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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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## St. Patrick's Day Party Downtown

**D**owntown Fort Myers will have the Luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day with six stages of entertainment, corned beef and cabbage, and plenty of festivities. The block party is open to the public and begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 17. Downtown bars, restaurants and clubs throughout the River District will be open all night long with St. Patrick's Day specials.

The celebration is presented by Shamrock Bail Bonds. Supporting sponsors are the River District Alliance, Bud Light, the City of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency and the following businesses: Spirits of Bacchus, The French Connection, Downtown House of Pizza, The Deli, Crown Valet, City Tavern, HideAway Sports Bar, Cigar Bar, Cowboy Up, Celcius, Space 39, Yanos, Morgan House, The Firestone, Los Cabos Cantina, Ford's Garage, Downtown Bagel & Deli, Meta Group, and Indigo Room.\*

## Replicas Of The Historic Ships Docking In Fort Myers

**F**rom March 20 to 27, replicas of both the *Niña* and *Pinta*, built by The Columbus Foundation, will be docked at the Fort Myers Yacht Basin in the downtown River District. The historically accurate ships are touring together as a new and enhanced sailing museum to educate the public and school children on the caravel, a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers to discover the world.

The *Niña* is a replica of the ship on which Columbus sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discovery to the new world beginning in 1492. Columbus sailed the tiny ship over 25,000 miles. That ship was last heard of in 1501, but the new *Niña* has a different mission; it is a floating museum that visits ports all over the Western Hemisphere.

The *Pinta* was recently built in Brazil to accompany the *Niña* on all of her travels.



Historically accurate replicas of the *Niña* and *Pinta*, built by The Columbus Foundation, will be open for public tours while docked at the Fort Myers Yacht Basin

photo by David Grimmel

She is a larger version of the archetypal caravel and offers larger deck space for walk-aboard tours and has a 40-foot air conditioned main cabin below with seating. *Pinta* is available for private parties and charters.

General admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (age 60+), \$6 for ages five to

16 (not in a school group), age four and under are free. Group and school tours (minimum of 15 people) are \$5 per person. Tour hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Fort Myers Yacht Basin is at 1300 Lee Street. For more information and bookings, call 787-672-2152.\*



Buddy Greene

## Heights Center Presents Nashville Hit Songwriters

**T**he Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center presents Nashville Songwriters On Stage on Wednesday, March 20 at the Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. Three highly accomplished hit songwriters will perform their popular compositions and tell the stories behind them. The evening will feature the



Randy Thomas

famous Buddy Greene, Grammy Award-winning Randy Thomas and Nashville hit-maker Regie Hamm. General admission tickets are \$40 and VIP tickets that include a reception with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and meet-and-greet with the songwriters are \$75.

All proceeds benefit the Heights Center, a place for education, opportunity, and enrichment. The center's mission is to promote family and community development, support education, health and wellness, and provide the benefits of enrichment, expressive and cultural arts in the Harlem Heights neighborhood.

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The Burroughs Home

## Burroughs Home To Have 'Big Reveal' On March 19

**T**he Uncommon Friends Foundation, manager of the historic Burroughs Home in the River District of Fort Myers, will hold a "big reveal" on Tuesday, March 19. The public is invited to view the many restorations, improvements and additions that have been made recently. There is no charge for the event, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Parking is available across the street at the red brick house.

Over the past year, the Uncommon Friends Foundation, under the direction of board member and historic preservationist Marnie Paulus and executive director Arlene Roth, have spearheaded the restoration and addition to the furnishings of the historic home. Extensive contributions have been made by Barbara Bell Design Group and Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Burnam.

During the event, Eagle Scout ceremonies will be held for Connor and Austin Nelson. Connor spearheaded a team that prepared the third floor servants' quarters

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Roberts Building At Hendry And Main

by Gerri Reaves



The “removal sale” signs on this building foretell big changes to the southeast corner of Hendry and Main. This 1949 photo documents the last reincarnation of a building dating from the 1890s.

The two-story building is on the eve of demolition to make way for the \$70,000 Thrifty Drugs.

This building could well be nicknamed the “other” Roberts Building to avoid confusion with the Roberts Building that once stood on the southeast corner of First and Lee Streets. Both were built by Carl F. Roberts, a Fort Myers pioneer and businessman with an adventurous spirit.

A native of Sweden, he had arrived in the U.S. in 1879, eventually coming to Fort Myers in January 1884. He stayed in the area for a short time, working along the coast as far south as Key West.

After a brief return to Illinois to recover from yellow fever, he came back to Fort Myers and helped the town grow up.

His expert carpentry skills were in demand in those pioneer days. The Atlantic Coastline Railroad’s first regular passenger train, which rolled into town in May 1904, included two flat cars of lumber for Roberts, who became a successful contractor.

He also championed many civic efforts, including the first volunteer fire department, the school board, and the Lee Memorial Hospital Board.

For many of this building’s early years, the first floor was a business duplex.

Through the years, second-floor apartments provided winter residences for snowbird.

In the first decade of the twentieth century, the fire department and Roberts’ undertaking business – the first in town – occupied the lower floor.

In 1915, the fire department moved into its first modern building and HL Marlow’s bicycle shop moved into the department’s former space.



Today, offices occupy the former Thrifty Drugs at Hendry and Main

photo by Gerri Reaves

By the early 1920s, the corner actually became a corner, when Peter Tonnelier extended Oak Street (which was renamed Main) east to Jackson, in preparation for the construction of the Central Hotel. That hotel is visible at the end of the block (left) in the historic photo.

The Roberts Building also underwent a remodeling and expansion project that gave it the hollow-concrete-block exterior so popular at that time.

The Groceteria opened in the ground floor in 1920, helping to establish the new trend of self-service food shopping in town.

The Groceteria and Pearce’s Meat Market were in business until the World War II period, followed by the Western Auto Store, managed by Cecil L. Bennett.

In 1949, he, along with partner and pharmacist HL Batastini, opened the modern Thrifty Drugs in the new one-story building constructed by Roberts’ son, Carl R. Roberts, to the partners’ specifications.

Today, the building’s sedate appearance does not suggest its original purpose – to showcase the most modern concept in drug stores through large plate-glass windows.

Walk to Hendry and Main and envision the southeast corner more than a century ago, when the undertaker and fire station shared a building and Main dead-ended at Hendry.

Then take a short walk to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about the many businesses that have been located there.

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

Learn more about the many efforts of pioneer Carl F. Roberts at the Southwest Florida Historical Society.

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 visit on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, *The Story of Fort Myers* by Karl H. Grismer, and Sue Bennett Grimes.\*



Cecil Bennett took this photo when the Western Auto Store he managed was having its close-out sale. Subsequently, the building was demolished to make way for the modern Thrifty Drugs, which he and HL Batastini owned and operated

courtesy of Southwest Florida Historical Society (Sue Bennett Grimes Collection)



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Fort Myers Public Art

## Florida Panther



by Tom Hall

In the median on Monroe Street outside the Harborside Event Center is a sculpture installation by D.J. Wilkins known as *The Florida Panther*. It consists of a 50-foot long, rectangular-shaped fountain with two basins. An adult male panther prowls atop one basin. An adult female reclines in the corner of the other, where she lazily watches over a cub resting across the water from her.

The panther is the state animal of Florida. However, its future here is far from assured. A subspecies of mountain lions, the Florida panther is one of the most imperiled mammals in the world today.

The elusive cat requires 200 square miles of habitat. It once ranged as far west as Louisiana and Arkansas and as far north as Tennessee and South Carolina. But the panthers have lost 95 percent of their historical habitat and are now squeezed into a few protected areas such as Big Cypress National Preserve and the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

Scientists estimate that as few as 80 to 120 of these critically-endangered animals remain on the planet. Pictures of dead

panthers on the side of the road surface on the Internet, Facebook and news stories with sad regularity, but the biggest threat to the species' continued viability isn't cars. It's inbreeding.

A study done in the 1990s warned that the panther would become extinct within two to four decades because of inbreeding alone. To counter that possibility, eight female Texas cougars were introduced into South Florida in 1995. The measure helped, but only marginally as the foregoing census numbers reflect.

The Florida panther's recovery unquestionably depends upon protection of the small, remaining population, its habitat and prey sources. Both the City of Fort Myers and Wilkins hope the sculpture helps draw attention to the plight of this majestic native predator, encouraging people to drive with care whenever they pass through posted panther habitats.

Wilkins not only created the cold cast bronze panthers, he wired, piped and constructed the fountain and basins where the panthers roam. Wilkins did similar work on another Fort Myers artistic landmark, *Uncommon Friends*, his tribute to Edison, Ford and Firestone that sits in the entrance to Centennial Park just a few dozen steps away. It was after he completed that public art installation that former mayor Art Hammel proclaimed Wilkins to be the "sculptor of Fort Myers."

*An arts advocate, Tom Hall guides weekly walking tours of the River District's public art collection in Fort Myers. For more information, go to [www.truetours.net](http://www.truetours.net).*



D.J. Wilkins' sculpture, *The Florida Panther*, is between the downtown post office and the Harborside Event Center. The entire piece includes this male, a female and a cub



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Austin (left), Craig, Erin and Connor are pictured at the Burroughs Home. Austin and Connor will receive Eagle Scout designation during the March 19 "Big Reveal" for their contributions to the historic preservation of the home

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## Burroughs Home

for behind the scenes tours by sorting and cataloguing storage items, selecting furniture pieces to be used, securing a donation of a wrought iron safety window bar from Metropolis Ironworks for the landing, and securing the advice of an interior designer to stage the setting for visitors.

Austin Nelson worked with Melissa VanderBurgt, FGCU Digital Services Librarian, to scan and digitize the entire James and Eleanor Newton Collection of memorabilia donated to the Uncommon Friends Foundation. Austin also (through the generosity of his parents Erin and Craig, who own Rapid Print) scanned and made museum quality copies so that the originals can be preserved.

Of special interest to the restoration are the grandfather clock, 1863 Bradbury

Rosewood square grand piano, Civil War lithographs, rocking chair, wash stand, renovated chiffarobe and a 1888 edition of *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, all donated by Dr. Andrew and Gloria Burnam. Barbara Bell and Mona Raye have contributed numerous window coverings throughout the home.

Additional refurbishings include:

- Several paintings by Ron's Paintings
- Original 180-year-old carpets, steam cleaned by Captain Steamer
- Various chairs recovered by Carl Olmstead of Acanthus Custom Furniture
- Bedding in the servants' quarters donated by Becky Storer
- Gentleman's dressing table (circa 1860 to the 1880s) donated by Rusty and Bill Tanner
- Various accessories donated by Lois Hartel
- Original sink restoration by E.

Bosavage and Lois Hartel

- 1930's stove donated by Lois Kuehne
- Circa 1920s to 1930s icebox donated by the New Prospect Chapter 1475, The Questers
- Additions to the second-story display case featuring Mina Edison's handmade afghan

Also, viewers can see the restoration of the front walk plantings, with funding donated by the Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council. The plantings design, plus Tea Garden plantings, were donated

by En-site.

The Uncommon Friends Foundation, a not for profit 501(c)3 organization established in 1993, is dedicated to life-long character building among today's youth and business leaders. Its mission is to promote character education in schools, business ethics in the workplace and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives.

For more information, call 337-9505 or visit [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org).

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## Nashville Songwriters

Greene is an American singer, songwriter, guitarist and harmonica player. Most of his recordings consist of gospel music, with a distinctly Southern flavor. Much of his music is influenced by country and bluegrass music. Greene grew up in Macon, Georgia. He has written the music for many songs and also co-wrote the Christmas song *Mary, Did You Know?* with Mark Lowry; Greene also wrote *Recovering Pharisee* recorded by Del McCoury, and *He Is* recorded by Ashley Cleveland. He is considered a harmonica legend by many, and once played a classical harmonica medley at Carnegie Hall.

Hamm's songs have been recorded by the likes of Kenny Loggins, Maxi Priest, Bob Carlisle, Jaci Velasquez and Clay Crosse. He wrote one of the most

popular Christian songs of the 1990s, entitled *I Surrender All*, recorded by Clay Crosse. His Top 20 Adult Contemporary hit entitled *Babies*, was featured on Delilah Rene's nationally-syndicated love-songs program. In 2008, *The Time of My Life* became the finale song and first single for the winner of *American Idol's* seventh season, David Cook. The song was a platinum-selling #1 single. In addition to the *American Idol* success, Hamm has written for Clay Aiken and Lonestar. He has had more than 400 cuts as a songwriter, and has been named SESAC songwriter of the year four times. Hamm has a solo album titled *Set It On Fire* and a book titled *Angels & Idols*, released in 2010.

Thomas has received numerous awards for his work in the pop, country and Christian genres. These include the Grammy, Dove, ASCAP, NSAI and Nashville Music awards. His pop/country smash *Butterfly Kisses* has been per

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Dancers from Kellyn Celtic Arts will be performing at Shell Point

## Celtic Spectacular At Shell Point On March 16

The public is invited to attend a Celtic Spectacular concert on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. featuring exquisite choral performances by Vocal Artistry, exuberant Irish step dancing with reels, jigs and more by the students of Kellyn Celtic Arts Irish Dance Academy, and native Irish folk songs by flutist Bill Larsen.

Celtic Spectacular will be held at The Village Church Auditorium on The Island at Shell Point, located in Fort Myers just off Summerlin Road, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling 454-2067 or by visiting [www.shellpoint.org/celticconcert](http://www.shellpoint.org/celticconcert).



Vocal Artistry performers



Flutist Bill Larsen

## Pam Tebow To Speak At Lifeline Center Benefit

Pam Tebow, mother of Heisman Trophy winner and New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow, will speak at the Lifeline Family Center annual benefit on Thursday, March 21 at McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers. She will relate her life experiences as a mother, a missionary and teacher.

The notoriety of the Tebow family increased when their youngest son won the Heisman Trophy following his sophomore football season with the University of Florida Gators. In 2010, Pam and Tim

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## Alva Community Center Programs

The Alva Community Center, located at 21471 N. River Road in Alva, announced the following events and activities:

- Fun Day – Friday, March 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Open to ages 6 to 13, Fun Day may include games, swimming, arts and crafts, music, dance, activities inside/outdoors and field trips. Participants should bring their own snacks/lunch. Entry fee is \$15.
  - Annual Gala Dance – Friday, March 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.  
Our annual youth dance is for ages 10 to 14 years old. Dress up and bring your favorite CDs music and our DJ will play it for you and your friends to dance. Refreshments are included. Entry fee is \$2.
  - Homeschool Rec – Session IV (April 2 to April 30) Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m.  
Looking for an opportunity for your homeschooler (ages 5 to 17) to get out and make new friends, as well enjoy numerous physical activities? This program is an all around good time in a non-competitive environment. Participants should expect to be outdoors for this program. Physical activities may include: walk, run, jumps, ball games, tennis, basket shoots, aerobics, ping-pong and more. Entry fee is \$10.
- For more information, visit [www.leeparks.org](http://www.leeparks.org) or call Sandra at 728-2882.\*

## Republican Women's Club Fashion Show

It's A Banner Day is the annual fashion show fundraiser being held by the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club Federated on Tuesday, March 19 at The Helm Club, The Landings in South Fort Myers. A theme of red, white and blue will be utilized. Fashions by Saks will be featured, with club members serving as the models. In addition, both Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott and State Attorney Steve Russell will be models. The event replaces the regular monthly business meeting. The public is invited to attend.

The day's activities include a card party beginning at 10 a.m. Donations for door prizes, raffle items and the silent auction are being accepted. Additional information about these items may be obtained by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

A social hour and silent auction will begin at 11 a.m. The fashion show and luncheon is scheduled to start at noon.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

The Fort Myers Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women. Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Gaile Anthony, at 292-5121.\*

## Greeters Club

Looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities? Attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on Thursday, March 21 at Colonial County Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$20, with reservations required.

Golisano Children's Hospital representatives Tracy Connelly, Senior Director of Development; Dan Fink, Chief Administrative Officer; and Dr. Emad Salman, Medical Director will facilitate a question-and-answer session about the Seahorse Dream Project fundraiser.

To join this dynamic group of women of Lee County, call Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Marie Gaither 791-8966 or send an email to [wmgaiter@aol.com](mailto:wmgaiter@aol.com).\*

## Spring Fling With Sally Langwah

Come to the Lake Kennedy Center as we fling into spring on Friday, March 22. Celebrate the season and experience the amazing talents of impressionist, singer and entertainer Sally Langwah.

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the show begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

To make reservations or for more information, call the Lake Kennedy Center at 574-0575.\*

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center in South Fort Myers is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 23. Last year more than 100 children participated.

Children under the age of 12, their families and friends are invited for a morning of hunting for eggs and visiting with the Wa-Ke Hatchee Easter Bunny. Bring a camera. Cookies and juice will be provided. The egg hunt starts at 10:35 a.m., just after the bunny's arrival. Participation is \$5 per child; no charge for adults.

For more information about this event, call Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center at 432-2154. The center is at 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers.\*

## Lee Republican Women Meeting

The next dinner meeting of Lee Republican Women Federated will be held on Monday, April 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12601 University Drive in Fort Myers. The guest speaker will be Lee County Commissioner of District 2 Cecil Pendergrass. Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m., with dinner and the program to follow.

The cost to attend the meeting is \$20, all inclusive. A cash bar will be available. To make reservations, call 432-9389 or email [cindylignelli222@gmail.com](mailto:cindylignelli222@gmail.com).

For additional information, contact Michele Duryea, publicity chair, at [michelemduryea@embarqmail.com](mailto:michelemduryea@embarqmail.com), call 280-7653 or visit [www.leerepublicanwomen.com](http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com).\*

## Greeters Club Lunch Meeting

If you are looking to make new friends and join in monthly activities, attend the next luncheon meeting of The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers on April 18. Following new officer elections, members will participate in the Anything Goes Auction.

The cost is \$20 and reservations are required. Call Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750, Marie Gaither at 791-8966 or email [wmgaiter@aol.com](mailto:wmgaiter@aol.com).

Colonial Country Club is at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers.\*

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Alliance activities from previous arts camps

## There's Still Time To Register For Florida Rep's Spring Break Camp

Immerse your child in the arts during spring break this year at the Alliance for the Arts. Spring Fever Arts Camp, presented by Florida Rep at the Alliance, gives K-12 students a chance to act, sing, dance and create visual art. Led by professional performing and visual artists, kids will adapt classic stories around the central theme, Myths, Legends and Heroic Tales! The one-week session, which runs March 25 to 29, also includes an introduction into stage combat, taught by Jason Paul Tate, certified instructor from the Society of American Fight Directors. Spring Fever Arts camp culminates with a grand finale stage performance and art exhibition for family and friends on Friday. Classes throughout the day include visual art, acting,



A student paints during a previous Alliance camp

storytelling and improvisation. Early registration is recommended as space is limited. Spring Arts Camp is \$175 for kids in grades K to 6. Kids in grades 7 to 12 can register to be Stars-In-Training for \$150.

Camp runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the final performance at 3 p.m. on the March 29. Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up is 4 to 4:15 p.m. Post-camp care is available until 5pm for an additional \$25 for the week. Contact Rachael Endrizzi at Florida Rep by calling 332-4665 or go to [www.floridarepeducation.org](http://www.floridarepeducation.org).

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

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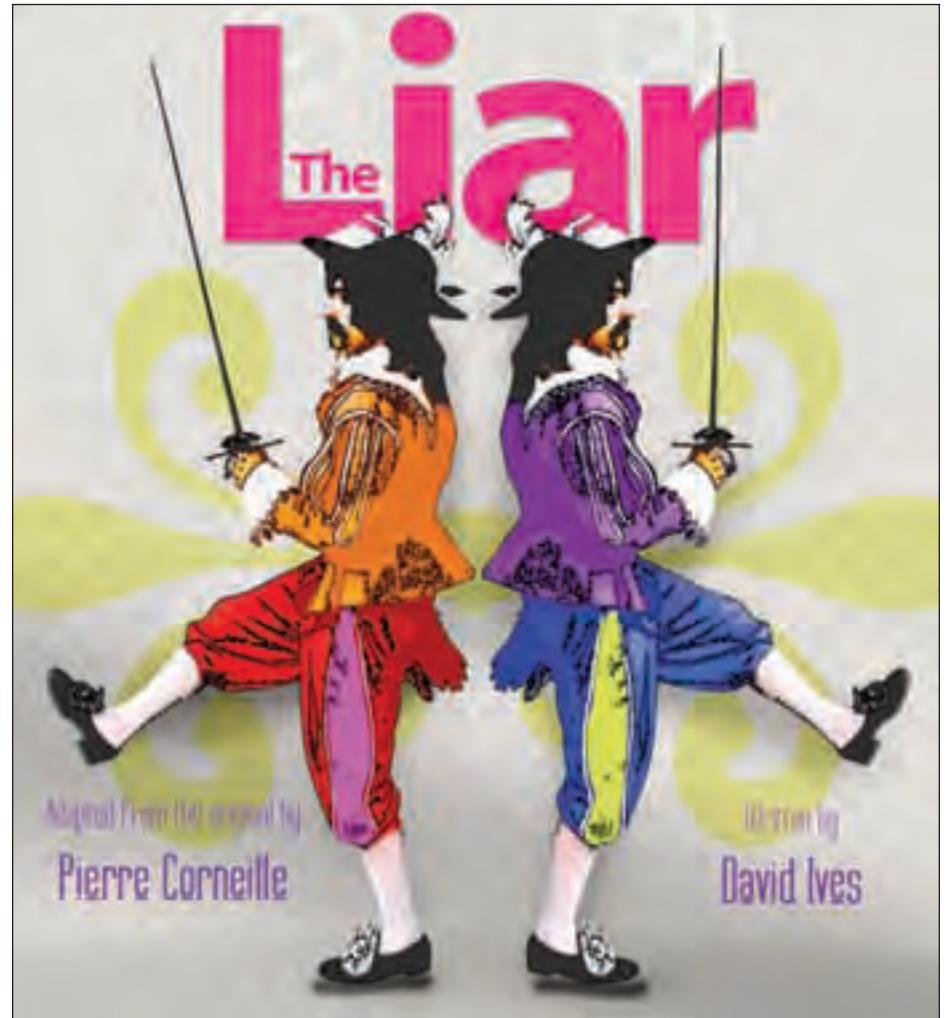
From Friday, March 15 through 30, the **Theatre Conspiracy** presents **The Liar**, a play by David Ives adapted from the 17th century comedy by Pierre Corneille. The location is Paris, 1643. Dorante is a charming young man newly arrived in the capital and he has but a single flaw: he cannot tell the truth.

The comedy begins at 8 p.m. most evenings with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 24. Individual tickets are \$20. Season subscriptions are also available.

The Theatre Conspiracy's production of *The Liar* will be performed in the Foulds Theater at Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers near the Colonial intersection. For dates and reservations, call 936-3239 or go to [www.theatreconspiracy.org](http://www.theatreconspiracy.org).

On Saturday, March 16 from noon to 8 p.m., **Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery** presents its second annual **St. Patrock's Day Kick-Off Concert** in Fort Myers Beach. The concert begins with live musical entertainment from Bobby O'Donovan, a fiddle player who has performed with Jimmy Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by Scott Alan from 2 to 4 p.m. and DVS and Bethanne, headlined by 10,000 Views from 4 to 6 p.m. Nellie's famous cabbage bowling contest, raffles, a 50/50 drawing, vendors, and, of course, green beer will also be available.

Return on Sunday and help the restaurant break the record for corned beef con-



The Theatre Conspiracy presents the 17th century comedy *The Liar* through March 30

sumption at Lee County's largest Saint Patty's Day party. The Bon Jovi tribute band, Keeping The Faith, will play live from 3 to 5 p.m. in addition to local musical talents.

Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery and Ugly's Waterfront Bar are located at 1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach in the historic Baywalk district. The GPS coordinates for Nellie's Snug Harbour Marina are 26°27'23.41" N • 81°57'15.18" W. For more information, call 463-8077 or go to [www.nervousnellies.net](http://www.nervousnellies.net).

On Sunday, March 17 beginning at 6 p.m., walk or drive to downtown Fort Myers' historic River District for a **Saint Patrick's Day Celebration**. The block party is free for visitors of all ages.

Enjoy live music on multiple stages featuring Irish music, corned beef and cabbage and drink specials including green beer.

For more information, call 1-855-RDA-EVENTS (732-3836) or go to [www.riverdistrictevents.com](http://www.riverdistrictevents.com).

Overlooking the Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers River District, relax and enjoy live music at **Top of the Town**. Right upstairs from **The Morgan House** restaurant, you can have a birds'-eye view of the Saint Patrick's Day festivities taking place in the courtyard while enjoying cocktails, drafts, microbrews and wines. Additionally, The Morgan House's Top of the Town terrace offers a exciting menu to compliment your casual outdoor lounge or indoor full bar experience.

On Sunday, the bar and restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to close for its own block party festivities. Enjoy food, fun and spirits in the historic Patio de Leon.

On Tuesday, March 19, reserve your seat for the Wine Tasting & Tapas held on the third Tuesday of each month. It is a great evening of exciting wines and luscious gourmet tapas. Reservations recommended.

Top of the Town is open Monday through Saturday from 3 p.m. to close. For a list of musical performances, special events and reservations, call 337-3377 or go to [www.morganhouserestaurant.com/TopOfTheTown](http://www.morganhouserestaurant.com/TopOfTheTown).\*

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## Celtic Spectacular Transports Audience To The Emerald Isle

Vocal Artistry's next concert sets toes a-tappin' with its latest collaboration. In celebration of Irish traditions, the Kellyn Celtic Arts Irish Dance Academy dancers will perform alongside the 22-voice choir. Audiences will revel in Celtic Spectacular on Saturday, March 16 at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers in the River District. The concert is free, and all are welcome.

Artistic Director Joseph Caulkins says Kellyn Celtic Arts Irish Dance Academy gets a "wow" every time.

"After a successful performance last year, we are excited to share the stage with them again. Their innovative choreographies, sparkling costumes and dynamic performers of all ages, brings excitement and energy that the audience will never forget," said Caulkins.

## Alliance Summer Camp Registration Opens To Non-Members March 15



Youngsters taking part in a stage activity during a previous Alliance camp

Open registration begins on Friday, March 15 for the Alliance for the Arts 25th annual Summer Arts Camp. The award winning, week-long camp allow preK to sixth grade students to act, sing, dance and create, all leading up to final stage performance and art exhibition.

Eight themed weeks give kids the opportunity to create, explore and discover the visual and performing arts in a fun and interactive environment. Themes include "Wild West," "Outer Space" and "Let's Go To The Movies."

The main Summer Arts Camp is open to first through sixth graders, and the Mini Michelangelos Camp is for 4 to 5 year olds. Both are \$155 per week for Alliance members or \$199 per week for non-members. Members can receive four-plus weeks for \$140 per week. Early drop off is available beginning at 8 a.m. and late pick-up until 5 p.m. Space is limited. Registration opens to everyone on March 15.

Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) to register online, or contact Education Coordinator Jamie Golob at [education@artinlee.org](mailto:education@artinlee.org) or 939-2787 for more information.

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

The musical pieces in Celtic Spectacular play to the dancers' and singers' strengths with jigs, reels and traditional Irish ballads and folk songs. Highlights include *The Rocky Road To Dublin*, *Danny Boy*, *Brian Boru's March*, *The Voice* as sung by Celtic Women and the *Irish Blessing*.

The concert also features Southwest Florida Symphony principal flutist William Larsen. Larsen has become an audience favorite, participating in many past Vocal Artistry concerts, including the December concert *This Is Christmas*. He is also featured on Vocal Artistry's *More Than Music* CD release.

"I have had the privilege of working with Bill for over a decade now, and always find his playing to be outstanding, a combination of beauty and technical mastery," Caulkins added.

Proceeds from a free will offering collected during the concert will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults with this disease. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is now the largest charitable supporter of T1D research. The goal of the JDRF research is to improve the lives of all people affected by T1D by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating and preventing T1D.

The all-volunteer Vocal Artistry troupe performs concerts that shine the spotlight on various community causes. Prior to the end of the 2011-12 season, Vocal Artistry encouraged local non-profit organizations to apply to become one of its community partners for the 2012-13 season. Six organizations were selected; in addition to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, they are SWFAS, After The Rain, United Way of Lee County, Harry Chapin Food Bank and PACE Center For Girls. For more information, go to [www.VocalArtistry.org](http://www.VocalArtistry.org).✪

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# Heights Center Celebrates With Ribbon Cutting

The Heights Foundation celebrated the opening of the \$5.8 million, 14,000-square-foot Harlem Heights Cultural Arts and Community Center on February 28. The Heights Center stood as a shell for four years after the real estate crash forced a philanthropist to rescind a \$4 million dollar pledge. Because of the tenacity and dedicated work of supporters, the center opened debt-free.

The Heights Center, supported by the Heights Foundation, is a place for education, opportunity, and enrichment. The Heights Foundation works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood. The center's mission is to promote family and community development, support education, health and wellness, and provide the benefits of enrichment, expressive and cultural arts. The Heights Center is at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. For more information, visit [www.heightsfoundation.org](http://www.heightsfoundation.org) or call 482-7706.\*



John Grey, Bill Bloomhall, Danny Kelly, John Stanley, Miriam Ortiz, Dan McGahey, Kathryn Kell, Victor Mayeron and Dave Dale



Joyce Mays with a photo of her late mother, Duera Mae Everett. The center was dedicated to Duera Mae.



Cliff and Tina Parker, Dan and Carolyn McGahey



Neil LeClair, Peggy Mannix, Teri Lee, Bill Bloomhall and Karen Hutto



Victor Mayeron, Ann Arnall and Armando Fana



Pam Beckman, Pam Stanley and Karin Winter



Christin Collins and Joe Rider



Jim Carpenter and Deanna Gilkerson



Participants were educated on healthy food choices

## Mobile Food Pantry

The Junior League of Fort Myers (JLFM) provided fresh food last weekend to over 160 families, including children, adults and seniors, totaling almost 600 people served. Coordinating with the team at Harry Chapin Food Bank, JLFM is able to reach out to the community each month to help fight against childhood obesity and supplement children and their families' diets by providing healthy food selections.

At each pantry there are child tailored activities and educational programming to address their needs as it relates to teaching the importance of eating healthy while living an active lifestyle. During this event, the Kids in the Kitchen focused on heart health. Blood pressure checks and body mass index (BMI) checks were done by Pediatric Endocrinologist Dr. Asjad Kahn from the Lee Memorial Health System Children's Hospital. Dr. Kahn's expertise is in pediatric diabetes, obesity, growth disorders and thyroid dysfunction.

JLFM's Kids in the Kitchen initiative is nationally recognized. JLFM took that program and restructured it to fit the needs of the community to fight childhood obesity. By providing fresh, healthy food selections to the whole family, healthy lifestyle choices will help reverse the increased rate of childhood obesity and its associated health issues. Over the past six months JLFM Mobile Food Pantry has provided close to a month's worth of food to approximately 200 families at every pantry.

The next mobile pantry will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The pantry is located at Clemente Park at 1936 Henderson Avenue off of Martin Luther Kind Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Other Saturday pantry dates are April 13 and May 11.

For more information, call 277-1197 or go to [www.jlfm.org](http://www.jlfm.org).



Healthy drinks were provided



There were activities for kids and adults

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www.allfaiths-uc.org

## ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers  
Reverend Fr. George P. Savas  
Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m.  
www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org  
239-481-2099

## BETH SHILOH

### MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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

## BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

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

## CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

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

Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Reverend Ted Althouse, Pastor  
revtedalthouse@aol.com

## CHURCH OF THE CROSS

13500 Freshman Lane; 768-2188  
Pastor: Bud Stephens; A nondenomina-  
tional church emphasizing a personal rela-  
tionship with Jesus Christ.  
Sunday Service: 9:15 a.m. Traditional,  
10:45 Contemporary.

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## CYPRESS LAKE

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
481-3233; Clint Cottrell, pastor  
Sunday services: 8 and 11 a.m. Traditional;  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary; 9:45 a.m.  
Children's Church K4J Kids for Jesus

## CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers,  
482-1250

8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service

9:30 a.m. Praise Service

Sunday School all times

## FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRIES

6111 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers,  
278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.;  
Voice of Faith, WCRN 13.50 AM Radio,  
Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Thursday Service, 7:30  
p.m.; Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Nursery care for pre-school children and  
Children's Church for ages 5-12 available  
at each service.

## FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard  
Fort Myers, 482-2030  
Pastor: David Stauffer.

Traditional services 8:45 a.m.;

Contemporary, 10:30 a.m.

Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The  
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13545 American Colony Boulevard  
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Fort Myers, 936-2511

Pastor: Reverend Joey Brummett  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning  
Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6  
p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

in the Downtown Fort Myers River District  
2466 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
239-332-1152, www.fumcftmyers.org  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
5 p.m. Youth Program

## FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

5916 Winkler Road, Fort Myers, 437-4330  
Reverend Mark Condrey, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

## FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

8210 College Parkway, Fort Myers,  
482-3133. Philip White, pastor  
Morning Worship: 10 a.m.  
Church School: 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Forum: 11:30 a.m.

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8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

## IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778  
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Weekly services:

Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing  
Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One;  
9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing  
and Church School

Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in  
Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist  
with Healing. Child care available at  
Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
services.

## JESUS THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH:

881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143

Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.;

Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard,  
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11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship.

7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers  
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e-mail: peace1265@aol.com

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E-mail: rabbi.barras@templebethel.com

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Temple educator: Dale Cohen, MaEd, RJE

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Torah Study, Saturday, 9:15 a.m.

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Web site: www.templebethel.com

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## TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers,  
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Rabbi: Rabbi Elyssa Auster

President: Keith Grossman

Minyan: Monday & Thursday at 9 a.m.

Services: Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and

Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Religious School Sunday morning

Web site: www.tjswfl.org

Preschool director: JoAnn Goldman

email templejudeapreschool@gmail.com

433-0201, Web site: www.tjswfl.org

Affiliated: United Synagogue of

Conservative Judaism



Chapel by the Sea on Fort Myers Beach

## Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on March 17 at a 10 a.m. service, with lunch to follow.

There will be music, such as trumpet pipes that have just been installed and will be heard for the first time that morning. There will be a dedication as well.

A commissioned piece of music has been written by William Dawson and will be sung by Michelle Caulkins.

Another piece of music, written by Michael Melnikov and sung by the Chapel Choir with organ and bells, will be performed. Reverend Don Jafvert will be preaching. He has been the pastor at the chapel for 18 years.

For more information, call 851-7166.✱

## Passover Seder And Good Friday Celebration

Westminster Presbyterian Church invites all to join them on Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m. for a Passover Seder, celebrating Christ, the Lamb of God. Dinner will be shared following the Seder.

On Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m., there will be a Good Friday service. The Seven Last Words is a traditional worship service based on the seven last sayings of Jesus, spoken on the cross. You may invite a friend to share in this time of worship and remembrance.

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

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## Churches/Temples

### THE CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers  
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433-7708, E-mail: [rabbi@chabadswf.org](mailto:rabbi@chabadswf.org)

Web site: [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org)  
Services: Friday 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon  
Minyan: Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

### THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Circ. #401, behind Zoomers. Rev. Gabriella Cahaley officiates worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events are held on the beach in Fort Myers Beach. See our webpage <http://www.newchurchflorida.com/> or call for more information 239-481-5535.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers  
Just off McGregor across from the Edison/  
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Pastor: Douglas Kelchner

Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Website: [www.taecc.com](http://www.taecc.com)

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13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75)  
Minister: The Reverend Allison Farnum  
Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m.

For information on all church events call 561-2700 or visit [www.uucfm.org](http://www.uucfm.org).

### UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

Family Service 10 to 11 a.m.  
Healing Circle 11 a.m.  
Hospitality and Fellowship, 11 a.m.  
Inspiring lesson, uplifting and dynamic music, meditation in a loving environment.  
Service held at 28285 Imperial Street, Bonita Springs. Call 947-3100.

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# Come On, Springtime



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

After a cold start to the week, temperatures slowly rebounded. A few really cold days with windy conditions limited options

for anglers.

Hopefully, that was the last strong cold front we will have to deal with this winter. Despite lots of reports of red tide, the sound remained red tide-free and the water is as clear as I have seen it all winter.

With the official start of spring just over a week away, the numbers of big snook I saw laid up in some of their favorite cold weather haunts was very impressive. This is a great sign that our snook numbers are on the increase.

Seeing all these big snook laid up on the coldest days had me pulling my hair out as I tried everything in the live

well and tackle box and just could not get them to eat. Warming temperatures will be the major factor to fix this snook lock-jaw situation.

Deep channels at the south end of Matlacha Pass and in the mouth of the river were just loaded up with hundreds of snook seeking a warm water refuge. These were of all sizes and could be seen sunning on the shallow dark bottom areas within close proximity to deep water. Most of the groups of snook were of 20 or more fish, with the average fish around 30 inches and dozens in the high 30-inch range. This was the most I have seen since prior to our snook kill during the severe cold snap of three winters ago.

During these cold periods, sheepshead fishing remained at the top of my list of things to do. Docks around the passes and in the river kept anglers busy on even the coldest days. Chunks of shrimp fished on the bottom caught sheepshead up to five pounds this week. Right after the last cold front passed, we had great numbers of big sheepshead at all the usual places, then as they got worked over by anglers, the average size decreased day by day.

For non-stop action, this bite was hard to match. On one trip during the

coldest temperatures this week, we sat near one dock for over two hours and caught fish after fish. This bite was much needed after only catching a few short redfish and a couple of keeper trout in the two hours prior. The sheepshead bite will start to wind down as we get past the middle of this month and the fish spawn.

Getting tucked back as far as I could in narrow mangrove creeks produced a few redfish on the low tides while bouncing live shrimp slowly on the bottom. Not every mangrove spot held redfish and it took a little working at, but if you kept moving, you would find a few that wanted to eat a bait.

Often in these creeks, the redfish would be laid out in the deepest holes and bends, sometimes on the dark spots where the bottom was working like a solar panel for them. Seeing redfish in the clear water was not tough, but getting them to eat was a whole lot tougher. These same deep creeks held quite a few trout as well.

The forecast solid week of warm temperatures will do wonders for our fishing. Days in the low 80s will quickly warm our water back up from the low 60s we had for days after the cold front and closer to that magic 70-degree number. Once in that temperature range, everything in the sound will suddenly rebound back to life. Bait fish will begin to appear again and gamefish will



More winter sheepshead hit the fillet table

come out of the woodwork and switch out of that winter mode.

Spring cannot get here soon enough for me as it offers some of the best fishing opportunities our region has to offer.

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

## 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](mailto:press@riverweekly.com).

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Baby squirrel being fed

## Picture Show On Wildlife Recovery

The CROW Picture Show offers an insider's look at why animals come to CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife), and features photos of the wild animals who wind up there.

Last year, Southwest Florida's only wildlife hospital cared for 3,583 sick, injured, and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 61 percent were birds, with 33 percent mammals and six percent reptiles.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow

visitors to view patients in person. But in a 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, March 22 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center, 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, free for members and children 12 and under.

The fee includes the presentation plus the opportunity to explore the hospital's hands-on educational facility.

For more information, call 472-3644, ext. 228. Visit [www.crowclinic.org](http://www.crowclinic.org).



Baby squirrel eating corn

photos courtesy of CROW



Baby squirrels sharing food



Baby squirrel sleeping on a stuffed toy

## Paddle Smart Class

by Cdr. Mary Smelter

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron will offer the Paddle Smart class on Saturday, March 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, kayaks and canoes accounted for some 54 percent of new boats sold in 2006 – over 493,000 crafts. Kayaking, canoeing or rowing are good opportunities to get close to nature and get some quality exercise. The class is for those about to join the sport and those considering purchasing paddling equipment.

Topics include:

- terminology
- equipment – minimum and optional
- using paddle craft – both kayaks and canoes
- safety practices – including video clip examples
- day-tripping and touring considerations

The class materials include a workbook, a reference handbook, and a bonus handout from the American Canoe Association.

The cost is \$40. The class will be held at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call 466-4040.

## Local Waters And Charts Class

by Cdr. Mary Smelter

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron is offering the "Local Waters/Local Charts" class on Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. Optional on-the-water training will be offered at a later date. Check with the instructor for details.

The cost of the class is \$40 and will be held at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call 466-4040.

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Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Waterfowl, raptors and warblers may also be observed.

For more information call 707-3015.

This event is free with a parking fee of \$1 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). Restrooms are located in the building at the first parking lot. This event is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.\*



Piping Plover photo by Meg Rousher

## Morning Walk Among The Pines

Pine Island is one of only a couple of locations in Lee County where naturalized longleaf pine trees can be found. The tall, stately tree once covered 30 to 60 million acres of the Southeastern United States coastal plain, but 200 years of logging and land clearing have greatly reduced its range. Fire plays a major role in the development of this community, and is essential to the survival of many of the plants and animals dependent on this habitat, the gopher tortoise being a primary example. Walk a 1.12 mile trail that leads through low-growing saw palmetto, abundant grasses and flowering plants, all characteristic of a healthy plant community shaped by fire.



Pine Warbler

The walk takes place on Saturday, March 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve. Participants will meet in the parking lot at 6351 Stringfellow Rd, St. James City.

The degree of difficulty is moderate. Wear sturdy shoes or boots. Bring water, sunscreen, a hat (shade is scarce in some areas), binoculars and camera. There are no restrooms onsite. For more information call 707-8251

This program is provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation. The tour and parking are free.\*

## What Does The Sequester Mean For The Coast?

submitted by Ken and Kate Gooderham, ASBPA executive directors

Have you had enough sequestration yet? Well, get used to it – many predict it's the new normal in DC for the foreseeable future.

What does it mean for the coast? Good question... for which there may not yet be an answer.

We'll spare you another explanation of what sequestration is, how it works or how we got to this point; if you haven't heard it enough by now, there's no reason to inflict it on you again.

But, as a coastal resident, official or professional, your next question ought to be: What's it mean for me, my constituents and my coast? The short answer is simple: No one knows yet. All the officials and agencies charged with implementing these across-the-board budget cuts are still scrambling to figure out exactly what the new rules mean and how they will meet its lowered spending targets.

At this point, however, there are five areas where coastal interests should intersect with sequestration's slices:

- Corps of Engineers – Even as part of the military, Corps projects will face the same spending scrutiny as everyone else, which translates into something between a 5 percent to an 8-plus percent cut in spending (depending on the source of funds). How that will be achieved, of course, is the question waiting to be answered.

- Permitting and regulatory review – All the agencies that review project permits and interpret coastal regulations will face cuts, with the expectation they will be focused on furloughs, meaning fewer people to do the same work, meaning delays for your project.

- Disaster recovery and response – Because of the multifaceted nature of disaster response, it's harder still to assess the impact here. Many disasters are funded either by flood insurance premiums (which took a hit in Katrina and a likely bigger hit in Sandy) or Congressional authorizations... which used to be approved routinely, until the Sandy relief bill faced an uphill fight to make it through Congress the last time. Not good news... made potentially worse when you consider that the people who administer the disaster recovery programs face furloughs and cuts like every other government employee (except members of Congress, of course). We may not really know the impact until the second, third or fourth disaster strikes – and the first few may not even be coastal, with spring floods, tornadoes and forest fires on the horizon.

- Research – Much coastal study relies on federal funding from an alphabet-soup of agencies. Due to the lead time necessary for the research grant process, the sequestration effect here will be delayed... although some current projects could see quick cuts if the funding terms allow it. A

more immediate impact will be seen in the ability of government employees to attend scientific conferences to hear what others in their field are studying or have discerned from their diligence. Funding for such activities has already been curtailed by many agencies (thanks to recession-receded budgets), and the new cuts should finish this opportunity off for the foreseeable future.

- The sequestration offset – Another intangible is what happens to state and local funding when federal funds are squeezed. Government budgets closer to home are no more flush than those in Washington, and federal cuts in crucial state and local programs may necessitate moving some money away temporarily from the coast to deal with more pressing needs. That could mean projects delayed, cost-shares cut and coastal employees facing furloughs just like their federal counterparts.

Not a pretty picture, even with much of it still coming into focus. However, with no forward progress foreseen on the federal front to resolve this spending spat, sequestration may be here to stay. This is new territory for Washington, and its scope makes any accurate assessment of impact difficult to forecast. Coastal managers and officials need to be prepared for the worst, and to keep talking to their federal friends to track what potential cuts over there could have on our coasts over here.

For more information, go to [www.asbpa.org](http://www.asbpa.org), Facebook or [www.twitter.com/asbpa](http://www.twitter.com/asbpa).\*

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## Songwriters

formed and recorded by numerous artists. *Butterfly Kisses* was the crossover hit of 1997. Written with Bob Carlisle, it was #1 for seven weeks on Adult Contemporary radio, won a Grammy for country song of the year, and sold three million CDs. Thomas is currently worship director for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers and is still very active writing and producing and recording.

Reserve tickets online by Friday, March 15 at [www.heightsfoundation.org](http://www.heightsfoundation.org). For more information, call 482-7706 or visit [www.heightsfoundation.org](http://www.heightsfoundation.org).\*

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**CROW Case Of The Week**

# Flying Squirrels

by Patricia Molloy



**G**liding through the night skies with the greatest of ease, the Southern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*) is only one of two flying squirrels native to North America (the other

being the Northern flying squirrel). The small, nocturnal mammals with the large saucer-like eyes inhabit wooded areas from southeastern Canada to Florida (with the exception of certain islands including the Florida Keys, Sanibel and Captiva).

The most distinguishable feature of the Southern flying squirrel is a cape of loose skin stretching from its wrists to its ankles. Reaching only 10 inches in length as adults, they also possess a wide tail that acts like a rudder as they "fly," then as a brake upon landing.

As tree squirrels, they do not hibernate like certain ground squirrels; rather, they congregate in tree hollows during cold winter months for warmth and forage at night for food. As many as 50 roosting squirrels have reportedly been found in a single tree cavity.

The diet of flying squirrels consists of seeds, nuts and acorns. However, they also feed upon moths, insects and eggs, making them the only omnivores of the squirrel family.

The clinic staff at CROW is currently housing and caring for three Southern flying squirrels found off-island. "They came in as babies. Now that each one weighs about 50 grams, we moved them outside," said Stephen Roika, assistant wildlife rehabilitator at CROW's clinic. "Since they are not native to Sanibel and Captiva, we are very careful not to allow any flying squirrels to get loose on the islands."

As soon as Dr. Heather Barron, hospital director, is confident that the three Southern flying squirrels are mature enough to survive on their own, they will be returned to the location in Lee County where they were initially found.

Do you ever wonder what types of wild critters find themselves in need



**The three flying squirrels keep warm inside this straw-lined hutch between meals**

of care at the wildlife clinic and why? CROW's Healing Winds Visitor Education Center offers educational programs including presentations by the wildlife clinic's medical staff along with guest speakers as part of their Wonders Of Wildlife (WOW) series. The Healing Winds Visitor Education Center also offers hands-on exhibits, live video footage highlighting animal stories and special events suitable for guests of all ages. Call or go to CROW's website for a complete schedule.

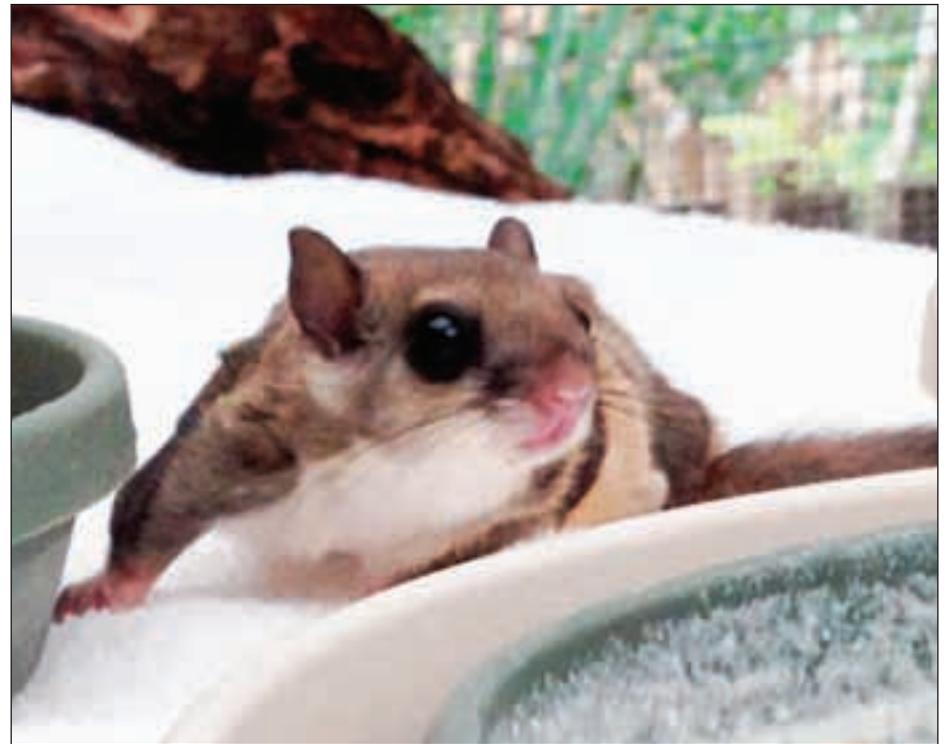
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## Irish Saying Saol fada chugat

Pronunciation:  
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An adult flying squirrel in one of CROW's outdoor enclosures

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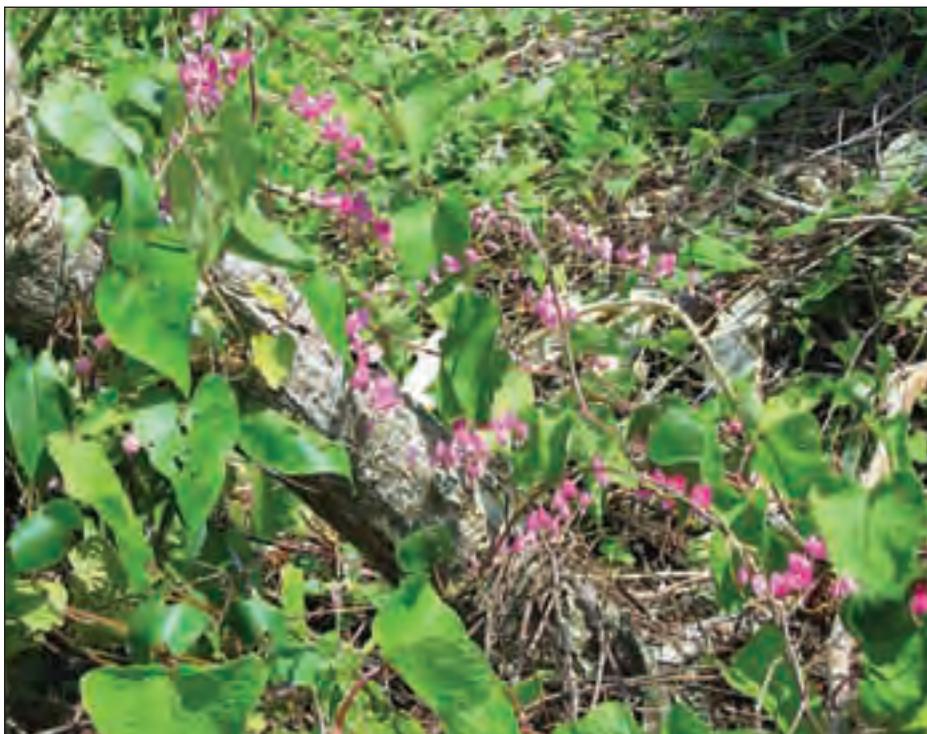
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This coral vine thrives where an historic home once stood. Was it planted long ago, or did a seed find its way there?

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## Coral Vine

by Gerri Reaves

Coral vine (*Antigonon leptopus*) is a native of Mexico that has escaped cultivation in Florida and become naturalized. It is listed as a category-II invasive species by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

A member of the buckwheat family, it has more than 30 common names, including Mexican creeper and Confederate vine.

This vine quickly climbs and sprawls on anything its tendrils can reach, growing up 40 feet or longer. It will grow almost anywhere in any soil, but likes sun and moisture.

Words such as “smother” and “take-over” are typical terms used to describe this pretty vine.

The vine’s heart-shaped leaves, profuse pink flowers, and adaptability have charmed gardeners and homeowners for decades, who unwittingly helped this invasive plant spread.

Moreover, animals help spread the seeds, which are prolific. The underground tubers will resprout if not entirely removed.

The numerous tiny flowers bloom on branching stalks. The large sepals, which range from white to pink, rose and coral, surround those flowers in a cup-like fashion. In Florida, the vine blooms year-round.

It’s best to eliminate this bewitching vine from the landscape. Doing so might take some work, however. Take care that the sharp-pointed pear-shaped seeds do not escape, and be sure to remove all of the tubers.

If you want a vine in the same color range, try low-maintenance coral honeysuckle vine (*Lonicera sempervirens*), which is native to Florida and beneficial to wildlife.

Sources: *The Shrubs and Woody Vines of Florida* by Gil Nelson, *National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida*, *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor, [plants.ifas.ufl.edu](http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu), and [floridata.com](http://floridata.com).

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A category-II exotic pest plant, coral vine will climb and cover, high or low

photos by Gerri Reaves

### Caring For Your Plants

## Focus On Bottle Palms



by Justen Dobbs

Bottle palms (*Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*) are easily distinguishable by their swollen, grotesque looking trunks and small stature. Native to the Mascarene Islands in the Indian

Ocean, the Bottle palm is endangered in its natural habitat due to predators eating the small seeds and seedlings. But here in the U.S., they are plentiful and thus will probably never face total extinction. Slow growing to about 10 feet, Bottle palms can handle full sun at any age, even our harsh Southwest Florida sun. They grow about two to three curving fronds per year and don’t perform well in shade. They store water in their bulging trunks, making them very drought tolerant.

Bottle palms are for tropical and sub-tropical climates only, so they don’t perform well with frost. If you live east of I-75, you may want to think about something other than a Bottle palm because our winter freezes may damage the fronds that far inland. The Bottle palm is one of three palms in the *Hyophorbe*



A Silver Lady palm, a hybrid between the Bottle and Spindle palm

family. The other two are the Spindle palm (*Hyophorbe verschaffeltii*) which does equally well in Southwest Florida, and the Champagne Bottle palm (*Hyophorbe indica*), which does not do well here, probably due to our soil.

A couple of new species have been developed through cross-pollination. One of these is the Silver Lady palm (*Hyophorbe lagenicaulis x verschaffeltii*) which gets its name from a silver-white powder coating on its neck. This new hybrid grows much faster, is more cold-hardy, and much prettier than the standard Bottle palm. Unfortunately, it is very rare and restricted to the rare palm collector’s community.



A nice Bottle palm in the landscape

One of my favorite looks in the landscape is the multi-Bottle palm. This is where two to four trees are planted into one container and have a clumping appearance. I would like to see multi-Bottles eventually surpass Pigmy Date palms in popularity just because they are so tropical looking and colorful. Bottle palm seed is inexpensive and readily available, which keeps their cost fairly low (despite being a slow grower).

Your Bottle palm will benefit from quarterly fertilizer. Use a slow-release granular fertilizer with numbers similar to 8-10-10. On smaller Bottle palms, I would apply one drinking glass full of fertilizer in a ring around the base of the

palm. Don’t get any fertilizer too close to the trunk or roots. On larger palms, use two drinking glasses of fertilizer. You don’t have to wait for the rainy season to fertilize if you have an irrigation system in place or water your trees by hand.

Bottle palms make great potted plants for your porch or lanai. Due to their slow growth, you can keep them in pots for years and if you forget to water them for a few weeks or more, they won’t croak on you!

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

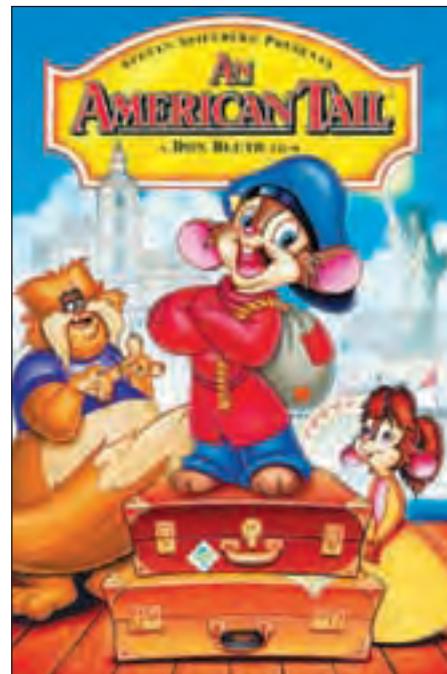
## World Harmony Exhibit



World Harmony exhibit

Paintings for World Harmony by Sri Chinmoy were installed at the Art of the Olympians. The exhibit will be up through March 14 and then will go to the City of Palms Park for the March 15 World Harmony Run event. There will be a VIP reception at 4:30 p.m. in the media room. The program with Lee County schools, Olympians, Mayor Henderson, city officials and the international World Harmony Run team begins at 5:30 p.m.\*

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## Outdoor Family Movie Nights At The Alliance

The Alliance for the Arts continues its series of Outdoor Family Movie Nights on Friday, March 15 with *An American Tail*. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy the film with your family and friends under the stars on the Alliance lawn. Featuring the hit song *Somewhere*

*Out There, An American Tail* is the heartwarming story of the Mousekewitz family's journey to America and their young son, Fievel, who gets lost along the way. Landing in a bottle, he washes ashore in New York harbor where, determined to find his family, he comes face to face with the perils and opportunities of the New World.

The movie begins just after sunset at 7:45 p.m. A suggested \$5 donation helps ensure free family programming remains at the Alliance. Support for Family Movie Night generously provided by Briers CPA, DinoLingo.com, Riverside Realty, Staging Matters and Winged Foot Title.

The Alliance Family Movie Night Series concludes on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m. with *The Muppets*.

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



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## Sunday Afternoon Bluegrass Show

The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents three hours of live bluegrass music on the theater stage at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, March 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. The show features Venice-based Swinging Bridge, Naples-based blues guitarist Frank Corso and Fort Myers-based Bugtussle Ramblers.

Tickets are \$7 at the door or \$5 for Alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first serve. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an

adult. March is Music In Our Schools Month, and this year's theme is Music Lasts A Lifetime. Don't miss this great opportunity to introduce children to the rich history and heritage of bluegrass! Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) or call 939-2787 for more information.

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

## Two-Night Special Show

Broadway Palm's 9th annual Concert Series is in full swing. Next to hit the stage is Henry Haid's *Tribute to Billy Joel*. Haid comes from Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical *Movin' Out* and features the music of piano man Billy Joel.

Haid rose to prominence portraying Joel in Twyla Tharp's award-winning hit *Movin' Out*. He received rave reviews for the Broadway performances at New York City's Richard Rodgers Theater. New York Theatre proclaimed, "Pianist/lead vocalist Henry Haid's electric voice rang out passionately and impressively." Prior to his stint on Broadway, Haid performed throughout the USA, Europe and the Caribbean as a solo performer and with his band.

*Tribute to Billy Joel* will play two nights only, Sunday, March 17 with a dinner at 5:30 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m. and on Monday, March 18 beginning with dinner at 5:30 and concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55 for dinner and the show or \$35 for show only and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, online at [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.\*

## Artist Alliance Presents Special Event

Artists from various art studios in the Alliance for the Arts campus have come together to create what will be the first of many collaborative events this year. The group is hoping to bring attention to its artistic collaborations while giving back to the community.

The Union Artist Studios, Studio 201, The Susan Logan Studios and Jamie Golob Gulf Coast Atelier have joined forces to form The Edwards Artist Alliance. The group will focus on producing quality events involving all cultural aspects such as music, literature and visual arts.

On March 23, from 6 to 9 p.m., The Edwards Artist Alliance will present An Evening of Art for Autism. The event will be held in the surrounding lawns of the Edwards Building and the artists' studios at 10051 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. There will be live painting demonstrations, displays of original art, a live art projection, live music and open studios. A silent auction featuring original pieces from the artists will be held during the event. The Edwards Artist Alliance will donate 40 percent of the proceeds to the Florida Repertory Theatre's Act Up program, which helps children suffering from autism through performing arts.

Acclaimed music prodigy Peter Taylor will perform during the event. Taylor has performed in a multitude of venues around the nation, including Southwest Florida.

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## Tobow

were in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life. Pam is also passionate about encouraging women to trust the Lord and to use the influence God has given them to impact their world.

The Tebows lived for a number of years as missionaries in the Philippines and ran an orphanage in the Philippines, which has been home to scores of orphans since 1992. Pam and her husband, Bob, have been called "home-school pioneers." They began home-schooling in 1982. All five of their children were homeschooled from kindergarten through high school, and all received college scholarships.

The fundraiser supports the mission of Lifeline Family Center, a privately-funded organization dedicated to providing hope for young women in unplanned pregnancies by offering a two-year residential program in a safe and secure Christian home. The goal of Lifeline Family Center is to enable young women to redirect their lives by breaking the cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect.

"Pam Tebow's life-affirming message of hope resonates with the young women we work with every day," said Kathy Miller, executive director of Lifeline Family Center.

Tickets are \$70 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. Sponsorships that include a VIP reception with Pam Tebow are available. For more information, call Lifeline Family Center at 242-7238.\*

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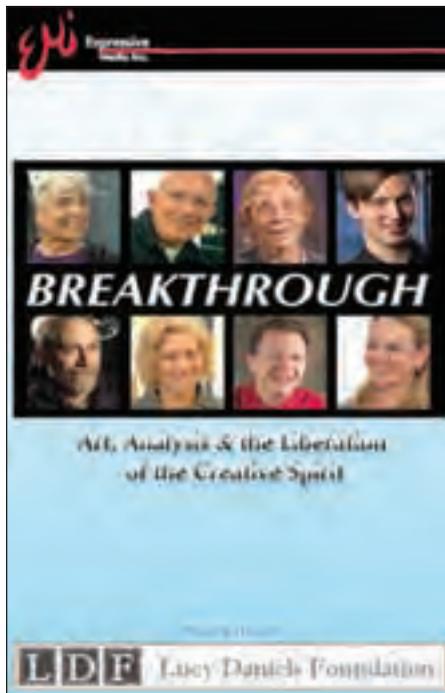
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## Art Therapy Film To Be Screened



Judith Rubin



therapy on Wednesday, March 27. The screening, in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance, begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion led by Rubin. A \$5 suggested donation is requested at the door.

*Breakthrough*, with a running time of 51 minutes, captures the intimate experiences of eight artists who have undergone psychoanalytic treatment. The film demonstrates the growth and freedom made possible by facing the pain that both psychoanalysis and creation can bring into awareness. The artists pre-



Kat Epple

sented in *Breakthrough* found themselves held back in their lives and work because of traumatic events and unresolved emotional issues from their pasts. The film shows how the combination of analytic therapy and creative work liberated them. Rather than dulling an artist's creative edge, the film demonstrates how self-awareness can facilitate personal growth and creative freedom.

In addition to having a local director, *Breakthrough* features long-time local favorite and Emmy Award-winning flutist Kat Epple, who composed the film score, and Emmy Award-winning editor Connie Bottinelli, who worked with Rubin on the film. Both will be on hand for the screening and discussion.



Connie Bottinelli

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### Irish Saying

Go n-eirí an  
é-adh leat

Pronunciation:

Goh n-iri leath

Means:

Good Luck



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Biko Eisen-Martin as John

## Civil War Period Drama Debuts At Playhouse

Gulfshore Playhouse continues their spectacular seventh season with the Civil War period drama *The Whipping Man*, playing March 15 through 30, with a \$25 preview performance on March 14.

Set in 1865 after the Civil War is over, throughout the south, slaves are being freed, soldiers are returning home and in Jewish homes, the annual celebration of Passover is being celebrated. Three men are at a crossroads – a Jewish Confederate soldier who has returned from battle and his two former slaves, who remain at his abandoned plantation. As the three men reunite to celebrate Passover, they wrestle with their shared past and the reality of the new world in which they find themselves. *The Whipping Man* is an intense play about redemption and forgiveness, about the lasting scars of slavery and the responsibility that comes with freedom.

*The Whipping Man* will be directed by guest director Matt Pfeiffer. He also directed this production at the Arden Theatre in Philadelphia in October 2011. Matt is a Philly born actor and director who serves as the Associate Artistic Director of Theatre Exile. Other recent directing credits include *A Moon for the Misbegotten* (Arden Theatre), *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*, *The Aliens* and *The Edge of Our Bodies* (Theatre Exile) *Mistakes Were Made* (1812 Productions) and *HONK!* (Two River Theatre).

"When I saw Matt Pfeiffer's original production of *The Whipping Man*, I knew I wanted to produce it and I'm so happy that Matt was willing to helm this production once again," says founder and Producing Artistic Director Kristen Coury.

Gulfshore Playhouse Artistic Associate Cody Nickell and Johnnie Hobbs, Jr. both appeared in the Arden production as Caleb and Simon, respectively.

Gulfshore Playhouse audiences will remember Cody Nickell on stage in April 2011's *Blithe Spirit* and from this season's productions of *Art* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. He also directed *God of Carnage*. Other



Cody Nickell as Caleb

theatre credits include Folger Theatre: *The Taming of the Shrew* (Helen Hayes Nomination), *Arcadia* (Helen Hayes Nomination), *The School for Scandal*, *Macbeth*; Woolly Mammoth: *Clybourne Park* (Helen Hayes Nomination), *In The Next Room, or the vibrator play*. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University's School of Drama, Nickell is a three-time Helen Hayes Award nominee and the winner of The Connecticut Critics' Circle Award.

Hobbs, Jr. is a tenured associate professor at the Ira Brind School of Theatre Arts at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia. The three-time Barrymore nominee has played key roles in many of Freedom Theatre's most critically acclaimed productions. Most notably *Black Nativity*, *Black Picture Show*, *Simply Heavenly* with Melba Moore and *Zooman and the Sign* with Virginia Capers (Los Angeles Premier). Film credits include *The In-Crowd*, *Twelve Monkeys*, *Snipes*, *Up Close and Personal*, *The Wire* and *Rocky Balboa*.

Biko Eisen-Martin will play John. Biko most recently played the role of John in *The Whipping Man* at the Actors Theatre of Louisville. His other theatre credits include *Topdog/Underdog*, (Marin Theatre Company) *Brother Size*, *Love's Labours Lost*, *Three Sisters* (Chautauqua Theatre Company); *Ruined*, *The Liar*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Christmas Carol*, *Taming of the Shrew* (Denver Center Theatre Company); *King Lear*, *Our Town*, *Taming of the Shrew* (Colorado Shakespeare Festival).

On March 24, our Synergy Series panel discussion will include panelists Rabbi Adam F. Miller of Temple Shalom in Naples and Harold Weeks, the President of the NAACP of Collier County. The panel will engage in lively discourse with our audiences about the play's themes and topics. Everyone is welcome to join us for an informative, interesting and interactive panel discussion following the 3 p.m. matinee (approximately 5 p.m.) Admission is free and you do not need a ticket to the matinee to attend the discussion.

Gulfshore Playhouse has announced its 2013-14 season with five diverse productions, including a world premiere. The season includes *Something Intangible*, the new spin on a classic holiday tale *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*; the



Johnnie Hobbs, Jr as Simon

world premiere drama *The God Game*, from the author of *The Fox on the Fairway*; Ken Ludwig's *The Game's Afoot* and the Arthur Miller classic *All My Sons*. Subscriptions and single tickets are available now.

Take advantage of our exclusive dinner deal with The Chapel Grill. This seasonal menu features three courses plus a glass of wine or champagne for just \$29.95. Reservations can be made between 5 and 6:15 p.m. To take advantage of this special dinner deal, Gulfshore Playhouse patrons must call The Chapel Grill for reservations at 206-4310 and provide their Gulfshore Playhouse e-mail ticket confirmation when they visit the

Cody Nickell in the Arden Theatre's production of *The Whipping Man*

photo by Mark Garvin

restaurant. This deal is valid only on the date a patron is attending a Gulfshore Playhouse production.

Gulfshore Playhouse's production of *The Whipping Man* will play March 15 through 30, with a \$25 preview performance on March 14. Single tickets start at \$33. Half-price tickets are available for all matinee performances one-half hour before the show. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 1-866-811-4111 or by visiting [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org).✪

## Judas On Trial At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau



If you like controversial, cutting-edge comedies, then *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* at Laboratory Theater of Florida should be right up your alley. Written by powerful playwright

Stephen Adly Guirgis, the play deals with the question; Should Judas languish in Hell or can a case be made for his redemption? Welcome to a small part of Purgatory called Hope, where the prosecutor and defense attorney argue Judas' case before the judge and jury, calling in expert witnesses from the past. Stephen Hooper excels in his role as the judge. Lucy Harris as defense attorney and Tim Gunderman as prosecutor also do justice to their roles.

There is a great deal of talent on the stage and most of the actors play multiple roles. My favorites are a hard-of-hearing Mother Teresa (Patti Chamness), Satan (James Recca), who oozes evil charm in his Gucci suit, Sigmund Freud (Dave Yudowitz), who feels Judas was psychotic, and Saint Monica (Gabriela Elvir), St. Augustine's mother who, in addition to nagging God, has quite the foul

mouth. Jonathan Perez makes a convincing Judas, however he spends most of his time on stage in a catatonic state. He gets to show his stuff during a conversation with Satan in a local bar.

Others in the cast who add to the production are Robin Murray, Wil Harbison, Ken Johnson, Abraham de la Rosa, Erica Palumbo and Joel Hawkins. The graffiti filled set also enhances the play.

The trial arguments are quite witty at times and also intellectually stimulating. It was obvious the sold-out audience on opening night really liked this play with its hip-hop street talk and down-to-earth vocabulary. I don't consider myself a prude, but I was a little offended by what I considered an overuse of profanity. However, I did find myself laughing out loud during much of the production. This is an ambitious undertaking and I commend Director Annette Trossbach for her superb job steering the wild characters through a huge script that involves two 80-minute acts.

*The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* plays through March 23 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Avenue in the Fort Myers River District. For tickets go to [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com) or call 218-0481.✪

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## Kasparie And Grinter Featured In Beach Art Association's Studio 2



Artwork by Sylvia Kasparie

Award winning artists Lisa Grinter and Sylvia J. Kasparie works are on display in Studio 2, Fort Myers Beach Art Association, through Thursday, March 21. Grinter is known for her colorful oil and acrylic paintings. She has taught her technique at Fort Myers Beach Art Association, at the Art League of Fort Myers and various locations in Fort Myers Beach.

Kasparie is known for her unique collage paintings. She works with both watercolor and acrylic using hand colored tissue to develop the collage. She has taught at the Art

## Reading Rocks! Teen Battle Of The Bands

AGN, Xenomatic and VisionZ, have been named as finalists in the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands. The three bands will perform live and battle for first place at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival on Saturday, March 16.

The awards will be presented at the close of the Reading Festival. Fifteen bands entered the contest, 12 bands qualified and the elimination round garnered approximately 700 online votes.

Each entry was scored based on the number of public online votes received (40 percent of the total score) and the points given by the judges panel (60 percent of the total score). The three bands that received the highest total scores were selected as finalists.

"It's incredible to see the abundance of talent in the youth. Each entry deserves praise," said Andrea McCain, vocalist of Stolen Fruit and one of the battle judges.

Another judge, Eric Demayo, who is bassist for After the Fact, added, "All these bands deserve a round of applause."

The final battle will be judged by five judges who are all local musicians. The battle is open to the public and is part of the Reading Festival's teen activities. To see all qualified band entries, go to [www.howlgallery.com/readingrocks](http://www.howlgallery.com/readingrocks).

The Reading Festival is free and open to the public. The battle will occur in the teen zone where teens can also see best-selling teen authors, select a free book to keep, paint on the graffiti wall, get a temporary tattoo or hair braid and create Steampunk jewelry or duct tape lanyards.

The first place prize includes an eight hour studio recording session at Sonic Recording Studios a feature article in *Spot Music Magazine* and a photo session with Snap Flash Photo.

The event is presented by Howl Gallery and the Southwest Florida Reading Festival and is intended to encourage involvement in reading and the arts among high school and middle school age students.

For more information, visit [www.read-fest.org](http://www.read-fest.org).



### Irish Saying

## Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig!

Pronunciation:

*bann-okt-tee nih fail-eh pawd-rig*

Means:

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



League of Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach Art Association. Both artists have worked with children inspiring them to develop their own artistic skills.

Grinter and Kasparie are past-presidents of Fort Myers Beach Art Association and have served on many committees. Meet the artists on at the FMBAA Gallery on Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Also, FMBAA's annual Art Bazaar will be held on Sunday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Santini Marina Plaza, with all original artwork by local artists. All proceeds from this event support the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Student Scholarship Awards. These awards are given to high school seniors pursuing a graduate degree in art and will be awarded in April.

For more information on any FMBAA activity, visit [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com) or call 463-3909.\*

## Playwriting Competition

The Firehouse Community Theatre announced the annual Clarence "Bud" Jones Playwriting Competition, this year with a first place prize of \$500 and a chance to see their play on the stage of the Firehouse Community Theatre.

This competition is open to all full or part time residents of Glades or Hendry County, and members in good standing of the Arts of the Inland artistic group, regardless of residency (children under the age of 18 must have their parents/guardians written permission). All submissions must be family friendly in both subject and language, meaning no profanity or explicit adult content, with a running time between 20 and 90 minutes. More details are available online at [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com) or by calling the

box office at 863-675-3066. The deadline for submissions is April 30.

Clarence "Bud" Jones served the Hendry County School District at the Clewiston High School as their English teacher for 20 years. Bud passed away in 1994, but left behind his love of the theatre with his family and most importantly, his brother John Jones. John and his wife, Betty, wished to honor Bud's memory by creating this competition in his name.

It is the privilege of the Firehouse Community Theatre to help sponsor this competition in what will become an annual celebration of our local communities.\*

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## Shell Point's 2013 Art Show And Sale

Artists at Shell Point Retirement Community have been preparing for the past 12 months in anticipation of this weekend's upcoming Shell Point Art Show and Sale, which is scheduled to take place on March 15, 16 and 17 at the Social Center and Resident Activity Center on The Island at Shell Point. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 15 and 16, and from noon to 3 p.m. on March 17. This event is free and open to the public.

"Shell Point resident artists are extremely talented and the variety of artwork is amazing," said Yvonne Schneff, Shell Point resident and art show coordinator. "This year's exhibit will feature dozens of talented artists, and include a variety of mediums on display including acrylic, oil, watercolor, pencil, canvas, clay, wood, glass, pottery and more, all created by Shell Point residents."

"Thousands of people have attended this annual show through the years and the quality of work, as well as the variety, is outstanding," said Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of communications for the community. "Many residents who live here were professional artists in the past, while others have developed their skills as artists in their retirement when they finally had the time to focus on what inspired them rather than making a living or raising a family. For some, art has become a primary form of emotional expression and their art reflects that transcendent quality."

Not only is the public invited to see the art on display, they also have the opportunity to purchase pieces, each a true original. Plus, the committee organizing the show has added some new features to make it more inter-active and exciting.

"Visitors to this year's show will be able to discover their own inner-artist as they try their hand



Dolphin painting by one of the artists



Phil Hilton

at making their own personalized water color greeting card. All of the materials will be provided for creating these cards that can be taken as a memento of the day's event," added Schneff. "We are also going to offer exciting giveaways where guests have a chance to win \$25 in 'Lucky Bucks' given every 90 minutes to be spent right there at the show."

The 2013 Shell Point Art Show and Sale will be held on The Island at Shell Point, inside the Social Center and the Resident Activity Center. For more information, call Melody Desilets, program coordinator, at 454-2290 or visit [www.shellpoint.org](http://www.shellpoint.org).



Mike Klein

## Firehouse Theatre Final Show Of 20th Season

The Firehouse Community Theatre announced their final show of their 20th season, *Nice People Dancing To Good Country Music*, written by Lee Blessing and directed by Dave Johnson. This show stars Laura Reed, Mike Shough, Doug Patterson, Linda Reecer and James Wingard.

This show has little to do with country music or dancing; it isn't even a musical. It is a funny, wacky look at life and love when a city gal meets a good ol' Texan redneck. The show does contain some adult language.

Showtimes are Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. and the following weekend on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com) and are \$12 in advance, or call the ticket hotline at 863-675-3066 up to one hour before the production. Tickets purchased the day of the performance are \$14, however, seating cannot be guaranteed.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle.

# With A Colorful Past, Mientkiewicz Moves From Rookie Team Batting Coach To Manager Of Miracle?



by Ed Frank

From just a hitting coach for a rookie team in the Los Angeles Dodgers organization to first-year manager of the Fort Myers Miracle Class A baseball team, Doug Mientkiewicz (pronounced "man-kay-which") is the first to admit that he was "really surprised"

when the Minnesota Twins offered him the job.

A fixture in the Twins system from 1995, when first drafted out of Florida State University, until 2004, Mientkiewicz had only one season (2012) on the coaching side of baseball when Twins' General Manager Terry Ryan asked the Dodgers for permission to discuss the Miracle job with the personable Mientkiewicz.

"Three times, the Dodgers had asked me to take the hitting coach job before I agreed, and I quickly fell in love working with those kids. But I was born and raised a Twin and it is the only franchise I would consider to leave the Dodgers," he said.

A resident of Islamorada, Florida, he said the High A Miracle managership, just three steps removed from the Major Leagues, is "the perfect job," allowing him to return to the Twins organization and being closer to home with wife Jodi and 7-year-old son, Steel. Nevertheless, he was surprised to get the job here.

"He's a winner. He has a good baseball IQ. He's been a player, coach and played in a World Series," said Ryan, adding that Robin Ventura of the Chicago White Sox and Mike Metheny of the St. Louis Cardinals hadn't been managers prior to taking over those two clubs.

Mientkiewicz's early professional career started with the Miracle in 1996 and by 1998, he had made it to the Majors as the Twins' first baseman. His best year was 2001, when he hit .306 with 15 home runs, 74 RBIs and won an American League Gold Glove for his defensive play.

In 2000, he was a member of the United States Olympic baseball team and hit the game-winning home run against South Korea in the semi-finals to propel the U.S. to its first baseball gold medal. Mientkiewicz is only one of five Major League players in history to win a World Series and an Olympic gold medal.

That World Series victory occurred in 2004, when he had been traded to the Boston Red Sox where his stellar defensive skills were a factor in the first Red Sox World Series title in 84 years.

But the final out in that series is perhaps what Mientkiewicz is best remembered – an incident which he prefers not discussing because "there's plenty about it on the Internet."

Briefly, when Red Sox pitcher Keith Foulke tossed the ball to Mientkiewicz at first base for the last out, he kept the ball in what ultimately resulted in a brew-ha. After arguments and even a Red Sox lawsuit, he relinquished the ball that is now in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The life of a Minor League manager is far different from that of a Major Leaguer: long bus trips at night, second-class hotels and meals on the run.

"It will be a cake walk compared to the 12- to 14-hour trips last year with the Dodger rookie team," he said.

Mientkiewicz relishes working and instructing youngsters who dream of Major League stardom. He explained that Class A baseball "is pivotal" to young players as by the time a player moves up to Double A baseball most are capable of competing in the majors.

But the odds of making the "big show" are small.

For example, the Twins presently have about 140 participating in Minor League spring training. Historically, less than 10 percent – or about eight players – will progress to the Twins' 40-man Major League roster.

It is likely that Mientkiewicz will be managing the Twins No. 1 prospect, infielder Miquel Sano, who slugged 28 home runs and drove in 100 runs last year for Low A Beloit.

Asked whether he dreams of someday managing in the Major Leagues, Mientkiewicz downplayed such thoughts, saying his only desire at present is helping youngsters "keep their dreams alive."

The Twins' philosophy through the years has been to promote within rather than "buying" top stars through free agency. "It's as close to a family that you will find in baseball," he said. And his respect for Twins GM Ryan is second only to his father.

While the role of a Minor League manager is to develop future Major Leaguers, you can be certain that based on Mientkiewicz' past, the 2013 Fort Myers Miracle will be

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Doug Mientkiewicz



Al Brislain, center, executive director of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, accepts a \$1,500 check from the Boys of Winter ice hockey team at the Skatium in Fort Myers

## Food Bank Receives Donation From Hockey Team

The Boys of Winter hockey team presented a \$1,500 check to Al Brislain, executive director of the Harry Chapin Food Bank. The donation will translate into \$9,000 worth of food and supplies that the food bank can use in distributing to those in need throughout Southwest Florida. The money was raised by donations from the team members at the games and at the team Christmas party.

The Boys of Winter team was formed 15 years ago as an over-50 ice hockey team. They play each Sunday at the skatium in Fort Myers.

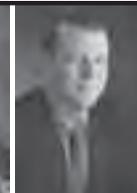
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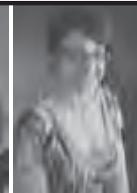
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# 10th Annual Soup Kitchen Benefit

**S**am Galloway Jr. & Friends 10th annual Soup Kitchen Benefit, held on March 5 at the Sam Galloway Ford dealership, raised more than \$360,000 for the local homeless and hungry.

The event sold out, with more than 575 guests attending to help raise needed funds for Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., the umbrella agency for the Everyday Cafés and Marketplaces, Meals On Wheels, Community Montessori Preschool and Social and Homeless Services. Each year, local restaurants, companies and individuals donate the southern-style menu including



Bruce Strayhorn and Jenna Persons



Carl Barraco and Kate St. Arnold



Drew and Susan Chicone



Betsy Alderman and Michel Doherty with Chauncey and Allison Goss



Jennifer Galloway and Tracey Galloway



Jodi and Cecil Pendergrass



Jo Ann Carioba, Deanna Hansen and Nancy Humphrey



Steve Smith, Sam Galloway and Jim King

barbeque chicken and pork, fried chicken, coleslaw, fried shrimp, cheese grits, swamp cabbage, gourmet meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gumbo, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, fresh green beans, corn bread, homemade cookies and gourmet chocolates.

The goal of this annual event is to raise as much money as possible for local residents in need.

“This is our 10th year of dear friends and businesses joining together to help those less fortunate in our community,” said Sam Galloway, Jr. “I wish we didn’t have to hold this event any longer and that hunger was not an issue in our community. Unfortunately, it is still a serious problem. More of our neighbors and their children are going to need our help, and I plan to help them.”

Galloway wants to ensure that CCMI can continue helping Lee



Rose O' Dell King, Marie Lovallo and Gary King

County’s growing population of hungry gain access to nutritious meals. Ten years ago, he gathered friends in the local restaurant community and beyond to donate their time and services toward a community fundraiser for local homeless and hungry. The event has grown each year with guests who come together for one evening in the Service Department of Galloway Ford. All the monies raised go directly to CCMI to help those in need in Lee County.

CCMI is an innovative non-profit 501(c)(3) organization made up of social service entrepreneurs fighting to end homelessness and hunger in our community. The agency provides more than 14,000 meals each month through their Everyday Cafés and Marketplaces and Meals On Wheels programs. CCMI also educates 40 children in their Community Montessori, offers homeless and comprehensive case coaching services through their United Way Resource Houses, oversees an emergency mobile food pantry and supplies weekend backpacks full of food to more than 1,500 children each school year.

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](http://www.ccmileecounty.com).✪

## GreenFest Offers Alternative Solutions

It's easy being green at Edison State College's 5th annual GreenFest Expo. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 at the Edison State College Collier Campus. The expo brings together local businesses and organizations to share environmentally friendly products and services with the community. Admission and parking are free and open to the public.

Exhibit vendors include Kinetico Water Systems, Collier County Solid Waste and Recycling, Natural Awakenings, and Rookery Bay. The GreenFest Expo will also feature tours of the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall, children's activities, music, food, natural products and more.

Now in its fifth year, the GreenFest Expo was created when the Collier Campus faculty began incorporating sustainability into their curriculum and wanted to share those ideas with the community. It is just one of the many

sustainability initiatives Edison State College's Collier Campus has developed during its 20-year history.

"Sustainability is rooted in our campus's beginnings," said Dr. Robert Jones, president, Edison State College Collier Campus. "Being located in southwest Florida in the proximity of the Everglades and other natural surroundings, it was important that we conserve our natural environment yet still maintain an innovative and high-tech college."

One way the Collier Campus has done this is by building Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings. According to the U.S. Green Building Council, a LEED certification verifies that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

In 2007, the Collier Campus opened its first two LEED certified buildings – the NCEF Childhood Development Center and the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center/UF College of Dentistry. In 2012, two

more LEED buildings opened – the Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall and the Student Services building.

"It is our plan that all new buildings will be LEED certified," said Dr. Jones.

In addition to its LEED certified buildings, the Collier Campus also uses an energy saving climate system that provides cost-saving heating and cooling to all Collier Campus buildings. By running the water chiller at night instead of peak energy hours and storing the chilled water in a 500,000 gallon tank that cools its buildings during the day, the campus saves thousands of dollars a year on energy bills.

Other sustainability initiatives the Collier Campus has instituted include recycling programs, public transportation with Collier Area Transit, maintaining the native vegetation that grows on the campus, and refraining from using pesticides on the grounds.

"It's important that higher education lead the way in the community, in practice as well as by involving the community in our learning experiences," said Dr. Jones. "What better way to do that than by bringing people together to share knowledge?"

For more information about Edison State College's GreenFest Expo, call Dr. Kirk Otto at 732-3743 or email [kirk.otto@edison.edu](mailto:kirk.otto@edison.edu).

## New Youth Spanish Class

The Alliance for the Arts is partnering with the Fort Myers-based company Dino Lingo Language Learning Programs for Kids to offer afterschool Spanish language immersion classes beginning Thursday, March 21 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. There is a "try it" session on Saturday, March 16 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. The try it session is free for Alliance members or \$5 for non-members, and allows children ages four to seven the opportunity to sample the class before signing up for the full six-week session. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 12 students.

In this program, children are not taught to speak Spanish, they are taught in Spanish. This Spanish immersion class provides the foundation for understanding and speaking Spanish as a second language. Activities include language books, flash cards, games and DVDs.

Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) or call 939-2787 for more information on this class or on the many other classes the Alliance offers for kids and adults.

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

## Grandeza Golf Classic On May 9

The 3rd annual Grandeza Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 9 at Grandeza Golf and Country Club in Estero. The four-player scramble shotgun start begins at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Golfers, sponsors at all levels and silent auction items are all needed for the event. The \$125 cost per player includes green fees with cart, awards, dinner and the

silent auction. Non-golfers have a number of ways to support this event, including auction donations, volunteering and a variety of sponsorships. Every dollar raised at this event enables the food bank to distribute \$6 worth of food to those in need.

Chairing the golf classic is Noelle Melanson. To register for the classic, to obtain sponsorships, to donate silent or live auction items or to become a volunteer, contact Miriam Pereira, Development Director, at 334-7007 ext. 127 or [mpereira@harrychapinfoodbank.org](mailto:mpereira@harrychapinfoodbank.org). To register online, visit [www.harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org). To register by phone, call 334-7007 ext. 127.✪

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### Everblades Skate Towards Playoffs

Capturing seven of a possible eight points on foreign ice last week, including a four-game winning streak, the Florida Everblades moved into a tie for the post-season's No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference of the ECHL.

With only nine games remaining – seven at home – in the regular season, Florida began the week with a 32-20-4-7 season record and 75 points. Elmira and South Carolina also had 75 points.

The late-season winning play of the Everblades bodes well for the defending Kelly Cup Champions who similarly put on a season-ending push a year ago.

Florida began a five-game homestand Wednesday against South Carolina. The two teams square off again Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at Germain Arena.✪

## Spring Training Home Schedules

### Boston Red Sox – jetBlue Park

Friday, March 15 – Minnesota; 7:05 p.m.  
Sunday, March 17 – Tampa Bay; 1:35 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 19 – Baltimore; 1:35 p.m.

### Minnesota Twins – Hammond Stadium

Thursday, March 14 – Boston; 1:05 p.m.  
Saturday, March 16 – Pittsburgh; 1:05 p.m.  
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Financial Focus

# Get Ready for Some Financial Spring Cleaning



by Jennifer Basey

Spring is in the air – or, at the very least, it’s on the calendar this week. And if you’re like many people, you may be looking forward to doing some spring cleaning around your house and

yard. But this year, why not go beyond your physical environment and do some sprucing up of your financial situation?

Here are a few possibilities to consider:

- Clean your portfolio of clutter. When you go through your house, you may find some clutter in closets, storage areas, on top of desks, under beds or just about any other place. Your investment portfolio also may contain clutter in the form of investments that no longer meet your needs. Consequently, it’s a good idea to de-clutter your portfolio periodically by selling those extraneous investments and using the proceeds to help purchase others that may be more effective in helping you make progress toward your financial goals.

- Consolidate your investments in one place. As you clean your house, you may find that you have many common items, such as brooms, hammers, duct tape and so on, scattered among various rooms. It might be more efficient to keep all such objects in one central location; this can help prevent you from needlessly replacing or duplicating them. As an investor, you may have an IRA with one financial services provider, an old 401(k) with a different one and some other investments with yet another institution. If you consolidated all these investment vehicles with one provider, you might be able to save some fees and expenses. Perhaps even more importantly, by uniting all your investments in one place, you may find it easier to follow a central, unified investment strategy.

- Check for gaps in your financial strategy. Every spring, it’s a good idea to check your gutters for leaks, your sidewalks for cracks and your paint for chips. By doing so, you’ll help protect your home and surroundings. To help protect your family’s future, it’s important to have adequate life and disability insurance.

- Plant seeds for growth. When spring arrives, it’s time to plant the seeds for your flowers and vegetables. As an investor, you also have to be concerned about growth. Specifically, you’ll want to consider investments that have the potential to grow enough to help provide the financial resources to meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Consequently, you should review your portfolio to determine if it contains an

appropriate amount of growth-oriented vehicles for your individual objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance.

- Seek professional assistance. When you’re tidying up for spring, you may find some jobs that you can’t do alone, such as cleaning a heavily stained carpet, unclogging a blocked drain or trimming the highest branches on a tree. For these tasks, you might need to call in trained professionals. It’s the same with investing: You can do some things on your own, but

for complex tasks such as creating and maintaining an appropriate investment strategy, you may need to work with a financial professional.

Consider putting these spring-cleaning tips to work soon. They may just help put some sparkle and shine into your financial house.

Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at [jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com](mailto:jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com).✪✪

## Cattle Barons’ Ball Chairs Announced

The American Cancer Society of Lee County announced that builder and community activist Todd Gates and his wife Angela will chair the 2014 Cattle Barons’ Ball. Todd Gates is chairman of GATES, a fully integrated construction management, general contracting and design-build firm with offices in Florida and the Republic of Panama.

“We are excited to take on the leadership role for this worthy event,” said Gates, who served on the committee that staged the successful 10th anniversary gala, held January 19 at Harborside Event Center. “There are a lot of great people in Southwest Florida who join me and Angela in being passionate about finding a cure for cancer, and we’ll be working diligently together to pursue that goal through the Cattle Barons’ Ball.”

This year’s Western-themed gala raised \$315,000 for research, education



Angela and Todd Gates

and support programs for local residents who are battling and surviving cancer. Since its first event in Lee County, the Cattle Barons’ Ball has raised more than \$3.7 million.

Planning has already begun for next year’s event, which will be held January 18. For more information or to volunteer, contact the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or 936-1113.✪✪

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River Reach	Bonita Springs	2009	3,096	759,000	725,000	165
Fairview Isles	Fort Myers Beach	1978	1,928	699,000	675,000	16
Enclave at Heritage P	Fort Myers	2002	3,031	699,000	659,900	140
Dunes At Sanibel Island	Sanibel	1986	2,688	690,000	625,000	87
Hampton Greens	Fort Myers	1994	4,127	649,000	619,500	9
Cornwallis	Cape Coral	2006	2,706	639,000	614,000	112
Hawthorne	Bonita Springs	2002	2,685	735,900	603,750	268
Del Sega	Sanibel	2002	1,884	725,000	600,000	318
Sandpiper Village	Fort Myers Beach	1974	1,361	529,000	465,000	134

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## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSPP

**D**ear Shelley, The homework wars at my house just keep getting worse. I have two boys – one in sixth grade and one in 10th grade – and they

are so tired of the huge amount of homework they get. I'm tired of it too; they say they get too much and it's not fair. I'm willing to go to their schools to discuss this, but I would like to know what a normal amount of homework is for their grade levels.

*Kristin K., Fort Myers*

### Kristin,

You are not alone in the homework wars. Homework causes so many issues both at home and at school. Your question about how much homework is reasonable is a great one. It can be a no-win situation – when there's too much homework, parents often complain; and when there is too little, parents will complain again. You can find research studies that support both ends of this issue. So what really makes sense?

In all probability, homework will not disappear... so how can its impact be maximized? Some of the more recent studies report that homework is a great

tool to build study skills. Other studies have also found a link between higher standardized test scores, but clear-cut evidence has not yet been found between homework and overall higher achievement of students.

Critics of homework point out that too much homework or busy work can turn off students to learning. Kids need to see the connection of how the homework they do will help them learn what they really need to know for class.

The National PTA and the National Education Association have stated in their parent brochures the following guidelines for homework:

For grades K-2 – 10 to 20 minutes of homework per day

For grades 3-6 – 30 to 60 minutes of homework per day

Middle/Junior/Senior High Grades typically have homework assigned in each class they take, with many school policies stating that 30 minutes per class is recommended.

Harris Cooper of Duke University said that for middle/junior high grade students diminishing returns on homework begin at about 90 minutes of work and for high school, students homework is effective when it is from 90 minutes to 2.5 hours.

As a parent, it might help if you can analyze any non-productive behavior patterns you see with your children while doing homework. Do they complain on specific days of the week for example? Perhaps they would prefer to watch a game or TV show on that day and find their homework particularly annoying.

How focused are your children while doing homework? Do they take too many breaks, dawdle about before beginning their work, allow many interruptions, lose and forget their materials – these things will prolong the homework period extensively. It's important for you to have a good understanding of how your children approach their work and then work together to solve any problems that you might find. Then, monitor the time they spend and if it does exceed the above guidelines it might be time to talk with their teachers and find out more about why they are assigning a heavy homework load.

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## Lion's Paw Medal Awarded

**T**he Lion's Paw Alumni Association, who has been upholding a tradition of service and excellence to the Pennsylvania State University community since 1908, selected James Meister as the sole recipient of the 2013 Lion's Paw Medal.

Among his many other contributions, Meister is a director of the Penn State, Fort Myers Alumni Chapter. The medal honors individuals who have contributed their time and efforts to better the lives of students at Penn State and enhance the quality of education at the university.\*



**James Meister and Richard Achilles, president of the Penn State Alumni Association Fort Myers Chapter**

## FGCU Receives Community Service Praise

**F**or the second consecutive year, Florida Gulf Coast University has been named to the Corporation for National and Community Service's Honor Roll with Distinction for its work in strong institutional commitment to service, developing campus-community partnerships that produce measurable impact, and engaging students in meaningful service.

Programs like FGCU's are being modeled throughout the American educational system, according to Service Learning Director Jessica Rhea.

"It is gaining momentum in higher education because it is a high-impact teaching practice that increases content knowledge, higher-order thinking, citizenship skills, academic engagement and success," said Rhea. "The number of FGCU faculty integrating service-learning into their coursework is up 55 percent from the previous year."

Students participate in 80 hours of service-based learning prior to graduating. The EaglesConnect program helps them match personal passions and academic goals with more than 300 agencies, including social, legal and health services, environmental organizations, educational institutions, and much more. In 16 years, FGCU students have devoted more than 1 million hours to community organiza-

tions as part of the University's service-learning program.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, recognized a total of 690 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. Combined, the Honor Roll awardees engaged 3.1 million students in community service for a total of 118 million service hours.

For a full list of recipients, visit [www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll](http://www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll).

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Barack Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit [www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov).\*



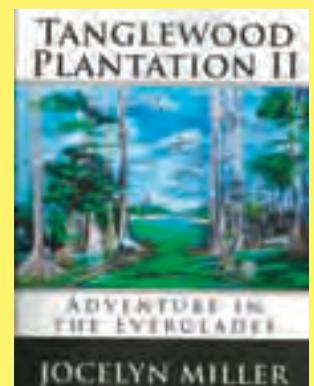
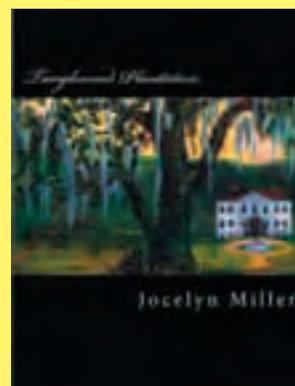
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## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

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 must leave immediately.

It was devastating to both of us. We

immediately sold our house and rented an apartment, storing what we couldn't use. He tried so hard, went on interviews, but no job offers. At 57, it is very difficult on 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 all 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, this will make a tremendous difference in our financial security for our retirement.

During these difficult times, 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 better 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 I have used this little technique, I hope you are not reading... "I appreciate your concern, but, 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](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).\*

### dearPharmacist

## Licorice Helps Chronic Fatigue And Heartburn



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:** What is licorice root? I heard you at a lecture talk about it and say something like it could take the place of lots of different drugs, and that it helped with chronic

fatigue.

*WW, Dallas, Texas*

Licorice root is an herbal remedy often used in Chinese traditional medicine. It's ancient, and was used by the Greeks and Romans for many health concerns such as ulcers, sore throat, asthma, depression, menopause, arthritis, heartburn, gastrointestinal concerns of all sorts and various viral infections (like hepatitis and the flu). Unfortunately, licorice candy (mmm, Twizzlers) doesn't have quite the same effect, but hey, that's not to say you couldn't indulge in that every now and then! Just know that licorice root is a totally different animal, and unlike candy, it has many medicinal properties.

Licorice contains healing flavonoids, phytoestrogens and glycyrrhizin. Some of these compounds block the breakdown of a hormone called cortisol in your body

which helps you deal with stress. Many of us are walking around with severe adrenal fatigue, and depending on a few other medical factors, licorice root could be just what you need to help cope with stress. It also happens to boost levels of natural interferon, which is an important component of your immune system helping you defend yourself from infection.

Licorice root helps soothe irritated membranes while removing mucus from your respiratory tract, making it a great adjunctive remedy for cough and cold. The phytoestrogens also mimic the effect of estrogen, which can help with menopausal symptoms, as well as cognitive function but be careful here because anything that is estrogenic (even mildly so) has the potential to drive certain cancers, especially those of the reproductive tract.

A 2011 study performed on rats in China provided evidence that glycyrrhizin could protect against some of the more drastic negative outcomes from spinal cord injuries, by suppressing inflammatory chemicals (called cytokines) and blocking the release of a gene that promotes further inflammation (HMGB1). In a separate human study, it was also observed that licorice root reduces body fat in part by suppressing aldosterone, which is the hormone that tells your body to hold on to salt and water.

Licorice root is available in many oral dosage forms. Excessive intake of licorice root can exacerbate hypertension and other heart problems, by disrupting the salt and water balance that your body strictly maintains so ask your doctor if it's right for you. It happens compliments of the glycyrrhizin.

Some companies now make a deglycyrrhizinized form of licorice root, which is the form that is free of glycyrrhizin. It's called "DGL" and while this form doesn't really improve adrenal fatigue concerns, it is great for long-term use and specifically helpful for digestive problems of all sorts including gastritis, reflux and heartburn. DGL is best taken in a chewable tablet form about 20 minutes before eating your meals. DGL is a supplement I usually recommend to people who find themselves compelled to take acid blockers and antacids.

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

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## Night For Life Buffet Dinner, Show & Auctions

**O**n Monday, April 1 from 5 to 9 p.m., the annual fundraiser, Night For Life, will be held at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers. The event is sponsored by the Organ Transplant Recipients of Southwest Florida, Inc. to benefit local organ transplant patients and those on the transplant waiting list.

Entertainment for this year's event will feature Broadway Palms' performers from *The Sound of Music* and *The Calendar Girls*.

Tickets are \$35, \$50 for VIP Seating and includes a buffet dinner, entertainment, and the very popular silent and Chinese auctions. Bid on original art, jewelry, golf packages, boat trips, vacations, dinners, services, unique gifts and more.

Auctions begin at 5 p.m.; buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. Ask about table sponsorships. There is also available a \$10 ticket which includes the entertainment and auctions but not the buffet dinner.

This event raises money for the Fletcher Trust Fund, which was established in 2004 to assist transplant recipients and those who are waiting for transplants in Southwest Florida. An average of 18 people die each day in the U.S. due to a lack of available organs and tissue donors.

For tickets and information, call 440-223-2662 or 768-1814. If you are interested in learning more about this nonprofit organization, contact [swmson@embarqmail.com](mailto:swmson@embarqmail.com). For additional information, visit [www.organsupport.org](http://www.organsupport.org).\*

## Parkinson Symposium

**H**ope Parkinson Program will feature three experts on Parkinson's disease at its 2013 Annual Parkinson Symposium on Friday, March 15. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Grace Community Center at 4151 Hancock Bridge Parkway in North Fort Myers.

Dr. J. Eric Ahlskog, a Mayo Clinic physician specializing in Parkinson's disease, will present Parkinson's Disease: The Big Picture.

Dr. Saman Javedan, an authority on deep-brain stimulation for Parkinson's treatment in the department of neurology at Lee Memorial Health System, will discuss Surgical Options for Patients with Parkinson's Disease.

Dr. Amanda Avila, movement disorder specialist and medical director of the Hope Parkinson Program, will share Tips & Tricks for Managing Parkinson's Disease.

A question-and-answer period will follow the lectures, and the \$20 registration fee will cover a continental breakfast for attendees.

Register before Saturday, March 9 by calling 985-7727 or online at [www.hopeparkinson.org/events](http://www.hopeparkinson.org/events). Check-in on the day of the event begins at 8 a.m.

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

## Dr. Dave Twitterified



by Dr. Dave  
Hepburn

Can't stop Sealey from tweeting now. When first Wisequacks started tweeting, he would simply stare at the blue bird for hours waiting for some action. Then he

tweeted with his annual flossing. But now he tweets every time he is inebriated by noon, which is why we have thousands of tweets to choose from and send you these:

- Children should be allowed to believe in Santa as long as they want, experts say. Same with Easter Bunny, Tooth Fairy and NHL.

- 39 States on Pace for Obesity Rates Above 50 percent. Somehow pace and obesity don't belong in the same sentence, like Krispy Kreme and tofu.

- Gingko biloba not only looks revolting but now found to be 100 percent useless. Turning out to be the Snooki of herbal medicine.

- Apparently, people are posting advice on how to do CPR on Twitter... problem is, you have to be revived in less than 140 chest compressions.

- Doctors have discovered the latest in digital technology in the fight against prostate cancer... it's called the finger.

- Edible mealworms may be the next high protein food source, better than pork, chicken and beef. Less greenhouse gases and easier to herd.

- Thanks to diabetes and obesity, cases of kidney stones have doubled in the past 20 years. Get fat, get sweet and rock your world.

- Study: Apparently red wine can help reduce falling amongst the elderly. Of course. Hard to fall down when you can't stand up to start with.

- 16,000 genital injuries end up in Emergency Room per year, many sustained during sports. 70 percent were male, due to extended risk factors.

- Head Injury and Pesticide Exposure Triples the Risk of Parkinson's Disease. Some scientists, however, find the research a little shaky.

- Happier Childhoods Tied to More Wealth as Adults. In unrelated story, Donald Trump states he was bottle fed Ecstasy by Martians.

- Alzheimer's Progresses Differently in Women, Men. Women lose brain tissue faster in every part except the remembering mistakes lobe.

- Doctors are now offering patients choices in their end-of-life care...I'd take the extended warranty with an option to renew.

- Study: The Unemployed Are at Higher Risk for Heart Attacks. Employed at higher risk for work-related injuries.

- Many parents take youth concussions too lightly. "Listen Billy, those stars are in my eyes, not yours. Now get back in there and make your Mom proud."

- Monogamy is a rare trait in mam-

mals, possessed by only five percent of species. The five percent does not include pigs, rats or men of the male species.

- Grapefruit juice now interferes with at least 85 drugs. Can increase the concentration of a drug by 330 percent. Super Viagra here we come.

- Venomous snakes in USA now found to be major reservoir of deadly EEE arbo virus. So please, no more playing with deadly snakes.

- Apparently a Starbucks barista listens to people better than a doctor... perhaps, but who do you want to see if you have a bad coughy?

- Many pacifiers are unclean and develop a biofilm of disease-causing bacteria. May make babies, supermodels or NHL players ill.

- STUDY: More Kids Get High-

Radiation Scans such as CT scans. Radiologists opinion of this study found to be positively glowing.

- Glass of wine may increase risk of heart arrhythmia. Whole bottle increases risk that it will stop.

- Speed bumps may speed up diagnosis of appendicitis. Pain going over the bumps may mean appendicitis. No word yet on hemorrhoids and U turns.

Dr. Dave's book *The Doctor is In(sane) is now available for those with a sense of humor and half a sense of health. Pick up a copy at Sanibel Island Bookshop. Contact Dr. Dave or read more at [www.wisequacks.org](http://www.wisequacks.org).*



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Means:  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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## Sponsor Recognition Reception

The event committee for the 2013 Lee County Making Strides Against Breast Cancer held its Sponsor Recognition Reception at Premier Oncology in Fort Myers on February 26. The event recognized the top sponsors from 2012 and provided information for its 2013 sponsorship and team goals. In 2012, the event raised more than \$209,000 toward research for finding a cure for breast cancer.

Sponsor honoree Dr. Janet Sperry from Premiere Oncology shared her experience as the event sponsor and benefits in being part of The American Cancer Society of Lee County. Christi Geib shared her survivor story and encouraged the audience to continue working towards saving more lives.

Event chair Debra Newell presented the 2013 event goal of \$215,000, with a sponsorship goal of \$60,000 and a recruitment goal of 187 teams. Executive Director Darla Betzer reported on the 2012 event money's local distribution, which contributed in saving over 400 lives a day. The sponsorship support also makes possible the funding of research from the American Cancer Society and local research Cancer Prevention Study-3 set for Sunday, March 24.

The 2013 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk will take place on October 19 at Tanger Outlets in Fort Myers. Teams can register to participate in the event and track fundraising efforts through the organization's website, [www.putonyourpinkbra.com/leecounty](http://www.putonyourpinkbra.com/leecounty).

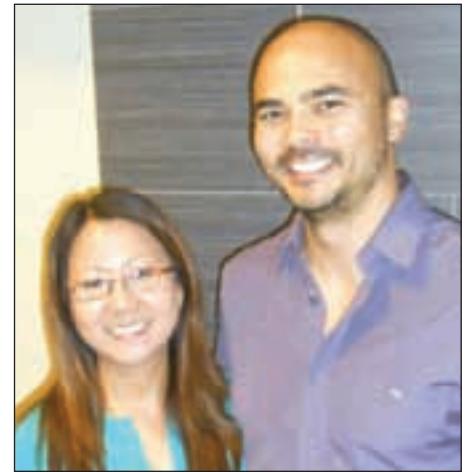
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## Pets Of The Week



Boone ID# 558530  
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My name is Boone and I need a luck changer. First, I was shot in the chest with an arrow and then my owner didn't claim me even after my story was featured on TV. I guess I was lucky to have recovered from my injury. I have a great disposition and get along well with other pets and people. I will make someone a very loving companion. Visit me at the shelter so I can show you how sweet I am. My adoption fee is \$35 (regularly \$75) during Animal Services' March Madness adoption promotion. Make a basket and get an extra \$10 off.

I'm Manillo, a handsome tuxedo cat, but don't let my sophisticated look fool



Manillo ID# 556787

you. I am an outgoing, friendly, and playful kitten. So far I haven't met a person, cat, or toy that I didn't like. I'll bet I would fit right in with your family.

My adoption fee is \$25 during Animal Services' March Madness promotion. Get an extra \$10 off when you make a basket.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.\*



### Irish Saying

Saol fada chugat

Pronunciation:  
Sail fod-ah cu-gut

Means:  
Long life to you.



# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Cape Verde islands?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have won Nobel Peace Prize?
3. ANATOMY: Where is the sacrum in the human body?
4. LANGUAGE: What is meant by the term "fifth column"?
5. HISTORY: In what year did the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merge into the AFL-CIO?
6. MILITARY: What is the moral code of the Japanese samurai?
7. GAMES: What kind of game is "Millipede"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is arrowroot powder used for?
9. MUSIC: What were the first names of the Allman Brothers?
10. THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Iceman Cometh"?

## ANSWERS

1. Off the coast of West Africa 2. Four -- Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama 3. At the base of the spine 4. Enemy sympathizers who might give aid to an invader 5. 1955 6. Bushido 7. Arcade game 8. A thickening agent 9. Duane and Gregg 10. Eugene O'Neill

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Texas Rangers pitcher before Yu Darvish in 2012 to have five straight starts of at least seven strikeouts?
2. In 2012, Carlos Beltran became the eighth member of the career 300 steals/300 homers club. Name four of the first seven to do it.
3. Coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady have made five Super Bowl appearances together. Name three coach/QB pairs to have made four trips.
4. When was the last time before 2012 that Creighton won an NCAA men's basketball tournament game?
5. How many times was Montreal's Steve Shutt on a Stanley Cup-winning team?
6. Who was the last American soccer player before Abby Wambach in 2012 to win the FIFA women's World Player of the Year award?
7. Who was the first boxer to have been featured on a Wheaties box?

## ANSWERS

1. Bobby Witt, in 1987. 2. Barry Bonds, Bobby Bonds, Andre Dawson, Steve Finley, Willie Mays, Alex Rodriguez and Reggie Sanders. 3. Tom Landry and Roger Staubach, Marv Levy and Jim Kelly, and Chuck Noll and Terry Bradshaw. 4. It was 2002, when the Bluejays beat Florida. 5. Five. 6. Mia Hamm, in 2002. 7. Muhammad Ali.

## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) With your practical side dominant this week, it's a good time to reassess your finances to see what expenses you can cut. Aspects also favor mending fraying relationships.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned week-end of fun with a special someone.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room for compromise.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation of your actions if necessary.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases by the 20th, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to act on his or her behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A new development might require you to cancel some of your plans. But you

adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering-up" news.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your love of the arts is equaled only by your strong sense of justice. People can depend on you to always try to do what's right.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On March 24, 1603, after 44 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth I of England dies, and King James VI of Scotland ascends to the throne, uniting England and Scotland under a single British monarch. Queen Elizabeth I passed into history as one of England's greatest monarchs.

- On March 23, 1839, the initials "O.K." are first published in The Boston Morning Post. Meant as an abbreviation for "oll correct," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans.

- On March 22, 1908, Louis L'Amour, the author of scores of bestselling Western novels, is born in Jamestown, N.D. After returning from World War II, L'Amour began writing short stories and novels. His big break came when a novel he wrote at the age of 46 became the basis for the popular John Wayne movie "Hondo."

- On March 19, 1916, the First Aero Squadron flies a support mission for the 7,000 U.S. troops who had invaded Mexico on President Woodrow Wilson's orders to capture Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa dead or alive.

- On March 18, 1937, nearly 300 students in Texas are killed by an explosion of natural gas at their school. Eleven oil and natural-gas derricks stood in the schoolyard as a means of saving the school money. The blast killed most victims instantly and was felt 40 miles away.

- On March 20, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson sends a telegram to Gov. George Wallace of Alabama in which he agrees to send federal troops to supervise a planned civil-rights march in Wallace's home state. Earlier that month, civil-rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. had led two attempts to march to Montgomery.

- On March 21, 1980, President Jimmy

Carter informs a group of U.S. athletes that, in response to the December 1979 Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the United States would boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. It marked the first and only time that the United States has boycotted the Olympics.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- President Harry Truman was once told there were ghosts in the White House. His response? "I'm sure they're here, and I'm not half so alarmed at meeting up with any of them as I am at having to meet the live nuts I have to see every day."

- Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.

- The warmest parts of your body are your eyes and nose, while the coldest parts (unsurprisingly) are your fingers and toes.

- In the African country of Zaire, more than 200 different languages are spoken.

- It was more than 30 years ago, in 1982, that a man in suburban Los Angeles tied 24 weather balloons to his lawn chair in an attempt to fly. A pretty successful attempt, too -- he made it to 16,000 feet, alarming air traffic controllers and pilots in the process.

- Those who study such things say that the rate of divorce increases during the winter months.

- The Baltimore Orioles had a pretty bad season in 1988. After the team lost its first 10 games, Bob Rivers, a deejay at Baltimore radio station WIYY, announced that he would stay on the air until the home team won a game. He kept his word, sleeping only between songs, for 10 days. When the Orioles finally defeated the Chicago White Sox, Rivers played "I'm Free" by The Who, and finally left.

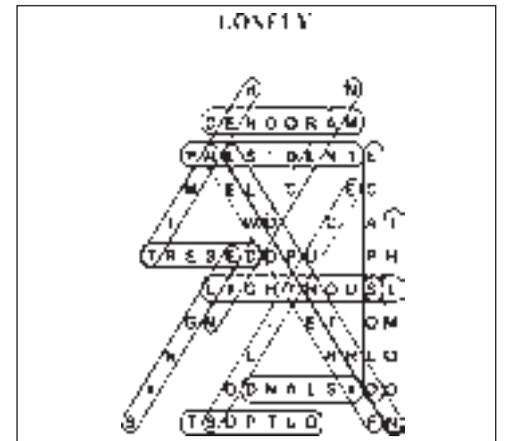
- Queen termites can live for up to 100 years.

- When respondents to a survey are guaranteed that the results will be anonymous, fully 40 percent of the people admit to cheating on their taxes.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary." -- William Wrigley, Jr.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS





**Savory Stuffed Florida Zucchini**

- 12 small zucchini
- 1 onion, minced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 slice challah bread
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2/3 pound lamb, ground
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon Italian parsley, minced
- Kosher salt
- Fresh ground black pepper
- Cayenne pepper
- Nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar

Wash the zucchini and scrub well to remove any dirt. Using an apple corer, core each zucchini, taking care not to pierce the skin. Saute the onion in half of the olive oil until wilted; cool. Soak the bread in the broth for 10 minutes, squeeze dry, and combine with the lamb, onion, egg, parsley, salt, pepper, a pinch of cayenne, and a little freshly grated nutmeg in a bowl; knead well with your fingers until well combined. Stuff each



**Savory Stuffed Florida Zucchini**

zucchini with a little of the lamb filling. Heat the remaining olive oil in a deep, wide pan (pan should be at least 12" deep). Add the zucchini, 1/2 cup of

water, the sugar, salt and pepper; cover with an upside-down plate( to keep the zucchini submerged). Cover with a lid and bring to a boil, then simmer 40 minutes.

Remove the lid and the plate, and reduce the liquid in the pan. Serve hot.  
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NON-SMOKING NO PETS  
Avail 4-1, \$2,000/mo + util.  
Quiet dead-end street  
(315) 405-6684  
\*NS 3/15 CC 3/22

**SERVICES OFFERED**

**PUESTA DEL SOL  
CLEANING SERVICE**

Residential \* Commercial \* Medical \* Banks  
Local/seasonal references/free estimate  
Low prices with free laundry!!  
Puestadelsolcleaning.com 239-770-4008  
Juliasalazar3@hotmail.com 239-878-4472  
\*RS 1/4 CC TFN

**PAINTING GOAT**

Professional Painting & Home Maintenance  
Free Estimates Sr Discounts  
Fully Insured  
www.paintinggoat.com  
239-271-2919  
\*NS 2/22 CC 3/15

**SCARNATO LAWN SERVICE**

Lawn Service, Shrubs and Tree Trimming  
Weeding, Installation of Plants, Trees and  
Mulch (one month free service available)  
Joe Scarnato (239) 849-6163  
scarnatolawn@aol.com  
\*NS 1/25 BM TFN

**HOME/CONDO WATCH  
CONCIERGE SERVICES**

Dorado Property Management  
Full Range of Services \* Island Resident  
\* Licensed & Insured \* 24/7  
Call Lisa or Bruce at 239-472-8875  
\*RS 1/4 BM TFN

**SANIBEL HOME WATCH**

Retired Police Captain  
Lives on Sanibel  
Will Check Your Home Weekly  
Very Reasonable Rates  
(239) 728-1971  
\*RS 1/4 BM TFN

**HELLE'S CLEANING SERVICES**

Residential Cleaning to Satisfaction  
Sanibel & Captiva • 239-565-0471  
Sanibel Lic. #11412 Lee Co. Lic. #051047  
\*NS 1/4 PC TFN

**SERVICES OFFERED**

**HOME WATCH SANIBEL**

Property Management-Bookkeeping  
Call Bob or Sally Island Residents  
239-565-7438, sanisal186@gmail.com  
WWW.HOMEWATCHSANIBEL.COM  
\*RS 1/4 CC TFN

**ELIZABETH ZELAYA**

Professional Cleaning Service.  
Residential Specialist.  
Licensed & Insured.  
Sanibel & Captiva.  
954-279-3122  
\*RS 3/8 CC 3/22

**COMPANION SERVICE**

Sanibel-Captiva Care and Companion Service,  
LLC Medical appointments, general transportation,  
shopping, light meal preparations, and light  
cleaning. Our services are customized to meet  
our clients needs. Call 239-395-3591, or  
for an emergency call 239-472-0556.  
\*RS 1/4 BM TFN

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ACTION  
FOR DISSOLUTION  
OF MARRIAGE**

To: Matthew Allen Church. You are notified  
that an action for dissolution of marriage  
has been filed against you and that you  
are required to serve a copy of your written  
defenses, if any, to it on Andrea Jean  
Church whose address is  
1925 NE 2nd Terr Cape Coral FL 33909  
on or before March 18, 2013 and file the  
original with the clerk of this court at  
PO Box 310 Ft Myers, FL 33901  
before service on Petitioner or immediately  
thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default  
may be entered against you for the relief  
demanded in the petition.  
\*NS 2/22 CC 3/15

**LOST AND FOUND**

**FOUND**

Prescription sunglasses found in parking  
lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday,  
February 27. Claim at Island Sun  
newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or  
call 395-1213.  
\*NS 3/8 NC 3/22

**LOST AND FOUND**

Lost Ladies Watch  
Make: Brighton  
Area of Mucky Duck on Captiva Island  
Lost on Dec. 10, 2012 around noon  
If found call: 941-639-5395  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

**WANTED TO BUY**

**CASH PAID FOR  
MILITARY ITEMS**

Cash Paid For Old Military Items.  
Medals, Swords, Uniforms,  
helmets, old guns, awards & more.  
Local Toll Free 1-866-440-3280  
\*RS 3/15 CC 5/31

**FOR SALE**

**20% - 50% SALE**

**NEW WEEK NEW SALES!**  
Large OLD indoor lighting fixtures  
Remington Bronzes Whitehead Prints  
Rauschenberg Memorabilia SeaShells  
Tiny Italian Mosaics Chinese Snoofs  
Taxco Mexican Southwester & Peruvian  
OLDER 925 Sterling Silver Jewelry  
Earrings Rings Bracelets Necklaces  
Vast array ONE OF A KIND unqiutes!  
Sanibel Consignments  
2431 Periwinkle Way  
472-5222, www.sanibelauktion.com  
\*RS 2/15 CC TFN

**FOR SALE**

King Size Mattress/Set-Simmons  
Beautyrest Plush. \$175, Twin Lexington  
Headboards (2). \$100, Large Green/Gold  
Metal Framed Beveled Mirror-Sanibel  
Antiques 66"Hx44"W \$200, All Excellent  
Condition. OBO 472-4823.  
\*NS 3/15 CC 3/15



**GARAGE •  
MOVING • YARD  
SALES**

**ESTATE SALE**

March 16 - 17,  
735 Donax Street, Sanibel Isl. FL 33957.  
ph: 239-472-8086. From causeway turn  
right to Periwinkle 0.6 MI turn left to Donax  
4th house on right 735.  
\*NS 3/8 CC 3/15

**HUGE GARAGE SALE**

Fri. Sat. March 15-16, 8 A.M.  
926 Lindgren Bl. Sanibel  
8 Families Lots Of Great Stuff  
Furniture, Jewelry, Clothes, Dishes, Books,  
Purses, Misc. This Is A Big Sale.  
\*NS 3/15 CC 3/15

**BOATS - CANOES - KAYAKS**

**DOCKAGE**

Hourly, Daily, Weekly  
and Monthly.  
Captiva Island 472-5800  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

**HELP WANTED**

**CUSTOMER SERVICE/  
OUTSIDE SALES**

We need you to pamper our customers and  
spread the word about our services. Union  
Mechanical Inc. 239-437-5595 Knowledge  
of construction/contracting a plus.  
\*NS 2/8 CC TFN

**CURRENT POSITION  
NEEDED: HANDYMAN**

Must have knowledge of  
plumbing, electrical and general repairs.  
Must have own truck and tools.  
Work will mostly be on Sanibel.  
Salary negotiable and  
benefits after 90 days.  
Call 239-481-2929.  
\*NS 2/22 CC TFN

**SERVERS  
ASSISTANT SERVERS  
LINE COOK**

IL Tesoro Ristorante,  
751 tarpon Bay Rd. Sanibel  
Now hiring; Servers, Assistant Servers  
and Line cook Email resumes to:  
iltesoro@me.com or fill out  
applications between 11-2 daily.  
\*NS 1/18 NC TFN

**CUSTOMER SERVICE JOB**

We are in need of someone to support  
our vast bicycle rental operation within our  
boat, bike and golf cart division. The ideal  
candidate will have experience working on  
bicycles, such as fixing flats, loose chains  
and other general maintenance and must  
also enjoy working outside and  
in a resort atmosphere.  
Additional responsibilities include meeting  
and greeting guests as they arrive, assisting  
with the necessary paperwork, coordinating  
and managing reservations; light computer  
skills required. The candidate must have a  
strong work ethic, be punctual, organized  
and have a terrific customer service  
mentality and a can-do attitude.  
Call 954-850-9240 to set up an interview.  
\*NS 3/8 CC 3/15

**HELP WANTED**

**LINE COOK and BUSER  
POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

FRESH TAQUERIA ON SANIBEL  
We serve fresh latin fusion cusine.  
We are looking for someone dependable  
with a positive attitude. Please come by  
the restaurant, 2411 Periwinkle Way,  
between 10-11 am or 3-4 pm  
anyday except Sunday.  
\*NS 3/8 CC TFN

**EXPERIENCED REALTORS**



80/20, No Office Fees  
Robert 239-472-3334  
\*NS 3/1 CC 3/22

**HELP WANTED**

Volunteers needed for Independence Day  
parade on Sanibel. Help needed prior to  
and during the parade. Various duties. If  
you can help out, call Trish Phillips at 246-  
2981 or email trishphillips@mysanibel.com.  
\*NS 2/22 NC TFN

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At The Sanibel School  
Call Michelle Wesley  
239-910-8000  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN



3883 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, Fl  
Phone: 239-472-3644, ext 1  
Fax: 239-472-2334  
www.crowclinic.org

**HELP US PLEASE!!**

We need volunteers for:  
Clinic emergency patient admissions desk  
and baby animal feeders  
Visitor education center greeters and gift  
shop cashiers  
CROW - (239) 472-3644, ext. 231 or  
volunteers@crowclinic.org  
\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

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# SUDOKU

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

answer on page 35

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### HELP WANTED

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Sunshine Ambassador Program is a new and exciting volunteer opportunity offered at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida located within HealthPark Medical Center. The Sunshine Ambassadors will greet, assist and be a positive first point of contact for patients, families and visitors entering the hospital. The Ambassadors also make a difference to families by providing educational and healthful resources to assist in GRANDparenting for GRANDchildren.

We are currently seeking year-round volunteers to work one 4-hour shift Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or 12:00pm to 4:00 pm. If you would be interested in learning more about this wonderful new opportunity, please contact Lisa Ellinwood, Volunteer Resources Coordinator at 239-343-5062 at the Golisano Children's Hospital.

\*NS 2/8 CC TFN

### HELP WANTED

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the After School Program which runs Mon.-Th. 2:30 - 3:15 pm call Linda Reynolds 472-1617

\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS/REALTORS

Family looking for Owner Financing on a 3/4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage Sanibel Home. Presently renting a home on Sanibel we are looking to purchase. If you are interested in offering owner financing please contact us.

sanibelforme@hotmail.com

\*RS 3/1 CC 3/29

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Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
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
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500
<b>ARTS</b>	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery.....	332-5055
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
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
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
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614.....	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy®).....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
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
<b>Kiwanis Clubs:</b>	
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
<b>Lions Clubs:</b>	
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
<b>AREA ATTRACTIONS</b>	
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

If you would like your club/organization listed in The River Calling Card, phone 415-7732

To those who are hungry, \$20 is a fortune.



But \$20 can feed a family of four for a week, thanks to the...

## Harry Chapin Food Bank!

The Food Bank can acquire \$6 of nutritious food for every \$1 you donate, turning your \$20 into a week's worth of meals for a family of four...

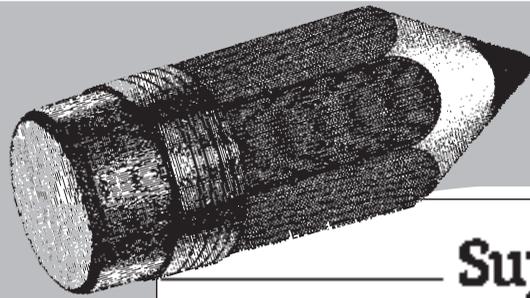
Thank you for your generosity!



Scan to connect to the Food Bank!

Make your tax-deductible donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.  
1740 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901  
Call (239) 334-1007  
Or (813) 486-2626  
www.harrychapinfoodbank.org





# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

Answers on page 33

## Super Crossword

ALPHABETICAL ACTS A-TO-A

- ACROSS**
- 1 What is it?
  - 8 Haven't you?
  - 12 Salvo target
  - 15 An angry hiss
  - 19 Sticky stuff on a bar
  - 20 Anger-ratic verb
  - 21 Roman
  - 23 Clumsy does it all sorts of ways
  - 25 Hipped open
  - 26 Disk and ques
  - 27 Curious and
  - 28 Broccoli
  - 29 Pelican
  - 30 Repair the weight
  - 35 Expert
  - 38 Aigle
  - 39 "Swinging on a star"
  - 40 Widespread
  - 46 Forget to
  - 48 Can't miss it
  - 49 Study of
  - 50 Sell
  - 53 "Right?"
  - 54 Little Red
  - 55 Carney's
  - 60 B. name of
  - 64 Like Strada
  - 65 Justice
  - 66 Actor's
  - 73 Lightening
  - 74 Looking for
  - 75 Duncan of
  - 77 Shown
  - 84 Toward
  - 85 War
  - 86 City map
  - 87 Suffer with
  - 88 "Amor"
  - 91 "Kiss"
  - 93 A singer's
  - 96 Land
  - 101 Title of song
  - 102 Healer
  - 103 Dumore
  - 109 A name
  - 110 Dr. name
  - 111 Bear
  - 112 Key near
  - 116 Directed
  - 118 Beyond
  - 122 Storm
  - 123 "I am"
  - 124 Acc.
  - 125 J.M.W.
  - 126 "I am"
  - 127 Delinquent
  - 128 Same
  - 14 Mother with
  - 15 "I am"
  - 16 Swapping
  - 17 "I am"
  - 18 Emphasis
  - 22 Spots
  - 24 More
  - 28 "I am"
  - 30 Movie
  - 31 Space
  - 32 Nearly
  - 33 Deleted
  - 34 Marie
  - 35 "I am"
  - 36 Old
  - 37 No
  - 40 Greek
  - 41 "I am"
  - 42 Total
  - 43 Rumble
  - 44 Western
  - 45 Loan
  - 47 "I am"
  - 51 Strong
  - 52 Italian
  - 55 "I am"
  - 56 Hank
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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Number
- 4 Jeff
- 9 Take to the
- 12 Common
- 13 Eye
- 14 Emperor
- 15 1849
- 17 Common
- 18 Common
- 19 Trudy
- 20 "I am"
- 21 Create
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## SOUTH SEAS TENNIS VILLAS

Comfort, convenience, and a serene sense of inspired living in a Resort Community. Outside in the Tennis Villa community is an abundance of well maintained, matured, and manicured grounds offering a private community pool, sun-deck, bbq area and more.

### #3110

Quaint corner 1 bedroom/1 bath unit overlooking lush gardens and courtyard. West Indies-style décor, fully furnished turn-key villa located within the Southern Enclave of South Seas Island Resort. Extra side windows in dining area for additional light. Walking distance to beaches, Village of Captiva, restaurants and much more. South Seas Island Resort amenities offered with a club membership. **Offered for \$275,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**



### #3139

Every aspect of the interior is designed to enhance the island experience. The entry level offers a private guest bedroom and bath, a great room that encompasses an open floor plan with sliding glass doors in living and side window in dining area in this end villa. The privacy of the master bedroom with en-suite bath is located on the upper level overlooking an enclave of sunlight through the picture window. **Offered for \$405,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632.**



## SOUTH SEAS BAYSIDE VILLAS #5144

For the early risers...enjoy the sunrise across the Sound. This end location offers additional side windows for the panoramic view. For the boaters...relax and enjoy the sailboats or other types pass by. For the naturalist...enjoy the enormous types of birds scoop up their last feeding. For the fisherman...abundance of fish with dolphin and manatee sightings! This 1 Bedroom, 2 Bath villa recently renovated with new living room furnishings, flat panel tv's, freshly painted and more. South Seas Island Resort "offers a quiet refuge with secluded luxury, exclusive amenities, and abundant nature." **Offered for \$339,500 Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



## SUNSET CAPTIVA

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



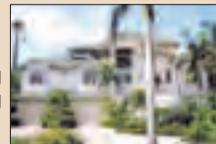
## THE DUNES

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



## STYLE & SOPHISTICATION

An exquisite property cascading across 102' ft Gulf front & adding to this vision is the grassy lawn anchored with trees. Distributed over three levels, this well organized custom design clearly defines entertainment indoors & outdoors. On entering the residence the decorative foyer leads past the sweeping staircase into open, yet intimate living spaces with soaring ceilings, sculpture floor covering, and a versatile floor plan to create a feeling & experience unsurpassed in taste & refinement. Serene pool, spa, gulf breezes & idyllic lifestyle promise the most rejuvenating moments. **Offered for \$5,850,000. Contact LeAne Taylor Suarez 239/872-1632**



## WATERFRONT OASIS

This home is well appointed from the gourmet kitchen to the coffered ceilings and moldings. The master bedroom is a serene retreat with a reading area, fireplace, steam room and jetted spa, enormous walk-in closet. The billiard room could double as a media room and opens to a bar and dining area. The study/piano room features custom wood built-ins and could also serve as a 4th bedroom for guests. All bedrooms are spacious with large closets. The dock features a 10K lb. boat lift and the custom pool offers a rock waterfall and jetted spa. This home also comes with automatic storm shutters and is in compliance with all wind codes. **Offered for \$920,000. Contact Debra Hobbs 239/565-0549**



## THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

Magnificent lake front home with stunning sunset views. Tropical landscaping leads you through the gated courtyard to this beautifully furnished 4 bedrooms plus den, 4 + 2 half baths home. With over 3900 sq. ft., this lovely home features endless designer details including high ceilings with crown molding, marble & wood flooring, private entrance guest suite, great room with fireplace and built-ins. Gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, breakfast nook, prep island w/ wine cooler. Expansive lanai with custom pool, stone waterfall spa, and panoramic views of the lake and 18th fairway. Exterior cast stone detailing plus hurricane windows. **Offered for \$1,345,000 Contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602**



## WEST GULF DRIVE HOUSE LOT PACKAGE

WHAT AN AWESOME LOCATION! On West Gulf Drive, this quiet and tropical home site is directly across from the beach access. This home/lot package is a great opportunity to build your dream home on the very prestigious West Gulf Drive with a very short walk to the beach. **Offered for \$1,195,000. Contact Ken Colter 239/851-1357 or Bob Berning 239/699-9597.**



## JONATHAN HARBOUR BAY FRONT BUILDING SITE

This lot has a great dock system with a lift and deep water, electric and water on dock. 140 feet of water frontage and only 10 minutes by water to the Gulf. Private gated community with pool, tennis, and clubhouse. Custom blueprints available for a home if purchaser is interested. **Offered for \$625,000 Contact Ralph or Cathy Galietti 239/826-5897 or 239/828-5807**



## SUNDIAL SPECIAL

### I-302

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

