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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Little Elf craft table

## Children's Workshop Returns During Festival

The Festival of Trees is returning to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center for its seventh year. The festival opens November 29 and runs until December 6, with the Tux & Trees Gala being held on December 7. A highlight of the festival is the three-day Children's Workshop, featuring an

appearance by Santa, crafts and other activities.

During the workshop, children can create holiday arts and crafts, play games, watch holiday movies and write letters to Santa.

"The Children's Workshop has become a big part of the festival," said Charissa Comerota, who oversees the workshop. "It is so wonderful to see families return year after year. It's become a holiday tradition."

The Children's Workshop will be open:  
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## Edison Ford Holiday Nights



Edison riverside

photo by Joe Capasso.

The 38th annual Edison Ford Holiday Nights opens earlier than usual this year. During the Christmas holidays, the homes and gardens of the Edison and Ford families are seasonally decorated. Nightly entertainment, holiday tradition tours and, on select nights, Santa visits and Clydesdale horse and wagon rides will be available from November 29 to January 4. For more information call 334-7419 or log onto [www.edisonfordwinterstates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterstates.org).

## Bird Patrol At Bunche Beach

One of the best birding sites in Lee County is Bunche Beach. To take part in a guided walk there at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, meet on the beach located in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it deadends.

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

This two-hour tour is free with parking fee of \$1 per hour. Bring binoculars, sun protection, shoes that can get wet, a bottle of drinking water, your curiosity and love of nature.

For more information, call 707-3015.



Piping plover like this can be spotted at Bunche Beach  
photo by Meg Rousher



Tribute to Bob's Barricades by Dot Lingren, from the 2011 show

## Juried Show Of Art Made From Rejected Items

For its December juried exhibition, Rejectamenta, the Alliance for the Arts is asking artists to create new works out of "Things, matter or substances that have been rejected as useless or trash." The show is a sequel to

Refuse Repurposed which generated a wide spectrum of fascinating artwork that delighted hundreds of people who experienced it at the Alliance in 2011.

Artists are asked to drop off submissions to the Alliance on Monday, December 2. The show prospectus is available at [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org).

The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, December 6 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Awards for Best in Show, second

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Kid Day, 1938

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



These film stills capture the playfulness of Kid Day at Fort Myers Senior High in 1938.

Almost all of those pictured are members of the class of 1939, then juniors.

It should be noted that in those days, the high school was on Thompson Street between Royal Palm Avenue and Fowler Street, where the Lee County Constitutional Complex now stands.

On Kid Day, many of the boys emulated an *Our Gang* look, sporting patched cut-off pants, overalls and beanie caps. They toyed with slingshots, played marbles, and engaged in roughhousing.

Girls wore baby-doll ruffled dresses, elaborate hair ribbons, pigtails and baby bonnets. Some brought their dolls to class.

Lollipops, polished apples and stick candy were the order of the day.

At least two students traveled to school on a tricycle.

Also permitted: Bare feet.

As delightful as the free-for-all dress code must have been for students, imagine the fun when they declared recess at 10 o'clock and adjourned for an early outdoor lunch brought in lard pails and paper sacks.

This film was made by one of Fort Myers' most famous natives, internationally known musician and composer Billy Nalle, who was a member of the class of 1939 and the class photographer.

Besides music, he had a keen interest in photography and filmmaking. In retrospect, his interest in moving images foretold his years of working on live television at CBS in New York City during the medium's formative years.

The film features many 1939-ers dressed in youngsters garb and engaging in child-like antics, among them Bill Garner, Sarah V. Barden, Pauline Hough (Campbell), Ed Watson, Catherine Watson (Barratt), Walter J. Edelblut, Jr., Elizabeth Honc (Himschoot), Belvin Cooper, Vernon Roberts Widerquist, Ken Taylor, Margaret Arnold (Kendera), Jessie Penny (Strasbaugh) and Mila Honc (Pottinger) (1938).

Sarah Sciple, a member of the class of 1939, recalls that the students wanted to have Kid Day and the teachers were agreeable. Students could even wear shorts, she says, something "daring and rare" at that time.

Tom "Tinker" Stewart, a 1947 graduate, remembers Kid Day during the mid-1940s. It was a day the students could dress for what he calls the "annual silliness festival."

These film stills are only a preview of the many subjects that Nalle turned his camera to in his hometown. Others include Page Field in 1938, before the runway was paved, chemistry class with teacher Elizabeth Hamilton, the class of 1939 picnicking on Fort Myers Beach and the Fort Myers High School Green Wave band marching in a 1947 parade by the Yacht Basin. And more...

You'll be able to see more of historic Fort Myers as a moving picture on January 16, when the films premier at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, sponsored by the Southwest Florida Historical Society. Mark your calendars.



Shooting marbles was part of the Kid Day curriculum



Mila Honc (Pottinger), left, and Elizabeth Honc (Himschoot) wore classic pigtailed for Kid Day



Ed Watson's passenger arrived bedecked with a big hair bow, lollipop in hand



Pauline Hough (Campbell) and Belvin Cooper rode a tricycle to school

Film stills courtesy of the Southwest Florida Historical Society, Billy Nalle Collection

Walk down to Thompson and Royal Palm and imagine Kid Day, 1938, when scores of high school students showed up dressed for their second childhood.

Then walk about three more blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to learn more about Fort Myers in 1938.

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

Want to know more about one of Fort Myers home-grown musical geniuses? Visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center.

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

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

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



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Fort Myers Public Art

# 38th Annual Edison Ford Holiday Nights



by Tom Hall

The 38th annual Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates opens earlier this year. This must-see Southwest Florida holiday tradition opens on

Thanksgiving weekend.

During the holidays the homes and gardens of Thomas and Mina Edison and Henry and Clara Ford are seasonally decorated and visitors have the option of a self-guided tour or a guided tour with an Edison Ford site historian (6 and 7 p.m.). Edison Ford Holiday Nights include nightly entertainment by school and community groups, book signings and appearances by artists, and the Children's Tree Trail, a forest of trees decorated by Lee County students. The museum and lab will also be open during the event.

Tickets for a self-guided tour are \$15 for adults and \$2 for children (six to 12); guided tours are \$20 for adults and \$11 for children (six to 12), and free for Edison Ford members.



The Edison Ford Winter Estates' annual Holiday Nights opens Friday, November 29

Holiday Nights will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. November 29 to January 4. The Edison Ford is the winner of the 2009 National Stewardship Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is an official project of Save America's Treasures at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a Florida Historic Landmark and a National Register Historic Site.

The Edison Ford Winter Estates is

located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. For additional information, call 334-7419 or visit at [www.edisonford-winterestates.org](http://www.edisonford-winterestates.org).

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

# Boat Parade To Be Held On December 7

The 2013 Fort Myers Beach boat parade will be held on Saturday, December 7. The Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 25th annual event, which will begin at 6:10 p.m. from Salty Sam's Marina. The lighted night-time parade will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Claus on the Chamber's lead boat. There is no charge for viewing the parade any place along the parade route.

Parade Committee Chair Robb Capps is planning the event, which will feature colorfully lit boats and parties. Individuals or businesses wishing to participate are asked to register by calling or visiting the Chamber. Registration forms are also available online at <http://fmbboatparade.com>. All sizes and types of boats are eligible to enter, from kayaks to cruisers. There is a \$25 entry fee for private boats and a \$50 fee for corporate sponsored boats.

Salty Sam's Marina is offering free overnight dockage to all participating boats with advance registration, based on availability. Boats will only be required to pay for electricity if it is needed. Salty Sam's Marina is located at 2500 Main Street in Fort Myers Beach. For advance reservations at Salty Sam's Marina, call 463-7333.

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Native landscaping is being donated to beautify the area around the eagle carving from the old oak tree that was planted in the 1800s

## Old Lee County Courthouse Gets New Landscape

Landscape improvements to the Old Lee County Courthouse courtyard began Tuesday, November 5 and will be completed Friday, November 22.

The existing shrubs and groundcover will be removed and replaced with native

shrubs and groundcover as well as a new drip irrigation system. The drip irrigation system will be designed to have three zones covering each of the three landscape beds. This is important because after the native plants become established the irrigation can be shut off to save money and conserve water. The individual zones are important because each bed represents various plant communities that require different amounts of water. The county will have control over each



The courtyard at the main entrance



New walkway

watering schedule as well as the individual zones.

Grants, donations and volunteers throughout the county has kept the costs down to \$561, which includes nine pallets of mulch at a cost of 70 cents per bag and an estimated \$120 dump fee for the debris. The total cost savings is estimated at \$12,147.

There will be a community work day on Saturday, November 16.

The area will be fenced off with a temporary fence. The east and west courtyard access will be open. All Old Courthouse entrances will be open. The preparation work will be done November 14 through the 15 with plant installation and mulching occurring on Saturday, November 16.

The Old Courthouse and its 1.75 acres of surrounding grounds are the physical and symbolic center of county government. It was built for \$100,000 and opened in 1916 (the county's second courthouse) with neoclassical architecture and Doric fluted columns. An addi-

tion was added in 1926 and the whole building received a renovation in 1989. It is located at 2120 Main Street in downtown Fort Myers.

For more information, go to [www.lee-county.com/gov/dept/publicresources/Pages/LeeCountyCourthouseTour.aspx](http://www.lee-county.com/gov/dept/publicresources/Pages/LeeCountyCourthouseTour.aspx)

The project manager is Darryl Coulter of Lee County Construction and Design; landscape coordinator, Beth Workman, Lee County Community Development – Division of Environmental Sciences; heavy lifting, James (Skip) Franklin II, senior supervisor Lee County Parks and Recreation; irrigation, Donnie Miles, supervisor of Plumbing and Irrigation Facilities Services; project arborist, Robert DeBrock, maintenance supervisor DOT.

Donations provided by RS Walsh Landscaping (cabbage palms), Florida Native Plant Society Coccoloba Chapter grant, All Native Garden Center (housing all plant material from various wholesale nurseries), Girl Scouts local Troop 2055 and 438, and Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Southwest Florida Council\*

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2013 Bear Tree

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. sends a big thank you to local businesses and individuals who participated in the 2013 Teddy Bear Drives, as part of the preparation for the 7th annual Festival of Trees. The organization is collecting the bears for the Very Beary Christmas Tree, a tree that has been a part of the festival since its inception and, ultimately, goes to the children's hospital.

Goodwill had hoped to collect 300 bears by November 1 but far surpassed that number, bringing in over 500.

"We can't believe how many bears

we've received," said Madison Mitchell, spokeswoman for Goodwill. "The bear tree is such a special part of the festival. The outpouring of support from individuals and businesses in our community has been spectacular."

Made up of bears donated by the community, the tree is one of 26 beautifully decorated trees that are auctioned off at the signature event, the Tux & Trees Gala, on December 7. Auction guests gather around this special tree to raise money for The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The tree is then traditionally donated to the children's

hospital.

"Some companies donated 175 bears," says Mitchell. "Some people walked into Goodwill's headquarters with a bear they thought a child would love. Every bear counts. That's how we made our goal."

Bears came from ArtFest, Cape Coral High School's Interact Club, CarMax-Naples, Costco (Cypress Lake/US 41), D&D Air Conditioning & Heating, Fort Myers Beach Lions Club, Fort Myers Vet Center, GMA Architects, Goodwill Boutique on First, Imaginarium Science Center, Kelly Road Self Storage, Life Counseling, Myerlee Gardens Craft Club, Neptune Society, PennyWiggsworth.com, Puddy n Pearl, Rnells Tuxedos, Safety, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, SunTrust, TDM Consulting, Inc., The Safety Lady, Ken Bodenhamer, Charissa Comerota, Robin Cremeens, Joanne Durbin, Jay Griswald, Phylis Hersh, Alison and Durward Hussey, Dwayne Lee, Patti Maier, Peter Marinell, Ann Marshal, Pam Nuhlman, Cheryl Powell, Todd Ryan, Peggy Schneider, John and Ellen Shepard, Richard and Alberta Supalo, Judith Yvecik, and many others who contributed at drop-off locations, anonymously, or at Teddy Bear Happy Hour.

The Festival of Trees opens November 29 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. For more information visit [www.tuxandtrees.com](http://www.tuxandtrees.com).

Last year's festival and gala raised \$93,000.\*

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## Public Invited To Bonsai Show

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The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc. is holding its annual Bonsai Show on Saturday and Sunday, November 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lee Election Center, 13180 S. Cleveland Avenue (across from Bell Tower Shops) in Fort Myers. Admission and parking are free.

The show will include an exhibit of more than forty trees created by society members, demonstrations of bonsai techniques, introductory bonsai classes, and sales and raffles of bonsai and related materials. Experienced members will also be available to answer questions about any trees that are brought in.

For further information about the show, visit [www.bonsaiswfl.org](http://www.bonsaiswfl.org) or call Jim Gehring at 772-1411. For information about the Bonsai Society, contact Jim Bremer at 482-7543.\*

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Lee Coast Chapter President Roger Triffshouser, left, and B-29 pilot Hal Crispi

## MOAA Installation

The Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) held its first meeting of the season at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club on November 4. Highlights of the evening were the installation of eight new chapter members and a talk by B-29 pilot Hal Crispi, who flew 35 missions over Japan in his plane *Little Gem*.

Crispi described the harrowing experi-

ence of one raid where the Japanese threw more than 500 fighters at the the bomber group. On another raid, this time at low altitude and at night, his plane received hits that disabled the bomb bay doors so they could not be retracted. The extra drag prevented him from reaching home base on Saipan, some 1,500 miles away. He saved his plane by diverting to newly taken Iwo Jima, but had to make a downwind landing to avoid the Japanese, who still held portions of the island.\*



New chapter members, standing from left, are Steve Nance, Andy Hall, Ron Campbell, Ted Tyson, Ronnie St. Claire and Dominick Cardone. Seated are Henry Glissman and Harry Becker

## Boat Ramp To Close For Show

The Centennial Park public boat ramp will be closed during the downtown Fort Myers Boat Show event Monday, November 11 through Tuesday, November 19. In the past, the Royal Palm Yacht Club ramp was used for a public boat ramp. However, this year the yacht club boat ramp is closed. The public boat ramp at the Oasis Towers, 3000 Oasis Grand Boulevard, will be available for public use.

To inform the public, the boat show promoter will install signage at the downtown public boat ramp. For updated information, check the City of Fort Myers' website at [www.cityftmyers.com](http://www.cityftmyers.com).\*

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Make your reservations today for Tuesday's wine and tapas tasting at The Morgan House. The restaurant's popular Carnivore Board, pictured, is available daily.

On Friday, November 15 at 5 p.m., the Uncommon Friends Foundation is featuring a **Turkish Carpet Show** at the Burroughs Home. The unique event will be held on the dancing porch as a benefit for the Uncommon Friends Foundation historic preservation programs.

The Burroughs family, owners of the architecturally significant Burroughs Home built in 1901, were world travelers and art collectors. Among the many historical artifacts in the home are four well-worn family carpets that may have been purchased in Istanbul during a family trip in 1905. Carpet experts from Harem 49 ([www.haremcarpets.com](http://www.haremcarpets.com)) in Istanbul, Emre and Ayhan Elci, will share their expertise during the carpet demonstration.

The carpet show includes Turkic carpets from Turkey, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan. Besides a very unusual selection of carpets including some from Persia, there will be very rare Rahrahs. They are kilims made by specially trained/experienced artisans from a small tribal village in eastern Turkey.



On Saturday, the Burroughs Home is hosting a Turkish carpet show

The show is free. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing [aroth.uncommonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:aroth.uncommonfriends@gmail.com). Attendees will be able to sip wine and sample appetizers.

If you wish to select a carpet from the show, an arrangement will be made to have it viewed in your home. Fifteen percent of the sale of these handmade carpets will be donated to historic preservation for the Burroughs Home.

The Burroughs Home is located at 2505 First Street, Fort Myers. For more information, call 337-9503 or visit [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org). Parking is available across the street behind the Langford-Kingston Home.

On Tuesday, November 19, **The Morgan House** is hosting a great evening of exciting wines and luscious gourmet tapas. The monthly tapas and wine tasting is featured on the third Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Reservations are required.

The Morgan House offers a bird's eye view of the historic Patio de Leon in downtown Fort Myers' River District. Lounge out and listen to live music and special events taking place in the courtyard while drinking cocktails, drafts, microbrews and wines. Casual dining is available either inside in air-conditioned comfort, outside on the terrace or upstairs overlooking the Patio de Leon.

The Morgan House is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. It is closed Sunday.

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

**Fort Myers Daily Bread (FMDB)**, has announced its new grocery delivery service in Southwest Florida. "Starting a new business is always a bit intimidating," said Ron Viers, president, "But when we recognized the need in the community, we realized the rewards would far outweigh the risks."

Fort Myers Daily Bread specializes in stocking timeshares and vacation rentals, in support of Southwest Florida tourism as well as serving the senior community, shopping for those that are unable to get out to do their own shopping. FMDB has also partnered with the Alzheimer's Support Network of SWFL, offering their service to care givers of individuals battling Alzheimer's.

President and founder Ron Viers was born and raised in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. He attended King College in Bristol, Tennessee where he received his Bachelor of Arts and later moved to Louisville, Kentucky where he spent the past 20 years in successful careers as a retail manager and most recently as an advertising finance professional. He relocated to Southwest Florida in February to launch his most recent endeavor, Fort Myers Daily Bread.

"When my brother-in-law was hired as a golf pro here on Sanibel, it was kind of a no-brainer for me to move down to Southwest Florida to be near the family. However, once I got here, with the job market still limping along, I still had bills to pay and had to find a way to make ends meet. Thus, Fort Myers Daily Bread was born," Viers added.

Fort Myers Daily Bread is an online grocery delivery service. Customers shop and pay in their virtual online grocery store and the groceries are delivered within 24 hours. FMDB is unique in that it provides a full service shopping experience online. No grocery list required. Proudly, it offers the lowest rates in Southwest Florida (even free delivery on orders of \$150 or more). Scheduling and delivery is hassle-free with just one-hour delivery windows, so no need to block four hours out of your busy day to wait for delivery. They even offer same-day delivery for orders placed by 9 a.m.

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It's a well known gathering place and tropical theme sports bar with indoor and outdoor patio seating. The combined menu offers all the lunch and dinner items from 11 a.m. until closing. It includes cedar plank salmon topped with a mango chipotle glaze or a marinated grilled chicken sandwich. The fish tacos are a local favorite and there's a well provisioned raw bar. Tropical drinks are a specialty, notably the signature rum drink, Island Mojito.

708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-9660.

## ICHIBAN

Ichiban is a downtown 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.

1520 Broadway #106, Fort Myers. Call 334-6991.

## COURTNEY'S CONTINENTAL CUISINE

Courtney's is a family business run by Executive Chef Dale, his wife Betty and their son, Courtney.

The warm and welcoming bar is great for lunch, libations and lots of laughter. Relax in comfort with friends and enjoy discounted drinks and appetizers during happy hour, served 4 to 7 p.m. daily.

The dining room offers a wonderful dinner variety. If you're an early diner, be sure to check out the Sunset Dining Specials.

"Eggceptional" entrées highlight the restaurant's Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday dinner is served 4 to 8



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martinis and half-off select shots; Friday, complimentary buffet upstairs with two drink minimum and half-off house wine and select domestic drafts; and Saturday, half price select margaritas and tequila shots. Also features live music.

Tuesday, November 19 is The Morgan House's monthly wine tasting and tapas pairing. Reservations are required.

33 Patio De Leon, Fort Myers. Call 337-3377.

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Nervous Nellie's is a casual, family-fun restaurant that boasts a large selection of appetizers, fresh seafood, over-stuffed sandwiches and entrées. Dine in air-conditioned comfort or outside on Nellie's expansive waterfront patio. Live music and happy hour all day. Swing to the beats of live reggae, rock and island music from the area's premier musical talent.

Just upstairs from Nellie's is Ugly's Waterside Bar, the place where everyone gets prettier, and happy hour is all day, every day.

Parking for your car or boat is free for patrons of Nellie's and Ugly's.

1131 First Street, Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-8077. ✨



Anthony "Tony" Varcalli

## 'Happy Bus' Driver Honored

The man who drives "the happy bus" has been named the best operator in the state of Florida.

Anthony "Tony" Varcalli, was honored as Operator of the Year by the Florida Public Transportation Association at its annual conference last week.

In his 46 years as a professional driver – 18 with LeeTran and 28 as a tractor-trailer driver in Michigan – he has logged more than 5.2 million miles, and never wanted to do anything else.

"I've loved every minute of it," Varcalli

said. "Driving the tractor-trailer was fun when I was young, but driving the bus is perfect for me. I love talking to the people, having fun."

It's that people-loving attitude that led his passengers to dub whatever bus he's driving, "the happy bus."

"Tony has the unique ability to diffuse customer service issues, even between passengers," wrote LeeTran Deputy Director Paul Goyette in his nomination letter. "He is a positive spirit."

The award is presented annually to an operator whose service has "enriched and enhanced public transportation in the community."

Varcalli has given LeeTran a full year's notice of his intention to retire in August 2014. He plans to move to Matlacha to indulge his love of fishing and enjoy the Florida sunshine. ✨

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Gulfshore Ballet students training for upcoming season

## An Enchanted Evening To Benefit Gulfshore Ballet

An Enchanted Evening with the Gulfshore Ballet fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, November 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue in the Bell Tower Shops.

Saks Fifth Avenue will be decorated for the holidays and will feature Craig Signer holiday fashions and Barry Brinker Jewelry, along with informal modeling. Advanced ballet students will be performing vignettes from *The Nutcracker*. The fundraiser, sponsored by Innovative Billing Professionals and Dwayne Bergmann, will also include

holiday music, refreshments and an auction. The holiday shopping event will benefit the Gulfshore Ballet with 10 percent of sales donated to the non-profit ballet school.

With the addition of distinguished former principal ballet dancers Franklin Gamero and Iliana Lopez as the ballet's 2013-14 season's artistic director and assistant artistic director, respectively, the Gulfshore Ballet students are now able to benefit from the instruction of two internationally acclaimed dancers whose experience spans four decades.

For tickets or to make a donation, visit: <http://gsballet.org/an-enchanted-evening-tickets>.

The Gulfshore Ballet studio is located in Fort Myers. For more information, call 590-6191, email [Gulfshoreballet@gmail.com](mailto:Gulfshoreballet@gmail.com) or visit [www.gsballet.org](http://www.gsballet.org).



PACE Center For Girls new building at 3800 Evans Avenue, Fort Myers

## PACE Center For Girls Buys Building For New Center

PACE Center for Girls, Lee County announces the purchase of the former Richard Milburn Academy as the center's new home and its 45 young women at 3800 Evans Avenue in Fort Myers. Renovations will commence immediately with a projected move-in date in February.

The purchase of the 15,000-square-foot facility will more than double classroom instructional space, allowing PACE Lee to expand capacity and services to the girls.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the PACE Center for Girls, Lee County has raised more than \$764,000 for its \$2 million Dream BIG Capital Campaign.

The campaign was launched in 2011 with a matching gift challenge from the

Kleist Family Foundation. Eleanore Kleist serves as the honorary co-chair along with PACE Lee Board Treasurer Sonya Sawyer. An additional \$400,000 has to be raised by December 31 to pay for renovations.

Since opening its doors, the Lee center has helped nearly 600 girls find success in school, generate a positive relationship with their families and peers, and become productive members of the community.

"We are at maximum capacity with no room for growth at our current location that we have rented since we opened our doors in 2007," said Executive Director Meg M. Geltner. "Our expansion will provide more room to grow our capacity, increase our services to the girls as well as engage volunteers, interns, and community agencies annually."

"This is a transformational project for our community," said Campaign Co-Chair Sonya Sawyer. "The expansion will enable PACE Lee to become the number one center in the region with a

new approach to serving at-risk girls and young women."

PACE Lee is one of 18 centers located throughout Florida, opening its doors in February of 2007 under the leadership of Gail Markham and Judge James H. Seals. PACE (Practical, Academic, Cultural, Education) Center for Girls provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. The Center offers year round counseling and academic services for girls, ages 12 to

18, who are facing challenges such as foster care, domestic violence abuse and neglect, death of a parent, substance abuse, and/or family history of incarceration.

For more information about PACE Lee and the Dream BIG Capital Campaign, visit [www.pacecenter.org/lee](http://www.pacecenter.org/lee) or call 425-2366 ext. 25. Naming opportunities are available. Gifts can be made at [www.pacecenter.org/support-pace/donate](http://www.pacecenter.org/support-pace/donate).

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First place winner, Neil Walling

## Paint The Beach Winners

Paint the Beach... Sandcastles to shrimp boats plein air festival winners were announced at the gala collectors preview and awards party at Santini Marina Plaza on Fort Myers Beach. They are:

The first place award, sponsored

by Santini Marina Plaza, \$1,000 and one third page advertisement in *Plein Air Magazine*, went to Neil Walling for *Reflections*.

The second place award, sponsored by Fish-Tale Marina, \$750, went to Dave Belling for *Day Two*.

The third place winner, sponsored by Smokin Oyster Brewery, \$500, was Jeanette Chupack for *The Cottages*.

A special award for Paint Most Representative of the Beach, sponsored

by John and Jean Kakatsch, was awarded to Ken Marshall for *Shadows on the Dune*.

Judson Guerrilla painter merit awards, \$150 gift certificate, went to Jule Nusbaum for *A Hazing Grace*; and Michele Buelow for *Sandy Vista*.

Honorable mentions, *Plein Air Magazine* subscription, were awarded to Susan Armstrong for *I Love this Tree!!*; and Milly Peireira for *Fort Myers Beach* –

*A Day in Paradise*.

A *Watercolor Magazine* subscription was awarded to Carol Gray for *Path to the Beach*; and Joanne Shamp for *Keepin It Funky on Old San Carlos*.

Chartpak Koh I Nor pencils were awarded to Debbie Summer for *Beach Floral*.

Awards were presented by Judge John C. Terelak✧

## Holiday Magic 2013 Offered At Cape Harbour

Cape Harbour presents Holiday Magic 2013 on Friday, November 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and a visit from Santa Claus. This holiday event is open to the public, and admission and parking are both free.

Harbour View Gallery is conducting a grand reopening, a celebration and preview of their expanded gallery. The expansion includes a "Frame Shop" featuring artwork from several new artists. Come feast your eyes on this spectacular array of talent. Wine and refreshments will be served.

Of course, Santa Claus has been wait-

ing all year to visit the kids again and will be available for photos in his workshop at The Pavilion from 6 to 9 p.m. Bring the entire family, including your pets. Don't forget your camera so you can capture your very own photos with Santa. There is no charge to visit Santa.

At 7 p.m., Cape Harbour comes to life as thousands of colorful, twinkling lights are switched on and the Christmas tree will be illuminated. This magical event will take place center stage between the towers, a tradition to mark the official start of this year's holiday season. The American Hero's Texas Girls Choir will perform.

Rumrunners, The Joint, Pignoli on the Harbour and Run Agrounds will be ready to serve all in attendance on this festive night. Enjoy live music by Miami Vice sponsored by The Joint from 6 to 9 p.m.

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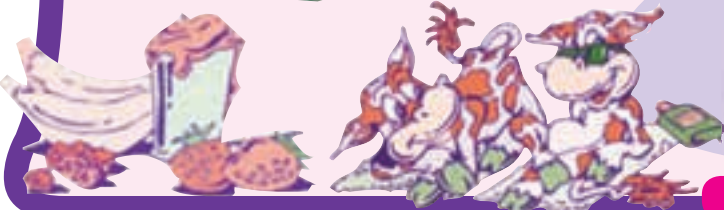
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## OBITUARY



## KATHERINE "DUEY" LIBER

**K**atherine Julie Liber, known as "Duey," born on August 18, 1945, passed away on Sunday, November 3 from ovarian cancer. She is preceded in death by her mother Marjorie Theis and father Jacob Theis of Naples and sister Carrie Baldwin of Ohio. She is survived by her daughter Kelly Liber Else, her husband Trent Else, grandchildren Adeline Else, Greyson Else, Haleigh Else and Blakely Else of Iowa, as well as her brothers Russ and his wife Ursula Peter of Switzerland, and Ron and Fran Theis of Michigan, along with many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Candlelighters of Southwest Florida, a charity for childrens cancer.

Arrangements were made by Gallaher American Family Funeral & Cremation, Fort Myers, Florida.\*

## Heights Center Opens This Week

**T**he ribbon cutting of the Harlem Heights United Way House and Heights Medical Clinic took place on November 13.

The center partners with United Way to serve as the Harlem Heights United Way House, coordinating programs and resources of the United Way network. It's also the site for Senior Friendship Centers, Goodwill Job Link, and VITA tax preparation services among many other programs and services.

"The opportunity to meet the needs of the Harlem Heights community in one convenient location is a great benefit to the neighborhood," said Cliff Smith, president of the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades.

The clinic provides access to free medical primary care and health advocacy for low income, uninsured members of the Harlem Heights community. It is run by Lee County Volunteers in Medicine.

"Harlem Heights is a distressed community that is medically underserved. Adults are experiencing diabetes and its lifelong complications at a rate twice that of members of typical communities," said Andrea Kuzbyt, executive director of Lee County Volunteers in Medicine. "The Heights Medical Clinic will help us achieve our mission of providing access to healthcare for the uninsured as well as helping individuals keep themselves



## The Heights Center opened Wednesday

healthy and productive. Additional volunteer medical practitioners interested in assisting in the operation of the clinic are welcome to contact us for more information," Kuzbyt added.

"Our alliances with the United Way and Lee County Volunteers in Medicine allow us to leverage our resources to better serve the Harlem Heights community," said Kathryn Kelly, president and CEO of The Heights Foundation. "Together we can operate more effi-

cient programs, gain from each other's strengths and reach more people who can benefit from our services."

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

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## Boat Parade

Boat captains are required to attend a parade safety and information meeting on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at the Chamber office.

The vessels will assemble at 5:45 p.m. in front of the docks at Salty Sam's Marina for the parade, which passes Parrott Key Caribbean Grill, Big Game Waterfront Grill, Doc Ford's, Bonita Bills, and then will head northwest under the Sky Bridge. The parade will travel in and out of Siesta Isles, turning around at Pink Shell Resort near Bowditch Point and passing Baywalk Park, Nervous Nellies and Matanzas Inn Restaurant.

The parade can also be viewed by purchasing reserved tickets for a viewing cruise on the *Pieces of Eight Pirate Ship* (call 765-7272) or the *Fort Myers Princess* (call 765-8500).

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## With Good Bait You Can Catch Fish Near Home



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**S**hiner fishing this week continued to go off with snook, trout, mangrove snapper and jacks being the majority of species caught. Most of my week was spent hiding

from the wind in mangrove creeks and shallow sheltered bays. As long as the tide was moving the action was fast paced with fish responding to chummed live shiners by crashing them right on the surface. This method of live bait fishing adds such a visual aspect to our fishing even when you're not catching fish you're watching fish feed. Basically, if you could get good bait and lots of it, the fishing was easy.

Action this week also included the largest trout I have seen all year. Narrow, deep creek mouths in the southern sound were loaded up with trout ranging from 16 inches all the way up to a 28-inch, 6-pound-plus monster gator trout. Having these big trout blow up on the surface as they chase the shiners around is an awesome thing.

Once these trout show themselves, it's often as simple as casting your bait to where the blow up on the live chum was and the fish will quickly hit the hooked bait. These big trout put up a real fight and generally make a few runs before coming boatside.

The best bite for these monster trout came during the first hour of the incoming tide during the lowest water periods.

Mangrove shorelines way back in the "Ding" Darling Refuge held some quality

snook this week too. Several of my favorite dead-end bays had lots of snook of all sizes during periods of higher incoming water which came during the late afternoon hours.

Our big refuge snook this week measured 32 inches but several times I had clients hook into fish much bigger than that which parted ways after reaching the barnacle-crusted trees. Many of these bigger snook seem to be hanging out in shallow water over sandy bottom in the two- to three-foot range. Hooking a 15-pound plus snook in two feet of water is an experience that is not soon forgotten by any angler.

After chumming these bays with live shiners, you quickly hear and see where the big snook are hanging out feeding. The sound of a big snook crashing a bait on the surface is a sound that only a snook can make. They sound so different than surface feeding trout and jacks. Imagine someone dropping a bowling ball in the water from 10 feet up. When one section of shoreline would really explode with feeding fish I used the trolling motor to get within casting range and power-pole down, casting to where we are seeing the fish feed. It's basically live bait sight fishing. Once the action on shoreline quits keep moving; feeding these fish shiners really makes them eat when they won't feed on anything else.

Several of these same bays and shorelines held a few real quality redfish too. What these redfish lacked in numbers they made up for in size. One such red this week was 26 inches and weighed just over eight pounds on the Boga Grip. This was quite possibly one of the fatter redfish I have ever seen.

Most trips, while targeting and catching snook, we managed one or two top of or over-the-slot redfish.

With the tides finally flipping over this week giving us big high water in the mornings, mangrove redfish action should really pick up.

One of my favorite things about November is that you don't have to go



Big gator trout, like this one, are back

far to catch fish. This really held true this week as most of the running I did was spent to go catch quality bait. Once I had my clients on board as much action as you wanted was within a few miles of the dock. With windy, rough conditions most days having great bait meant being able to stay close to home and keep everyone comfortable while finding non-stop action.

November 15 marks my favorite day of the year, the end of the pointless "no science" manatee zones in the sound. This really opens up a lot of water to anglers that usually just takes too long to reach or is too shallow fish without running on plane. After the 15th I get to fish places I have not fished since April. It's better than Christmas!

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

## Introduction To Using GPS

submitted by Cdr. Mary Smelter

**T**he San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering a class in basic GPS operation on Saturday, November 16 from 1:15 to 4:30 p.m. This class will be offered again in the summer of 2014.

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

The cost of the class is \$45. The class is being taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron classroom located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Students can register online at [www.scbps.com](http://www.scbps.com) or call 466-4040.✪

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**CROW Case Of The Week:**

**Nursery News**

by Patricia Molloy



**B**aby care is a substantial portion of the rehabilitation work performed at CROW. Each year, the wildlife clinic treats thousands of orphaned, abandoned and injured baby bun-

an orphan. The tiny nocturnal creature was hairless and its large black eyes were not yet open, indicating that it was less than a month old. After several weeks of care in the nursery, it was transferred outside where it will learn to feed and care for itself. Once Dr. Heather has deemed the patient mature enough to survive, the flying squirrel will be returned to a wooded area to glide from limb to limb under the cover of night.

The avian nursery, which is perpetually at capacity, currently houses dozens of tiny patients, most of which arrived with light, downy feathers. Lined with incubators, the shelves of the room also contain tall stacks of clean towels and old newspapers. Volunteers, staff and students move quickly and efficiently from one hungry bird to the next, meticulously recording individual body weights and dietary requirements. Each cage and carrier must be disinfected daily to minimize the possibilities of spreading germs. As soon as each patient has been fed, the team begins the well-choreographed routine once again.

It takes weeks or months for babies to mature enough to survive in the wild. Most of the babies raised at the clinic from babyhood do not need to be returned to the exact location in which they were found, since they were too young to have established a territory. If you are interested in having wild mammals, birds or reptiles released on your property, contact the clinic for the set of guidelines to determine if your land is suitable.

nies, squirrels, opossums and raccoons, in addition to ducklings, songbirds, fuzzy owlets, raptors and the occasional tiny turtle. The team of staff members, students and volunteers works around the clock to administer species-specific diets and critical medications while providing environments in which the youngsters will thrive.

In September, seven healthy baby striped skunks were admitted to CROW after their mother was trapped and removed from her territory in Lee county. The kits were approximately three to four weeks old. They were initially housed in a separate room in the nursery to avoid any stinky mishaps with other babies. Students bottle-fed them several times a day, resulting in rapid growth. The kits have since been relocated to an outdoor enclosure and are nearly old enough to be released.

A flying squirrel arrived last month as



Jenna Harms, certified veterinarian technician, tube feeds a tiny Virginia opossum



Orphaned and abandoned chicks, like these require hourly care

photo courtesy of CROW

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## Plant Smart

## Gingerbread Palm

by Gerri Reaves

The gingerbread palm (*Hyphaene thebaica*) is native to Egypt and other parts of coastal Africa.

Also called doum palm, it prefers a hot, dry, sunny climate and is therefore very drought tolerant. It is also very salt tolerant.

In Egypt, the tree has been considered sacred since ancient times and was thought to provide shade, water, and food to the dead. The fruit was buried in the tombs of the pharaohs.

It typically grows to about 25 feet high, with large fan-shaped leaves and leaf stalks armed with curved thorns.

The spikes of male or female flowers bloom on separate trees.

The female tree produces the dark-brown woody fruit that tends to remain on the tree for an extended time.



Gingerbread palm is native to hot, dry regions of Africa

Shiny, rounded, and smooth, the fruit emits a gingerbread odor that gives the palm its common name. The dried and powdered fruit is used in flavoring foods.

The single ivory-colored seed called vegetable ivory is currently popular in jewelry-making because it is a durable renewable resource.

In the tree's native region, the ivory has long been used for making buttons, carvings, and artificial pearls.

In fact, all parts of the tree have a traditional use. The leaves, for example, are used in making baskets, mats, brooms, ropes, and various textiles, and the wood is used in building. The roots have medicinal properties and are also used to make alcoholic drinks.

Sources: kew.org, ntbg.org, palmpedia.net, fairchildgarden.org, and worldagroforestry.org.

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The gingerbread palm's fruit contains vegetable ivory that is used to make jewelry, buttons, and carvings

photos by Gerri Reaves

## Caring For Your Plants

## Christmas Palms

by Justen Dobbs



If you are like most Americans, you will probably have a Christmas tree in your living room for the next six weeks. Did you know that there is a Christmas palm too? If you live in Southwest Florida,

you have definitely seen many of them in your day to day travels.

The Christmas Palm (*Adonidia merrillii*) is native to Manila in the Philippines and surrounding areas where it grows in lowland rainforest. Other common names include the Manila palm and the Adonidia palm. It is strictly a sub-tropical and tropical palm making it perfect for landscapes in south Florida, extreme south Texas, and Hawaii. While not as ubiquitous as the Coconut palm, it certainly rivals it in its tropical beauty and serene silhouette. The Christmas palm gets its name from bearing ripe and unripe fruits around December – unripe fruits are green and ripe fruits are bright red and the same size and shape as Christmas lights.

Seeds germinate easily in two to three weeks and subsequent growth is fairly fast if given ample water, heat and humidity. You will often see these palms planted in doubles or triples to add to the tropical effect. The palms are self-cleaning, grow



Golden Christmas palm

in any well-drained soil, and can handle full sun or shade at any age. This makes them very versatile and popular among landscapers and homeowners alike.

What most people don't know is that there are a few different cultivars of Christmas Palms. A cultivar is a subspecies - a palm that has the same basic structure and growth habit as the typical species, but differs in color, leafshape, or overall appearance. One cultivar is the Golden Christmas Palm which has a bright yellow crownshaft (neck) and yellow new leaves open and then fade to green. This one is popular among collectors and hard to find. Another cultivar



Variegated Christmas palm

is the variegated Christmas palm which has fine yellow stripes in the leaves and crownshaft. Some people find these cultivars to be unattractive or sick looking, but collectors appreciate them for their rarity and novelty.

For a long time, the Christmas palm has been considered to be a monotypic genus, meaning it is all alone in its botanical classification and has no close relatives. However, a new species has recently been discovered in New Guinea, called *Adonidia matorbongsii*. This new species looks nothing like the Christmas palm, but has an almost identical flowering structure, which is what the botanists

base their description and classification on. It will likely be years before anyone in Florida has one of these growing in their garden since it is so new. Explorers are constantly finding new species of palm trees all over the world which is exciting for palm collectors, nurseries, botanical gardens, and drug manufacturers alike. Could you have a new species lurking in your back yard? Probably not. But you never know.

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





After visiting Jensen's Marina on Captiva, artist Johnna Patterson and Al Romanoski, owner of [www.customarbikes.com](http://www.customarbikes.com) in St. Pete Beach, contributed custom island-themed bicycles for the upcoming Trailgate auction. With them is Refuge Ranger Toni Westland

## 'Ding' February Trailgate Party Theme Is Iconic Roseate Spoonbill

The second annual "Ding" Darling Trailgate Party is scheduled for February 21 with a portion of event proceeds going to support continued mangrove cuckoo research and other education and research efforts at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The theme this year is In the Pink, in homage to the iconic bird, the roseate spoonbill.

Last year's inaugural Cuckoo for 'Ding' Trailgate Party took its theme from the mangrove cuckoo research study being conducted at the refuge the past couple of years.

"So the roseate spoonbill will be the second of our Big 5 birds we are featuring," said Birgie Vertesch, executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge, which hosts the event. "It's part of our forthcoming video and social

## Audubon Needs Christmas Bird Counters

San-Cap Audubon will conduct its annual Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, December 14. The results of the local count will be forwarded to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in the 114th National Christmas Bird Count.

More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this census of early-winter bird populations. The results are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas. Simply put, the Christmas Bird count, or CBC, is citizen science in action.

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

Conservation was in its infancy around the turn of the century, and many observers and scientist were becoming concerned about declining bird populations. Beginning on Christmas Day 1900, ornithologist Frank Chapman, an early officer in the then budding Audubon Society, proposed a new holiday tradition, a Christmas Bird Census that would count birds in the holidays rather than hunt them. So began the Christmas Bird Count. Thanks to the inspiration of Chapman and the enthusiasm of 27 dedi-

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

Volunteers are needed for this year's count. Birding skills are desirable but not necessary. To participate in this year's count or for more information, call 437-2459.\*

## Garden Council Tuesday Tours

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council gives tours of its gardens each Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The public is invited to tour the gardens, located at 2166 Virginia Avenue, Fort Myers. There is no charge and parking is free.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Garden Council was formed in 1957 and now comprises various clubs, societies and affiliate members in the area. Membership provides an opportunity to learn about floral design, growing plants suitable for this locale, and conservation methods. The council also assists in educating and beautifying the community, and improving the environment.

A speakers bureau provides speakers for meetings and events.

For additional information about the council, contact the president, Debbie Wyatt-Stotter, 7007-6078, or [fmlc-gcpres@embarqmail.com](mailto:fmlc-gcpres@embarqmail.com).\*



Patty Sprankle hand-painted this roseate spoonbill plate for the In the Pink auction

media campaign, where we invite birders to find their Big 5 – that is, their favorite and our most sought-after coastal birds at the refuge."

The trailgate party will take place at the refuge and will include live entertainment and silent and live auctions to provide support where government funding falls short for the refuge.

"In Southwest Florida, we have a calendar chock full of community events, but the 'Ding' Trailgate Party is becoming the one not to miss," said society board president John McCabe. "Taking place under a tent and having truck tailgates as serving tables, it's a fun, laid-back, island-style party with good food, live music, and uniquely 'Ding' auction items."

Silent auction items already on the table include an original, framed "Ding" Darling cartoon from 1937 commenting on the stock market, a hand-painted roseate spoonbill plate, and his and her artist-painted, island-themed bicycles.

"Seating is limited and we once again anticipate a sold-out crowd," said event committee member and DDWS vice president Doris Hardy. "We encourage people to contact us if they would like to receive an invitation."

Event sponsorships are available; for more information, contact Birgie Vertesch at 292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

Attendance is by reservation only. Tickets are \$75 each. To register and view a list of auction items as they accumulate, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org/auction](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org/auction). For more information, or to receive an invitation, call 292-0566.\*

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## Smiles Abound At Off Broadway Palm

by Di Saggau

**T**alk about a crowd-pleasing production. *Away in the Basement, A Church Basement Ladies Christmas*, fits the bill and then some.

Opening night at Off Broadway Palm found the audience smiling from ear to ear and laughing out loud at the antics of the talented cast. It's inspired by the best selling book *Growing Up Lutheran* and there are lots of Lutheran one-liners and a few funny jabs at Catholics. All in good fun.

It's December 1959, the day before the annual Sunday School Christmas program. The play opens with the church pastor, Victor Legarreta, three church ladies and one intern preparing food and decorations for the event.

Jennie Hollander is Vivian, a stern-faced widow who does not approve of the widowed pastor's interest in Helen, a new member of the church. Kelly Legarreta is Mavis, a farmer's wife who can handle just about



Kelly Legarreta, ML Graham, Victor Legarreta, Jennie Hollander and Lisa Bark

anything if she doesn't forget about it. ML Graham is Karin, a mom who can't believe her daughter is 15. Lisa Bark is Beverly, her daughter.

This is a holiday sequel to the original *Church Basement Ladies* comedy. As the youngsters rehearse upstairs, the ladies are finishing up goodie bags and touching up nativity pieces. Little do they know what surprises and challenges await them.

What adds to the fun is that this is a musical comedy. Victor Legarreta has been part of the Southwest Florida theater scene for years and it's always a treat to have the opportunity to hear him sing. The ladies are in fine voice too as they whisk through songs about unforgettable Christmas programs, pinatas and a popular Norwegian Christmas song written in 1859, *Jeg er sa glad hver Julerkveld*, which translates to "I am so glad each Christmas Eve."

There are references to lutefisk and egg coffee, which brings back strong memories and scents to quite a few people, myself included. Kelly Legarreta handles her role with admirable comic finesse and timing. Her inspection of a piñata and the name she comes up with for it are hysterical. Hollander portrays Vivian with great skill. She's the one in charge of the kitchen and no one better forget it. There is another side to her that is revealed later on. Graham and Bark make the perfect mother-daughter pair. Mom is protective and daughter is growing up. And she does not want to portray Mary in the pageant.

This is a show that is perfect for the holidays because it's about good old-fashioned church people who care about one another. It's bound to brighten your spirits.

*Away in the Basement, A Church Basement Ladies Christmas* plays through December 25 at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre, 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. For tickets go to [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or call 278-4422.✪

## Baring All At Lab Theater

by Di Saggau

**T**errence McNally's *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune* is now playing at Laboratory Theater of Florida.

The playwright meant for the opening scene to be dark with the audience only hearing the various sound effects of sexual pleasure from the two actors. It was to last for two minutes. This production was semi-lit and did not last a total of two minutes, for which I was thankful. Don't get me wrong, I liked the play.

It's about two would-be lovers, Frankie and Johnny, who are attempting to create a relationship. They work together at a diner. She's a waitress and he's a short order cook and both are in their 40s.

Loretta Siebert is Frankie, an unsure, nervous woman who hides behind brusqueness in order to conceal the hurt she carries within. Timothy J. Gunderman is Johnny, likable and warm, as well as energetic and passionate.

Frankie thinks he talks too much and he does. However his dialogue is a treat for the audience. He's the eternal optimist who quotes Shakespeare quite often, even if he doesn't have the Bard's words exactly right. If he's going to use a swear word he says "Excuse my French," something that irritates Frankie.

Johnny is not any better than Frankie, but he is smarter as far as education is

concerned. He wants to improve his life and he wants to connect with something and he's determined that it's going to be Frankie.

This is a very moving work with actors bravely laying bare their characters' lives. Frankie also bares all from time to time, but no frontal nudity. It's handled well.

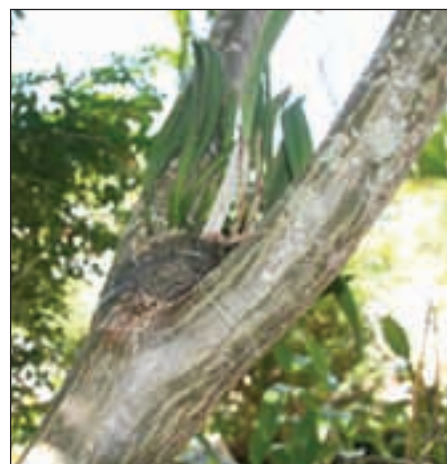
Both of these people are hurting and trying to find refuge and love. Can they confront their demons and take the risk of love after spending one intense evening together? That's the thrust of this play. It powerfully takes a look at what it means to be vulnerable and risk expressing romantic love.

As Director Brenda Kensler said, "Young love is a beautiful thing with toned, hard bodies and dreams of forever after. Middle-aged love, however, is just hard. We all bring our past to our relationships, baggage, if you will. The older one is, the heavier the load."

The play realistically captures the messiness of life and the up and down dynamics of a romantic relationship. Gunderman and Siebert do a fine job confronting human frailty and need. This production is well worth seeing, but it is strictly for adults due to nudity, language and situations.

*Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune* plays through November 23 at Laboratory Theater of Florida, located at 1634 Woodford Avenue, in the Fort Myers River District. For tickets call 218-0481.✪

## Orchid Alliance Offers Free Class



Orchid mounted before



Orchid mounted after

**D**on't miss the last free community orchid class of the year at the Everglades Wonder Gardens in the Historic District of Bonita Springs on Saturday, November 16. Members of the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance will present How To Mount Orchids, including how to prepare orchids for mounting and the many ways that orchids can be mounted. The classroom is indoors and air-conditioned, but you must bring your own lawn chair. Participants should arrive promptly for the 10 to 11 a.m. class. No reservations are accepted. Attendees are asked to park in the back lot or across the street.

The Alliance will offer exotic orchids for sale with proceeds benefitting the Alliance's mission of promoting interest in orchids through efforts such as community orchid classes. Attendees will be given a special entry rate for the gardens

that includes a guided tour by garden operator and Everglades photographer John Brady. The gardens have been a focal point of Bonita Springs since 1936, and now they are operated under his tutelage. He has preserved the history and heritage of the place while expanding its legacy and offerings, like the addition of an enchanting butterfly garden and an Orchid Trail. And yes, the flamingoes are still there.

The non-profit Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance, formed in 2012 for promoting interest in orchids, brings together beginners to advanced hobbyists, who exchange information and ideas in an enjoyable and enthusiastic atmosphere. The Alliance reaches out to the community, inspiring others to learn about orchids and orchid conservation. For more information, call 498-9741 or visit [www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com](http://www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com).✪

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# Winter Arts Camp Registration

Winter break is approaching fast and the Wild Winter Arts Camp at the Alliance for the Arts is getting ready for a new group of children.

The camp is presented by Florida Rep and is open to K-12 students who will act, sing, dance and create during four two-day sessions:

**Session 1: Clown Town (December 23 and 24)**

Youngsters work with instructors to develop their own unique clown character, and focus on mime and physical storytelling in Theatre and Movement classes and create their own clown wardrobe in Costume Craft Class.

**Session 2: Music Theatre Mania! (December 26 and 27)**

This is a two-day musical theatre intensive class where children learn the moves and notes to Broadway's classic musical numbers, the basics of theater painting techniques and sketch and paint like a scenic artist.

**Session 3: Ka-Pow! (December 30 and 31)**

Children find their inner superhero or villain in this comic book-themed camp as they learn the basics of comic-book storyboarding and artistry and work on scenes and songs from classic comic book stories.

**Session 4: Think Outside The Box (January 2 And 3)**

Children are encouraged to show spontaneity and color outside the lines a little, create scenes, songs, artwork and



Past winter camp performance

dance using their imagination and play improv games

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## Artist Susan Mills At The Alliance



Susan Mills furniture

The Alliance for the Arts continues its monthly Meet the Artist series on Saturday, November 16 with Fort Myers artist Susan Mills. Her coffee filter handbags and woven belt furniture pieces are best-sellers in the Alliance gift shop.

Mills is a nationally recognized teacher and mixed media artist with more than 35 years in the classroom. She sees teaching as an opportunity to share her knowledge, skills and ideas, while encouraging critical thinking and personal growth in her students. She has a BA. from St. Francis College in art education and an MA in art therapy/guidance. She has exhibited and won shows in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Maine, Florida and Michigan.

She'll present her mixed media work and demonstrate her techniques in the main gallery from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the weekly Alliance GreenMarket. The



Susan Mills handbag

demonstration is free and open to everyone. November 16 is the final day to see the *Honor, Country & Heroism* exhibit.

The GreenMarket's Fall & Winter Growing Season Workshop Series also continues on Saturday November 16 with the workshop Good Bug, Bad Bug: an organic approach to pest control in the kitchen garden. The series is designed to inspire people to adopt more sustainable practices, including growing their own food organically in small spaces. The workshops are free, but a \$5 donation is suggested to help the Alliance continue to bring these programs to the public. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) or call 939-2787 for more information on everything happening at the Alliance, including year round classes, camps, concerts and theater shows.

The Alliance for the Arts campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✪

## Comedy Opens At Theatre Conspiracy

Theatre Conspiracy will present the comedy *Becky Shaw* by Gina Gionfriddo opening Friday, November 22 at the Foulds Theatre in the Alliance for the Arts and playing until Sunday, December 15.

A Pulitzer Prize finalist and smash hit, *Becky Shaw* is the latest comedy from Obie Award-winner Gina Gionfriddo (writer/producer of NBC's *Law & Order*). *Becky Shaw* originated at the Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, Kentucky and won rave reviews when it ran off-Broadway at the Second Stage Theatre.

When Suzanna decides to set her best friend Max up on a blind date with her husband's mysterious co-worker, Becky Shaw, she sets into motion a series of cataclysmic events forever changing all of their lives. Mixing sharp wit and humor with the taut suspense of a psychological thriller, *Becky Shaw* is a comedy of romantic errors that keeps audiences at the edge of their seats guessing what will happen next.

Individual tickets are \$20 each, and there are several special offers. Anyone under 30 can get their ticket for just \$10, Thursday performances are "buy one, get one half off" and opening night is "pay what you will." There is still time to purchase a four-show season subscription. Purchase all four shows for the low price

of just \$60. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with one Sunday matinee on December 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling Theatre Conspiracy's box office at 936-3239 or by visiting [www.theatreconspiracy.org](http://www.theatreconspiracy.org).

Obie Award-winning American playwright and television writer Gina Gionfriddo, proclaimed by *Variety* as "some kind of genius," graduated from Barnard College in addition to completing Brown University's MFA playwriting program. During her time at Brown, she studied under the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel. Her previous writing credits include Off-Broadway's *After Ashley* (2004) and *U.S. Drag* (2002), in addition to many episodes of *Law & Order*, *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* and *Cold Case*. Her work has earned her a number of prestigious awards and accolades including the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, the Helen Merrill Award for Emerging Playwrights and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

Upcoming shows at Theatre Conspiracy include:

- January 3 to 25; matinee on January 19 at 2 p.m.

*Relatively Speaking*, three one-act comedies by Ethan Coen, Elaine May and Woody Allen

Four-time Oscar winner Ethan Coen and two-time Oscar nominee Elaine May join with Woody Allen for a one-of-a-kind evening of entertainment.

In *Talking Cure*, Ethan Coen uncovers the sort of insanity that can only come from family.

In *George Is Dead*, Elaine May explores the hilarity of death.

In *Honeymoon Motel*, Woody Allen invites you to the sort of wedding day you won't forget.

- February 7 to February 23; matinee on February 23 at 2 p.m.

Set in the mountains of Connemara, County Galway, *The Beauty Queen Of Leenane* tells the darkly comic tale of Maureen Folan, a plain and lonely woman in her early forties, and Mag, her manipulative aging mother, whose interference in Maureen's first and possibly final chance of a loving relationship sets in motion a train of events that leads

inexorably towards the play's terrifying dénouement.

- March 14 to 29; matinee on March 23 at 2 p.m.

*The Whale* by Obie Award-winner Samuel D. Hunter. Since the death of his boyfriend, morbidly obese 600-pound Charlie has confined himself to his small Idaho apartment and is eating himself to oblivion. With his health quickly failing, Charlie becomes desperate to reconnect with Ellie, his estranged and angry teenage daughter whom he has not seen in 17 years. He would give her anything: his love, his money... maybe even his life.✪

## Lab Theater Offers Fall Classes

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will offer a wide array of educational classes for child and adult performer this fall. Starting in the second week of November, classes such as Intro to Acting with Meisner Technique and Character Development: The Anti-Hero or Villain and How to Love Shakespeare will commence at the theater's new rehearsal annex.

Artistic Director Annette Trossbach said, "We are glad to offer workshops for those performers who may only have a few hours to spare, as well as six-

eight-week classes at Lab Theater. By spending a little bit of time and effort, people who are already performing can ramp up their skills, which will not only be excellent for their future performances, but will also raise the bar of talent in Southwest Florida. And those who are just dipping their toes into the water will have plenty of affordable classes to choose from, as well."

Classes will be held in the evenings and weekends. The fees are variable, with workshops at \$20 for two hours and six- to 10-week courses from \$80 to \$120. Scholarships are also available.

More information about classes can be found at [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).✪

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- Best Seafood – Traders Cafe & Store (shrimp and crab cocktail with avocado salsa)
- Best Dessert – Rosie’s Cafe & Grill (cake sundae with ice cream).✱✱

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## Connect Networking At Davis Art Center



Jason Teeters

The next Connect Networking event at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will be on Thursday, November 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Connect Networking is open to everyone and is an encouraging and positive group where people can get to know each other, expand business and personal relationships and connect in their community.



Melissa DeHaven

Development Director Melissa DeHaven organizes and hosts the monthly event, which includes raffle prizes, a guest speaker, appetizers and networking.

This month's topic is Transformational Leadership with guest speaker Strategic Partnership Manager and Rasmussen College instructor Jason Teeters. An active member in the local community, Teeters who earned his masters degree in industrial/organizational psychology, learned to apply course knowledge with research and statistical methods to design organizational problem interventions, including assessment survey results, selection system design, performance

management systems and job analysis. This has assisted in developing specific, measurable and timely goals most beneficial to organizations. That knowledge has assisted him in providing strategic solutions and presenting win-win scenarios.

Teeters is helping students with an in-depth study of self-marketing approaches, assembling a complete job-seeking portfolio, job interviewing techniques and professionalism. He helps the students develop personal and professional characteristics necessary for obtaining and maintaining suitable employment and in achieving the leadership skills to be successful.

Teeters is also a strategic partnership manager for Collegis Education, a

technology-based services company that offers industry-leading education solutions for colleges, universities, and businesses of every size and sector.

At November's Connect event, Teeters will be speaking about how leadership can transform lives and bring happiness.

Connect events take place the second Thursday of every month at the Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District. Appetizers this month are sponsored by Twisted Vine Bistro. Admission is \$6. Networking promo table space is available for \$25. For more information, contact DeHaven at [Melissa.sbdac@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.sbdac@gmail.com).✪

## Intern Joins ArtFest Team

Lauren Gomes is the new event operations intern for ArtFest Fort Myers for the 2014 program year. Gomes is a senior from Florida Gulf Coast University, majoring in the Resort and Hospitality Management Program. She found a passion for event planning after volunteering for ArtFest 2013.

"It was amazing to see such a large event successfully come together from behind the scenes," she said.

ArtFest Fort Myers, the annual juried fine art festival, takes place January 31 through February 2 in the Fort Myers River District and involves 200 professional artists from across the county and around the world; the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experi-



Lauren Gomes

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## Poetry Initiative Starts Saturday At The Alliance

For the past six months, a group of poets have been meeting at the Alliance for the Arts, exchanging thoughts on each other's work and dreaming up ways to raise awareness and appreciation of poetry in Southwest Florida. The group, now known as The Poetry Alliance, will embark on this mission on Saturday, November 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. with its first event, When Generations Collide: An Evening of Intergenerational Poetry.

Poets, spoken word performers and slam poets are invited to share their art during this evening of variety and entertainment. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Alliance at 939-2787 or visit [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org). A second event is scheduled for February 1.

The Poetry Alliance will celebrate National Poetry Month on April 17 with an event called BroadSides: Poetry Off The Shelf.

BroadSides is both an exhibit and poetry reading, featuring new works created by twelve local poets and artists. BroadSides – single works of visual art integrating the text of poems – will be exhibited while poets read their work. The original works and prints will be

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## An Evening On Broadway November 17

Impact Initiative of Southwest Florida is hosting An Evening On Broadway, an event in benefit of both Sunshine Kids and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida on Sunday, November 17 at the Colony Golf and Country Club in Bonita Springs. The event will feature Broadway entertainment from New York star performers Steve Barcus and Elizabeth Kensek. Tickets are \$85 per person. VIP tickets are \$150 and include a special photograph opportunity with the stars as well as a VIP gift bag. All proceeds benefit Sunshine Kids and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

From 6 to 9 p.m., all attendees will enjoy Broadway entertainment, a martini bar, wine tasting, dinner and dessert. There will be a special VIP reception beforehand from 5 to 6 p.m., featuring cocktails, appetizers and a meet-and-greet and photo opportunity with stars Steve Barcus and Elizabeth Kensek as well as G.W. Bailey and Tony Denison from *Major Crimes*. VIP ticket holders will also receive a gift bag valued at \$100. VIP tickets are limited to the first 50 people.

All proceeds from the event benefit two special groups that work to create better lives for children with cancer and

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# Mentorship And Rivalry At Florida Rep

by Di Saggau

“Now that’s acting.” Those were the words uttered by two well-known theater goers as they exited Florida Rep’s ArtStage Studio Theatre, after having seen *Collected Stories*.

The play by Donald Margulies is a two-character drama set between 1990 and 1996, focusing on two writers, their friendship, ambitions, rivalries and betrayals. Sara Morsey plays Ruth Steiner, an established Jewish scribe, famous for her short stories. Deanna Gibson plays Lisa Morrison, a young author who worships Steiner and after several tutorials, becomes her assistant.

From this point on we see a friendship develop and watch the young apprentice overcome her shyness and gain her own strength, daring to question Ruth’s advice and challenge her authority.

Sparks start to fly when Lisa sells her first story to a publication Ruth advised her against. Ruth is taken aback by Lisa’s independence, but quickly recovers. Lisa is regaled by stories of Ruth’s former life, including an affair she had, while very young, with a much older, famous poet. Lisa asks why she has never written about it and Ruth replies, “Some things you don’t touch.”

It’s pretty obvious at this point, that Lisa is going to ignore Ruth’s remark. Their friendship survives over several years until Lisa publishes her first novel, to rave reviews.

Problem is it’s Ruth’s life story, her Jewish background and her turbulent love affair. Lisa claims it’s an act of homage, but Ruth calls it exploitation and plunder.

Margulies’ dialogue is whip-smart, allowing the audience to enter the lives of these two women and understand what makes them tick.

Morsey and Morrison skillfully portray their characters’ contrasting personalities. Lisa is charming, innocent and a manipulator. Ruth is crusty, intimidating and clearly one who guards her affection. The two women play off one another beautifully. Director



Sara Morsey and Deanna Gibson in a scene from *Collected Stories*

Chris Clavelli elicits fine performances, expertly showing the shifts in the women’s ever-changing relationship.

The set is obviously a writer’s work place. Ruth’s Greenwich Village apartment is cluttered with magazines, clippings, manuscripts and a phone that rings often, but is never answered. Parts of the set extend into the audience which makes you feel as if you are in the room.

*Collected Stories* plays through December 7 in Florida Rep’s ArtStage Studio Theatre, located in the Historic Arcade Theatre on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry. Tickets are available at [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org) or by calling the box office at 332-4488.\*

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## Watercolor Classes Offered

The Art League of Fort Myers is offering a new class called Watercolor for Beginners & Intermediate. The class will held on Thursdays beginning December 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and is scheduled for six weeks. The cost is \$96 for members and \$120 for non-members.

The class is being taught by Susanne Brown. To enroll, call 826-2234 or email [susilla@comcast.com](mailto:susilla@comcast.com). A supply list is available.

The art league of Fort Myers invites holds free open painting sessions on Wednesday mornings at the gallery on Monroe Street from 9:30 to 12 p.m. Additional art classes are offered for adults and children throughout the week.

Membership is open to all artists and friends of the arts. Annual memberships are available for children, adults and families. For more information, visit [www.artleagueoffortmyers.org](http://www.artleagueoffortmyers.org), email [artleagueoffm@embarqmail.com](mailto:artleagueoffm@embarqmail.com) or call 275-3970.

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## Coalition Raises \$20,000 To Help The Homeless

The Lee County Homeless Coalition raised more than \$20,000 during the organization's Roaring Twenties-themed 9th annual dinner and silent auction held November 2 at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Myers.

The event was sponsored by the Aubuchon Family Fund, the Bireley Family Foundation and Matlacha Cottages. More than 200 guests attended and there was bidding on more than 100 donated auction items.

The funds raised will help the Lee County Homeless Coalition and its partners to continue their mission to end homelessness in the county. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from the dinner were donated to the Bob Janes Triage Center, a place for individuals who are at risk for committing minor non-violent crimes, and those who suffer from a behavioral health crisis.

Hosted by master of ceremonies Lee County Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, the event featured special guest speaker Casey Jones, survivor of Flight 1549, the plane that landed safely in the Hudson River. Jones shared his story of the amazing event and how his faith kept him afloat.

"We are grateful for the support from our sponsors, partner agencies and the community for helping us to exceed our fundraising goal," said Janet Bartos,



Allan and Amy Davies



Amy Davies and Heather Mazurkiewicz



Karen Hawes and Daleen O'Dell



Mark Tracey, Shelley Tracey, Karen Tracey and Dave Tracey



Mandy, Eric and Conrad Pateidl

executive director, Lee County Homeless Coalition. "However, as we enter the holidays, we continue to rely on the help of the Lee County community to make an impact with the children, families and

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For more information on the Lee County Homeless Coalition, visit [www.leehomeless.org](http://www.leehomeless.org).

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### Poetry Initiative

offered for sale to benefit the program.

The Poetry Alliance will also offer classes for experienced poets and those seeking to test the waters of verse.

For more details, visit [www.ArtInLee.org](http://www.ArtInLee.org) or call 939-2787.

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

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### An Evening On Broadway

their families. Seating is limited, and tickets are expected to sell out fast. Sponsorship opportunities and silent auction donations are currently being accepted.

For more information, contact Janet Yon at 269-6335. To RSVP and register for the event, go to [www.sunshinekids.org/broadway](http://www.sunshinekids.org/broadway).



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Community Concert Association Founder and President Emeritus Barbara B. Mann with Berne Davis

## Community Concert Association Awards Lifetime Memberships

The Fort Myers Community Concert Association board of directors awarded lifetime memberships Sunday to three longtime members, each of whom has served 44 to 58 years on the board.

L. D. Bochette and Jeanne Bochette of Fort Myers were honored for their 58 years of service to the organization that annually brings in world-renowned artists to perform. Gerda Friedeman of Fort Myers also was honored for her 44 years of service.

Fort Myers Community Concert Association Founder and President Emeritus Barbara B. Mann was present for the ceremony, along with long-time board member Berne Davis.

"It is an honor to have served alongside these pillars of the cultural community for so many years," said Mary Lee Mann, current president of the association.

Mann reported that few tickets remain for this year's 65th Concert Series that begins in January and features these five concerts:

**Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel**, January 27. The orchestra, founded in 1950, is the most significant musical institute in northern Israel. More than 5,000 people per year attend their programs. The orchestra currently is touring North America under the direction of world-acclaimed Maestro Noam Sheriff, one of Israel's most versatile musicians.

**Pianist Teresa Walters**, February 6. Known worldwide as The International First Lady of Piano, Walters is a familiar face on the world's greatest concert stages including New York's Carnegie Hall, London's Wigmore Hall, the Salle Cortet in Paris, and the Great



Lindy Smith of North Fort Myers and lifetime board member Gerda Friedeman



Franklin Mann and Community Concert Association President Mary Lee Mann with Barbara B. Mann (front)

Hall of Moscow. Walters earned her doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory.

**Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company of Siberia**, February 11. This dance troupe has appeared in more than 60 countries, performing Siberian dances that captivate audiences with their vivid character portrayals, the musical movements and the fanciful patterns of the choreographic design.

**Teatro Lirico D'Europa** performing *L'Elisir*



L.D. Bochette and Jeanne Bochette received lifetime memberships. Their daughter Alyce Bochette is at left and Barbara B. Mann in front



Bob Shafer, Barbara Shafer, front, Barbara B. Mann

*D'Amore*, March 6. Donizetti's light-hearted comic opera tells the story of a young, poor man who tries to win the heart of a beautiful woman.

**The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields** with Joshua Bell, Music Director and Violin, March 24. One of the world's most celebrated chamber orchestras based in the United Kingdom, the academy became the first and only orchestra to be awarded the Queen's Award of Export by Queen Elizabeth. Director is Joshua Bell, who is often referred to as "poet of the violin" and one of the world's most celebrated violinists.

All performances will be at the Barbara B. Mann Hall on the Edison College campus in Fort Myers at 7:30 p.m. and are included in one ticket price, which ranges from \$165 for prime orchestra and mezzanine seats to \$155 for other orchestra and mezzanine seats, \$85 for lower balcony seating and \$65 for upper balcony. For tickets visit [www.fortmyerscommunityconcerts.org](http://www.fortmyerscommunityconcerts.org) or call 693-4849.✪



Bob Velzy of Fort Myers and Madeleine Taeni of Cape Coral



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**Finals**

## Minella Wins In Straight Sets To Capture Pro Classic On Captiva

In Sunday's singles finals at the Women's Pro Classic at South Seas Island Resort, Captiva, #2 seed Mandy Minella of Luxembourg defeated Canadian Gabriela Dabrowski in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 to capture the inaugural event of the \$50,000 USTA Pro Circuit Women's Event. With professional tennis making its debut on Captiva this week, it was the final opportunity for players to obtain WTA Tour points in the U.S. to qualify for the 2014 Australian Open and that's exactly what Minella accomplished this week.

"This tournament was really important for me to win because now I am going to get directly into the Singles Main Draw of the Australian Open in January," said Minella. "The Women's Pro Classic at South Seas was a perfect place to play a pro circuit event with all of the amenities and activities, I felt like I was on holiday half of the time I was here."

Singles finalist Gabriela Dabrowski of Canada was also the doubles champion in Saturday's doubles finals with partner Allie Will (who were seeded #1) and topped American duo Julia Boserup and Alexandra Mueller 6-1, 6-2 to claim the title.

Also making a special appearance at the Women's Pro Classic Singles Final on Sunday was U.S. Open Tournament Director Brian Earley, who joined Captiva's tournament director, Nick Blackwood, in the awards presentation ceremony.

"I was very excited about how well the Women's Pro Classic went for our first year and all of the community support and involvement we had, I am already looking forward to next year's event," said Blackwood. "It was great to see so many of the top ranked WTA Tour players come to a first year event at South Seas Island Resort and also see that our event made a major impact on one of the players who will now get directly into the Australian Open Main Draw in January."

Others who also played in the Women's Pro Classic this year included American tennis stars Melanie Oudin (who has been ranked as high as #31 in the WTA Tour singles rankings) and is known for her thrilling run at the 2009 US Open where she defeated Maria Sharapova to advance to the quarter finals along with Victoria Duval who captured the hearts of Americans at the 2013 U.S. Open this summer after defeating Grand Slam Singles Champion Sam Stosur in the first round. In addition to this, Taylor Townsend also played on Captiva this week and has had breakthrough junior accomplishments on her way to playing the USTA Pro Circuit events includ-



**Mandy Minella**



**Nick Blackwood and Mandy Minella**

ing the Junior Australian Open Singles Championship in 2012 and finishing the year ranked number one in Girls Singles Junior ITF World rankings.

The women's pro classic was held November 3-10 at the Pavel & Blackwood Tennis Academy at South Seas. Throughout the week, the Women's Pro Classic showcased world class tennis by bringing the game's emerging and future tennis stars to the area while benefiting three local philanthropic causes – the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Madisen's Match and Partners for Breast Cancer Care.

This year's title sponsor is the South Seas Island Resort with Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille as the presenting sponsor. Additional sponsors include Sofibella, NU Men's Formal Tennis, Pro Graphx and PSAV.\*



**Nick Blackwood, left, and Brian Earley with Mandy Minella and Gabriela Dabrowski**



**Mandy Minella and Gabriela Dabrowski**



**Decorating cookies**

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## Children's Workshop

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. November 29; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 30; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 1. Most activities are indoors but, an indoor/outdoor Family Fun Day will take place on November 30. The Family Fun Day will also include Brunch with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"This is the first year we will have Santa for all three days of the workshop," said Comerota. "He is truly an authentic



**Many games to play**

Santa."

Santa will be at the festival all weekend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pictures with Santa are \$5 with package options available.

The Children's Workshop is \$6, Brunch with Santa is \$12, or participate in both for \$15.

The night of the Family Fun Day, there will be a performance by the Beatles tribute band, the Nowhere Band, who will perform outside the art center during the River District's Holiday Stroll (approximately 7 p.m.).

The Festival of Trees showcases over 20 lavishly decorated trees, designed by



**Face painting station**

businesses and individuals in the community. Viewing the trees is free but monetary donations are appreciated.

Last year, the Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala raised \$95,000 to support The Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. Goodwill's Festival of Trees is presented by FineMark National Bank & Trust. The Children's Workshop is sponsored by East Coast Recycling Equipment. For ticket information, visit [www.tuxandtrees.com](http://www.tuxandtrees.com).✪

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## Footloose & Fancy Free 5K Charity Run/Walk

Foot Solutions of Estero will be hosting its 2nd annual Footloose & Fancy Free 5K Run/Walk at Koreshan State Park, to be held on Saturday, November 16.

Registration is available online at [www.RaceIt.com](http://www.RaceIt.com) or [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com), or at Foot Solutions Estero location. Proceeds go to benefit the non-profit organization Soles4Souls.

Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. and the run begins at 8 a.m. Details and registration information is available at [www.footsolutions.com/estero](http://www.footsolutions.com/estero).

A shoe drive is being held in conjunction with the run. Proceeds go to benefit the non-profit organization Soles4Souls, as well as Shoes for the Cure and Koreshan State Historic Park.

The Foot Solutions Estero Footloose & Fancy Free 5K Run/Walk will feature a unique course that winds through the beautiful trails and historic sites of Koreshan State Park. Runners will enjoy varied terrains and beautiful scenery as they travel along paths that were once the foot trails of the Koreshan colony during the late 1800s.

"We are very excited about another successful event this year," said Chris Cole, owner of Foot Solutions Estero. "Last year, we had a great turnout and collected over 250 pairs of shoes, which

were donated to those in need locally and worldwide. This year, we are anticipating at least 200 runners, and are hoping to provide an even bigger donation. The varied terrain trails of Koreshan Park make for a beautiful run. It has been the destination for several very successful 5K's in years past. The park owners are also very excited about having everyone back for this year's event, as well as many new participants."

The run will be held in conjunction with a shoe drive to benefit the non-profit organization, Soles4Souls and the local organization Shoes for the Cure. Participants are asked to bring a pair of used shoes with them on the day of the event to be donated to Soles4Souls, as well as other local charities. All shoes will either be redistributed to those in need of footwear, or will be recycled for materials. Participants may also drop off shoes at Foot Solutions Estero prior to the race.

Co-event organizer Julie Digby added, "The Footloose & Fancy Free 5K is more than just a run. It is also an effort to help those in need locally, and around the world. Our hope is to provide relief to victims of abject suffering through the collection of used shoes, as well as support of these organizations who are making great efforts to eradicate poverty."

"We encourage all runners and walkers to come out for a fun event, while also supporting these very worthy causes. Those who enjoy kayaking or camping are also encouraged to reserve camping spots at Koreshan, bring their gear and make it an all day event," said Cole.

An awards ceremony will be held immediately following the run, in which prizes will be awarded to winners for males and females in each age category. The timing and course tracking will be provided by 3D Racing.

Sponsorship opportunities are currently still available for this event. Registration forms are available online and at Foot

Solutions of Estero. To download registration forms or sponsorship information, visit [www.footsolutions.com/estero](http://www.footsolutions.com/estero) and go to the "Events" page. Online registration is also available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or [www.raceit.com](http://www.raceit.com).

For more information, visit [www.footsolutions.com/estero](http://www.footsolutions.com/estero) or call 495-8911.✪

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## Art Made From Rejected Items

place, third place and Jurors Choice will be announced during the reception. Art will be on display from December 6 through December 28.

Juror Mary Voytek is associate professor of art at Florida Gulf Coast University. She has an MFA from Rhode Island School of Design and a BFA from California College of the Art.

Kyra Belan will be on display in the Alliance Member Gallery. For more information, call 939-2787.

Covanta Energy, one of the world's largest owners and operators of infrastructure for the conversion of waste-to-energy, is the Rejectamenta sponsor.

The Alliance campus and galleries are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. Visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for additional details.✪



**The Survivors by Ken Andexler from the 2011 show**

## Financial Focus

## Short-Term Vs. Long-Term Investments: What's The Difference?



by Jennifer Basey

**A**t various times, many people may feel frustrated by the performance of their investments. For example, they expect growth, and they don't get it – or they think the value of their

investment won't fluctuate much, but it does. However, some of this frustration might be alleviated if investors were more familiar with the nature of their investment vehicles. Specifically, it's important to keep in mind the difference between long-term and short-term investments.

What defines long-term and short-term investments? Long-term investments are those vehicles that you intend to hold for more than one year – in fact, you generally intend to hold them for several years. On the other hand, you usually hold short-term investments for one year or less.

You can find several key distinctions between short-term and long-term vehicles. Here are a few to consider:

- They carry different expectations. When you purchase an investment that you intend to keep for many years, you may be expecting the investment to increase in value so that you can eventually sell it for a profit. In addition, you may be looking for the investment to provide income. When you purchase a short-term vehicle, you are generally not expecting much in the way of a return or an increase in value. Typically, you purchase short-term investments for the relatively greater degree of principal protection they are designed to provide.

- They meet different needs at dif-

ferent times of life. You will have different investment needs at different times of your life. When you're young, and just starting out in your career, you may require a mix of long- and short-term investments. You might need the short-term ones to help pay for a down payment on a home, while the long-term ones could be used to help build resources for your retirement. But later in life, when you're either closing in on retirement, or you're already retired, you may have much less need for long-term vehicles, with a corresponding increase in your need for short-term investments.

- They can satisfy different goals. If you purchase investments that you intend to hold for the long term, you probably have a long-term goal in mind – such as building resources to help pay for a comfortable retirement or leaving a legacy. On the other hand, a short-term investment would be more appropriate if you know that you will need a certain amount of money at a certain time – perhaps to purchase a car or to fund a vacation.

- They carry different risks. All investments carry some type of risk. One of the biggest risks associated with long-term investments is volatility, the fluctuations in the financial markets that can cause investments to lose value. On the other hand, short-term investment vehicles may be subject to purchasing power risk – the risk that your investment's return will not keep up with inflation.

As an investor, you'll probably need a mix of long-term and short-term vehicles. By knowing the differences between these two categories, you should have a good idea of what to expect from your investments – and this knowledge can help you make those choices that are right for you.

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## Seeking Ethical Businesses

**N**ominations for the ninth annual Business Ethics Award of the Uncommon Friends Foundation are being accepted until February 1. The award will be presented in recognition of the critical importance of ethical leadership in today's businesses and organizations during the Uncommon Evening event on Thursday, March 26, at Harborside Event Center, Fort Myers.

The award will be presented to a Southwest Florida business that exemplifies the highest standards of ethical behavior.

Business, political, community, and

religious leaders from the five-county region may nominate companies and organizations that consistently demonstrate a system-wide commitment to business ethics. Companies and organizations may also self-nominate. Applications will be judged by an independent panel of ethics experts from across the country.

Applications and nomination forms for the award are available at [www.uncommonfriends.org](http://www.uncommonfriends.org). Click on the Business Ethics tab and scroll down to click on the application download. Businesses must meet the following criteria:

Past recipients are HomeBanc Mortgage Corp., WilsonMiller, Inc., Bonita Bay Group, Shell Point Retirement Community, Markham

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## Lee County Human Services Helps House Homeless Veterans

**S**ixty-seven homeless veterans have found housing in Lee County, thanks to providers including Lee County Department of Human Services, Lee County Homeless Coalition, Veteran's Affairs, American Red Cross, the Fort Myers Housing Authority and the American Legion Post 38.

The effort started back in April, when local homeless providers were invited to join the 100,000 Campaign to house 100,000 homeless veterans nationwide by the end of December 2013. Local providers committed to housing 50 homeless veterans in 90 days. By the time the 90-day period ended, 52 homeless veterans found housing. So in July, the same local groups committed to housing another 50 to reach 100 by the end of December.

So far, 67 veterans have been housed with another 33 to go to reach the goal. There are 20 veterans in the system currently looking for housing.

The team teleconferences with each other every other week to identify program glitches and individual barriers to a veteran getting placed into stable housing. An innovative aspect of the team includes a partnership with the American Legion Post 38 for veterans to be with other veterans for support. Post 38 also secures and disburses household items to homeless veterans as they transition into their new life.

Lee County Human Services is housed in a downtown building shared by Lee County Veterans Services at 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Veterans can call 533-8381.

"The motto for my office is, 'Every day is Veterans Day,'" said John Ebling, director of Veterans Services for Lee County. "Our primary mission is to assist veterans or the widows of veterans with claims on different benefits."

On average, Ebling sees 100 new clients each month. Many clients also arrive at Veterans Services seeking assistance with rent, utility bills and more, and he refers these individuals to Lee County Human Services for help.\*

## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bayshore Park	Fort Myers	1993	13,723	\$5,999,999	\$5,750,000	919
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	2008	3,618	\$1,600,000	\$1,400,000	182
Montelago	Miromar Lakes	2004	2,730	\$855,000	\$825,000	55
Belle Meade	Fort Myers	2006	3,315	\$660,000	\$635,000	405
Cypress Marsh	Fort Myers	2005	3,131	\$669,000	\$618,000	11
Fort Myers Beach	Fort Myers Beach	1979	1,800	\$494,000	\$470,000	586
Bella Terra	Estero	2005	4,150	\$464,900	\$450,000	67
Hills T.P.	Fort Myers Beach	2007	1,225	\$449,000	\$432,000	100
Town & River	Fort Myers	1961	2,274	\$435,000	\$400,000	226
Island Park Woodlands	Fort Myers	1991	1,982	\$419,000	\$395,000	9

Courtesy of Royal Shell Real Estate

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, My high school senior son is very stressed out about the college process. He wants to apply to college and the then the next minute,

he says that he wants to take a year off and wander in Alaska for a while. I don't know how to help him, what to encourage and figure out what he wants. What can I do?

**David,**

The senior year of high school is not for sissies – it is a very difficult and stressful year for most students and their parents. Kids are under a lot of pressures these days to achieve at incredibly high standards and are facing the looming unknown of their future, but parents can help to de-stress their children.

First of all, watch carefully for signs of strain. Some kids can handle all the activities that go along with the college process, but others need some help to get through it. If you see that your child is feeling overwhelmed, may seem irritable, depressed or exhausted or their school-work is suffering, it's time to step in and

David G., Fort Myers

insist that your teenager relax a bit. It might mean giving up an activity, reducing part-time work hours, not go to every weekend party and more, but they need that extra down time to relax and renew themselves.

Make sure that you are serving healthy meals and that your teen is getting enough sleep. You might even suggest (strongly) that they leave their technological devices by the door at bedtime. In fact, it may be a relief for them to do so and could provide an easy way to save face for your teen by saying that my parents are making me do this.

Take some time to sit down with your teen and examine both yours and his expectations. Are they realistic? If he loves the outdoors and survival camping, maybe he should go to Alaska. Is he really a good student or is it always a crazy push to stay off of academic probation every year? What are his strengths and weaknesses? While it is very exciting to say I got accepted to such and such college, if he isn't a great student maybe he does need some time to think about his life and what he wants to achieve. There are many young people who don't come into their own until later in life. They may try their hand at working for a few years, and then go to college. It's never too late to go back to school and real world experiences can make a huge difference in career decision-making.

The key here is that your son has a plan – even if it's short term or not the ambition you would have chosen for him.

All of us progress through life at our own pace and according to our own timetable. Some kids know from a young age what they want to do professionally while others kids set their sights on one career but change their mind once they achieve it or at some point along the way based on personal growth and interests and that's OK, too. However, the question to consider here is that it may have been someone else's vision for them more so than their own. So take some time now to listen carefully to you son and hear his concerns and dreams to help him set his future plans.

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“Walking side by side with supporters and survivors was truly meaningful,” said Associa Gulf Coast employee Laurie Fortier. “It was an opportunity to impact others' lives and to make strides in the fight against breast cancer.”

Over a dozen Associa Gulf Coast employees joined the 5-mile walk, wearing Putting on the Pink T-shirts. The team, naming themselves Striding for Those We Love, raised several hundred dollars in pledges.

Associa Gulf Coast also hosted the Radiology Regional Mobile Mammo bus at its Fort Myers branch.\*

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## Strides Against Breast Cancer

**A**ssocia Gulf Coast participated in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer charity walk for the second consecutive year.

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## Bullying Is The Latest Scandal To Hit Professional Sports



by Ed Frank

**T**he never-ending saga of violence in professional sports boiled over this past week involving the Miami Dolphins football team in an issue heretofore centered in the classroom – bullying.

Perhaps it should come as no surprise that Dolphins guard Richie Incognito, voted by fellow NFL players as the dirtiest player in football, is in the middle of the scandalous issue having been suspended indefinitely by Miami while the NFL investigates the matter.

Incognito's alleged bullying resulted in fellow lineman Jonathan Martin fleeing the team saying that Incognito bullied

him by leaving racist and threatening voice mails, emails and texts.

Of course, the 300-pound Incognito downplays the entire issue saying it was all locker room antics that is prevalent throughout professional football.

It has been well documented that rookie hazing has long been tolerated in the NFL even to the point where rookies have been forced to pick up \$30,000 dinner tabs for veterans.

But this is the first time that a player left a team in fear of his life and his family's well-being.

We find that Incognito was kicked off the Nebraska football team for inappropriate conduct and just a few days ago the Dolphins confirmed that he was investigated last year for allegedly harassing a female volunteer at the team's annual golf tournament.

The team investigated that incident and reported “we took immediate action,” not saying what that action was.

How this all plays out and whether Martin and Incognito return to the Dolphins will be watched closely.

Bullying has been a serious problem in schools and in the workplace. And it should not be tolerated or excused in professional sports as mere “locker room hazing.”

Let's see how serious the NFL is and what it does to curb bullying.

### Mauer Moves to First Base to Prevent Injuries

The Minnesota Twins announced Monday that All-Star catcher Joe Mauer will move from behind the plate to the first-base in order to preserve his health.

“After consultation with doctors from the Mayo Clinic and team doctors, and given

the inherent risks of future injury at the catcher position, the organization and Joe determined that it would be in the best interest of both him and the Twins for a position change,” the Twins said in a statement.

He suffered a concussion on a foul tip off his mask August 19 and did not play the remainder of last season.

The Twins said he is now symptom-free and has begun his off-season conditioning.

Mauer batted .324 last season in 113 games and earned an American League Silver Slugger Award. He previously has played 56 games at first base committing just four errors.

Having traded their All-Star first-baseman Justin Morneau, the Twins obviously are in need of a big bat at that position.

### Everblades Start Week with 8-1-1-1 Record Beginning a Four-Game Road Trip

The Florida Everblades are on the road for four games, two at Gwinnett, one at South Carolina and one at Orlando before returning to home ice next Saturday against Orlando.

With a season-starting record of 8-1-1-1, Florida began the week in second place in the ECHL South Division trailing South Carolina by two points.

Last week, the Everblades split a pair of games against Elmira and suffered a 4-3 overtime loss to Toledo.\*

## Bikers For Babies Ride This Sunday

**S**unday, November 17, is the March of Dimes 13th annual Bikers for Babies Motorcycle Ride.

This 35-mile law enforcement escorted ride will begin at North Collier Regional Water Park, Livingston Road, at 11 a.m. and will head north on Livingston to Bonita Beach Road, then west on Bonita Beach Road to Estero Boulevard, arriving between 11:20 and 11:45 a.m.

They will continue to Fort Myers Beach, San Carlos Boulevard and McGregor Boulevard, then east on Colonial Boulevard to Fort Myers Harley-Davidson.

While this ride is in progress, all intersections will be closed to through traffic. Expect at least a 45 minute delay, organizers say. This ride will host 1,300 motorcycles and span about 15 miles in length at some points.

The public is encouraged to come out and show support by cheering on the bikers.

For more information, call us 433-3463.\*

## Well Read Gift Shop Benefits Hope Hospice

The idea of a one-night benefit for Hope Hospice turned into something bigger with Robin Currier involved. Well Read, a seasonal clothier and gift shop featuring unique items

dedicated to the love of literature, is her new vision of a way to help.

The boutique will be open throughout November at Bell Tower Shops, with a portion of each sale – from both the store and online – being donated to benefit the Pet Peace of Mind program at Hope Hospice.

Pet Peace of Mind helps individuals who are facing a life-limiting illness to remain close to their beloved pets. Often

considered members of the family, these pets are lovingly cared for by Hope volunteers, who feed and walk the pets and ensure they remain clean and healthy – and by their owner's side.

"I was truly inspired by what Hope Hospice does with the pets of their patients," Currier said. "These animals provide unconditional love and companionship when a seriously ill person needs it most. I loved the program and felt I

simply had to find a way to help. Well Read gives me that opportunity."

Currier has blended her passions for literature and fashion by creating a line of men's neckties and T-shirts based on classic works such as *Moby Dick*, *Anna Karenina*, *Jane Eyre*, *Humpty Dumpty* and many more. Some of the designs are literal while others are more abstract, Currier said. Well Read will also carry leggings, dresses and accessories for women and children.

In addition to Currier's original artwork, the innovative packaging is created to provide a playful answer to holiday shopping needs. Currier said she loves packaging, and her first venture into the fashion industry was men's neckties packaged in hardbound book boxes. Well Read items are geared toward children and adults – a romper for the boy and a matching T-shirt for dad, for example.

Well Read will be staffed by volunteers and carry Currier's business model, which is grounded in service and giving back to the Fort Myers community where she was born and raised. Currier said Bell Tower is incredibly supportive by offering an empty store to lease for the month.

"We think what Robin is doing for our Pet Peace of Mind program is marvelous," Hope HealthCare Services CEO Samira K. Beckwith said. "For many in our care, pets are considered part of the family and bring so much joy, which is why we created the program. We also help ensure that these treasured pets find a loving, adoptive home."

"I am impressed with Hope Hospice," Currier said. "They always think outside the box."

Hope HealthCare Services provides end-of-life care and many other programs to provide care for people with serious or advancing illness, including the Hope Parkinson Program, Hope Kids Care and Hope PACE, a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, which coordinates all medical care for seniors and provides health and dental care, warm meals, and entertainment and socialization opportunities at Hope's Care Centers.

Each day, the not-for-profit organization cares for more than 2,000 individuals of all ages and their families.

"Hope's staff and volunteers touch the lives of thousands of people each day, but our focus is still on the special needs of every individual," Beckwith said. "That's what Hope is all about."

For more information, call 855-454-3100 or visit [www.HopeHCS.org](http://www.HopeHCS.org).

# DARE TO BE AWARE

## Scavenger Hunt for Alzheimer's



**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Event Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Starting Location: Royal Palm Commons**

**2400 First St, Ft. Myers, FL 33901**

**Registration: 9:00 AM**

**The Race: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Awards: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Teams of two will race throughout Downtown Fort Myers solving clues, answering trivia, and completing challenges out on the Dare to be Aware Scavenger Hunt (DASH) course.**

**Registration: \$10 per participant**

**All funds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association**

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dearPharmacist

## Low Testosterone A Risk Factor For Heart Attack



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:**

I have a bedroom problem. I took Viagra for several years and it stopped working, so I was put on Cialis. Sometimes that helps, sometimes not. I'm too embar-

arrassed to ask my doctor again. She says this is a part of aging because I am 58. Any suggestions?

*TM, Bethesda, Maryland*

I have many! I'm stunned that she's never mentioned bio-identical hormone replacement for you, as in testosterone or T. The reason most men develop erectile dysfunction in the first place is because they are low in their natural "manly" hormone, which starts to decline with age. The declining T causes a relative increase in circulating estrogen, a hormone found in higher concentrations in women. Restoring testosterone or T puts balance back, so it's best my recommendation for increasing mojo.

Giving a man one of those super sex

pills like Viagra, Levitra or Cialis is the equivalent of jump starting the car every two miles, rather than just fixing the battery. Why do men medicate themselves every weekend, when they can fix the root cause by balancing hormones? It's a good question isn't it? A good physician should evaluate your hormones and neurotransmitters and decipher if it's low testosterone, low dopamine, high cortisol, high estrogen, low progesterone, high insulin, low DHEA or oxytocin. If you're a man or a woman, and you've 'lost that lovin' feelin' that's what you need to evaluate and replenish. Prescribed sex pills, as useful as they are, can't balance hormones.

There's another reason I get hot under the collar about this topic. Men are dying every day from heart attack and stroke that may have been prevented. The clue that you're headed for trouble is erectile dysfunction. Think that out, it's not hard to understand... if the blood isn't effectively flowing down south to your penis, it isn't flowing up north either, to your heart. The blood vessels are clogged and that could cause erectile dysfunction years before a massive heart attack occurs. What does conventional medicine do? Prescribe a quick fixer upper, so you can have a night of fun, instead of helping you clear your arteries, improve vessel flexibility, correct hormonal imbalances and manage cholesterol (they don't even measure it correctly but that's another column).

I think there is an incomplete knowl-

edge or understanding of physiology or hormones because sex pills should not be your go-to drug for erectile dysfunction. You think it's just me saying that to alarm you? Not a chance, I would never scare you, that's not how I roll.

A study published in March 2010 in *Circulation* concluded, "Erectile dysfunction is a potent predictor of all-cause death and the composite of cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, stroke, and heart failure in men with cardiovascular disease." There's no doubt, low testosterone is a risk factor for heart attack. Replacement therapy is controversial. Some studies suggest the very use of testosterone increases heart attack risk, but I find flaws with those studies. Balance is key.

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

## Jail Time Nets \$40,000 For MDA

More than 50 business and civic leaders from throughout the Cape Coral area were "arrested" and put behind bars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Cape Coral Lock-Up fundraiser on October 30 at

Palmetto-Pine Country Club. The event raised \$40,139.

Accused of having big hearts and being heavily armed with kindness, the "jailbirds" volunteered to be part of MDA's Lock-Up in order to raise "bail" by encouraging friends, family, co-workers and business contacts to make contributions to MDA that directly benefit families in the greater Southwest Florida area living with progressive muscle diseases.

Top bail-raisers included Shelly Cranford of Back Streets, Cape Coral Mayoral Candidate Marni Sawicki, Lisa Muñoz of Midpoint Bingo, and Christopher Camp of Camp-Rigby.

Mayor John Sullivan, Interim Cape Coral Police Chief Bart Connelly, Local 2424 Chief Timothy Hayes, John Caroscia, Brian Hamman, April Freeman, Rick Williams and Richard Leon were among some of the other community members being locked-up.

Community sponsors included Cape Coral Police Community Volunteer Unit, Twin DJs of Sarasota, Elite Limousine Services, Auntie M's Goodies, Amy Weiler Photography, Bubba's Road House, FGCU, Jill's Joint, Westin Cape Coral, and Banana Bay Tour Company.

The event also will help send Cape Coral area youngsters to a special week at MDA summer camp at Rotary Camp in Brandon.

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

**Dear Mom & Me,**

During the holidays, we decided one night to go to the movies. As we approached the two available seats, I could not help but notice the three people sitting in the seats closest to me. A severely obese father, his very fat daughter who was about 10 years old and his wife who was at least 80 pounds overweight.

Just before the movie was to begin, the wife started to drink her colossal soda, followed by two boxes of choco-

late covered raisins, then she opened a box of cookies and shared them with her child and husband. She consumed calories during the entire movie. She was really working hard on her apparent plan to become grossly obese.

Please share with me what is happening to some of the boomer generation?

*Cathryn*

**Dear Cathryn,**

Based on the diet industry, I don't think obesity is limited to the boomer generation.

Good health habits of proper nutrition and exercise are a day-to-day life-long commitment. There are many who can make the commitment and many who cannot. My heart goes out to the overweight kids of the world, whose parents are not setting good examples or teaching good habits. Kids can be cruel to overweight peers.

*Pryce*

**Dear Cathryn,**

Many seniors also over-indulge and gain weight. Some seniors have limited ability to move due to arthritis and other medical conditions. Their main source of entertainment revolves around food. Food becomes their pleasure and they want to enjoy themselves.

Children who are overweight can become obese in adulthood and face many problems. Their insurance premiums are two to four times higher. They have higher medical bills, face job discrimination, do not become candidates for job promotion, have shorter

life spans, along with the possibility of diabetes and becoming blind.

Unfortunately, many people live to eat, rather than eat to live.

*Lizzie*

*Lizzie and Pryce's email address is [momandmeaging@hotmail.com](mailto:momandmeaging@hotmail.com).*

## National Memory Screening Day

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center is participating in National Memory Screening Day on Tuesday, November 19. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is promoting the event throughout the country by partnering with member organizations such as the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center to offer memory screenings in local communities.

Appointments are required for individual screenings at the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center. Those interested can call 437-3007 to schedule an appointment. These free screenings will be conducted by qualified health care professionals between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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## Race For Cure Seeks Volunteers

The Southwest Florida affiliate of Susan G. Komen is seeking volunteers for the Race for the Cure committee. The race takes place on March 8 at Coconut Point Mall in Estero, and planning is under way.

Volunteers are needed to contact sponsors, organize teams, plan survivor events and help with race day organization and implementation. The committee meets once a month at the offices of Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida at 26800 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 210 in Bonita Springs. Additional meetings may be scheduled more frequently in the two weeks leading up to the race.

In 1982, Nancy Brinker promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. As part of that promise, the Race for the Cure series was developed as a means to fund education, research and early detection of breast cancer. In 2013 the Southwest Florida Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure was able to grant more than \$600,000 in funds in the five-county area for mammograms, ultrasounds and breast health education.

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## TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries does Hungary border?
2. HISTORY: In what year did the United States establish diplomatic relations with the Peoples Republic of China?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the coming-of-age novel *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*?
4. BIOLOGY: How long does it take a red blood cell to circulate around the human body?
5. DISCOVERIES: Who was the first to explain correctly how the circulatory system works?
6. GENERAL TRIVIA: What are the names of Santas reindeer?
7. MUSIC: What was the theme song of *An Officer and a Gentleman*?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the silkworms sole source of food?
9. ANATOMY: Where are the triceps muscles located?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the oldest president elected to office?

## ANSWERS

1. Seven (Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia and Austria) 2. 1979 3. Betty Smith 4. 20 to 60 seconds 5. William Harvey 6. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen 7. Up Where We Belong 8. Mulberry leaves 9. On the back of the upper arms 10. Ronald Reagan, 69.

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2013, Baltimore's Chris Davis became the fourth player in major-league history to hit homers in the first four games of a season. Who else did it?
2. Don Larsen pitched a perfect game for the New York Yankees in the 1956 World Series. How many career regular-season games did he win?
3. When was the last time before 2012 that Georgia Tech's football team won a bowl game?
4. Name the last Golden State Warrior before David Lee in the 2012-13 season to be selected to an NBA All-Star Game.
5. When the NHL expanded in 1967 from six to 12 teams, it located two franchises in California. Name them.
6. In 2013, Morgan Shepherd became the oldest driver to start a NASCAR Cup race. How old was he?
7. Who was the only player Rafael Nadal has lost to at the French Open?

## ANSWERS

1. Willie Mays, Mark McGwire and Nelson Cruz. 2. He won 81 games over 14 major-league seasons. 3. The Yellow Jackets won the 2004 Champs Sports Bowl. 4. Latrell Sprewell, in the 1996-97 season. 5. The Los Angeles Kings and the California (Oakland) Seals. 6. He was 71. 7. Robin Soderling, in 2009.

## My Stars ★★★★★

### FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2013

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) (March 21 to April 19) Although your energy level is high, be careful not to commit to too many projects at this time. You'll do better focusing on just a few tasks rather than spreading yourself too thin.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your heart might be leading you in one direction, but pay attention to your keen Bovine intellect. I'm cautioning you to think things through before making any commitments.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your "serious" Twin has been dominant in your life for quite a while. It's time now to let that "wilder" half take you out for some good times -- perhaps with someone very special.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Career aspects are high for Moon Children who make a good impression. Show people not only what you can already do, but also how you can be more valuable to them in the future.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Things start to brighten for the Lion's immediate financial future. But be careful to resist the urge to splurge. You need to tuck something away to help you through another tight period.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Having to do too many tasks in too short a time could lower your mood to just above the grumbling level. But if you handle things one at a time, you'll get through it all soon enough.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your usually carefully made holiday plans could be subject to change later this month. Use this week to prepare for that possibility by starting a Plan B just in case you need it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about joining a colleague's plan to solve a workplace problem. Investigate it thoroughly. Otherwise, you could find yourself in a predicament with other associates.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Slow down that high-paced whirl you've been on. Spending quiet time alone or with people you care for can be both physically and spiritually restorative.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Make suggestions, not demands. You'll be more successful in getting people to follow your lead if you exercise quiet patience instead of strong persuasion to get your ideas across.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February

18) You still need more facts before you can make an informed career choice. One note of caution: Be careful about whom you ask for that information; otherwise, you could be misled.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Changing situations through the end of the week could lead to some challenging opportunities for those perspicacious Pisceans who know how to make them work to their advantage.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of being both daring and cautious, traits that could make you a research scientist or maybe even a rocket-ship designer.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Nov. 18, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln boards a train for Gettysburg, Pa., to deliver a short speech at the dedication of a cemetery. The Gettysburg Address became one of the most famous speeches in American history.

- On Nov. 21, 1927, Time magazine puts the week-old Holland Tunnel on its cover. The tunnel, which runs under the Hudson River between New York City and Jersey City, N.J., requires 84 ventilating fans that replace all the air in the tunnel every 90 seconds.

- On Nov. 23, 1936, legendary Mississippi Delta bluesman Robert Johnson is recorded for the very first time in a San Antonio recording studio. He spent only five days in the studio, recording 41 total takes of 29 different songs. Almost immediately, Johnson's recordings gained a cult following among blues collectors.

- On Nov. 24, 1947, the House of Representatives votes to approve citations of contempt against 10 Hollywood writers, directors and producers. These men had refused to cooperate at hearings dealing with communism in the movie industry. Hollywood quickly established the so-called blacklist, and those on the list rarely found work in the movies.

- On Nov. 20, 1955, Bo Diddley introduced himself and his namesake beat with his debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show." Diddley opened his appearance with his song "Bo Diddley." Sullivan had expected him to perform Ernie Ford's "Sixteen Tons," and he was furious enough to ban Diddley from future appearances on his show.

- On Nov. 19, 1976, Patty Hearst is released on bail pending the appeal of her conviction for participating in a 1974 San

Francisco bank robbery that was caught on camera. Hearst had been kidnapped months before the robbery by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

- On Nov. 22, 1986, 20-year-old Mike Tyson knocks out Trevor Berbick in just five minutes and 35 seconds to become the youngest titleholder ever. Tyson kept his title for nine more bouts. After that, his life unraveled when he was sent to prison for three years.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was the ever-proper Emily Post who made the following sage observation: "Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter what fork you use."

- During the Dark Ages in Europe, it was a common belief that the soul of the first person to be buried in a new graveyard would belong to the devil.

- If you're planning a trip to Washington state anytime soon, you might want to head to Olympic National Park and take the Spruce Railroad Trail up to Lake Crescent, a 600-foot deep mountain lake. It has a rather spooky history, with Bigfoot sightings and numerous accounts of ghosts and inexplicable sounds in the nearby woods. The native Kallam Indians refused to fish in the lake for fear of stirring up the evil spirits that resided there. Lake Crescent also is the setting for the *Lady of the Lake*. It seems that in 1940, two local fishermen (not afraid of evil spirits, it seems) found a body there. It turned out to be the remains of one Hallie Illingworth, a waitress who had disappeared in 1937. Her husband had murdered her, weighted her body down and disposed of it in the depths of the lake. But it was those very depths -- or, more accurately, the cold water in those depths -- that preserved the body almost perfectly and made identification possible three years after her death.

- Those who study such things say that 40 percent of all modern Chinese people are descended from just three men (dubbed "super-grandfathers") during the Neolithic period.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"In the United States there is more space where nobody is than where anybody is. That's what makes America what it is." -- Gertrude Stein

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## FILE



**Sweet Corn and Chorizo Sausage Stuffed Florida Clams**

- 24 to 30 medium-sized live clams, rinsed
- 1 cup yellow corn meal
- ¼ cup jack cheese, shredded
- 1 link chorizo sausage, diced small
- 1 red bell pepper, diced small
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 small onion, diced small
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- oil for cooking
- sea salt to taste
- fresh ground pepper to taste

Fill a medium-sized stock pot halfway with water. Place stock pot on the stove over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Lightly salt the water in the stock pot. When a boil is reached, add the live clams to the pot. Cook the clams until they just start to open. Drain them in a colander and run cold water over them until they are cooled off. Discard any unopened clams. Let clams drain well and place them in the refrigerator until later.

Preheat a medium sauté pan over medium heat. Add 1 teaspoon of oil to the preheated pan. Add the diced onions and chorizo sausage to the pan. Cook the onions and chorizo until the onions are translucent and the chorizo is golden brown. Add the bell pepper, corn, and chili powder to the pan. Continue to

**Sweet Corn and Chorizo Sausage Stuffed Florida Clams**

cook for two to three minutes and season lightly with salt and pepper. Remove ingredients from heat and add them to a medium-sized mixing bowl. To the mixing bowl add cornmeal, cheese, cilantro, egg, and ¼ cup of water. Mix ingredients

thoroughly; add a little more water if necessary so the stuffing is moist.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Remove cooked clams from the refrigerator. Open up each shell the rest of the way so they can be stuffed. Place an

even amount of stuffing in each shell. Place stuffed shells in a baking dish and put on the center rack of the oven. Bake clams for 7 to 12 minutes or until heated throughout. Remove from oven and serve immediately.\*



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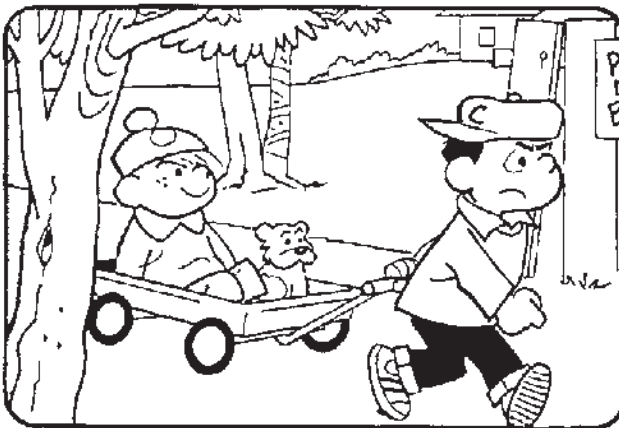
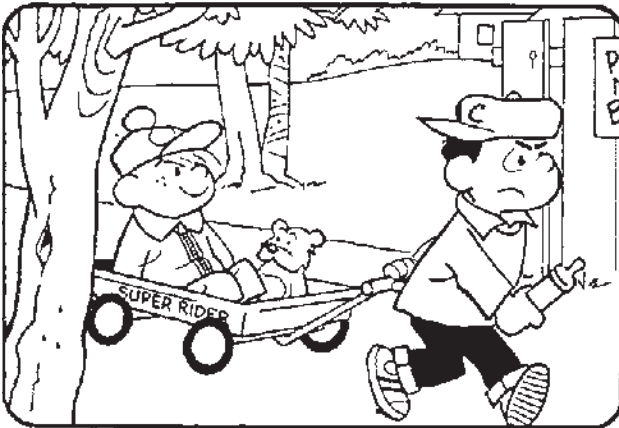


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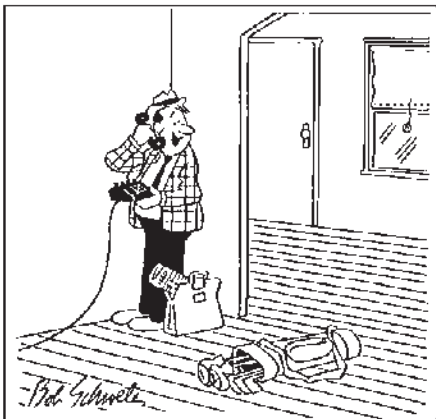
Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Zipper is missing. 3. Wagon name is missing. 4. Teddy bear is turned. 5. Fence board is moved. 6. Bottle is missing.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**SUDOKU**

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**SCRAMBLERS**



"My wife walked out and took just about everything I had — but believe me, Al, it could be \_\_\_\_\_!"

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**TODAY'S WORD**

answer on page 35

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- Stable; 4. Robust

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 Excellent References, Reliable, I will also help with light cooking and errands.  
 Call Heather (239) 826-1045  
 Sanibel & Lee Co. License

\*RS 11/8 CC TFN

**HELP WANTED**

**FRONT OFFICE POSITION**

Sanibel real estate office offering FT front office position. Please fax resume with cover letter to: 239-472-3637 or email to: sales@remax-oftheislands.com

\*NS 11/15 CC 11/15

**PART TIME SALES ASST.**

Part time sales asst, must have interest in cycling & POS exp. 3 days 8:30-5, car pool from FM avail. Billy's Bike Shop Sanibel 472-3620 ask for Debbie

\*NS 11/8 CC 11/15

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ seeks paid part-time Sunday Nursery Attendant for year round on Sunday mornings for infant-4 year olds. Background check and references required. 2-3 years teaching experience preferred. We are a theologically diverse congregation. For more information contact 472-0497.

\*NS 10/11 CC TFN

**FULL TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Saint Isabel Parish in Sanibel Florida seeks full-time Director of Music. The position is responsible for providing music planning, organ/piano accompaniment, cantor when necessary for all weekend and Seasonal Masses, as well as weddings and funerals. Requirements include: Knowledge of Catholic liturgy and tradition, experience in instrumentation and music composition, ability to recruit, train, and support a choir. Please send resumes and letter of interest to: saintisabel@aol.com or Saint Isabel Catholic Church, 3599 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957.

\*NS 11/8 CC TFN

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.

\*NS 11/1 NC TFN

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At The Sanibel School  
 Call Michelle Wesley  
 239-910-8000

\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

# Lee County Human Services Helps House Homeless Veterans

Sixty-seven homeless veterans have found housing in Lee County, thanks to providers including Lee County Department of Human Services, Lee County Homeless Coalition, Veteran's Affairs, American Red Cross, the Fort Myers Housing Authority and the American Legion Post 38.

The effort started back in April, when local homeless providers were invited to join the 100,000 Campaign to house 100,000 homeless veterans nationwide by the end of December 2013. Local providers committed to housing 50 homeless veterans in 90 days. By the time the 90-day period ended, 52 homeless veterans found housing. So in July, the same local groups committed to housing another 50 to reach 100 by the end of December.

So far, 67 veterans have been housed with another 33 to go to reach the goal. There are 20 veterans in the system currently looking for housing.

The team teleconferences with each other every other week to identify program glitches and individual barriers to a veteran getting placed into stable housing. An innovative aspect of the team includes a partnership with the American Legion Post 38 for veterans to be with other veterans for support. Post 38 also secures and disburses household items to homeless veterans as they transition into their new life.

Lee County Human Services is housed in a downtown building shared by Lee County Veterans Services at 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Veterans can call 533-8381.

"The motto for my office is, 'Every day is Veterans Day,'" said John Ebling, director of Veterans Services for Lee County. "Our primary mission is to assist veterans or the widows of veterans with claims on different benefits."

On average, Ebling sees 100 new clients each month. Many clients also arrive at Veterans Services seeking assistance with rent, utility bills and more, and he refers these individuals to Lee County Human Services for help.✪

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### HELP WANTED

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

### AUTO FOR SALE

#### 2003 VW BEETLE

003 VW Beetle 87,000 miles Black/Convertible New battery New back windows/Service on the Island Great beach car \$6,000.00 239-579-0094 or 973-223-1325 Mimie

\*NS 11/15 CC 11/22

### BOATS - CANOES - KAYAKS

#### WANTED BOAT LIFT

Local Sanibel Resident with 20' Flats boat is looking to rent a boat lift for the winter months. Please call Dan (317) 507-4447.

Thank You!

\*NS 11/15 CC TFN

### LOST AND FOUND

#### LOST CAT BLACK FEMALE

Island East End. Please Call 239-277-0058 or 239-579-0050.

\*RS 11/15 CC 11/15

### FOR SALE

#### BUY SELL TRADE

Jewelry Art Uniquities Best Prices Great Selection 2431 Periwinkle Way www.SanibelSeaLifeGallery.com

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

#### HELP US PLEASE!!

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

\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

### WANTED TO BUY

#### CASH PAID FOR MILITARY ITEMS

Cash Paid For Old Military Items. Medals, Swords, Uniforms, helmets, old guns, awards & more. Local Toll Free 1-866-440-3280

\*RS 9/6 CC 11/29

### DOCKAGE

Hourly, Daily, Weekly and Monthly. Captiva Island 472-5800

\*RS 1/4 NC TFN

### PETS

#### FREE MOM CAT & KITTEN

Mom cat was dropped off in my neighborhood, she is only about 8 months old. Very sweet and loving. She had one kitten which is now one month old.

They can stay together or be separated in a month. She is indoor & outdoor trained. CALL 239-689-1331.

Free to a good home.

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#### FREE KITTEN TO GOOD HOME

Free kitten to good, safe home. No de-clawing. Fiesty Bengal mix. Call 472-1788 after 5 p.m.

\*NS 5/31 NC TFN

### TOOL BOX WASHES UP ON SANIBEL



This tool box with motor parts washed up on shore Saturday morning, May 8 about 8:30 on the beach at Sundial Resort on Sanibel Island. To claim call Sundial Resort Security 239-472-4151.

\*NS 6/14 CC TFN

### FOUND

Prescription sunglasses found in parking lot of Limetree Center on Wednesday, February 27. Claim at Island Sun newspaper, suite 2 in Limetree Center, or call 395-1213.

\*NS 3/8 NC TFN

### FICTITIOUS NAME

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of GATORS BALI BOUTIQUE, located in Lee County, Florida with an address of 8172 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33967 has registered said name with the Division of Corporations of the Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated the 7th Day of November, 2013

TRBAD, LLC \*NS 11/15 CC 11/15

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Dentist Lyle Hotchkiss has retired and Island Dental has been sold to Dr. Matt Davis. Copies of patient records are available at 1648 Periwinkle Way, Suite C-1, Sanibel 33957 (239-395-1211).

\*NS 11/8 CC 11/29



**GARAGE • MOVING • YARD SALES**

#### MULTI FAMILY DOWN-SIZING SALE

Fri., Sat., Sun., Nov. 15, 16, 17. 1399 Albatross Rd., Sanibel. A to Z, Treasures, trinkets & terrific buys. Adult clothing/shoes, Books, Household, Gift items, Baskets, Exercise equipment, Beach stuff and much more!

\*NS 11/15 CC 11/15

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

# SUDOKU

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

answer on page 35

## Pets Of The Week

**M**y name is Jezebella and I'm a tan female hound mix age 1½ years. Hi, they call me Jezzabella but I respond just as well to Bella. I am a big hound with a very sweet temperament. I am still pretty shy but with love and patience I am getting braver every day. I love to romp in the grass and sit to be petted. I will reward your time and patience with loyalty and love.

Adoption fee: \$45 during Animal Services Petsgiving adoption promotion.

My name is Gretchen and I am a domestic, two-year-old female brown tabby. Gretchen was a young mother when she came to the shelter. She spent a couple of months in a foster home with her kittens and was an excellent mother. Her foster mom reports that she is a very gentle, easy-going cat with a good disposition. She loves to be handled and doesn't even mind having her nails clipped. She gets along fine with dogs too and would do well in a multi-pet household.

Adoption fee: \$20 during Animal Services Petsgiving adoption promotion

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

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

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

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



Jezebella ID# 573955

photos by squaredogphoto.com



Gretchen ID# 573060



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Ft. Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500
<b>ARTS</b>	
Alliance for the Arts.....	939-2787
Art of the Olympians Museum & Gallery.....	332-5055
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio.....	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers.....	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.....	481-4849
BIG ARTS.....	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.....	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre.....	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light.....	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade.....	332-4488
Florida West Arts.....	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers.....	472-0168
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
S.W. Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
Ft Myers UDC Chapter 2614	
(United Daughters of the Confederacy @.....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
The Horticulture and Tea Society.....	472-8334
Horticultural Society.....	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society.....	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation.....	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees.....	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America.....	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL.....	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans.....	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy.....	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association.....	561-2118
<b>Kiwanis Clubs:</b>	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	415-3100
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

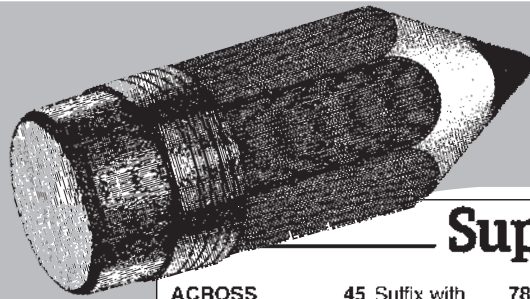
### Lions Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center.....	765-8101
Skatium.....	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society.....	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History.....	321-7430
True Tours.....	945-0405

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



# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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## Super Crossword

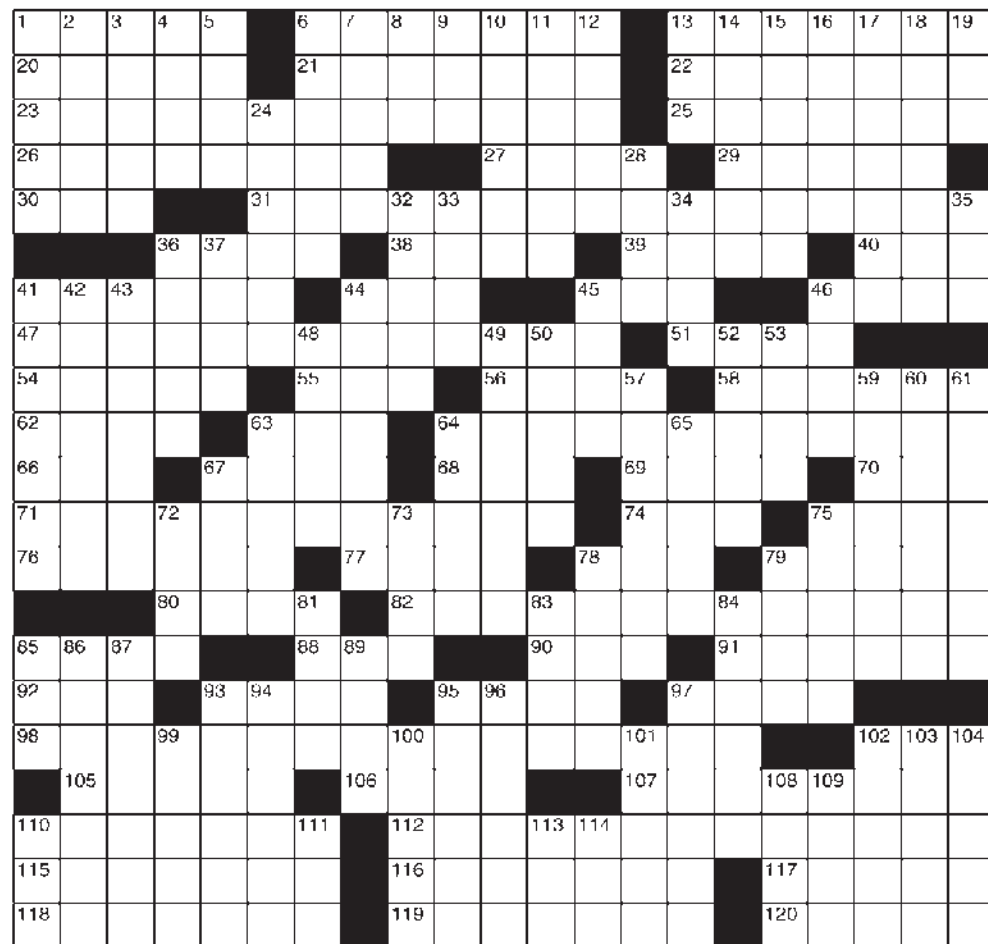
## CAP A PIE

### ACROSS

- 1 Insurance company with a duck mascot
- 6 Prepared by keying in
- 13 Long, narrow crack
- 20 Midsection
- 21 Flip side
- 22 Finger-pointer
- 23 Atomic bomb formation
- 25 Sports squad honoring Old Glory
- 26 "Home on the Range" creature
- 27 Uttered by mouth
- 29 On one's toes
- 30 — in "nobody"
- 31 2008 Seth Rogen comedy film
- 36 Not fem.
- 38 Wimpy sort
- 39 Has a balance due
- 40 Tire snagger
- 41 St. Francis' home
- 44 Rap music's — Romeo
- 45 Suffix with Senegal
- 46 Lay eyes on
- 47 Like a cause/effect dilemma
- 51 Syrup bases
- 54 Listens
- 55 "Yikes!" to a texter
- 56 Journal on YouTube, maybe
- 58 Uno, dos, tres, — ...
- 62 — May ("The Beverly Hills" daughter)
- 63 Roman 506
- 64 Some thick hair ringlets
- 66 Brazil's Paulo
- 67 Popie bits
- 68 Poem of laud
- 69 Lawn vermin
- 70 Dogma
- 71 Having a yellowish-brown complexion
- 74 Zeno's H
- 75 "Thanks — God"
- 76 "— of the North" (1922 litr.)
- 77 Woody den

### DOWN

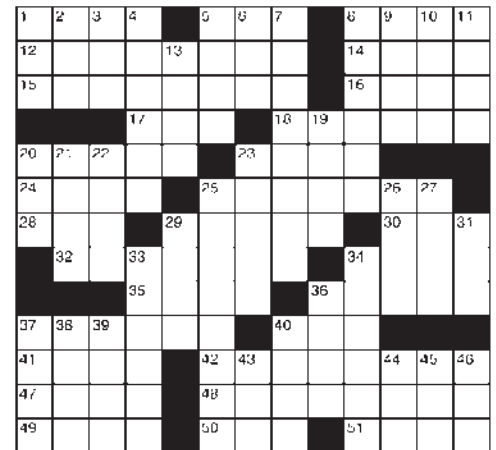
- 1 "Darn it!"
- 2 Flora's counterpart
- 3 Inventories
- 4 Tennis star Arthur
- 5 Lower left: PC key
- 6 — of Cancer
- 7 Aden's land
- 8 Plastic pipe material, for short
- 9 Slithering fish
- 10 Wilts
- 11 Confiscates
- 12 Piano lever
- 13 Adipose
- 14 Mountain climber's tool
- 15 Hair bases
- 16 Ancient region in present-day Iraq
- 17 Illicit lenders
- 18 Naps, e.g.
- 19 History topic
- 24 "— -daisy!"
- 26 13 pontiffs
- 32 Old TV's J.R. title
- 33 Start of a 12/31 song
- 34 Females with fleeces
- 35 Porky's place
- 36 Dolenz of the Monkees
- 37 Seeks info
- 41 1949-53 secretary of state Dean
- 42 Clinton cabinet member Donna
- 43 Steak type
- 44 Antifungal brand
- 45 Vain folks' problems
- 46 Favored son of Isaac
- 48 Actress Kim
- 49 Dodgers
- 50 Cemented
- 52 Amtrak train
- 53 Dark purple
- 57 Former mag for fans of PlayStation, Wii, etc.
- 59 Checks for fit
- 60 "Fear Street" series author
- 61 Seeped in
- 63 Rolltops, e.g.
- 64 Justice Sotomayor
- 65 "— run!"
- 67 Working stiff
- 72 Totally empty
- 73 Captures
- 75 "— in Arms"
- 78 Authorize
- 79 Reciprocals of siemens
- 81 Stun with a zapping gun
- 83 Superlative of "y"
- 84 Occupied
- 85 "Sands of Jima"
- 86 Company that names a color of the year
- 87 Brief operatic solo
- 89 Like many wet lawns
- 93 Intertangle
- 94 A Skywalker
- 95 Revved thing
- 96 Confiscated
- 97 Sulks
- 99 Write: Wilde
- 100 Lethargy
- 101 Many times
- 102 Helsinki inhabitants
- 103 Dickinson or Harmon
- 104 Make ready to use again
- 108 Org. for women with irons
- 109 Is supine
- 110 Cow chow
- 111 Fielder Roush
- 113 British letter
- 114 Passing call



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Columns' crossers
- 5 Head of st.
- 8 Despot
- 12 Turkish peninsula region
- 14 Crosby's pal
- 15 Predict
- 16 Parks at a bus stop?
- 17 Bowling target
- 18 Danish money
- 20 Covers a present
- 23 Actress Cannon
- 24 Roll call reply
- 25 Skill for an identity thief
- 28 Longing
- 29 "Sesame Street" Muppet
- 30 LummoX
- 32 "Wheel of —"
- 34 Staff
- 35 Operatic solo
- 36 Rouse
- 37 Hedge shrub
- 40 Listener
- 41 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 42 Strong
- 47 Alda or
- 7 Thicke
- 48 Become a band of workers
- 49 Zilch
- 50 CSA leader
- 51 Branch of advanced math
- 7 Valhalla maiden
- 8 Royal seat
- 9 Any time now
- 10 Church area
- 11 Back
- 13 Elevator name
- 19 Anger
- 20 "How come?"
- 21 John's Yoko
- 3 Simple card game
- 4 Treadless
- 5 Singer Campbell
- 6 Lubricate
- 27 Harvard rival
- 29 To be (Fr.)
- 31 Swamp
- 33 Gorge
- 34 Mom or dad
- 36 Texas city
- 37 Blueprint
- 38 Move, to a Realtor
- 39 — the Terrible
- 40 Great Lake
- 43 Individual construction type
- 44 Evergreen
- 45 Submachine gun
- 46 Segment of a trip



## MAGIC MAZE ● FILE

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Away
- Footage
- Path
- Suit
- Clerk
- Format
- Server
- System
- Extension
- Name
- Sharing
- Taxes
- Folder
- Out
- Size



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