Child’s Original Painting To Be Auctioned At Wine And Food Fest

Butterflies and a bright purple kitten are featured in this year’s signature painting created by Olivia Ramsey of Fort Myers for the 2012 Northern Trust Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest. The painting will be auctioned at the Wine Fest Grand Tasting and Auction on February 25.

Olivia “Liv” is seven years old and an oncology patient at The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. Now in 2nd grade, she was diagnosed with leukemia in December 2010. According to her mom, Michelle, she is now in the maintenance phase of her 2.5-year treatment program. “Her first six months of treatment were the hardest, but she always handled everything with a smile. If you met her, you wouldn’t know she was battling cancer except for having shorter hair” she said.

The Ramseys considered moving north, to a cancer treatment center, before meeting Dr. Emad Salman of The Children’s Hospital. “We didn’t know what we had in our own back yard,” Ramsey said. “The facility is phenomenal. The nurses, the physicians, they are so knowledgeable and they treat you so well. They’ve made us feel comfortable the whole way through and it’s a scary ride.”

The doctors and nurses at The Children’s Hospital have become heroes to Liv. “They’ve done so much for me and they’ve helped me a lot. I don’t have to worry. I know that I’m going to be fine,” she said.

Olivia is giving back something of her own as well. She has founded Olivia’s Wagon of Wonder. Throughout the year, she will be giving other pediatric oncology patients all sorts of arts and crafts items that have been donated to the wagon. When Olivia was in the hospital she passed the time doing many art projects and she said wants to help other children do the same thing.

Wine Fest Chairman Dr. Steve Machiz says the children’s artwork is typically one of the highest-bid lots.

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is a signature event of the SWFL Children’s Charities, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides funding to local charities serving local children. It begins the evening of February 24, with chef vintner dinners in private homes around Southwest Florida for invited guests donating $1,000 to $1,500 per seat. Each dinner will showcase wines by featured vintners and culinary offerings from some of Southwest Florida’s finest chefs.

On February 25, the chefs, vintners, dinner guests and others come together again at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club for the grand tasting and auction. Participating chefs prepare their favorite dishes to accompany the wine tastings.

The auction features packages of unique wines, exclusive trips, and dining experiences. All proceeds from the auction and ticket sales go to three causes benefiting

Screaming Orphans Benefit Concert

On Saturday, January 28, The Rotary Club of Fort Myers will host The Screaming Orphans at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. The popular band consists of four funny, high-spirited, musically-obsessed sisters with the good fortune to have been raised in the magic of Bundoran in County Donegal, Ireland. Band members are Joan Diver (drums, vocals), Angela Diver (bass, violin, vocals), Gráinne Diver (guitar, vocals) and Marie Thérèse Diver (keys, accordion, vocals).

The Screaming Orphans are well-known in Fort Myers. They have played here numerous times and have a big following across the United States as well. This will be their third concert at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Last year’s event was a sell-out and The Screaming Orphants put on a fantastic show.

Italian-Style Street Painting At ArtFest

On Saturday, February 4, ArtFest Fort Myers is embracing the Italian tradition of street painting with Art on the Street. The high school sidewalk chalk competition brings together teams from most area high schools, and each team will be creating its special oversized art piece on asphalt.

Four professional chalk artists will also be on hand, mentoring the students in an art form that dates back to the 18th century, while creating their displays.
On May 2, 1887, Lee County was born when the state legislature made official its split from Monroe County. Among the first tasks for the new government was holding an election and finding a temporary courthouse, offices, and meeting room.

On May 17, the first county officials were elected, among them T.W. Langford as sheriff. Commissioners included Capt. Francis A. Hendry and William H. Towles, representing Fort Myers; Frank J. Wilson of Orange River; Peter Nelson of Alva; and John Powell of New Prospect (now called North Fort Myers).

The new officials are shown in the historic photo, posing before the entrance to the Towles & Hendry Store on the southwest corner of First and Jackson Streets. The county rented the second floor of that store as a meeting place for $250 per year. A nearby county clerk’s office was rented for $120 per year.

The officials are not identified, but a young William Towles is recognizable, framed by the doorway and on the right.

He was a 32-year-old widower when he came to Fort Myers in 1884 with a young daughter. Already a successful merchant and cattleman in Bartow, he partnered with James E. Hendry Sr. in opening the store soon after moving to town.

The business lasted only three years before the men decided to devote themselves to other work, but one of their projects greatly impacted the town’s business life for decades: they hired Joseph Vivas to build the city dock at the foot of Jackson Street.

Few photos of Towles are in local archives, but it is fitting that he should be photographed at moment in history when no courthouse existed. “Wild Bill,” as he became known, would become a true legend in Fort Myers, particularly on the topic of courthouses. It turned out that his tempestuousness would lead to the construction of the current Lee County Courthouse on Main Street that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The county’s first courthouse was a while in coming, but in 1894, a modest but serviceable one opened. Capt. Hendry and Towles had envisioned a more grand structure, but for the next 20 years, a sensible and frugal attitude prevailed on the commission. How could commissioners authorize the destruction of a perfectly good courthouse and fund a new one – even if the frame building didn’t have bathrooms?
ArtWalk Fort Myers Saturday Art Fair

Join ArtWalk Fort Myers on Saturday, February 4 for the Saturday Art Fair in the River District. Forty-two local art vendors will be set-up on the sidewalks on First Street selling their artwork. Painters, potters, jewelry makers, photographers, floral arrangement experts and more will be selling the works they created on the First Street sidewalks. Artists participating are:

- Gregory Wieand
- Mick Miller
- SWFL Craft Guild
- Denise Shreve
- Rebecca Sandbek
- Wire sculpture
- Digital art
- Mixture of art
- Hats, scarfs & rugs
- Jewelry

ArtWalk Fort Myers is free and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact Claudia at 939-2553 or cgoode@actabuse.com for more information.

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Pirates sail far and wide in search of treasure.

Ahoy mateys! The Pieces of Eight Pirate Cruise has reached an accord with the Imaginarium Science Center and has agreed to sponsor Treasure! the exhibit. During the exhibit, lads and lassies can visit the Imaginarium and participate in a modern-day treasure hunt. The expedition for treasure runs through May 20 at the Imaginarium where guests will use modern technology and the tools of the trade to uncover a variety of treasures, as well as the science, history, stories and the people behind this quest.

For centuries, the appeal of hidden riches, promises of great fortune and caches of untold prizes have lured treasure hunters seeking fame, fortune, and answers. Treasure – buried treasure, sunken treasure, attic treasure – has an allure that has drawn people in for some amazing adventures throughout history. Now, the Imaginarium brings the hunt to you with an interactive exhibition that puts the gold in your hands. Treasure! explores the history of treasures and treasure hunting, the technology and tools used to find it and the people and personalities that hunt for treasure – like you!

Guests will discover artifacts of ancient shipwrecks and take the controls of a remote-operated vehicle (ROV) used to uncover underwater treasures. Relive the gold rush and try panning for gold, then experiment with metal detectors or embark on a geocache using GPS navigation, for a modern day treasure hunting experience.

Guests in Treasure! will be able to learn how to tie nautical ropes typical of sailing ships, explore pirate scents, create a souvenir at the coin rubbing station and make their own pirate flag. A kiosk will truly take treasure hunters on an interactive search for Nova Scotia’s famed Money Pit on Oak Island.

This exhibition explores and answers the questions: What is treasure? Who hunts for treasure? Why do they hunt treasure? How do people hunt for treasure? What do you take treasure? Explore these questions and take part in your own treasure hunt when you visit.

Treasure! offers seven thematic areas and hands-on activities that invite visitors to try the tools of treasure hunting, while they investigate and learn how to protect treasures. Special exhibit features also include actual artifacts from shipwrecks and other treasure sites. Visitors embark on their own quest to explore: Underwater Treasure, Buried Treasure, Gold Rushes, Treasures in the Attic, Treasure in Popular Culture, and then move on to The Modern Treasure Hunt and Protecting Treasure.

The Imaginarium is located at 2000 Cranford Avenue, Fort Myers. Call 321-7420 or go to www.imaginariumfortmyers.com.

Pieces of Eight is located at Salty Sam’s Marina, 2500 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach. Reservations are required by calling 765-7272.

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Screaming Orphans

All proceeds benefit The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida Building Fund and Rotary’s Polio Plus eradication effort. The hospital is the only comprehensive child healthcare facility between Tampa and Miami. The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida provides health care for the region’s children, from infancy through age 18. Eradicating polio is one of Rotary International’s primary goals. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk.

Tickets for The Screaming Orphans are $60. For sponsorship information or to reserve a table, call 939-6221 or go to www.imaginariumfortmyers.com.

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JLFM’s Fall Provisional Class Offers Assistance To The Salvation Army

The Junior League of Fort Myers (JLFM) announced that the Fall 2011 Provisionals (new members) recently completed a community project with the Salvation Army. On November 12 and 19, 2011, 16 ladies from the Fall Provisional class spent more than eight hours renovating the outside area of the Salvation Army on Edison Avenue in Fort Myers. Included in the renovation were pressure cleaning, replanting and mulching the garden, and painting a colorful outdoor wall mural.

In addition to recreating the outdoor space, the provisional members also held a drive for items the facility needed for families who are residing at the Salvation Army. Those items included bed sheets, toiletries and indoor games for the children.

Area businesses donated goods to help complete the renovation project. The Junior League of Fort Myers would like to thank Linda Coin of Sotheby’s Real Estate on Sanibel, James Novack with Artistic Marble and Tile of Cape Coral, J.L Kaczynski Painting of Cape Coral, Tim Collier Insurance Agency of Cape Coral and Carl Fund Carpentry of Cape Coral.

The end result was a total success and the Junior League for Fort Myers as left a memorable impact. For more information, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org.

Heights Students Enjoy Twins Visit

Heights Elementary School’s second and third grade students enjoyed a visit from the Minnesota Twins organization. Baseball players and their mascot “TC” attended the event. Hudson Boyd, a pitcher with the Twins, was a student at Heights, attending kindergarten through fifth grades. They emphasized the importance of reading and “never giving up.”

Drum Circle At Centennial Park

A weekly drum circle is flourishing in Fort Myers. It occurs every Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m. under the pavilion at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Enjoy an evening of dancing and drumming. If not at the large pavilion, look for the small one by the Friends fountain. There will be drummers, dancers, poi spinners and those who just enjoy the rhythm experience. Feel free to bring snacks, drinks (non-alcoholic), chairs and any percussion instrument (there are always extra drums available to play).

For more information, visit www.fortmyersdrumcircle.com.

Southwest Florida Symphony Concert

The Pelican Landing Community is holding a concert of jazz and classical music performed by members of the Southwest Florida Symphony. A Little Classic and All That Jazz will benefit the United Way and the Southwest Florida Symphony.

A Little Classic and All That Jazz will be held on Monday, January 23 from 5:45 to 9 p.m. at the Pelican’s Nest Golf Clubhouse in Bonita Springs. Wine and appetizers will be served. The concert is being organized by the residents of Pelican Landing and the event chair, Ben O’Bryan.

Tickets are $75 per person and proceeds will go to the two organizations. The public is invited. Call Jodi Phillips at 433-2000 ext. 227 to purchase tickets.

For more information or to make a contribution, visit www.unitedwaylee.org.

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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, February 16 at Colonial County Club, 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers.

Join the Greeters Club as Image Matters consultants help participants discover their own Southwest Florida style. Call today to join this group of Lee County women. The cost to attend the luncheon is $18 per person, with advanced reservations required.

For more information, contact Janet Gambuzza at 454-5750 or Linda Fitzpatrick at 437-5653, or send an e-mail to Greeters.Lunch@comcast.net.

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Once Upon A Prom Fashion Show

Looking for a dress for prom, quinceanera or other special event? “I DO” Bridals and Rnells Tuxedos present the Once Upon A Prom Fashion Show at the Cape Coral Yacht Club, 5819 Driftwood Parkway, on Sunday, January 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is $2 per person.

More than 150 dresses will be on display and for sale from various fashion lines. Models will display the latest tuxedos and dresses for prom season. In addition, vendors will be on hand to take care of all your prom day needs plus lots of great giveaways.

Call 574-0806 for more information or details on how to become a vendor at the show.

Wednesday Morning Live!

The next Wednesday Morning Live! lecture at Covenant Presbyterian Church will be held on January 25. The topic will be Human Trafficking, presented by Nola Theiss, executive director and founder of Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships.

The one hour lecture begins at 10 a.m., preceded by coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Admission is free.

Covenant Presbyterian Church is located at 2439 McGregor Blvd. in Fort Myers. Call 334-8937 or send an e-mail to info@coppcfm.com for more details.

Towles And Hendry

In October 1914, commission-chair Towles’s patience ran out with commissioners opposing his plans for a modern courthouse, chief among them Harvie E. Heitman. When the opposition left town on the train to Arcadia to obtain a court injunction against demolishing the existing courthouse, the commission chair ordered it destroyed.

The audacious process continued throughout the early morning hours. Legend has it that Towles stood guard with a shotgun to ensure that in the morning, a new building would be necessary. He got his way.

Walk down to First and Jackson to the site where county government convened its first meetings. Then walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the birth of county government. Be sure to see the exhibit on local Mid-Century Modernist architecture while you’re there.

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

Then, follow-up with a trip to one of the area’s best research center, the Southwest Florida Historical Society, where you can learn about the characters who ran things in the old days.

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.

Fashion Show & Luncheon

Lee Memorial Health System Foundation has once again partnered with Tanger Outlets to raise awareness of those members of our community who are battling cancer. The 2012 A Giving Heart For Cancer Fashion Show & Luncheon, sponsored in part by Insurance Center, Inc., will take place on Wednesday, February 8 starting at 11 a.m. at Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers.

Fashions will be provided by Tanger Outlets, which include such favorites as Carter’s, GAP Outlet, Lane Bryant and Jockey. In a celebration of life after cancer, the fashions will be modeled by cancer survivors. S.W. Florida Modeling & Talent Agency will present the fashions with agency models and cancer survivors. Also, four awards will be given to community members who have helped in cancer care medically or personally.

Individual tickets are $50 and may be purchased at the Tanger Management Office, located at Suite 4145 in the Tanger Outlet Center on Summerlin Road in Fort Myers. Tickets are also available through the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation office at 343-6950, and at all Lee Memorial Hospital Gift Shops. All net proceeds benefit programs and treatments at Lee Memorial Health System’s state-of-the-art Regional Cancer Center located at the corner of I-75 and Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers.

Sponsorships are also available for the following levels: $5,000, $2,500, $1,000 and $500. For details regarding sponsorships, call Patti Chipala with the Lee Memorial Foundation at 343-6059.

Arts & Crafts Show Vendors Needed

Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center is looking for craft vendors for their upcoming Arts & Crafts Show that will take place on Saturday, March 3.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wa-Ke Hatchee Park, 16760 Bass Road in Fort Myers. Spaces are available for a nominal fee of $25. Tables, tents, etc. are not provided. Electric spaces are available.

Activities are to include a Car Show from 2 to 5 p.m., live band, food vendors, demonstrations, a Movie in the Park in the evening and much more family fun. Admission will be free.

For further information on this event or to become a vendor, contact Kristie Myers at 432-2154 or valoneph@leegov.com. For information about Wa-Ke Hatchee Recreation Center & Park, visit www.leeparks.org.

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Queen Pageant Applications Due For Shrimp Festival

The 54th annual Queen Pageant is looking for contestants to compete in the island’s largest annual event, run for 54 years by the Fort Myers Beach Lions. The club is seeking girls ages 16 to 20 years old who would like to become this year’s Shrimp Festival Queen.

Contestants must be able to appear at all the events for judging and in the Shrimp Festival Parade and at the Festival on March 10 and 11. The great history of this event has many former participants returning to and involved in the event today.

Applications must be submitted by February 1. Each contestant will receive a savings bond. Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the winner of each of the following categories:

- Queen
- First runner-up
- Second runner-up
- Miss Personality
- Miss Congeniality (voted on by participants)
- People’s Choice (online voting)
- Miss Photogenic (judged on official photos)

All participants are already winners by helping the Fort Myers Beach Lions Club and local sights and youth projects with their participation. Details about the festival and the contest application are found at www.fortmyersbeachshrimpestival.com.

For more information and details, contact Lion Sheila Kelley at 233-8250 (evenings) or e-mail queenpageant@fortmyersbeachshrimpestival.com.

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JLFM Now Accepting Community Mini-Grant Applications For 2011-12

The Junior League of Fort Myers (JLFM) is currently accepting applications for 2011-12 Community Mini-Grants.

Since 1966, JLFM has been committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the local community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. JLFM supports local non-profit organizations (having a 501(c)3 status, in the process of obtaining a 501(c)3 status, or be under the umbrella of an agency with 501(c)3 status) by awarding mini-grant funding for projects consistent with JLFM’s focus on women and children within the local community, including Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Non-profit organizations that meet the above guidelines and who agree to the Grant Agreement included in this application packet are invited to submit the attached application. JLFM will review the applications and award a total of five grants of up to $3,000.

Applications must be received in the League office no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1. Grants will be awarded approximately 60 days after the application due date. Electronic applications will not be accepted. Verification of delivery is the responsibility of the applicant. JLFM will not notify applicants of receipt of applications.

Applications should be submitted to:

Junior League of Fort Myers
Attn: Helping Hands Chair
12995 S. Cleveland Ave., Suite 157
Fort Myers, FL 33907

For more information about JLFM, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfm.org.
Have you ever wanted to learn about cheese? Delicious, stinky cheese? The Sandy Butler offers cheese classes at its wine and cheese bar every Friday and Saturday night at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Each class is 30 minutes and costs only $10. Seating is limited so call ahead for reservations. Coming soon: Shoals wines! As wine lovers know, The Sandy Butler offers a choice selection of more than 500 different wines available at retail pricing. The highly-anticipated additions to their carefully selected inventory are the Shoals premium wines from California. The Shoals wines will also be available next door at Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar.

The Sandy Butler Market and Shoals Restaurant & Wine Bar are located at 17650 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers. Both are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 482-6765 or go to www.sandybutler.com.

The Morgan House Restaurant, located in the historic Patio de Leon in the downtown Fort Myers River District, provides a soothing backdrop for relaxing, dining and entertaining. The restaurant and bar features 14 beers on tap, full liquor bar and daily happy hour. Casual dining is available either inside with music and big screen TV, outside on the terrace, upstairs at Top of the Town or in the posh Miami-style Red Corner.

The Morgan House is located at 33 Patio de Leon, Fort Myers. It is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call 337-3377 or go to www.morganhouserestaurant.com.

Eating locally grown and produced foods are good for the area economy and great for your health. Lee County boasts several farmers markets that offer chemical-free and organic produce, along with fresh baked goods, native plants and all-natural products. Support area farmers and practice good eating habits at these locations:

**Thursday:** The River District Farmers Market, under the US 41 Caloosahatchee bridge. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fruit, vegetables, local honey, bread, seafood, BBQ, flowers and plants. Call 321-7100 or go to www.cityftmyers.com.

**Friday:** Fort Myers Beach Farmers Market, under the Sky Bridge between Second and Third Streets. 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. November to April, rain or shine. Fruits and vegetables, flowers, seafood, baked goods, snack foods and plants. Call 765-0202 or go to www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov.

Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. November to May. Fruits, vegetables, breads, honey, soaps, jams and seafood. Call 533-7275.

**Saturday:** GreenMarket at Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Boulevard near the Colonial intersection. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. An exclusive selection of locally grown, caught and cultivated foods and other products available to sample and purchase. Enjoy live entertainment by local musicians and fun activities for kids. Call 939-2787 or go to www.artinlee.org.

Cape Coral Chamber Farmers Market in Club Square, downtown Cape Coral. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mid-October to May. Locally grown produce, native plants, fresh Gulf seafood, live music/entertainment and informative community presentations. Call 549-6900 or go to www.capecoralfarmersmarket.com.

**Sunday:** Sanibel Island Farmers Market, 800 Dunlop Road (City Hall, next to the library). 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. November to May. Call Crystal Mansell at 472-3700.

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Celebrate The Year Of The Dragon At Ichiban

On Monday, January 23, mark the beginning of the 4,709th Chinese Lunar New Year at Ichiban in downtown Fort Myer’s historic River District.

This year is represented by the fifth animal in the Chinese zodiac, the dragon. In China, the dragon is the imperial symbol, the sign of the emperor and the male element of Yang; it is also synonymous with power and wealth. It contains a horse’s head, a snake’s body and chicken claws. The dragon falls on the following years: 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000 and 2012.

Ichiban, located in the mosaic-tiled Post Office Arcade, is a local favorite for Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The name means “Number One” in Japanese and offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for eight years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

Sit at Ichiban’s sushi bar and watch the chefs expertly prepare sushi and sashimi along with sushi favorites like the California roll, spicy tuna roll and green dragon roll. Warm up first with a little hot sake and a cup of miso soup. If you prefer, select a table inside the restaurant or outside in the roofed-in gallery.

For a fast, fresh lunch, try the combination sweet and sour chicken served with fried rice and egg roll for $6.95 or choose from a selection of stir fry meats and vegetables, house specials and vegetarian dishes (including General Tso tofu). Ichiban also has an extensive dinner menu that includes Bento boxes served with shrimp and vegetable tempura and Japanese rice. Just need a quick late night snack? Order the sweet and smoky BBQ ribs or fried shrimp appetizer, best enjoyed with an ice cold Kirin Ichiban beer.

There are multiple ways to get to Ichiban: enter through the main Post Office Arcade entrance on Broadway, through the lobby of Hotel Indigo on Main Street, or from First Street courtyard across from the City of Palms parking garage.

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

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OBITUARY

FRANK C. MODAFARI

Frank C. Modafari, 76, of Fort Myers, died on January 10, 2012 at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers. He was born on March 28, 1935 in Cincinnati, Ohio, a child of William and Evelyn (Phillips) Modafari. A former resident of Cincinnati, Frank was a union representative for many years while he worked at Cincinnati Time Recorder. A resident of Fort Myers since 1981, he and his wife owned the San Carlos Deli from 1981 to 1986; later he became the property manager for the Kings Crown Condominium Association on Sanibel until he retired in 2005.

Frank was an active member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church on Fort Myers Beach and was a member and past master of the Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge #362 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia J. (Warnow) Modafari, his children, Denise Swope of Fort Myers, Dawn (Ski) Sosinski of North Carolina and Brad Dusterhoft of North Carolina, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, his sister, Carol Sanker of Ormond Beach, Florida and his brother, Joe Modafari of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the brother of the late James Modafari, who died in December 2011.

Funeral services were held on January 18 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Myers Beach. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to The Gabriel House, 16520 S. Tamiami Trail, #18-251, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.horizonfunerals.com.

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This Sunday, January 22, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers (UUCFM) will conclude the yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary by embracing its future as a continually engaged church in South Fort Myers and beyond.

The church’s minister, the Rev. Allison Farnum, and the Rev. Kenneth Hurto, Florida District Executive of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will lead the service. Rev. Hurto is a former minister of the Fort Myers church.

“UUCFM continues to live up to its reputation as a church that practices what it preaches,” Rev. Farnum said. “Lee County can look forward to another 50 years of a liberal religion that stands on the side of love.”

Unitarian Universalists are guided not by a set creed or dogma but by a free and open quest for truth and meaning. Unitarian Universalists also support the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within their congregations and in society at large.

The church’s current newsletter offers these insights into its community involvement:

- Church members participate in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom March, which was held on January 16.
- The church is a sponsor of “Life,” the Lee Interfaith for Empowerment Movement composed of 15 local faith communities. Rev. Farnum serves on the board.
- It is a sponsor of the South Fort Myers Food Pantry Coalition.
- Rev. Farnum serves on the board of Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida, an interfaith ally to the Coalition of Immoklee Workers. A visit by congregation members was planned for January 21, including an opportunity to hear from farm workers about a typical day working in the fields, life as a farm worker, their efforts to address the abuses they face and recent successes.
- For the 13th year, the church is hosting the Signature Chamber Concerts series presenting performances featuring outstanding profession musicians and an appealing variety of programming.

Voices Of Naples Sing At Holocaust Remembrance

Voices of Naples, a 70-member community chorus, under the direction of Dr. Douglas Renfroe, will provide the featured music for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, sponsored by the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida. The concert will be held at the Naples United Church of Christ, located at 5200 Crayton Road in Naples, on Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m.

Selections for the program will include several choral pieces by the group sung in Hebrew and English. Soloists include cantor Dr. Renfroe and soprano Sarah Hoag. A featured selection will be a solo by eighth grade Seacrest Country Day School student Anna-Marie Kuenzle. The selections are songs of inspiration and hope for peace. They will honor the memory of those who perished, the courage of the partisans, and those who risked their lives to save others.

January 22 is the memorial day set aside for 2012 in Naples by the Holocaust Museum to honor the victims of the Nazi era. The actual liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest of the Nazi death camps, about the size of Naples, occurred on January 27, 1945. In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated this day as an annual day of commemoration. Each member nation has an obligation to honor the memory of the victims and to develop an educational program as part of an international effort to help prevent future acts of genocide and to condemn discrimination. The mission of the museum is “promoting respect and understanding by teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust.”

The Voices of Naples is honored to be a partner in this educational endeavor. The program is free to Holocaust survivors and their families, and to the general public.

For more information, call 455-2582 or visit www.voicesofnaples.org.

Tribute Show

Let’s Hang On, a show that pays tribute to the 1960s icons Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons and the sensational show The Jersey Boys, is coming to Faith Presbyterian Church on Friday, January 27. The show will take place in Faith Center starting at 7:30 p.m.

Let’s Hang On is a high-energy cast of performers that have all the trademark sounds and moves of these legendary artists. Plan on plenty of audience participation to keep everyone involved, fun for the whole family!

The show is the third in a series of eight concerts to be presented at Faith Presbyterian Church this season. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children. Faith Presbyterian is located at 4544 Coronado Parkway in Cape Coral.

For more information, call Janice Hiner at Faith Presbyterian Church at 542-2858 ext. 206 or visit www.faithcapecoral.org.

Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study at St. Peter Beach.

Ladies in Southwest Florida are invited to attend a Women’s Bible Study on Wednesday • January 25 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Lau Fellowship Hall of St. Peter Lutheran Church, located at 3751 Estero Blvd. in Fort Myers Beach.

There is no need to dress up or to be a student of the Bible. All ladies are welcome to join the group for a cup of coffee or tea, and enjoy the fellowship and an interesting study of the Bible, led by Pastor Lorrie Davison.

No reservations are required. Call the church office for more information at 463-4251.

UUCFM campus views

- UUCFM’s Holton Eco-Preserve is offering a hands-on organic vegetable gardening course.
- Social Justice activities include the Grace Project, which among other efforts, organizes and guides volunteer work-study trips to Guatemala several times each year and teaches women’s leadership and reproductive health workshops in English and Spanish.
- Other activities at the church include meetings of Buddhist groups, Spanish classes, facilitation training, religious education, a humanist forum, and observances by the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans.

UUCFM is a Welcoming Congregation, extending a warm welcome to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people and their families.

It also is a Green Sanctuary, committed towards creating a religious community that has a fundamental, bottom-line, commitment to living in harmony with the Earth.

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Women’s Bible Study at St. Peter
CROW Case Of The Week:

Brown Pelican

by Patricia Molloy

One of the reasons that Southwest Florida is so special is the variety of beautiful seabirds that frequent our coasts. One of the most spectacular is the brown pelican (Pelecanus occidentalis). To watch these graceful flyers skim across the surface of the ocean and deftly dive into the waters for food is awe-inspiring. While rather clumsy on land, the brown pelican is an expert plunge diver thanks to superior eyesight; it can spot fish in the water from heights of 50 to 60 feet. The large pouch of skin suspended from its long gray bill can hold up to three times more than its stomach – nearly three gallons of fish and water.

Brown pelicans are one of the largest seabirds in the U.S., however, they are the smallest members of the seven pelican species worldwide. Adult males and females are similar in appearance and size, weighing approximately eight pounds (3.6 kg) with a four foot long body and a wingspan of seven feet (2.1 m). They are also long-lived birds: according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, one pelican captured in Florida had been banded 31 years earlier!

On December 3, an adult brown pelican was found on Sanibel near power lines. The bird was unable to stand, flap his wings or even blink his eyes. No other history was available. Upon his arrival at CROW, it was discovered that the pelican was suffering from toxicosis, an all too common diagnosis caused by the ingestion of the algal bloom responsible for red tide.

During his initial critical state, the pelican was tube fed Piscivore Care, a formula specifically designed for fish-eating seabirds. After a couple of days, the Piscivore was increased from twice a day to three times per day, as it is common for high-stressed wild birds to lose weight due to increased contact with humans. The pelican also received fluid injections under his skin to keep him hydrated and, like all toxicosis patients, he was given a liver detox with milk thistle to stimulate his liver into filtering out the toxins.

As pelicans are seabirds, CROW’s staff ensured that he had daily “tub time.” In addition to being good physical therapy, it allows them to monitor his strength and stamina at a safe distance without causing undue stress to the bird. On his third visit to the tub, the staff noticed that he was attempting to stand but still resting on his hocks (the region of the leg between the joint and the webbed feet). After a few more visits, he was able to stand for short periods of time.

After approximately 10 days, he began eating fish on his own and his tube feeding regimen was decreased. Once his appetite resumed to normal levels, he was moved to the pelican complex where he able to exercise and socialize with other seabirds, including a rare American white pelican.

Once he was strong enough to survive in the wild, CROW staff began preparations for his release. On December 23, the brown pelican happily took flight on Algiers Beach in Tarpon Bay, Sanibel.

CROW (Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, Inc.) is a non-profit wildlife hospital providing veterinary care for native and migratory wildlife from the Gulf Coast of Florida. 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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Against The Odds

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

As I am writing this, conditions have just started to slowly improve after the passing of another strong cold front. With this last front bringing no rain and with charters already booked, I chose to fish right through it. On what I would have thought to be the worst possible day to fish, I ended up having a very productive trip and — even more importantly — happy clients at the end of the day.

Although it was far from ideal conditions, it was great to be just about the last front bringing no rain and with the fresh fish dinner they were hoping for.

We pulled out from the dock mid-morning. The air temperature was in the high 40s with strong north winds gusting over 20 mph. My main concern was keeping my clients dry and comfortable on the way to the first stop. On days like this you do not want to get anyone wet as they will be miserable and cold for the rest of the day.

Leaving St. James City, I made the short run riding the big following sea to the south, directly into the “Ding” Darling refuge. During the winter months the refuge has always been my go-to place on the coldest, nastiest windy days. It is close to home and offers a little bit of everything from narrow mangrove channels to deep shorelines, holes and flats. With plenty of sheltered water you can easily spend a whole day fishing inside its protective mangroves.

With the tide already low and still falling, I knew we could find some fish laid up in the deeper holes and channels located well in the back. After anchoring in the first spot it did not take long to catch a few smaller trout and then a 21-inch flounder while slow bouncing the bottom with live shrimp. We stayed in this first creek for about an hour, moving around hitting my favorite deeper spots and catching a nice mixed bag of fish including a few redfish, sheepshead, trout and flounder.

A short while, the bite slowed and it was time to go. I headed back onto the bay and made the short move to the next creek mouth. During the half-day trip we worked all the major creeks that feed water in and out of the refuge. Without making any long runs, we caught lots of fish along with six keeper flounder up to 21 inches and a few nice big sheepshead. Although we caught a dozen or so redfish, not one of them made the 18-inch slot.

The real surprise of the day to me was the 25-inch snook. I would have totally bet against catching any snook at all with my laser thermometer reading a 56-degree surface water temperature. Although it was far from the most pleasant of conditions, no one was uncomfortable and everyone had a great time.

During winter conditions like this is very easy to pick up the phone and cancel a fishing trip. Although we did not have a stellar day, we caught good numbers of fish and kept the rods bent all trip.

On tough days like this it’s really more about the feeling of accomplishment of getting it done when all the odds and Mother Nature are against you.

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

Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering the popular Local Waters/Local Charts class. The class will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This class is directed towards new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area. Students will be using chart 11427 and you must bring this chart to class. Optional On-The-Water training is also offered at a later date. Please check with the class instructor for details.

The cost of the class is $40.

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

Audubon Birding Class

Dale McKinley, skilled birder and experienced refuge tour leader, will conduct a one-hour session on Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Auditorium B at “Ding” Darling Wildlife Refuge Visitor’s Center followed by a tour of the refuge to put your new knowledge to work.

This tour, limited to 30 participants, is for beginner and intermediate birders. Bring your binoculars.

Call 395-3804 to sign up.
Take A Guided Walk Through Time

Explore the facts and folklore of years past as you stroll through Matanzas Pass Preserve while visiting the Calusa Indians, Spaniards, pirates, Koreshans, early settlers and pioneers of Estero Island.

Visit the traditional craft vendors and demonstration area and try some of the best jerk chicken and other food items the island has to offer.

Visions of the Past: A Guided Walk Through Time takes place on Saturday, February 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to all ages and is a great hands-on learning experience for the whole family. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Email vlittle@leegov.com.

The walk is sponsored by the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve, Red Coconut RV Resort, Estero Island Historic Society, Calusa Ghost Tours/Paddlesports, Tranquility Cove Massage and Lee County Parks & Recreation. Matanzas Pass Preserve is at 199 Bay Road in Fort Myers Beach. Visit www.leeparks.org or call 533-7444 for information.

An Inside Look At Wildlife Recovery

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

Last year, CROW, Southwest Florida’s only wildlife hospital, cared for more than 4,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals. Of the 200 different species, 54 percent were birds, 38 percent mammals, and eight percent reptiles/amphibians/invertebrates.

Due to restrictions imposed by governmental agencies, CROW cannot allow visitors to view patients in person. But in this 30-minute presentation, visitors can continue on page 16

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If you look at the trees that blow over during a hurricane, they are typically hardwoods (ie. oaks, olives, pines, cypress, etc.). These types of trees have a large head of leaves and a wide but shallow root system. Additionally, their branches tend to snap off and cause damage, even if the entire tree does not blow over.

Palm trees, on the other hand, are single-trunked trees (called monocots) that create a narrow, deep root system to anchor themselves down. This is ideal for holding up to strong winds, even up to 100 mph. In fact, there is a palm for holding up to strong winds, even hurricane-force winds, often 50 to 70 pounds and is from the Royal palm. While 50 to 70 pounds is heavy enough to cause some damage wherever it falls, it doesn’t compare to a large branch from an oak tree which can weigh a thousand pounds or more.

Consider the fact that the heaviest frond of any landscape palm in Florida weighs roughly 50 to 70 pounds and is from the Royal palm. While 50 to 70 pounds is heavy enough to cause some damage wherever it falls, it doesn’t compare to a large branch from an oak tree which can weigh a thousand pounds or more.

So consider planting a palm tree instead of that hardwood you were thinking about; it may be a better alternative in the long run. There are many palm species that blow nuts toanchor themselves down, so choose carefully. The name does not describe the nuts that the Royal palm produces. The name comes from the Latin word, “a Roman, blowing in the wind.”

New Commodore Glen Vetter presents the 2011 Cruising & Exploration Trophy to Debbie and Dan Meriman.

CMCS Welcomes New Commodore

Steve Romaine accepts award for being Vice Commodore of the 46th Summerset Regatta from Elise Missal, Chairman of the Change of Watch dinner.

The Caloosahtchee Marching and Chower Society (CMCS) held its annual Change of Watch Dinner on January 7. Glen Vetter of Fort Myers is the new commodore of the sailing club.

The sailing club with the very unusual name was founded around 1970 in Cape Coral with sailors from all over Southwest Florida as charter members. The unique name came from an effort to make it forever obvious that this was not a “knife and fork fancy yacht club.” Instead, a group of offshore sailors who wanted to race, cruise, and have fun both onboard and on land. The name also describes the offbeat informal humor of the offshore sailors.

CMCS is located at the Cape Coral Yacht Club, 5819 Driftwood Parkway, Cape Coral. Visit www.cmcs-sail.org for more information.

Florida Friendly Landscaping

Every Wednesday through March 7, the Lee County Extension Office is hosting Florida Friendly Landscaping classes at Rutenberg Park. The classes began January 11 and are open to the public, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Eco Living Center in the park, 6490 South Pointe Boulevard in Fort Myers. The cost is $7 per household per session.

The schedule is as follows:

- Week 4: Mulching Methods and Products Used in a Florida Yard – February 1, 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 outside walking tour in the demonstration garden.
- Week 5: Manage Yard Pests Responsibly – February 8, 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 outside walking tour in the demonstration garden.
- Week 6: Plants and Practices for Protecting the Waterfront – February 15, 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 outside walking tour in the demonstration garden.
- Week 7: Fertilizing Your Lawn or Landscape Correctly – February 22, 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 outside walking tour in the demonstration garden.
- Week 8: Composting in the Backyard or in a Worm Box – February 29, 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 outside walking tour in the demonstration garden.
- Week 9: Stormwater Runoff with a Rain Barrel or a Cistern – March 7, 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 outside walking tour in the demonstration garden.

Cost is $7 per household or $35 with a complete worm bin kit.


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Wildlife Recovery

Baby otter being bottle fed

see numerous photos of current and past patients, with commentary by Claudia Burns, a veteran clinic volunteer.

The CROW Picture Show will be held on Friday, January 20 at 11 a.m. in the CROW Healing Winds Visitor Education Center at 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Road, across from The Sanibel School.

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

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Climbing Aster
by Gerri Reaves

Climbing aster (*Aster carolinianus* or *Symphyotrichum carolinianum*) is a native wildflower found throughout the state except for the northwest region.

A multi-branched shrub, it takes a sprawling form, insinuating itself up, around and through other nearby plants. In the wild, it typically grows in swamps, marshes and along the edges of other freshwater wetlands.

The flower’s beauty, low maintenance and wildlife friendliness make it a winner for any landscape.

Like all asters, it has star-like blooms, which appear year round in South Florida, but usually in fall in cooler climes. They have numerous narrow lavender petals, or rays, and a prominent yellow or orange central disk.

About one and one-half inches across, they attract and provide nectar to butterflies such as the monarch and queen and are eaten by wildlife, including wild turkeys.

The deciduous gray-green leaves vary in shape and length, from elliptical to lance-shaped, and from less than an inch to almost three inches long. The bases often clasp the woody stems.

Able to climb 15 feet or more, this wildflower can be used to beautify or cover an unattractive fence, post or wall. It works best in an informal garden on a trellis or arbor, as a hanging plant or even a ground cover.

Plant it where it will receive plenty of moisture. It will not tolerate salt water, winds or spray.


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I was inducted into the service in March, 1943. At that particular time I was allowed to choose the service I wanted and I chose the U.S. Navy (actually Naval Reserve). I was sworn in at the Grand Central Palace in mid-town Manhattan, which has long since been razed and replaced by the Pan Am or an adjacent building.

My first post was boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station situated on Lake Michigan. Three months later and after a two-week home leave, I was transferred to the Naval Radio School at the University Of Wisconsin (Madison). I was housed in the men’s dormitory on the campus situated on Lake Mendota. After graduating from radio school four months later I had another two-week leave followed by a transfer to the Naval Communications School at Noroton Heights, Connecticut. This was a converted old folks home (originally a private estate).

After graduating from that school I joined the Armed Guard forces which consisted of a small Navy crew of radio-men, signalmen and gunners assigned to a merchant ship. The land base for this group, that is the group destined to be assigned to ships on the North Atlantic, was the Industrial City complex of piers and buildings on the Brooklyn waterfront at 36th Street. These facilities soon became overcrowded and we moved to the recently-completed Fort Greene housing project near downtown Brooklyn, about 20 men to an apartment.

Several weeks later I was assigned to the liberty ship S.S. William Wilkins, which was being refitted at the Todd-Erie yard, also in Brooklyn. We lived on the ship while it was in dry dock and then sailed around the lower harbor one day on a sort of shakedown cruise.

I attended a top secret convoy meeting at Naval Eastern District Headquarters in a lower Manhattan office building attended by 90 sea captains and their subordinates (and, I guess, a few radio-men since I was there). It was a 90-ship convoy and my most vivid impression of the meeting was that utmost secrecy was the overriding factor. We sailed out of New York Harbor on a Sunday afternoon, maneuvering for convoy formation off the Jersey coast. The crossing took approximately a month and we were escorted by Canadian corvettes (small destroyers), which cruised up and down the columns of ships listening for submarines. The maximum convoy speed was nine knots which was the speed of the slowest ships. These happened to be several old rusty coal burners – not good companions because their telltale columns of smoke were like a flag on the horizon. On the way over we had several “GO” alerts when the escorts picked up suspicious sounds. They proceeded to drop depth charges between us and our starboard column. Nothing but vibrating water appeared on the surface.

The trip was otherwise uneventful and we landed at Swansea, Wales. The area had recently undergone several demoralization air raids where the targets were churches, a nursing home and several hospitals. We had a brief liberty one day and took a train ride to Cardiff. A meal at a small tea room consisted of a piece of stringy, nondescript meat and a couple dozen peas, half of which were black.

After unloading, we sailed up the Irish sea and anchored off Belfast for several days waiting for our 80- or 90-ship return convoy to arrive and assemble. We encountered a fierce North Atlantic storm on the way back followed by a dense fog. The convoy formation turned into a free-for-all but fortunately there were no collisions – only a few near misses.

I returned to the Armed Guard Center at the Brooklyn pier on thanksgiving day and since I was there (and the ship was not due for more than a month) I was allowed to go home and spend the holiday. We then sailed to Pearl Harbor on a huge troop transport and finally arrived at a receiving center situated alongside a sugar cane field.

This, I later learned, was on the north-east perimeter of the Pearl Harbor area. While here I enjoyed several liberties into Honolulu.

Shortly thereafter I sailed on another gigantic troop ship for the Mariana Islands in the South Pacific. While underway we spent a lot of time in the ship’s radio room practicing copying (by typewriter) encoded messages. I remember receiving information about a terrible hurricane that hit Long Island. That was during July, 1944. It was also during this trip that we learned that we being transferred to the amphibious forces and, upon arriving at Saipan Harbor, I was immediately transferred to my new ship, LST 746. The designation is landing ship, tank. However, many who served on them thought it should mean large, slow target.

For the first several months our ship participated in resupplying what had recently become the island arc, namely, New Guinea, Caroline Islands and Solomon Islands. We carried heavy equipment, food supplies and service troops. A frequent port-of-call was Hollandia, New Guinea, one of many staging areas for future campaigns up the line – Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, etc. I had several interesting liberties in Hollandia when we mixed with the Papuans chewing betel nuts.

We took aboard fully equipped combat troops at Biak Island towards the end of September, 1944. I remember this island as appearing very pretty from the harbor in spite of it’s having the dubious distinction of straddling the equator.

The initial landing in the Philippines Archipelago was Leyte Island, about midway down the chain on the Eastern side. D-Day was October 20 and we arrived on D plus 3. We beached in a long row of about 15 or 20 LSTs in front of Tacloban, the capital city of Leyte Island. Since there was only limited resistance, we did not immediately back off the beach after discharging troops and equipment through the bow doors. We were able to watch much of the activity on the beach.

We didn’t know until later that a pivotal naval battle of the war was developing 50 miles out in the gulf as a Japanese armada was attempting to decimate the foothold achieved in the recent Leyte landing. – Charles Kelleher LST 746 RM 2/C.

Next week: The Japanese attack.
Klouchi: A Spirit Unleashed Exhibit

The spirit of athleticism will be unleashed at Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery (AOTO) this February during its newest exhibit, Klouchi: A Spirit Unleashed.

The exhibit features artwork by French Olympian Kader Klouchi. He participated in the 1992 Olympic Games for Algeria in long jump. Klouchi is a two-time French national record and a three-time world champion.

With each stroke of acrylic on canvas, Klouchi captures his personal passion for sport and draws on his appreciation of the body’s movement as a work of art in all of its grace and beauty. The exhibit will feature several new pieces that Klouchi.

Opening night of the A Spirit Unleashed art exhibit will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 3 in the Olympic Art Gallery at Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery at 1300 Hendry Street in Fort Myers. Visitors to the opening reception will have an opportunity to meet the Olympian artist.

Island Pirate Fest, Pirates Ball To Benefit Charity

The Original Bert’s Bar & Seafood Grill announced that the Second annual Island Pirate Fest & Pirates Ball will benefit the From Our Hearts charity. The public is invited join the fun and help wage the war on breast cancer. One hundred percent of the funds that are raised from the auctions, raffles, and games will go to From Our Hearts, a Pine Island charity whose goal is to make breast cancer care available to everyone, not just those who can afford health insurance.

Last year, the Island Pirate Fest & Pirates Ball raised more than $7,000 for the charitable organization through a variety of events.

From Our Hearts works closely with Partners For Breast Cancer Care and the Lee Memorial Healthcare System. One of the many projects the organization funds is to provide mammograms for people who could not manage to pay without their help. The result has been beneficial in so many. For example, early detection for treatment has been possible with the group’s help. Those who do have the resources to fund their own care have found emotional support in the alliance.

The Island Pirate Fest will begin on Friday, February 10 with the Parade of Mermaids. The Pirates Ball will be held on Saturday, February 11 and the Pirates Live Auction will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 p.m. at Bert’s Bar & Seafood Grill, at 4271 Pine Island Road in the heart of Matlacha. Bert’s is the host of the annual event.

There will be raffles, games, entertainment, food, drink specials and contests for those in pirate garb. Bert’s offers a superb waterfront venue that lends itself to the idea of pirates and sea-faring people.

Donations of goods and/or services to be auctioned off during the event are being accepted by contacting 412-468-8245.

Chinese Art & History Lecture Series Begins

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University announces its 2012 Chinese Art & History Lecture Series, held at the Academy’s Naples location at 1010 5th Avenue South. This lecture series features nationally recognized speakers on Chinese art and history and includes six lectures and a film presentation, taking place on Tuesdays through February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Online registration and additional information is available at https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu.

Among the Renaissance Academy’s offerings are affordable, non-credit single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment classes, writing workshops, travel abroad programs and other special events. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers.

Course fees are typically $25 per lecture, and provide access to Academy programs located at 12 locations throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

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**A Dramatic Undertaking At Lab Theater**

Talk about intense drama – something I love – it’s there big time at Laboratory Theater of Florida in its new home at 1634 Woodford Avenue (corner of Woodford and 2nd Street) in downtown Fort Myers. The mental patients in particular deserve special mention. They all bring humanity, comedy and vulnerability to their characters. Chief Bromden (Jeremy DeFrehn), a tall, large man, is one of the central characters, someone who sees himself as small and perceives McMurphy and Ratched as being huge. He addresses the audience before several scenes, speaking of a machine-like “Combine.” Though it’s a little hard to understand, you get the message that he has taken refuge inside himself, refusing to speak and pretending to be deaf.

Stephen E. Hooper as Dale Harding and Thomas Hutterman as Billy Bibbit bring warmth and physical frustrations to their roles along with peculiarities that leave an indelible impression. Ken Bryant is Ruckley, a man who has been terribly damaged and spends most of his time against a wall, occasionally uttering profanities. Michael McNally, Adam Kazar and KC Ruisi round out the patients as Scanlon, Martini and Cheswick and they play out their mental disabilities with great skill. This is hard, biting satirical drama with a few laughs along the way. It’s definitely for a mature audience.

Director Nykkie Rizley has assembled a strong cast that delivers a powerful performance as they bring the story to life with feeling and believability. *One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest* plays through January 28 at Laboratory Theater of Florida in its new home at 1634 Woodford Avenue (corner of Woodford and 2nd Street) in downtown Fort Myers. For tickets visit www.laboratorytheater-florida.com or call 218-0481.

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**Adult Volunteers Needed For ArtFest Fort Myers**

ArtFest Fort Myers, a juried fine arts festival featuring 215 national artists, a high school art competition, interactive arts, children’s crafts, fine food and entertainment, will be held on February 4 and 5 in downtown Fort Myers. Admission to the event, held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, is free.

ArtFest Fort Myers, Southwest Florida’s premier fine arts festival, could not exist without the support of the community. It takes a team of more than 250 volunteers to bring this wonderful art experience to reality. Their mission, as a not-for-profit, is to support the arts in local schools. From hosting the fabulous artists on the street, to bring this wonderful art experience to reality. Their mission, as a not-for-profit, is to support the arts in local schools. From hosting the fabulous artists on the street, to their role along with peculiarities that leave an indelible impression. Ken Bryant is Ruckley, a man who has been terribly damaged and spends most of his time against a wall, occasionally uttering profanities. Michael McNally, Adam Kazar and KC Ruisi round out the patients as Scanlon, Martini and Cheswick and they play out their mental disabilities with great skill. This is hard, biting satirical drama with a few laughs along the way. It’s definitely for a mature audience.

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Famous Author Luncheon Series
At Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center presents an exciting new lecture series this season, the Famous Author Luncheon Series. The lectures are sponsored by FineMark National Bank & Trust, in partnership with the Nick Linn Lecture Series and the Friends of the Library of Collier County. The Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in downtown Fort Myers.

Brad Meltzer will open the series on Sunday, February 12. The author James Rollins will speak on Tuesday, February 21, followed by Andrew Gross on Monday, March 12. All three are national bestselling authors, and they will share their insights in the Grand Atrium of the beautiful historic Davis Art Center. Each of the lecture/luncheons begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

Meltzer is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Tenth Justice, Dead Even, The First Counsel, The Millionaires, The Zero Game, The Book of Fate, The Book of Lies and, most recently, The Inner Circle. His first non-fiction work, Heroes: For My Son, was published in 2010. Meltzer is the host of Brad Meltzer’s Decoded on the History Channel, a co-creator of the TV show, Jack & Bobby, and a Eisner Award-winning author of the critically acclaimed comic book, Justice League of America. He also wrote the swearing-in oath for AmeriCorps, the national service program, and was recruited by the Department of Homeland Security to brainstorm ways in which terrorists might attack the U.S.

Non-member general admission (lunch included) is $150; non-member lecture only is $125; non-member Golden Circle (VIP reception, lunch and lecture) is $175.

Volunteers are needed for the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to assist in the office and with regularly scheduled seasonal events. Contact Sally Joslyn at 333-1933 or sally.sbdac@gmail.com for more information.

Art Of The Olympians Museum And Gallery Expands Board Of Directors

Art of the Olympians Museum and Gallery is a global learning center founded and supported by Olympians dedicated to promoting Olympic ideals and a spirit of cooperation to inspire individuals to achieve personal excellence.

The organization has recently expanded its board of directors to help further its mission with the expertise and leadership of individuals with diverse backgrounds and specialized focuses in business, sport and arts. The board is comprised of prominent national and international business and sports professionals and community leaders:

- Bob Beamon, CEO of Art of the Olympians, businessman, philanthropist and sports professional with a 44-year Olympic record in long jump.
- Liston Bochette, five-time Olympian representing Puerto Rico in bobsled and decathlon. Charter member artist of AOTO
- Dr. John Fenning, nationally recognized orthopedic surgeon specializing in total joint replacement
- Sid Hufing, former VP General Counsel of Gardner Cryogenics Corp., Vice Chair of Admiralty Bank Corporation, founding member of Anchor Bank
- Leonard Katz, Portfolio Management Associate at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- Dr. Richard Lapchick, Director Emeritus of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, consultant with companies for managing diversity and building community relations through service programs
- Cathy Oerter, widow of AOTO founder Al Oerter, former art teacher and international track and field competitor.
- Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics. Penny has more than 20 years experience in sports administration and marketing. He has worked for such companies Bob Walsh Enterprises, managing director of USA Cycling; Turner Broadcasting System on its premier international multi-sport event, the Goodwill Games and for the Seattle Mariners.
- Anna Prata, interim turnaround agent for corporations and trying for 2014 Olympic skeleton team
- Dr. Markus Sherry, founder of Rivendale Dental Associates with five offices and more than 30 years of service to the Fort Myers area.
- Richard Strup, retired package goods industry executive with more than 35 years of domestic and international experience in marketing, finance and strategic planning with the Miller Brewing Co. and Pepsico, Inc.
- Gary Trippe, co-founder of Oswald, Trippe and Company, managing director of BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company.
Shrimp Conga

1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 ounce bleu cheese
1/4 cup butter, softened
2 tablespoons lime juice
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
Paprika

Butterfly shrimp by cutting lengthwise along the back – don’t cut all the way through – spreading shrimp open to look like a butterfly. Place shrimp on a well-greased baking sheet with cut side up. Combine remaining ingredients except parsley and paprika. Blend well. Stir in parsley. Place approximately 1 teaspoon of cheese mixture on top of each Florida shrimp. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake in a preheated 325 degree F oven for 7 to 10 minutes or until shrimp are no longer translucent in the center.

Yields approximately 30 hors d’oeuvres

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Wine And Food Fest

children’s health care in our area: The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, Edison State College’s Pediatric Nursing Program and an endowment to Florida Gulf Coast University to establish a pre-med student scholarship.

Last year’s event netted $1.6 million resulting in a $1,250,000 donation to The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida and $100,000 to both Edison State College and Florida Gulf Coast University for their respective pediatric nursing and pre-medical education programs.

To view a video about Olivia and an interview with her mother Michelle, or for more information about the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest or ticket sales, visit www.swflwinefest.org or call 278-3900.

FMB Art Association Winter Juried Show

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association’s Winter Juried Show, sponsored by long time supporter Red Coconut RV Resort, recently opened and will hang until February 9. The artwork hanging is all original work created by local artists not only from the association, but also members from surrounding art groups who are members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida. Each member group of the council hosts an art show open to the other member groups once a year and they are always line displays of the artistic talent here in the southwest area of Florida.

Rose Edin, TWSA NWSA, the workshop instructor teaching this week at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association, has judged the work and winners will be announced at the reception on January 22, starting with a gallery talk at 1 p.m. and reception at 2:30 p.m. with refreshments. The public is welcome to attend.

The working gallery on Donora and Shellmound, Fort Myers Beach, is open during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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

The following is a list of upcoming events at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association:

January 25, 26, 31 and February 1 – Patty O’Kane teaches “Drawing and Dry Media” class from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fort Myers Beach Art Association Gallery. For more information, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

February 12 – Fort Myers Beach Art Association Spring Show opens with a demonstration by Carol Frye from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is $10 to attend the demonstration. The show runs until March 15.

February 13 to 17 – Fort Myers Beach Art Association’s Carol Frye, NWS ISEA, teaches her workshop “Precious Stones” for the week. Her work is multimedia and inspirational. For more information, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

February 19 – Fort Myers Beach Art Association’s Gallery Talk for the Spring Juried Show at 1 p.m., with a reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

February 23, 24 and 25 – Fort Myers Beach Art Association artist Neil Walling will teach “Plein Air Painting” during the morning at various sites. For more information, call the gallery at 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.

All events (except the Art on the Boulevard sale) are held at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Gallery. For more information on shows or classes, call 463-3909 or visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com.
Eric Hissom and Edena Hines star as Jack and Susan in Gulfshore Playhouse’s production of Race, performing January 27 through February 12.

Gulfshore Playhouse will present the riveting David Mamet drama Race from January 27 through February 12, with a preview performance on January 26 at the Norris Center.

This hot, new Broadway hit follows a law firm taking on a racially-charged case. Two attorneys – one black and one white – are offered a chance to defend a white man charged with a crime against a black woman. A true case of “he said, she said,” Race will make you question what you thought, what you heard, and what you think you know. This thought-provoking new play by the master of great dialogue David Mamet is a must-see.

David Mamet is a Pulitzer-Prize winning playwright, known for his own distinct style of dialogue aptly referred to as “Mamet speak.” David also directed the Broadway production of Race, which premiered December 2009 starring James Spader, David Alan Grier, Kerry Washington and Richard Thomas. Gulfshore Playhouse first hit the Naples scene with a production of David Mamet’s Oleanna in 2006.

Founder and producing artistic director Kristen Coury will direct. “I love to direct theatre that makes you think, and with these actors, it is bound to have the audience debating the themes as they walk out of the theatre” said Coury.

Edena Hines is a recent graduate from New York University’s Graduate Acting Program. She was last seen in Donald Margulies’ Shipwrecked at the Penguin Repertory Theater in Stony Point, NY. At NYU, Edena was seen in Henry Box Brown (Tony Kushner musical), Sueno, Romantic Roulette and The Ruby Sunrise. Her other credits include NYSTIP All’s Well, The Tempest, and Fried Chicken. Girl Crazy and Pres Du Lune.

Gulfshore Playhouse’s production of Race will run January 27 through February 12. Tickets start at just $35 and can be purchased by visiting www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org or by calling 1-866-811-4111.

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Brent Langdon will play Charles Strickland. Brent is a graduate of the University of Evansville and the University of North Carolina. New York theatre credits include The Europeans at Atlantic Theatre Stage 2 and Couldn’t Say at Abingdon Theatre. Regional theatre credits include The Crucible at Hartford Stage, She Stoops To Conquer, Twelfth Night at McCarter Theatre, Richard II at Yale Repertory Theatre and A Streetcar Named Desire and Henry V at Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey. Brent also appeared in Law and Order: Criminal Intent and Conviction.

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The Ravens’ Harbaugh Face The 49ers’ Harbaugh In Super Bowl XLVI?

by Ed Frank

They are the first pair of brothers in the history of the National Football League to serve as head coaches at the same time. Could they become the first pair of brothers to face each other in next month’s Super Bowl?

We’re talking, of course, about the remarkable Harbaugh brothers, John, 49, of the Baltimore Ravens, and his younger brother, Jim, 48, of the San Francisco 49ers.

To reach the pinnacle of professional football – Super Bowl XLVI on February 5 in Indianapolis – the Ravens must defeat the New England Patriots for the AFC Championship, and the 49ers must beat the New York Giants for the NFC title.

The task is never easy, but the odds makers say it is more likely that the 49ers will travel next month to Indianapolis than will the Ravens. The 49ers enjoy home field advantage Sunday while the Ravens must journey to Foxboro, Massachusetts.

In seven of the eight post-season games to date, the home teams have emerged victorious. Only the Giants have won on the road, defeating the reigning Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers 37-20 last Sunday.

There’s another parallel uniqueness to the Harbaugh boys. Brother Jim signed a reported five-year, $25 million deal last year when he took over the 49ers, and brother John has guided Baltimore to the playoffs all four years of his tenure while compiling a regular season record of 44-20, including 12-4 records the two highly-motivated coaches have brought to their respective teams.

Older brother John has guided Baltimore to the playoffs all four years of his tenure while compiling a regular season record of 44-20, including 12-4 records the last two years. He will be in the AFC Championship Game for the second time in four years having lost to Pittsburgh in the title game in his rookie season.

Jim has worked his coaching way in just his first year at the helm of the 49ers, taking over a team that was 6-10 last year and quickly turning San Francisco into a 13-3 record this year. And then, in an exciting game as you will ever see, his 49ers beat the New Orleans Saints 36-32 last Saturday to advance to Sunday’s NFC championship.

The favored Saints had been picked by many to win the Super Bowl. Should John Harbaugh face Jim Harbaugh in Indianapolis on February 5, it will mark the second time in little more than two months that the Ravens and 49ers have met. In Week 12 of the regular season, Baltimore defeated San Francisco 16-6 in Baltimore.

Perhaps it’s no surprise that the Harbaugh brothers have emerged to the top of their profession in a relatively short time as they were raised in a family with a rich tradition in football coaching. Their father, Jack, served as an assistant coach at Michigan under Bo Schembechler for seven seasons in the 1970s and later as defensive coordinator at Stanford in the 1980s. He also was head coach at Western Michigan University and Western Kentucky.

One final note about the Harbaugh family: John and Jim’s sister, Joani, is married to Tom Crean, head basketball coach at Indiana University.

You can bet there will be a big Harbaugh family reunion in Indianapolis next month if this historic scenario comes to fruition.

Everblades Take Two Of Three From Chicago

The Florida Everblades swept the Chicago Express last week to improve their season record to 21-14-3 and move into second place in the ECHL South Division.

They started the week just two points behind first-place Gwinnett.

The three victories, 7-2, 4-2 and an exciting 4-3 shootout win Saturday night at Germain Arena in the series finale, enabled the local hockey team to leap from fourth to second in the division standings.

The victory Saturday was before 5,285 fans at Germain.

Florida is on the road this week for three games, one at Gwinnett and a pair at South Carolina. They return home next week facing Greenville on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Survival Class

Cape Coral Parks & Recreation is offering a class where participants learn survival skills for disasters like weather, manmade or unexpected situations that may occur at anytime. During the class, held on Saturday, January 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., instruction will teach fire-starting, proper water collection, emergency shelters and needed survival gear.

In addition, participants will learn how to make and assemble your very own Survival Kit and Go-Bag as well as how to make a Para-Cord lanyard and keep as a class souvenir. Instruction also includes Spot Satellite, Ultimate Survival Technologies and Spec Ops brand product demos. Pre-registration is required.

Class is for adults and teenagers 16 and older. Cost is $25 for adults or $15 for children. For more information, call the Cape Coral Yacht Club at 574-0806.

Book Signing Event

Author Laura Nonemaker, a resident of Cape Coral, will be available to sign copies of her Christian children’s book, Benny’s Angel: A God’s Secret Garden Adventure, on Saturday, January 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Annette’s Book Nook, 7205 Estero Blvd. #701 in Fort Myers Beach.

Who stole the flowers in God’s Secret Garden? Find out in this delightful tale, which uses animals, nature and a visit from an angel to teach the importance of prayer and the value of trusting God.

For more information, contact Traci Jones at 888-361-9473 or traci@tate-publishing.com.

English Country Dancing Class

Wakke Hatcher Recreation Center in Fort Myers is offering an English country dancing class on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., held year round. Learn the social dances of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Dress is casual; wear flat shoes with non-slip soles. Partners are not necessary and beginners are always welcome.

Participants will enjoy live music and the family friendly atmosphere. Lessons are free after a one-time payment of $10, which covers lifetime membership to the Wakke Hatcher Recreation Center, 16760 Bass Road.

For information, contact Gillian Carney at 988-361-9473 or traci@tate-publishing.com.

Big Arts welcomes alto sax legend Richie Cole and critically-acclaimed musical group Five By Design on Saturday, January 28 for their Cool & Swingin’ concert at 8 p.m. in Schein Performance Hall, 900 Dunlop Road.

Combining warm, well-rounded vocals with vintage style and a touch of comedy, Five By Design’s signature harmonies have made them a favorite of BIG ARTS audiences. Set in the format of a radio broadcast, the production touches upon Cole’s 40-year career, taking listeners through his early days touring with Buddy Rich, to Doc Severinsen’s Tonight Show band to the present day. A reviewer in All About Jazz wrote, “Richie Cole is the last of a breed – A last and competitive musical gunslinger acquiring legendary status for his willingness to demonstrate his command of Charlie Parker’s bebop language by taking on all corners at any speed.”

Cool & Swingin’ runs the gamut from television’s I Love Lucy, Johnny Carson’s Tonight Show theme, to hits such as Night and Day, Mercy, Mercy, Mercy and Flying Home. The performance also provides a peek inside the Rogue and Jar, the Washington, D.C. jazz club where Cole penned the classic Harold’s House of Jazz and New York Afternoon.

Tickets to Richie Cole & Five By Design are $47 for loge seats, $42 for general seating and $15 for students. Tickets are available for purchase online at bigarts.org.

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Don’t Play Politics With Your Investments
by Jennifer Basey

While the election season heats up, you will hear more and more promises, claims and counter-claims from the candidates. As a citizen, you may or may not enjoy this “political theater,” but as an investor, you might be concerned over all the talk about taxes, Social Security, Medicare and other financial topics. Will you need to adjust your savings and investment strategies? If so, how?

Before you think about adjusting your investment strategy in anticipation of any actions coming from Washington, keep a couple of facts in mind. First, few campaign promises become reality. And second, due to our system of government, radical shifts in direction are difficult to implement – which is why so few of them occur.

Still, we may see some smaller-scale – yet not insignificant – changes in the near future. In light of this possibility, what investment decisions should you make? Here are a few suggestions:

• Consider owning investments that are taxed in different ways. No one can predict what will happen with income tax rates or the tax rates that are applied to capital gains and dividends. Consequently, it may be a good idea to seek “tax diversification” by owning investments that are taxed in different ways. For example, when you sell appreciated stocks, you pay capital gains taxes, whereas interest payments from bonds will be taxed at your individual tax rate. And it’s always a good idea to take advantage of tax-advantaged vehicles, such as an IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

• Stick with quality. It’s a good idea, when owning stocks, to invest in quality companies with diversified businesses. These companies are usually less dependent on a particular government program, and they typically have a global reach, so they may be better able to handle any changes implemented in Washington.

• Stay focused on your long-term goals. Politicians come and go, and our political parties seem to take turns holding the reins of power. Yet your long-term goals – such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave a legacy to your family – don’t really change. By realizing that you are largely responsible for achieving your goals, and by following an investment strategy that’s suitable for your individual risk tolerance and time horizon, you can make gradual, but still meaningful, progress toward those goals – no matter what’s happening in Washington.

• Review your strategy regularly. With the possible approach of changes in tax policies and in government programs that can affect your retirement security, you’ll want to review your investment strategy regularly to make sure it’s still on track toward helping you meet your objectives. As part of this review, you may want to seek out more “tax-smart” investment opportunities, while always looking for ways to supply the asset growth you’ll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you’ve envisioned.

Aside from voting for the candidates who best represent your interests, you may not have much influence over what goes on in Washington. But by “electing” the right moves to help meet your goals, you can have plenty of control over your investment strategy.

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

FGCU’s Student Union Dedicated

St. Amand Elected To Prevention Of Elder Abuse Board Of Directors

The National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) recently elected Dotty St. Amand to the Board of Directors for a two-year term.

NCPEA is an association of researchers, practitioners, educators and advocates dedicated to protecting the safety, security, and dignity of America’s vulnerable citizens. It was established in 1988 to achieve a clearer understanding of abuse and provide direction and leadership to prevent it. The committee is one of three partners that make up the National Center on Elder Abuse, funded by Congress to serve as the nation’s clearinghouse on information and materials on abuse and neglect.

The National Center on Elder Abuse and NCPEA awarded a grant to the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center to establish an elder abuse coalition in Lee County in 2010. Grant funds were used to form Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership (LEAPP), which is a collaboration of human service providers, law enforcement agencies, adult protective services, and an array of providers in the field of aging.

Over the past two years, LEAPP has held key events in the community to raise awareness about the issue of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. The coalition has also brought together key leaders and providers in the aging network to address this issue.

St. Amand has served as executive director of the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center for 15 years. She co-chairs LEAPP and oversees administrative tasks for the elder abuse coalition.

“I am honored to serve with leaders in the field as we continue our efforts to address the seriousness of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation locally and throughout our nation,” said St. Amand.

To learn more about LEAPP, visit www.leeelderabuse.org.

On the afternoon of January 10 and surrounded by students, FGCU president Wilson Bradshaw officially dedicated the Student Union as the Harvey and Janet Cohen Center, which will be commonly known as Harv’s Place.

The Cohen’s had both recognized the importance of a student union where students are engaged in activities beyond the classroom. In this center, enduring friendships, lifelong leadership skills and the values of civility, cooperation and caring are developed, and these were the interactions, skills and values important to the Cohen’s own success in business and in life. Janet was especially fond of this facility because it is alive with activity and laughter.

When Janet presented their lead gift to the university, through her tears she endearingly referred to the student union as “Harv’s Place.” Following the death of their daughter in 2010, Harvey’s heartache caused his health to deteriorate quickly and he followed her death on February 27, 2011.

Sanibel Island artist Luc Century has created donor recognition art murals in four buildings at FGCU: Whitaker Hall, Holmes Hall, Music Building (Bower School of Music) and new The Harvey and Janet Cohen Center. Century also has an art in public places glass sculpture commission in Academic Building 7. The major donors of these buildings have visited Luc in his studio as he fabricates their individual donor recognition walls and murals.

“Including the donors in the designing and fabrication phases allows them to be actively creative and involved in their connection and commitment to the university,” said Century. “It’s been fun developing a personal relationship with them as they take such a keen interest in my etching techniques and materials.”

Human Trafficking Awareness At ESC

Edison State College is hosting a series of human trafficking awareness events this month. A new group on campus, Students Advancing Human Rights, has partnered with other groups and agencies to make these presentations possible.

Lauren Mueller, president of Students Advancing Human Rights at Edison State College, formed the human rights group during the fall semester. She is particularly interested in human trafficking because, as she stated, “it’s a problem in our backyard.”

“The reality is that Florida is number three in the nation for sex trafficking and Southwest Florida is one of the pockets of concern,” Mueller explained. “I hope the public comes to these events because education is about raising social consciousness. And when you are aware of something that’s when you can do something about it.”

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It’s almost time to register students at Edison Collegiate High School’s Lee Campus. The public charter high school, which focuses primarily on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) will be accepting applications for students entering ninth grade in the 2012-13 school year.

FGCU Hosting Animal-Assisted Therapy Lectures

Florida Gulf Coast University’s Continuing Education and Off Campus Programs, and The Brody Project in Naples will be hosting Animal-Assisted Therapy lectures for veterinarians, health professionals and the general public. Lecture times and dates are: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 20 at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 5th Avenue South; 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 22 at the Atrium at 8695 College Parkway, Suite 1181 in Fort Myers; and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4 at Herald Court Centre, 117 Herald Court, Suite 211, in Punta Gorda.

Cost for general admission is $25. Renaissance Academy members are $20; veterinarians are $30 and receive 1 1/2 contact hours. Other professionals may submit a certificate of attendance to their appropriate accrediting body for approval.


Participants will learn the difference between animal-assisted activities and animal-assisted therapy (AAT); discuss the foundations of an AAT program; and learn to identify participants most likely to benefit from AAT. The lecture includes resources for program development, group discussion and a problem-solving question and answer session.

Karen Lasker of The Brody Project for Animal Assisted Therapy, and Celeste J. Lynch, director of Wellness at Moorings Park, will conduct the lectures.

For further information contact Christina Gallagher at 425-3277.

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Human Trafficking

A presentation by Theresa Flores, survivor, author and advocate against human trafficking, will be held on Thursday, January 19 starting at 7 p.m. at Edison State College, 8099 College Parkway (Building U, Room 102) in Fort Myers. Admission is free.

Also on Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m., Nola Theiss of the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership will moderate a “Next Step In SWFL” forum about human trafficking with local law and advocate organizations. This event will also be free and held at Edison State College’s Building U, Room 102.

For more information about either event, contact the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership at 395-2635 or info@humantraffickingawareness.org.

Interested students must submit a lottery registration to Edison Collegiate High School before Friday, March 23. All applications will be submitted electronically and are available online at www.echslee.edison.edu. The school offers computer access to those who need it. All lottery registrations receive an equal chance of acceptance through the enrollment lottery. No preference is given for early submission, GPA or other potential criteria.

Students will be accepted and placed on a sequential waiting list by a computer generated lottery that will be open to the public.

Edison Collegiate High School is a public charter high school with an open enrollment policy. The freshman class holds 100 students and last year almost 300 students applied for a seat in the class. All Edison Collegiate High School students follow an honors level curriculum, providing students with the opportunity to take college classes at Edison State College and graduate with an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously.

Edison Collegiate High School will offer an open house on Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to share information about the school. RSVP by calling 433-6982 and leave a last name and number of attendees.

The reauthorized IDEA (Individual with Disabilities Education Act) changed the IEP process. Now, at least one regular education teacher of the child must attend IEP meetings. However, this doesn’t mean the child’s IEP is public knowledge. Most teachers are very sensitive to the confidentiality required with an IEP.

You may want to meet with your son’s case management at school to discuss your concerns about confidentiality. Most schools have a plan on how best to insure that any communication in regard to Special Education issues is kept confidential.

You may also want to familiarize yourself with FERPA, The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. This law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children’s education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. More information on FERPA can be found online at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fptc/ferpa/index.html.

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Dear Pharmacist: I read your Facebook post about people with asthma and how they should be dairy free. I feel better after just one week. I also read where you recommend two supplements for asthma which I just started (Coleus Forskohlii and N-Acetylcysteine). You are saving my life Suzy. What else?

JR, Rockwall, Texas

My answer will set you back about $10 per month. If you have even a flea’s foot-sized interest in health matters, you’ve no doubt heard about the problems associated with too little vitamin D. A deficiency of this powerhouse vitamin has been implicated in just about everything from obesity, heart disease, cancer and international threats to world peace. Okay, I’m exaggerating a little. Today, let’s add yet another health problem to the list of maladies impaled on the lance of this nutritional white knight: asthma. Apparently, children reared in cold and humid climates have a higher incidence of asthma than children raised in summer climates. Sun provides vitamin D. Spanish researchers, headed by epidemiologist Alberto Arnedo-Pena, published these findings in the 2010 International Journal of Biometeorology. There’s more, results of a study presented in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care found that asthmatics with low vitamin D levels suffered more severe attacks than those with normal levels. Participants with normal D levels also responded better to medication treatment and had better overall lung function.

So how much vitamin D should you take? Base it on blood levels. Take vitamin D until your blood levels fall between 30 and 74 ng/ml, or you feel remarkably better. I believe that anything below 50 ng/ml is too low so shoot for 50 to 70. In fact, I recommend vitamin D as Step 2 in my book Diabetes Without Drugs because it improves insulin sensitivity more efficiently than some medications. That alone should make you take a nice deep breath.

If you supplement vitamin D, measure your blood levels at least twice yearly to ensure that you don’t get too much. Seriously, it’s really hard to do! In 1999, Dr. Reinhold Vieth reviewed dozens of studies and found it’s practically impossible to become toxic on 2,000 IUs a day. Go shopping and you’ll find bottles of D supplements at the pharmacy.

Mom And Me

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My wife and I are very elderly, and we have many conditions that could be troublesome but with good medical care we are enjoying our lives.

We moved into a nice apartment complex with many caring neighbors around us. One thing we don’t like – these caring neighbors are always giving us medical advice. Their friends died with the same condition we have, or their friends are bedridden with the same illness we have, or a friend had to have a leg amputated because of their problem. What do we say to shut them up?

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Dear Lizzie and Pryce,

I don’t know why people are so thoughtless with their remarks. Years ago while I was working in hospitals, I would hear what visitors said to patients and I was appalled. A person struggling to live would be told how terrible they looked and the visitor would suggest to them that they should just get another doctor. A dying patient would be told, “Your color is terrible, why are you so yellow?”

In an apartment complex where you live, you want to keep friends. I suggest when you hear a remark you immediately say, “My doctor is great, he/she is doing a fine job and I am satisfied with my care.” Then try to talk about the floods or weather in the money system in China.

Dear Malcom,

Lizzie makes a great point – living in a community setting, you will always bump into your “advisors” and certainly you want to maintain a friendship with them. So, your situation requires diplomacy.

Having a pat, well-rehearsed comment on the tip of your tongue should work well: “Bill, thanks you so much for your concern. My physician knows all about it. Have you seen any new movies lately?” Being kind but redirecting the focus of your advisors helps keep them friendly but out of your personal business.

Praye Lizzie and Pryce’s e-mail address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.

Dr. Dave

Most of you have asthma. Take a deep breath.

Most of you began reading this newspaper feeling healthy and happy. My job today is to make you feel otherwise. Twenty to 30 percent of people you will close the paper sicker than before you opened it, diagnosed with a new medical condition you were unaware you had. So it might be prudent of you to stop reading now and fast forward to some of the more pleasant aspects of this paper, like the obituaries, and then make an origami sailboat of this newspaper and send it far off into the sunset.

In 1990 the average life expectancy in North America was 47. Thanks primarily to the likes of vaccination and antibiotics our life expectancy has now increased to 74 (being a pedestrian in the vicinity of my newly-licensed sons excluded). But, now for the first time ever, there has been a projected decrease in life expectancy for those born today compared to those born a generation ago. The reason is that many of us, unknowingly, have metabolic syndrome.

Metabolic sin-drome, as in the sin of glutony, increases morbidity and mortality: Thou shalt not increase thy girth innumerable cubits by gorge thyself at the manna buffet.

Metabolic syndrome is a precursor to diabetes, which in turn is a precursor to heart attacks and strokes, which are precursors to death, which is a precursor to being reincarnated possibly as an armadillo and Who The Heck Wants To Be That?

There are five vital facts about your health that you should be able to recite cold. You need to know your fasting blood sugar, your HDL, your triglycerides, your blood pressure and your belt size. Should I approach you on the beach and say, “Quick tell me your HDL.” You should be able to respond immediately with something other than “Officer!” that I get so tired of hearing.

If you have any of the following five problems then you have metabolic sin-drome, a nasty diagnosis that does not bode well for the quality or quantity of your future.

Fasting blood sugar above 6.1mmol/L. While 6.1 is not quite sweet enough to be considered diabetic it is knocking on the door.

Triglycerides greater than 1.7 mmol/L. These are your serum fat levels, also known as your Krispy Kreme count.

HDL cholesterol less than 1 mmol/L in men and 1.3 mmol/L in women. HDL is the good (happy) cholesterol that can be increased through regular exercise.

Hypertension; specifically a blood pressure consistently greater than 130/85.

Waist size greater than 102 cm in men, 88 cm in women. Increasing the length of your belt means decreasing the length of your life. Eighty five percent of pre-diabetics are overweight or obese, the so-called “diabetes” iceberg so prevalent in North America.

These are vital stats that you should be able to quote as readily as if they were the phone number of the local pizza delivery. The first four require a visit to a good doctor and the last a visit to an honest tailor.

Simply by having three of five you are suddenly at four times risk of having a heart attack or stroke. You may feel perfectly fine, with perhaps the only symptom being a touch of fatigue, but under the surface is an iceberg about to bring down HMS YOU.

So please don’t get diabetes and try to avoid its precursor, metabolic syndrome. It is primarily your decision whether or not you are going to be diabetic. If you do have metabolic syndrome then you need treatment, in the form of medication and lifestyle change. Learning to “make the healthy choice the easy choice” is the key to lifestyle change. For example, having healthy food like vegetables, fruits and Snickers in the house rather than cookies, chips and kale means that it is easy to make the right choice when the midnight snacker invades your pang center. Current gas prices may be a blessing in disguise if it makes us get out of our Explorers and Pathfinders and start exploring and finding paths for our Super Flyer two-wheeler. Making 150 minutes of exercise a week needs to be a priority.

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

Dr. Dave
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Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program Announces 33 Finalists

Thirty-three teachers from The School District of Lee County were surprised in their classrooms last week as the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools announced the Golden Apple Finalists for 2012. The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program brings awareness to the teaching profession in Lee County by recognizing top teachers in the district, business and community leaders, school administrators, the Golden Apple Selection Committee and The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools’ staff gathered together and visited the school of each Finalist to make the announcements.

“It is an honor for our school to have a Golden Apple finalist. Our finalist is a wonderful example of teachers who set and meet high expectations for themselves and their students,” said Virginia Moore, principal of Allen Park Elementary.

Over 2,200 nominations were submitted by students, parents and the community. Every nominated teacher was given the opportunity to apply for the Golden Apple Award. The Golden Apple Selection Committee, made up of 12 Lee County business and community leaders, selected the finalists from a group of more than 300 applicants. The group ranked each application, narrowing the field to 67 Teachers of Distinction and 33 Finalists.

In the coming months, the finalists will be observed in their classrooms and interviewed by the Selection Committee as part of the ongoing selection process. The Selection Committee looks for characteristics of outstanding teachers including control of their work environment, outstanding performance in the classroom, demonstration of imagination, commitment, communication skills and personal concern for the needs of students.

This year’s six Golden Apple recipients will be announced in March with a surprise presentation in their classroom. They will be honored at the 2012 Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Banquet on Friday, April 13 at Harborside Event Center. The program will be broadcast live on local television channel 99 from 8 to 9 p.m. with no commercial breaks and rebroadcast the following week on WINK-TV. In addition to recognition at the dinner, each recipient will receive a $3,000 cash award, the prestigious “golden apple,” a golden apple lapel pin, and membership into the Academy of Teachers. The schools of the six Golden Apple teachers will each receive a $500 grant to enrich and enhance curriculum.

All 33 finalists are invited to the televised Golden Apple Dinner and will be recognized on stage. They will be presented with a $300 Classroom Grant to create unique hands on projects to enhance student learning. The next level – 67 Teachers of Distinction – will also be invited to the dinner. Teachers of Distinction ranked high in the application process and will continue to be recognized through upcoming Golden Apple activities. This year’s six Golden Apple recipients will be announced in March with a surprise presentation in their classroom. They will be honored at the 2012 Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Banquet on Friday, April 13 at Harborside Event Center. The program will be broadcast live on local television channel 99 from 8 to 9 p.m. with no commercial breaks and rebroadcast the following week on WINK-TV. In addition to recognition at the dinner, each recipient will receive a $3,000 cash award, the prestigious “golden apple,” a golden apple lapel pin, and membership into the Academy of Teachers. The schools of the six Golden Apple teachers will each receive a $500 grant to enrich and enhance curriculum.

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Since its inception, 134 teachers in the School District of Lee County have received the Golden Apple award. Major Sponsors of the 2011-12 Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program are Century Link, Chico’s FAS, Inc., Lee Memorial Health System, The News-Press Media Group, Wells Fargo, and WINK – TV.
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**Event To Remember Lee County Residents With Alzheimer’s, Dementia**

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center and Fox Electronics will sponsor the 14th annual A Light To Remember in Centennial Park on Thursday, January 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. A Light To Remember is a special event created to help raise awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia and raise much-needed funds for the Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center.

A Light To Remember will include a lighted display of luminaries purchased by families and friends to honor or remember a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or a related memory impairment. A special ceremony to honor and remember these individuals will be held during the event in Centennial Park near the fountain on Edwards Drive in

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**DID YOU KNOW**

**TRIVIA TEST**

1. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor’s birth name was Ramon Estevez?
2. MUSIC: What was the name of Smokey Robinson’s group?
3. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing bifocal lenses?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is manifested in hypnophobia?
5. LITERATURE: In which Shakespeare play does the character Shylock appear?
6. HISTORY: During which war did Henry Truman fire Gen. Douglas MacArthur?
7. ANATOMY: About how long are the intestines in an adult male?
8. FAMOUS QUOTES: What American psychologist/philosopher once said: “Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”
9. MEASUREMENTS: Which month is named for the Roman festival of ritual purification?

**ANSWERS**

**FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2012**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You’re about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It’s a good time to go on that fun getaway you’ve been planning. You’ll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week’s end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now’s a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don’t be surprised if

**SPORTS QUIZ**

1. Who is the San Diego Padres’ all-time leader in career home runs?
2. How many times has a Texas Ranger been named the A.L. Most Valuable Player?
3. When was the last time before the 2010 season that Green Bay and Chicago faced off in an NFL playoff game?
4. How many NCAA men’s basketball championships have the UConn Huskies won?
5. Name the first Eastern bloc player to skate in the NHL.
6. Which was the last team before the L.A. Galaxy in 2011 to win the MLS Cup after being the No. 1 seed entering the playoffs?
7. In 2011, thoroughbred Rapid Redux won his 20th consecutive race, topping the North American record held by two names. Name either horse.

**ANSWERS**

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“Television news is like a lightning flash. It makes a loud noise, lights up everything around it, leaves everything else in darkness and then is suddenly gone.” — Hodding Carter
PACE Center To Honor Trio At Tea

PACE Center for Girls of Lee County has selected three more women to be honored at the Fourth Annual Grande Dames Tea, honoring some of our community’s most revered women.

This year’s honorees are Michel Doherty of Cape Coral, Mavis Stinson Miller of Fort Myers and Anna “Boots” Tolles of Cape Coral.

A retired hospital administrator, author and political campaigner, Doherty spent 30 years in health care as an administrator, consultant and executive board member of First Hospital Corporation of Norfolk, Virginia. She has written several medical training manuals on addictions. Since making Southwest Florida her home, she has worked on the campaigns of numerous candidates for public office.

Miller is a philanthropist and trustee of the John E. and Aliese Price Foundation, whose generosity has benefited dozens of local charities. She is a life member of the Edison State College Foundation and has been honored with the Clara Barton Humanitarian Award by the Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

A shareholder in Tolles Seawalls, mother of a blended family of eight children and the survivor of many life tragedies, Tolles has worked tirelessly for Cape Coral, earning her the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cape Coral Construction Industry Association. Tolles and her late husband, Earle, also were honored with the Elmer Tabor Award for philanthropy from the City of Cape Coral.

The Grande Dames Tea honoring the three women will take place on Tuesday, March 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, at 1380 Colonial Blvd. in Fort Myers.

“We are delighted that these three women have agreed to join us for an afternoon of sharing their experiences with the audience and the PACE girls,” said Grande Dames Tea chair Dena Geraghty, Michel Doherty who also is a member of the PACE Lee Board of Directors and trustee of PACE Center for Girls, Inc.

Invitations to the Grande Dames Tea will be mailed in mid-February, at which time guests may also register online at www.pacecenter.org/lee. Admission is $50 per person. Table sponsorships are also available. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite tea party hat.

This is the fourth year of the historic Grande Dames Tea. Previous honorees have included philanthropists Berne Davis, Eleonora Kleist and Barbara B. Mann in 2009; Jeanne Bochette, Helen Hendry and Veronica Shoemaker in 2010; and Myrna Daniels, Kathleen Nealon and Mimi Straub in 2011.

The Grande Dames Tea was originated by PACE Center for Girls of Lee County to honor women who have played major roles in Southwest Florida history through decades of service, philanthropy and helping others.

The theme of the Grande Dames Tea is The Wisdom of Age – Honoring the Female Spirit. “This is the perfect opportunity for our community and the PACE girls to honor these women, and to learn of the challenges and success of their life experiences,” Geraghty said.

“As co-chairman of the Tea, I am really looking forward to honoring these incredible ladies. Please join us,” said Captiva resident and businesswoman Sandra Stilwell, who also is a board member of PACE Lee.

The agenda for the tea will include interaction between the PACE girls and the three Grande Dames, in a question and answer format that Geraghty and Stilwell said “is sure to be thought-provoking and poignant.” Mei-Mei Chan, News-Press Media Group president and publisher, will once again serve as mistress of ceremonies.

Hope Caregiver Support Groups

Caring for a loved one who is seriously ill one can be one of life’s greatest challenges. To be an effective caregiver, it is very important to take care of yourself.

Hope HealthCare Services is offering caregiver support groups to explore ways of coping with many of the emotional and physical issues that accompany the role of caregiver.

The support groups are open to anyone in a caregiver role, at no cost. It’s an opportunity to learn from the experiences of others and to encourage those who are in similar circumstances.

Fort Myers

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Bonita Springs

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For more information, call 444-4148.

Lehigh Acres

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Pets Of The Week

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My name is Buck (ID #524185) and I am an 2 year old male black and white border collie mix.

Need a walking or jogging companion? I'm energetic and love playing ball or Frisbee. I'm also irrisistably cute and a good boy, too! My adoption fee is $29.99 during Animal Services' Blue Light Special. My name is Lucy (ID #517201) and I am a 2 year old female grey domestic medium hair.

I'm a beautiful girl with a beautiful coat. I'm affectionate and get along with other cats but I also enjoy you independence, too. I can entertain myself for hours with some fun toys. If I was your cat, I'd be sure to get plenty of naps in during the day so we could play in the evening!

My adoption fee is $19.99 during Animal Services' Blue Light Special. Cats and kittens are 2-for-1, so be sure to pick out a second kitty to keep me company.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers. All adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination and county license if 3 months or older, flea treatment, worming, heartworm test for dogs 6 months and over, feline AIDS and leukemia test for cats, training DVD, 10-day health guarantee and a bag of Science Diet pet food. The adoption package is valued at $500.æk
Continuing a two-year trend, the Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) enjoyed another record year of adoptions and revenue in 2011. A total of 1,051 GCHS shelter pets found a forever home in 2011, a 16 percent increase over 2010 and a 31 percent increase over 2009. Total revenue — including donations, fundraising events and clinic proceeds — neared the $2 million mark ($1.97 million) in 2011, a 37 percent increase over 2010 and a 79 percent increase compared to two years ago.

The community support we have received over the past two years has been both humbling and gratifying,” said GCHS executive director David Stroud. “Our goal at the Gulf Coast Humane Society is to rescue, provide safe sanctuary, and find forever homes for every animal entrusted to our care at our no-kill shelter. Because of the generous compassion of our adopters, donors and sponsors in 2011, we saved more animals and found more forever homes than ever before.”

The Gulf Coast Humane Society main adoption center is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers.

GCHS also has four off-site adoption locations at Pet Supermarkets in Cape Coral, North Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples. For more information, call 352-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumaneociety.org.

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**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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The Community Housing and Resources, Inc. a not-for-profit organization on Sanibel Island, Florida is seeking a full time Executive Director to carry out its mission of maintaining quality Below Market Rate Housing in conjunction with its Board of Directors. The City of Sanibel, multiple community organizations and volunteers, and its tenants and owners. Currently, CHR is comprised of 74 rental units and 14 Limited Equity Ownership units. Staff composition includes a full time Administrative Manager, two part time administrative staff, and a handyman. Current assets are $5.6M and the annual operating budget is $900,000, funded primarily by rental income, city subsidy, unit sales, local government grants and public support. Essential qualifications: Four year college degree. Ten years experience, five or more of which must be in a management capacity. Experience in Housing related programs is considered an advantage. Experience working with and reporting to a Not for Profit Board is desired. Proven skills in organizing workload and staff and setting appropriate priorities, budget and cash management, collaborative working relationships, administrative and grant writing skills, public speaking, fund raising, and developing opportunities for program improvement and growth to meet the needs of our current and potential clients. Salary: Based on experience with a cap at $70,000. Salary history to be submitted with resume. Resume Submission: email submissions only to cicrrctev1 11144@aol.com

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