Fall For The Arts Festival This Saturday

Bring your family and friends to the Alliance for the Arts on Saturday, October 20 for Fall For The Arts 2012. This free family festival features live performances throughout the day on the amphitheater stage, carnival style games, a pumpkin decorating station and a coloring contest, the winner of which will receive a free week of summer art camp.

This year there will be a dunk tank with members of the arts and cultural community on the perch to be soaked, including The Downtown Diva Stephanie Davis, WGCU Radio host John Davis, Fort Myers Film Festival founder Eric Raddatz, and Alliance executive director Lydia Black.

Kids will also get their chance to dunk local elementary school administrators and arts educators, including Tanglewood assistant principal Shane Musich, who will lead off the fun at 10:30 a.m.

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Hot Flashz To Perform At Zombicon

Forget the zombies, beware of the Hot Flashz at Zombicon 2012. Leoma Lovegrove created designer masks to be worn by the Hot Flashz performers during their show at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 20 at the outside Harborside Convention Center stage.

“We are delighted to have Leoma paint our fabulous masks,” said Marjean Sage, president of the Hot Flashz.

Lovegrove created their 20 masks in this year’s Galactic Infection theme using bright neon colors.

Each year, thousands of zombies descend on downtown Fort Myers for this event. Lovegrove is a member of the cast of the Hot Flashz. This group originated in 2005 as performers for the Florida Flame Basketball team. They later incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)3 and have been serving the community ever since.

After their performance, they will be at the Franklin Shops, 2200 First Street in Fort Myers, for a free photoshoot for any interested zombies. The Hot Flashz will post it on their Facebook page for you to tag for your friends and relatives to see.

The Hot Flashz raise money to help support their primary charities, including Camp Boggy Creek, founded by the late Paul Newman and General H. Norman Schwarzkopf for children with life-threatening illnesses. They also support Special Operations Warrior Foundation. This organization provides full scholarship grants to children who have lost parents in military service.

The Hot Flashz cast of women over 45 defy their age by performing an energetic show. The audience is dazzled by their charm and delivery. For more details, visit www.hotflashz.org.

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Lakes Park Hosts Fall Festival And Halloween Event

Pumpkins are arriving, the train villages are transforming, scarecrows are building, hayrides are gearing up and many families will soon be lining up for the annual Fall Festival and Halloween Extravaganza at Lakes Regional Park, located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers.

Friday, October 19 kicks off the Fall Festival and Halloween Extravaganza, which runs daily through Wednesday, October 31. Take a seasonal train ride through the villages, visit the pumpkin patch, hop on the hayride, vote for your favorite scarecrow on display and enjoy family friendly activities and games.

The pumpkin patch, hayride, scarecrows, and games will be open Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Halloween Express Train rides will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 to 9:45 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9:45 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9:45 p.m.

Visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7575 for more details regarding the Fall Festival and Halloween Extravaganza at Lakes Regional Park.
Flossie Hill opened her first store on September 18, 1905 in the 15- by 22-foot one-story wooden building pictured here. It stood on the north side of First Street in the footprint of today’s Bradford Building. It was the first of five locations that the long-lived M. Flossie Hill Co. would occupy on First Street, between Hendry and Jackson.

Mary Florence Hill shared a name with her widowed mother, who was known as Mary F. Hill. Flossie learned about hard work and entrepreneurship from a young age by helping her mother run Hill House, a boarding house/hotel she founded in 1889. In 1905, while in her mid-20s, Flossie decided to start her own business. She lined up investors, including Olive Stout, James E. Hendry, Sr. and DS Borland, boarded a steamer, and went on a buying trip to New York City.

She purchased notions, piece goods, gift items, lace, millinery materials and embroidery for her new dry goods store. The little business was a place where people socialized, as Miss Flossie, the lone worker, put in long hours – from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week and as late as 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, traditionally the big shopping day when everyone “came to town.”

The hefty ledger in which she kept handwritten sales records provides insight into the daily life of her customers. And, its items remind us of changes in fashion since the turn of the twentieth century. Women wore hats, which they adorned or updated with ribbons or veils, made dresses from patterns, and refurbished blouses with new cuffs and collars. A woman had to be handy with a needle and scissors.

In the first months after the store opened, Mrs. Harvie E. (Florida) Heitman bought, three-fourths of a yard of ribbon for 65 cents, a pin cushion and hat pin for a total of 60 cents, and a corset and safety pins for $8.85. Mrs. Margaret Henderson bought a collar and cuff set for 75 cents and a pattern for 15 cents. Miss Dot Stout bought five black combs and safety pins for 40 cents and six yards of ribbon and some needles for 25 cents. Mrs. Nathan G. Stout, bought several yards of embroidery for 90 cents. Alice Took purchased a dress hat and some lead pencils for $6.05. Mrs. E.L. (Carrie Belle Hendry) Evans bought some veiling and a package of braid for 70 cents.

When Harvie E. Heitman built the first addition to the Bradford Hotel in 1908, Miss Flossie moved her store across the street. A couple of years later, when the last hotel addition was completed, she moved another storefront on the north side of First. The rent was $60 per month.
Miss Flossie’s First Store

When Heitman made plans to build the Theatre Arcade, Hill was savvy enough to reserve a place for her thriving business. It increased her space and raised her rent to $90. Heitman agreed to provide shelving.

By 1915, she incorporated the business. No doubt, her good business instincts and a notable concern for her employees had something to do with the company surviving wars, the Great Depression, and ever-present competition.

For instance, when the Great Depression hit and business decreased drastically, she let the employees decide whether to endure cuts in wages for all or to let some employees go. They decided to take pay cuts and weather the storm together.

Miss Flossie died on September 27, 1956, only a few days after her company’s fifty-first anniversary. She left the business to eight of her “children” who had been employees more than 10 years (or 20 – sources differ).

In July 1965, the store bucked the trend of fleeing downtown for the new Edison Mall and moved instead to the recently vacated Sears Roebuck space on the northwest corner of First and Jackson.

As long-time employee and eventual stockholder Elizabeth Romeis wrote in the 1973 “Our Heritage, M. Flossie Hill Co.,” 68 years after Miss Flossie’s death, the company was striving to “carry on the same policies for honesty and integrity” for which it was known and respected.

Ultimately, the historic M. Flossie Hill Co. moved to the mall, but it closed not long afterward.

Walk down First Street and remember the substantial impact that Miss Flossie had on downtown Fort Myers.

Then, stop by the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about how downtown looked when she opened her first store.

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

Then visit of the area’s best research centers, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can learn more about other successful Fort Myers entrepreneurs.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Contact the society at 939-4044, or drop by on Wednesday or Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and The Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer.

Free Bunche Beach Birding Tour

Experience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Saturday, October 20 from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet on the beach located in South Fort Myers off Summerlin Road. Drive south along John Morris Road until it deadends.

Birding at Bunche Beach is excellent for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Also seen are waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

This event is free, with a parking fee of $1 per hour (tour is approximately 2 hours in duration) and held 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. Restrooms are provided in the building at the first parking lot.

For more information, call 707-3015 or visit www.birdpatrol.org.

Sources: The archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and The Story of Fort Myers by Karl H. Grismer.
Indian Princess Hosts Fright Night Halloween Cruise October 26

Calling all zombies, witches, ghouls and other ghostly and gruesome souls. The Indian Princess authentic double-deck paddleboat will be transformed into a spooky vessel for its first inaugural Fright Night Halloween Cruise on Friday, October 26.

From 6 to 8 p.m., adult passengers, aged 21 and older, will enjoy a hauntingly fun cruise aboard a 60-foot paddleboat launching from Fort Myers Beach.

Admission is $25 plus tax, and awards will be given for the best and most original costumes.

“Halloween is one of our favorite times of year,” said Deborah Carlson, operations liaison for the Indian Princess. “The weather is beginning to turn cooler, and we can’t wait to see all the creative costumes for this fun cruise.”

The Indian Princess is air-conditioned and includes restrooms, a sound system and a state-of-the-art 48” flat screen TV capable of monitoring several areas of the boat and waterway. On the exterior top deck, guests can enjoy spectacular views of the back bays of Fort Myers Beach.

According to Carlson, boarding for the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Capacity will be limited to 85 people. Reservations can be made by calling 765-8919.

Devilish drinks – including a full bar with top-shelf liquor, beer and wines, soda, juice, coffee, tea and bottled water – will be available for purchase. Spooky snacks will also be available.

The boat, an authentic replica of an American steamship, was originally built in Wisconsin in 2001. Riverboats, mostly paddlewheelers, have traveled the waters of America’s great rivers since Robert Fulton invented the steam engine in 1800.

Mark Twain wrote of these vessels in his many books, including The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. The shallow drafts of the boats allow them to navigate the many bays of Fort Myers Beach.

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Many modern paddleboats are driven by hidden underwater screws, and the paddle simply spin idly in the water. The Indian Princess is truly paddle driven; though for reasons of efficiency, weight and pollution, the wood-burning boilers of long ago have been replaced by clean-burning diesel engines.

Unless reserved for a private charter, the Indian Princess offers daily cruises from 2 to 4 p.m. as well as sunset cruises. Tickets start at $25 for adults and $15 for children for the two-hour cruise along the back bay of Fort Myers Beach and Ostego Bay. These cruises are popular for their wildlife sightseeing environment.

Fort Myers Beach Art Association Begins Season

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association will host watercolorist Steve Rogers for a workshop in November. Rogers will host “Painting Light and Color in Watercolor” from November 12 to 15 at the working gallery located on Donora and Shellmound in Fort Myers Beach.

Registration is being taken now for the four-day session. Find out more on the website www.fortmyersbeachart.com, by calling 609-412-7843 or by emailing ca.berino@comcast.net to reserve your space as soon as possible.

Rogers will offer a demonstration on Sunday, November 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. The demo is free to workshop participants and is $10 for all others. Guests are welcome to attend.

Also, FMBA will host Paint The Beach – Sandcastles To Shrimpboats: A Plein Air Festival in Fort Myers Beach, from November 5 to 11. This is the third annual competition which is now a national event featuring over 50 talented artists who paint then show their work in the festival tent at Santini Marina Plaza.

Collectors can have first choice at the gala preview party on Friday, November 9 and enjoy wonderful food provided by restaurants in the plaza. A quick draw competition will be held in Times Square on Saturday morning, followed by judging at the festival tent. Music, refreshments, a children’s inspiration station and more will continue throughout the day. Tickets for the gala and raffle will go on sale at the Howloween Pet Parade at Santini Marina Plaza on Saturday, October 20 and can be ordered online at www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

For more information on shows or classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

Voices For Kids Signature Event

Tickets and sponsorships are available for the Celebrate The Voices signature event series to benefit Voices For Kids of Southwest Florida and the Guardian Angel Program.

The Lee County event will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Royal Palm Yacht Club, which will be hosted by Krista Fogelson of NBC-2; the Collier County event will take place on Saturday, November 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at a private club in Fort Royal, which will be hosted by Stacey Deffenbaugh of NBC-2.

The evening will include hors d’oeuvres, wine tastings, silent and live auctions, a cash bar, Norman Love Confections, fun activities and much more. Joseph Catti, president and CEO of FineMark Bank, will be presented with the Voice of the Year Award.

Ticket prices for each event are $100 per person and $175 for a pair. Sponsorships include tickets to both events. Dress is sophisticated casual.

To purchase tickets or for further information, call 533-1435, visit www.voicesforkids.org or email darlene@voicesforkids.org.

Key Clubs Hold Festival For Local Foster Children

The 13 Key Clubs in Lee and Hendry County and Lutheran Services of Lee County will join together to hold a festival for foster children called Keeping It Home for the Hommies on Saturday, October 27.

The event will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. at Gateway Sherman Soccer Complex, located at 13240 Griffin Drive in Fort Myers.

Keeping It Home for the Hommies will feature bounce houses, water slides, a hay ride, food and games. The event will be at no charge for all foster children registered with Lutheran Services. The public admission price is $2. All proceeds from the event will go back to Lutheran Services to help support local youth.

Books will also be collected for Just 1 Books, which collects and distributes books for children in need.

For more information about Keeping It Home for the Hommies, contact Key Club Division 19 Lt. Gov. Rashon Murph at division19@floridakeyclub.com or Kiwanis advisor Kathy Woolston at Roof-mon.win@juno.com or 694-6391.

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The boat is also available for private rental for sightseeing and sunset cruises as well as weddings, corporate events and private parties.

The Indian Princess is located before the sky bridge, next to the Key West Express at 2080 Main Street on Fort Myers Beach.

For more information, call 765-8919 or visit www.indianprincessfortmyers.com.
Fort Myers Public Art: Art In Flight

by Tom Hall

More than 12 million people pass through Southwest Florida International Airport each year. This number includes passengers as well as people who are in the terminal to greet inbound passengers and bid outbound passengers goodbye. To let them know that they’ve landed in an arts and cultural destination, the Alliance for the Arts places local works of art throughout the airport. The program is called Art In Flight, and results from a partnership between the Alliance and the Lee County Port Authority. Established in 2010 for purposes of showcasing the diversity of art, culture and community within the Southwest Florida region, the program is available to local and regional cultural organizations, individual artists and collectors who wish to exhibit artwork and artifacts of public interest that demonstrate artistic merit, cultural significance or educational value.

Children of the Everglades is one such exhibit. It consists of several large scale photographs from the collection of W. Stanley Hanson that provide a glimpse into the lives of Seminole and Miccosukee children. The images and Hanson’s related drawings and writings illuminate a world that had previously been invisible to outsiders.

But Hanson had a larger purpose for chronicling the lives of his Seminole and Miccosukee friends. Since before the time of Chief Billy Bowlegs and the Third Seminole Indian War, local, state and federal legislators had been trying to strip the Indians of their land for a succession of cattle ranchers, sugar cane growers and developers. But worse, these politicians wanted to “rehabilitate” the tribes and force the Seminoles and Miccosukee to embrace white culture in derogation of their own traditions and heritage.

Hanson hoped the photos would dispel prejudices and myths harbored by government officials and the general public.

It wasn’t the first Solomon-like decision Hanson made. Because of the respect Hanson earned from the tribe, they asked his help once in determining the punishment that should be meted out to a man who’d killed a fellow tribesman in a drunken rage. “If you kill this man,” Hanson counseled, “you will have two wives and family. Instead, he recommended that the murderer be made to support the other man’s wife and family. And that’s what the elders did.

The white press called Hanson a “white medicine man” because he’d been asked to join the council of elders in rendering the decision. The name stuck.

It is this rich history, tradition and startling photography that provides visitors their first impression or lasting final image of Southwest Florida as they pass through the airport. And it forms a nexus with and bridge to the public artworks found within the City of Fort Myers and throughout the rest of Southwest Florida.

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.truearts.net.

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There will also be more than 50 booths, with artists displaying and demonstrating their work, and local cultural organizations presenting their upcoming seasons. There will be food and drinks for the whole family, including the Kona Ice Truck. Stilt walker Way Too Tall Torrie will be making balloon animals, and Ms. Silvia will be painting faces. Inside the Alliance building, more than 20 local authors from the Gulf Coast Writers Association will be discussing and signing their books, all while the weekly Alliance GreenMarket takes place.

Visit www.artinlee.org for a full list of participants and see the performance schedule.

Fall for the Arts is made possible through sponsorships and partnerships with the News Press Media Group, Florida Weekly, Caloosa Tent & Rental, Publix Supermarkets Charities and Fafco Solar Energy.

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

9 To 5 The Musical Brought To Stage At The Broadway Palm

Broadway Palm presents the musical comedy 9 To 5 The Musical, playing now through Saturday, November 17. Based on the 1980 movie 9 To 5 starring Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin, this hilarious musical tells the story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era.

Put on your power suit and enjoy a hilarious tale of laughter, friendship and premeditated workplace revenge. Go on the job with three female co-workers as they conspire to take control of their company and learn there’s nothing they can’t do… even in a man’s world. Hysterical consequences ensue when their plan spins wildly out of control. The jubilant score mixes Broadway and pop with Dolly Parton’s irresistible style. What a way to make a living!

Performances of 9 To 5 The Musical are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Beginning in November, performances are Tuesday through Sunday with selected matinees. Be sure to check out the all-new, upscale dinner theatre experience on Saturday nights. Ticket prices range from $35 to $55. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Greeters Club

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

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

Guest Night

A wanted poster is hanging at the Tony Rotino Center in Cape Coral these days. What the men of the Cape Chorale want is to invite other men in the area who like to sing and have always thought about harmonizing in a real barbershop chorus.

A special guest night is being held on Monday, October 22, beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the center, located at 5817 Driftwood Parkway, adjacent to the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

The invitation is extended to all male singers who are interested in exploring the enjoyment of a capella four-part harmony. No previous choral experience is necessary, since learning CDs and other techniques are used to teach new songs. Two barbershop quartets will be on the night’s agenda as well as several numbers by the 35-member chorus.

Guests are invited to bring a spouse or significant other. Refreshments will follow at the end of the evening.

For more information call 855-425-3363 or visit www.capechorale.org.

Sand Sculpting
Crews Needed

Volunteers are still needed to complete the Crew of 100 for the 26th annual Sand Sculpting Championship on Fort Myers Beach November 16 to 25.

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking 10 volunteers for each of the ten days of the event.

Volunteers will be assisting with ticket selling, gate admission and other light duties. They will receive a free T-shirt, a meal for that day, and a free pass to use or give away. Half-day assignments are available. This would also be an opportunity for students to receive community service credit.

To become a member of the Crew of 100 for one or more days, contact Jane Ross at the Beach Chamber, 454-7500, or Jane@fmbchamber.com.

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Cooler weather has finally arrived making it the perfect time to go outside and have fun with family and friends at one (or more!) of these local events.

Celebrate Oktoberfest on Friday, October 19 through and Sunday, October 21 and again the following weekend at Cape Coral’s German American Social Club. The event is family-friendly and offers a carnival area for the kids featuring rides and games.

There will be a huge tent and outside biergarten with three stages and two dance floors featuring non-stop live bands such as Maselheimer Musikanten, direct from Germany. The popular event includes an extensive menu of homemade-style German specialties: sausage platters, bratwurst, schwinehaxen, leberkaese, schnitzel, sauerbraten, red cabbage and potato pancakes. Enjoy your meal with imported German or domestic beer, German wines and spirits, and non-alcoholic beverages.

The German American Social Club is located at 2101 SW Pine Island Road, Cape Coral. Call 283-1400 or go to www.gasc-capecoral.com for the schedule of events.

On Saturday, October 20, Fort Myers Beach is throwing a Howl’oween Pet Parade and Street Bazaar to benefit Find A Home/Give A Home Island Pet Rescue and Adoption Services. It runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and optional admission is one pet food can or bag of pet dry food.

The street bazaar has more than 40 arts and crafts vendors and plenty of unique pet goodies. The parade begins at 11 a.m. and the categories include Best Costumed Pet, Best Costumed Owner and Pet, Best Pet Trick, and Funniest Looking Pet. The restaurants of Santini Plaza are offering fantastic food and drinks with DJ Larry spinning tunes throughout the event.

Santini Marina Plaza is located at 7225 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach. Call 443-8810 for more details.

Also on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alliance for the Arts is hosting their annual family festival, Fall for the Arts. It showcases the local arts and cultural community at the beginning of the 2012-13 season. Get up close with the many organizations and artists that help make Southwest Florida such a great place to live. See performances on the amphitheater stage. Kids can take part in games, make their own works of art at the creative stations and participate in the Fall for the Arts Coloring Contest.

There will be food and drinks for sale, including the Kona Ice Truck, and Way Too Tall Torrie will be on hand making balloon animals. There will even be a dunk tank with local art and media figures to soak.

Don’t forget about the Alliance’s weekly GreenMarket from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Find a selection of local produce and products. Relax and enjoy live music, kids activities and even gardening and cooking workshops. It’s a great place to buy locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and gifts.

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

On Sunday, October 21 from 3 to 3:30 p.m., Vino’s Picasso offers a Kiddo Picasso Pumpkin Head class. Bring your artistic one to Vino’s Picasso, where kids will recreate a fun, easy and super cool painting. All ages 7 and older are welcome and seating is limited.

The price is $25 per child and includes one 12” x 16” stretched canvas on a wood frame and all necessary materials. Be sure to dress to paint. Parents and family are always welcome to stay during all Kiddo Sessions, but are respectfully asked to stay outside of the studio area during the sessions.

Pre-registration is required and the session (like the adult sessions) may be cancelled if the minimum number of three registrants is not met. Child drop-off forms must be signed by a parent prior to session. Please drop off your child no later than 10 minutes prior to the session.

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

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

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

Vino's Picasso offers fun art sessions for children and adults of all skill levels.
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In an effort to help end hunger in Southwest Florida, Pushing The Envelope, Inc. is hosting the 2nd Annual Can It!, a food drive benefiting the Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc. (CCMI). Their collection goal is 1,000 items, double their goal from last year.

Pushing The Envelope, Inc. will be collecting canned food and non-perishable items until noon on Wednesday, November 21. Per CCMI’s wish list, some suggested items include: Hamburger Helper, canned tuna, canned chicken, soups (all kinds), beans, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, etc. A complete list is available on the CCMI website at www.ccmileeounty.com.

Items can be dropped off at any of the following participating locations:
- Pushing The Envelope, Inc., 12655 New Brittany Boulevard, Fort Myers
- City Mattress, 12660 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs
- Frantz Eye Care, 12731 New Brittany Boulevard, Fort Myers

The deadline to donate items is Wednesday, November 21 at noon.
CCMI serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area, including Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres, providing meals each month through their Soup Kitchen and Meals On Wheels programs. The nonprofit agency also educates 40 children in their Community Montessori Preschool, provides weekend backpacks full of food to more than 2,500 children each school year and oversees a mobile food pantry as well as an everyday choice marketplace. CCMI is located at 1429 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd in Fort Myers. For more information, visit www.ccmileeounty.com.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the Can It! food drive, visit www.getpushing.com/about/can-it/. For other details or questions, call 221-2858.

Goodwill Special Needs Students’ Treasure Sale

Students at the Goodwill LIFE Academy are hosting the school’s first Treasure Sale fundraiser on October 17 to 19 at the Fort Myers School, 3365-D Seminole Avenue, Fort Myers. The sale will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, and will remain open until 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Proceeds will support the school’s community-based instruction program, which helps students transition into independent living through educational visits to relevant community facilities.

“Students asked their families and friends to donate items to the sale,” said Goodwill LIFE Academy principal Lynn Pottorf. “Our students have been busy sorting, displaying, and pricing items in preparation for the sale.”

Items not sold during the sale will be donated to Goodwill.

The Goodwill LIFE Academy is a tuition-free, open-enrollment Lee County charter school for middle and high school students with developmental disabilities. The school’s curriculum is designed to promote self-advocacy, and develop life skills for independent living, by focusing on academic skills, daily life skills and vocational/workforce skills.

For more information about the academy, visit www.GoodwillLIFEAcademy.org.

One of the items in the Goodwill LIFE Treasure Sale

- Profiles Hair Skin Nails, 2323 Del Prado Boulevard South #2, Cape Coral
- Salon Adrian, 9908 Gulf Coast Main Street, Fort Myers
- California Closets, 10800 Corkscrew Road, Estero
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12:30 to 5 p.m.
**CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 281-1250
8:30 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday School all times

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611 South Pointe Boulevard, Fort Myers, 278-3638. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Voice of Faith, W2RN 13:50 AM Radio,
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Friday Youth Service, 7:30 p.m.

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**THE RIVER - OCTOBER 19, 2012**
Handmade & Homemade Christmas Festival

Safe Harbor Community Church invites the public to their 2nd annual Handmade & Homemade Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The event features an outdoor craft fair with music, concessions, a bake sale and activities for families and children of all ages.

All items for sale will either be handmade or homemade, bringing back that old-time, holiday feel. Safe Harbor is seeking participants who would like to sell items. Large tents on the grass and tables for all vendors will be provided. Vendor registration is $25, which will cover the hosting costs. All remaining monies and funds raised will be donated to Gabriel House and Haven of Hope Orphanage, two local children’s charities.

To submit a vendor registration form or for more information, contact Stephane Kluesner at 369-1907 or handandhomeshcc@gmail.com. Registration ends on Friday, November 10, the same date that all registration fees are due.

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The New Church of SWFL is located 10811 Sunset Plaza Cir., #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.

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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.

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Beach Chamber Welcomes New Members At Luncheon

The Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed several new members on October 11 during the monthly luncheon held at Sunshine Grille, located at Gladiolus and Winkler in Fort Myers. Trish Leonard, Director of Marketing and Attitude, FGCU Small Business Development Center, spoke to the attendees.

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

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The Change Of Seasons Is In The Air

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

This week, I spotted the first big formations of white pelicans migrating south for the winter. This is a sure sign it’s already cold up north. Add to that the strong prevailing northeast winds bringing some of the lowest tides we have seen in a long time and cooler morning temperatures, you can really tell the change in seasons is just around the corner.

Fishing this week seemed to be all about hiding from the wind and staying comfortable. Some days we did struggle for a few hours out there, but all in all, fishing was pretty good. Taking live shrimp along really made all the difference in the world during those tougher periods. Although most of the fish caught on shrimp were not huge, the action was non-stop even when you simply could not get a bite on a bait fish.

Once the conditions were right with the tide and wind, the fishing was on fire with quality fish including big snook and redfish. The highlights of my week on the water included a 21-pound redfish and a 36-inch snook. As usual, most of my days were spent searching for that one hot spot that would make the trip.

It seemed I would bounce spot to spot without a whole lot happening until I stumbled across that one hot spot, then it was all action. It was either boredom or wide open, without a whole lot of anything between. Plugging away at it and never giving up was the attitude that got it done most days this week.

One morning charter this week, I was on a redfish bite that can only be described as simply silly. We caught more than a dozen upper slot-sized redfish along with six reds over 30 inches and one monster 21-pound bull redfish, all in just over an hour. That was at the first stop of the charter.

The oyster bar we were fishing in Matlacha Pass was on fire with just about every cast resulting in a strike, if not a fish. The big bull redfish of the trip had a two-pound bite mark out of its back that had almost healed. It still amazes me how hardy these redfish are and what they can survive.

My afternoon charter that same day was pretty slow until the end of the trip, when the snook bite went off. We had caught a few trout and really had not had much going on until the last hour of the low outgoing tide when the set-up was just right. We did manage one 29-inch redfish but with time running out, were just about ready to wrap it up.

After pitching some regular size baits at one of my favorite snook docks in the southern sound without success, I figured I would try one big bait before calling it quits to a tough day at the office. Pitching a big tail-hooked grunt up under a dock was kind of a hail Mary of “go big or go home.” After a few tugs it was instantly hit by a huge snook, which on its first big head shake jump threw the hook from its coffee can-sized mouth. The next three big baits thrown up under the dock produced three snook over 30 inches on back-to-back to back casts. The big snook of the trip measured 36 inches.

After a pretty slow day, I cannot think of a better way to finish up a charter.

Captive 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 ques-

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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America’s Boating Course

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering America’s Boating Course on Saturday, November 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the class. The course consists of two sessions on consecutive Saturdays. The second session will be on Saturday, November 17, also from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

The course is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road.

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

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Dr. Heather Barron, CROW clinic director, performed an arthrodesis, a surgical procedure involving fixation of a joint to promote bone fusion. It took six weeks to recover.

After tagging the alligator, it was released in a marsh on the far edge of the campus, where it leisurely walked into the water. CROW patient #0994 will continue to play an import part in the FGCU’s native alligator population study.

In August, a three-month-old male bobcat was admitted from Lee County. After being given a sedative to make it more comfortable, the staff determined the kitten was hyperthermic with a body temperature of 103 degrees. While its ears and eyes were healthy, the young patient was found to have tape, hook and round worms, which were immediately addressed.

After two weeks of critical care by the clinic staff, CROW arranged for the bobcat, patient #2382, to be transported to the Big Cat Rescue in Tampa (i.e. Kitten Kindergarten) where it will learn normal behavior from an older, more experienced bobcat. It will be then be returned to his home in Lee County.

One of CROW’s volunteers picked up an injured snapping turtle in North Fort Myers. It was evident by its injuries that it had been hit by a car. A pain medication was immediately administered to make the patient more comfortable while topical antibiotics and bandages were applied to its wounds. This treatment was continued during his rehabilitating the young reptile. The patient arrived at the clinic with several minor wounds and a deep gash on one of its hind legs that went down to the joint.

The first-place winner will be awarded a Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 12 fishing kayak, courtesy of Hobie and Estero River Outfitters. Cash prizes also will be awarded to those who place in the Saturday, November 3 tournament.

In May, CROW returned a young American alligator to its home at Florida Gulf Coast University after successfully rehabilitating the young reptile. The patient arrived at the clinic with several minor wounds and a deep gash on one of its hind legs that went down to the joint.

In less than a month, the winner of the 2012 Calusa Blueway Fishing Tournament will take home a new Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 12 fishing kayak, courtesy of Hobie and Estero River Outfitters. Cash prizes also will be awarded to those who place in the Saturday, November 3 tournament.

The event consists of a one-day competition for anglers who catch-and-release snook, redfish, sea trout and other species in Lee County waterways. There will be a captains’ meeting at Angler’s Inn, Matlacha, on Friday, November 2 with refreshments from Bert’s Bar & Grill.

The November 3 official weigh-in at Matlacha Park coincides with the annual Bluegrass for a Blueway and A Taste of Matlacha, featuring live music by the Skeeterland Bluegrass Band. This year’s catch-and-release tournament is expected to lure 50 to 75 anglers to Lee County waterways as part of the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival.

The first-place winner will be awarded a Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 12, along with accessories, altogether valued at more than $3,000. The Hobie Mirage Pro Angler 12 is compact and versatile, equipped with features such as vantage seating, under-seat tackle storage, hori-

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Eastern Gamagrass

by Gerri Reaves

Robust eastern gamagrass (Tripsacum dactyloides) is very easy to grow and maintain, as it virtually has no pests and adapts to a variety of soils.

This native bunch grass will produce voluminous fountains of dark green foliage up to five feet high and several feet wide, adding height and texture to the landscape.

It's a good choice for a wildlife-friendly landscape. The species is the host plant for the clouded skipper butterfly and provides cover for small animals and birds, who eat the seeds.

In the wild, it grows in wet areas such as marshes, hammocks, and swamps, or near streams, ditches or lakes. It's useful in swales or areas prone to periodic freshwater flooding. The fibrous root system helps to prevent soil erosion.

However, eastern gamagrass also grows well in drier upland habitats, too. Although it prefers moisture, it is drought-tolerant once established.

The leaf blades are long, flat and about an inch wide.

Both male (pollen-producing) and female (seed-producing) parts appear on a tall spike. Both sections produce colorful tiny flowers, the female purple, and the male orange to maroon.

If pollination occurs, the corn-like seeds eventually develop and fall on the ground and reseed. The seeds can also be collected and planted.

Alternatively, propagate eastern gamagrass by dividing the rhizomatic root system (creeping underground stems) or clumps.

The clumps can be cut back in the spring, if desired, but there's no need to mow, as with typical lawn grasses.

Give it full sun to partial shade.


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

One of the displays in the lobby made entirely of bromeliads

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World Bromeliad Conference

by Justen Dobbs

I attended the World Bromeliad Conference in Orlando this past weekend with my wife. This conference is held every two years in a different city and attracts collectors from every corner of the earth. The primary goal of the conference is to spread awareness of bromeliad care and culture as well as provide an opportunity for growers and collectors to network together and show off their plants and plant knowledge. In addition to a sales tent where you can buy all sorts of bromeliads, there were a few presentations and tours to local botanical gardens. In the past, the conferences have been held in San Diego, New Orleans and Texas.

I decided to write an article about the conference because we have one of the most active local bromeliad clubs right here in Fort Myers: the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. We also live in one of the few states where these beautiful tropical plants grow. There are also active societies in Texas, Louisiana, California and Hawaii.

One of the presentations at this year’s conference was by a renowned plant collector named Dennis. He did a slide presentation featuring some plants and trees in the jungles of South America from a recent trip he took. Many of the plants and trees he showed were unable to be identified and could be brand new species! This was followed by a presentation by Peter from The Netherlands, who runs one of the world’s largest commercial nurseries specializing in indoor bromeliads and potted plants. Through tissue culture, they are able to grow millions of bromeliads per year for export to Europe and the United States. It all started with his dad who caught the plant “bug” and decided to start up a backyard operation. In fact, most of the largest nurseries in the world started the same way. Some names you might recognize are nurseries right here in South Florida: Costa Farms, DeLeon, Bullis Bromeliads.

In addition to presentations, there were shuttles that offered rides from the hotel to nearby botanical gardens and private collections. Orlando itself features Leu Gardens and Marie Shelby Botanical Gardens are just to the south, in Tampa. If you are looking for a relaxing afternoon among tropical plants and native animals, these gardens can be a great weekend getaway or staycation.

Some of the most exciting moments at the conference were in the showroom where growers entered plants into the competition. Professional judges rated the plants based on color, size, health, etc. and then gave out awards. Some of the plants on display are valued upwards of $10,000. I was able to come home with a couple of colorful Neoregelia and Billbergia bromeliads for my lanai at home. It is fun and very therapeutic.

Dobbs is a landscape architect in South Florida specializing in custom, upscale landscapes. He can be reached at seabreeze.nurseries@gmail.com.

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**Symphony Fundraiser Features Alice In Wonderland Mystery Event**

Five clues, five suspects and a tumble down the rabbit hole in one of Southwest Florida’s treasures add up to one night of mystery, mayhem and fun.

The Southwest Florida Symphony board of directors is having its annual signature fundraiser on Saturday, October 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Museum of History. This year’s theme, Alice in Wonderland, A Mystery, promises an evening of mischief that includes a ragtime concert, tea party, croquet with pink flamingos, instrument petting zoo and an interactive game of Who, What and How. And, here’s a clue — everyone turns out to be a suspect in this interactive evening.

The Queen (Pam Cronin), The White Rabbit (Neil LeClair), The Cheshire Cat (Christin Collins), The Mad Hatter (Carol Robinson) and, of course, Alice (Katie Gardenia)!

“We created a fun event to support the symphony and wanted to make it a collaborative effort with a community organization,” said Carol Robinson, event chairperson. “We felt the museum, like the symphony, is one of our lesser known jewels and we thought it would be a great partnership having an event while learning about the venue.”

For one night, the Museum of History and its grounds will be transformed into scenes from Alice’s Adventures as a fall down the rabbit hole begins the mystery and Alice’s search for clues throughout Wonderland.

And everyone is a suspect so guests must pick up or note clues in each area, grab a flamingo and meet and observe the musicians to narrow the field of suspects and solve the mystery. Did someone smash the tarts or paint the roses red? Or maybe Humpty Dumpty’s big fall was not an accident after all? Who committed this dastardly deed and how? Could a clue be the smashed tarts or the broken bottle marked “Drink Me” that they are seeking? Or one of the pink flamingos? The hunt gets curiouser and curiouser.

The evening kicks off at 6 p.m. with a ragtime concert featuring members of the Southwest Florida Symphony followed at 7 p.m. by games of croquet and Humpty Dumpty as well as the mystery game.

For an additional $15, guests can experience a delightful and unique Mad Hatter Tea Party with exotic teas and tarts, courtesy of the Wisteria Tea Room and Café.

Food and beverages will be served and a cash bar will be available. The silent auction items up for bid include a chance to conduct the symphony, travel and artwork.

Tickets are $50 per person. Call 418-1500 for reservations. All proceeds go to the Southwest Florida Symphony.

The Southwest Florida Museum of History is located at 2031 Jackson Street, Fort Myers next to the Lee County Library.

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**Annual Free Bonsai Society Show & Sale**

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

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

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

**Lakes Park Farmer’s Market**

The Lakes Park Farmer’s Market is back and set to take place every Friday throughout season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hundreds of residents and visitors enjoy home grown fruits and vegetables, organic goods and much more provided by local vendors.

The Farmer’s Market takes place every Friday beginning on November 2 and continuing through April 26, 2013. The market is located at Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers, in parking lot #2; daily parking fees apply.

Note that on Friday, November 30, the Farmer’s Market will be cancelled due to the Sam Galloway Ford 4th Annual Lakeside Country Bash.

The Farmer’s Market is a partnership with the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation working together to raise funds for Lakes Regional Park. Visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7575 for more details.

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

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From left, Matt Kindermann, Frank McBride and Jeff Schmidt
Community Foundation Hosts Art Open House

More than 75 guests attended the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s first open house featuring local juried art on October 5.

The exhibit is located in the Community Foundation’s public spaces, located at its office at 8771 College Parkway, Building 2, Suite 201 in Fort Myers. The display includes pieces on loan and for sale from 32 local artists and one organization.

According to Cello Bennett, curator of the ongoing display, there are 84 new pieces on display in addition to the current works from local artists Jacke McCurdy and Ellen Sheppard. The various works range from photography and carved wood to textiles, fused glass and various sculptures, as well as traditional acrylic, watercolor and medium paintings.

Each juried artist’s work is hung together in a grouping of three to five works. The open houses will continue to be held the first Friday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m.

The exhibit was open to all artists from the foundation’s five-county service area including Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry as space allows. A share of the proceeds of artwork sales will fund the Fund for the Arts in Southwest Florida that supports nonprofit art organizations in the area.

“This community has the great fortune of being the home to many incredible artists whose work has shaped both Southwest Florida and the nation,” said Sarah Owen, CEO of the SWFLCF. “We are thrilled that our offices will host a collection that honors this tradition, will inspire all who visit our offices and be a testament to our commitment to the arts in Southwest Florida.”

Ms. Bennett has also donated two pieces by her late husband, Gale Bennett. One of the pieces will be for the permanent collection while the other will be auctioned off with all proceeds going to the foundation’s arts fund.

“Our goal is to showcase artists across a broad spectrum, whose works will contrast with and complement one another,” said Cello Bennett. “You can get a much better feeling for an artist’s artistic vision if you see three or four pieces of the same artist’s work displayed together.”

Cello Bennett operates Cello Bennett Artists LLC, an artists’ portal for select visual and performing artists.

The SWFLCF is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with the arts in Southwest Florida.

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A World Premiere At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggu

For three years Theatre Conspiracy has held a New Play Contest. This year’s winner is Tower of Magic and it’s playing through October 27.

You will meet some of the strangest characters ever imagined. Anyone who wants to escape from normal day life could consider doing as this family does and move deep in the woods where people are free to act out who they want to be. Playwright Tess Light, from New Mexico, was available for a talk-back after the performance and I’ll get to that in a moment.

As the play opens, Felix (Miguel Cintron) is paying a surprise visit to his fiancé’s home somewhere in the woods in the upper midwest portion of the United States, Susan, or Solstitia (Lucy Harris) doesn’t want her intended husband around because her family knows nothing about him.

Felix is a civil engineer and he’s in for a surprise, big time, when he meets his potential inlaws. He later refers to their home as “an outpatient holding pen.”

Jamie Carmichael plays twins Quartus and Tertius. Talk about split personalities. They are as different as night and day and I absolutely loved Carmichael’s portrayal. Then we have J. Mitchell Haley as Zanzibar, an obsessive ornithologist who is hell-bent on sighting a rare avian species. Joann Haley, his real wife, plays Capella, his stage wife. Appropriately named, she sings almost all of her lines, dressed at all times in fancy evening gowns. Pax (Chris Brent) is an occasionally-mute savant who is activated, so to speak, when he sneezes. This was another one of my favorite roles. We also have Hestia (Ivy Levinson) who is Gran, a woman with culinary expertise, especially when cooking swamp rat.

When you put them all together, you have a potpourri of personalities and characters that provide a ton of laughs. I’m not quite sure what the message is in this play; perhaps it’s about finding joy in simple things. It doesn’t really matter. The dialogue is snappy, the actors are all top notch, the set is incredible, and the play provides a very entertaining experience.

I asked Light, who is a physicist, where she got the inspiration for the play and she said an idea popped into her head one day and then she talked about it with her husband and the characters just started to grow. Talk about creativity, this play has it in spades. Haley said she selected all the tunes for her many lines. Her husband said, “There was a lot of singing around the house. But that’s OK Honey, I still love you.”

Where the play goes from here is not known at this time. The great thing is that you can see it now at Theatre Conspiracy. Directed by Bill Taylor, Tower of Magic plays through October 27 in the Foulds Theatre, located in Alliance For the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Get your tickets by calling 936-3239.

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Art By The disABLEd Contest Winner

Winners from the Art By The disABLEd and Arts In Healthcare calendar contest were announced on October 12. A reception with many supportive guests, family, hospital dignitaries and staff in attendance was held at HealthPark Medical Center. Two Arts In Healthcare program pianists, Hugh Moore and Bob Chi, played the grand piano during the reception.

Judges for this competition were Carl Schwartz, Celeste Borah, Colleen Solomon and Megan Kissinger, all very talented and generous local artists. Their task was tough choosing three winning pieces of art from seventeen disABLEd artists with varying degrees of physical and emotional challenges, all living in the Southwest Florida community. Although the judges chose three winners, all 17 artists are winners in our hearts for inspiring us with their very special talents.

Jim Nathan, accompanied by his wife, Karen, graciously presented the awards to the following artists:

First place (and the 2013 Arts In Healthcare calendar artist of distinction): Nancy Cameron Smith, for her mixed media work entitled Inner Child. Second place: Cyndi Osterhaus, for her acrylic painting entitled Autumn. Third place: Bill Crysler, for his acrylic painting entitled Dutch Treat.

On behalf of The Rehabilitation Hospital, Walt Iltenbach, vice president, has once again generously purchased the winning art and will have it framed for display on the fifth floor. Nancy Smith’s work will hang proudly with all past winners. 2013 calendars will be produced with Nancy’s Inner Child winning artwork featured.

Jealousy And Revenge At Lab Theater
by Di Saggau

Shakespeare’s Othello is getting a lot of press this season. It is now playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida and will soon be beamed live from the Met to local movie theaters. I will address Lab Theater’s production. I enjoyed this timeless tragedy about the handsome Moor who is psychologically tortured by the infamous Iago.

This play is Iago’s, and the role is carried out so well by Tim Gunderman, who out of jealousy connives a plot to convince Othello that his wife, Desdemona, is unfaithful. Gunderman swaggeres about the stage imploring the audience to accept his intricate, vindictive plan.

He wreaks havoc on almost everyone who crosses his path as he exacts revenge on the Moor.

Vladimir Bellefleur is cast as Othello, a handsome man with a rich, velvety voice that lends a compelling touch to the role. We feel his pain when he suspects his wife of infidelity, and we also wonder how he is so easily manipulated. Whether on stage solo or together, all eyes are on Iago and Othello. These two men are definitely the stars of this production.

While the acting is uneven, most do justice to their roles. Wil Harbison gives realism to his role as Cassio, and Chris Cooper captures the foolhardy optimism of the love-struck Roderigo. Stella Ruiz is the doomed Desdemona, Kathleen Taylor is Emilia, wife to Iago, and Beth Yazvac is Bianca. Others in the cast are Ken Bryant, Mike Dinko, Kenneth C. Ruisi, Dale Hoover and Paul Gagnon.

Othello is one of Shakespeare’s most popular tragedies, and Lab Theater’s production is powerful and compelling. It’s directed and edited by Annette Trossbach, artistic director. The play shows through Sunday, October 28 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue in the Fort Myers River District. For tickets, call 218-0481.

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African Collection Opening At The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery

Africa: Photographs and Video from the Martin Z. Margulies Collection will be on display October 26 through December 8 at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Edison State College.

The opening and reception will be on October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a Gallery Talk at 7 p.m. by Ron Bishop.

The dynamics of life in Africa are as complicated as the continent is vast. Through some 50 works of art produced over the past 60 years, by African as well as non-African artists, this exhibit reveals some of those complexities as observed through the eyes of these world renowned photographers and videographers.

Artists in the exhibition include:

- Malick Sidibé - recipient of the Hasselblad Award, the Golden Lion at the Venice Biennale and the International Center of Photography award for lifetime achievement
- Vivian Sassen - won the International Center of Photography in New York's Infinity Award for Applied Fashion Advertising Photography in 2011;
- George Rodger - international photographer, who in 1947, along with three other photographers – Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Capa and David Seymour – founded Magnum Photos to tell the world’s stories with editorial freedom;
- Robin Rhode - included in the 51st Venice Biennale, Venice, in 2005;
- Lyle Owerko - international photographer, photographed the image that appeared on the cover of Time magazine’s September 11, 2001 issue;
- George Osodi - a Nigerian photographer who won first prize, Fuji African Photojournalist of the year in 2004;
- Arnold Newman - acknowledged as one of the great masters of the 20th and 21st centuries and whose work has changed portraiture. He is recognized as the Father of Environmental Portraiture. His work is collected and exhibited in major museums around the world;
- Zwelethu Mthethwa - lives and works in Cape Town and exhibits internationally;
- Seydou Keïta - one of the great African portraitists, exhibits internationally;
- Alfredo Jaar - artist, architect, and filmmaker. He became a Guggenheim Fellow in 1985 and a MacArthur Fellow in 2000;
- Pieter Hugo - a South African, won the African first prize, Portraits section, World Press Photo Getty Images Young Photographer Award. One of the most representative photographers of his generation, his works explore the most striking contradictions of African societies;

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Art Open House

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With assets of more than $64 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than $52 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than $3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

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Future Bright For Cougar Football
submitted by Eric Pfeifer

Canterbury School started a new 11-man football program this year in their middle school. Twenty-four young men endured practices in the heat this past summer in preparation for a tough six-game schedule, which started in late August. Fifteen of the players are eighth graders and are looking forward to playing next year on the high school level at Canterbury, which will switch its program to 11-man. Currently, the high school is competing in a seven-man program due to a shortage players.

Last year, the high school played in a six-man league and won the state championship, and this year, they are currently undefeated.

New head coach Mike Marciano was hired to not only transition the program but also to field competitive teams immediately. Marciano had winning records at each of his previous schools including another local school in Fort Myers. “Every day is an exciting challenge as we take the football program to the 11-man level,” said Marciano. “The work that Marc Taglieri has done to get us to this point has been instrumental in the foundation of what we have now. The current players, along with myself, constantly try to represent the Canterbury character in all we do to try and recruit the student body and attract new student athletes. The attitude is positive and within the upcoming years we will make tremendous strides to put a product on the field that will not only compete but will make its name in this area and then beyond.”

“As I say to the players and their parents, you’re either part of the train or you’re in the tracks,” he added. “Either way, this train is rolling.”

Out of the 24 players on the middle school team, only two had ever played tackle football previously. Head coach Dave Owens started working with the kids in the summer developing a strength and conditioning program. Thanks to the Cougar Athletic Club, the players were able to utilize a brand new state of the art weight room at the school.

By August, the kids were ready to suit up and start hitting. Although the kids’ inexperience showed at the beginning of the first game, Owens settled them down and the team ended up tying a bigger and stronger Southwest Florida Christian Academy squad with a score of 28-28.

Two local Sanibel residents, Oliver Goss and John Pfeifer, are playing on the team. Goss brought his superior soccer skills to the team to handle the kicking while also playing on the offensive and defensive line. Pfeifer plays offensive and defensive tackle, where he gets to beat up — “tackle” — the opponents (something he did not have the chance to do in the Sanibel Flag Football League).

After a couple of formidable opponents, the kids finally pulled it all together and beat ECS last week, 48-14. Owens was really proud of the efforts of the kids.

“We started the season with only two boys that had played football. The boys have worked incredibly hard this season and most importantly they have improved,” said the coach. “The future is very bright for the Cougar football program.”

ECS only scored one offensive touchdown. The proud defensive coordinator, Keary Hall said, “The boys have worked very hard every week to get better. We are now beginning to see a winning team.”

Canterbury has always been known for its strong academic history, but now the school is also trying even harder to develop some competitive student-athletes.

Headmaster Tony Paulus took over the leadership of the school five years ago, and he has always wanted to compete with the other local schools in all sports. The school recently hired Marc Taglieri as its athletic director. In one year, Taglieri has already proven that Canterbury can compete in more than just academics.

“Five years ago, I formed an Athletic Task Force that established goals to improve our then ‘mediocre’ athletic program,” said Paulus. “One of our goals was to re-establish football at Canterbury School. Last year, our six-man team was the first team in Lee County to win a state championship in football. With Marc Taglieri’s leadership in place and under the direction of our Upper School head football coach Mike Marciano, and Middle School head football coach David Owens, we are in the process of establishing what I am sure will be a very successful 11-man program, grades 6 to 12.”

Admittedly, never in my wildest dreams did I think we would have an 11-man program in our Middle School,” Paulus added. “I am very proud of our Middle School players for winning their first game of the season, for being the first group of Middle School football players ever, and for establishing their permanent legacy.”

Rantz Retiring After 52 Years With The Twins; 26 As Minor Leagues Director
by Ed Frank

One of the great benefits of journalism is the opportunity to meet and know so many interesting people in all walks of life.

When I took on the assignment 12 years ago to write a weekly sports column for this newspaper, one of the first baseball representatives I met was Jim Rantz, director of the minor leagues for the Minnesota Twins.

Knowing little about the Twins and even less about their farm system other than they had a Class A team here, the Fort Myers Miracle, I relied heavily on Jim for information, to arrange interviews and even to set up photographs.

And for 12 years he always had time to answer my questions – many of which he must have thought were pretty dumb.

On Monday, Jim announced his retirement after 52 years with the Twins’ organization. In this day and age, can you imagine anyone working for the same company for 52 years?

As senior director of Minor League Operations, Jim by far was the longest running minor league director in all of baseball. And he has long been recognized as one of the very best.

He has been a member of the Twins’ organization since its inception in 1961 after signing his first professional contract with the old Washington Senators in 1960. As a pitcher for the University of Minnesota, he earned the win for his school in the deciding game of the 1960 College World Series.

After five years as a player and manager, he joined the Twins’ front office first as assistant public relations manager before moving into minor league scouting and ultimately heading the minor league system starting in 1986.

Through the years, he has been responsible for negotiating thousands of minor league contracts and player development for the major league Twins.

In 1982, Jim drove to Peoria, Illinois, to see his son play in a college baseball game. While there, he saw a young Kirby Puckett play and, as a result, the Twins drafted Puckett with their first pick that year. A 10-time All-Star, Puckett led the Twins to World Series wins in 1987 and 1991.

“This has been an incredible journey for me and my family and I am most continued on page 22

Wildcat Give-Back Tourney Honors Police And Firemen

Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club in Estero recently welcomed local public service personnel for a golf tournament in appreciation of their heroic efforts in the community.

Nearly 100 members of the Lee County Sheriff’s Office and Estero Fire Rescue took part in the day-long celebration called Wildcat Gives Back. In addition to golf on Wildcat’s 18-hole course designed by golf legend Arnold Palmer, the guests enjoyed lunch at the clubhouse.

“We are so proud of the many individuals who work tirelessly to keep our community safe,” said Wildcat Run general manager Bill Delayo. “This is just a small way of saying ‘thank you’ each year for the job well done.”

Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club is a private, member-owned club on Corkscrew Road east of I-75 in Estero. Founded in 1985, Wildcat Run has consistently maintained its position among the most prestigious clubs in Southwest Florida.

For more information, visit www.WildcatRunCC.com or call 947-6066.
Dear Shelley,

My fourth grade son is not doing well in school this year. His grades are going down weekly. He’s a good child and he tries to do his homework, but we are becoming very frustrated. It’s not clear to me why he can’t do the work now. His teacher is concerned, but thinks that by studying more he will do better.

Julia S., Estero

Fourth grade is a more difficult year than the earlier elementary grades as expectations are becoming much higher for student performance. Your son’s teacher’s advice is very appropriate in that he probably does need to spend extra time studying, but more analysis of why your son is having trouble is warranted.

Students don’t succeed for a number of reasons. There may be health or emotional difficulties that interfere with learning. How is his vision and hearing? Does he have allergies? Is your son comfortable in his new classroom? Does he have a couple of good friends? Is the school’s climate supportive? These types of concerns need to be identified and addressed otherwise they can lead to school failure very easily. If you can rule out any mental or physical health issues, it is time to look at how he is learning.

Here are some questions you may ask him and observations you can make to learn more about how he learns and why he may not be doing well.

To begin, ask him if the work is too hard, be specific with your questions. For example, you might ask if the new math lesson on division is too hard for him. If something is too challenging he may need additional instruction on the topic. Narrow down the area that is too difficult so he can have practice on exactly what he doesn’t understand.

Observe to see if your son completes his academic tasks but it just takes him a long time. If that is the case, he needs more practice to build up his speed and probably accuracy in that subject.

Maybe the case is that your son just doesn’t want to do the academic task, he is able to but is not motivated to do so. If that is the situation, you might want to implement a small reward system for completing homework in a timely way.

It is also important to realize that generally speaking in the fourth grade year students progress from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” This is a big step for most children and does require extra time to study and comprehend all the new information that is now presented through text instead of verbally by the teacher. Using a good comprehension review strategy like a KWL chart (What do I already know about this topic, what do I want to know about this topic and what have I learned about this topic) can increase comprehension easily.

With time, effort and by utilizing some of the above strategies, your son should begin to learn how to study more efficiently and effectively.

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Grant For Junior Achievement

The Claborn and Ned Foulds Foundation has awarded Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida a retained grant in the amount of $4,500 for the purposes of upgrading the organization’s technology to include laptop computers and software.

“We are very appreciative of the foundation for making this investment in our organization and look forward to being better equipped to train volunteers and reach our goal of serving more than 12,000 students this school year,” said Anne Frazier, president/CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida.

Middle School Students Get Out To Vote

Canterbury School eighth graders will be well informed and ready to vote this year. In their civics class, students have studied the candidates, their platforms and their backgrounds. Leading up to the November 6 election, civics teacher Dan Van Campen has put together some special lessons:

On October 11, Chauncey Goss visited classes to answer questions the students have about Washington, D.C., and how our government works.

From Goss’s website: “As Deputy Staff Director for the U.S. House Budget Committee, he worked closely with Congressman Paul Ryan. Chauncey’s experience provides him with a unique and valuable understanding of the federal government’s budgetary process and fiscal policy.”

In addition to Goss’s visit, on October 18, students will hold a parking lot rally. Students will hold signs and share slogans as they show support of their chosen presidential candidates.

On October 25 from 9:30 to 10 a.m., four students – Olivia Curcione, Sameer Walha, John Gamba and Jacob Roberge – will give speeches representing their candidates to sway eighth grade voters prior to the election.

Finally, on November 6 from 9:30 to 10 a.m., seventh and eighth grade students vote for president. Voting will be tallied by the end of the day. It is always interesting to see how closely the popular vote coincides with the nation’s.
Explore New Opportunities During Open Enrollment

by Jennifer Basey

If you work for a medium-size or large organization, you may well be entering that time of year known as Open Enrollment. While it may not be as dramatic as the “other” election that’s arriving in a few weeks, Open Enrollment will provide you with some choices that can have a big impact on your life.

Depending on how your organization administers its benefits program, you may be able to make changes to several important areas during open enrollment. Here are three of them:

• Life insurance – If your employer offers free or inexpensive life insurance, you should almost certainly accept it. But if your situation has changed since you first received life insurance as an employee benefit – that is, if you’ve gotten married or had children or bought a house – you may well need to supplement your employer’s policy with outside insurance. Also, make sure the beneficiary designations on your employer’s policy are still correct.

• Disability insurance – Almost everyone recognizes the need for life insurance. But that’s not necessarily the case with disability insurance – which is unfortunate, because a worker’s chance of becoming disabled is 2 to 3.5 times greater than dying, according to A.M. Best, the credit-rating company. If your employer offers disability coverage, you should probably take it – but, as is the case with life insurance, you may need to supplement your employer-sponsored plan with a policy of your own. To determine how much protection you need, add up your monthly living expenses and then compare the total to your current disability insurance coverage. You may well discover a “gap” that should be filled.

• 401(k) plan – If you can make changes to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan (such as a 403(b) plan for nonprofits or a 457(b) for state and local governments), you’ll want to consider two key areas: your contribution amount and your investment mix. As a general rule, it’s a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement plan because your money can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if you can afford it, or if you’re anticipating a salary increase for next year, consider bumping up your retirement plan contribution.

As for your retirement plan’s investment portfolio, take a close look at it. Does it still reflect your risk tolerance and time horizon? These two factors will change over the years, so you’ll want to make sure your investment mix keeps pace. Also, is your account properly diversified, or have you tended to concentrate your dollars in just one or two types of investments? While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, it can help you reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings.

You should have several weeks in which to study your benefit plan options, so take the time you need to make the right choices. You may also want to consult with a professional financial advisor – someone who can help you determine your life insurance and disability protection needs as well as review your retirement plan’s investment mix to ensure it’s still appropriate.

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Jim Rantz

grateful for the Griffith family for bringing me into the game and to the Pohlad family for allowing me to contribute to the Twins’ organization for 52 years,” the 75-year-old Rantz said in his retirement announcement.

In addition to numerous baseball awards, he was elected to the Twins Hall of Fame in 2007. “I will never forget that honor. It was very humbling to become a member of this select group and it is the highlight of my career,” he said.

Only 19 Twins players, announcers and officials have received that honor.

I am certainly that Jim could write a fascinating book about his experiences, the talent he developed, the players and managers he worked with over the years and how the game has changed in the five-plus decades he has been associated with the Twins.

For me personally, Spring Training just won’t be the same without Jim Rantz. But after 52 years, he has sure earned that retirement. Thanks, Jim, and best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

Everblades Start Hockey Season With Two Victories

The Florida Everblades swept two games last weekend from Orlando, 5-4 in overtime, and 4-2 to begin the hockey season.

The two teams meet again tonight, Friday, at 7:30 p.m. in Germain Arena, Florida, the defending ECHL champion, averaged 5,634 fans for the first two games.

The Everblades will be home again next week, hosting South Carolina Wednesday and Friday, and Greenville, next Saturday.

Dean’s List

Berklee College of Music has announced that Keith Cute of Cape Coral has earned placement on the Dean’s List for the summer semester of the 2012 academic year. To be eligible for this honor, a full-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or above; a part-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or above.
Dr. Dave

Calcium Confusion Clarified

by Dr. Dave Hepburn

“Is calcium good for us?”

“Absolutely. If you don’t take it, it could kill you.”

“But I heard calcium is bad for us, and might cause a heart attack.”

“Absolutely. If you take it, it could kill you. Hope that clarifies it for you. Next.”

“Well, as we need Vitamin D to absorb calcium, should we try and get more sun?”

“Well, as we need Vitamin D to absorb calcium, should we try and get more sun?”

“Absolutely. Get in the sun because taking calcium without Vitamin D is like fishing without a hook.”

“But isn’t the sun going to give us skin cancer or possibly make us look Australian?”

“Absolutely. Out of the sun, it could kill you.”

“Now what about magnesium... forget it.”

“Sure. Next.”

Osteoporosis is destroying many of us at this very moment and will destroy many more lives before a cure is ever found. 30,000 Canadian hips fracture every year. Every 17 minutes, a Canadian hip tragically snaps like a dry-roasted pretzel in the Eastern Gobi in August during a drought and sometimes a famine. Twenty two percent of patients who fracture a hip are dead in less than a year. Not scary enough for you? Well, 60,000 Canadians break their back every year, making lifting a case of beer next to impossible!

OK, now that I have your attention... take calcium, right? Builds bones and all that. A little is good for you, so a lot should be even better, right?

Hold up! Taking calcium pills – both with or without Vitamin D – is associated with a 15 percent increased risk for heart attacks and strokes. Treating 1,000 people with calcium for five years would cause an additional six heart attacks or strokes and prevent only three fractures.

Calcium in pills, unlike calcium in foods, causes a spike in blood calcium levels that can damage arteries by: increasing clot formation (“It is the clot that kills.”), thickening artery plaques and calcifying main arteries. For you guys on my hockey team, those are all bad things. And trying to tease out whether cinnamon contains eugenol and terpenoids which are strong antiviral agents.

As I mentioned earlier, there are differences between Ceylon and Cassia cinnamon. The most popular kind is called Cassia and it’s found by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Which Cinnamon Do You Sprinkle?

by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Pharmacist: I heard that cinnamon might lower blood sugar. Is this true? Can I use cinnamon spice to lower my blood sugar if I’m taking metformin? Does cinnamon have other health benefits?

EG, Decatur, Illinois

There are different kinds of cinnamon, and the spice that you sprinkle on your oatmeal is not the best one in terms of health benefits. Yeah, for real! Didn’t you know there were varieties of cinnamon? I think it’s alright to combine cinnamon spice with metformin, but if you consume commercial supplements along with your medications, I suggest you track your blood sugar routinely and gain your physician’s blessings. Remember, taking antioxidant-diabetic agents will enhance the blood sugar-lowering effect, and if it plummets too low, you get hypoglycemia.

If you consume authentic, high-quality brands of cinnamon, this could actually happen to you. Symptoms of hypoglycemia include nausea, sweating, palpitations, weakness, fainting and anxiety.

Does cinnamon work? Several studies that have established health benefits for the warming, aromatic spice of autumn. Researchers who conducted a meta-analysis concluded that cinnamon extract could reduce fasting blood sugar. That’s great because it’s well established that elevated fasting blood sugars are a risk factor for diabetes and heart disease. The glycemic action of cinnamon is almost comparable to your medication but don’t take that as an invitation to stop your metformin!

My point is that cinnamon has some merits that needs to be further elucidated. Here’s one reference: Davis PA, Yokoyama W. Cinnamon intake lowers fasting blood glucose. J Med Food. April 2011.

Another study found that daily intake of cinnamon (for about two months) could significantly lower the fasting blood glucose, weight, and body fat mass in a patients with Type II diabetes, as compared to a control group. Scientists are trying to tease out whether cinnamon helps with colorectal cancer now. Just outstanding... but wait... and maybe earlier, there are different varieties of cinnamon. The most popular kind is called Cassia and it’s found in grocery stores, and served at coffee shops and restaurants. It’s everywhere. Genuine cinnamon – the kind I strongly recommend – is called Ceylon, and you must buy it from nice spice shops, some herbal apothecaries or online. Cassia and Ceylon cinnamon come from two different species. Cassia, while tasty and used by millions of us, has a stronger, harsher taste compared to Ceylon. Cassia is actually known to contain a small amount of a moderately toxic component called coumarin. You don’t have to worry about this, but hypothetically, if you took a ginormous dose, it could cause liver and kidney damage. It’s also known to thin blood, considered a good thing but those of you on anti-coagulant drugs need to know. Ceylon has a fine texture, tastes lovely, and contains a lot of health-promoting antioxidants. An aid into fall, sprinkle it on everything because Ceylon cinnamon contains eugenol and terpenoids which are strong antiviral agents.

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.

Mom And Me

Dear Mercedes,

I am a grandmother with five grandchildren from two families. They are great kids, but have no manners. “Please” and “thank you” are just not part of their vocabulary. I would like to discuss this with my daughter, but just do not know how to bring it up. What do you think I should do?

Mercedes

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Mercedes

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

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Mercedes

Dear Mercedes,

Well, somewhere in the middle of “please” and “thank you,” these words are not part of their vocabulary. It is difficult for me to believe that your grandchildren have no sense of basic manners. It would be just as difficult for me to believe if you told me they have the social polish of a cultured adult. Now that we are a little closer to what is real, what about modeling appropriate manners while you are with your grandchildren?

Always use “please” and “thank you.” Encourage them to do the same. When they do, tell them how much you appreciate their manners.

You do not always need to have a “discussion.” I can not imagine how it would begin... “Help me understand why your children have no manners” or “Help me understand why you have failed in your parental responsibility of teaching manners to your children.” I cannot think of a positive outcome of the discussion.

You have to choose your battles. Also, modeling appropriate behavior and reinforcing appropriate behavior is, at times, better than bringing attention to negative behavior.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.
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### Networking Event At Davis Art Center

On Thursday, October 11, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will hosted the first Connect Networking event. Stay connected by coming to the Davis the second Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Expand your business and personal relationships, get to know each other, and connect in your community.

Melissa DeHaven, development director at the Davis, is launching the new networking event. It is open to business professionals and the community as a whole. “With Modern Age technology we are getting further apart from each other, and instead of building personal relationships we are building cyber ones,” said DeHaven. “Working together as a community and connecting as a community is so important.”

Fort Myers Film Festival and TGIM producer and co-host, as well as director and producer of the Davis’ Art Walks The Runway fashion show, DeHaven has been a popular presence at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

Each month there be featured speakers, appetizers, raffle prizes, music, drinks and mingling.

October speakers include Dan Sinclair, president of Young Professionals; Eric Raddatz, founder and host of the Fort Myers Film Festival; Marco Ospina and Jose Soto of the new Art & Poetry Networking Mixer at the Davis; Denise Hollister, host of the new Ladies’ Night networking event at Twisted Vine Bistro; and a representative from the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce. Gwendolyn’s Cafe will be providing d’oeuvres.

Admission is $5; networking/promotional space is available for $25. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

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

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Fishing Tourney

The second-place winner will receive $500, based upon 50 tourney participants. The third-place angler will win $300, with the fourth-place winner earning $150 and the fifth-place winner taking home $50.

The tournament runs during the 2012 Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival, which includes instruction, demonstrations, speakers, guided paddles, a photo contest and evening entertainment throughout the weekend in nearby Fort Myers.

New this year is a streamlined online registration site for anglers, who pay a $60 fee to compete. Visit www.CalusaBluewayPaddlingFestival.com and click on “activities” and “fishing tournament” to find the registration link. Or go directly to www.floridasee.org and click on “programs.”

Tournament proceeds benefit the Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism, which is hosting the event along with Florida Sea Grant, Lee County Parks & Recreation and volunteers. A portion of proceeds also goes to the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail.

For more information, contact tournament director Josh Harvel at 233-0655 or yaknitup@embarqmail.com or tournament liaison Joy Hazell at hazellje@leegov.com or 533-7518. The festival schedule is online at www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com.
Shell Point Hosts Fall Open House

Shell Point Retirement Community will host its annual Fall Open House on Thursday, October 25 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The Fall Open House will offer visitors the chance to tour the community in a relaxed atmosphere.

“Shell Point offers a variety of lifestyle amenities on top of excellent lifecare and healthcare benefits, and is such a unique place to live,” said Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of marketing and communications for Shell Point. “We want to invite the public to come out and learn more about the lifestyle we have to offer both our residents, as well as the many features that are available to the general public.”

The Open House will include tours of decorated models located in the Island and Woodlands neighborhoods where retirement counselors will be on hand to answer specific questions, while others will present seminars explaining Shell Point’s lifestyle with lifecare model for retirement. There will be question-and-answer sessions after each presentation.

“Visitors will receive a program with the schedule of events and locations when they arrive. This way they can pick and choose what they want to see while they are on our campus,” said Schneider.

For more information about the Fall Open House, call 466-1131.

Vegetable Potstickers

4 tablespoons canola oil, divided
1 red onion, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon ginger, minced
1 cup mushrooms, sliced
1 cup cabbage, shredded
1 cup carrot, shredded
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
Salt to taste
1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
1 package wonton skins (also called gyoza)
2 tablespoons water

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a skillet and add onion, ginger and mushrooms and cook over medium-high heat until vegetables begin to soften. Add cabbage, carrots, pepper, and salt to taste; cook for 2 minutes more. Remove vegetables from heat, drain and add cilantro when cooled. Place a teaspoon of vegetable mixture on one half of each wonton skin. Fold the opposite halves over to make half moon dumplings, keeping the bottoms flat. Press edges firmly together, making sure that they are closed to prevent filling from leaking out. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a nonstick skillet and brown bottoms of dumplings. Add water and immediately cover to steam the dumplings. Cook dumplings until the water has evaporated and the bottom gets crispy again and sticks to the pot. Serve warm with soy sauce and vinegar for dipping.

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5. GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Persepolis located?
6. SCIENCE: What was the first elementary particle to be discovered?
7. MUSIC: What is the national anthem of Canada?
8. COMPUTERS: What does the acronym DOS stand for?
9. FAMOUS QUOTES: Who once said, "I worked my way up from nothing to a state of extreme poverty."
10. LANGUAGE: What is an atelier?

ANSWERS

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent news from someone you trust could help you make an important decision. Also, be prepared to confront an upcoming change in a personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be firm in your own views, but also flexible enough to welcome the views of others.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY
- On Oct. 27, 1659, William Robinson and Marmaduke Stevenson, two Quakers who came from England in 1656 to escape religious persecution, are executed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony for their religious beliefs. The Massachusetts General Court had banned Quakers from the colony under penalty of death.
- On Oct. 26, 1825, the Erie Canal opens, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean via the Hudson River. Teams of oxen plowed the ground, but for the most part the work was done by Irish diggers who had to rely on primitive tools.
- On Oct. 19, 1975, Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, a decorated veteran of medical school, the 6-foot, 9-inch Crichton was first director of the FBI, helping to found the bureau in 1935 and serving until his death in 1972. You might not realize, though, that in his career he made the following sage observation: "We don't know a millionth of 1 percent about anything."

Strange but true
- It was inventor Thomas Edison who made the following sage observation: "We don't know a millionth of 1 percent about anything."
- Those who study such things say that chewing gum will reduce your recall ability by 10 percent.
- As ostrich can run just as fast as a racehorse.
- In 1972, an extraordinary birth occurred: on July 22 of that year, a woman in Rome gave birth a whopping 15 babies -- five boys and 10 girls. The siblings were quindecuplets, though, obviously, that term doesn't see much use.
- You probably know that J. Edgar Hoover was the first director of the FBI, helping to found the bureau in 1935 and serving until his death in 1972. You might not realize, though, that in his career he never made an arrest or even personally conducted an investigation.
- It's been reported that the last words of famed composer Ludwig van Beethoven were "Friends, applaud; the comedy is over."
- The Rubik's Cube, that ubiquitous toy in Hungary -- where one in five citizens knows how to solve it, was first marketed as a toy in Hungary -- was invented by a mathematician in Hungary to help teach math to his students. The device was first marketed as an educational toy in 1980.
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- The next time you're visiting Washington, D.C., keep in mind that in our nation's capital, it is illegal to throw a bull in the air.
- A queen honeybee can live for up to seven years.
- On a per capita basis, Switzerland consumes more chocolate than any other country. No. 2 and No. 3 are Norway and Great Britain, respectively.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"Don't let your opinions sway your judgment." -- Samuel Goldwyn
PUZZLE ANSWERS

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SCRAMBLERS

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“But decides the concert where you have taken me.”

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LIME TREE CENTER CONDO UNIT FOR SALE
FOR SALE - Commercial condo in 5-unit complex centrally located on Periwinkle Way. Can be used for office or retail. Motivated to sell, $225,000. Call Janie Howland, Realtor, VIP Realty. 239-850-6419. Kc 97 CC 11/23

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DUNES TOWNHOUSE

Dunes: spacious townhouse with 3 bdrms/.3 baths avail. btmn. Dec 1st - March 1st; Vaulted ceilings, screened in porches, gracious living area and 2 car garage. View is of property’s swim pool and tennis court. Steps to Bay & moments to beach. Cable TV, WiFi internet, tel. and central AC. avail. for a 3-3 month rental. Rates based on $800. - $1,400. wkly. Call owners directly at 508-965-3751 or e-mail: murray.camp@rcn.com.

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Dunes, Lake Front 3+3+den UF $2,500/mo. Walk to beach, 2/2 F, charming $1,500/mo.

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Across from Beach, 2/2 F, Pool/Tennis @ $1,400/mo. Updated 2/2.5 F Townhome, $1,500/mo.

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Air from Tampa and 3-4 nights at Iv Hilton or Imperial Palace for only $299 or stay at the Rio or Treasure Island for only $349, call 800-421-0599 or 606-853-1784 RS 9/7 CC TFN

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Hi, my name is Angel and I am a 5-year-old neutered male brown tabby domestic short hair. I'm a cat who does everything in a big way. I'm not large, but I still like to be in charge. In fact, I'm leader of the pack in the shelter's cat adoption room. Despite my adventurous personality, I'm very loving and affectionate and will make plenty of time for you.

My adoption fee is $25 during Animal Services Dogtober Adoption Special (regularly $50).

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

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The adoption package is valued at $500.\*

**SUDOKU**

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

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NEW SANCTUARY LISTINGS:
For Information contact Toby Tolp 239/848-0433, Steve Harrell 239/565-1277 or Kasey Harrell 239/850-7602.

2964 WULFERT
This is the opportunity you have been looking for! 7300 sq. ft. living area! Originally sold in 2006 for $4.7M, and, after extensive negotiations with the lender, now offered for $2,464,000. On The Sanctuary's signature # 4 fairway with expansive views of The Bay, this magnificent home features 5 bedrooms 5 ½ baths, chef’s kitchen, library, butler's pantry, 800 bottle walk-in wine cellar, family room with large bar/entertaining area, elevator, master retreat area plus fitness room. Real plaster moldings, marble & hard wood flooring, custom built-in bookcases. Expansive veranda with summer kitchen overlooks pool & spa. Offered for $2,464,000.

2749 WULFERT
Spectacular 3 bedroom 3 ½ bath furnished Villa. Home in great location with lovely views of lake and 18th fairway of Sanctuary Golf Club. Courtyard entrance with separate mother-in-law suite. Dramatic great room featuring 15 ft. tray ceilings, crown molding, gas fireplace, & 8 ft. doors leading to brick terrace & pool area. Custom kitchen with granite island, 2 pantries, built in desk. Master suite features 11 ft. tray ceilings with crown molding, fire place, and oversized walk-in closet & luxurious marble master bath. 3rd bedroom is furnished as library. Offering carefree living with yard & pool maintained by association. Just steps to the clubhouse and tennis / fitness facility. Offered for $995,000.

2735 WULFERT
On the 18th fairway of exclusive Sanctuary Golf Community, this stunning Golf Villa home overlooks a beautiful lake and brilliant sunset skies. Featuring over 4400 sq. ft. of living area with 4 bedrooms 5 baths plus a library / study, this very desirable property is exquisitely furnished and offers endless designer touches. Spacious kitchen features a prep island designed for entertaining, 2 fireplaces, lofted ceilings, built-in office/craft area in master, bookshelves and nooks throughout. The screen porch opens to the tranquil lanai, pool, and garden. The second story features 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths, and loft gathering area. Golf Villa homes include pool and yard maintenance. Offered for $1,249,000.

NEW LISTING 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 golf cart (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” 239/994-7795.

NEW LISTING- SUNDIAL SPECIAL
SUNDIAL G-104
If what you are seeking is a beautiful condo with resort style living on Sanibel Island for your personal enjoyment AND rental income then look no further. This fabulous pet friendly, remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit at Sundial Beach Resort has it all. Tile throughout, granite counter tops, washer/dryer, extra storage for bikes, all with easy access to the beach, pool restaurant and spa. This is a first floor unit just waiting for you. Offered for $495,000 Contact Pat Powers 239/222-8992.

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