouths fed at a cost of 72-cents per person.

The relationship with Harry Chapin and the community allows First Baptist to "feed the beach." The U.S. Department of Agriculture also donates five percent of the overall inventory for free, mostly canned vegetables and meats. The Fort Myers Beach Publix donates breads and pastries from their bakery, as well as plastic grocery bags to the pantry.

"We appreciate the support of the Fort Myers Beach community, especially Publix," said Pastor Shawn Critser of First Baptist Church. "Our food pantry is just one of the ways that our church family expresses their love for the beach community."

Early on Thursdays, a line forms outside the east-facing door of the market. When it opens at 11 a.m. sharp, individuals check in and are assisted in making their rounds, usually a 15-minute shopping trip.

"It's nice that individuals get to shop for themselves. We don't just hand them a bag of food. They get a 'grocery store experience' where they get to choose what they want," explained Nelms.

The Choice Market also provides juices and snacks to First Baptist Church's free after-school program, which amounts to 100 servings per week. Tax deductible contributions can be made by check payable to First Baptist Church or Beach Baptist, be sure to denote Choice Market in the memo section. With the help of Harry Chapin Food Bank, the market turns every dollar into six dollars' worth of food.

"Sometimes we get a chance to counsel people through their problems," said Nelms, who volunteers 16 to 18 hours per week. "We're here to listen to people and, at times, provide advice."

For more information about Choice Market or to volunteer, call the church office at 463-2800. For more information on the upcoming Hunger Walk, go to [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org) and click "Hunger Walk" in the top menu bar.✪

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## Heights Foundation's Thanksgiving Outreach Helps Nearly 400 Families

The Heights Foundation held the 13th annual Bountiful Blessings Thanksgiving Food outreach on November 18. Since 1999, the program has helped families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood make a traditional Thanksgiving meal to share with their families. This year, partner agencies, businesses, philanthropic organizations and more than 150 volunteers provided turkey dinners with all of the fixings to nearly 400 families.

Families enjoyed crafts, activities and the opportunity to have family photographs taken. Attendees were also able to get a free health needs assessment to help plan a future free clinic.

"The Heights Foundation works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. The success of our Thanksgiving outreach is due to 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.

For more information about the Heights Foundation and the Heights Center, call 482-7706 or visit [www.heightsfoundation.org](http://www.heightsfoundation.org).



Students at the National Press Club

## SFCA Leadership Students In D.C.

Southwest Florida Christian Academy's High School Student Leadership Academy students recently attended Student Leadership University 201, in Washington, D.C. Student Leadership University 201 gives students an in-depth look at the foundation of our country through exclusive behind the scenes experiences including hearing from prominent government leaders in the White House, Pentagon and Congress.

All of this combined with a private wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, a tour of the Monuments at Twilight, a session in the Supreme Court Chambers, a tour of the Smithsonian Museums, and a private session at the National Press Club, makes SLU 201 the experience of a lifetime.

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Anyone who would like to celebrate the Christmas season by singing Handel's *Messiah* with Southwest Florida's premier choral group will be able to do that on Friday, December 7 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers.

Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers are presenting their 2nd Annual *Messiah* Sing-Along that evening at 7 p.m.

Those who have a copy of the music score are invited to bring it. For those who don't, there will be copies available to borrow or purchase.

"We had a church full of singers last year, and the result was an enthusiastic and powerful performance of Handel's great work," said Mastersingers artistic director Jeff Faux, who conducts the chorus.\*

## Advent Celebration

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers invites you to join their church family on Sunday, December 9 at 7 p.m. for our special Advent Celebration, Nine Lessons and Carols, a time of worship through scripture readings and carols in a traditional, old-world style. The celebration of hope will continue afterwards with desserts and wassail in the adjoining Fellowship Hall.

The church will also hold two Christmas Eve services. Their Christmas Eve Beach Service will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. at Bowditch Point on Fort Myers Beach. Join us in this beautiful setting to worship our King as we offer this gift to those who are vacationing here during the holidays. Carpooling is advised as there is limited parking. For directions, visit [www.wpcfortmyers.org](http://www.wpcfortmyers.org).

Their traditional Candlelight Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Join us for a special time of worship as we sing and reflect by candlelight on the birth of our Savior.

The church is located at 9065 Ligon Court in Fort Myers. For more information, call 481-2125 ext. 202 or send an email to [office@wpcfortmyers.org](mailto:office@wpcfortmyers.org).\*

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Cookies With Mr. Kris will be offered on Saturday, December 8 at the Alva Community Center. This free event, open to all ages, starts at 10 a.m. and ends at noon.

Mr. Kris will be on hand from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with friends. Bring your own camera and take photos with Mr. Kris.

For more information, call 728-2882. The Alva Community Center is located at 21471 North River Road in Alva.\*

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# Use Soft Plastic Jigs To Catch Big Fish



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**B**ig minus low tides in the middle of the morning this week called for a change of tactics. Even though the air temperature did not feel like winter, the super

low water had me fishing some of my favorite deep water channels that I had not fished since last winter. Action was good with a great mixed bag of fish all coming on live shrimp fished on or near the bottom.

One surprise species that seemed to be just about everywhere I fished this week was black drum of all sizes. I'm used to catching this species all winter but not in these number.

One of my favorite places close to home to fish these super low tides is the Chino Channel. Sure, this natural deep

water channel is a well-known fishing area with a few boats always anchored up fishing it. Its super-fast moving current and its close proximity to shallow flats make it a fish heaven. The variety of species here can be crazy.

While fishing the 10-foot deep channel as my first stop of the day with long-time client Nick Basilio of Pennsylvania, we had non-stop action for over an hour. Along with black drum up to eight pounds, we caught sheepshead, snapper, jacks and a few snook. The big snook of the trip came right from the same shoreline that was holding all the black drum and measured a respectable 31 inches. As conditions get colder, this channel is always worth a shot during the lowest periods of the tide.

During the middle to higher periods of the afternoon incoming tide, I spent some time working mangrove shorelines with soft plastic jigs. If you like to cast, this is an awesome and often very productive way to fish. Throwing soft plastic baits allows you to cover lots of ground and also find productive areas to go back and fish with bait.

I like to work mangrove shorelines on my trolling motor but a push pole or even slow drift will do the same thing, although it will just take a little more work. Keep the boat about 20 yards off the shoreline



**Nick Basilio of Pennsylvania with a 31-inch snook caught fishing the Chino Island Channel with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week**

or as far as you can comfortably cast. Cast to every nook and cranny on the shoreline then slowly bounce the jig back making sure it makes contact with the bottom. I like to work the boat into the tide so my baits are moving in the same direction as the tide. This also allows you to have more boat control and work it slower than if the current is behind you.

When I hook a redfish, I either power-pole down or hit the anchor button on my GPS trolling motor remote and work this area a little harder. Often this will produce a few more reds right from the same little bay or mangrove overhang. Several of the bigger redfish we caught this week had another red or two follow them all the way out of the trees to the boat. We caught several over-slot reds this week along with upper slot fish and a few rats with this tactic. One favorite mile of shoreline was good for over a dozen reds



**Nick Basilio with a black drum, also caught in the China Island Channel**

a few trout over 20 inches, plus a snook or two.

What seemed to be the key to catching these fish while jigging was to find a long windblown mangrove shoreline in roughly two to four feet of water. Then, depending on the clarity of the water, pick your soft plastic color. I generally match the water color to the color of the soft plastic swim bait. If the water is clear, throw a white or clear colored plastic; when the water is dirty, go with a root beer or new penny color. I don't use very many colors but changing up to match the water color can be the difference between night and day.

I rig my soft plastics on a 1/4 oz. or larger jig head depending on the water depth. Pick a jig head with a strong, wide gap hook. Don't skimp on the hook quality as a big redfish or snook can make short work of straightening out a

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## Send Us Your Fish Tales

**T**he *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](mailto:press@riverweekly.com).

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## Local Waters/Local Charts Class

**T**he San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class. The class will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area as well as those wishing to learn chart read-

ing. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart #11427, which must be brought to class. An optional On-The-Water training will also be offered at a later date; check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$40.

The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom, located at 16048 San Carlos Blvd at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call 466-4040.✪



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## Captiva Cruises Offers Trips To The Historic Tarpon Lodge And Calusa Indian Mounds On Pine Island

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise departs from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and travels to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way, participants will get an up close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss the area's diverse fishing cultures from the indigenous Calusa, to Spanish Cuban Ranchos, to the Punta Gorda Fish Company and to the spectacular Tarpon and sport fishing of today.

Cruise guests will be greeted at The Tarpon Lodge will be oriented to this spectacular location, the family run business and its storied tradition of fishing within Pine Island Sound and Charlotte Harbor. Passengers then will relax while enjoying "old Florida" charm of the 1926 Tarpon Lodge where lunch will be savored with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound and mangrove islands. After lunch, the group will walk across the street 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 & Shelling excursions to Cayo Costa State Park, Sailing Adventures, Sunset Cruises, and Dolphin Watch & Wildlife Adventures with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. These are excellent opportunities for families and neighborhoods to get together and learn about the history of Southwest Florida while enjoying a day out on the water.

Additional information and reservations for the cruise or any of Captiva Cruises' programs and tours may be obtained by calling 472-5300.\*



Walking tour to the top of the Calusa shell mound on Pineland

photo by Carol Orr Hartman

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## Big Fish

light wire hook. Also look for a jig head that has barbs to hold the soft plastic on tightly. A small drop of super glue does wonders too.

Throwing jigs this week made for some great action. The soft plastics consistently caught the biggest snook, redfish and trout of the week. This method takes more skill and work than most bait fishing but the payoff can be well worth it. While working one favorite Sanibel shoreline this week, I hooked one of the bigger snook I have seen in months. I tried to tow the pig of a snook clear of the trees on the trolling motor but this fish just could not be turned on the 15-pound test spinning gear in my hand. One jump and a big head shake under a low mangrove limb and it was all over.

When most people think of throwing soft plastic jigs, they think of being out on a grass flat catching trout. But soft plastics are a universal bait that, with the right size jig head, can be fished just about anywhere in any condition with great results. Give them a shot on a mangrove shoreline near you. They will help you to catch fish that are often just too spread out to find and catch while fishing with live bait.

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

## Humane Society Veterinarian Clinic Promotion

During the month of December, the Gulf Coast Humane Society Veterinarian Clinic will have special promotional pricing for microchipping your pets, at 2010 Arcadia Street, Fort Myers. The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Because microchips cannot be removed or lost like collars and tags, they are the best means to insure your pet will be returned if lost. The microchip is a small computer chip implanted under the pet's skin between the shoulder blades. Give a gift of security for your pets; get them microchipped this holiday season.

To schedule an appointment call the veterinarian clinic at 332-2719, or email [clinic@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](mailto:clinic@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).\*

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## Holiday Carol Sing

2438 Second Street in downtown Fort Myers, located between Lee Street and Royal Palm Avenue. Admission is at least two cans of non-perishable food for the Everyday Café and Marketplace (formerly known as The Soup Kitchen), operated by Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI), and a voluntary cash donation, if you can.

"We certainly need to raise all of the money we can to feed the hungry, but in the event you don't have the money, do not feel embarrassed or let that keep you away. This is a birthday party – it's Jesus' birthday," said event organizer Sam Galloway, Jr. "Our birthday party is in God's house and He welcomes everyone – regardless of means – and so do we."

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

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

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

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

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



**Soloist Beth Winger**

you can."

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

The Holiday Carol Sing is a festival of holiday music and family fun. This year's 90-minute performance will feature the First Presbyterian Church Choir, soloists and other special guests singing favorite holiday carols with audience sing-a-longs.

There is a strong rumor that Santa Claus will be making a surprise visit for the "children in all of us."

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

The Holiday Carol Sing is the third of three hymn sings sponsored annually by



**First Presbyterian Church Pastor Paul deJong and Holiday Carol Sing organizer and sponsor Sam Galloway, Jr. at last year's event**

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

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

Last year, CCMI received more than 4,500 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable items from the Holiday Carol Sing. The food was immediately



**Mr. and Mrs. Claus at last year's Holiday Carol Sing**



**Frankie Henriquez and Jasmin Henriquez tell Santa what they want for Christmas at last year's Holiday Carol Sing**

distributed to those in need.

For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 334-2261 or visit [www.fpcfortmyers.org](http://www.fpcfortmyers.org). ❄️

## Volunteers Needed For Bird Count

Sanibel-Captiva Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 15. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 113th National Christmas Bird Count. More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early-winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird Count – or CBC – is citizen science in action.

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, people engaged in a holiday tradition known as the Christmas Side Hunt. They would choose sides and go into the field with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) quarry won. Conservation was in its

infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations.

Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a "Christmas bird census" that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count.

Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedicated birders, 25 Christmas Bird Counts were held that day. The locations ranged from Toronto, Ontario, to Pacific Grove, California with most counts in or near the population centers in northeastern North America. Those original 27 Christmas Bird Counters tallied a total of 90 species on all the counts combined.

Volunteers are needed for this year's CBC on Sanibel and Captiva. Birding skills are helpful but not necessary. If you would like to participate in this year's Sanibel-Captiva CBC, you can sign up or get more information by calling 395-3804. ❄️

## Sanibel Stoop Sets Guinness World Record

Sanibel "stoopers" have stepped into the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

During the 75th anniversary of the Sanibel Shell Fair & Show last winter, almost 500 registered participants (and 300 plus unregistered) assembled at Bowman's Beach on Sanibel to break the world record for "largest treasure hunt game." They succeeded.

Visitors and locals joined together to show the rest of the world their favorite shell-bent position, the Sanibel stoop, to hunt for sea shells.

"We wanted to do something special to call attention to the 75th anniversary of the Shell Show & Fair, and to reinforce Sanibel's position as a special place for shelling," said Marge Meek, Sanibel Community Association president. "The Guinness record attempt captured the idea that hunting for shells can be a lot of fun, and there's no better place than Sanibel to do that."

The record affirms the island's reputation as the best shelling location in the world with more than 400 species of multi-colored sea shells, including the elusive brown-speckled junonia.

Organizers aren't slowing down for the 76th annual Sanibel Shell Fair & Show scheduled for March 7, 8 and 9. This three-day event is one of the largest and longest running festivals dedicated to shells. With a full and diverse calendar of events, the festival features educational displays, arts and crafts made from shells and competitions for enthusiasts and novice collectors alike.

"Thousands of people come from all over the world to attend our festival," Meek said. "We plan to make it bigger and better than ever. We are going to sell T-shirts with the Guinness seal on the back. We are very proud of our world record title."

The 2013 festival will be held at the Sanibel Community House from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The theme will be Color Your World With Shells.

For a video of the Sanibel Stoop Guinness World Record attempt, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=im1dwXyWl9k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=im1dwXyWl9k). ❄️

**CROW Case Of The Week:**

# White Pelican Release



by Patricia Molloy

**H**oudini has come home for Christmas.

As featured in the CROW Case Of The Week for November 30, this once gravely ill bird was successfully rehabilitated by the medical staff of the Sanibel wildlife clinic.

On November 28, CROW volunteer Ron Frazer returned the former patient to his home on Pine Island after an intensive three-week stay. As soon as the gate was opened, the majestic bird with a nine-foot wingspan eagerly escaped the confines of the carrier and took to the skies. "When it's low tide, there's a sand bar out there that is exposed on which he hangs out with other white pelicans," said property owner Dot Gulnac.

Gulnac found the white pelican laying on the side of the driveway on November 11 and feared that he was far too ill to survive. "I never thought he would make it. I had found one three weeks before that was already dead from red tide." She arranged for him to be taken to the Kindness Animal Hospital in Cape Coral where Frazer picked up the rare bird and



**He was very eager to fly to his favorite sandbar and greet his flock of friends**

transport him to CROW.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw him. He appeared to be unconscious in the back of a carrier with IVs attached," said Frazer.

An avid CROW supporter, Gulnac has rescued a number of sick wildlife patients over the years and particularly enjoys seeing the rehabilitated birds, turtles and otters returned to their homes.

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 P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



The pelican was all smiles as he leapt from the carrier (taken by an unmanned camera)



**Baby raccoon**

Photos courtesy of CROW

## An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

submitted by Claudia Burns

**T**he CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why critters come to CROW, and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital, cared for 4,253 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 58 percent were birds, with 36 percent mammals and six percent reptiles/amphibians.

Due to restrictions imposed by gov-



**Baby screech owl**

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

The next CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, December 7 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road (across from The Sanibel School). Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under.

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

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

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## Plant Smart

## Slender Flattop Goldenrod

by Gerri Reaves

Slender flattop goldenrod (*Euthamia caroliniana*) can transform a wild field to a sea of gold.

This native wildflower blooms exuberantly in summer and fall. Colonies of this hardy perennial are usually found in dry sunny areas such as meadows, pinelands and roadsides that have sandy well-drained soil.

Its most common name is a misnomer. A member of the aster family, it is not a true goldenrod but resembles and is related to it. Another common name, slender goldentop, suits it better.

Numerous small flowers make up flowerheads that range from only a few inches to almost a foot in width. The plant is often as wide as it is high, with a maximum height of about three feet.

The very narrow leaves alternate on slender upright stems that branch and into the clusters of flowers.

Fast-growing and low-maintenance, this plant is perfect for a natural or wildflower garden, where it will attract butterflies, birds and bees.

It will tolerate dry periods, but does prefer moisture. It cannot tolerate salty or brackish water.

Propagate it with seeds.

Sources: *Wildflowers of Florida* by Jaret C. Daniels and Stan Tekiela, *Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, and regionalconservation.org.

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Slender flattop goldenrod attracts butterflies like this gray hairstreak

photo by Gerri Reaves

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## Caring For Your Plants

Banana Trees:  
Background  
And Care

by Justen Dobbs



There are a lot of Floridians who enjoy growing their own tropical fruits. Some tropical fruit trees are easy to grow and some aren't. The common Banana tree (*Musa sp.*) is surprisingly

easy to grow and care for.

Store-bought bananas come from Central and South America and the Caribbean because the hot, humid climates there induce rapid growth and large, quality fruits. Did you know that many of these imported bananas come in green and unripe and have to be gassed before being put out for sale at your local grocery store? While this is not unhealthy, it is not organic.

I have been to many areas of Miami and Homestead and actually seen some large plantations there with banana and plantain trees. I'm not sure how large and delicious the Miami grown bananas are, but we're getting off subject.

The easiest way to have your own banana tree is to buy one at a local nurs-

ery or online. There are always some available on eBay and probably from other reputable online nurseries. Because of their extremely fast growth rate, I recommend buying a smaller one to start – no point in spending more money on a larger plant when they are such fast growers.

Plant your banana in well-draining soil and preferably in full sun. It will need lots of water and a little bit of liquid fertilizer such as Miracle Gro in order to get a large, healthy adult plant. While banana trees can be drought-tolerant, they prefer copious amounts of water. Once your banana is a year or two old, it will go into flower. The beautiful flower stalks are usually pollinated by bees or flies, which helps them produce little tiny green bananas. Once the green bananas have reached their maximum size, they will begin to turn yellow and fall freely from the tree. If you don't collect them off the tree or immediately after they fall, they can be scooped up by rodents, pets, insects and small animals.

Once each stalk of your banana tree (if it is clumping, or producing multiple canes) has fruited, it will die. It is usually ok to leave the dead stalk alone and let it rot and turn into mulch and fertilizer. This is not the end of the lifecycle, however, as the underground rhizomes should still remain. These rhizomes will produce new stalks during the next season.

There are hundreds of types of banana trees and not all of them are edible. Some favorites among collectors are the Ice Cream Banana, the Praying



*Ensete ventricosum* is a beautiful ornamental tree, but does not bear edible fruit

Hands Banana and the Ae Ae variegated banana. Again, most of these can be found online, shipped to your door and grown with minimal care. Just make sure to protect your banana tree from frost as they all come from tropical countries and

don't like cold.

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

## Students Treated To 'Ding' Darling Photo Tram Tour

It was a perfect storm of sorts – perfect weather, perfect viewing and the perfect combination of people providing students from Cypress Lake Middle School and The Sanibel School the unique opportunity to capture their own nature photos from within the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Eighth grade students from Cypress Lake that are enrolled in a portfolio class, and sixth to eighth grade students from The Sanibel School enrolled in an elective photography class were greeted at the refuge by ranger Toni Westland for an orientation on November 30.

Professional photographer Sara Lopez graciously donated her time to help the students capture that “perfect picture” and provided guidelines for ethical picture taking of flora and fauna.

The students boarded trams donated by Tarpon Bay Explorers, concessionaire for the refuge, and headed to Wildlife Drive for an exclusive photo tour on a day the drive was closed to the public. Tram drivers Steve and Donna Yetsko, naturalists from Tarpon Bay Explorers, and ranger Becky Wolff guided the students to places along the drive for nature photo opportunities.

The trip was scheduled to coincide with low tide when an abundance of wading birds feed along the drive. The sun was shining, the birds were feeding and the students fanned out along the drive to capture their photos.



Cypress Lake Middle School and Sanibel School students participating in a photo tram tour of the refuge



Cypress Lake Middle School students take advantage of a photo opportunity along Wildlife Drive



Cypress Lake student Dillon Goldberg takes a close up photo of a flower



Hannah Fay from The Sanibel School shares her photo with a classmate



Photographer Sara Lopez shares a photo opportunity with Sanibel School student Pierce Hobbs

Not only were birds in abundance, but students also discovered flowers, colorful leaves, insects, mangrove tree crabs, horseshoe crabs and even a mangrove water snake. A large female horseshoe crab partially buried in the sand next to the road was returned to the water by ranger Becky while students photographed the rescue.

The annual event is sponsored in part by Edison National Bank and Bank of the Islands. The students choose their best photo to enter in a school contest. Winners are provided with prizes donated by the banks.

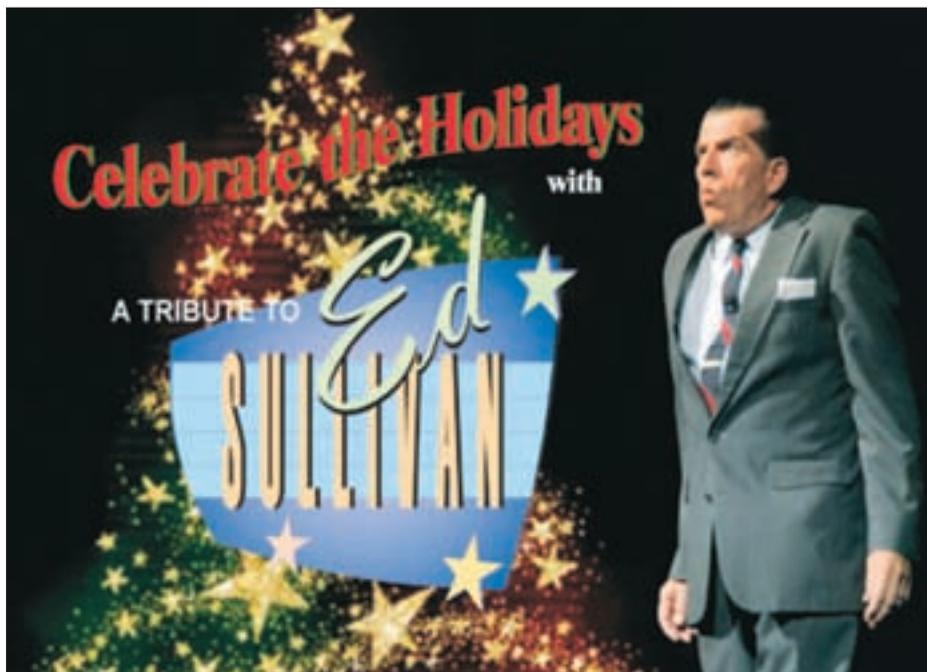
Teacher Joy Williams and retired teacher Carolina Gora from Cypress Lake, along with teacher Kurt Schulte from The Sanibel School, were presented with gift bags from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society for their dedication to their students and hard work throughout the year.

Thank you to all of the sponsors that made this event possible, including Tarpon Bay Explorers, “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, Sara Lopez and Edison National Bank/Bank of the Islands.\*



Students photograph a horseshoe crab prior to its rescue

## Las Vegas-Style Revue Comes To Davis Art Center



Four Star Entertainment, Inc. is bringing its long running Las Vegas-style revue, *A Tribute To Ed Sullivan*, to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers for one day only, on Saturday, December 8.

The star of the show, veteran performer George Trullinger, has been performing his uncanny impersonation of Ed Sullivan for more than 15 years across the nation for hundreds of thousands of amazed guests. Sharing the stage with Trullinger for this special holiday edition of the show are impersonators of Marilyn Monroe, Buddy Holly, Judy Garland and Elvis Presley. The show just finished a sold-out casino tour in the northeast and is heading to Fort Myers for only two 75-minute general admission performances at the Davis Art Center on December 8 at 6 and 8 p.m.

Four Star Entertainment has donated a number of tickets to the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida for use in fund-raising. Also, people who buy tickets online will be given the opportunity to donate to the Children's Hospital and the show organizers will match their contribution up to \$5 per donation.

Tickets are \$24.95 in advance and are available online at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) or at the box office by calling 333-1933 and \$29.95 on the day of show. There is also a special senior group show at 2 p.m., with a highly discounted price of \$15 per ticket or add \$10 to include lunch at The Edison.

For more information on the show, send an email to [info@fourstarshow.biz](mailto:info@fourstarshow.biz).

## Celebrate New Year's Eve Down By The Riverside

The Southwest Florida Symphony invites the community to celebrate New Year's Eve Down By The Riverside on Monday, December 31 at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The evening will kick off at 7 p.m. with appetizers, a cash bar and an auction. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The Vince Evans Quartet will provide music before, during and following dinner. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic snow cones will be served.

At 9 p.m., the full Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra will present a gala Pops Concert under the direction of guest conductor Jim Stephenson. The concert will be followed by a live auction with items that include the chance to guest conduct the orchestra and the opportunity for one male singer to croon with the Orchestra on a Frank Sinatra tune at the January 11 and 12 Pops Concert.

Following the auction, guests will enjoy dancing to music by the Vince Evans Quartet. At midnight, guests may have an option to enjoy beverages and snacks while watching the City of Fort Myers fireworks display. Guests will enjoy champagne at midnight. Party favors will be provided.

The Pops Concert program will include arrangements by Stephenson of traditional holiday selections as well as light classics and special features. The Symphony's Principal Horn, Gene Berger will be featured in Vinter's Hunter's Moon. In the Viennese tradition, waltzes and polkas by Johann Strauss, Jr., to include the festive *Champagne Polka*, will be performed.

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

Full packages with the dinner, dancing and concert are available for \$125 per person. Tickets for just the concert are \$40 each. For more information, call the Symphony Box Office at 418-1500 or visit [www.swflso.org](http://www.swflso.org).

## Hilderbrand, Baker Accepted

Coastal Carolina University, a public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, South Carolina, has accepted Lee County residents Sydney Hilderbrand and Ashley Baker for the Fall 2013 semester.

Hilderbrand, a student at Cypress Lake High School, plans to major in Marine Science.

Baker, a student at Estero High School, plans to major in Biology.

## A Romantic Duet At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau



Laurel Wilson's 1980 Pulitzer Prize-winning *Talley's Folly*, now showing at Florida Repertory Theatre, runs exactly 97 minutes without an intermission. We are reminded of this

through the character of Matt Friedman, played with extraordinary charm by the talented Chris Clavelli. In the opening moments, he notifies the audience about the play's duration, the life expectancy of bees and a few other things that flit into his mind. For anyone arriving late to the theater, he repeats the monologue at lightning speed. It's a winning and playful way to set the mood and tone for this enchanting two-person play.

The time is July 4, 1944 and the action takes place early evening in an old boathouse on the Talley ancestral home near Lebanon, Missouri. The set by Richard Crowell is something to behold.



Rachel Burtram (Sally Talley) and Chris Clavelli (Matt Friedman) in *Talley's Folly*

The boathouse has seen better days. Built in 1870 it is a victim of neglect, which ties into the central characters. Cattails and wild rushes poke through the rotting wooden walkways at the water's edge.

The play is a romantic duet for the characters of Matt Friedman and Sally Talley, who is played by the delightful Rachel Burtram. Matt is a 42-year-old Jewish accountant from St. Louis, who met Sally briefly the summer before and has been trying to rekindle their relationship. Sally has not answered his letters, so he simply barges onto the family estate uninvited and waits for her to show up. Matt is a gregarious soul with a head full of memories and he also likes to do impersonations of the Talley family and others. This is a dream of a role for any actor and Clavelli is up to the challenge. He exhibits endless energy and never misses a beat.

Sally is a 31-year-old nurses aid, a spinster who is a bit of a disgrace to the Talley family. Burtram exerts anxiety and insecurity into the role, but while Matt may seem like the stronger person, we soon learn that Sally has a strength of her own. Both have secrets that, once revealed, force them to confront their past and their future. The play is so well written and so well performed one has to feel privileged to watch. It's directed

by Jackson Phippin, an internationally known stage director, making his Florida Rep debut.

*Talley's Folly* plays through December 16 at Florida Repertory Theatre, located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Historic Arcade Theatre, in the Fort Myers River District. Tickets are available online at [floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org) or call 332-4488.

## FMEA Middle Music Award

Southwest Florida Christian Academy will receive the Florida Music Educators Association Enrollment Award in Tampa on Friday, January 11. This means more than 45 percent of middle school students are involved in choir and band.

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*Clothes Line in Croatia* by Lee Ackert

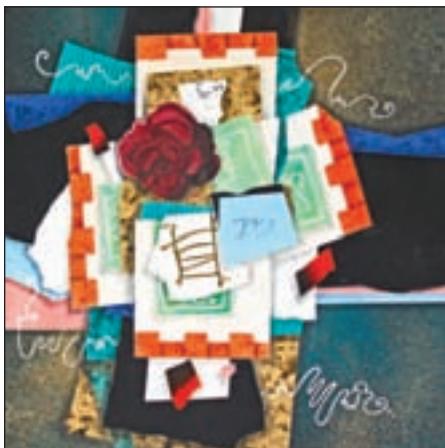
## Art Council Winners' Circle Biennial Show



Barbara Valentine, *key west series*, oil



*Blooming Rose away from her Cheating Husband* by Rose Young



*Just Dropped In II* by Cheryl Fausel

The Art Council of Southwest Florida partners with the Alliance for the Arts to present the biennial Winners' Circle Show, which opens during a reception on Friday, December 7. This exhibit showcases 58 award winning pieces in a variety of mediums by artists from the Council's 18 member organizations. Entries will be judged and cash prizes given for first, second and third places in both 2D and 3D categories. Art Council of Southwest Florida president Sandra F. Mark describes the show as "the cream of the cream of artwork being created in southwest Florida."

The Art Council of Southwest Florida has been the voice of Southwest Florida's non-profit visual arts community for 50 years, providing opportunities for education, exhibitions and demonstrations. It has grown from a small group of art



*Nagaraj* by John Merchant

leagues to now include 18 groups with a combined membership of more than 6,750 artists in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

During the Winners Circle Show, paintings by Barbara Valentine will be on display in the Member Gallery. Work by Union Artist Studio, and Studio 201 artists will be on display in the Foulds Theatre lobby.

The opening reception is Friday, December 7 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Jan-Ellen Atkielski will lead a gallery walk and

talk on Saturday, December 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The exhibit will remain on display until December 27. For more information, visit [www.artinlee.org](http://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.✪

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## Holiday Happenings At Art Walk

December Show  
**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**  
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1451 Monroe St - Fort Myers, Florida 33902  
[artleagueoffortmyers.org](http://artleagueoffortmyers.org)

The December Art Walk at the Art League of Fort Myers, taking place on Friday, December 7, will be filled with many opportunities for holiday cheer.

Besides the Holiday Happenings show, affordable 5x7 original artwork by members will be available as well as many other fine gifts.

Stop in for the holidays at the Art League of Fort Myers, 1451 Monroe Street in Fort Myers. For additional information, visit [www.artleagueoffortmyers.org](http://www.artleagueoffortmyers.org).✪

## A Nerdy Situation At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

**T**he *Nerd* by Larry Shue is now playing at Theatre Conspiracy. It's a funny play about the dilemma of a young architect who is suddenly visited by a man he's never met, who saved his life in Vietnam.

Anyone who remembers the nerdy character played years ago by Jerry Lewis, will see similarities in Jordan Wilson's performance as Rick Steadman, a hopelessly dimwitted nerd who outstays his welcome with a passionate vengeance.

Wilson appears to be made of rubber as he cavorts around the stage.

His voice is high pitched, and his facial expressions are priceless. He totally concentrates on being an obnoxious nerd and he carries it off with great hilarity.



Todd Fleck and Jordan Wilson in *The Nerd*

Todd Fleck is Willum, the architect who has trouble making decisions. His two best friends are Tansy, played by Rachael Endrizzi, and Alex played by Christopher Brent. Tansy is Willum's love interest. She is moving to Washington, and Willum is afraid to do anything about it. As the witty Alex, Brent is gifted with many of the play's best lines.

Jim Yarnes is Warnock Waldgrave, a new nightmarish client of Willum's.

His wife Clelia is played by Helena Finnegan and their young daughter Medusa is played by Helen Krupp. To say the family is dysfunctional is an understatement. The combination of all the characters is what makes the play work. Each adds a unique personality to the goings-on.

All of the action takes place in Willum's very tasteful, very beige apartment. It's his birthday party but Willum isn't feeling much like celebrating because his girlfriend is leaving town and his new client is a demanding blockhead. At first, he is delighted when Rick pays him a visit. He feels indebted to him, that is until he discovers that Rick plans to stay forever.

By the second act Willum, Axel and Tansy concoct an uproarious eviction plan that backfires. There is no shortage of laughs during this scene. The play also has a surprise ending which is always a treat.

*The Nerd* is directed by Karen Goldberg and it's well worth seeing. It plays through December 15 at Theatre Conspiracy, Alliance for the Arts, 10091

McGregor Boulevard, in Fort Myers. Stop by the box office or call 936-3239 for tickets.\*

## Holiday Concert

**T**he Southwest Florida Gay & Lesbian Chorus presents *It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas*, a holiday concert on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, 13411 Shire Lane in Fort Myers.

On Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m., a repeat performance will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County, 1532 Forest Nelson Boulevard in Port Charlotte.

Cost is a \$15 donation for adults, \$10 for students and the military; children 12 and under are free.

For information go to [www.gaychorus.org](http://www.gaychorus.org) or call 410-2025.\*

## Mr. Claus On Trial At Broadway Palm Theatre



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

by Di Saggau

**A** musical version of the holiday classic *Miracle On 34th Street* is now playing on the Broadway Palm stage. If you need a little boost to get into the holiday spirit, this is the show to see.

Based on the 1947 Academy Award-winning film, it tells the heartwarming story about Kris Kringle, a white-bearded man hired by Macy's who claims to be the real Santa Claus. Rob Summers, whose beard is real, is the perfect Santa, and he sets out to make believers of everyone. What's more, Santa can sing.

There are lots of kids in the show and that adds tremendously to the fun on stage. The night I saw the show, Avery King played Susan, a young girl who has been taught by her mother not to believe in anything she can't see, taste, touch or feel. Therefore, she does not believe in Santa Claus. Miss King was spectacular in her role, a delight to watch.

The role is shared with Allarie Danielle Kovacs.

Susan is befriended by a next door neighbor, an ex-Marine named Fred, played by the multi-talented Galloway Stevens, who in addition to his fine acting and singing also created the choreography, along with Kerry Lambert. It isn't long before Fred meets Susan's mother Doris, played by the lovely Amanda Kuchinski. A love interest soon develops. Doris works for Macy's and is the one who hired Mr. Kringle to play Santa in their Toyland for the grand sum of \$2 an hour. Before you know it, he has created a camaraderie of sorts between competing Macy's and Gimbel's Department Stores.

The show is filled with humor and spectacle. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a real treat, along with Susan's dream when all the toys come to life. There are fast costume changes for a number of cast members who play multiple roles, and they are carried off without a hitch. Really amazing. In addition to the lead roles, it's the ensemble that makes the show truly work.

In a small, humorous role is James Bould, who nails the part of Tinsworthy, a psycho psychiatrist who wants to put Kris Kringle away.

Of course, that doesn't happen because who doesn't want to believe in Santa

Claus? At his trial, the judge is finally convinced that Santa is the real thing and there is a happy ending with the holiday spirit spreading to everyone.

*Miracle On 34th Street* is pure family entertainment, the perfect holiday treat. It plays through December 25 at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.\*

## Portrait And Figure Painters Society

**T**he Portrait and Figure Painters Society of Southwest Florida, Inc. proudly presents their exhibitions at Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall's office in downtown in Fort Myers. Depicting only original portrait paintings/drawings done by hand for this show from our PFPS members, some artwork may be available for purchase or commission.

### Artist

Renate M. Reuter  
Marianne Keefe  
Tracy Owen Cullimore  
Shelly Salter  
Betsy Koscher  
Julie Olander  
Jean Eaton  
Dorothy Salcedo  
Toni Dattwyler

### Paintings/Drawings

Douglas Baker, Fort Myers Police Chief  
Mike Scott, Lee County Sheriff  
Barbara B. Mann, Gift to the Arts  
Robert E. Lee, Lee County's namesake  
Tooti McGregor  
Mina Edison (wife of Thomas Edison)  
Jacob Summerlin, Lee County's first land owner  
Berne Davis, Gift to the Arts  
Ella Piper, civic worker and business woman  
Veronica Shoemaker, City Council  
Larry Hart, Cape Coral's first black Police Chief  
Bob Janes (deceased County Commissioner).\*

Joan Benner

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## Holidays Gone By

She funded the project that encompassed the entire block bordered by First and Main on the north and south, and Broadway and Hendry on the west and east.

She also strung light in Patio de Leon, originally named Tonnelier Court when her husband built it between 1913 and 1915. Trouble was, Mrs. Tonnelier had a habit of leaving the lights up so long that her holiday spirit didn't endear her to city hall.

Take a stroll downtown and enjoy the holiday decorations and cheer. Don't forget to hop on the new free River District Trolley and take in the full scene.

Then be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about the stores where Christmas presents were bought through the decades.

For information, call 321-7430 or go to [www.museumofhistory.org](http://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 can read holiday copies of Hello, Stranger!

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

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

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



### Honey Citrus Stone Crab Claws with Hearts Of Palm Salad

3 pounds medium stone crab claws, cooked and chilled  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar  
 1/4 cup honey  
 1/2 cup orange or tangerine juice  
 8 hearts of palm, fresh or canned  
 1/4 cup red onions, thinly sliced  
 1/4 cup red bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced  
 1/4 cup yellow bell peppers, roasted, thinly sliced  
 2 medium oranges or tangerines, peeled and sectioned  
 1/4 cup fresh tarragon leaves, chopped  
 2 cups fresh spinach, finely chopped  
 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil  
 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar  
 2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped

Crab claws; remove shell and movable pincer, leaving the meat attached to the remaining pincer. Set aside. In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, vinegar, honey and orange or tangerine juice. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened to syrup. Remove from heat, cool and set



**Honey Citrus Stone Crab Claws with Hearts Of Palm Salad**

aside. Slice hearts of palm into thin strips. In a bowl, combine the hearts of palm, onions, peppers, orange or tangerine segments, tarragon and spinach. Dress salad with olive oil and vinegar; toss until moistened. Serve salad in the center of each plate with stone crab claws arranged

around the edge. Drizzle the honey citrus sauce over all and garnish with chopped parsley. Serve extra honey citrus sauce on the side.

Yields four servings  
 Nutritional Value Per Serving  
 (4 medium claws with salad) Calories

499, Calories From Fat 247, Total Fat 29g, Saturated Fat 4g, Trans Fatty Acid 0g, Cholesterol 190mg, Total Carbohydrate 51g, Protein 15g, Omega-3 Fatty Acid 0.05g.\*

## Support Local Artists, Find Unique Gifts At Alliance Gift Shop Expansion



**Gift shop pottery and picture frame**



**Gift shop assorted goods for sale**



**Necklaces, bracelets and earrings**

The Alliance for the Arts gift shop will expand into the main gallery on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when 15 artists display their hand-crafted work for a one-day holiday shopping extravaganza. This is the perfect opportunity to find unique, locally made gifts for your friends and relatives and support local artists at the same time. Alliance members receive a 10 percent discount and every purchase is entered into a raffle for 2013 Bruce T. Gora Concert Series tickets. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Engage local artists and join us for the festivities, all while the weekly Alliance GreenMarket takes place outside.

Participating artists include Aborigines, Kiki Brewsaugh, Dlyne Designs, Lucia Garcia, Katie Gardenia, David Hammel, Tom Haydock, Shawn Holiday, Joel Loeper, Alisha Koyanis, Susan Mills, William Riddle, Marta Sicajan, Robin Cox Walsh and Roseline Young.

Located in the Alliance for the Arts lobby, the gift shop supports local, independent artists and is continuously restocked with new, original items including jewelry, fabric art, repurposed art, hand-made books, photography, palm art, artistic home furnish-



**Handbags, clutches and purses**



**The Alliance for the Arts Gift Shop**

ings, one of a kind painted pottery and much more.

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

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## Water Expressions Exhibit Features Art Created By Olympic Swimmers

On Friday, December 7, Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery (AOTO) will celebrate the opening of its newest exhibition, Water Expressions, featuring the artwork by two dynamic Olympic swimmers – Shane Gould and Allison Wagner.

During Water Expressions, visitors will explore the passion of art and sport with every brush stroke and snap shot.

Gould takes her place in Australia's sporting heritage as one of the world's greatest female swimmers. She participated at the 1972 Olympics, and is still the only woman ever to win five individual medals, three gold—all in world record times – one silver and one bronze medal. From 1971 to 1973, she broke 11 world records in six different events. In 1972, she held all Freestyle World Records in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and 200m.

Gould's love of swimming has unearthed new passion for photography. Her underwater images not only provide a creative outlet, but also capture the beauty, feeling, movement and art of swimming. Her major work was a video project, *Loops and Lines*, contrasting beautiful moving bodies and shimmering water with harsh geometrical lines and architecture of the swimming pool.

As a competitive swimmer, Wagner won a silver medal in the 1996 Olympic Games in the 400 Individual Medley. The Individual Medley consists of all four strokes and combines all of the disciplines of the sport of swimming into a single race. She held the World Record in the 200 short course IM for 15 years. Wagner is a 13-time National Champion and NCAA Champion.

Wagner found a passion for art and sport early in life. Since her youth, she has pursued excellence in all aspects of her life by continually working on developing her mind, spirit and body. She uses this knowledge and experience in her practices of wellness coaching, body and movement analysis, Pilates instruction and swim instruction. Art has become a release for this Olympian artist and a way to unite her passion for art, sport and education. Wagner works in photography, multimedia and acrylic on canvas.

The exhibit will run from December 7 through January 26 at the Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery, 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Visitors may experience the exhibition for free during the December 7 Artwalk in downtown Fort Myers from 6 to 9 p.m.

Additionally, visitors will have an opportunity to hear from Gould and Wagner during Cultural Connections on Thursday, December 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery.

Cultural Connections is a series of conversations which share the insights and inspirations of great community leaders as well as Olympians, artists and philanthropists. The series provides an arena for guests to connect with these leaders as they share visions, accomplishments, and their contributions to building a sense of community—either locally or globally.

Advanced registration for Cultural Connections is required. Tickets are \$15 for museum members and \$20 for non-members.

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

Regular gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed to on Sundays, Mondays and holidays. Admission is \$5.\*

## Todd Christmas Show Tickets To Benefit Harry Chapin Food Bank

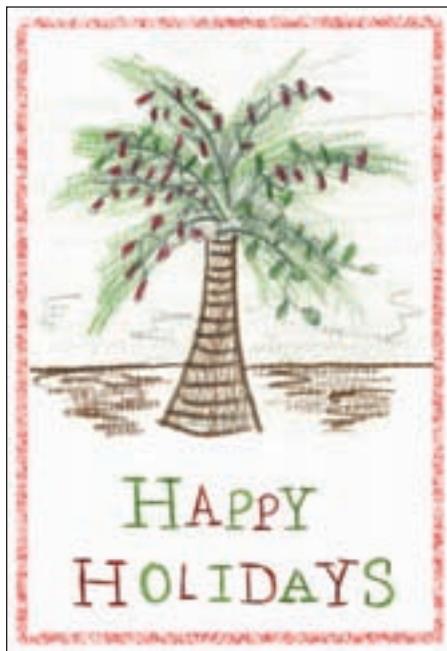
Tickets are going fast, but still available for the Paul Todd concert, *Illuminated, The Music of Lights*, on Monday, December 10 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. A portion of ticket sales for the 7:30 p.m. performance will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Tickets begin at \$25 and may be purchased by calling the Barbara B. Mann. "Christmas" is the code word that will associate ticket sales at the BBM ticket office to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. For every ticket sold, Harry Chapin will receive a percentage of the ticket purchase price when the purchaser uses the identifier "Christmas." Tickets can be purchased by calling the ticket office at 481-4849 or at the box office Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's program, featuring Paul Todd, will include 1,500 audience participants receiving complimentary hand-held sound activated light bars to use during the performance to provide an amazing light display. Joining Todd will be Amy Van Wyk, Jeff Ramsey, Ellie Vandermuese, Paul Todd, Jr., Christie Cole and special friends.

An amazing musician, Todd plays six keyboards simultaneously. His fingers and feet move at lightning speed and he is known for smooth and powerful vocals, combining talent with a sparkling wit. He has been amazing audiences since he won the prestigious National Yamaha Keyboard Contest at the age of 14. He has performed with a number of great musicians and since beginning his solo career has experienced all facets of the music industry.

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



## Christmas Cards To Benefit Migrants

Growing up poor limits children's possessions, but not their imaginations. That's proven every year when the children of Redlands Christian Migrant Association sit with their crayons and magic markers to create visions of a Florida Christmas. Oranges hang on Christmas trees. Strawberries bulge from stockings. Palm trees sport Christmas lights.

Those images, and many more, go on Christmas cards for sale to the public. All money raised helps RCMA enhance the early education it provides to some 7,000 preschool-age children in Florida farm areas. Even better, it's matched 16:1 through the State of Florida's School Readiness contract with RCMA.

"I know it is hard to think snow and standard Christmas when the temperature is in the 80's, but our kids have great imaginations," said RCMA executive director Barbara Mainster. "And it has achieved lots of good for many years."

Every dollar raised helps prepare children in Florida's low-income farm communities

to embrace school and seize its opportunities. Immokalee-based RCMA operates 71 child care centers, including eight in Collier and Lee counties, serving some 900 children. RCMA's headquarters is in Immokalee.

You can order RCMA Christmas cards online at [www.rcma.org/holidaycards](http://www.rcma.org/holidaycards) or by calling RCMA's Judy Brill at 800-282-6540. Her email address is [judy@rcma.org](mailto:judy@rcma.org).

Anyone ordering 100 cards or more can choose an exclusive or specialized design by emailing Sonia Tighe at [sonia.tighe@ffva.com](mailto:sonia.tighe@ffva.com) or calling her at 813-975-8377.\*

## Free Access To Popular Digital Magazines

The Lee County Library System now offers access to over 250 popular magazines with both current and past editions for free with a Lee County Library card. The Lee County Library System recently subscribed to Zinio, an application that allows patrons to download magazines to any Internet enabled device. Once downloaded, the magazines are available on your device for reading at anytime and anywhere. There is no limit on the number of magazines you can download at one time and they do not expire. The Library System subscribes to the most popular magazines to make them available to patrons.

"The library is constantly testing and researching new methods to deliver content to our patrons whether they physically visit the libraries or visit our virtual library branch from their homes and offices," said Sheldon Kaye, Lee County Library System director. "This app is just another service that is part of our robust

virtual library and newsstand."

Some of the magazines available via Zinio include *Audubon*, *Boating*, *Billboard*, *Consumer Reports*, *Discover*, *Family Circle*, *Forbes*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Hot Rod*, *Kiplinger's*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Men's Health*, *Motor Trend*, *Newsweek*, *PC World*, *Popular Science*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Prevention*, *Readers Digest*, *Redbook*, *Rolling Stone*, *Runners*, *Parent & Child*, *Science Illustrated*, *Scuba*, *Shape*, *Sierra*, *Smithsonian*, *Sport Fishing*, *Tennis*, *Weight Watchers*, *Women's Day*, *Women's Health* and many more.

To find the Zinio app and portal to the magazines, go to [leelibrary.net/esources](http://leelibrary.net/esources). It is highly recommended that patrons read the Zinio user's guide before downloading Zinio to ensure a successful set-up of the app and the associated accounts. After you subscribe to a magazine, you will have access to all editions from that point forward, so if you want past editions be sure to begin the subscription with the oldest edition that you want to read.

For more information on the service, call telephone reference at 479-INFO (4636).\*

## Partnerships Encourage Children's Art



ArtFest partnered with the Shady Oaks Boys & Girls Club for a day of fun

The Shady Oaks Boys & Girls Club is where coloring outside the lines is not only fun but encouraged. The Art Club provides children with the opportunity to create great art projects under the direction of a dedicated art teacher and is made possible with the support of ArtFest Fort Myers and IBERIABANK.

"Providing kids with a creative outlet for them to experience art at this young age helps to instill an appreciation and love of art that will last a lifetime," said Bill Valenti, market president for the bank. "Art brings joy, and we are proud to be a part of this program at Shady Oaks."

Teri Aldred, a well know mosaic artist and educator, is partnering with ArtFest Fort Myers to provide fun weekly art projects for Shady Oaks children. Creating clay creatures, working with watercolor and pastels to make wonderful collages, fabric painting and crafting wonderful jewelry are a sampling of the art projects in store.

"The arts provide every student with a means for learning," explained Aldred.

ArtFest Fort Myers, the annual juried fine art festival, takes place February 1 to 3 in the Fort Myers River District. The art festival's mission is to provide the community with an exceptional art experience, nurture the understanding of diverse art forms and support arts in education. Join the experience with 200 artists from across the county and around the world, the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

For more information about supporting the ArtFest Fort Myers art education outreach program, visit [www.ArtFestFortMyers.com](http://www.ArtFestFortMyers.com) or call 768-3602.✱

## Rotary Club Of Fort Myers Distributes \$10K From Charity Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers, celebrating 90 years serving the community, hosted its annual Rotary Cup in June 2012. Proceeds from the charity golf tournament benefited the PACE Center For Girls of Lee County and the Freedom and Virtue Institute.

Funds to support these worthwhile organizations were raised through event registration, and sponsorships from TriCircle Pavers, NBC-2, ABC-7, *Gulf & Main* magazine and Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co. P.A.

The PACE Center For Girls of Lee County received over \$6,500 of event proceeds. PACE offers year-round counseling and academic services for girls ages 12 to 18 who are facing challenges such as foster care, domestic violence, abuse and neglect, death of a parent, substance abuse, or family history of incarceration. The Freedom & Virtue Institute which educates the residents of Southwest Florida on the richness of America's founding principles of limited government and individual freedom received \$3,300.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers has proudly served the community for 90 years. It was chartered on April 1, 1922 and is the oldest Rotary Club in Southwest Florida. Its 185 members include many of the area's leading business and professional people. The club has a rich history of service, starting with its first project in 1922, which was the planting of Royal Palms on McGregor Boulevard. Last year, the club distributed more than \$130,000 to local charities and previously played a significant role in relief for Haiti, contributing more than \$20,000 for shelters through Shelter Box.

Around the world, Rotarians are going the distance -- participating in walkathons, climbing mountains, cycling, even circumnavigating a continent in rubber dinghies, among other fundraisers -- to help Rotary rid the world of polio. Since Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, eradicating the disease has become the organization's top priority.

For more information, visit [www.RotaryFortMyers.org](http://www.RotaryFortMyers.org) or call 332-8158.✱



Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade

## Travel Channel To Film Captiva Golf Cart Parade

A production crew from the Travel Channel will be on Captiva on Saturday, December 8 to film the island's annual Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade as part of a proposed show based on unique Christmas events across the United States.

"We have a research office that was looking for stories but not your typical Christmas festivals," Travel Channel Creative Producer Nicole Dunn said. "We are looking to showcase the best of the best across America but wanted to get away from the typical stories like the Radio City Rockettes or the lighting of the Rockefeller Center tree in New York City."

The show, which will also feature a festival in Jennings, Louisiana, a parade in New Mexico and Trappist monks in Missouri making fruitcakes for the holidays, has a tentative working title of *Cross Country Christmas*.

The Captiva segment will focus on the 3rd annual Captiva Holiday Village Golf Cart Parade featuring the event's history, organizers, judges, parade participants, including previous year winners, and participating resorts.

"This is such a great opportunity to bring our quirky island festivities to the world," said Golf Cart Parade chair Denise Beggs. "This parade is such a unique and fun event for locals to be involved in. The competition has really increased, and many participants plan their decorations a year in advance."

"We'd love for as many people to come out to the event as possible," Dunn said. "The segment will be filmed in the style of reality format as everyone is preparing for the event, decorating, watching and having fun. It will almost be like we weren't there."

Each year, Captiva locals try to outdo their neighbor by decorating their personal golf carts in lights, garland, hats and

even plastic flamingos. Fun, festive and sometimes gaudy outfits go along with the tradition.

The three-weekend-long Captiva Holiday Village launched its 2012 spectacular the Friday after Thanksgiving with fireworks, tree lightings, holiday readings, and musical performances.

Each special-themed weekend is a fun-filled extravaganza of sight and sound set against the backdrop of the Gulf of Mexico and evening sunsets. In addition to the Golf Cart Parade, there will be the Lighted Boat Parade to Junkanoo and fire dancers, live music and even a Marching Mullet Parade.

"Captiva is a remarkable island village known as a magnet for creative people," said Paul McCarthy of Captiva Cruises. "It's famous for its beautiful beaches, wildlife-filled waters, family-friendly atmosphere, and quirky, relaxed way of life. This island is a perfect place to unwind from holiday stress."

All three weekends of events take place in Captiva's village center, where its colorful restaurants and shops will be festively decorated.

As a highlight of this annual event, local hoteliers and restaurants have again teamed up to offer six free two-night Captiva Holiday Village weekends. Online entries are now being accepted at [www.captivaholidayvillage.com](http://www.captivaholidayvillage.com).

Captiva Island resorts, inns, cottages and vacation homes are also offering lodging specials in conjunction with this year's event.

For a list of all events and hotel packages, visit [www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com](http://www.CaptivaHolidayVillage.com).✱

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## IB Students Recieve Cool Hoodies



One hundred and fifty members of the Class of 2013 Fort Myers High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program after a luncheon to receive the Being SMART is COOL Hoodies in the Gulfstream Service Center hangar sponsored by and at PrivateSky Aviation Services, Inc. an affiliate of Wolanin Companies Ltd photo by Rene Miville

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My son is in preschool and there is an opportunity for him to take music lessons there. My husband doesn't think that music lessons for a

4-year-old are worthwhile, but I do. What do you think?

Sanji G., Fort Myers

### Sanji,

Music lessons for young children have been popular for many years. Clearly, it's the first step in learning how to enjoy and appreciate music. Most children get a sense of accomplishment and pride from early lessons and learn many valuable concepts through music instruction.

Children will begin to understand the idea of how practice leads to mastery, an important study skill. Through the recital process that usually accompanies music instruction, children get the chance to understand how a performance works and they will begin to learn how to self regulate any feelings of nervousness and stage fright they might experience in this process. Again, this is a good life long skill to have.

According to Dr. Perry Klass in a recent *New York Times* article, children who have regular music lessons develop their attention and memory skills, critical for scholastic success. There are also some studies that suggest that math skills are increased by music instruction.

Additionally, children strengthen their

auditory skills through music instruction and recent studies suggest that these benefits extend all through life or at least for those who continue to be involved with music.

Scientists are beginning to understand the relationship between music instruction and language-based learning activities such as reading. They're finding that musical training improves the brain's ability to discern the various components of sound such as pitch, timing and timbre. This relates to reading skills because when a child learns to read they must have a good working memory, be able to understand small speech units and make sound to meaning connections.

Further as a life long benefit, studies now suggest that older musician's central auditory processing skills are better preserved than non-musicians which leads to better understanding of speech, a skill we all want and need.

Does this mean that all children should have intensive music instruction in preschool? Absolutely not. Music instruction should not be seen as a back door for educational tutoring or some type of therapy. Children should want to take music lessons and the hope is that they enjoy music instruction for what it is; an opportunity to develop a life long skill and interest that may also bring with it many social opportunities and fulfillment.

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

## College Receives Accreditation From NCATE

**T**he College of Education at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) received accreditation through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Accreditation was granted at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. This accreditation decision indicates that the unit and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. The next onsite visit will take place in spring 2019.

"We are so proud to be the only nationally accredited teacher preparation program in Southwest Florida," said Dean for the College of Education Marci Greene. "This is indeed the highest stamp of quality a college of education can receive. Our stellar education faculty, programs and school partnerships, our emphasis on rigorous entrance requirements, small classes, field experiences across urban-suburban and rural schools, and assessments linked to best practices all contribute to making the College of Education distinct. We are committed to preparing highly qualified candidates who are highly competent to serve in diverse communities."

Founded in 1954, NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges, and departments of education. NCATE and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) have consolidated and are now transitioning into the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).\*

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## Super Family Saturday

a.m., Studio 201 artist Jason McDonald will demonstrate his unique shoe painting techniques at a free all ages workshop. The open community drum circle begins at 10:30 a.m. Join in any or all of these activities and you may be included in an upcoming episode of WGCU Curious Kids Club.

Hosts and producers of this locally produced public television show will be on hand filming Super Saturday activities featuring you. December 8 isn't called Super Family Saturday for nothing.

The Alliance GreenMarket is a community gathering place where people can shop and meet local growers, bakers and artisans, with live music, free yoga sessions, periodic gardening and cooking workshops, and much more.

GreenMarket is an alternative to shopping in mainstream shopping venues. It focuses on fresh, local items, and offers visitors a range of fun and engaging activities that entertain, educate and enrich their lives. For more information, contact Santiago De Choch at 939-2787 or [greenmarket@artinlee.org](mailto:greenmarket@artinlee.org).

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

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Andrew Kreps, wrestling coach Jim Martin and Noah Huxley

## SFCA Medals At Tournament

Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA) participated in the Morton Malavsky Turkey Takedown on November 24. Noah Huxley, weighing in at 220, placed first and Andrew Kreps, at 170, placed second in their weight class divisions.

The previous week, SFCA participated in the Golden Gate Invitational, where Huxley and Kreps both placed third in their weight classifications.✪

## Foundation Awards Scholarships

A \$5,000 gift has provided for scholarships to help deserving students in the School of Resort & Hospitality Management at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The funds were raised by members of the Bonita Springs and Naples Chapters of The Chaîne des Rôtisseurs and matched by The Chaîne Foundation, a tax-exempt organization of the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, Bailliage des Etats-Unis, which provides scholarships to culinary, oenological and hospitality students.

Sandi Moran, president of the Naples Chapter of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs and a Foundation trustee, presented the check to Dr. Sherie Brezina, director of the School of Resort & Hospitality Management, during a reception, wine tasting and dinner on November 29 at FGCU.

"The Chaîne Foundation's grants help culinary and hospitality students, who will someday be staffing the restaurants and hotels we all enjoy, to passionately pursue their studies," Moran said. "Our goal is to ease the financial strain of the costs of education, allowing the students to concentrate on their studies and develop their talent."

FGCU's Bachelor of Science degree in resort and hospitality management prepares students for high-demand careers in all aspects of the industry, including resort, private club, spa, hotel, event, restaurant and tourism-destination management.

"Many of today's students wouldn't

be able to complete their programs and compete in the workforce without the generous financial support of organizations like The Chaîne Foundation," said Linda Lehtomaa, interim vice president of University Advancement and Executive Director of the FGCU Foundation, which administers the scholarships.✪

## Run To Key West Raises Awareness For Panthers

A team of 10 Florida Gulf Coast University honors students and faculty will run from Fort Myers to Key West and back December 15 to 21 in order to raise money and awareness of the challenges faced by the Florida panther. "Trails For Tails" will run through and around panther habitat for seven days during a 600-mile run.

A kickoff party will take place at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 14 at Bar Louie at Gulf Coast Town Center. On Saturday, December 15, runners will take off from Alico Arena following FGCU's commencement ceremonies.

With approximately 120 panthers left in South Florida, they are critically endangered. Loss of habitat combined with rapid development has led to scores of panther deaths due to vehicle collision.

To support the cause, please contribute at [www.indiegogo.com/T4Tails](http://www.indiegogo.com/T4Tails). Donations will go to The Conservation Fund, a 501(c)3 charity that supports conservation efforts around the country, and will be earmarked for projects protecting Florida wildlife and its habitat.

For more information, contact Sean Kelly, director of the FGCU Honors Program, at 590-7440 or [skelly@fgcu.edu](mailto:skelly@fgcu.edu).✪

## Culinary And Hospitality Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation of Southwest Florida, Inc. (CHEF) has awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to students in FGCU's School of Resort & Hospitality Management.

The CHEF is a charitable organization that serves the culinary and hospitality arts professions by providing scholarships, awards, financial incentives and skills development opportunities to deserving individuals committed to furthering their education and enhancing their careers.

"We share with FGCU the goal of supporting the most promising students who need financial aid to attain the fine education that Florida Gulf Coast University provides," said CHEF President Judith M. Hushon.

According to Dr. Sherie Brezina, director of the School of Resort & Hospitality Management, "Each year the CHEF scholarships provide more and more RHM students who have a career interest in food and beverage management the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree and turn their hopes and dreams into reality upon graduation."

CHEF members were invited to meet scholarship recipients Thursday, November 29 during a reception, wine tasting and dinner at FGCU. Full-time resort and hospitality management majors from Lee and Collier counties were awarded grants based on financial need and academic standing. The bachelor's degree program prepares students for high-demand careers in resort, private club, spa, hotel, event, restaurant and tourism-destination management.

"The generosity of the Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation helps ensure that students needing financial assistance can enter the professional world with a solid foundation of skills and critical thinking," said Linda Lehtomaa, interim vice president of university advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation, which administers the scholarships. "Their success brings distinction to FGCU and to the School of Resort & Hospitality Management."

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## Financial Focus

# Year-End Review Of Your Financial Strategy For 2013

by Jennifer Basey



**N**ow that 2012 is drawing to a close, you may want to review the progress you've made this past year in many areas of your life – including your financial situation.

By going over your investment

portfolio and other key areas related to your finances, you can learn what moves you may need to make in 2013 to stay on track toward your important objectives, such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave the type of legacy you desire.

To get a clear picture of where you are, consider asking yourself these questions:

- Am I taking on too much risk?

Although 2012 has generally been a pretty good year for investors, we've certainly seen periods of considerable volatility.

During these times, did you find yourself constantly fretting about big drops in your portfolio value? In fact, have you consistently experienced this type of worry throughout your years as an investor? If so, you might be taking on too much risk for your individual risk tolerance. Review your holdings to determine if you can lower your risk level without jeopardizing your overall investment strategy.

- Am I investing too conservatively?

Just as you can take on too much investment risk, you can also go to the other extreme by investing too conservatively. If your portfolio contains a preponderance of investments that offer significant preservation of principal but very little in

the way of growth potential, you may be endangering your chances of accumulating the resources you'll need to achieve your long-term goals.

- Am I contributing as much as I can afford to my retirement plans? If you have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b), consider yourself fortunate. Your plan has the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you typically contribute pre-tax dollars – the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your employer may match part of your contributions. So if you've been under-funding your retirement plan, ratchet up your funding in 2013. At the same time, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA; if so, try to "max out" on it. A traditional IRA grows tax deferred while a Roth IRA can grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions.

- Am I adequately protecting my income – and my family? Over time, you'll experience many changes in your life – marriage, children, new job, new home, etc. Most, if not all, of these changes will require you to make sure you have adequate life insurance in place to help guard your family's future, should anything happen to you. Furthermore, to help replace your income should you become disabled, you may well need to purchase an adequate amount of disability income insurance.

- Do I need professional help? As the above questions indicate, maintaining control of your financial situation can be challenging – especially if you try to do it all on your own. You might benefit from working with a financial professional – someone who can analyze your situation objectively and make recommendations based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and specific goals.

Before the clock runs out on 2012, take the time to ask yourself the above questions. The answers may well spur you to take positive action in 2013.

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## Local Food Bank

Like so many others who died long before their time, Chapin will forever be 38 years old in the memory of his fans. Harry was a singer-songwriter and social activist, whose music and humanitarianism inspired many. Harry's stories are resonating now through the generations. His music fans will always remember him for his hits *Taxi*, *WOLD*, *Cat's In The Cradle*, *Sequel* and hundreds of other songs.

Harry's music continues to touch people and make a difference in their lives. Harry had a "do something" spirit and donated his time and money to hunger-related causes. He started the Harry Chapin Foundation, Why Hunger and Long Island Cares. The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida is proud to honor a man who contributed his talent, treasure and energy to alleviating hunger. His legacy lives on.

The U.S. Congress remembered him by posthumously awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal, the high-

est honor bestowed by Congress. His tombstone is inscribed with words from *I Wonder What Would Happen To This World*: "If a man tried before he died to prove what one man's life could be worth I wonder what would happen to this world."

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](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org).

## Santa Has A Job For You

**S**traight from the North Pole, the jolly old elf himself, Santa, will be at Page Field Post Office on Friday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to noon to encourage residents to get their "elf" on and adopt a Dear Santa letter. Letters from local children and in some cases, parents, will be available for viewing, selection and adoption.

Benefactor Elves can select a letter

and purchase some or all of the requested items. Gifts are to be unwrapped, boxed and returned to a designated Post Office. Postage is required for the box to be mailed to the family from Operation Santa Mail.

Elves who cannot come by on Friday can call Debra Mitchell at 573-9638 to apply for Elf status.

The Page Field Post Office is at 2655 North Airport Road, Fort Myers.

Santa will be at the Cape Coral Central Post Office, 1030 SE 9th Avenue, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

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Riverwalk	Bonita Springs	1998	4,166	1,781,250	1,437,500	302
Gulf Harbour Yacht & CC	Fort Myers	2001	3,383	1,195,000	1,117,500	23
Ridge	Bonita Springs	1996	3,245	1,100,000	875,000	113
Hawthorne	Bonita Springs	2005	2,879	774,000	727,825	330
Blackhawk	Fort Myers	2002	3,736	525,000	511,000	53
Glen Eagles	Estero	1999	2,106	529,900	500,000	255
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1973	2,460	515,000	485,000	114
Verandah	Fort Myers	2007	2,487	499,900	480,000	80
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2005	2,249	488,500	475,000	183
Gumbo Limbo	Sanibel	1987	1,857	499,000	475,000	48

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# Carried Away With PACE Luncheon Raises \$142,000



Carried Away volunteer event committee with PACE Center girls

**P**ACE Center for Girls of Lee County hosted its sixth annual luncheon on November 7, raising donations and pledges totaling \$110,760 for daily operations and \$32,010 towards a capital campaign for a new facility.

At the Carried Away With PACE hot air balloon themed event, PACE Lee's new executive director, Janie K. Smalley, Ed.D., was announced, members of PACE's Believing In Girls (BIG) Giving Society were recognized and Senator Lizbeth



John Agnew, PACE parent

Benacquisto was honored as Senator of the Year by representatives from PACE, Inc.'s state office headquartered in Jacksonville.

The most moving part of the program, however, was a parent testimonial by John Agnew, attorney at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., who previously enrolled his oldest daughter in PACE.

"Nothing is worse than knowing your child is in pain and being helpless to quickly make it better," revealed Agnew.

After successfully completing the PACE day program, Agnew's daughter is taking a full course load at Florida Gulf Coast University and working a part-time job. At the luncheon, Scott and Diana Willis of Jason's deli presented her with a two-year tuition scholarship to FGCU.

"It is very special for Scott and I to offer a PACE girl an opportunity to forever change her life through higher education," said Willis, "She worked hard to excel at PACE and qualify for college. She deserves the kind of investment we are giving her to become a role model for other PACE girls."



PACE girls currently enrolled in the day program

"To paraphrase one of my favorite children's books, I have always loved my daughter 'to the moon and back,'" said Agnew, "Today, though, I am also very proud of who she has become, I am excited about her future, and I am impressed by her resilience. She has done the work and deserves the credit, but there are many others who also deserve my thanks."

We hope our gift will inspire others to give and invest in our PACE girls' futures," added Willis.

The Carried Away With PACE luncheon was co-chaired by Diana Willis and State Representative Heather Fitzenhagen and emceed by NBC-2 news anchor Kellie Burns. Sponsors included CenturyLink, Lee Memorial Health System, Investors' Security Trust Company, Palm Printing - Printers Ink, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Jason's Deli, Caloosa Tent & Rental, Ruth Messmer Florist, Creighton Commercial Development, Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., Senator Garrett Richter, First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, Red Door Studio and Southwest Airlines.

For more information about the luncheon or the PACE program, visit [www.pace-center.org/lee](http://www.pace-center.org/lee) or call Melissa Cofta, director of development, at 462-8068.✪



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## Tired of Being Tired? Measure Thyroid Properly

by Suzy Cohen, RPh



**Dear Pharmacist:**

I went through your timeline on Facebook, and learned why I'm still tired and overweight. My physician says my TSH is normal, just like you said he would. Can you discuss hypothyroidism in your column?

*GO, Decatur, Illinois*

There's an epidemic of tired, overweight folks who don't know they're hypothyroid because of improper testing. Some old school physicians are still drawing blood levels of TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) as the sole method to evaluate thyroid function.

TSH is incapable of telling you or your doctor what's happening inside your cells. It's fine to check as part of a comprehensive profile, but not by itself. People are often told they have "normal" thyroid levels, based upon their "normal" TSH.

TSH is a brain hormone and has nothing to do with intracellular (mitochondrial) levels of active thyroid hormone called "T3." You see, TSH may very well be normal, while T3, (the hormone you want) is desperately low. You will hold on to weight, have dry skin, suffer with hair loss, fatigue, muscle aches, arrhythmias, depression, forgetfulness, anxiety and low libido.

Regardless of your misery, you may still be told your okay, because your TSH is okay. Big mistake. Huge!

TSH is just a messenger hormone. It's not active although levels are ideal around

0.1 to 1.0 mIU/l. People who feel fantastic have adequate levels of T3 inside their cells. Measuring a "free T3" gives you relevant, usable data. I'd shoot for 3.5 to 4.2 pg/ml myself.

During the same blood test, you should also measure T4 (which is inactive hormone, but it converts to T3). This is important to ascertain because it gives you a gauge to see how much hormone is available to eventually become active.

Evaluating blood levels of Reverse T3 also called "Reverse thyronine" and abbreviated as "rT3" is equally important. Reverse T3 is a mirror image of active T3. Elevated rT3 causes all the symptoms of clinical hypothyroidism I just mentioned. It's often high in people with heavy metals. I lecture around the world, and still meet physicians who dismiss rT3.

Did you know that hypothyroidism is a major cause for diabetes? When rT3 is high, that means it's poised like a pitbull on your cells' receptor sites preventing the real deal (T3) from entering the cell. The net result of elevated rT3 is you feel like a zombie. But again, if your TSH is normal, or your rT3 is never measured, you will be dismissed as normal.

I prefer natural desiccated thyroid (NDT) for medication treatment, such as Nature-Throid, and Armour over levothyroxine (Synthroid). My rationale is that NDT drugs contain both T3 and T4. Remember T3 is what you ultimately want. Synthroid is exclusively T4, so your body has to convert it to T3 before you can use it.

Unfortunately, people with metabolic issues, or digestive problems can't convert well. Your physician can also prescribe plain "T3 compounded" if that is more appropriate for your individual case.

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

## Lee Memorial Health System Hospitals Named Among Top 10 Percent In The Nation

Hospitals in the Lee Memorial Health System rank in the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation according to a new report from Healthgrades, the leading provider of information to help consumers make an informed decision about a physician or hospital. The report, American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation, evaluates how approximately 4,500 hospitals nationwide performed on risk-adjusted mortality and complication rates for nearly 30 of the most common conditions treated and procedures performed from 2009 through 2011.

Lee Memorial Health System was recognized for many of its specialties, most notably, Lee Memorial Hospital received the Joint Replacement Excellence Award, is among the top 5 percent in the nation for Joint Replacement in both 2012 and 2013, and ranked second statewide in 2013. Lee Memorial Hospital was named one of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement for 2012 and 2013.

HealthPark Medical Center received the Healthgrades Coronary Intervention Excellence Award for 2013, ranked 4th statewide, and was among the top 10 percent in the nation for Cardiology Services in 2013.

Collectively, these two hospitals were the recipient of Healthgrades Stroke Care Excellence Award, ranked among the top 10 percent in the nation for treatment of stroke, for five consecutive years (2009 to 2013), and ranked in the top 10 in Florida for Neurosciences in 2013.

Gulf Coast Medical Center was recognized as one of Healthgrades America's 100 Best Hospitals for Pulmonary Care for both 2012 and 2013, and ranked best in the state for Overall Pulmonary Services, 2013. Cape Coral Hospital received the Healthgrades Pulmonary Care Excellence Award and ranked among the top 10 percent in the nation for Overall Pulmonary Services in 2013.

Hospital outcomes and complication rates are important in the eyes of consumers making choices today about their healthcare. According to new research conducted by Harris Interactive for Healthgrades, 90 percent of Americans in 27 top designated market areas agree they would be more likely to choose – or not choose – a hospital if they could learn ahead of time their chances of complications for a certain procedure.

"We are honored by this recognition and proud of our reputation as we continue to rank among the best in the nation. These achievements are the result of each and every person involved in our health system and their dedication to the safety and well-being of our patients. Lee Memorial Health System is defined by the compassionate hands that heal our families, friends and neighbors – our community – every day," said Jim Nathan, president of Lee Memorial Health System.

More information on the American Hospital Quality Outcomes 2013: Healthgrades Report to the Nation, including the complete methodology, can be found online at [www.LeeMemorial.org/awards](http://www.LeeMemorial.org/awards).

## 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,**

We were a very happy family. Our four children, three daughters and a son,

all were happy achievers. I hate to admit it, but the youngest daughter, the baby of the family, was my favorite child.

Suddenly one day, my wife had a very bad pain, and that was the beginning of what became her terminal illness. I cared for her and raised our children through their teen and college years. I was alone for five years and then I met a delightful lady who became my wife. Two daughters and my son refused to accept my new wife. My special daughter was married and living in Scotland, so I decided we should go to Scotland for our honeymoon so my wife could meet Susan. We planned to stay with them for a week. Susan took an instant dislike to my wife and treated her terribly. On the third day, I said to Susan, "We are leaving; take a good look at me because I never want to see you again."

Five years have passed, and my wife and I are very happy. I do not see my children or grandchildren, and at times it is troubling.

Why can't my adult children accept my choice in a wife and be happy for me? I accepted and never interfered in their

choices... but I guess that is different.

*Todd*

**Dear Todd,**

Most children are always very selfish and self-centered, but it is sad when they mature and become adults that they remain selfish and self-centered.

Frequently, the motivating force for their anger is the fear of not getting the inheritance they think they deserve. Many adult children think that it is just automatic that they get their parents money, but this is not true.

The parents are free to give their hard earned money to whomever they decide, providing, of course, there is not proven mental impairment or that the parent has been victimized by a con artist. You have done your best by your family. You and your wife deserve to enjoy your retirement years without interference of uncaring adult children. Best of luck.

*Lizzie*

**Dear Todd,**

Not all adult children are out for their parent's money. Many adult children find it difficult to accept second spouses of the surviving parent because of their loyalties

to the deceased parent. Some question the motives of the second wives or husbands; still others – loyalties for inheritance of sentimental items aside – do not like the second spouse.

Nothing complex or deep. The personalities just do not mesh. It is unfortunate when differences cannot be put aside for visits between parents and adult children.

*Pryce*

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Dr. Dave

## Backbones



by Dr. Dave  
Hepburn

**G**otta love hood ornaments. I've noticed that they often make hoods more ornamental. Personally, I'd love to own one of the animal ones, like a jaguar, particu-

larly if it came attached to the hood. Certainly, whenever a Dodge Ram – with those massive curled horns – pulls up into my rear view mirror, I tend to clench most of my rear view clenchable parts, sort of doing my own Kegels.

Alas, I don't own a vehicle with any hood ornaments... unless mosquitoes, dragonflies and motorized wheelchairs are classified as ornaments. But last month, while sitting behind my steering wheel on the side of a road, I glanced at the hood and thought I imagined the ram tough horns at the end of my hood. Yes! Looked very much like the hood ornament I loved... with one exception. These ones moved. And furthermore, they turned out to be attached to a ram, a tough one.

I had, in fact, just crested the Continental Divide, the backbone of the world, in Glacier National Park in Montana and was sitting in my non-Dodge rental car when two massive bighorn sheep took a shining to my rental. As they menacingly hoofed it around to my door, I desperately fumbled about trying to locate the electric window buttons, managing only to turn on the windshield wipers, headlights and both seat warmers. I ended up doing everything but roll up the window. So I laid on the big horn just to get this bighorn out of my grill, so to speak.

Excitement on the Continental Divide, aka the backbone of the world. And you needed some backbone to sit there and confront Mr. Ram Tough from the safety of your rental car.

Backbones are the backbone of many practices as 90 percent of the population will have some problem with their back at some time. Entire careers and mortgages are built on the backs of those whose back are built incorrectly.

Driving to the top of the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park was a real pain as it involved so many hairpin curves that by the time I reached the top, my toupee had turned sideways on my head.

So it is with curves of the spine. Some curves in our spine can turn us in all sorts of unwanted, unsightly directions and cause no shortage of pain.

The most well known is scoliosis, an "S" or even "C" shaped curving of the spine. If you have a child in the early teens, the time when a growth spurt often can reveal an underlying scoliosis, you can perform a perfunctory test to see if they are abnormal, or more abnormal than is normal at that age. Teens, of course, love for their parents to test them on anything so adding the painless "bend forward test" will be a unpredict-

able joy to them. Though I do recall that when my mother had me bend over, it was followed by a predictable pain, courtesy of the wooden spoon. Stand behind himteen or herteen (scoliosis much more prevalent in girls) as they slowly bend forward and then back up again. Look for any asymmetry of the spine, shoulder blades or oriental mafia tattoos.

Treatment of scoliosis depends on when it is found and how severe it is, and can range from braces to surgery to physical therapy to skillful neglect (how I treat most things.)

Kyphosis is the infamous hump of the upper back that can have you swinging off church bells. There can be several causes depending at the age of onset. Adolescents may have a condition where

several vertebrae wedge together called Scheuermann's Disease, named after the man who discovered it, Dr Disease. (For those of you who already completed that last sentence... you know me too well.) In a geriatric population i.e., older adolescents, osteoporosis' slow disintegration of the spinal column leads to this very common and painful kyphosis.

Finally, lordosis aka swayback is the exaggerated low back (lumbar) inward tilt demonstrated so beautifully by pregnant women or most of West Virginia. Should small pets be able to do the backstroke in the sweat pooled in the small of your hyperlordotic back, then consider physiotherapy to strengthen your hamstrings or loosen your hip flexors. Alternatively, give birth to those twins, Krispy and Kream.



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## Proceeds From Concert Ticket Sales To Benefit Food Bank

Tickets are still available for the Paul Todd concert, *Illuminated, the music of lights*, on Monday, December 10, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. A portion of ticket sales for the 7:30 p.m. performance will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Tickets begin at \$25 and may be purchased by calling Barbara B. Mann. For every ticket sold, Harry Chapin will receive a percentage of the ticket purchase price when the purchaser uses the identifier "Christmas." Tickets can be purchased by calling the ticket office at 481-4849 or at the box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's program, featuring Paul Todd, will include 1,500 audience participants receiving complimentary hand-held sound activated light bars to use during the performance to provide an amazing light display. Joining Paul Todd will be Amy Van Wyk, Jeff Ramsey, Ellie Vandermuese, Paul Todd, Jr., Christie Cole and special friends.

Todd plays six keyboards simultaneously. His fingers and feet move at lightning speed and he is known for smooth and powerful vocals, combining talent with a sparkling wit. He has been amazing audiences since he won the prestigious National Yamaha Keyboard Contest at the age of 14. He has performed with a number of great musicians and, since beginning his solo career, has experienced all facets of the music industry. He has composed the theme songs for many prominent organizations and scores for two musicals.\*

## Voices For Kids Signature Event Series Raises Over \$64,000

Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida, Inc. (VFK) raised over \$64,000 through its Celebrate the Voices signature fundraising events in Lee and Collier counties on November 10 and 17.

The much needed dollars raised will assist VFK to recruit and train guardians for the 575 children who do not have one and fund its Kids Being Kids Program, which provides those items that give the 1,440 children in the program a sense of normalcy in their lives: a warm bed; emergency clothing; participation in sports, the arts, social clubs; academic tutoring; happier birthdays; summer camp; and medical needs.

Joseph R. Catti, president and CEO of FineMark National Bank & Trust, was awarded the Voice of the Year award. "We were thrilled to honor Joe with the Voice of the Year community recognition award. The award is in recognition for his exemplary leadership, advocacy and commitment to the most vulnerable, neglected and abandoned children in our community. Over the years, I have witnessed the positive impact he has made on children and young adults in our community," said Darlene Ann Grossman, VFK's executive director.

Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida is a non-profit agency supporting Florida's 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program-Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. The program supports volunteers who advocate for abused, neglected and abandoned children in court, the child welfare system and the community. VFK's mission is to ensure every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Southwest Florida has a Guardian ad Litem volunteer (GAL) and every GAL has access to financial assistance and resources available for meeting the child's health, educational and social needs, not provided by any other source.

For more information or to make a donation, call Darlene Grossman at 533-1435 or email [Darlene@voicesforkids.org](mailto:Darlene@voicesforkids.org). Visit the website at [www.voicesforkids.org](http://www.voicesforkids.org).\*

## SWFL Guardianship Chapter Appoints Executive Committee

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida State Guardianship Association recently announced its new executive leadership committee for a two-year term. The association is dedicated to the protection of the dignity and rights of incapacitated persons and to increasing the professionalism of guardianship through education, networking and legislative action.

The new leadership includes President Kenneth Kemp, Patrone & Kemp, PA; First Vice President Larry Beuer, Direct Access Home Health; Second Vice President Frank Carulli, professional guardian; Secretary Ginny Yates, professional guardian and elder services at Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, PA; Treasurer Amy McGarry, Amy McGarry Law Office; Public Relations Chair Sherri Graham, professional guardian; Membership Committee Chair MaryAnn Scanlon, Caloosa Harbor; Legislative Committee Chair Lance McKinney, Osterhout & McKinney, P.A.; Bylaws Committee Chair Farid Mustafa, Professional Nurses Registry; and Immediate Past President Lynda Leonard-Boyce, professional guardian.

For more information, visit [www.floridaguardians.com](http://www.floridaguardians.com).\*



Luminaries line the streets of the Dean Park area in downtown Fort Myers

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## Lighting The Luminaries

Dean Park is located a couple of blocks east of downtown along the banks of Billy's Creek, in the shadows of the 21st Century mid and high-rise condos lining the Caloosahatchee.

For more information or to make a donation for the preservation of the historic community, contact Wendy Sykora at 954-612-5059 or email [wendeysykora@yahoo.com](mailto:wendeysykora@yahoo.com).\*

## Charity Fashion Show Set For December 12

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation announced that tickets are currently available for the 3rd annual Charity Fashion Show, Luncheon & Auction being held on Wednesday, December 12 at The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

The event, which benefits Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, begins with a chance drawing auction at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon and fashion show.

Tickets are \$75 per person; table sponsorships are available for \$1,000 and include 10 tickets with choice seating and listing in sponsorship program booklet. Runway Table Sponsorships are available for \$1,500 and include a guaranteed runway table, complimentary wine, listing in the sponsorship program booklet and mentions from the podium.

The fashion show is presented by Trish Williams Productions and will feature the best in holiday and resort wear from retailers in Coconut Point, Mercato, The Village on Venetian Bay, Neapolitan Way and Promenade.

Proceeds will be matched dollar for dollar and will support the construction of Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The new facility will house 128 beds (with expansion capabilities to 160 beds) and will provide lifesaving care and expanded health care services for children from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

For tickets or more information

regarding the fashion show and luncheon, contact chairperson Pat Smart at 495-8295 or email [chfashionshow@gmail.com](mailto:chfashionshow@gmail.com)

For further information on the Golisano Children's Hospital "Gift of a Lifetime" Capital Campaign, visit [www.ChildrensHospitalGoal.org](http://www.ChildrensHospitalGoal.org) or call Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6950.\*

## Humane Society A Home For The Holidays Party

The Gulf Coast Humane Society will hold their 3rd annual A Home For The Holidays Party on Saturday, December 8. Sponsored by Jacoby & Nealon, the gala will be hosted at Coconut Point Ford, 22400 South Tamiami Trail in Estero, from 6 to 9 p.m. The holiday event includes Master of Ceremonies Krista Fogelson, an open bar, delectable hors d'oeuvres, adorable adoptable pets, plus live and silent auctions.

Auction items to include trips to Africa and Cozumel, golf with Derek Lamely, one-of-a-kind jewelry, photography sessions, autographed sports memorabilia and much more. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the Gulf Coast Humane Society's adoptable pets.

Tickets are a \$100 and can be purchased by calling 332-0364 or visiting [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).

For more information about A Home For The Holidays Party, call 332-0364, e-mail [info@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](mailto:info@gulfcoasthumanesociety.org) or visit [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).\*



Robbie Roepstorff, Marshall Bower, LaKeesha Allen and Abdul'Haq Muhammed

## Hundreds Take Pledge To Give At Community Foundation Meeting

Hundreds of donors and supporters who attended this year's Southwest Florida Community Foundation annual meeting took a pledge promising to give their time, and/or a portion of their wealth to the local community. This year's reception was held on Thursday, November 15 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers and coincided with National Philanthropy Day, which is sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The week also coincided with Community Foundation Week, November 12 to 18, a week aimed at showing the foundation's critical roles in supporting thriving local communities.

"Community foundations invest in our communities to impact lives, solve problems and improve futures," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the foundation. "We are overwhelmed that so many stepped up to our call and theme of 'give differently' and plan to make a real difference in our community."

Modeled after many of the nation's billionaires' actions in 2010 – including Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffet – to pledge at least half of their net worth to charity during their lifetimes or upon death, Owen called on attendees to make their own pledge to give something back to the Southwest Florida community.

"While many of us don't think of ourselves as philanthropists or even wealthy, let alone billionaires, the fact is that there are ways we can all give that will help others in our community without affecting our current income or charitable commitments," Owen said. "Taking the pledge is a moral commitment to give, not a legal contract. It does not involve pooling money or supporting a particular set of causes or organizations. We are inspired by the example set by millions of Americans who give generously and often at great personal sacrifice to make the world a better place."

During the event, local CPA Gene Solomon was presented with the 2012 John W. Sheppard Award. The award is given annually to an outstanding individual who has given selfless dedication to humanity and made significant contributions to the foundation. Solomon joined the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Board in 1982



Andy and Carolyn Sheppard, John Sheppard, Elise Sheppard-Pickett and Ellen Sheppard



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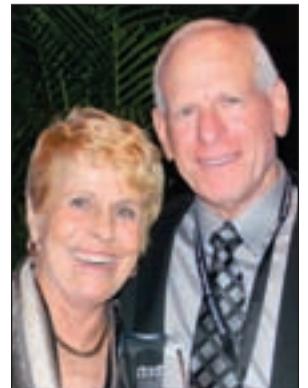
Jesse Black, Gene Solomon and Chris Isley



Sarah Owen, Dawn-Marie Driscoll and Jacqueline Ehlers

and has served on many committees as well as vice president and president of the foundation's board. He currently serves as a senior advisor. Past recipients include John Sheppard, David Lucas, Peter Kleist, Arnold Sarlo, Frank Bireley, Jim Nathan, Sam Galloway, Jr., Tom Smoot, David G. Robinson and Bill Frey.

The foundation is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. With assets of more than \$64 million, the community foundation has provided more than \$52 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the foundation granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.\*



Dorit and Gene Solomon



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# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. TELEVISION: What famous politician did Alex P. Keaton idolize on the show "Family Ties"?
2. MUSIC: Which 1970s song featured the line, "Jeremiah was a bullfrog"?
3. LITERATURE: What literary figure had a loyal companion named Sancho Panza?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Iowa?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are omnivores?
6. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the Greek alphabet?
7. ANATOMY: How many pairs of ribs does a human body normally have?
8. HISTORY: In which year did the U.S. space shuttle first fly into orbit?
9. FOOD: What kind of food is mortadella?
10. GAMES: What is the movable device used in the game Ouija to spell out messages?

## ANSWERS

1. Richard Nixon 2. "Joy to the World." 3. Don Quixote 4. Des Moines 5. Animals that eat meat and vegetables 6. 24 7. 12 8. 1981 9. Italian sausage 10. A planchette.

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Where is Tim Wakefield on the list of most career victories by a Boston Red Sox pitcher?
2. In 2012, Toronto and Cleveland played the longest Opening Day game in history (16 innings). Which teams played in the previously longest game?
3. Who is the only player in NFL history to have eight seasons of at least 290 rushing attempts and 50 receptions?
4. Name the first men's basketball coach to be named both an ACC and a Big East Coach of the Year.
5. Beginning in 1917 with the Seattle Metropolitans, how many times has a U.S.-based team won the Stanley Cup?
6. Who was the last American male runner before Leonel Manzano (silver medal) in 2012 to medal in the Olympic 1500 meter race?
7. In how many of the past 16 Ryder Cups (1981-2012) has the team trailing after the first day of golf play gone on to with the event?

## ANSWERS

1. Third with 186 victories, behind Cy Young and Roger Clemens (192 each). 2. Cleveland and Detroit (1960) and Washington and Philadelphia (1926) each played 15 innings. 3. LADainian Tomlinson (2001-08, with San Diego). 4. Leonard Hamill (Big East: 1995, '99; ACC: 2009, '12). 5. Forty-five times. 6. Jim Ryun won the silver medal in 1968. 7. Eight times.

## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2012

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will

necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 13, 1621, under the care of Robert Cushman, the first American furs to be exported from the continent leave for England aboard the Fortune. During the crossing, the Fortune was captured by the French, and its valuable cargo of furs was taken. Cushman was detained on the Ile d'Dieu before being returned to England.

- On Dec. 14, 1799, George Washington, the first U.S. president, dies at age 67. Two days earlier, he rode out into a freezing sleet to survey business affairs on his estate. He returned home late for a dinner engagement and refused to take the time to change out of his wet clothes. The next day, Washington developed a severe respiratory infection and died the following day. His last words were "Tis well."

- On Dec. 16, 1811, the greatest series of earthquakes in U.S. history begins in the Mississippi River Valley near New Madrid, Mo., when a quake of an estimated 8.6 magnitude slams the region. The earthquake raised and lowered parts of the Mississippi Valley by as much as 15 feet and changed the course of the Mississippi River.

- On Dec. 10, 1915, the one-millionth Ford car rolls off the assembly line at the River Rouge plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford sold more than 15 million Model Ts in all; they initially cost \$850 (about \$20,000 in today's dollars).

- On Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations votes to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to provide relief and support to children. Only two countries have failed to ratify the treaty -- Somalia and the United States.

- On Dec. 15, 1973, Sandy Hawley becomes the first jockey to win 500 races in a single year. Hawley achieved his historic win aboard Charlie Jr., in the third race at

Maryland's Laurel Park race track.

- On Dec. 12, 1989, hotel magnate Leona Helmsley receives a four-year prison sentence, 750 hours of community service and a \$7.1 million tax fraud fine in New York. Helmsley became the object of loathing and disgust when she quipped that "only the little people pay taxes."

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was British biologist and author Richard Dawkins who made the following sage observation: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."

- If you're like 20 percent of American women, you think your feet are too big.
- Did you ever wonder why we say, "I smell a rat" when we sense that something is amiss? The phrase dates back to a time before effective means of pest control, when it was not uncommon for a home to be infested by rodents. If a rat died inside a wall, the residents wouldn't be aware of it until the smell of the decaying body became noticeable.

- If you'd like to have a festive New Year's Eve but don't want to deal with the crowds in New York City for the iconic ball drop, consider heading to Mount Olive, N.C. Every year the town hosts a celebration in which a 3-foot lighted pickle is dropped into a barrel at midnight.

- Ancient Romans believed that a sneeze was the body's way of expelling evil spirits that caused disease. Thus, if one tried to suppress a sneeze, it was regarded as an invitation to illness and death.

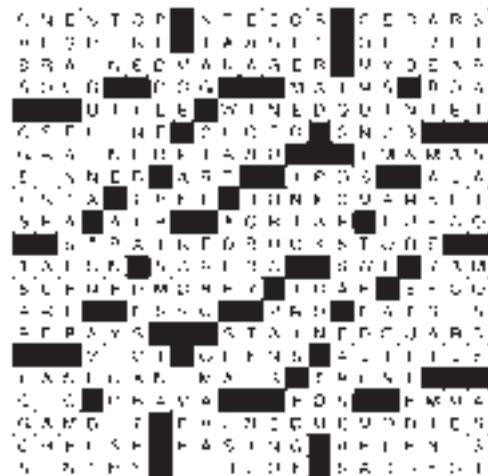
- The 14-foot model of the Starship Enterprise that was used during shooting of the original "Star Trek" series is now displayed in the Smithsonian.

- If you are over the age of 40, you've lived longer than the average gorilla.
- The first woman to appear on the cover of Business Week magazine, in 1954, was Brownie Wise, the originator of the Tupperware Party.

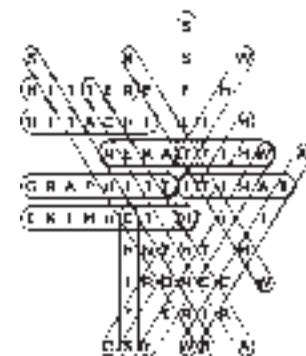
## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." -- Lewis Carroll

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

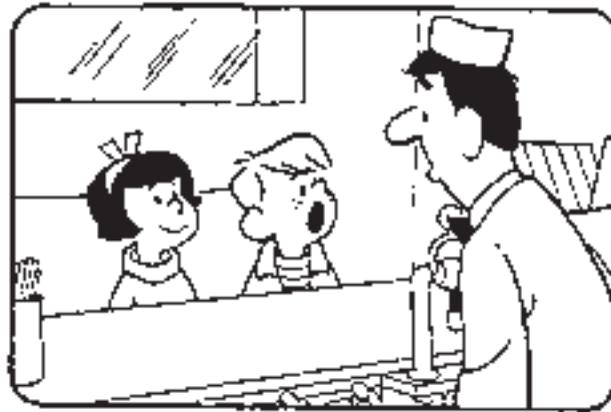


## WORDS THAT TAKE A HIT



**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Distinctions: 1. Boy is smiling & there's a drink on the bar. 2. Boy is holding a glass & looking at the waiter. 3. Boy is holding a glass & looking at the waiter. 4. Boy is holding a glass & looking at the waiter. 5. Boy is holding a glass & looking at the waiter. 6. Boy is holding a glass & looking at the waiter.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**SUDOKU**

2	8	1	7	5	9	3	6	4
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3	6	4	9	2	7	5	1	8
1	5	2	8	6	3	4	7	9
8	7	9	5	4	1	2	3	6

**SCRAMBLERS**

*solution*

1. Glance; 2. Devoid;
3. Robust; 4. Worthy

*Today's Words:*  
**BOWLING**

**SCRAMBLERS**

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

Peek     
**CLANGE**

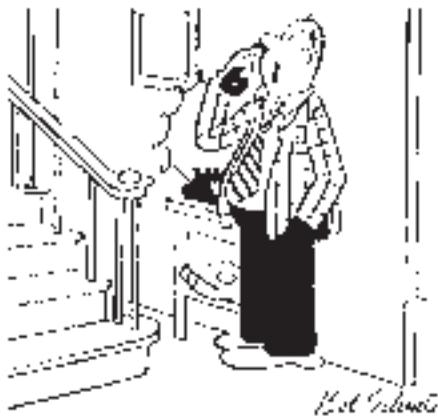
Empty      
**VOIDED**

Strong    
**BUSTOR**

Noble   
**THROWY**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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"I can't go \_\_\_\_\_, Al—  
I just got back from a convention in  
Las Vegas and my wife is  
deprogramming me."

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**Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish**  
by Capt. Matt Mitchell



Landings a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as it usually damages or kills the fish.

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.
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## SUDOKU

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

answer on page 35

## Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Teddy B. and I am a 7-year-old neutered male buff cocker spaniel. I'm a big, lovable Teddy Bear! My foster mom thinks I need to go on a diet, but I'm not convinced. I think some exercise with my forever family would be a perfect compromise. Here's a list of my favorite things: playing with other dogs, car rides, getting groomed and being around people. I love everybody... even cats!

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$25) during Animal Services' Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

Hello, my name is Turbir and I am a 2-year-old neutered male domestic short hair. I am blue with white paws and chest. If you need a lap cat, I'm your guy! I even like to be cradled like a baby. I just love to be with people and other pets all the time. You will never be short on affection or companionship as long as I'm around.

My adoption fee is \$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](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

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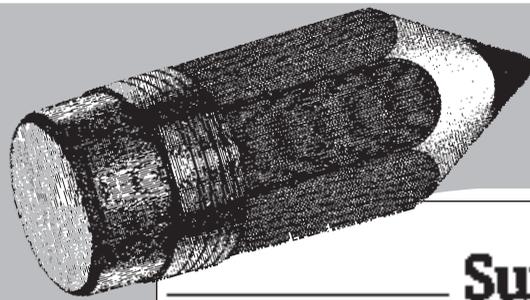


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## Super Crossword

<b>ACROSS</b>	51 Well Sit down	84 Old U.S. gas tank	3 Jewels	46 Exp. Blank	81 Father Linking
1 The outer shell of a egg	54 Dance in the	85 M. or League Name	4 Blue-green algae family	47 Blank	82 Titled the Rocky Pig
8 Slickers	55 "Comp-puter" (50) acronym	86 S. or League Name	5 With E Down	51 Taken with	85 Galleys and
14 "Heart of Darkness"	56 Pl. with	91 Security covered with	6 Sea & Down	52 Ages	87 Opposed to in the 1800s
20 "In and out"	58 Shopping list	92 Greenback	7 Lacked	53 With them, city	89 Car of 17 in Monopoly
21 It's aimed at	59 Shopping list	96 Jitters	8 At night	57 Spectator producer	90 Love by way
22 Mountain ridge part of mountain	60 With 54 Across, what is it?	97 Somewhat	9 Custom hand	58 Top Olympic event in	91 Pesto is not a
23 Best of friends	61 With 54 Across, what is it?	98 In the camp	10 Sports fine	59 Top Olympic event in	92 Contact in
24 What's the best of friends?	62 With 54 Across, what is it?	102 Highway	11 Football	60 Hand when apple	93 Fire in
25 World's first	63 With 54 Across, what is it?	103 Soccer	12 Contended	61 Hilarious	95 Put - dead
26 Like eating	64 With 54 Across, what is it?	104 Soccer	13 Fine hole	62 Secretary of education	96 Soccer
27 Funny thing	65 With 54 Across, what is it?	105 Year in	14 Stat. in	63 Secretary of education	98 Against the
28 Hugs easily	66 With 54 Across, what is it?	106 Baby Speed	15 Good thing	64 Together in	99 Old made
29 Not a word	67 With 54 Across, what is it?	107 Opening	16 Good thing	65 Together in	100 Baby shower
30 Good for	68 With 54 Across, what is it?	108 Opening	17 Turn away	66 Together in	101 JFK Library
31 Good for	69 With 54 Across, what is it?	109 Opening	18 Acetylated	67 Together in	102 Single - lines
32 Good for	70 With 54 Across, what is it?	110 Opening	19 Acetylated	68 Together in	103 Prochory
33 Good for	71 With 54 Across, what is it?	111 Opening	20 Acetylated	69 Together in	104 Four of a
34 Good for	72 With 54 Across, what is it?	112 Opening	21 Acetylated	70 Together in	105 Mashed
35 Not	73 With 54 Across, what is it?	113 Opening	22 Acetylated	71 Together in	106 Single - lines
36 Connected to the Internet	74 With 54 Across, what is it?	114 Opening	23 Acetylated	72 Together in	107 Four of a
37 Connected to the Internet	75 With 54 Across, what is it?	115 Opening	24 Acetylated	73 Together in	108 Mashed
38 Rebut	76 With 54 Across, what is it?	116 Opening	25 Acetylated	74 Together in	109 Single - lines
39 Rebut	77 With 54 Across, what is it?	117 Opening	26 Acetylated	75 Together in	110 Prochory
40 Rebut	78 With 54 Across, what is it?	118 Opening	27 Acetylated	76 Together in	111 Four of a
41 Rebut	79 With 54 Across, what is it?	119 Opening	28 Acetylated	77 Together in	112 Mashed
42 Rebut	80 With 54 Across, what is it?	120 Opening	29 Acetylated	78 Together in	113 Single - lines
43 Rebut	81 With 54 Across, what is it?	121 Opening	30 Acetylated	79 Together in	114 Prochory
44 Rebut	82 With 54 Across, what is it?	122 Opening	31 Acetylated	80 Together in	115 Four of a
45 Rebut	83 With 54 Across, what is it?	123 Opening	32 Acetylated	81 Together in	116 Mashed
46 Rebut	84 With 54 Across, what is it?	124 Opening	33 Acetylated	82 Together in	117 Single - lines
47 Rebut	85 With 54 Across, what is it?	125 Opening	34 Acetylated	83 Together in	118 Prochory
48 Rebut	86 With 54 Across, what is it?	126 Opening	35 Acetylated	84 Together in	119 Four of a
49 Rebut	87 With 54 Across, what is it?	127 Opening	36 Acetylated	85 Together in	120 Mashed
50 Rebut	88 With 54 Across, what is it?	128 Opening	37 Acetylated	86 Together in	121 Single - lines

## LONG IN THE PAST

## King Crossword

<b>ACROSS</b>	1. American	5. Night	9. Many names
2. Tiger	6. American	10. Clean fitting	
3. "The" of	7. Coward	11. Athlete	
4. "The" of	8. Coward	12. Metal	
13. Talked	9. Coward	13. Metal	
14. CAT scan	10. Coward	14. Metal	
15. Alternative	11. Coward	15. Metal	
16. Exceptional	12. Coward	16. Metal	
17. Type of	13. Coward	17. Metal	
18. Paquet of	14. Coward	18. Metal	
19. Air	15. Coward	19. Metal	
20. Broke in	16. Coward	20. Metal	
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### WORDS THAT MAGIC MAZE ● TAKE A HIT

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 H I T A C H I L L I D D I B E Z  
 X W U I R E K A L C H W A  
**G R A P H I C** I I I H A I S  
 R K I H C I I H Q I O I S  
 L J H I D H N L I C H A I Y  
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 Y W V U O S Y S W B R A Q P N

Find the hidden words in the maze. Write the words in the boxes below.

Architect	Hilbert	Hiller	Whitaker
Bronckos	Hilchuk	Tahiti	Whitler
Chas	Hilbert	White	Whitla
Graphic	Hilless	Whitney	



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## WEST GULF DRIVE HOUSE LOT PACKAGE

WHAT AN AWESOME LOCATION! On West Gulf Drive, this quiet and tropical home site

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## TARPON RIVERFRONT ESTATES - A NEIGHBORHOOD RIVERFRONT SUBDIVISION

RARE opportunity to create a legacy property in an Up & Coming Neighborhood. Recreate a part of Fort Myers's history by redeveloping this extremely rare property. The first early 1900's historic home consisting of a single level, plantation style residence with wrap around decking, screened in lanai's & modish pool, stone hearth fireplace, cypress floors, vaulted ceilings, double pane windows, renovated kitchen and a Royal Palm lined entrance. A second two-story residence offers the original restored heart pine floors, galley style kitchen, office, family room & a 'tini' upper deck overlooking expansive grounds to the water. **Offered for \$4,900,000. Contact LeAne Suarez 239/872-1632**



## JONATHAN HARBOUR

Spectacular waterfront lot on Connie Mack Island in Jonathan Harbour with wide open views overlooking Connie Mack Bay, 243+ feet of water frontage.

The Best of the Best. Perfect spot to build your dream home and enjoy magnificent sunsets and all that SW Florida has to offer. Very close to Sanibel Island, great restaurants and fun shopping. Jonathan Harbour is a gated community that offers tennis, a community pool and clubhouse. This lot is filled and ready for building. **Offered for \$895,000. Contact Ralph Galietti 239/826-5897 or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5807**



## THE DUNES

This well appointed home features bamboo flooring throughout, 10 foot ceilings, crown molding, large master bedroom suite offering privacy with large closets, vanities, large jacuzzi soaking tub and more thoughtful touches. There is a large den and two guest bedrooms. Open up the French doors to the screened-in porch and go for a swim. The enclosed garage is large enough to store several automobiles with lots of storage. This home is beautiful and "built to code". **Offered for \$849,000 Contact Connie Walters "Ms Listr" 239/841-4540 or Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975**



## SUNSET CAPTIVA

Sunset Captiva is a wonderful village in the heart of "quaint downtown Captiva". Fantastic dining, live music on every corner, wonderful shopping, boating and water sports are all only a very short stroll yet privacy abounds in this unusually spacious 2 bed/2 bath bayfront condo in a 10 unit building. Ever changing bayfront views, deepwater direct access docks, oversized pool, 2 tennis courts, clubhouse, picnic areas and private beach access. It is easy to say "this listing has it all" but the Sunset Captiva Gulf to Bay Homeowners truly do. Stroll or golfcart (allowed in the Captiva Village) to a very fun, relaxing, tropical lifestyle. **Offered for \$869,000 Contact Loretta Geiger 239/980-2298.**



## 2749

### WULFERT

Spectacular 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath furnished Villa Home in great location with lovely views of lake and 18th fairway of Sanctuary Golf Club. Courtyard entrance with separate mother-in-law suite. Dramatic great room featuring 15 ft. tray ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace, & 8 ft. doors leading to brick terrace & pool area. Custom kitchen with granite island, 2 pantries, built in desk. Master suite features 11 ft. tray ceilings with crown molding, fire place, and oversized walk-in closet & luxurious marble master bath. 3rd bedroom is furnished as library. Offering carefree living with yard & pool maintained by association. Just steps to the clubhouse and tennis / fitness facility. **Contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



## BEACH RD. VILLA

The name, "Beach Road Villas" says it all. Just a short walk or ride to the beach sands of the Gulf of Mexico. This East End complex consists of six town homes and their own private pool. The highlights of this home include recently remodeled kitchen and baths featuring stainless appliances, granite counter-tops, new cabinetry and more. Beautiful neutral tile throughout the living area including the lanai. Master suite upstairs includes a private bath, ample closets and a balcony overlooking the tranquil lake. **Offered for \$344,999. Contact Brian Murty 239/565-1272.**



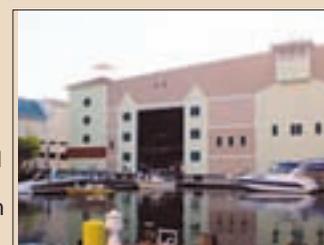
## 2964 WULFERT

This is the opportunity you have been looking for! 7300 sq. ft. living area! Originally sold in 2006 for \$4.7M, and, after extensive negotiations with the lender, now offered for \$2,464,000. On The Sanctuary's signature # 4 fairway with expansive views of The Bay, this magnificent home features 5 bedrooms 5 1/2 baths, chef's kitchen, library, butler's pantry, 800 bottle walk-in wine cellar, family room with large bar/entertaining area, elevator, master retreat area plus fitness room. Real plaster moldings, marble & hard wood flooring, custom built-in bookcases. Expansive veranda with summer kitchen overlooks pool & spa. **Offered for \$2,464,000. Contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602**



## SANIBEL HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

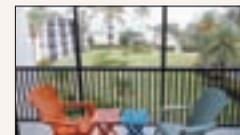
A lifestyle for the boater! Location, convenience married with luxury makes this dry dockminium ownership hassle free. Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club is located across the bay from Sanibel Island. Like no other, amenities include: valet parking, limo service, sunrise-sunset unlimited boat launching, whole sale pricing, owners lounge, martini bar, gourmet deli, beach area with tiki hut, bbq, 24 hour security, boat wash down and engine flush. **#102- \$50,000 Contact LeAne Suarez 239/872-1632 #259- \$49,900 Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420 #159- \$37,000 Contact Tracy Walters 239/994-7975**



## SUNDIAL NEW LISTINGS

### I-302

Wonderful views of the Gulf of Mexico from this finely appointed condominium, recently re-done and tastefully furnished, this 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo features new kitchen with solid surface counter tops, raised panel cabinetry, crown molding and up lighting. Featuring diagonal tile flooring in the kitchen, living room/dining room, tiled hallway and baths, double sliding glass doors lead to the large breezy lanai. **Offered for \$489,000 Contact Brian Murty at 239/565-1272**



### J-107

This Magnificent 2 bedroom 2 Bath Condo Is Ideally Located on the Ground Floor, Just Steps to the Gulf of Mexico and the Sundial Resort's Restaurant, Pool and Pool Bar. Sellers Have Been Very Diligent With Upkeep and Updating. Outstanding Rental History Only Adds to the Value of This Charming Condominium. **Offered for \$497,000. Contact Brian Murty at 239/565-1272**

