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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Holiday House 2011

Holiday House

Holiday House is a long-standing tradition for downtown Fort Myer's historic River District. Tours of the Burroughs and Langford-Kingston Homes on the corner of First Street and Fowler are available through December 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. nightly.

Each room in the historic homes will represent a different country and will

be decorated accordingly. Hundreds of members and volunteers of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club (FMWCC) spent countless hours transforming the interiors and exteriors of the Burroughs and Langford-Kingston homes, lawns and grounds with holiday décor.

The Burroughs Home and Gardens is located on 2.45 acres in downtown Fort Myers and is bounded on the north by the Caloosahatchee and on the south

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Marine Science Center Tours



Take a tour of the Fort Myers Beach multi-million dollar shrimping fleet with Ostego Bay and meet the people who harvest and sell "Pink Gold"

Did you know that the Fort Myers Beach shrimping fleet is the largest commercial fishing fleet in the Gulf of Mexico? Shrimping, known as Pink Gold, contributes millions of dollars to the economy. On Wednesdays, the Ostego Bay Foundation's Marine Science Center offers tours of San Carlos Island's commercial fishing fleet. The three-hour guided tour starts at 9 a.m.

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Edison & Ford Winter Estates December Programs And Events



Edison & Ford Holiday Nights is open until December 30

photo by Mike Shapiro

Throughout the month of December, there are special activities planned for Edison & Ford Holiday Nights as well as the daily offerings of tours of the historic homes, gardens and museum. Nightly Holiday Traditions Tours with site historians are at 6 and 7 p.m. and new Holiday Behind The Scenes Tours with Curators are on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. as well as a variety of programs and events that include:

- Edison & Ford Holiday Nights – through December 30

Holiday tradition continues with Edison & Ford Holiday Nights, a Southwest Florida 37-year annual event. The winter homes and gardens of the Edison and Ford families have been seasonally decorated. Guided tours are at 6 and 7 p.m. (special ticket price); and new Behind The Scenes Tours are on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. (special ticket price). The newly restored Edison Botanic Research Lab and Museum are open every night. Nightly performances by students and community groups at 7 p.m. are free to the public. Discounted rates are available to groups of 20 or more with advance reservations. Cost is \$15 for adults, children ages six to 12 are \$1, Edison Ford members are free.

- Santa Visits Edison Ford – December 14, 16 and 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Children and their families are welcome to visit Santa at the Edison Ford during the season in the Children's Tree Trail, located in the public Heritage Garden which is free to the public.

- Island Hopping Holiday Cruise – December 15, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Captiva Holiday Village meets Merry Matlacha and Edison Ford for an Island Hopping Cruise and tour with Captiva Cruises departing Captiva Island to Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens in Matlacha to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers as well as a cruise to see holiday lights along the Caloosahatchee that can be seen only by boat. Cruise includes lunch and dinner, historic walking tour of Matlacha, Edison

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Santa visits the Edison Ford on select nights

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Radio Unit Protects President-Elect

by Gerri Reaves



Grand celebrations for Thomas Edison's birthday was routine for decades in Fort Myers, but when his 82nd birthday rolled around on February 11, 1929, the party mushroomed into the grandest party ever.

After all, U.S. President-elect Herbert Hoover was coming to town, and Henry Ford and Harvey S. Firestone were joining the festivities, too. (Note that in 1929, U.S. presidents were inaugurated in March, not January, as they are today.)

Full-page newspaper ads funded by a host of local businesses and civic groups congratulated and welcomed the great men. Reporters, photographers and even Pathé sound reel and Fox

Movietone flocked to Fort Myers to document the birthday party.

Among the many cultural and social events was an Edison Birthday recital at the Municipal Auditorium on the Pleasure Pier, sponsored by the Fort Myers Music Club. It offered a chance to "hear Edison speak" and enjoy a famous visiting lyric baritone.

The "great-men" visit attracted an estimated 25 thousand people, filling every hotel room in town. Visitors were forced to seek accommodations in private homes. Out-of-state visitors' cars clogged the streets, for there was no available garage space.



The 1925 Mediterranean-style building stood on the river side of First Street between Avalon Place and Evans Avenue. In its final years, it was American Legion Post 38. It was demolished about 10 years ago photo by Gerri Reaves



In 1932, the U.S. Naval Reserve Radio Unit of Fort Myers poses in front of the Elk's Lodge. (Note "BPOE" on the balcony.) Pictured are (front from left) Lt. Edgar Sherouse, Carl Johnson, Gordon Perry, Bryan Moore, unidentified, Curtis Davison, Slim Roberts, Tavy Bryan, Joe Kepler, Whittaker (first name unknown) and Cmdr. Bill Grogan; (back) unidentified, Claire Merchant, Frances Des Rocher, Ernest Hart, Durdin (first name unknown) and Ernest James

courtesy of American Legion Post 38

The main event was the six-car motorcade of great men, dignitaries, and wives. On the tour through town, the honored guests were saluted by organizations stationed along the route: the Fort Myers Concert Band, the American Legion Trumpet and Drum Corps, and others.

Security was ensured by more than 200 special officers from Tampa, Wauchula, Arcadia and Lakeland, and 100 Boy Scouts, who assisted with the smooth running of the parade. The Secret Service was on hand to guard Hoover, of course.

In addition to the local police force, the security details included 175 private citizens, 25 National Guard soldiers, 10 sailors from the U.S. Naval reserve, two men from the federal Coast Guard, and 40 Legionnaires.

Ernest Hart of the U.S. Naval Reserve Radio Unit of Fort Myers was one of many pressed into service. He is pictured third from the right in the 1932 photograph.

Hart had come to Fort Myers in 1920 at the age of 10. Writing to local historian Marian B. Godown in 1973, he explained how he came to enlist in the unit.

Toward the end of his high school years, he became interested in photography and apprenticed with William F. Grogan (far right), former cameraman with Fox Movietone, which had been in Jacksonville, Florida, before moving to Hollywood.

But Hart's mother worried about her son's exposure to photographic chemicals, so he joined the radio unit to learn about another trade. It turns out, however, that he ended up pursuing photography as a career.

However, his service in the radio unit at least gave him an inside look at what must have been the biggest event Fort Myers ever experienced.

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Fort Myers New Year's Eve Downtown Countdown

Southwest Florida's biggest and best party of the year is the 2013 Fort Myers New Year's Eve Downtown Countdown to be held Monday, December 31 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. The event offers entertainment for people of all ages in the River District at various stages and venues between Edwards Drive and Main Street.

The celebration includes live entertainment by 11 diverse and exciting musical acts, a DJ Tower with nonstop music, Florida's longest Conga line, food vendors, a craft beer garden, prizes, surprises and much more. New this year is Kids Zone, sponsored by the Florida Everblades. Southwest Florida's Famous Big Ball will drop at midnight to ring in the New Year, along with a spectacular fireworks show over the new river basin.

"It's going to be like New Year's Eve in New York Times Square, only warmer," said event organizers.

Admission is free, but there are preferred viewing tickets at \$10 and \$15, and VIP tickets starting at \$99 per person include special access, food and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are available online at www.fortmyersdowntowncountdown.com.

Entertainment takes place on five stages and includes the sounds of *American Idol* contestant Paige Miles, ZZ Top, Rolling Stones and Miami Sound Machine tribute bands, The Jewmaicans, Hands Up Music, Influential and Son Salvaje. Stage hosts include Univision's Jackie Figueroa, ABC-7 Meteorologist John Patrick and dancing in the street with DJ Gentry Thomas.

The big bash is for people of all ages, including the little ones, who will have a blast in the Kids Zone with bounce houses, ball pits, an obstacle course, giant slides, a rock climbing wall, balloon typhoon, crafts and games. Plus, special activities sponsored by The Imaginarium, and the Florida Repertory Theatre will present *Schoolhouse Rocks* at 7 p.m. Tickets to the Kids Zone are free for children 6 and under, for ages 7 and above bracelets will be for sale at \$12 for one, \$20 for two and \$25 for three.

The 2013 Fort Myers Downtown Countdown is brought to you by the River District Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the Fort Myers Downtown River District through art and culture. The New Year's Eve event unites the city, bringing residents, tourists and businesses together in celebration.

Additional sponsors include Jet Blue, Suncoast Beverage Sales, Chico's FAS, Inc. The Wilbur Smith Law Firm, and more than 35 other local businesses.

Visit the 2013 Fort Myers Downtown Countdown to New Year's Eve website at www.FortMyersDowntownCountdown.com for information and to purchase tickets.*



The Village Church Choir & Festival Orchestra

The Many Moods Of Christmas At Village Church

The Village Church Choir & Festival Orchestra at Shell Point Retirement Community presents The Many Moods of Christmas on Sunday, December 16 at 6:15 p.m. This concert will take place in the Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point, and tickets are \$10 each.

The Village Church Choir (90-plus voices) at Shell Point Retirement Community, accompanied by a Festival Orchestra (comprised of 35 area symphony musicians), will present The Many

Moods of Christmas. This masterwork alternates between the reflective and joyous which provides full expression for meditation and celebration certain to instill the Christmas spirit in all of us.

"Christmas is such an amazing time of year, and we are overjoyed to offer this exquisite performance," said Pastor Randy Woods, minister of worship and music for The Village Church. "This is the second concert in our Season of Praise this year, and we are looking forward to this concert and the many others that will take place between now and the spring."

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased on line at www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise. To receive additional information about the Season of Praise concert series, call 454-2147.*

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Solid Waste Holiday Collection

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Beginning Tuesday, the week of December 25 and the following Tuesday, the week of January 1 all Solid Waste services will run one day behind for all Residential/Commercial customers. The Solid Waste Department will resume normal operations on Monday, January 7.

Recycle Your Christmas Trees & Paper

Disposal of Christmas trees will be available from December 26 up to and including January 31. Please remove all tree stands and decorations.

Flocked trees can also be recycled. Christmas paper is also a recyclable material and may be placed in your recycling container. Plastic ribbons and bows are not recyclable and must be disposed of in your regular trash receptacle.

If you have any questions concerning your collection during the holidays, call the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050.

Parks And Recreation Improvements To Bring Temporary Holiday Closures

Lee County Parks & Recreation will improve its recreation centers' floors and upgrade its registration system during the holidays. Due to the nature of the work, the centers will be closed temporarily and the registration system will be down briefly.

"Our visitor numbers typically are down between Christmas and New Years at Parks and Recreation, and we expect these improvements will minimally impact the communities we serve," said Dave Harner, director.

Crews will strip and resurface gymnasium floors at Estero Recreation Center, Veterans Recreation Center in Lehigh Acres and Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center in South Fort Myers. Closures will begin on Monday, December 24. Veterans is expected to reopen on Wednesday, January 2; the other two rec centers have a tentative reopening date of Saturday, January 5.

WebTrac – the department's online registration system– will have its software upgraded to create a more user-friendly experience. The public will not be able to sign

up for programs, events or picnic shelters on Wednesday or Thursday, January 2 or 3. Normal online registration is expected to resume on Friday, January 4.

For more information, visit www.leeparks.org. Questions can be directed to 533-7275 or leeparks@leegov.com.

Free Movie Night In The Park

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, relax and enjoy a free Movie In The Park on Friday, December 14. The Fort Myers Recreation Division offers you the opportunity to watch two great Christmas classics. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Tom Hanks and *The Polar Express* takes off for the North Pole followed by one of the best loved movies of all time, Bing Crosby in *White Christmas*. There is free onsite parking and all concessions are \$1.

The films will be shown at City of Palms Park, located at 2201 Broadway in Fort Myers beginning at 6:30 p.m. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating.

Greeters Club Luncheon

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on December 20 at Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. There will be a member accessory auction for the holiday season.

Luncheon cost is \$20 and reservations are required. Contact Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750, Marie Gaither at 791-8966 or email: wmgaither@aol.com. Check Facebook at Greeters of Fort Myers for other activities.

Craft & White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms RV Resort will host a Craft & White Elephant Sale on Saturday, December 15 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Main Hall on Summerlin Road in Fort Myers, one mile west on San Carlos Boulevard. Coffee and donuts will be available.

For more information, call Marge Gregg at 466-5331.

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Jazz Jam Session At Music Walk

On Friday, December 21, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will host a Jazz Jam Session with bass player Kevin Mauldin, drummer Richie Iannuzzi, and pianist Danny Sinoff. The performance will take place during Music Walk from 7 to 10 p.m. After enjoying the creative energy and swinging sound of this trio of celebrated musicians, stay for the party – the Dancing at the Davis/Hollywood Glamor Party, from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Art Center is located in the River District in downtown Fort Myers, at 2301 First Street.

Kevin Mauldin began playing bass at 13, in the Memphis City Schools system. He got his bachelor's of Music from Memphis State University and then a master's of Music Degree in Instrumental Performance from Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. He then won the position of Principal Bass in the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Association, keeping his improvisational skills by mixing with the local jazz scene there. After Chattanooga, Mauldin began his career in Naples playing in the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra (1990 to now) and the University of Miami (2000 to 2010). He has kept in touch with the local jazz scene, playing with artists from Naples and Southwest Florida.

Richard (Richie) Iannuzzi is one of Southwest Florida's most reliably swinging and in-demand drummers. He hails from Toronto, where he started his first road band at the age of 18. He toured the Eastern Provinces until a move to Boston to attend the Berklee College of Music. From 1979 to 1989, he co-owned a recording studio where he composed and produced music for radio and television, produced recordings for bands and solo artists, and toured with live bands. After making his move to Southwest Florida in 1990, Richie put together four of the area's most popular bands playing in the jazz/blues genre.

Over the years, Iannuzzi has appeared live with Livingston Taylor, Harry Belafonte, Buckwheat Zydeco, Tower of Power, Ziggy Marley and the Wailers, Gatemouth Brown and fellow Southwest Floridian Chuck Mangione.

Since the founding of the Roadhouse Cafe in Fort Myers in 2009, Richie has played drums with many of the jazz groups appearing there including the Lou Colombo Orchestra and the Danny Sinoff Trio. Also at the Roadhouse, he enjoys hosting and being the "air traffic controller" for the lively Jazz Jam every Sunday night beginning at 7 p.m.

Danny Sinoff has been a musician since the age of two. Starting with classical piano study in Newton, Massachusetts, he performed with various ensembles until he joined his first jazz band in high school. At that point he began to develop his own vocal styling. His inspiration came from listening to Frank Sinatra, Mel Tormé and Harry Connick, Jr. After studying at Berklee College, Sinoff dedicated his life to jazz music and began playing professionally, entertaining audiences all over the globe with top jazz artists including the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, David "Fathead" Newman, Jimmy McGriff, Sweet Georgia Brown and Jimmy Norman. Mr. Sinoff's debut album, *Live at Ellington's Volume 1*, was recorded in front of a live audience at Ellington's Jazz Bar and Restaurant on Sanibel, where he regularly performed.

The Dancing at the Davis themed dance parties are new this season. Get dressed up and come to the Davis Art Center for music, dancing and fun after Music Walk. December's theme is Hollywood Glamor. Come dressed as your favorite movie character and dance to the hottest hits.

Dancing at the Davis tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 in advance, through the Wednesday before Music Walk.✳



Danny Sinoff



Kevin Mauldin

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Estates December Programs

Ford, and Holiday Nights. Cost is \$135 per person. For reservations, call 334-7419.

- Edison Ford Artists & Authors Nights – December 16, 4 to 8 p.m.

Looking for the perfect gift for the person on your list who has everything? Edison Ford Artists & Authors will personalize artwork and books for a one-of-a-kind gift. Participants will sample great foods sold in the Edison Ford retail stores including chocolates, jams, jellies, fruit tea and more. Edison Ford Members are free; shopper's passes will be issued at the Edison Ford ticket office for non-members.

- Homeschool: Simple Machines – December 17 or 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (students grades 1 to 6)

Homeschool students will see how "things" work with simple machines and their uses in industrial processes. Students and their parents can enroll in a two hour program with curriculum that follows the Next Generation Florida Sunshine State Standards. Pre-visit curriculum materials will be emailed to registered families. Registration required. Cost for Edison Ford members is \$10; non-members \$20 (one adult, one child) additional \$10 per child.

- Emerging Inventors: Super Sound – December 20, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Emerging Inventors Early Learners class for 1- to 3-year-old children and their parents, grandparents or other family members and includes socializing with others, education activities, story time, singing, crafts and exploring the homes, gardens and museum at the Edison Ford. Cost for Edison Ford members is \$5, non-members \$15 (one adult, one child), additional \$5 per child.

For additional information, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.✳

Gulf Coast Humane Society Pictures With Santa And Shelter Pet

Gulf Coast Humane Society will offer pictures with Santa and a shelter pet on Saturday, December 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers for a suggested \$10 donation.

Come see Santa and choose which adorable and adoptable pet you or your child would like your picture with. Pictures can either be taken home that afternoon or e-mailed.

For more information, contact Gulf Coast Humane Society at 332-0364 or info@gulfcosthumanesociety.org.✳

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Holiday Dance With Southern Express

Cape Coral Parks and Recreation will present a Holiday Dance featuring Southern Express on Friday, December 14 at the Lake Kennedy Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral.

It's time to show a bit of southern hospitality and give a big "Yee-Haw" for Southern Express as they take center stage at the Lake Kennedy Center this holiday season. Move and groove to the best country and rock songs from the 1940s to today. Join your friends for an exciting evening of high energy musical entertainment. Experience the sounds of this talented twosome sure to get you off your seat and feeling fancy free all with a southern flair.

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Radio Unit

In fact, he was so inside the tumult as he patrolled near the Edison home that he didn't even see the parade.

Take a walk down First Street to the spot where a radio unit posed for a photo in 1932. Or, hop on the new free River District Trolley to get there in record time.

When you head back to the business district, visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about Edison's grand eighty-second birthday party.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society, one of the area's best research centers, where you can read Hart's memories of old Fort Myers.

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

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

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Post Office Extends Hours For Holiday Shipping

Post Offices in Naples, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres and Punta Gorda are offering extended holiday hours of operation on Saturdays and Sundays. The extended hours will be effective through Sunday, December 16. Postmasters are hoping that customers will take advantage of mailing on the weekends. Postal customers who take advantage of this opportunity will avoid the heavy traffic on Mondays.

Page Field Post Office in Fort Myers will offer full service on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Lehigh Acres Post Office will offer full service on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will not be open on Sundays.

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Lee Community Youth Chorus

Lee Community Youth Chorus Auditions Open

Lee Community Youth Chorus is a multicultural music education and performance program for youth that fosters talent, confidence and community. The group is now accepting new singers.

The chorus performs at many venues throughout the community, including the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center,

Butterfly Estates, Cape Coral Yacht Club and Alliance for the Arts. They now have three convenient rehearsal locations in Fort Myers, San Carlos and Cape Coral. They are open to all students, age 7-plus, all levels of singing abilities. Singers are taught to sing in two-part harmony and experience a wide variety of musical styles. Register before December 31 and receive free tuition for the next year.

To register or for additional information, contact director Debby Dorr at pianodorr@gmail.com or 941-866-1710.✪

Toy Donations Needed

Toys for Tots provides that special touch each year in helping the less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas. Cape Harbour is a collection site for Toys for Tots again this Christmas season. There is a donation box located at the sales center. Drop off unwrapped gifts at Cape Harbour, 5703 Cape Harbour Drive, Cape Coral.✪

City Of Fort Myers Holiday Closings

The City of Fort Myers will observe Christmas Day on Tuesday, December 25 and New Year's Day on Tuesday, January 1. City Hall and all city offices will be closed on those days.

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Along The River



Holiday spirit shines at Nervous Nellie's on Fort Myers Beach

For some people, their favorite thing to make for Christmas dinner is... reservations. The casual, contemporary **Sunshine Grille Wood Fired Steaks & Seafood** is open for lunch and dinner on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Executive chef Roger Chastain, along with sous chef Miguel Vasquez, has created an exciting menu with choices including roast winter vegetable soup, two salads, three entrées (prime rib, rack of lamb and veal), each served with three vegetables and Duchess potatoes. Christmas Eve lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with dinner continuing to 8 p.m. Christmas Day lunch and dinner service is from 1 to 8 p.m. Reservations are suggested.

Sunshine Grille is located at 8700 Gladiolus Drive on the corner of Gladiolus in Fort Myers. It is open seven days a week with live music nightly at 5:30 p.m. The Sunday buffet brunch features a bloody mary bar. It is also open New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Call 489-2233 or go to www.sunshinegrillefm.com.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery staff is neurotic about good food



Sanibel's Il Cielo reopens this Thursday for the season

and drink. The casual restaurant boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, sandwiches and entrées. While relaxing on the deck, swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area's premier musical talent.

Just upstairs from Nellie's is **Ugly's Waterside Bar**, the place where everyone gets prettier. Ugly's has happy hour all day, every day and features live music nightly. Go to www.nervousnellies.net for a listing of upcoming performers.

Nellie's offers the perfect backdrop for mixing business and pleasure at your office holiday party. Call ahead to reserve a spot in air-conditioned comfort or outside on the expansive waterfront patio. Nellie's staff will satisfy everyone with great food and drink without breaking the bank.

Whether you arrive by land or sea, parking for patrons of Nellie's and Ugly's is free. If you are traveling by boat, marine dockage is available at the Snug Harbour Marina with dock attendant's assistance. The GPS coordinates are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery is located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. It is open for lunch, dinner and snacks in between. Call 463-8077 or go to www.nervousnellies.net.

On Thursday, December 13, **Il Cielo** reopens for the season. The Sanibel restaurant features an all new eclectic fare, and if you're in the mood for a more casual dining experience, your table awaits you in the new **Cloud Nine Grille**.

For a tasteful holiday, gift cards are available in any amount and offered indefinitely. They are perfect for a holiday or birthday gift, or special way to say "thank you" to a loved one. All menus are available in the fine dining area, the Cloud Nine Grille or outdoors on the veranda.

Whether the kids are game for the best Kobe beef sliders ever, Grandma is looking forward to a gourmet meal, Dad's too tired to change out of his golf clothes, or Mom could use a fancy cocktail, the restaurant's new casual dining grille puts your entire group on the same page.

Il Cielo is located at 1244 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. It is open 5 to 10 p.m. daily. Call 472-5555 or go to www.ilcielosanibel.com.

Create a unique holiday gift for a loved one (or yourself!) at **Vino's Picasso**. On Saturday, December 15, the art studio offers two great sessions; one for children and one for adult painters.

From 12:30 to 2 p.m., the studio is offering Enlarge Painting for ages seven and older. Bring your artistic one to Vino's Picasso to recreate a fun, easy and super cool painting. The price is \$25 per child and includes one 12" x 16" stretched canvas on a wood frame and all necessary materials.

For adults, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., the studio is holding a holiday-themed special class entitled Nutcracker. The price is \$40. Ninety percent of clients have never painted before so be not afraid!

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

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

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Holiday House

by First Street. The home boasts turn-of-the-century Georgian Revival architecture and has not been altered considerably since construction was completed in 1901. The Langford-Kingston Home is a 5,000-square-foot prairie school residence and one of downtown Fort Myers most outstanding houses.

"Holiday House has something for everyone," said FMWCC President Debi Fussell. "In addition to walking through these two festively decorated homes and grounds, children can visit Santa each evening at the Langford-Kingston Home."

Admission for Holiday House is \$5 per person. Children 10 and under are free. Veterans and military are free with a military ID. Parking is available at First United Methodist Church off Fowler at no charge.

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



This year's theme for Fort Myers' Holiday House is Christmas Around the World

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Veterans Park Rec Center December Events

Veterans Park Recreation Center, located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres, announces the following events and activities during the month of December:

Breakfast With The Kringles – Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come join us for a continental-style breakfast, holiday crafts and a special visit with Mr. and Mrs. Kringle. Each child will receive a present with their visit. Be sure to bring a camera for your child's holiday photo shoot. Entertainment will be provided by the Susan Katz Dance Group.

Cost is \$5 per child infant to 13 years (includes breakfast, craft and present); \$3 per adult 14 years and older (breakfast only). For questions, call the Veterans Park Recreation Center at 369-1521.

• **Crash Course In Veggie Gardening** – Saturday, December 15 at 11 a.m.

Thought about veggie gardening, but don't know how to start? Tried a garden, but it failed? Have a question about your current garden? Come join other gardeners. This free class will be held at Veterans Park's outdoor pavilion. Watch for signs.

Bring questions, a notepad and a chair (there will be limited picnic table seating). This free crash course will run approximately 1.5 hours and will be taught by

both adult and 4-H Lehigh Acres Edible Gardening Exchange members.

Call 610-530-8883 to reserve your place

• **4-H Dear Santa Letter**

Dear Santa, I want a veggie garden. Have you always wanted a veggie garden, but don't know where to start or don't have the ability to create one? Santa is looking for a Lehigh Acres gardener who needs a 4-foot x 8-foot raised veggie garden bed installed and planted. All ready to go, just add water.

Write Santa a letter (less than 500 words, please) with the following:

1. Why you want or need a veggie garden
2. Why you have not made one for yourself yet
3. Where Santa could put your garden
4. Include your name, address, phone, and email (if you have one)

Santa can only deliver this special package to a resident of Lehigh Acres, Florida. Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on December 20. The winner will be notified by a phone call from one of Santa's elves on Christmas Day.

Mail or hand-deliver your letter to: Santa's 4-H Garden Project, Veterans Park Recreational Center, 55 Homestead Road South, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936.*

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Youngsters from Southwest Florida Christian Academy participate in Operation Christmas Child

SFCA, McGregor Baptist Church Join In Operation Christmas Child

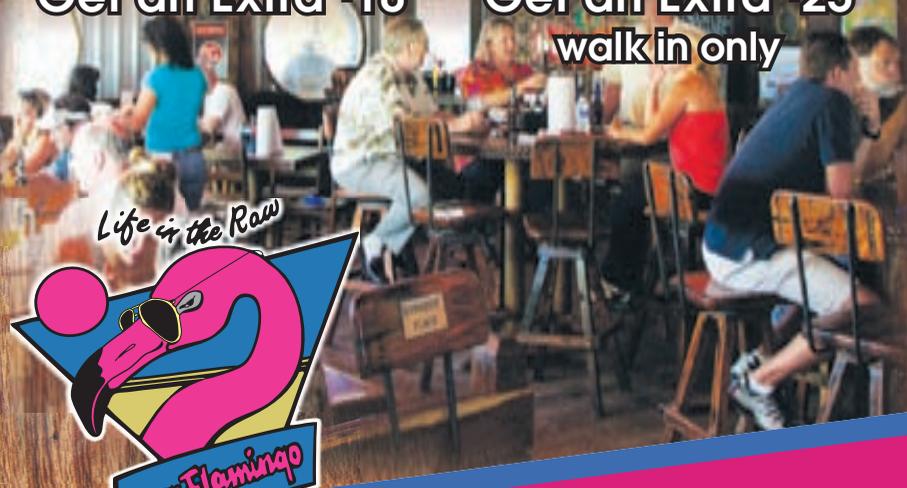


Operation Christmas Child collection under way at McGregor Baptist Church

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Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected more than 86 million shoe box gifts and hand-delivered them to impoverished children in more than 130 countries. Southwest Florida Christian Academy (SFCA) and McGregor Baptist Church collected over 1,400 boxes to help meet the need this year. The shoeboxes are filled with hygienic items, toys and other treats. The boxes collected in Florida will go to Ukraine, Belize, Ecuador, Madagascar, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Georgia, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Zimbabwe and one undisclosed country. What joy it was for SFCA students to participate in this effort; however, the students have actively been involved in this ministry since 1997.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan Purse, headed by Franklin Graham. While Samaritan Purse works to meet critical physical needs, such as clean water, health care and food, Operation Christmas Child addresses a need for which children are just as desperate, that is the need to have hope and feel loved.

For more information, write to Lisa Kreps Blanchard, Director of Advancement at Southwest Florida Christian Academy, 3750 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966, call 936-8865 or visit www.swfca.com.*

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Steve Bowen, left, Rotary Club president, makes the check presentation to Al Brislain, president/CEO of the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida

Rotary Fort Myers Distributes Italian Fest Proceeds

October 7 marked the Rotary Club of Fort Myer's 4th annual Italian Fest, sponsored by Southwest Florida College, and held at the Alliance for the Arts. More than 3,500 people enjoyed great entertainment, amazing food and fun activities while also supporting the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

During a formal presentation at their weekly meeting, members of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers presented a \$24,000 check to Harry Chapin Food Bank representatives. The Food Bank's mission is to "overcome hunger in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties through education and by working in a cooperative effort with affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination."

The Italian Fest would not be possible without generous support from Rotary sponsors including Southwest Florida College, Century Link, Progressive

Builders, Vein Specialists, Lee Memorial Heath System, Edison National Bank, Lee County Sheriffs Office, Copy Lady, ABC7, NBC2 and Encore National Bank.

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 about Rotary, visit www.RotaryFortMyers.org or call 332-8158.*

Orchid Growers To Present Panel

On December 20, the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance will hold its first Third Thursday member event at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1255 Piper Blvd. in Naples from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A panel of seasoned orchid growers will present their tips about where to shop for great orchids, how to recognize quality, and which orchids are best for your growing conditions.

Alliance members are encouraged to bring blooming plants for display so that everyone can appreciate their beauty. Hanging racks will be provided. Guests are welcome to attend.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance is committed to promoting interest in orchids by providing educational opportunities to learn about orchid culture in an enthusiastic, enjoyable, supportive and inclusive environment where beginners to advanced hobbyists can exchange orchid information and ideas. GCOA reaches out to the community, inspiring others to learn about orchids and orchid conservation. Annual membership is \$25 Individual, \$45 Joint, and Under 18 free.

For more information, contact the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 110263, Naples, FL 34108, call 498-9741, email info@GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com or visit www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com or www.OrchidFun.com.*

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Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture Series

The 12th annual Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture Series begins on Wednesday, January 2 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The lectures are free of charge and open to the public. Their distinguished speakers will cover a wide variety of topics of interest and importance to all residents of the Fort Myers area.

January 2 – The Christian Church Today: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church

January 9 – The New Fort Myers: Don Paight, executive director, Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency

January 16 – All the News That's Fit to Print: Mei-Mei Chan, president and publisher, News-Press Media Group

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February 20 – Our Forgotten Neighbors: Rev. Dr. James Berger, Pastor Hope United Church

February 27 – Children in Crisis: Raelyn Means, circuit director, Guardian ad Litem Program, Fort Myers

These one hour lectures begin at 10 a.m. preceded by coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. No advance registration is required. The lectures will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2439 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. Call 334-8937 or visit www.covpcfm.com for additional information.*

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Love Your Neighbor Event

Love Your Neighbor, an annual event benefiting the Heights Foundation, will be held on Wednesday, January 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gulf Harbour home of Daun and Peter Dessak.

Guests will enjoy an assortment of culinary creations from local restaurants along with a selection of fine wine and spirits. Live and silent auction items will be offered and all proceeds will benefit the School Success programs for at-risk children in the Harlem Heights Neighborhood. Nearly \$300,000 was raised at last year's event including \$150,000 toward the annual fund and \$150,000 to complete the capital campaign.

"The residents of Harlem Heights are our neighbors," said Daun Dessak. "We believe it is important to support the Heights Foundation in their mission to build strong, self-sufficient families and education is the key to their success."

"Our School Success program includes academic tutoring, after school and summer camp programs, scholarship and college access assistance, school supplies, and tuition support", said Kathryn

Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "Each program is geared to meet the specific needs of children and young adults who seek to further their education."

Tickets are now on sale for \$150 each and space is limited. Purchase tickets online at www.heightsfoundation.org or call Laurie at 482-7706.*

Christmas Worship Schedule

All are welcome to special candlelight worship services at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA). On Christmas Day, December 25, there will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m.

During the month of December, St. Peter will hold Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., with one single service on December 30 at 9:30 a.m.

A friendly church that warmly welcomes all visitors as family, St. Peter Lutheran Church is located at 3751 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach. For more information, call the church office anytime at 463-4251.*



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Conditions Perfect For Avoiding Holiday Crowds



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

For the last week, weather conditions have been near perfect, and as of now, short term we really have no cold fronts in sight. Calm conditions give us lots of fish-

ing options, whether it be in the sound or out along the beaches. Add to that, no one is out on the water, with this being the lull before the storm of winter residents and visitors arriving.

I simply cannot think of a better time to be out on the water.

Redfish action remained strong this week, with fish being caught a variety of ways. During the low tides, tailing fish could be targeted in the shallows often following mullet schools. Areas off Cayo Costa, just south of Cabbage Key, held

good numbers of tailing fish which were easy to spot during the super calm conditions.

Look for the reds pushing water in or around the mullet schools. The bar that runs in close to Sanibel from Tarpon Bay to Wulfert Keys was also another good place to locate these reds during the lower stages of the tide. Working the sandholes on the drop-off of the bar with soft plastic jigs was most productive for me this week.

Catch-and-release snook fishing was a little more hit and miss, although we did manage a few snook this week in the 30-inch size range. Docks right off the intracoastal and the edges of the passes held lots of snook, although getting them to eat a bait was tougher than just locating them. I like to fish most docks on a falling tide, so first thing in the morning or late night with the tide pattern we have been on was your best bet to hook into a quality snook. Many of my favorite lighted docks have been loaded up with snook at night.

Our usual winter go-to of sheepshead fishing has been a little slower than I would have thought. Although I have caught a few here and there, conditions just have not been cold enough yet to push good numbers of the fish into the



Eli Jolly with a catch-and-release snook

I will often talk to local crab boat captains who keep their boats near mine to give me a better idea of where to search. Although you probably don't have this same luxury, it's just a matter of covering lots of water to find these fish.

This is some of my favorite winter time fishing. Generally, when tripletail fishing, I prefer to go out later in the day when the sun is up high and the fish seem to sun themselves, making them easier to spot laid up on the surface.

As the frenzy with Christmas holiday shopping builds the next few weeks, I cannot think of a better place to get away from the craziness than out on the water with a fishing rod in my hand.

*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.**

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Local Waters/Local Charts Class

The 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 reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart #11427, 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 or call 466-4040.*

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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sound. The middle of December is usually the start of prime time for catching these fish, but I really have no complaints as the redfish bite is still going on instead.

Out along the beaches, action on tripletail has been getting more and more consistent. Running crab pots anywhere from north Naples to Boca Grande has been a good bet to catch a medium-sized tripletail. Most of these fish have been less than 10 pounds so far, but you never know when you could run into that 15- to 20-pound giant. Live freeline shrimp are the bait of choice. Once you start locating fish, target crab buoys in that same depth. With thousands of crab pots out in the gulf right now, it's a great way to spend the day sight fishing.

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Dave Doane

FWC Commission Considering Creating Saltwater Game Fish And Sport Fish Designations

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) discussed the possibility of creating saltwater game fish and sport fish designations at its December 5 Commission meeting in Apalachicola.

After public comment from 18 people and the Commissioners' discussion, the FWC decided to approve the proposed draft rule about the designation. The Commission will possibly make a final decision on this measure at its February meeting in Orlando.

While Florida has many recreationally important species, it does not have an official saltwater game fish or sport fish designation.

Reasons for considering these changes include helping highlight and protect some of Florida's premier recreational fish and encouraging anglers to adopt voluntary conservation practices such as catch-and-release. If adopted, these changes could lead to healthier fish populations and help Florida market its unique fishing opportunities to residents and visitors.

"I think it's an opportunity for this Commission to create a lasting legacy," said Chairman Kenneth Wright. "I think it will send a signal to fishermen around the world that we are a world-class fishing destination."

At the meeting, staff presented the Commission with potential game fish and sport fish definitions and described how fish within these designations could be managed.

Suggested parameters for game fish would include no commercial harvest, possession or sale.

The sport fish designation would offer a higher level of protection than game fish by making selected species catch-and-release only, including no recreational harvest as well as no commercial harvest, possession or sale.

Before moving forward with the proposal, the Commission decided to remove a parameter that would have limited gear to hook-and-line only for both designations. They also removed another parameter that was proposed for the game fish designation only that would have required captain and crew of for-hire vessels such as charter boats to have a bag limit of zero and not be allowed to take fish home for themselves.

Which fish species will be included under the game fish or sport fish designations will not be decided at the February Commission meeting. If game fish and sport fish designations are approved, staff will return to future meetings with suggestions for potential fish species candidates.

Recreational fishing in Florida has a high cultural and economic value, and protecting Florida's premier recreational fish is a priority of the Commission.

Public comment can be sent to Marine@MyFWC.com.

Learn more by visiting www.MyFWC.com/Fishing - click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Rulemaking" and "Workshops."*

Atlantic Black Sea Bass Recreational, Commercial Changes Approved

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) made several changes to black sea bass management in Atlantic state waters at its December 5 Commission meeting in Apalachicola. These changes will help rebuild the Atlantic black sea bass population for future generations of recreational and commercial fishers.

Changes, effective February 1, include:

- Increasing the minimum size limit for commercial harvest from 10 to 11 inches total length and for recreational harvest from 12 to 13 inches total length;
- Changing the recreational bag limit from 15 to five fish per person;
- Requiring federal commercial endorsements and permits for the harvest of black sea bass using traps;
- Matching federal trap specifications and requirements, including requirements for trap construction, requiring traps to be set in waters north of Cape Canaveral and requiring traps to be removed from the water and brought back to shore at the conclusion of each trip.

Black sea bass populations in the Atlantic are improving, but are undergoing over-fishing, which means more fish are being removed from the water than is considered sustainable. Federal fishery managers made several recent changes to help continue to rebuild Atlantic black sea bass populations. The FWC-approved changes will align state management efforts with most current federal regulations for black sea bass.*

America's Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering America's Boating Course on Saturday, January 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The State of Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to have passed a safe boating course and obtain a Boating Safety Education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 HP. Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class.

The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be held on Saturday, January 12, also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

The course is being taught at the

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

Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call the office at 466-4040.*

December Brings Closure Of Snook Season In Atlantic

The recreational harvest of snook will close in all Atlantic waters, including the inland waters of Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, beginning on December 15, with the last day of harvest being December 14. The season will reopen in the Atlantic's state and federal waters on February 1, 2013.

Snook season is currently closed in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters, and will remain closed through August 31, 2013, to give the fish time to fully rebound from severe cold weather in 2010 that killed many snook.

The extended Gulf harvest closure will help protect snook populations this winter, when they are most vulnerable to cold weather, and give snook added protection during next spring and summer's spawning months.

Anglers may still catch and release snook during the harvest closure, and the FWC encourages everyone to handle and

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Infant squirrel

Introduction To Using GPS Class

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering a class in basic GPS operation on Saturday, January 19 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This class will be offered again in March.

The class is designed to introduce new users to GPS. The class will include discussions of marine navigation, how a GPS works, and GPS limitations. There will be an extensive presentation on what a GPS can do and what a boater can do with GPS. For those interested in purchasing a GPS, you will understand what a GPS can do for you and some of the key features to look for as you shop for a GPS.

The cost of the class is \$30.

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) in Fort Myers.

Students can register online at www.scbps.com or call 466-4040.*

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

submitted by Claudia Burns

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

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

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

The next CROW Picture Show is on Friday, December 21 beginning 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 and 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.*



The historic Tarpon Lodge

Cruise To Historic Tarpon Lodge, Indian Mounds

Captiva Cruises' newest expedition in its Discover Southwest Florida History tours will focus on the fishing cultures in Pine Island Sound, a story of fascinating characters and traditions. This cruise will depart from McCarthy's Marina on Captiva on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and travel to Pineland on Pine Island. Along the way passengers will get an up close look at historic fish houses of Pine Island Sound and discuss 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.

They will be greeted at the Tarpon Lodge and passengers 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 amid



A depiction of the Calusa Indian Mounds at the Randell Archeological Site

old Florida charm of the 1926 lodge where lunch will be served with water-front views.

After lunch they will walk across the street to The Randell Research Center. The center, a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History, aims to establish and maintain the Pineland archeological and historical site as a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archeology, history and ecology of Southwest Florida.

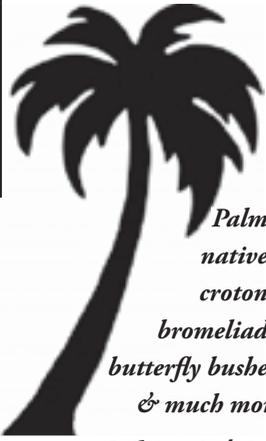
An educator will guide the group on the Calusa Heritage Trail to one of the pre-Columbian mounds of the ancient Calusa while elaborating on this unique fishing culture.

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.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Royal Tern



by Patricia Molloy

“It looks fabulous and is eating like a pig,” happily noted Dr. Heather at CROW. “It takes a lot of energy to recover from a surgery.”

A downed royal tern (*Thalasseus maximus*) was brought to CROW from the lighthouse pier on Sanibel. Radiographs determined that the bird had a broken bone in its wing. “We used a stainless steel pin to hold the bone together until it healed. The bone has healed well, but the tern still seems to be favoring the joint closest to the fracture,” said Dr. Heather.

A group of royal terns is collectively known as a “highness” of terns. As part of the courtship display, the male will offer the female a fish after plunge-diving for its prey. Royal tern couples then make their nest scrapes on the ground on low-lying islands. Both parents defecate on the nest rim causing it to harden in an effort to reinforce the nest against flooding.

Chicks leave the nest scrape within one day after hatching and congregate together in a group known as a crèche, which can contain thousands of youngsters from the age of two to 35 days old.

A pair will feed only their own chick, managing to find it in the crowd, most likely by recognizing its call. Royal terns feed primarily on fish rather than crab, unlike other terns.

After three weeks, the CROW team returned the patient to the operating table and removed the pin holding the bone together. “Now we are just giving it a little more time to see if it can use the wing normally.”

Post-op patients need to be fed two to three times their normal caloric intake for maintenance in order to recover from surgery. It’s very rare to see such a good appetite in a captive tern, much less one which has been through the physical trauma of two surgeries. “We are feeding it in its cage instead of the tub, only because we don’t want the water dirty so its incisions remain clean. I give him his med fish first for breakfast, then it eats approximately 15 smelt per day, which is remarkable,” added Dr. Aundria.

This royal tern will remain in ICU until it can be returned to its home at Lighthouse Beach. If you would like to help it on its road to recovery, go to CROW’s website and make a donation to patient #3156.

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



Thanks to the surgical intervention of CROW’s skilled wildlife vets, patient #3156 is expected to make a full recovery

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Marine Science Center Tours



The Ostego Bay Science Center features touch tanks and aquariums to educate visitors about native marine life and its importance in the local economy

It includes a one-and-a-half hour guided visit at the museum which contains a touch tank, a hands-on beach area and several aquariums and exhibits. The tour continues with a visit to several commercial fishing industry businesses. See how the boats are unloaded, the trawl doors are built, the shrimp nets are hand-sewn, the seafood is processed, and other

important factors used in this unique multi-million dollar industry. It is a memorable experience for the entire family.

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

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

Gulf Coast Humane Society Surgical Suite

Gulf Coast Humane Society received \$10,000 from Coconut Point Ford to begin construction on the new Surgery Suite for the Gulf Coast Humane Society Veterinarian Clinic. The new Surgical Suite will allow for more surgeries to be performed with state of the art equipment.

GCHS Veterinarian Clinic is open to the public six days a week with affordable prices on wellness checks, vaccinations, microchips, dentals, soft tissue and spay/neuter surgeries. The clinic is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers.

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Plant Smart

American Black Nightshade

by Gerri Reaves

Mention nightshade and most people think “poisonous” or “toxic.” That attitude includes the common native species American black nightshade (*Solanum americanum*), which is usually classified as a weed.

Another of the plant’s common names, deadly nightshade, derives from the long-held belief that all types of nightshades are poisonous. Foraging and plant experts disagree over whether this species is poisonous.

For example, the late Julia F. Morton, a renowned authority on Florida edible plants, wrote that the green fruits are toxic and the ripe ones edible whether raw or cooked. She also asserts that the young green leaves and stems are also edible when cooked.

But other experts warn of the deadly consequences of ingesting any part of the plant whether raw or cooked.

Therefore, it’s best to be cautious and not ingest any part of this species. Just enjoy its beauty instead.

The glossy berries and very small star-like flowers give this plant two other less dramatic names, glossy nightshade and small-flowered nightshade.

Only one-fourth to one-half an inch in diameter, the fleshy berries are shiny whether immature and green or mature and black.



Authorities differ on American black nightshade’s status as a poisonous plant

photo by Gerri Reaves

They appear in umbel clusters, with all stems radiating from the same point, like an umbrella.

The tiny white flowers have protruding yellow stamens and bloom year ‘round. It grows up to four feet tall, with slender stems and an open-branched structure.

The leaves vary from oval to lance-like and have several blunt rounded lobes.

American black nightshade often grows in out of the way shady spots in South Florida – roadsides, disturbed sites,

woods or even right in the backyard. The general rule is that this annual loves the same habitat a tomato plant does.

Thus, it’s no friend to tomato growers and has consequently developed a resistance to some herbicides.

Propagate it with seeds.

Sources: *Wild Plants for Survival in South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, hear.org, *The Guide to Florida Wildflowers* by Walter Kingsley Taylor, and *Florida Wildflowers and Roadside Plants* by C.

Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor.

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Canning Classes

Canning classes, presented by the UF/IFAS Lee County Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences, will be offered at the Terry Park Complex, located at 3406 Palm Beach Blvd. in Fort Myers. Cost is \$10 per person. You must be registered and paid in advance to attend the class (No walk-ins). Class is limited to nine participants.

Participants will learn the current science in USDA home food preservation recommendations through lecture and a hands-on pressure canning experience.

Class instructors will also have available for purchase the *So Easy To Preserve* canning book from the University of Georgia. The cost is \$18 per book.

Three classes will be offered:

- Thursday, January 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for a class, contact Celia Hill at hillcb@leegov.com or 533-7510. ✨

Caring For Your Plants

Air, Wind, Oxygen

by Justen Dobbs



Plants are vital to our ecosystem and our oxygen supply. Without them we would not survive. If you’re like most homeowners in Southwest Florida, you enjoy planting trees and small

plants in your yard in order to make it more beautiful and increase its value. But it is important to use trees that are well-suited for your yard’s particular environment.

If you live on the beach, you will want to focus on trees and plants that do not mind salty air. Coconut palms and seagrape are designed to live in salty conditions, both in the air and in the soil. Additionally, onshore gusts can create a constant barrage on your plants. Instead of having to stake them up, just plant trees that don’t mind the constant airflow. Seashore palms (*Allagoptera arena-rea*), Coconut palms, bottle palms, and Chinese fan palms are well suited to grow in beachy conditions.

If your yard has a large open space that funnels wind gusts, you will want to focus on plants that stand up to constant wind and high speed winds in the case of a storm. Most palm trees can withstand



Dry air can brown the tips on palm fronds and leaves

more wind than hardwood trees.

If you live inland and experience frosty air each winter, you should look into trees and plants that are cold hardy. Instead of coconut palms, plant mule palms. Instead of ixora hedges, plant Indian Hawthorn. During our cold fronts, air can trickle down your roof and gently flow onto your plants below. Do you have a metal roof? Also, cold air falls from the sky and will settle directly on your trees and plants below. Do you have canopy trees that block cold air, protecting the tropical plants below?

If you plant trees in another state that

has lower humidity levels, wind can also play a role in your plants’ health. We don’t have a problem with low humidity here in south Florida, so I’m talking about states California, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, and Louisiana. Tropical palms and trees are not going to do as well in these states and other drier areas because the leaves and fronds cannot mitigate the water loss from their leaves when being blown by dry air. Plant desert loving plants instead.

Indoor plants also provide oxygen even if they are not receiving all day direct sun like your outdoor plants. I like to keep a dozen palm trees inside my



Fresh air over Southwest Florida courtesy of our trees

house. They keep the air nice and clean and fresh. Maintenance on indoor palms can be very easy if done properly.

I hope you enjoy and appreciate all of the beautiful evergreen trees and palms we have here in south Florida. They make healthy air which makes healthy lungs and happy people.

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

MOAA Award Presented To Goss



Former CIA Director and U.S. Congressman Porter Goss accepts a gift of a crystal bowl from Roger Triffshauer, president of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), in appreciation for his timely discussion of current political and military topics at the December membership meeting of MOAA

New Round Of Sample Try It! Workshops

The Alliance for the Arts' next Try It! Workshops begin on Saturday, December 15 at 10 a.m. when Nita Flores presents Beginning Guitar. The one-hour session for anyone 12 or older precedes her 6 week classes, which begin on January 5. Beginning Guitar are off-site classes taught at the America Community Music Association on Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers.

On Thursday, December 27, sculptor David Hammel presents two Try It! Pottery Workshops, for youth from 5 to 6 p.m. and for adults from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The next rounds of his clay classes begin on Thursday, January 3 at the Alliance.

Megan Kissinger's adult Drawing 101 Try It! is also on December 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and she's offering a youth Drawing Try It! on December 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Her new class sessions for kids and adults begin on January 3. On Saturday, December 29, fiber artist Rose Young presents a Weaving Try It! Workshop for adults in advance of her upcoming one-day weaving workshop on Saturday, January 12.

Try It! Workshops are free for Alliance members or \$5 for future members. They offer people the opportunity to

sample classes before deciding to sign up for a full session. Additional upcoming classes at the Alliance include Painting, Photography, Beginning Acting, Palm Art, Yoga, Memoir Writing, Fair Use & Visual Art, Legal Tips for Photographers and Drawing. Be sure to visit the Alliance website to download the entire catalog of adult classes. For more information, go to www.artinlee.org or call 939-2787.

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

Annual Alva Craft Show

Alva Community Center is looking for craft vendors for their upcoming Craft Show that will be held on Saturday, February 2. The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alva Community Park, located at 21471 North River Road in Alva.

Spaces (10-foot by 10-foot) are available for a nominal fee of \$10 each. Tables, tents, chairs, etc. are not provided. Public admission will be free.

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

December Calendar Of Events For SWFL Symphony Orchestra

The Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra announced its schedule of events during the month of December:

- Saturday, December 21, 7:30 p.m. at The Village Church at Shell Point
- Saturday, December 22, 8 p.m. at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

Bring the entire family as the Southwest Florida Symphony rings the Christmas holiday with the orchestra's annual Holiday Pops Concert. Celebrate the joyous music of the season with guest conductor Jim Stephenson in a performance of selections from the Nutcracker and other traditional holiday favorites, along with several of Jim's own arrangements. Vocalist Sara Dell'Omo from the U.S. Marine Band will return as the featured soloist.

Last year's show was a real holiday treat and they look forward to celebrating the holiday season again this year with the Southwest Florida Symphony.

- Monday, December 31, 7 p.m. Down by the Riverside

Join the Southwest Florida Symphony as they ring in the New Year at Fort Myers Harborside Event Center. The evening will include appetizers, a cash bar, dinner and a Gala Pops Concert with dancing to the music of the Vince Evans Band. The dress for the evening is Festive Party. There is a special room rate set at the Hotel Indigo; ask for the Symphony Block Room Rate. Tickets for this event are \$125. If you would like to attend the concert only, tickets are \$40.

Single tickets are now on sale, priced from \$22 to \$62. Series subscriptions are available for the 2012-13 season. Subscriptions for the five-concert classical series start at \$82, the three-concert pops series starts at \$49 and the Sanibel Series is \$90. (Prices do not include handling fees.)

Subscriptions and single tickets may be purchased online at www.swflos.org or by calling the box office at 418-1500.*

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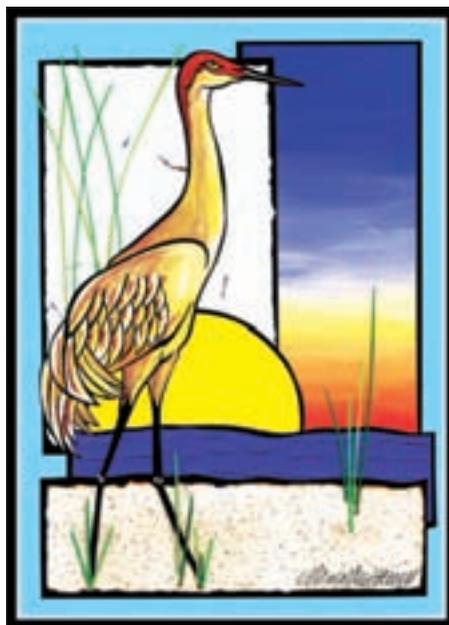
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Downtown Saturday Art Fair Project Of Art Walk Fort Myers



Jewelry by Patricia Vilela



SandHill Crane by Michelle Rothacker



Music by the Flashbacks

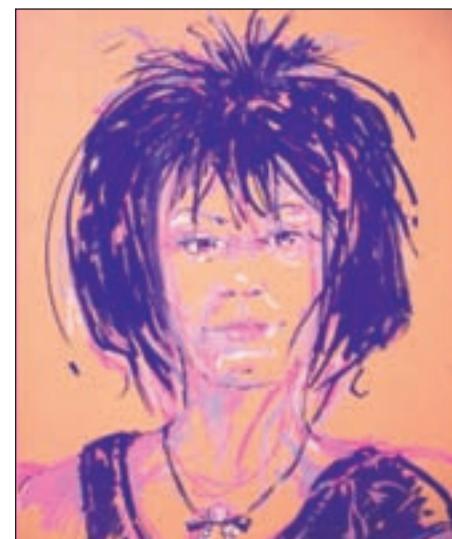
The sidewalks of First Street in the River District will be filled with local artists and fine crafters on Saturday, December 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come see over 27 vendors set up and selling their original art, unique jewelry, photography, fused glass, up-cycled art and more the Saturday after Music Walk Fort Myers.

New this month will be dragonfly sculptures, good luck jewelry, custom-made picture frames, felted purses and jewelry and hand-made dog couture. It's a perfect time to enjoy the downtown Fort Myers galleries, shops and the Saturday Art Fair at a slower and less crowded pace. Enjoy lunch at one of the quaint downtown restaurants. Musical entertainment is presented by The Flashbacks.

Downtown Fort Myers – the River District – is the place to find your art or creativity.✧



Felted purse by Flights of Fibre



Portraits in 15 minutes by Linda Benson



Summer Green

Arts For ACT To Feature Artist Katherine Boren In December

Katherine Boren will be the featured artist in the main gallery at the Arts For ACT Gallery during the month of December. Originally from New York, Boren studied at New York University and The New School, graduating from the State University of New York with a bachelor of fine arts with an emphasis in sculpture. Her work has been exhibited at solo, juried, group and member shows in New York, California and Florida.

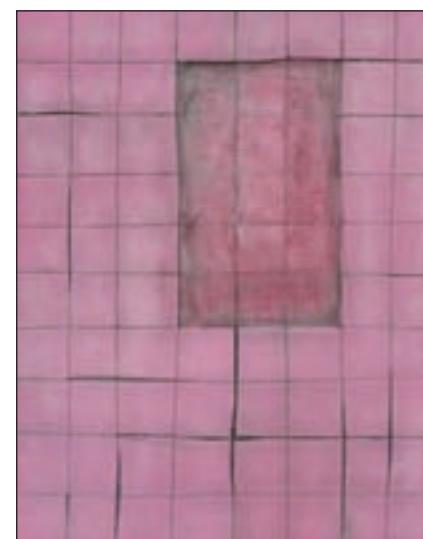
Her current series of abstract work experiments with multiple mediums in two dimensions. By focusing on a monochromatic palette and utilizing a combination of non-traditional and found materials in unexpected ways, she emphasizes the reflection of light and the use of various textures, shapes, and different grades of color saturation. She serves as executive director of the Young Artists Awards, is an annual contributor to the Arts for ACT auction and was the recipient of 2010 and 2011 Arts and



Unclaimed Artifact #1028

Culture grants from the City of Fort Myers.

To benefit both ACT and make original artwork more accessible to the public, the pieces in this show will be featured at reduced prices for the holiday season. The opening will be held on Friday, December 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. during Fort Myers Art Walk and the show will run through January 1. The Arts For ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District.✧



Sunset Caged



Morning



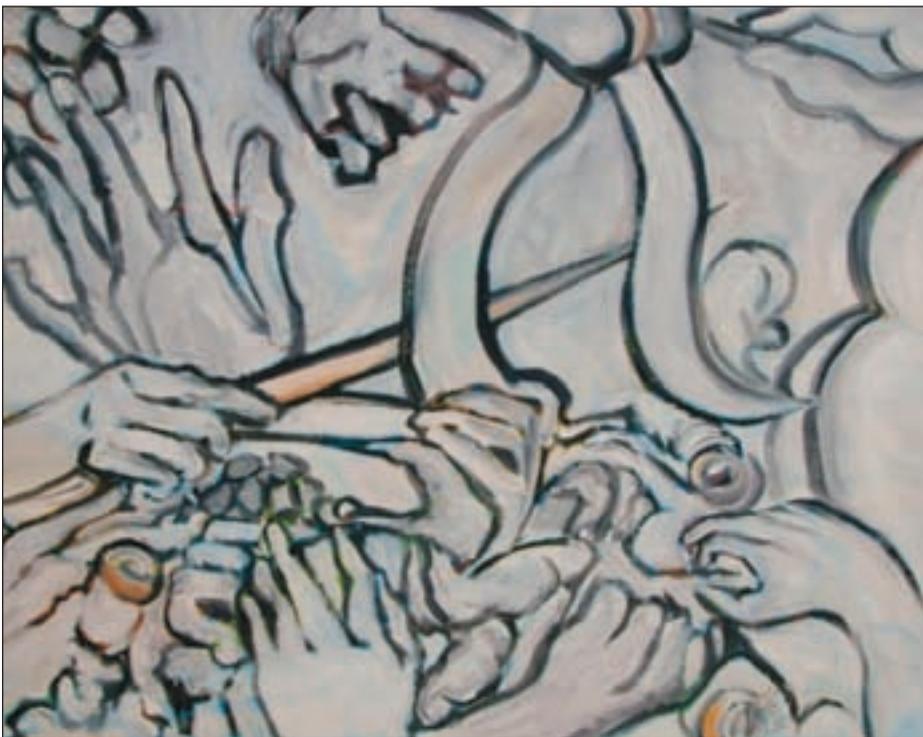
Palms by Barbara Besson Wilson was awarded first place

Holiday Happenings Show Winners

The Art League of Fort Myers is proud to announce the winners of the December Holiday Happenings Show.



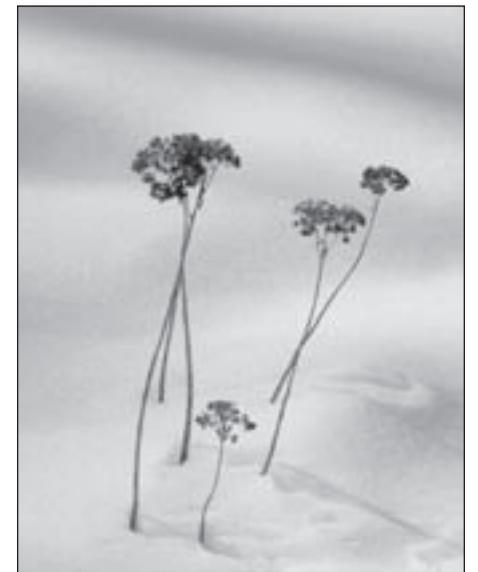
Passion by Barbara Chloe Murdoch was awarded second place



Musical Hands by Mary Richey was awarded third place



Yumi by Zaki Knapen received a merit award



Winter Blossoms by Steve Conley received an honorable mention

English Country Dancing

Learn the social dances of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries on Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round at Wa-ke Hatchee Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers.

Dress is casual, and flat shoes with non-slip soles are recommended. Partners are not necessary and beginners are welcomed. The atmosphere is family friendly, with live music provided.

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

For more information, contact Gillian Carney at 603-9828 or email fortmyersdancers@hotmail.com.✧



Koreshan Park by Lisa Grinter was awarded Peoples Choice

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Fort Myers Beach Art Association Holiday Sale

The gallery walls are chock full of beautiful original artwork created by members of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association and no piece is priced higher than \$150. Always a favorite of local shoppers, the "Art Divine" sale runs through January 10.

Popular artist's work is flying out the doors. Included in the hundreds of pieces are both framed and unframed works done in various media for really great prices. The sought-after Mini Masters are hung and ready for purchase. These small works of art, donated by FMBAA members, have become collectors items locally and are eagerly awaited each season. For only \$10, you can buy a small painting and help support the Art Association as well. Don't miss this chance to purchase original artwork for your homes or for gifts.

FMBAA Workshops

Artist Jamie Cordero will be teaching a watercolor workshop from January 28 to 31 on the pouring and layering process. She will lead participants through every aspect of planning, composition, stretching paper, masking, pouring, glazing, color layering, value lessons, use of darks, finishing and critique.

The workshop is \$295 for members and \$335 for non-members, plus a \$15 materials fee. More information can be



Art Divine shopper

found by calling Gretchen Johnson 239-464-0278 or emailing gretjohn@embarq-mail.com. Sign up now to secure your space in the workshop. Also, a demo by Cordero will be held on January 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. with a \$10 fee. Guests are welcome.

February's workshop will be Eydi Lampasona teaching mixed media collage/assemblage and paper making. Her workshop is \$310 for members and \$350 for non-members. More information on workshops can be found online at www.fortmyersbeachart.com or by calling the gallery at 463-3909. Don't miss these famous artists who are brought to

the beach to teach at a very reasonable cost.

An Open House will be held at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association on January 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Come visit with the artists and learn more about the group and see the creative expressions display of additional forms of art done by members. Refreshments will be served and all guests are welcome. There is no charge to attend.

Other upcoming classes:

- January 3, 10, 17 and 24 – Acrylic painting with Penny Fox, held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. See www.fortmyersbeachart.com or call 463-

photo by Michele Buelow

3909 for more information and fees.

- January 7 through February 18 – Watercolor classes with Patty Kane. See www.fortmyersbeachart.com or call 463-3909 for more information and fees.

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery will be closed December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1. For more information on shows or classes, call 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.✪



Interior of the gift shop at the Alliance for the Arts

Support Local Artists And Find Unique Gifts

The Alliance for the Arts gift shop will expand on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a one-day holiday shopping extravaganza, when more than 15 artists display their hand-crafted items throughout the main gallery. Find unique, locally made gifts for your friends and relatives while supporting

local artists at the same time.

Alliance members receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Mix and mingle with local artists including Aborigines, Kiki Brewsaugh, Dlynne Designs, Lucia Garcia, Katie Gardenia, David Hammel, Tom Haydock, Shawn Holiday, Alisha Koyanis, Latitude 26 Seashell, Joel Loeper, Susan Mills, William Riddle, Alicia Schmidt, Marta Sicajan, Studio 201, Union Artist Studios, Robin Cox Walsh and Roseline Young.

Also, each purchase enters you into a raffle for 2013 Bruce T. Gora Concert

Series tickets.

Located in the Alliance for the Arts lobby, the gift shop supports local, independent artists and is constantly restocked with new items like jewelry, hand bags, pottery, paintings, fabric art, repurposed

art, hand-made books, photography and much more.

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

Art Display At Hall Office Celebrates Lee County's 125 Year Anniversary

Lee County Commissioner Tammy Hall is supporting local artists by giving them an opportunity to display their artwork in her Fort Myers office.

For the next several weeks, the Portrait and Figure Painters Society of Southwest Florida, Inc will display their work in the District 4 Office located at the Old County Courthouse in downtown Fort Myers. The display includes portraits of current and historical personalities that have shaped Lee County. Portraits include Jake Summerlin, Tooti McGregor, Mina Edison, Berne Davis, Larry Hart, Mike Scott, Veronica Shoemaker and others. The work will be on display until January 11.

The public is welcome to stop by and view the work and learn more about the artists. Call 533-2226 to confirm office hours for viewing the artwork.

"The arts are an important part of the cultural and development of our community" said Hall. "I believe that government can play an important role in public awareness, developing the use of public spaces for display and interaction of art, and for the encouragement and commitment of continued financial support both public and private of all the arts."

Other local artists will be featured every six weeks. Commissioner Hall's office is on the first floor of the Old County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.✪

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Florida Oysters Rockefeller

36 oysters, shucked, on the half shell
 2 cups spinach, cooked and drained
 ½ cup crispy bacon, crumbled
 1 cup mozzarella cheese
 ½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
 1 bell pepper, diced small
 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
 fine

¼ tablespoon hot pepper sauce
 ½ cup Panko breadcrumbs
 1 lemon, juiced
 4 lemons, quartered for garnish
 Sea salt and ground pepper to taste

Pre heat oven on high broil. In a medium-sized mixing bowl, combine spinach, bacon, mozzarella, Parmesan cheese, bell pepper, parsley, hot sauce and lemon juice. Stir ingredients to combine. Taste spinach mixture and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Place one tablespoon or so of the spinach mixture on top of each half shell oyster. Place all stuffed oysters on a cookie sheet. Put the cookie sheet in the middle rack of the oven. Carefully watch the oysters under the broiler, and let them cook for several minutes until the oyster edges curl and the top of the stuffing is golden brown and bubbly. Serve oysters over a bed of ice cream salt with lemon wedges.

Yields six servings.✱



Florida Oysters Rockefeller

Eden Students Participate In Soapfest's Art-4-Autism

On November 10, students from Eden Autism Services joined soap opera actors at the 14th annual Soapfest on Marco Island. The Art-4-Autism event paired the stars with students to paint canvases that would be auctioned off during the weekend to benefit local children's charities.

Marco Island's Soapfest Charity Weekend is an annual event that hosts daytime soap opera stars who donate their time and talent. This year's event included 15 daytime actors from *All My Children*, *General Hospital*, *One Life to Live*, *Young and the Restless* and *Guiding Light*.

"We are grateful to the stars and the Soapfest organizers for including Eden in this special event. The kids loved participating in the art projects and we appreciate the financial support for our programs," said Taire Malloy, director of development of Eden Florida.

For more information about Eden Autism Services, contact Taire Malloy at 992-4680 ext. 5014 or Eden.florida@edenautism.org.✱



Sean Ringgold (Shaun Evans on *One Life To Live*) paints with Mac Falanga, a student at Eden Autism Services' Naples School, at the 14th Annual Soapfest on Marco Island

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Captiva Triathlon competitors receive last-minute instructions prior to the start of the swimming leg of the race



A pair of runners cross the finish line while holding hands

Triathlon Raises \$15,000 For Local Hungry Children

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. received \$15,000 from proceeds raised at the 2nd Annual Galloway Captiva Triathlon, held on September 15 and 16 at South Seas Island Resort.

The proceeds raised at the event will go toward supporting CCMI's School Backpack Program, providing emergency food to more than 2,500 local children each school year. In the hardest hit areas of Lee County, as many as 97 percent of children are on free or reduced lunch. Most of these children are going without any food from the time they leave school on Friday until they return on Monday as well as during school holidays. CCMI established its Backpack Program in many local schools in conjunction with community service organizations in order to get food directly into the hands of the children. CCMI currently feeds students at schools in Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres.

"We are so thankful for this donation and being named the beneficiary of the Captiva Tri," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "It's community support like this race that will help thousands of food-insecure children in our area maintain access to food on the weekends and during school holidays."

Last year, the Captiva Tri raised \$6,500 for CCMI. According to race organizers, this year's event also included the opportunity for participants to donate directly to the Backpack Program and participate in team fundraising for CCMI.

"In addition to having strong financial sponsor support for this year's event, we also had a wonderful group of people from the Lee County Sheriff's Office who donated their time which allowed for additional financial support to go toward CCMI," said certified race director Kate Gooderham. "We are very proud that approximately \$20 from every adult race reservation went to CCMI."

"We are always looking for new ways to partner with community groups and



Young bicycle competitors

special events to spread our mission of being innovators in the fight against hunger and homelessness," said Galloway. "This race is a win-win for families wanting a healthy weekend event as well as donating to those in the community less fortunate than themselves."

The 2012 Galloway Captiva Triathlon at South Seas Island Resort was a family, fun and fitness weekend event comprised of two children's triathlons on September 15 (ages 6 to 9: 100 yard swim, 1.5 mile bike, 0.5 mile run; ages 10 to 13: 200 yard swim, 3 mile bike, 1 mile run) and an adult sprint length triathlon on September 16 (swim 440 yards [0.25 mile], bike 10 miles, run 3.1 miles [5K].) All events took place on Captiva.

Organizers are already planning next year's event that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15.

CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. CCMI works in partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, Harry Chapin Food Bank and various community foundations as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups including The School District of Lee County and numerous churches, businesses and community support organizations.

For more information, go to www.captivatri.org.



Tracey Galloway and Kate Gooderham

Red Sox Seeking Singers For Spring Training National Anthem

Think you have what it takes to sing in front of a sold-out crowd of more than 11,000 people? The Boston Red Sox are currently looking for new talent to perform the national anthem for the upcoming 2013 Spring Training season at JetBlue Park.

All interested performers are invited to attend open auditions at JetBlue Park, located at 11500 Fenway South Drive in Fort Myers, on Monday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 18, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Time slots will be reserved for those who RSVP by contacting Gordon Lessersohn at 226-4704 or glessersohn@redsox.com.

All reservations must be made by noon on Friday, December 14. All ages are welcome to audition. Performers should enter the stadium through Gate "C" near the team store and will be escorted into the building. Those who cannot attend these dates are invited to submit an audio recording to Gordon Lessersohn.

Space is limited, so please email or call to reserve your audition spot today.*

Tampa Bay Downs Bus Trip

Be part of the Tampa Bay Downs' 87th racing season! On Wednesday, January 16, Lake Kennedy Center in Cape Coral is sponsoring a bus trip to the Oldsmar oval, which attracts some of the biggest names in thoroughbred racing. Place your bet and cheer on your favorite horse for an afternoon of racing fun.

Participants will experience an excellent buffet lunch, thrilling live racing action as well as simulcast racing and wagering at its best. The cost is \$60 per member and \$65 per non-member. Proper attire is required; shorts are not permitted and collared shirts are required. Pre-registration is required by January 8.

For more information, call Lake Kennedy Center at 574-0575.*

Former Florida Star Joakim Noah Putting Up All-Star Numbers For The NBA's Chicago Bulls

by Ed Frank



If you turn back the calendar to 2007, a young center for the Chicago Bulls named Joakim Noah – who had led the Florida Gators to consecutive NCAA basketball championships in 2006 and 2007 – was anything but an All-Star player.

In fact, the brash, outspoken, zealous rookie was a pain in the you-know-what to both his teammates and coaches. On one occasion, his fellow players even demanded that the know-it-all youngster be suspended after publically criticizing the team for its play.

Five years later, however, it's a far different story as the former Florida star is putting up all-pro figures while keeping the Bulls competitive during the absence of All-Star Derrick Rose,

who is recovering from an ACL tear.

Playing a career-high 39.8 minutes per game, Noah is averaging 13.7 points and 10.8 rebounds per game in his sixth NBA season.

Last week, in a victory over the Detroit Pistons, the still exuberant Noah had a monster night, scoring 30 points and grabbing 23 rebounds, both career bests for the 7-foot center. He joined Charles Barkley, Dirk Nowitzki and Kevin Garnett as the only players in the last 25 years to post at least 30 points, 23 rebounds and six assists in a game.

Could Noah's performance earn him a spot on this season's Eastern Conference All-Star Team? It certainly could, but Noah – who seldom is without words – shies away from such talk, saying it is more important that his play result in Bull's victories.

It wasn't too many years ago that college basketball fans marveled at his at his skill and competitive spirit. Today, watching this 7-footer dribble the length of the floor and fly toward the basket, that amazement has transformed to the NBA professional ranks.

Twins Continue To Stockpile Pitchers

After trading away talented outfielder Denard Span for right-hander Alex Meyer, the Washington Nationals 2011 first-round draft pick, the Minnesota Twins continued on the path of stockpiling pitchers at last week's winter baseball meetings.

Acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies were right-handers Vance Worley and Trevor May in exchange for outfielder Ben Revere, who was the Twins first-round selection in 2007.

The 25-year-old Worley posted a 6-9 record for the Phillies this past season with a respectable 4.20 ERA. In 2011, he finished third in the National League Rookie of the Year balloting after going 11-3 with a 3.01 ERA.

May, 23, was 10-13 last season at Double-A Reading. In 2011, he was voted the

20th Red Sox Celebrity Classic

Lee Memorial Health System announced that the 20th Annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic has been set for Friday, February 22 at The Forest Country Club in South Fort Myers. The annual golf classic treats fans to the opportunity to meet and golf alongside Boston Red Sox players and other former greats from Major League Baseball, the NFL and NHL. The golf format will be a step-side scramble and will begin with lunch and registration at 11 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The annual Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic golf tournament is preceded the evening prior, Thursday, February 21 by the Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital "Tee Party," which features refreshments and hors d'oeuvres and spirited live and silent auctions. Tickets to the "Tee Party" are \$50 per person.

Proceeds will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous benefactor and will benefit construction of Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, a new 128-bed pediatric medical facility being built on the grounds of HealthPark Medical Center in South Fort Myers.

Sponsorships for the Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic event series are currently available and range from \$1,400 to \$20,000. Single golf slots are available for \$350.

For sponsorship inquires and more information on the Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic, call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6950 or email BostonGolf@LeeMemorial.org.

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Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Year and is currently ranked as the second best prospect in the Phillies organization.

And, after dealing for three talented pitchers wasn't enough, the Twins also obtained right-hander Ryan Pressly from the Boston Red Sox in the Major League Rule 5 Draft. The Rule 5 Draft allows teams to select minor leaguers from other teams who are not ready for Major League play. However, a player selected via the Rule 5 Draft, must be placed on the team's 40-man Major League roster.

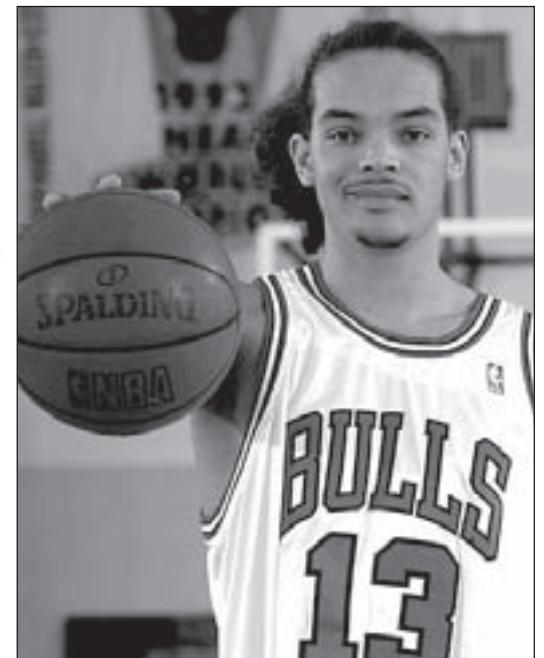
Mientkiewicz Named New Fort Myers Miracle Manager

Doug Mientkiewicz, a 12-season veteran of the Major Leagues – including parts of seven seasons with the Twins – this week was named manager of the Fort Myers Miracle. It will be his first stint as a manager.

He comes to the Twins organization from the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he was the hitting coach for the Ogden Raptors of the Pioneer League.

Also new to the Miracle for the 2013 season is Ivan Arteaga as pitching coach after serving in the same job for the Twins Rookie League Elizabethton team.

Jake Mauer, who had managed the Miracle for the last three seasons, will manage the Twins' Single-A affiliate Cedar Rapids of the Midwest League in 2013.✪



Joakim Noah

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- Your company logo and information on door hand-out
- Your company name on the scoreboard during the game
- 20 tickets to the game for company use

"Blue Christmas" sponsorship - \$350

CCMI Receives Foundation Grant

Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Cape Coral Community Foundation in support of the agency's social-service programs embedded at the Everyday Café and Marketplace.

The funding will increase CCMI's capacity to serve by creating a Cape Café Concierge Program that will more efficiently connect Cape Coral café, marketplace and walk-in clients with their requested services while providing follow-up assistance to Meals On Wheels seniors.

"The Cape Coral Community Foundation has been very pleased with the efforts of CCMI and its provided services in Cape Coral," said Executive Director Beth Sanger. "Grants to CCMI not only help those in need, but we are confident our funds are being used in the most cost effective manner. We cannot thank the CCMI team enough for their outstanding work for the residents of Cape Coral and are truly grateful to consider the agency a strategic partner for improving the lives of our residents."

The Café Concierge Program provides vital client support to the social service programs, Meals On Wheels and the Everyday Cafés and Marketplaces. A café concierge acts as the gatekeeper at the Everyday Café and United Way House's front door, providing clients with service triage in order to help them most efficiently access the appropriate services. The concierge would also manage the client traffic flow, agency phone calls and Meals On Wheels follow-up, resulting in increased safety, more effective service

and improved client outcomes.

"We are deeply grateful for the continuing, generous support of the Cape Coral Community Foundation," said Tracey Galloway, CEO of CCMI. "Thanks to its commitment to our work, we have been able to expand our services to the Cape Coral community and better meet the growing demands in this area of Lee County."

The Cape Coral Community Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization created through gifts by many generous community-minded individuals. The Cape Coral Community Foundation works to grow philanthropy and strengthen our community by encouraging community endowments, addressing community needs and providing community leadership. Community foundations operate in perpetuity, meaning the gifts made to the foundation will continue to grow and provide resources for generations to come.

The mission of the Cape Coral Community Foundation is to support the public well-being and to improve the quality of life in the greater Cape Coral community through the stewardship of permanently endowed and gifted funds.

CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres. CCMI works in partnership with United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades, Harry Chapin Food Bank and various community foundations as well as collaborating with fellow community and service groups including The School District of Lee County and numerous churches, businesses and community support organizations.

For more information, call 332-7687 or visit www.ccmileecounty.com.



Volunteers sort through food donated to the Harry Chapin Food Bank

Food Bank Receives \$60,000 Walmart Grant

Funds for 24 mobile food pantries, such as the one pictured above, has been provided for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The mobile pantries will be held throughout Southwest Florida.

A \$60,000 grant has been made available to the Harry Chapin Food Bank by the Walmart Foundation and the Florida Advisory Council through the State Giving Program. This will mean

that approximately 360,000 pounds of food can be distributed through the food bank's mobile food pantries in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

The food will be distributed through 24 mobile pantries. So far this year, the Walmart Foundation has awarded the Harry Chapin Food Bank \$100,000 in grants. This translates into \$600,000 that can be provided in food and related services. Walmart is a valued partner as the food bank continues to fight hunger and feed hope in Southwest Florida.

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

HoneyBaked Ham Stores To Support Chapin

For the third year, HoneyBaked Ham of GA is joining with Feeding America in supporting local food banks. Through December 16, two local stores will accept registration donations, 100 percent of which will support the Harry Chapin Food Bank. In addition, HoneyBaked will match all donations, up to \$15,000, to support the Feeding America Network.

While many Americans are trying to plan that perfect holiday meal, many others are worried about where they will find a simple bite to eat. In fact, hunger is an issue for one in six Americans, many of whom are hard-working seniors and adults with children who are forced to go without food for several meals because they can no longer make ends meet. The HoneyBaked goal is to provide 250,000 meals to families struggling with hunger.

As an additional incentive, the top three HoneyBaked stores that have raised the most funds at the end of the promotion will each be awarded an additional \$500 to donate to their local food bank.

HoneyBaked has two store locations in Southwest Florida that will be sending donations directly to the Harry Chapin Food Bank:

- 11609 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 37

in Fort Myers

- 2275 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 101 in Naples

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

Tijuana Flats Give Back Day

Wednesday, December 19 has been designated Give Back Day by the new Fort Myers Tijuana Flats Burrito Company. The restaurant, located at 12640 S. Cleveland Avenue in Fort Myers, will donate 20 percent of total sales to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Tijuana Flats will be celebrating its grand opening during the entire week of December 17.

Tijuana Flats, famous for its fresh Tex-Mex food and unique ambiance, is opening its first location in Fort Myers and will feature Tijuana Flats' fresh, made-to-order menu, a 15-pump hot sauce bar and all the lively atmosphere patrons have come to expect from the Tex-Mex powerhouse. The 2,050-square-foot restaurant will accommodate seating for 102 guests (70 indoor and 32 on the patio). Tijuana Flats has more than 85 locations in Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

For additional information about or to contribute financially to the Harry Chapin

Food Bank, call 334-7007 or visit www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Toys, Food And Books Needed For Local Families

Nations Association Charities is proceeding with its plans for its annual Christmas toy giveaway in Fort Myers and Cape Coral for nearly 2,000 children from economically-disadvantaged families. But the well-known charity fears there may not be enough presents to go around.

Susan Perez, the non-profit's Chief of Operations, said that there is still a need for several hundred gifts for girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 12.

"The need is just about split right down the middle - 50 percent for girls and 50 percent for boys," said Perez.

At its 25th annual Christmas Party, to be held on Saturday, December 15 at the Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers, Nations is expected to distribute the majority of toys to boys and girls up to the age of 16. The party runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Thursday, December 13, the first toy giveaway takes place in Cape Coral at La Venezia Ballroom, located at 4646 SE 10th Place. Toys will be distributed from 6 to 8 p.m. La Venezia began offering its location as a food and toy distribution

center to Nations last year, and is actively involved throughout the year in helping the charity with a number of fundraising events and social activities to enhance the lives of the people the charity serves.

The Christmas party, toy collection and gift-wrapping are the culmination of several months of preparation with various groups and organizations.

The public can help bring some Christmas cheer into the lives of the area's most impoverished children and teens by dropping off toys, non-perishable food items and books at Nations Association's office at 4625 Palm Beach Boulevard in East Fort Myers. For more information, call 332-7575 or visit www.nationsassociation.org

In addition to Nations, these items can also be dropped off (by category) at the following venues:

FOOD

- Edison Mall Guest Services, 4125 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901; 939-1933

- Coconut Point Guest Services, 23106 Fashion Drive, Estero, FL 33928; 992-9966

TOYS

- All Chick-Fil-A locations in Southwest Florida

BOOKS

- Books-A-Million at the Edison Mall, 4125 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901; 931-1012*

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, I have been hearing a lot about parents getting involved with their child's school and I just read in the paper that it is very important. I want to

be a good parent, help my child, and be active at her school. What kinds of things can I do that will be helpful?

Henry K., Fort Myers

Henry,

Parent involvement with both your child and the school is one of the most important things you can do to help your child be successful. Sometimes it is difficult to make that connection with the school given a busy work schedule or if your own school experience was not a good one, however, this is an extremely important relationship that is worth developing.

According to research reported by the National Association of School Psychologists, when families are involved in education, there are very positive benefits for students, teachers and families. Students display better attitudes toward school and learning, higher achievement and test scores, improved behavior,

increased homework completion, greater participation in academic activities, and improved school attendance.

At home, parents can make sure that they:

- Monitor homework completion – Talk with your children about their assignments, understand what they are studying and review their progress

- Participate in leisure reading with your children at all ages – It's fun to read the same books as your children and then discuss them

- Communicate often with your children about academic and behavioral expectations, give them constructive praise and support

Here are a few ways for parents to be active at school:

- Participate at school as volunteers and committee members

- Participate in school functions, athletics, and other extracurricular activities

- Regular communication with the teacher(s) about your child's progress

- Participation in adult educational opportunities offered by the school

- Active involvement in school decisions as presented by the school or Board of Education

Many teachers have special activities designed for parent volunteers. Make sure to ask your child's teachers what would be helpful. Very often, the school's parent association will have projects and committees where you can volunteer. While it may be easier to join a parent group or volunteer when your child is in

elementary school, it is equally important to stay involved while your child is in high school. Volunteering with other parents during the high school years can help parents stay connected to each other in an informal parent network, which is always helpful.

These are just a few suggestions on how to become and stay involved in your child's educational journey. There are many more ways to be involved; the key factor is that you are involved.

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

Bisbee Named To Honor Society

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi announced that Elizabeth Bisbee, a resident of Fort Myers, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Bisbee is pursuing a degree in Biology at the University of Florida.✱

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Malaise To Display Seminar Achievements At Cazenovia

The Cazenovia College Art Gallery in Reisman Hall will host the Annual First Year Seminar Exhibition between December 10 through the end of the term. This eclectic exhibition features work by students in the Class of 2016.

Andrew Malaise, a resident of Cape Coral, is a communication studies major and a member of Andrew O'Baioill's "#Occupy the Media (*LLC)" seminar. Students studied new technologies used by communicators seeking to enact change to reach out to others. They are showing a range of video projects focused on exploring campus life and media activism. Malaise graduated from North Fort Myers High School.✱



2012 silver coin

Second Gold Coin Discovered

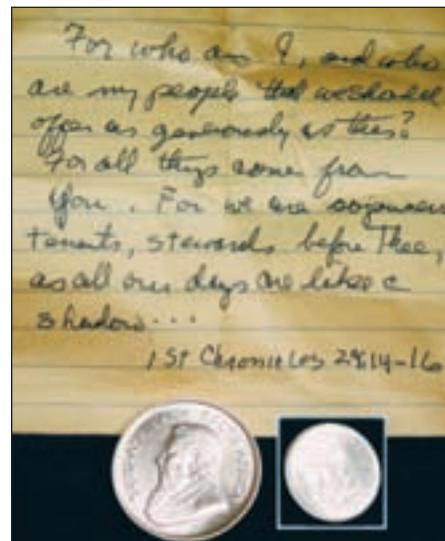
Last week, an anonymous donor dropped a \$20 Liberty Eagle gold coin in one of The Salvation Army's red kettles. The coin was given for the eighth year in a row and wrapped in a note that read, "In loving memory of Mimi."

On December 11, The Salvation Army discovered another two more anonymous donations. Someone dropped a 2012 Liberty Eagle silver dollar coin into a red kettle at the Publix at Pelican Landing in Bonita Springs.

It was accompanied by a note that reads "Inspired by: In Memory of Mimi donor..."

A second anonymous donor has dropped a 1975 South African Krugerrand gold coin in The Salvation Army's red kettle located at the Publix at First Street Village. It was wrapped in a note that quotes the Bible verse I Chronicles 29: 14-16: "But who am I, and who are we, that we may offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, We are sojourners, tenants, stewards before Thee, as all our days are like a shadow..."

Donations raised during the red kettle campaign help fund the The Salvation



2012 Krugerrand

Army's Christmas Cheer program as well as dozens of other programs that help those in need year-round.

"It's always exciting when we see the generosity of one person inspiring others," said Major Tom Loudon, area commander for The Salvation Army. "The donors of these rare coins and every donor to The Salvation Army is sharing the gift of hope to those who need it the most."

Donations and volunteer bellringers are desperately needed. The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties has bellringers at over 60 locations throughout Lee County. To volunteer, call 278-1551.✱



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Financial Focus

Help Older Parents Avoid Financial Scams



by Jennifer Basey

Here's a disturbing statistic:

One out of every five Americans over the age of 65 has been victimized by a financial scheme, according to the Investor Protection Trust, a nonprofit organization devoted

to investor education. If your parents are in this age group, should you be concerned? And can you help them avoid being "scammed" so that they maintain control over their finances?

The answer to the first question is "yes" – you should be concerned. Of course, as the numbers above show, most aging Americans are not being swindled, which suggests they can take of themselves quite well. Still, it's no secret that many fraud schemes target seniors because of their concentrated wealth and in many cases, trusting nature. And as much as you'd like to think otherwise, your parents could be susceptible to rip-off artists.

Fortunately, in regard to the second question above, you can indeed take steps to help prevent your parents from being fleeced. Here are a few suggestions:

- Observe their behavior. If you live close to your parents, listen closely to any new friends, investment deals or sweepstakes they mention during your normal interactions. If you're in a different city, try to stay abreast of your parents' behavior by communicating with them frequently and by checking in with other family members or friends who have occasion to see your parents.

- Urge them to watch out for suspi-

cious e-mails. You've probably seen them – the e-mails offering to "reward" you with huge amounts of money if you will only contact such-and-such from a distant country and then put up a "small" sum to initiate some ill-defined transaction. You probably "spam" these without a moment's thought – and you should urge your parents to do the same. Remind them that any offer that sounds "too good to be true" is, without question, neither "good" nor "true."

- Encourage them to further their financial education. Law enforcement agencies, health care professionals and reputable financial services providers all offer personal financial management programs designed specifically for seniors. Look for these types of programs in your area, encourage your parents to attend – and even consider going with them.

- Become familiar with their financial situation. Having a serious discussion with your parents about their finances may not be easy – but it's important. The more you know about their investments, retirement accounts and estate plans, the better prepared you'll be to respond helpfully if they mention an action they're considering taking that, to you, just doesn't sound appropriate.

- Suggest professional help. If your parents are already working with a qualified financial professional, they're probably less likely to be victimized by fraud than if they were managing their finances on their own. And it's a good idea for you to know their financial advisor, and for him or her to know you, as you may well be involved in your parents' legacy planning. But if your parents don't already have a financial advisor, you may want to recommend one to them, particularly if it's someone you already know and trust.

It's entirely possible that your parents won't need any assistance in avoiding financial scams. But, just in case, be prepared to act on the above suggestions. Your intervention could help preserve your parent's financial independence.

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



The Springs at Shell Point

Shell Point Assisted Living Hosts Home For The Holidays Event

Shell Point Retirement Community's Assisted Living facilities will host a Home For The Holidays event to allow individuals the opportunity to learn more about the assisted living options at Shell Point. This event will take place on December 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Springs Assisted Living, located at the entrance to Shell Point.

"The holidays are a time when families gather together to celebrate; however, they can also be a time for discussing the future," said McKenzie Millis, Assisted Living Healthcare Marketing Specialist for Shell Point. "Individuals concerned for a parent or loved one may find it difficult to discuss such serious issues as healthcare, transportation, driving and even a decline in health. That's why this event is so helpful. Families can get information on how to approach this conversation from experienced professionals at Shell Point."

Assisted Living at Shell Point is designed to create a homelike environment, while offering resort-style services and features to assist in maintaining optimum health and independence; with the reassurance of knowing that assistance is always available should it be needed. According to Millis, Shell Point Retirement Community offers the finest assisted living choices available with a variety of price points and floor plans to choose from.

Shell Point Assisted Living Representatives will be on hand the days prior and following Christmas Day from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. to tour families around Shell Point's newest assisted living facility The Springs and to answer their questions. Guests are encouraged to call 454-2077 to schedule a tour.

New to the Shell Point lifecare tradition, The Springs, offers assisted living services to the public on a month-to-month private pay basis. The Springs assisted living services are available at an economical rate while maintaining the high quality care that Shell Point is well known for.

"Providing assisted living services on a monthly basis, allows residents a higher degree of flexibility and provides seasonal and respite stay options," said Millis.

The location of The Springs at the entrance to Shell Point is less than two miles from the Sanibel Island causeway. This location, in addition to Shell Point's comprehensive resident activities and healthcare services, are just some of the many benefits that residents of the facility enjoy. Assisted living provides the added security of access to the network of quality health care services provided by the Shell Point health care team, when and if those services are needed. The facility's amenities and services

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days on Market
Sea Side	Sanibel	2001	5,087	3,995,000	3,625,000	501
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2005	4,408	1,100,000	1,007,500	17
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	1983	2,204	998,600	925,000	237
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1990	1,823	939,000	840,000	286
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	1998	2,907	729,900	670,000	334
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	2,245	589,000	570,000	38
Worthington	Bonita Springs	1994	3,024	615,000	525,000	93
Copperleaf At The Brooks	Bonita Springs	2002	2,231	449,900	440,000	59
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1997	1,846	469,900	430,000	54
Village Walk	Bonita Springs	2011	2,488	424,900	412,000	219

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate



Lounge area at the store

Bike Bistro Opens

A long-time Fort Myers businessman and avid cyclist has opened the area's first bicycle shop that incorporates a community area complete with a coffee bar with its very own Bistro Blend Java.

Steven J. Martin opened The Bike Bistro in Sanibel Beach Plaza Center on Summerlin Road in November. While The Bike Bistro offers everything from bicycles, parts, service, accessories and apparel for all types of riders, it's the conversation at the coffee bar – custom-made from concrete and palletized wood – that often takes center stage.

"That's what makes this more of a neighborhood bike shop," said Martin, who as a boy would hang out at his neighborhood bike shop – Wimpy's – all summer long in Minnesota, and has since become and seasoned rider. "It's not a place where guests are overwhelmed with hundreds of bikes and



Coffee bar area

hard sales. Bicyclists stop in sometimes just for the coffee and to talk cycling. It's a comfortable, friendly place to come in to say hello, enjoy a hot beverage and, of course, to find out about our products and services."

The Bike Bistro exudes a vintage look and incorporates bright colors, has seating areas, and smooth "chill" music fills the air for a non-rushed and peaceful experience.

The Bike Bistro carries brand name bikes including Phat Cycles, Ridley, Felt, Fuji and Dahon. The types of bikes are varied as well, from those specifically made for female riders or male riders, to casual cruisers, to folding bikes and mountain bikes. Bike prices start at under \$200.

Then there are the serious cycles made from full carbon for triathlon riders that can cost upwards of \$3,000.

Every imaginable service is available as well, and every new bike assembled in the shop undergoes a thorough quality control check certified by the



Coffee mugs

mechanic. Martin also fills special orders and can locate hard-to-find items. And for those customers who have an emotional tie to their bike, Martin can have them fully restored to like-new condition, bringing back the good old days in no time. All work comes with a warranty.

"We take great pride in our professionalism and workmanship, and we stand behind every bike we sell, because it's our bike first," Martin said.

The Bike Bistro will soon have tables just outside on the brick-paved walkway for guests to enjoy coffee and conversation. Wi-Fi Internet access is on the way as well, as are consignment art for sale and community events to benefit a local animal rescue outfit. Bike rentals will also be offered.

But some visitors, like a representative from the bike company Felt, say what really struck them upon entering The Bike Bistro is a certain emotion that stands apart from other bike shops.



Bicycles for sale at the Bike Bistro

"The Bike Bistro brings to this area a real shop with a unique vibe – finally a place where cyclists can meet after their rides and find cool biking gear," said Carlos Pereyra. "They carry brands like Felt that haven't been around this area for a while. Plus, Steve has an intense passion for cycling."

"It's all geared toward providing a positive and uplifting visit," Martin added. "We're like a neighbor who goes out of his way to help, and the place to 'Perk Up Your Ride at The Bike Bistro.'"

The Bike Bistro is located at 20351 Summerlin Road, Unit 114 in Fort Myers. Call 479-1999 or email Steve@TheBikeBistro.net for more information.*

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Older Driver Safety Awareness Week

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Safe Mobility For Life Coalition kicked off Older Driver Safety Awareness Week to raise awareness of the impacts of aging on driving and the available resources to help maintain mobility and independence. Understanding the impact that aging can have on safe driving skills and the importance of preparing a transportation retirement plan are some of the areas of focus.

Florida is home to more than 3.2 million older adults over the age of 65. Traffic crashes were the third leading cause of injury death among this group.

"With the ever increasing number of Florida's population over the age of 65, it is important to address their mobility needs," said Lora Hollingsworth, FDOT Chief Safety Officer. "By emphasizing the importance of being proactive about staying safe drivers and engineering safer communities, we can help older adults maintain mobility and prepare to transition when driving may no longer be a safe option."

The Safe Mobility For Life Coalition was created to help reduce the number of crashes while improving the safety, access, and mobility for Florida's aging road users. The Coalition consists of representatives from the Florida Department

of Transportation and Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, along with 26 national, state, and local aging and safety advocates, working together to balance both the safety and mobility needs of Florida's aging population.

More information on Older Driver Safety Awareness is available at www.safeandmobileseniors.org/ODSAW.htm.*

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Snook Season

release these fish carefully to help ensure their survival upon release.

Snook regulations, including a bag limit of one fish per person, per day and a slot limit of no less than 28 inches and no more than 33 inches, apply to snook harvested in both state and federal waters off Florida. No one may possess any snook caught during snook closed seasons.

For more information regarding the management of snook in Florida, visit www.MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook."*

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Dr. Dave

More Or Less



by Dr. Dave Hepburn

There are those who would be surprised to know that I went to Harvard... or even graduated high school, for that matter. But one day, not too far from Harvard,

my car – which has a Blue Book value of about \$324 (when the tank's full of premium) – got all hot and bothered and needed to cool down. So I went to Harvard and took a tour. What I learned from my days at Harvard (one) was that students here are encouraged to “know something about everything and everything about something.” Harvardians may, for example, become experts on the theoretical uncertainty of Heisenberg's 31st principle but also take a course on, say, squirrels.

Such is true of your medical community.

GP's know a little about everything and everything about hush puppies. Specialists know an awful lot about very little. Nowadays, subspecialists know even more about even less. For example, a plastic surgeon may have restricted his specialty to left breast reconstruction, a breastologist. An ophthalmologist may only deal in problems of the left retina in

diabetics between the ages of 44 and 47, and so on.

See if you can match the symptoms with the disease and then whom you might see:

1. Your pulse is fast, you are boiling hot while everyone else is in a sweater, and your eyes bug out so far you make Marty Feldman salivate.
 2. Despite Atkins, Jenny Craig and Krispy Kreme diets you still outweigh Botswana.
 3. You bruise at the touch of a loose hair, speaking of which, your husband is now being questioned about those bruises.
 4. Six months since your car wreck, and your lawyer advises you that your neck, back and earlobe pain are worse.
 5. After an African safari, you return home with very high fever, chills, diarrhea and enough ivory to make the piano blush.
 6. Your HDL is low, your LDL is high and you eat nothing but grass cuttings.
 7. You have no pulse, can't breathe and your pupils are fixed and dilated (see senate).
 8. You have a rash on your elbows and knees, and now the joints of your hands are smokin' and you don't smoke joints.
 9. The doctor says your prostate is lumpy and your PSA is batting 1.000.
 10. You see floaters and spiders... and haven't done mushrooms in years.
- A. Malaria
B. Psoriatic arthritis
C. Morbid obesity
D. Hyperthyroidism
E. Vitreous detachment

- F. Familial hyperlipidemia
G. Chronic pain syndrome
H. Prostate cancer
I. Death
J. Idiopathic thrombocytopenia
I. Radiation oncologist
II. Retinal surgeon
III. Bariatric surgeon
IV. Rheumatologist
V. Pathologist
VI. Psychiatrist
VII. Hematologist
VIII. ID specialist (Infectious disease)
IX. Lipidologist
X. Endocrinologist

Score:

- 9 to 10 – You are GP material
4 to 8 – You are specialist material
0 to 3 – Don't get sick!

Answers

- 1-D-X
2-C-III
3-J-VII
4-G-VI
5-A-VIII
6-F-IX
7-I-V
8-B-IV
9-H-I
10-E-II

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

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

Fashion Show, Sale A Win For Women's Lives

submitted by Dalia Jakubauskas



Gari Lewis and Dalia Jakubauskas

For the second year running, MADE by US (women-made creations): “A Fashion Show, Sale, Food, Music and Edutainment Event,” was a resounding success, said organizers of the event. More than 150 people showed up for the event, held on November 16 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Fort Myers. The event benefits The GRACE Project (Guatemalan Rural Adult and Children's Education), which raises funds and awareness for projects benefiting women both here and abroad.

Participants purchased products made by 17 area craftswomen, who pledged 10 percent of their sales to GRACE. Totals won't be known for a few more weeks, but organizers estimate that the event raised about \$1,400 from ticket and product sales.

The GRACE Project works in Guatemala and locally to improve the lives of Guatemalan women and their families through education, particularly in human trafficking prevention and reducing violence against women. The group is a local service partner of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, which was a sponsor of the event. MADE by US is the brainchild of island Zontian and event emcee Gari Lewis.

In addition to the vendors, more than 25 volunteers – including fashion models and assorted helpers – helped make the show a success, said Lewis. The craftswomen, many of them from Central America, displayed their hand-made goods including hand-painted jackets, organic cotton tops and dresses, vintage re-designed clothes, jewelry, bags and accessories.

Students from the PACE Center For Girls of Lee County, another Zonta service partner, also featured their pop-top jewelry.

Attendees also enjoyed a fashion

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Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My husband, along with 499 other employees, were assured their jobs were not in jeopardy when his company merged with another company.

In a short time, 250 were laid off, then another 200, and finally down to five. My husband was one of the five, and then one day they were told they were no longer employed and they had to leave immediately.

It was devastating to both of us. We immediately sold our house, rented an

apartment and stored what we couldn't use. He tried so hard, went on interviews, but had no job offers. At 57, it is very difficult for a man who had never had a job problem before... and even harder on me.

I became very depressed and had to be treated with medication. We decided to move to another location, and there we bought a new house. Two weeks after we moved in, he had a job offer at our old location, so we decided I would stay in the new house and we could see each other every other weekend. I go up alternately to his apartment, and he comes down to the house the other weekend. We talk on the phone several times each day.

My family and friends are driving me crazy. They are so anxious to tell me what to do. They say our marriage will never survive our stupid arrangement. They tell us we should sell the new house and move back to the old area. We are getting along just fine with this arrangement. We have made new friends and for just a few more years, it will make a tremendous difference in our financial security for our retirement.

Have you heard what others are doing?

Evelyn

Dear Evelyn:

Economic times are very difficult, and new creative living arrangements must be made because the old living arrangements may not be appropriate.

Try if you can to ignore these troubling advisors. Some people always know bet-

ter or think they know better. Frequently, these people have difficulty with their own lives but it is so easy for them to solve other people's problems. If this new living arrangement works for you and your husband, just ignore their advice and if necessary ignore them.

When we are living in a particularly difficult time in our lives, it is then we find who our real friends are. The people who are constantly interfering are just satisfying their own emotional needs wanting to boss other people around.

Lizzie

Dear Evelyn:

Even when advice is well intended, from close family or friends, it can be difficult to listen to. If you come up with a pat answer and then change the topic, not allowing someone to give advice, you can be successful in stopping unsolicited advice. Here is what I mean, and to everyone with whom I have used this little technique, I hope you are not reading:

“I appreciate your concern, for now I would appreciate it if we did not talk about it.” Then, take a short breath and change the subject... “so, tell me about your day yesterday.” Say this every time, be firm and do not return to the topic. If they want to return to the topic, say your little piece again. It is a redirection technique that, once you become good at it, works well.

Pryce

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

dearPharmacist

Fiber Is Fabulous



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist:

My doctor asked me to get more fiber in my diet. What are some health benefits and what are good ways to incorporate it into my daily life? I've always been a meat and potatoes man.

DC, Palm Beach, Florida

Fiber is fabulous! It's Step 3 in my *Diabetes Without Drugs* book because it helps lower cholesterol.

Technically, fiber is a carbohydrate and there is the soluble kind, and the insoluble kind. The insoluble sort is not absorbed into the bloodstream during digestion. Isn't it odd that something which can't be absorbed during digestion still has beneficial effects? Welcome to the wacky world of health, where strange is the new normal!

As I said, there are two different types of fiber – soluble and insoluble – both of which exist in the same food. It's a little confusing, but generally speaking, good sources of soluble fiber include bran, oatmeal, and fruits and vegetables. These slow down digestion and that, my friend, slows down the release of blood sugar. This stabilizes your appetite by quelling blood sugar spikes. Fiber may reduce your risk for complications of type 2 diabetes because your body isn't forced to pump out truckloads of insulin since it's not facing roller-coaster high blood sugar swings.

Fiber has been scientifically shown to lower LDL cholesterol, without adversely affecting HDL cholesterol. This gives you an excellent advantage at reducing risk of heart disease. Think of it this way: it helps scrub your arteries clean. And that's not the only area it scrubs clean.

Not to be graphic, but insoluble fiber – also called “cellulose” – will scrub your colon clean. It will literally push waste material through the intestine, making it useful for constipation. Be aware that fiber will drive out your medication faster too, so separate administration of fiber from oral medications. If you're constipated, drink lots of water, consider aloe vera and eat vegetables, soybeans, legumes, apples, oatmeal and, of course, prunes.

I've seen my share of people spending hundreds of dollars a month on laxatives. No wonder, most Americans don't even eat half the daily recommended value of fiber! Women should consume approximately 25 grams per day, and men 35 grams.

Your question about how to incorporate fiber into your life is good because I am aggravated with all these sugary treats and drinks labeled with “added fiber” to imply that they are nutritious. Don't be fooled. The fiber I suggest is found naturally in organic fruits, vegetables, seeds, nuts and beans. Also, peas, broccoli, prunes, apples, oranges, carrots, berries, legumes and potatoes. Not meat though, sorry.

Switching white bread for whole grain (not whole wheat) will up your fiber intake, and this is fine assuming you're not gluten sensitive, or on the Paleo or Phase One diet, or sensitive to grains.

Dietary supplements offer a fiber advantage because they're easy, but be careful you don't end up a pill-junkie. Pysllium husk supplements are sold at pharmacies and natural health food stores nationwide.

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

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Fashion Show

show, speakers, music and food at the event.

The speakers included GRACE founder Dr. Genelle Grant and Yaro Garcia, a counselor at Abuse, Counseling and Treatment, Inc., which provides support services for victims of domestic violence in Lee, Hendry and Charlotte counties. Both women spoke of their work to combat violence against women through education and counseling.

Lewis said she looks forward to staging the event again next year.

“I love this fashion show, sale and benefit because it is unique,” she said. “I would love to get financial backing to

do it again. I love it. It's my passion to help women who make things with their hands, especially fashion designers.”

For more information of The Grace Project, visit their website at www.thegraceproject.org.

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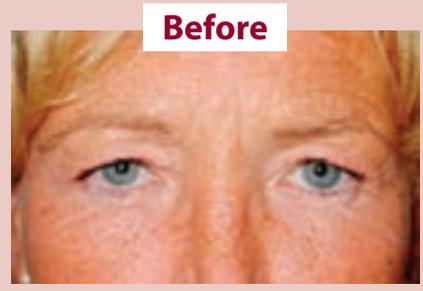
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- Have you hit your head on a cabinet door while open?
- Is it difficult to see beside you without turning your head left or right?
- Do your eyelids close while you are reading?
- When you play tennis, do you have trouble serving?
- Do your eyelids feel heavy?



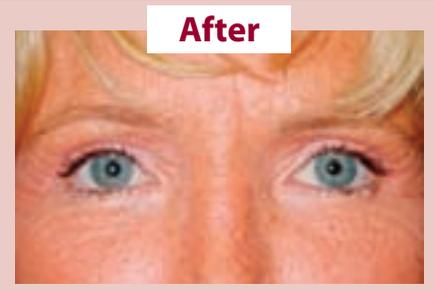
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After

Paulus Named FCIS Vice President



Tony Paulus

Anna Smith, co-chair of the Canterbury School board of trustees, announced that Head of School Tony Paulus was recently elected as vice president of the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), the professional education association that accredits independent schools in Florida.

Prior to his arrival at Canterbury in 2008, Paulus was the head of the Koç School, Istanbul, Turkey. Paulus has been actively involved with FCIS and currently serves on the board of directors and chairs the accreditation committee.

Dr. Barbara Hodges, executive direc-

tor of the Florida Council of Independent Schools, commented, "The leadership skills of Tony Paulus were observed very quickly by Florida heads of school when he first took over the helm of Canterbury. As a result, Tony was named to the Accreditation Commission in 2009 and was subsequently elected to the FCIS board of directors in 2010. Tony was named the chair of the FCIS Accreditation Commission in 2011. In all of his service to FCIS, he has demonstrated strong decision-making skills and true leadership. It seemed natural to tap him as the next FCIS vice president. Tony will bring international, national, and state independent school experience to this office; Florida independent schools will be the beneficiary."

Paulus is "deeply honored and excited to be serving FCIS in this new capacity." As vice-president of FCIS, Paulus will assist with the strategic planning to help chart the organization's course for the next several years, and he will continue to serve as chair of the accreditation committee and see first-hand the best practices of independent schools in Florida.

Canterbury School, founded in 1964, is an independent, college preparatory school, accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools, the Florida Kindergarten Council and the Southern Association of College and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. Canterbury is also a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. With students from Pre-K 3 through grade 12, Canterbury's enrollment is about 615. The school is located at 8141 College Parkway in Fort Myers. Canterbury School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.*

Winn-Dixie Hunger Relief Campaign Requests Help For Families In Need

With one out of five children in America not knowing when she will eat her next meal, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. has launched the Winn-Dixie Hunger Relief program in all Winn-Dixie stores during the holiday season. Winn-Dixie is asking its customers to help make a difference in one of two ways until December 25:

- Generously donate any amount they choose at the point of checkout though easy-to-use tear pads/scan sheets found at the register
- Purchase specially-marked Winn-Dixie brand products, including water, coffee, diapers and condiments, whose manufacturers have generously donated to this program

All dollars raised by tear pads/scan sheets will go directly to local Feeding America-affiliated food banks, including the Harry Chapin Food Bank, which in turn will provide nutritious, fresh foods to people struggling with hunger. For every dollar donated, Winn-Dixie customers will help neighbors in need.

"No societal problem is more aligned with Winn-Dixie's core business nor touches the hearts of our customers more than childhood hunger," said Mary Kellmanson, Winn-Dixie SVP of Marketing. "Every child deserves a nutritious meal and a healthy start to life. The Winn-Dixie Hunger Relief program provides a simple but critical way for our communities to tackle this critical issue."

"The Harry Chapin Food Bank is projected to distribute more than 15 million pounds of food this year as we continue working to meet the increased needs in our community," said Joyce Jacobs, associate director of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. "Through this program, Winn-Dixie and its customers can have a profound effect on this critical issue, providing children the basic nutrition they need to face each day successfully."

Winn-Dixie and the Harry Chapin Food Bank are also asking customers to further the cause by helping spread the word through social media. Twitter users are encouraged to follow @WinnDixie and use the hash tag #Tweet2Eat when they donate in stores or share the cause with their followers. Follow Winn-Dixie on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news on donation efforts and updates.*

Katkin Elected To Voices For Kids Board

Voices For Kids (VFK), a 501©3 nonprofit entity serving abused and neglected children in Lee County, is proud to announce the addition of Atilus' President Zach Katkin to serve as a trustee.

"VFK is extremely excited to have Mr. Katkin join as a director," explained VFK Board President Dr. Kathleen Davey. "He represents one of the outstanding young businessmen of our region."

Katkin, a long-time resident of Southwest Florida and technology expert, is proud of the opportunity to serve.

"This gives me an opportunity to give back to this community in a way that is close to my heart," explained Katkin. "I can't wait to bring my entrepreneurship and technology experience to help make a lasting difference."

Voices For Kids is equally excited about the addition of Katkin.

"Adding Zach to our Board of Directors was a natural progression in the evolution and growth of Voices For Kids, shared Darlene Grossman, executive director. "We are very excited about

the opportunity of drawing upon his vast knowledge and experience in the field of technology and business development."

All parties know it's all about the kids.

"We are pleased that he shares a commitment to helping make the lives of abused, neglected, and abandoned children safer," explained Davey. "Zach will help our team continue to raise funds that directly support the Guardian ad Litem Program in the 20th District Circuit (Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte and Collier County) and our Kids Being Kids Program."

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 Guardian ad Litem 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.

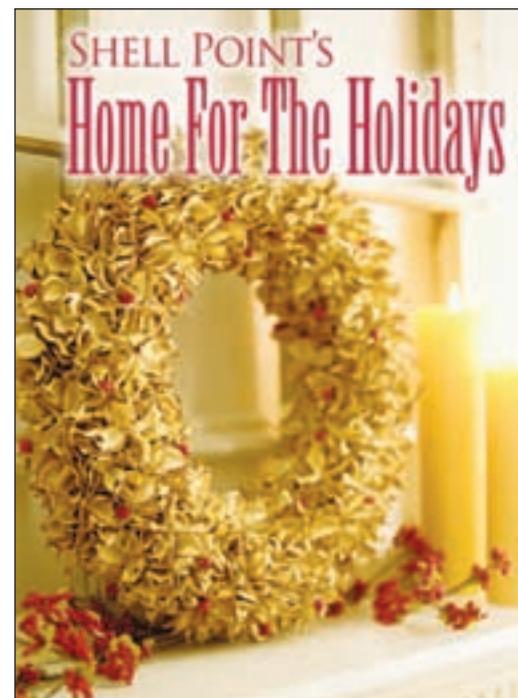
For further information, visit www.voicesforkids.org.*

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Home For The Holidays

include a heated swimming pool, exercise facilities, transportation, dining, 24-hour healthcare staffing and a professional activities leader who coordinates high-quality events and activities, educational and entertainment programs, and opportunities for socialization and personal growth.

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



CAN IT! Campaign Exceeds Goal

In an effort to help end hunger in Southwest Florida, Pushing the Envelope, Inc. recently hosted its second annual CAN IT!, food drive, doubling its goal from last year to 1,000 items.

The drive exceeded its goal by nearly 20 percent, Approximately 1,180 items were collected during the five-week campaign and donated to Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI) for its soup kitchen and emergency food supplies.

According to CCMI, "On average, a 30-pound bag of food is provided to families. The estimated 1,200 pounds of food donated through the CAN IT! Campaign will feed about 40 families depending on family size."

Pushing the Envelope, Inc. would like to thank participating drop-off locations including City Mattress, Frantz Eye Care, Profiles Hair Skin Nails, Salon Adrian, California Closets, Pressstige Printing, Progressive, and Office Furniture & Design Concepts, Inc.

For more information about the campaign, visit <http://www.getpushing.com/about/can-it/>.*

FGCU Center's Book Inspires Brazilian Conference's Theme

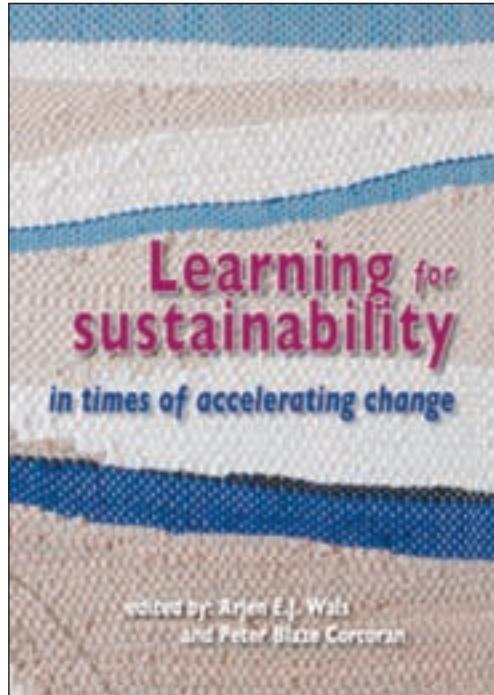
submitted by Kharli Rose

Latin America provided Sanibel resident Peter Blaze Corcoran an opportunity to discuss the integration of sustainability into higher education in November. The Florida Gulf Coast University's Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education Director travelled to Curitiba, Brazil to promote the mission of the Center as a keynote speaker.

Dr. Corcoran delivered the opening speech "Learning for Sustainability in Higher Education" in a plenary session at the International Conference on Innovation, Technology, and Internationalization for Sustainability at the Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Parana. He was invited to the conference based on his involvement in the Center's new book, *Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change*.

The Center's new publication speaks to the challenges of a fast-paced culture that has quick, informal learners, but education systems that are evolving slowly and it was launched in Brazil at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as Rio+20. The goals of the conference were to promote academic reflection and to improve knowledge about internationalization and innovation, as well as trying to understand the relationships among them. The objectives of the conference were developed along the lines of the book's theme.

"I wanted to speak to the urgent need for an ethics of sustainability in education



The Center's most recent publication



Dr. Peter Blaze Corcoran met with conference organizer Federal University of Curitiba Professor Emerita Ziole Zanotto in November

and I sought to use the work of Brazilian thinkers to support my thesis. I drew on the educational philosophy of the late Paulo Freire and on the philosophical work of contemporary theologian Leonardo Boff," said Dr. Corcoran.

The conference was attended by 80 invited academics from 11 countries to discuss sustainable actions and analyze innovative practices that lead to the reduction of social and environmental imbalances, as well as the improvement of well-being and the education for sustainability. It was an open forum that welcomed multiple voices that were willing to discuss the transformation of organizational practices and the mobilization of civil society towards a more active role in determining its own sustainable future.

Dr. Corcoran was pleased to have international engagement with the Center's mission. He also had the opportunity to travel to the city of Salvador to visit the research site of Donna Roberts, who did her FGCU graduate work on Brazilian women environmental educators and enjoyed seeing a former student in action.✧



Some of the PACE Center For Girls participants who received a meal on Thanksgiving Day this year

Thanksgiving Meal Provided For PACE Center

For the third consecutive year, Myers, Brettholtz & Company, PA, Certified Public Accountants & Business Consultants employees provided PACE Center For Girls staff, volunteers and students a Thanksgiving Day lunch including turkey, ham and stuffing.

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PACE Center For Girls of Lee County 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, and/or family history of incarceration. Since opening its doors in 2007, PACE has helped over 300 girls find success in school, generate a positive relationship with their families and peers, and become productive members of our community.✧

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TRIVIA TEST

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a philigraphist?
2. TELEVISION: Which actor played the character of Fonzie on Happy Days?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book Matilda?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What tiny principality lies between Spain and France?
5. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what was the Hydra?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What is muesli?
7. ART: Where is the Uffizi museum?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What does a kelvin measure?
9. MOVIES: What spell is used to disarm opponents in the Harry Potter movies?
10. ANATOMY: Where is the latissimus dorsi muscle located on the human body?

ANSWERS

1. Someone who collects autographs. 2. Henry Winkler. 3. Roald Dahl. 4. Andorra. 5. A many-headed monster whose heads could grow back if they were cut off. 6. Breakfast cereal with fruit and nuts. 7. Florence, Italy. 8. Temperature. 9. Expelliarmus! 10. Back.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the only stadium that is currently home to an NFL team and a major-league baseball team.
2. Who played more games with one team: Brooks Robinson or Robin Yount?
3. Name the first team in college football history to be voted a unanimous No. 1 in both the media and coaches polls.
4. When was the last time the Hawks were in the NBA Finals?
5. Name the last time an NHL team won the Stanley Cup while having no player reach the 60-point mark during the regular season.
6. What was the last vehicle other than a Toyota to win a NASCAR Truck series race at Daytona International Speedway?
7. Name the last married woman to win a singles title at Wimbledon.

ANSWERS

1. The Oakland Coliseum (A's and Raiders). 2. Robinson played 2,896 games with the Orioles; Yount played 2,856 games with the Brewers. 3. Southern Cal. in 1972. 4. In 1961, the Hawks (then in St. Louis) lost to Boston in five games. 5. The New Jersey Devils in 2003. 6. Mark Martin drove a Ford to victory at Daytona in 2006. 7. Chris Evert-Lloyd, in 1981.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2012

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism

to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a highly defined sense of commitment to others. You would make a fine social worker.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 18, 1777, the new United States celebrates its first national day of thanksgiving, commemorating the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga after the surrender of Gen. John Burgoyne and 5,000 British troops that October.

- On Dec. 22, 1808, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony has its world premiere in Vienna. The concert venue was freezing cold and the orchestra played poorly enough to force the nearly deaf composer -- also acting as conductor and pianist -- to stop the ensemble partway into one passage and start again from the very beginning.

- On Dec. 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight of a self-propelled aircraft. Orville piloted the gasoline-powered, propeller-driven biplane, which stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet on its inaugural flight.

- On Dec. 19, 1917, four teams of the National Hockey League play the league's first two games. At the time of its inception, the NHL was made up of the Canadiens and the Wanderers (both of Montreal), the Ottawa Senators, the Quebec Bulldogs and the Toronto Arenas.

- On Dec. 23, 1968, the crew and captain of the U.S. intelligence gathering ship Pueblo are released after 11 months imprisonment by the government of North Korea. The ship, and its 83-man crew, was seized by warships on Jan. 23 and charged with intruding into North Korean waters.

- On Dec. 21, 1970, rock star Elvis Presley pays a surprise visit to President Richard Nixon at the White House to discuss the war on drugs. Presley apparently was not searched before being granted admission: Upon meeting Nixon, he presented the president with a gift -- a World War II-era Colt .45 pistol.

- On Dec. 20, 1989, "Roger & Me," a documentary by Michael Moore about his quest to interview Roger Smith, then chairman and chief executive officer of General Motors, opens in theaters. The film examines the devastating impact on the people of Moore's hometown of Flint, Mich., following the closing of several General Motors auto plants in the area.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, who made the following observation: "The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers."

- Those who study such things say that a rainbow can't be seen at midday; the optical phenomena are visible only in the morning or in the late afternoon.

- In 1982, a radio station in Allentown, Pa., thought its rating could use a bit of a boost, so it came up with a contest: Three contestants, selected at random, would live on top of one of the station's billboards (portable toilets and sleeping bags were provided). The last one to give up would be awarded a mobile home. The problem was, nobody wanted to give up. The three men who climbed to the top of the sign at the end of September were still there come March 1983. In that month, one of the contestants was arrested for dealing drugs, but the remaining two stayed aloft until May. Once the freezing winter was finally over, the radio station decided to declare both of the men winners.

- As the end of the year approaches, you might consider an old British tradition of fortune-telling. Light a candle, place it on the floor and jump over it. If the flame does not go out, you're likely to enjoy good luck during the coming year.

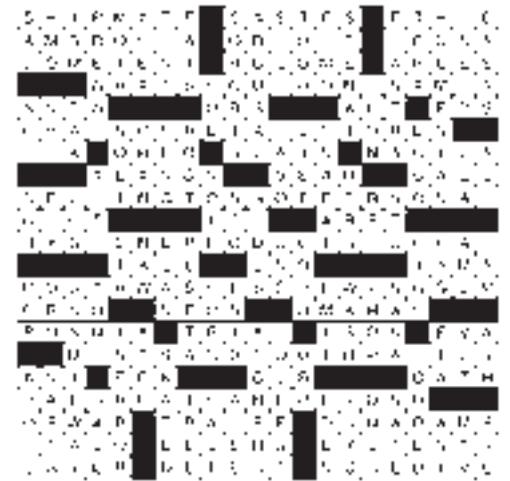
- If you're like the average American, you use between 75 and 100 gallons of water every day.

- The Sahara Desert is nearly as large as the continental United States.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If at first you don't succeed, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it." -- W.C. Fields

PUZZLE ANSWERS

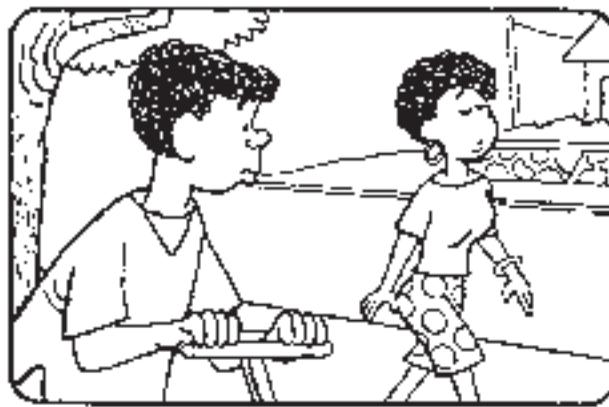
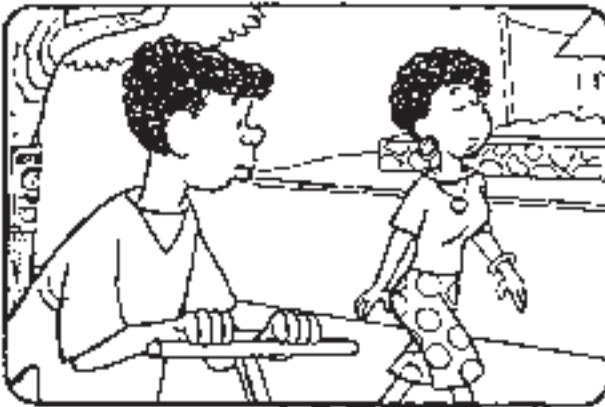


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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each category to form the original words. Then rearrange the word letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page.

Now
CRUSOE

Order
GERCHA

Adhere
TICKS

Quiet
HASTLE

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 35



"They could have Ed McMahon on the and it still wouldn't help this show."

solution

- 1. Course; 2. Charge;
- 3. Stick; 4. Stealth

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SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week

Hello, my name is Jessica and I'm a 4-year-old female black and tan Doberman Pincher mix. I'm a quiet, easy-going and very lady-like girl. Besides those good qualities, I also know to do my business outside when it's time to play. I'm very smart, too. I know sit, stay and how to give my paw for a treat. There's lots more I can learn, too. Just have a treat ready for a reward. I love treats a lot!

My adoption fee is \$15 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promotion.

Hello, my name is Missy and I am a 1-year-old female calico domestic short hair. I'm a full-figured girl with a big personality to match. I love to play with all the other cats here, so I would be perfect in a multi-cat home. My Christmas wish is to find a new home with my friend Sax, who is also available for adoption. We love to snuggle, play and groom one another. Why not adopt us both, since all cats are 2-for-1?

My adoption fee is \$10 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Promotion. Adopt both Missy and Sax for just \$10!

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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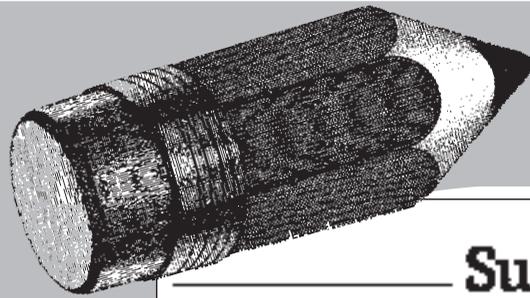


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Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
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Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
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Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
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Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
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Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
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Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
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Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
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Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869
Lions Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900
AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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Super Crossword FRESHENING FRANCHISES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fellow crew member
 - 9 Sorcerer's
 - 15 Set of biscuits
 - 20 Food of the gods
 - 21 Carpenters' tool
 - 22 Hole queen
 - 23 Camp spread with a hot tent
 - 24 1982 Richard Gere
 - 25 One of the Ring
 - 26 Start of a riddle
 - 29 Skunk head
 - 32 Single hand
 - 33 Make before
 - 34 My name
 - 35 Riddle part
 - 44 Calicut
 - 45 Concealed
 - 46 Knocked off
 - 47 Tread
 - 50 12-step
 - 52 Neutral
 - 54 Certain Scot
 - 55 Riddle part
 - 62 Coal
 - 63 Head of a
 - 64 Help
 - 65 Riddle part
 - 76 Antidote
 - 77 Roly
 - 78 "Hook"
 - 79 Riddle part
 - 88 Queen
 - 90 Gas in
 - 91 Nebraska
 - 92 Neighbor of
 - 95 Juice
 - 98 "The Great"
 - 99 London of
 - 102 End of the
 - 106 "Game"
 - 108 Confusion
 - 109 "Low"
 - 110 Riddle part
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- 11 Lullaby
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- 16 Paper
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EAST END ISLAND LIVING AT IT'S FINEST!

This 3/2 pool home is located on a direct access canal and is truly a must see! This Island home features high ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, over sized kitchen with stainless appliances, upgraded fixtures, granite surfaces, pantry and center island with plenty of cupboard space. Home also has a wood burning fireplace for the cool Island nights, 2 stage A/C systems (5 and 3 ton) for the hot island days, fire pit area, 10 thousand pound boat lift, sparkling pool, deeded beach access and lush landscaping all situated on a private road. Take a leisurely stroll to the Sanibel Marina and enjoy the fresh seafood at Grandma Dots restaurant. **Offered for \$959,000 Contact Tracy Walters "Mr. Listr" 239/994-7975 or Connie Walters "Ms. Listr" at 239/841-4540**



DIRECT LAKEFRONT SANCTUARY HOME WITH PANORAMIC SUNSET VIEWS

With over 3500 sq. ft., this stunning home features four bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with granite counters, gas stove, and high end appliances. Master bath opens to private garden and offers 2 oversized walk-in closets. Living room with fireplace, dining room with pass through bar area and wine fridge. Two sets of sliding doors pocket out of the way and open the living/dining area to the oversized screened lanai/patio with fabulous pool and barbeque area. 2 car garage with air conditioned workshop. **Offered for \$1,495,000. Contact Steve Harrell 239/565-1277, Toby Tolp 239/239/848-0433 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



"HISTORIC PUNTA RASSA"

Bright & airy "End Unit" with balcony off dining room. This perfect rental unit features 2 large bedroom suites, laundry facility, assigned parking and 2 storage areas. Experience the magnificence of the ever changing, breathtaking views of the sunrises & sunsets. Well maintained and efficiently managed, many recent improvements have been completed with no assessments. Included is a social membership to Sanibel Harbour Yacht Club. A special arrangement for owners/tenants with the hotel for the use of their facilities including exercise, spas, pools, etc. A Fabulous Boating Community! **Offered for \$375,000 Contact Marianne Stewart 239/560-6420**



BEST CAPTIVA GULF FRONT OPPORTUNITY IN YEARS

Priced to sell at Land Value, this property offers you multiple options, renovate the existing 2 bedroom beachfront cottage and guest house, for great rental potential, or use the guest house while you build your beachfront Dream Home. You can always build an all new guest house and main house or just hold the property for future market appreciation. This property has an added feature, a 71-2 foot right of use access to Roosevelt Channel, so bring your kayak! Plans are available for a new main and Guest house or built to suite. **Offered for \$2,795,000. Contact George Kohlbrenner 239/565-8805**



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING HERON CONDO AT THE SANCTUARY

Over 2500 sq. ft. with all new furnishings, all new appliances, new air conditioner, water heater, ceiling fans, washer & dryer, and more! You'll feel like you're walking into a model home. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths plus large den or 3rd bedroom with hard wood floors. Fantastic sunset views over the 9th fairway from lovely corner lanai. Marble master bath, walk-in closets, 10 ft. ceilings, single car garage with extra parking. **Offered for \$619,000. Contact Steve Harrell 239/565-1277, Toby Tolp 239/239/848-0433 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



SOMERSET AT THE REEF

Enjoy the great view of the Gulf of Mexico. Beautifully maintained, large property. Glassed in lanai providing additional living area to an already spacious and desirable floor plan. Large master suite and bath, second bath services the den (or 3rd bedroom) and the guest room along with an additional powder room. Available fully furnished and ready for you to move in. **Offered for \$1,225,000.00. Contact Linda Naton 239/691-5024**



SOUTH SEAS BAYSIDE VILLAS 5136

Renovated and updated, this 1 bedroom, 2 bath condo capitalizes on waterfront views across lush green foliage with eastern exposure. The great room combines the living, dining and kitchen maximizing for a feeling of spaciousness and great light. The kitchen includes granite countertops and white cabinetry. The master suite is updated with West Indies flair. This bay front condominium located in South Seas Island Resort. With the investors or vacation home in mind, this condominium offers a strong monthly income. The water's edge Bayside Villa community has under building parking, pool, spa, bbq's along with separate storage lockers. Welcome to the Islands! **Offered for \$280,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



BEACHWALK OF SANIBEL-LOT D WE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST!!!

This is the last building site in the Beachwalk Development, a large corner lot in a great near beach location bordered by a conservation area. Package includes a larger, upgraded 3 bedroom 2 bathroom floor plan with metal roof, concrete board siding and impact windows, granite countertops and raised wood panel cabinets. **Offered for \$795,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597**



OVER 2300 SQ. FT. LIVING AREA

This exquisite 2 BR 2 1/2 Bath Golf Villages unit is beautifully furnished & decorated. High ceilings, hardwood floors, formal living and dining rooms, casual family & breakfast rooms. Spacious corner lanai with sliding glass enclosure. Sunset views of lake & fairway. Under building parking plus private storage room. **Offered for \$540,000. Contact Steve Harrell 239/565-1277, Toby Tolp 239/239/848-0433 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.**



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

