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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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## Cruise To Matlacha This Saturday



Pure Florida's Discover Matlacha Island Cruise excursion allows guests to explore nearby shops and galleries on the island of Matlacha, including the Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens

Pure Florida invites guests aboard the M/V *Edison Explorer* to Discover Matlacha Island during a special cruise to Pine Island on Saturday, December 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day begins with a narrated cruise along the Caloosahatchee and includes a guided tour of Matlacha Island. An old Florida fishing village, Matlacha Island is considered a "hidden gem" and is home to bright-colored

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Teddy bears rained down from the crowds at the Florida Everblades annual Teddy Bear Toss  
photos courtesy of Al Larson 2014

## Teddy Bear Toss To Benefit Golisano Children's Hospital

Iberiabank has partnered with the Germain Arena and the Florida Everblades for a sixth year as the title sponsor of the annual Teddy Bear Toss on Saturday, December 12. The puck will drop at 7 p.m. as the Florida Everblades take on the Reading Royals.

Fans are asked to bring a new, unwrapped stuffed toy or teddy bear to the game to toss onto the ice following the Everblades' first goal. All stuffed toys will be delivered to

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Families shop for Christmas gifts at 2014 Operation Christmas Care

## Operation Christmas Care: Donations Needed For Children

The Heights Center and Gladiolus Learning and Development Center are seeking organizations and individuals to participate in the annual Harlem Heights Community Gift Drive. Local residents, businesses and philanthropic groups are asked to donate new, unwrapped gifts for local children. Gifts are needed for more than 800 children, ranging from age 3 to 15.

Suggested donations include Legos, dolls, art sets, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, remote control cars, tea sets, action figures, board games, coloring books and crayons. Personal items are also needed, including pajamas, jewelry, body lotion, soaps, hair accessories and wrist watches. Donations of gift cards from Target, Kmart or Walmart

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Sergio Cano, Brittany Calderwood, Dominick and Darian Cano with Santa at the 2014 Operation Christmas Care



Qadira Reyes with volunteers Naomi Pacheco and Lisa Cox at the 2014 Operation Christmas Care



Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

## Flipsides Of World War II



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

This November 1944 photo of women posing on a convertible provides evidence that even in war, happy moments break through.

The photo was taken at nearby Buckingham Army Air Field (BAAF), which was established soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. BAAF was a flexible-gunnery training base.

Of the six women pictured, only Leona E. Hanson (right) is from Fort Myers. Also pictured from left are Jayne Miller of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Irene Mace of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania; Genida Stewart of McRae, Georgia; Mayo Morris of Durham, North Carolina; and Dorothy Robert of Detroit, Michigan.

Records indicate that for at least part of World War II, Leona and her husband, Harold, worked at the base, she as a clerk-typist and he as a machinist.

Perhaps the out-of-state women were stationed at the base as military personnel or were wives of men who were.

Like many local civilians, the Hanson's were contracted by the U.S. War Department to perform necessary support jobs at the base.

Harold, who was a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Australia, earned \$1.09 per hour, and Leona \$1,704 per year.

The tarpapered building in the photo's background indicates that employees and military personnel at BAAF didn't enjoy luxury workplaces or living quarters.

After the intention to build BAAF was announced in late March 1942, the base was constructed quickly so training could start as soon as possible.

The citizens of Fort Myers had had plenty of time to contemplate the coming war before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Germany and Great Britain were already at war in 1939, and the U.S.'s entry into that war loomed as an almost certainty.



These happy women serving at Buckingham Army Air Field demonstrate that the simple joys of life can exist, even during war. Pictured from left are Jayne Miller, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Irene Mace, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania; Genida Stewart, McCrae, Virginia; Mayo Morris, Durham, North Carolina; Dorothy Roberts, Detroit, Michigan; and Leona E. Hanson of Fort Myers.

courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



An unidentified airman from Buckingham AAF took this WWII-era photo at First and Dean. Note the men in uniforms on the Morgan Hotel corner.

courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society

Thus, on October 30, 1940, readers studied the *Fort Myers News Press* more closely than usual, because "Here's How The Boys Line Up" listed the military draft numbers. What a profound impact a random number could have on families.

It was a war in which every citizen contributed, willingly or not.

The rationing of scarce wartime commodities, such as canned goods, meats, sugar, coffee, tires and gas insured that.

Knowing how to repair machinery and make do was important, for the manufacture of items like lawn mowers not used in agriculture or of automobiles stopped. Steel had to go to the war effort, not for non-essential goods.

Even private property could be requisitioned under war regulations. Case in point: the Kinzie Brothers' 100-foot automobile ferry, *Islander*, which ran between Punta Rassa and Sanibel, was "drafted."

After BAAF and Page Field were established, the sight of uniformed men, as seen in the historic photo taken at First and Dean Streets, became common.

Perhaps the flipside to sacrifice, anxiety and fear might be the energy and vitality that tens of thousands of service men and women brought to downtown's economic, social and cultural life.

After the lean years of the Great Depression, lounges, motels and hotels, and stores had new customers. Many homeowners gained additional income by renting a spare room, for there were too few rentals in town to accommodate the demand.

For women, war brought a dramatic increase in the dating pool, not to mention many dances and other social events.

In mid-April 1942 a Service Men's Club opened on the Pleasure Pier, and local women served as hostesses at the first dance.

After the pier was demolished and the Civic Center built on Edwards Drive, a USO opened there and hosted a wide variety of events.

Opportunities opened up, especially for women – everything from pilot to

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Fort Myers Art:

## Holiday Nights Has A Packed Schedule



by Tom Hall

The 40th annual Edison Ford Holiday Nights is now open, and will remain so through January 3. It has become a “must see” holiday tradition in Southwest Florida.

Thomas Edison created the first Christmas lights about a century ago and Christmas was Henry Ford’s favorite holiday. Honoring and furthering this rich tradition, the Edison Ford Winter Estates decorates the homes and gardens of the Edison and Ford families with millions of lights and historic decorations. Visitors enjoy nightly entertainment, holiday tradition tours and, on select nights, Santa visits and sightseeing river tours are available. There is also food service, evening river cruises and the Edison Ford Museum and Lab are open nightly. In fact, because of the spectacular decorations and holiday activities, *USA Today* selected Edison Ford Holiday Nights as one of the Top Ten Historic Holiday Sites in the nation

for 2013 – along with the White House, Mount Vernon, and the Biltmore Estate. And The American Bus Association (ABA) designated Edison Ford’s Holiday Nights as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2016. “The attractiveness of Edison Ford’s Holiday Nights as a don’t-miss entertainment value is only part of why its selection this year is such a distinction for Edison & Ford Winter Estates,” said Peter J. Pantuso, CTIS, ABA’s president and CEO, in making the announcement.

The schedule throughout the month includes:

- Free Children’s Holiday Tree Trail with handmade ornaments on trees created by Lee County students from 55 schools
- Nightly guided holiday tradition tours at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Free live music performed on the museum west porch on select evenings
- Doug MacGregor is returning as Santa and will be cartooning with kids of all ages. He visits the estates again on December 18.
- Inside the Homes Holiday Tours, December 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. (additional cost), a behind the scenes tour that takes you inside and up close in the Edison and Ford homes, led by curatorial staff with special insight on the traditions of the Edison and Ford families.
- Edison Ford Museum and Laboratory open nightly
- Holiday Cottage Shoppe, Museum Store and Garden Shoppe open nightly



Doug MacGregor will return as Santa this year and will cartoon with kids of all ages during his visit on December 18.

for one-of-a-kind gifts

- Hot and cold refreshments, barbecue, beer and wine available for purchase in the Banyan Refreshment Area
- Waterfront dining available at Pinchers at the Marina at Edison Ford
- Sunset River Cruises with Pure Fort Myers departing from The Marina at Edison Ford

Admission varies depending upon whether you want to just walk around or have a docent guide you through the estates. Self-guided tours are \$20 for adults, \$2 for children six to 12, and discounted rates are offered to students with

proper college ID). Lee County residents will receive \$5 off the price of an adult ticket on selected nights. Admission is free for Edison Ford members.

The event is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Call 334-7419 for more details.

Tom Hall is both an amateur artist and aspiring novelist who writes art quest thrillers. He is in the final stages of completing his debut novel titled *Art Detective*. A former tax attorney, he lives in Estero with his fiancé and their four cats.✪

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## WWII

secretary. Some enlisted for military service and saw the world; others widened their spheres right at home, working at the military bases and meeting people from across the U.S.

Young people not quite old enough for military service were imprinted with what might be called the romance of war, an attitude that endows everyday life with an intensity few people maintain in peacetime.

The ultimate upside of war, though, is the relief experienced at its end. Speaking of VJ Day in 1945 (Victory in Japan), the late Jim Franklin, a WWII veteran, described it as the “happiest day of my life” – a sentiment no doubt shared by countless other veterans and their relatives.

Take a stroll in downtown Fort Myers and imagine the ways WWII changed the

town forever.

Then, visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to see an exhibit on the WWII military bases that transformed the area.

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

You’ll learn more fascinating local history at the Southwest Florida Historical Society’s research center.

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

The center is open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m. Call 939-4044 or visit [swflhistoricalsociety.org](http://swflhistoricalsociety.org) for more information.

Sources: Archives of the Southwest Florida Historical Society and *The Fort Myers News-Press*.✪

## Big Winter Book Sale Returns

On Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Friends of the Fort Myers Library is hosting its annual winter book sale at the Fort Myers Regional Library in downtown’s River District. Great books, CDs and DVDs suitable for all ages are available at unbeatable prices; everything is \$2 or less.

The money raised at the winter book sale helps support library programs and services. The public is encouraged to attend the sale and help support the library. Another great way to help is to join the Friends of the Library. The annual membership fee is \$10.

The Fort Myers Regional Library is located at 2450 First Street in Fort Myers. Saturday’s book sale takes place in the South Building meeting room. For additional information, call 549-9625 or go to [www.fortmyersfriends.org](http://www.fortmyersfriends.org).✪

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# Fall Feast Held For Community Youth



Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County youth at the 6th annual Fall Feast

The Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower Shops and Morgan Stanley of Fort Myers and Naples once again teamed up to sponsor the 6th annual Fall Feast for nearly 250 members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County, including all five area clubs, and its staff and volunteers.

“We are delighted to be able to partner with the people at Morgan Stanley on making this dinner possible,” said Jim Larkin, general manager of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. “We have been a part of this event now for five years, and we look forward to helping prepare and produce the annual feasts in the future and commend the folks at Morgan Stanley for making it all possible.”

Morgan Stanley’s Fort Myers and Naples locations raised the funds to provide the transportation and food for the event, while the executive chef and cooking staff at the



The executive chef and cooking staff at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower prepared the feast



Nearly 250 members of the BGCLC, including all five area clubs, attended the event

Crowne Plaza Hotel prepared and cooked the meal. The traditional feast included turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, homemade cranberry sauce and dessert.

Celebrating 41 years of providing quality youth programs and brighter futures for young people in the Lee County community, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County work to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. The BGCLC strives to provide a safe, world-class club experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who walks through its doors. The organization envisions all of its members graduating high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship while adapting a healthy lifestyle.

The area’s five clubs are located in communities with the greatest need where similar services are limited or nonexistent. Membership dues are \$10 per school year so that all children can have access to its programs. The BGCLC relies upon the philanthropic support of individuals, corporations and foundations in order to sustain and grow its services.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County, visit [www.BGCLC.net](http://www.BGCLC.net).



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# Santa's Block Party

## Santa Is Coming to Town!

Held at: Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center  
2301 First Street – Fort Myers River District

## Sunday, December 6th

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

He's riding down First Street in a big red fire truck. Led by Island Coast High School Marching Band. Join us for Brunch with Santa, entertainment, children's arts and crafts, games, and a bounce house.

**Block Party & Children's Workshop:** \$ 6.00/child (free to accompanying parents)

**Brunch with Santa:** \$12.00/person

**Photos with Santa:** \$ 5.00 (package options available)

### Festival of Trees

December 2nd - December 6th

Admission \$2 (ages 12-up)

**Wed. Dec. 2nd 11am - 9pm**

**Fri. Dec. 4th 11am - 10pm**

**Thur. Dec. 3rd 11am - 9pm**

**Sun. Dec. 6th 10am - 6pm**

(Closed Saturday, December 5th for Tux & Trees Gala)

## You Could WIN a Tree!

2015 Tree Raffle

Suggested minimum donation: \$10/ticket

Proceeds support the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation

5100 Tice Street, Fort Myers FL 33905

Winner selection to be held via random drawing on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 4:00 pm, during the Festival of Trees at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers. Each Festival of Trees Raffle winner will receive one of eight (8) fully-decorated 7-foot Raffle Trees, each valued at a minimum of \$500. Tree selection is determined by ticket holder at time of raffle entry. No purchase is necessary. Prizes are provided by the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation and the following in-kind sponsors: B & I Contractors, Costco, Elaine Head, AHMAA Holistic Approach Center to Health and Harmony, Naples Soup Company, Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair Association, Two Men and a Truck.



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## Five Days Of Holiday Fun Continues This Weekend At Festival Of Trees



Mayor Randy Henderson will light the ceremonial wreath at the Festival of Trees during Friday's Holiday Stroll before selecting the winner of this year's Mayor's Choice tree

For the ninth year, the Festival of Trees has opened the holiday season in the Fort Myers River District. The event, which includes a showcase of decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and other holiday fare, opened December 2 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC). The event is the signature fundraiser of the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation.

The fun continues on Friday, December 4, with two special events. At 12:30 p.m., students of the Goodwill LIFE Academy will host a fashion show of attire from the Goodwill Boutique on First. The academy is a charter school for students with intellectual disabilities.

Later that evening, Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will light a ceremonial wreath at the Art Center during the Fort Myers Holiday Stroll, then enter the festival to select the winner of the Mayor's Choice tree. That same evening, the Nowhere Band, a Beatles tribute band, will perform a special holiday show outside the SBDAC.

The festival will be closed Saturday, December 6 for the Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie charity fundraiser and auction to support the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation. The auction is hosted by Mike Joyce of Gulfcoast Coin and Jewelry and local personality Stacey Adams. Tickets to Tux & Trees are \$100 and available at [www.tuxandtrees.com](http://www.tuxandtrees.com).

The Festival closes Sunday, December 7 with Santa's Block Party. Santa arrives by fire truck at 10 a.m. with the Island Coast High School marching band, and kicks off a children's workshop and block party filled with family fun. Tickets to the workshop are \$6 per child and free to accompanying adults. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center will also host its annual Brunch with Santa during the Block Party. Brunch tickets are \$12 per person and are available online at [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com).

The festival itself is a showcase of 21 lavishly decorated trees, designed by local businesses and individuals. This year, eight of those of trees will be available to win in the festival's tree raffle. Visitors may obtain raffle tickets for a suggested minimum donation of \$10. Admission to the festival is \$2 and children under the age of 12 are admitted free.

Last year, the Festival of Trees and Tux & Trees Gala raised \$90,000 to support Goodwill's mission of helping people in the Southwest Florida community by providing



Santa is scheduled to arrive at 10 a.m. on Sunday in a fire truck with the Island Coast High School Marching Band. Santa is pictured here in 2014 with a young girl in front of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center



The festival closes on Sunday with Santa's Block Party, which kicks-off a children's workshop and lots of family fun. Pictured is a scene from last year's block party.



The festival is closed on Saturday for the Tux & Trees Gala, a black-tie fundraiser

life-changing opportunities to employment and independence. Supported programs include job placement and training, disability-accessible housing, education for students with disabilities, and small business training. To learn more about the Southwest Florida Goodwill Foundation, visit [www.goodwillswfl.org](http://www.goodwillswfl.org).

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the heart of downtown Fort Myers' historic River District. More information about the Festival of Trees is available at [www.tuxandtrees.com](http://www.tuxandtrees.com).✽

## Local Waters, Local Charts Class Offered

submitted by Cdr. Ron Terciak

The San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, will be offering its popular Local Waters/Local Charts class on Saturday, December 19, from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is directed toward new boaters and boaters new to the area, as well as those wishing to begin to learn chart reading. It will provide the boater with some of the basics of navigation, oriented to the Fort Myers area.

Students will be using chart 11427 (mapfold version) and must bring a copy of this chart to class. For instructions on how to obtain the chart, see the Squadron's website, <http://scbps.com/Local%20Waters.html>.

The class will be taught at the San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron Classroom at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard, at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware). Space is limited so advanced registration is required. Students can register by calling 466-4040 and leaving a message. Someone from the squadron will return the call.

The cost of the class is \$45 per person or \$65 for two people sharing materials.✽



## Arts For ACT Gallery Exhibit Opening

Join Arts for ACT Gallery, located at 2265 First Street in downtown Fort Myers on Friday, December 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. for the opening reception and Art Walk for their December featured artist Dan Cronin, showing in the main gallery. This exhibit continues through December 28.

Painting and sculpting since 1972, Dan Cronin is a self-taught artist. He was born in New York but raised in New Jersey and Estero. Educated in Miami, he has resided in Puerto Rico, Italy, Maryland, Virginia and California and is now residing back in Cape Coral.

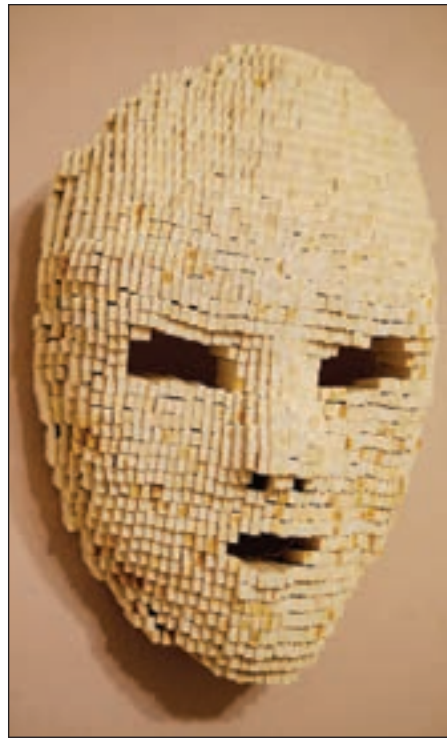
"This show is a compendium of things I have worked on in the last few years. It has delved into the idea of acceptance of oneself in different forms," said Cronin. "The moment I learned of the work being accomplished by Abuse Counseling and Treatment shelter and that they owned Arts for Act Gallery, I wanted to be involved in some way. I did the Freedom series with this in mind. With this image of a woman, arms outstretched above her head and her unflinching ownership of her own body I hoped to capture that quality that is found in a woman who feels comfortable in her own skin and is



**Freedom With Wings**

ready to meet the world head on. This is often not the case with women who have suffered abuse from the hands of men in our male dominated society. The help being given woman by ACT, Inc. is honorable and I am honored to be the featured artist at ACT Gallery for December."

In the White Gallery and Off The Main Gallery will be ACT's annual art sale. This is your chance to buy one-of-a-kind art created by professional and emerging art-



**Dan Cronin's Pixelated Selfie, wood on canvas**

ists at unbeatable prices. These selected artworks created by local artists – who wish to give back and help the cause – help Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc., raise funds to support or clients the victims and survivors of domestic violence,



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sexual assault and human trafficking. Photography, oils, acrylics, fine crafts, prints and more will be on sale the whole month of December. Perfect for that holiday gift for your artsy friend or family member and the money spent helps benefit and better the lives of others.✱

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# Along The River



Watch the original *Miracle on 34th Street* during Saturday's Christmas in the Park celebration on the banks of the Caloosahatchee in Fort Myers' Centennial Park

On Friday, December 4 from 6 to 10 p.m., **Fort Myers Art Walk** returns to downtown Fort Myers. The monthly event features new art exhibits and live artist demonstrations while providing a great atmosphere for shopping and dining. The art walk runs on the first Friday of every month (rain or shine) in the historic River District.

Art buyers and art enthusiasts can meet the local artists during the exhibit openings at most of the downtown galleries and art spaces. The downtown is home to more than ten art galleries and a handful of retail shops that sell local artworks. Art enthu-



Director Richard Bradstreet presents the **Lee County Community Band** following a recent concert photo courtesy of Melissa Burns Images, Inc.

## Lee County Band To Perform Christmas Concert

The Lee County Community Band will awaken the magic of the holiday season in the young and young-at-heart when it presents its annual Christmas concert, *Joy To The World*, on December 13. The concert will take place at 3 p.m. at Cape Coral High School, 2300 Santa Barbara Boulevard (just north of Veterans Parkway) in Cape Coral.

Band director Richard Bradstreet has selected a program of both sacred and secular Christmas music, featuring Handel's *Messiah Overture*, Percy Faith's *Brazilian Sleigh Bells*, and *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*, with vocalist Norman Jones and guitarist Bayle Pohle. The program

also includes *Chanukah Is Here*, a celebration of folk music from the Hebrew people, and *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*, narrated by Bill Mosgrove, and an audience sing-along.

Additional concert dates are January 10, February 7, March 13 and April 10. The events are free (donations accepted) and open to the public; all will begin at 3 p.m. at Cape Coral High School. An institution in Southwest Florida, the band enjoys a large, loyal, and enthusiastic audience. Come early and enjoy these always well-attended concerts.

The 50-member adult band is comprised of professional and amateur musicians from all walks of life who reside in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. The band welcomes new members every year. For additional information, visit [www.leecountyband.org](http://www.leecountyband.org) or call Norman Jones at 995-2097.✧



'Tween Waters on Captiva is ready for the island's Holiday Village celebrations

siasts can "Meet the Artists" at most of the art galleries and watch live art demonstrations throughout the district!

For more information about art walk, call 337-5050 or go to [www.fortmyersartwalk.com](http://www.fortmyersartwalk.com).

Also downtown on Friday from 4 to 10 p.m., the Fort Myers Recreation Division invites the public to take a break from shopping and gallery hopping to enjoy **Christmas in the Park**, a holiday celebration in Centennial Park on the banks of the Caloosahatchee. Children will be able to play on bounce houses, an inflatable obstacle course and a giant slide. At 5 p.m., Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck to visit with the children. Be sure to bring your camera!

For the grown-ups, the event features a performance of holiday favorites by the Southwest Florida Symphony at 5 p.m. Mayor Randall Henderson will light the city's Christmas tree at 6 p.m. and proceed down West First Street on the annual **Holiday Stroll**.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a free **Movie in the Park** with a real Christmas classic, the original *Miracle on 34th Street*. \$1 concessions will be available during the movie. Bring your lawn chairs or blanket and enjoy a great day at the park. Free on-site parking is available.

Centennial Park is at 2000 West First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District. For more information, contact Kelly MacDonald at [kmacdonald@cityftmyers.com](mailto:kmacdonald@cityftmyers.com) or at 321-7524.

If you prefer a change of scenery, the 31st annual **Sanibel & Captiva Luminary Festival** begins on Friday, December 4 on Sanibel and Saturday, December 5 on Captiva.

During the luminary celebrations, the streets will be lined with glowing luminaries, decorated trees and other festive trimmings. Santa will pay his traditional visit on his fire truck to visit local businesses. Complimentary trolley service takes guests to various shopping centers, island businesses and galleries along the trail, where they can have refreshments, hear music, take part in holiday activities and, most importantly, connect with the community.

For more information, call Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce at 472-1080 or go to [www.sanibel-captiva.org](http://www.sanibel-captiva.org).

The 27th annual **Fort Myers Beach Christmas Boat Parade** is schedules for Saturday, December 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Last year, more than 30 boats participated. For more information about the annual event, visit [www.fmbboatparade.com](http://www.fmbboatparade.com) or call the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500.

The parade will pass by such establishments such as **Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille**, where you can kick back on the expansive waterside deck and watch the fun.

The spirit of this restaurant and sports bar was inspired by the marine biologist, Doc Ford, who is the main character of a series of novels by legendary author and Sanibel resident Randy Wayne White. Before White started writing his Doc Ford novels, back when he was a full-time fishing guide, he lived, for a few years, about 200 yards from the restaurant – in a stilt house next to the shrimp docks. As he has said, "This part of Fort Myers Beach was affordable, and I loved the salty, tropic-lazed lifestyle."

Doc Ford's is located at 708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, underneath the Mantanzas Pass Bridge on the Fort Myers side. Call 765-9660 or go to [www.docfordsfortmyersbeach.com](http://www.docfordsfortmyersbeach.com).

The annual **Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show & Sale** returns on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A spectacular show of prize-winning bromeliads and artistic plant arrangements will be on display – and thousands more will be for sale by local growers. Admission is free and the growers will be on hand to answer questions and offer growing tips and landscape ideas.

The event is held at Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Boulevard (State Road 80), with access via the rear entrance at Terry Street. For more information, contact Larry Giroux at 997-2237 or go to [www.fmlcgardencouncil.com](http://www.fmlcgardencouncil.com).✧



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## DOC FORD'S RUM BAR & GRILLE

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille is named for the Doc Ford character in local author Randy Wayne White's best-selling mystery novels.

It's a well known gathering place 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 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 ten years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

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



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2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 472-0606.

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Get hooked on great cuisine and spirits at SS Hookers. The restaurant pays tribute to the rich history of Punta Rassa, the home of big game fishing. It serves American cuisine with a Cajun twist. Waterfront dining is available daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

After a triumphant day of fishing, bring your catch to the restaurant: "If you hook it, our chef will cook it."

A late night bar features live music nightly. A fresh seafood market, bait shop and gifts are also on site.

17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers. Call 466-4377.✧

## MOAA Meeting December 14

The next meeting of the Lee Coast Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) will be held at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club at 5:45 p.m. Monday, December 14.

The speaker will be Larry Hart, tax collector for Lee County.

Former, retired or active duty uniformed officers who are interested in joining MOAA may contact Jeff Nichols at 515-720-5204 for membership information.✧

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## Churches/Temples

### ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION (UUA)

2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m., Adult Education Workshop 10 a.m., Reverend Margaret L. Beard, Minister. 226-0900. [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org)

### ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

10291 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers Divine Liturgy Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Rosary begins 10 a.m. Lenten services (Presanctified Liturgy) will be on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. starting February. Very Reverend Peter Lickman, 305-651-0991. Church of the Eastern Catholic or Byzantine Rite, 1.5 mi. east of Interstate 75.

### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers Reverend Fr. Dean Nastos, Proistammenos Orthros Service Sunday 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m., [www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org](http://www.annunciation.fl.goarch.org), 481-2099

### BETH SHILOH

### MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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

### BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

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

### CHABAD LUBAVITCH

### OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz. 433-7708, [rabbi@chabadswf.org](mailto:rabbi@chabadswf.org). [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org). Friday service 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon. Minyan Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

### CHAPEL OF CYPRESS COVE

10200 Cypress Cove Circle Fort Myers 850-3943, Located at Cypress Cove Retirement Center on HealthPark Campus An ecumenical non-denominational community of believers. Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. Reverend Ted Althouse, Pastor [revtedalthouse@aol.com](mailto:revtedalthouse@aol.com)

### CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1619 Llewellyn Drive Fort Myers. Just off McGregor across from the Edison/Ford Winter Estates 334-4978, Pastor Douglas Kelchner, Worship times Sunday's 9 and 10:30 a.m. Website: [www.taecc.com](http://www.taecc.com)

### COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### CYPRESS LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### CYPRESS LAKE

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us). Clint Cottrell, Pastor. Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m., Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11 a.m. Summer Prayer Service 8 a.m. Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m.

### CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 482-1250, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Praise Service Sunday School all times.

### FAITH FELLOWSHIP WORLD OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15690 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-2030. Pastor David Stauffer. Traditional Service Sunday 8:45 a.m., Contemporary Service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Go south on McGregor Boulevard. The church is ½ mile past the intersection of Gladiolus and San Carlos Boulevard on the way to Sanibel.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

2390 West First Street, next door to Edison Estates. Sunday Service and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Child care provided at all servicees. Visit our Reading Room located in church building for quiet study and information about Christian Science. Monday and Friday noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday 1 to 5 p.m. [christianscience-fortmyers.net](http://christianscience-fortmyers.net), [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com)

### FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13545 American Colony Boulevard off Daniels Parkway in the Colony, Fort Myers, 936-2511 Pastor Reverend Joey Brummett Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Family Night, 7 p.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Downtown Fort Myers River District, 2466 First Street, 332-1152. [www.fumcftmyers.org](http://www.fumcftmyers.org). Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Blended Church Service; 5:30 p.m. Youth Group.

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

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

### FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

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

### IONA-HOPE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION

9650 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers 454-4778. Reverend Ray Buchanan Rector. Saturday 5 p.m., Eucharist with Healing; Sunday 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite One; 9:30 a.m., Family Eucharist with Healing and Church School. Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer (in Spanish); Wednesday 9:30 a.m., Eucharist with Healing. Child care available Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. services.

### JESUS THE WORKER

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

881 Nuna Avenue, Fort Myers, 481-1143 Masses Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

2154 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 218-8343. Pastor Randy and Anita Thurman. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service.

### LAMB OF GOD CHURCH

A few federated Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal Congregation. 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. 267-3525. [www.lambofgodchurch.net](http://www.lambofgodchurch.net). Reverend Dr. James Reho. Sunday 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday's Cool for Children 10 a.m.

### NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, North Fort Myers, 656-0416. Weekly Friday meeting meet and greet 6:30 p.m. Kingdom Teaching 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments. [nbcministry@embargmail.com](mailto:nbcministry@embargmail.com), [www.facebook.com/nbcministry](http://www.facebook.com/nbcministry). Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers

### NEW COVENANT EYES CHURCH

See Clearly. Meeting monthly at 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers. 220-8519. Pastor Alan Bondar. [www.newcovenanteyes.com](http://www.newcovenanteyes.com). LIFT Kidz program, free coffee and donuts.

### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT MYERS

16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 10. 985-8503. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship. 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study.

### NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3825 McGregor Boulevard. Fort Myers. Pastor Eddie Spencer. 8 and 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship. 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship. 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School. Youth and Children's programming runs concurrent to Sunday services. Nursery care provided at all services. 274-1230. [www.newhopefortmyers.org](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org).

### PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge. 17671 Pine Ridge Road. 267-7400 Pastors, Gail and RC Fleeman. Adult Discussion Classes 8:45 a.m. Countdown to Worship 10:10 a.m. Amazing Grace Worship: 10:30 a.m. [www.peacecommunity-church.com](http://www.peacecommunity-church.com).

### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Peace a member of ELCA. Weekly communion with traditional liturgy, organ and choir. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, on the way to Sanibel. 437-2599, [www.peaceftmyers.com](http://www.peaceftmyers.com), [peace@peaceftmyers.com](mailto:peace@peaceftmyers.com).

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services Daily early learning center/day care.

### RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

21580 River Ranch Road, Estero. 495-0400, Senior Pastor Todd Weston. 8 and 9:45 a.m. Services; 11:30 a.m. Legacy Service, multi-generational.

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12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, off McGregor and north of Gladiolus. 489-3973 Father Joseph Clifford. Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. Saturday 3 and 5 p.m.; Sunday 7, 9, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation Saturdays 12 noon and by appointment.

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

2157 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, 334-2161. Masses: Monday through Thursday 6:45 a.m.; Friday 6:45 and 11 a.m.; Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 6:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m., 12:15, 4 Creole and 6 p.m.

### SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

3049 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 344-0012. Pastor Reverend Steve Filizzi. An Affirming and Inclusive Congregation Sunday Services 10 a.m.

### SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN

### CHURCH & SCHOOL (LCMS)

3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, 939-1218, Worship: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Bible Study for adults and children Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

### SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3751 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, 463-4251, [www.stpeterfmb.com](http://www.stpeterfmb.com). Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

### SAINT NICHOLAS MONASTERY

Church and Bookstore. 111 Evergreen Road (southwest corner of Evergreen Road and Gail Street.) Liturgical services conducted in English and Church Slavonic; following the Julian (Old) Calendar. Liturgical Services Sundays and Holy Days 9:30 a.m. Holy Liturgy 0 a.m. Call to confirm service schedule: 997-2847; Bookstore 691-1775. [www.saintnicholas-monastery.org](http://www.saintnicholas-monastery.org).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

13031 Palm Beach Boulevard (3 miles east of I75) East Fort Myers (across from Fort Myers Shores) 693-0818. 9 a.m. Tuesday through Friday. 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday.

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

16940 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, 454-3336. Robert G. Kasten Pastor. Sunday 11 a.m. Nursery 9:45 a.m. Sunday School all ages. Junior Church grades one to five. Wee Church Pre-K to K. Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, [www.templebethel.com](http://www.templebethel.com). [rabbi.barras@templebethel.com](mailto:rabbi.barras@templebethel.com). Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Cantor Victor Geigner, Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Inna Vasser. Union For Reform Judaism Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9:30 a.m. Religious School Wednesday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. Learning Tree Monday through Friday.

### TEMPLE JUDEA (CONSERVATIVE)

14486 A&W Bulb Road, Fort Myers, 433-0201, Rabbi: Rabbi Marc Sack Minyan: Monday at 9 a.m. Religious Education: Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Services Friday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org).

### THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church of SWFL, 10811 Sunset Plaza Circle #401, behind Zoomers. Reverend Gabriella Cahaley. Sundays 11 a.m. during the season. Other worship events on Fort Myers Beach. <http://www.new-churchflorida.com>. 481-5535.

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

### CHURCH FORT MYERS

13411 Shire Lane (off Daniels Parkway one mile west of I-75). Minister The Reverend Allison Farnum. Sunday services and religious education at 10:30 a.m. 561-2700. [www.uucfm.org](http://www.uucfm.org).

### UNITY OF BONITA SPRINGS

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

### UNITY OF FORT MYERS

11120 Ranchette Road, Fort Myers Sunday Services 9:15 and 11 a.m. Children's classes 11 a.m. Reverend Jim Rosemergy. 278-1511, [www.unityoffortmyers.org](http://www.unityoffortmyers.org). Our God is Love, Our Race is Human, Our Religion is Oneness

### WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125. Senior Pastor Robert Brunson. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Blended Worship. [www.westminsterfortmyers.org](http://www.westminsterfortmyers.org)

### WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

2120 Collier Avenue, Fort Myers. 274-8881. Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. Bishop Gaspar and Michele Anastasi

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. 481-4040. Pastor Curtis Deterding. Sunday 8 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 a.m. Blended, 9:30 a.m. Educational Hour. [www.zionfm.org](http://www.zionfm.org)✴



## Jammies And Jeans At Temple Judea

On Friday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m., Temple Judea hosts Jammies and Jeans, a Shabbat evening especially for young children and their families. Held on the second Friday of each month, it is open to the entire community. The Jammies and Jeans Shabbat service is in addition to the regular 6:15 p.m. Shabbat service.

Throw on your jeans and get your kids in their jammies for a casual, warm and kid-friendly Shabbat service filled with singing, storytelling and lots of fun followed by dinner. The Shabbat service is held in the Synagogue, followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

To make dinner reservations, send an email to [jenmanekin@yahoo.com](mailto:jenmanekin@yahoo.com). Rabbi Sack will help you enjoy and celebrate the joy of Shabbat with stories, songs, dancing and more.

Temple Judea is located at 14486 A & W Bulb Road in Fort Myers. For more information, call 433-0201 or go to [www.tjswfl.org](http://www.tjswfl.org).

## Church Offers Food Pantry

On Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Church operates a food pantry at 2073 Lafayette Avenue on the corner of Grand, one block west of the City of Palms baseball stadium in Fort Myers.

To be eligible for food assistance, you will need a photo ID and meet USDA eligibility requirements. You are eligible to receive food once a week if your household meets the income guidelines available at the food pantry or participates in any of the following programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid

You only need to meet one of these requirements to be eligible to receive USDA foods.

Volunteers and food donations are always welcome. Contact the church at 334-9225 to donate and/or volunteer your time.

For more information about local food pantries, go to [www.foodpantries.org/ci/fl-fort\\_myers](http://www.foodpantries.org/ci/fl-fort_myers).

## Letter Carriers Collect Toys Left At Mailboxes

Postal Service letter carriers, in support of the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation, will collect new, unwrapped toys left by customers' mailboxes to brighten the holidays for less fortunate children.

This Saturday, December 5, all post office customers in the Suncoast District – which includes ZIP Codes beginning with first three digits 321, 327, 328, 329, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 341, 342, 346 and 347 – are asked to leave new, unwrapped toys by their mailboxes. Letter carriers will collect the toys as they deliver mail along their routes. Toys should be left by the mailbox before the carriers' regular delivery time.

For more information, visit [www.toysfortots.org/default.aspx](http://www.toysfortots.org/default.aspx).

## Alliance To Host Cultural Affairs Staff

On Wednesday, December 9, staff members from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs will be at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers presenting information sessions on the Division's Strategic Plan and Grants processes. The first session, from 9 to 10 a.m., will focus on the Cultural Affairs' strategic planning process and new initiatives to promote arts and culture in Florida. The second session, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., will cover their grant programming – including available grant opportunities, grants management, contract requirements and tips for submitting high scoring grants. Both sessions are open to all, but the grants session is primarily geared towards nonprofit cultural organizations. RSVP online at [www.ArtInLee.org/DCA](http://www.ArtInLee.org/DCA) or by calling 939-2787.

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

## Volunteer To Stop Human Trafficking

Help the SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition during Slave Free Family Day at Veterans Park in Lehigh Acres. The event is to raise awareness and help prevent Human Trafficking in Southwest Florida. The Coalition is looking for volunteers and sponsors at the third annual Slave Free Family Day. Complimentary food, entertainment, children's activities, awareness and prevention, and much more.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Heights Foundation, 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. There will also be giveaways for kids. You can help make a difference. For more information, email [swflhtcoalsec@gmail.com](mailto:swflhtcoalsec@gmail.com).

Earlier this year, Southwest Florida had the largest trafficking ring bust in the

state; 15 traffickers were arrested. The Coalition was active in this bust, working alongside law enforcement for over two years. This is an active and growing organization and the demand for volunteers is higher than ever before and we would like you to help us meet this demand.

Our needs are:

- Volunteers and sponsors to help at two annual events, Slave Free in January and Taste of Freedom in April.
- Make presentations to various civic and faith based groups, schools and tourism venues such as hotels, restaurants and corporations.
- Train The Trainer, in which you will be able train the employee whose job it is to train new employees or for recertification.
- Bi-lingual presenters and presentation translators.

For more information and RSVP, contact Mary McDonough, senior business development partner, SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition, at 410-0507 or via email at [marymac@swflhtc.org](mailto:marymac@swflhtc.org).

## Fashion Show Raises Over \$2,500

More than 200 guests attended the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club (FMWCC) annual fashion show at Saks Fifth Avenue on November 12. In addition to a fabulous runway show, the evening event featured raffles, wonderful appetizers, a photo booth and style and beauty advice from the experts at Saks.

AMI Kids Southwest Florida was the outreach charity for the evening, with FMWCC members and guests donating school supplies and money to help support the non-profit charity. AMI Kid's mission is to empower kids through care and guidance to reach their full potential and, as a result, break the cycle of failure and poverty.

According to FMWCC President Deanne Kyle, along with the donations of the FMWCC members, both Saks Fifth Avenue and Bistro 41 supported the Club's Outreach as well.

"Saks donated 10 percent of their sales all day on November 12 and Bistro 41 gave 20 percent of their food sales after the fashion show to AMI Kids as well," said Kyle. The FMWCC donations and Saks Fifth Avenue donation already total over \$2,500.

The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club was founded in 1927 with the objective to meet for mutual improvement, social entertainment, promote better understanding among its members, and advance the civic welfare of the City of Fort Myers.

Today, members continue the legacy of traditions, community and friendship through various club events including teas, fashion and flower shows, the Coronation Ball and the annual Holiday House. The club is also active in community outreach and historic endeavors, continuing the rich traditions of the community.

To learn more about FMWCC or to become a member, visit [www.fmwcc.com](http://www.fmwcc.com).



One of the models at the November 12 fashion show fundraiser

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## Wind Woes



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**W**ind and more wind was the story on the water this week. Most days our wind gusts were over 30 mph. Fishing in these conditions was all about finding somewhere protected to hide. The big high pressure system causing all the wind slowed the bite most days and it certainly took more persistence and hard work than usual to catch fish. Fishing in these winds just makes everything a little tougher than usual and nothing seemed to come very easily.

Staying close to home most days and tucking out of the breeze in the sheltered mangrove creeks was a good choice all week. Mangrove creek fishing on live shiners and shrimp caught

clients a mixed bag of fish including snook, trout, mangrove snapper and jacks. We did catch a few redfish and flounder in the mix too. On many trips this week we enjoyed good action on trout, jacks and ladyfish after not finding much else going on.

Fishing with popping corks and shrimp was what it took some days to get on any kind of high activity bite. During morning low tide periods, fishing the small sheltered bays between the creek systems was a good choice to catch lots of trout along with ladyfish. Most of these trout have been on the small side of the slot although if you stick it out there are certainly some keepers for you meat fishermen.

Chumming the small feeder mangrove creeks produced a few snook and mangrove snapper although the huge numbers of snook we experience in these creeks all winter long has not happened yet. Live chumming these creeks with shiners only produced a few pops and very few snook showing themselves. I think it will take another cold front for these creeks to get loaded up.

Deeper creek mouths on the low incoming tide were a good choice if you were looking for that bigger bite. Large pinfish pitched up around the structure in these fast-moving creek mouths resulted in a few major gag grouper and snook bites although getting one of these hooked fish away from the often dense structure at times seemed

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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Knowing where to go, depending on the day's wind direction and being able to utilize the many sheltered channels, is the key. Most days you can get where you want to go, catch some fish and totally avoid the wind-blown, rough open water.

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).✪



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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Eastern Screech Owls



by Patricia Molloy

While it is quite common for several patients of the same species to undergo treatment at CROW during the same time period, it is rather unusually for three unrelated patients to be admitted within a day of one another after being injured in similar, but separate, incidents. This is precisely what occurred when

three screech owls, all of which were likely hit-by-a-car cases, were admitted over the same November weekend.

Eastern screech owls (*Megascops asio*) are one of the smallest species of owls in the world, standing only 6.3 to 9.8 inches tall. They are strictly nocturnal hunters who are difficult to detect during daylight hours due to their habit of occupying old woodpecker holes and natural cavities of trees. These regal avians are best known for their large repertoire of vocalizations that includes rasps, barks, chuckles and whinnies. Their distinctive sounds are frequently used to "set the mood" in movie and television scenes.

The first to arrive was patient #15-3142. "He came in with a leg wound," Dr. Molly explained. "He developed a pretty significant superficial corneal ulcer on the right eye. We've done a few cotton swab debridements, so it's been a week now. We did a little more debriding yesterday and we're going to see how that goes over the next few days then decide what we need to do. He's still on eye drops at this point and



All three screech owls will likely be releasable after treatment by CROW's expert wildlife staff. Here, one perches quietly in an outdoor enclosure.

(pain medication)."

As for the second screech owl, patient #15-3153, Dr. Molly said, "He had some left ear and eye trauma, but is still fully visual. We are putting him through a course of Baytril (an antibacterial) with that and checking his bloodwork again today, then likely moving him outside."

Even though the third screech owl had injuries consistent with a car collision, patient #15-3171 was not found where one might expect. "He was found on a bike path," Dr. Molly said. "But he definitely was not hit by a mere bicycle."

The DVM intern continued, "There were really no significant exam findings: radiographs, bloodwork, etc. were fairly normal, so he was mainly depressed and a little mentally dull. But other than that, he only had a minor (eye injury). He will likely be moved outside very soon to an outdoor small flight enclosure. If his flight looks good, we'll go from there."

Fortunately for these three patients, the people who found them quickly contacted CROW for advice on how to gently collect the injured owls and deliver them safely to the wildlife clinic. Each bird had fairly good body conditions, which would indicate that they had not been down for days at a time.

Once each patient has regained its strength and stamina, these magnificent screech owls with the bright yellow eyes will be released to once again whinny and hoot under the cloak of darkness.

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

## FWC Rescues Orphaned Panther Kitten



The orphaned female panther kitten sits in a cage following being rescued

staff had photographed a female panther with three kittens.

A construction worker saw and photographed an emaciated panther kitten in the Collier-Seminole State Park campground, which is about a half-mile from where the female was killed.

The FWC responded to the location and set up traps to try to capture the kitten. The next day, park staff discovered the remains of an approximately 4-month-old male kitten. FWC staff continued trapping efforts and, late in the evening on November 2, successfully captured a 4-month-old female panther kitten in woods adjacent to the campground. The FWC immediately transported the kitten to a new rehabilitation facility that opened earlier this year at the Naples Zoo.

Two days later, the FWC responded to a third sighting of a panther kitten in the area and observed an underweight kitten retreating into the woods. Staff once again set traps and deployed trail cameras to try rescuing the last kitten. Unfortunately, after over a week, there was no additional sign of the panther kitten and rescue efforts were suspended.

"We are grateful to everyone who provided us with the information that led to the successful capture of this kitten," said FWC panther biologist Dr. Dave Onorato.

Because the panther was orphaned at such a young age, it will not be possible to return her to the wild. While she is acclimating to her new surroundings, the kitten will not be on display to the public. She is likely to stay behind the scenes at Naples Zoo at least several weeks while a determination is made regarding a permanent home. When she is placed in

a permanent home, her story will be a valuable tool in educating the public about panther conservation, what the FWC does and what the public can do to help.

Drivers are encouraged to reduce speed in posted panther zones to help lower the risk of collisions like the one that orphaned these kittens. Changing speed from 60 mph to 45 mph in a three-mile-long panther zone only adds

one minute of driving time. Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue of this kitten by purchasing a Protect The Panther license plate at [BuyAPlate.com](http://BuyAPlate.com). Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

For more information on Florida panthers, visit [www.floridapanther.net](http://www.floridapanther.net).

## Free Estuary Excursions

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center will be conducting free estuary excursions at Ponce De Leon Park in Punta Gorda beginning at 9 a.m. on the following dates:

December 5 and 21; January 1, 16 and 18.

After an introductory program on aquatic environments, participants will walk a short distance to Charlotte Harbor (the largest protected estuary in the world) where, using dip nets and hand viewers, they will venture into the mangrove forest and seagrass laden waters in search of aquatic animals.

This exciting hands-on activity is both educational and entertaining for people of all ages. Participation is limited, therefore pre-registration is necessary for these free programs. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information or to register, call Alligator Creek Preserve at 941-575-5435.



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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) rescued a 4-month-old female panther kitten in Collier County earlier this month. The kitten was likely orphaned when her mother was struck and killed by a vehicle on U.S. 41 near Collier-Seminole State Park.

When they responded to the scene, FWC staff did not observe any kittens in the area. However, in early October, park



## Plant Smart

## Black-Eyed Susan Vine

by Gerri Reaves

**B**lack-eyed Susan vine (*Thunbergia alata*) is an evergreen perennial native to tropical East Africa.

This plant with cheerful bright flowers and twining stems is a fast grower and will easily cover a fence, arbor, or trellis. It also works as a rambling groundcover, or cascading hanging basket plant.

In fact, a container might be the best place for it, since it has escaped cultivation in Florida and is often weedy and aggressive. It is not officially listed as an invasive, however.

The delicate twining stems reach up to eight feet long, and the funnel-shaped flowers appear singly on the stalks, or petioles, which are slightly winged. The term “alata” means winged.

The flowers are about three inches long with an elongated corolla. They open into five lobes that have somewhat flattened outer edges.

The paired egg- or arrow-shaped leaves of about three inches long have toothed edges and a fine texture.

The flowers attract hummingbirds, but otherwise the vine is mainly valued as an ornamental, not for benefits to wildlife.

The fruit consists of a rounded base with seeds in it and an elongated beak.

With its purple-brown throat, the yellow cultivar superficially resembles



**Non-native Black-eyed Susan vine can be weedy and aggressive**

photo by Gerri Reaves

the native wildflower Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), but the two flowers are quite different on closer inspection.

The vine blooms most of the year, and cultivars in orange, white and pink are available, too.

It prefers sun to partial shade and plenty of moisture.

Sources: floridata.com, ifas.ufl.edu, and lucidcentral.org.

*Plant Smart explores the diverse flora of South Florida.*✧

## Local Roots Farmers Markets Opens At Marinatown In North Fort Myers

**L**ocal Roots Farmers Markets announces the grand opening of their seventh Lee County market at Marinatown in North Fort Myers on Friday, December 4. Commissioner Brian Hamman will be present for the ribbon cutting ceremony and to welcome the market to the community. The market is located at 3446 Marinatown Lane off Hancock Bridge Parkway, just west of US 41. The Marinatown Farmer's Market will be open Fridays through March from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



**Tomatoes at the farmer's market**

The North Fort Myers Civic Association approached Jean Baer and Betsy Ventura, market owners, to bring their outstanding farmer's market to the North Fort Myers community.

“We are very excited to bring this opportunity to the North Fort Myers community,” said Mike Land, president of the North Fort Myers Civic Association. “Our heritage makes us uniquely suited for a farmer's market which will be a positive addition to our community”.

Rose O'Dell King of Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farms, added, “We are very excited about being a part of this event. Come and see why our wholesome and delicious foods are so popular.”

At press time vendors include Anita's Guacamole, Bonez Brothers BBQ, Crepes, Classic Cuban Food Truck, Hot Jams, Grumpy Grater, Happy Pickle, Jann's Produce, Doug's Seafood, Ella Phantasy Scrubs, Fragrance Floral Cut Flowers, Heritage Honey, Honey Bee Charmer Soaps, DoTerra Essential Oils, Island Seafood, JC's Daily Bread Bakery, JBT Farm, Jimmy's Java, KoKoKahn, Madagascar Hats, Nivia's Food, P and J Nuts R Us, Paradise Gourmet Pet Treats, Exotic Mushroom Farmer, Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm, Sift Bakery, Watermelon Iced Tea, Old Bridge Girls, Larfina, Can't Resist Pillows, Joyce Beardley and Painted Palms. Crafters and specialty item vendors will be at the market on designated market days.

For additional information or to become a vendor, visit [www.BuyLocalLee.com](http://www.BuyLocalLee.com).✧

## Christmas Boat Parade Returns

**O**rganizers for the 27th annual Christmas Boat Parade are counting down to one of Fort Myers Beach's biggest nights of the year. The dazzling lighted parade will commence on Saturday, December 5 at 6 p.m. from Salty Sam's Marina. Decorated boats will be judged and winners will be recognized at the Winners' Circle Party at Salty Sam's Marina immediately following the parade. VIP Judges will ride along in the parade and will choose and announce the winners of each category. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in their respective category.

Participants are asked to register to enter boats by calling or visiting the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce. Registration forms are also available at [www.FMBBoatParade.com](http://www.FMBBoatParade.com) or by calling 454-7500. All sizes and types of boats are eligible to enter. There is a \$25 fee for boats and \$50 fee for business 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. Salty Sam's Marina is located at 2500 Main Street, Fort Myers Beach, Florida. For advance reservations at Salty Sam's Marina, call 463-7333.

“If you have a boat, I encourage you decorate it and join us in the parade”, says Ted Schindler, boat owner and boat

parade committee member. “It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and it's the best party around!”

The vessels will assemble in front of the docks at Salty Sam's Marina at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., the boats will begin to leave Salty Sam's Marina going past Parrot Key Caribbean Grill and Bootleggers Waterfront Barbeque heading northwest passing by Doc Ford's, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café and under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. They will travel in and out of Siesta Isles and go around Bowditch Point, turning in front of the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. The boats will travel past Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery and Matanzas on the Bay on the return. The parade will end at Salty Sam's Marina for the Winners Circle Party and awards presentation.

Other viewing areas include the fishing piers under Matanzas Pass Bridge, and Baywalk Fountain Square. The Salty Sam's Pirate Cruise and Sight Sea-R are offering special evening cruises during the parade giving passengers a bird's eye view of the parade while cruising along the moonlit Intracoastal Waterway. The Sight Sea-R will be traveling in the parade and the Pirate Ship will offer a great view of the entire parade from the water.

Sponsors of the event are Bootleggers Waterfront Barbeque, Captain Bubby's Island Tours, Doc Fords, Joe Orlandini Developer, Jungle Golf, Matanzas on the Bay, *The News-Press*, Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina, Panther Printing, Parrot Key Caribbean Grill, Semmer

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For more information, contact

the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500 or visit [www.fortmyersbeach.org](http://www.fortmyersbeach.org).✧



**A wildlife observation blind overlooks a Prairie Pines pond**

## Free Guided Nature Walk At Prairie Pines Preserve

**A** free guided nature walk will be offered at Prairie Pines Preserve, 18400 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, on Saturday, December 5, at 9 a.m. With more than 2,600 acres, the preserve is one of Lee County's largest open space areas. Habitats include freshwater wetlands, pine flatwoods, scrub areas and oak/sabal palm hammocks. The preserve is home to many varieties of birds and small mammals.

The 90-minute walk is over an accessible crushed shell path. Participants should wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. The walk starts promptly at 9 a.m. from the parking lot off Rt. 41.

No reservations for the walk are required. For more information, visit [www.conservaion2020.org](http://www.conservaion2020.org) or call 707-2206.✧



## Entrepreneur To Speak At Networking Event



**Gary Whitehill**

Global social reformer, international speaker, serial entrepreneur, educator and mentor Gary Whitehill, pioneer of the globally recognized Entrepreneur Week which scaled four continents in two years, will be the guest speaker at the the next Connect Networking Event held at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Thursday,



**The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center at night**

photo courtesy of Miranda Lawson Photography

December 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located in the historic downtown River District at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers.

Whitehill is driven to provide high impact, tangible value to communities around the world at the local, national, and regional levels. Some of Whitehill's accomplishments include advising Presidents and Prime Ministers, Fortune 100 CEO's, economic development offices, incubators, accelerators, think tanks and entrepreneurs on both the art and science of entrepreneurship, innovation and economic development. He also co-founded the only successful Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) program ever built

within a public company, the Dell Center for Entrepreneurs, which scaled to \$250 million within three years. Whitehill was also the featured keynote at the TED Global Women's Entrepreneurship Summit.

As part of his never ending quest to immerse himself in humanity, he arrived back to the states just three weeks ago from his most recent tour, Whitehill traveled to 20 countries in 60 days and captivated audiences across Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia with the tools, resources, and knowledge they required to follow their distinct passion in life.

Whitehill is the only person in history to travel from continent-to-continent studying comparative entrepreneur-



**Whitehill with an elephant in Kenya**

ship and innovation. Having spent time in more than 40 countries, Whitehill believes both are the answer to the great debate toward the way forward for all of humanity, not just the motivated entrepreneur.

Connect events take place the second Thursday of every month at the Davis Art Center. Join us for an insightful evening, get to know each other, expand business and personal relationships, and connect in your community. Admission is \$10, and business promotional table space is available for \$30. Admission includes pizza provided by Capone's Coal Fired Pizza, raffle prizes, networking and more. For more information, contact Melissa Tschari DeHaven at [melissa.sbdac@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.sbdac@gmail.com).✱

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**Everbables fill up truck with teddy bears collected at annual Teddy Bear Toss**

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## Teddy Bear Toss

the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and other local charities.

"We collected over 7,000 toys last year at this heart-warming event through the generosity of the Everblades fans," said David Gordley, market president for IBERIABANK. "It was priceless to accom-

pany the players as we delivered these teddy bears to patients at the Golisano Children's Hospital. We are looking forward to another successful event and hope to top the collection of previous years."

Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office at Germain Arena by calling 948-7825 or going online to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Germain Arena is located at 11000 Everblades Parkway in Estero.✱

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## Operation Christmas Care

are also appreciated.

Monetary donations can be made at [www.heightsfoundation.org/donate](http://www.heightsfoundation.org/donate).

The gifts will be distributed on Saturday, December 12 at "Operation Christmas Care" where each child will visit Santa, have cookies with hot chocolate and make Christmas crafts, while their parents choose gifts for their children, keeping the surprise in Christmas for our kids.

"This holiday season will again be challenging for many families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood," said Kathryn Kelly, President and CEO of the Heights Foundation. "This is a great opportunity to bring joy to the children of our community. We are thankful for the generous support of our neighbors."

Items can be dropped off at The Heights Center, 15570 Hagie Drive, or Gladiolus Learning and Development Center, located at 10320 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers. Toys will be collected through Friday, December 11.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with event set up and at the event.

Organizations and individuals interested in participating can contact Jody



**Iona McGregor Firefighters Bob Guillery and Grant Nichols with Jarvis Deleon at 2014 Operation Christmas Care**

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## Fort Myers Beach Art Association Judged Art Show Award Results



First place was awarded for *Mr. Bilbo* by Sue Pink

photos courtesy of P Flaherty

On November 16, the first judged show of the season opened at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association main gallery, sponsored by the Red Coconut. Only members of the art association could submit paintings for the exhibit, which was judged by accomplished artist Libit Jones, FWS, who was in town to teach a workshop at the association this past week. Neil Walling gave an informative talk about the 2015 France and Sedona trips and presented trip ideas for 2016. These trips started as fundraisers for the gallery and are a wonderful way to not only paint plein but also promote camaraderie among members. Studio 2 features the work from those trips. The Red Coconut sponsored the reception which included free refreshments. Admission to both shows is free and visitors are welcome. Both exhibits will hang until December 10.

Fran Myers from the Red Coconut assisted in the presentation of the awards on November 22 at the reception. An award was given for Best in Show in honor of Lee Ackert, who was FMBAA President from 1983 to 1985. This award went to Cheryl Fausel for her watercolor painting titled *The Royal Purse*. First prize was awarded for *Mr. Bilbo* by Sue Pink. Second prize was awarded for *Grape Leaves #2* by Judi Miller. Third prize went to Anne Kittel for *Clean Up Day*. The Maya Bryant Award (outdoor painter) was given for *Across The Caloosahatchee* by Joan Zeoli.

Merit Awards went to *Blue* by Susanne H. Brown, *Beaches* by Lois Ostrov, and *Homosassa Revisited* by Lisa Grinter. Honorable mentions went to the *Sleeping Beauty* by Joan Stobart, *Cool Reflections* by Julie Nusbaum, and *Campagna* by Honey Costa.

If you are interested in learning to paint, several short workshops are being taught at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association this season as well as Patty Kane's watercolor classes on Mondays. Check out [www.fortmyersbeachart.com](http://www.fortmyersbeachart.com) to see all the exciting artistic events happening this season.

The annual Art Devine sale of original art priced at or below \$150 will begin on December 12.

For more information, email the art association publicity chair Pam Flaherty at [fmbaapublicity@gmail.com](mailto:fmbaapublicity@gmail.com) or stop by the Fort Myers Beach Arts Association gallery located on Donora Boulevard, one mile south of the Matanzas Bridge in Fort Myers Beach. Call 463-3909 for more details. The gallery is open daily through mid-April, Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.✱



Cheryl Fausel with her watercolor painting titled *The Royal Purse*, which won the Best in Show Lee Ackert Award



Senior Projects Spring 2015

photo courtesy of James Greco

## FGCU Senior Projects Exhibition

The Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) present Senior Projects Exhibition, with an opening reception at the Main Gallery on Thursday, December 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. Each student will give a brief presentation on their exhibition, beginning at 6 p.m. The exhibition runs through December 11, and is made possible with the generous support of U. Tobe, FineMark National Bank & Trust and WGCU Public Media.

At the end of their studies, each art major completes a senior project in which he or she successfully executes a body of work combining their knowledge of tech-

niques and concepts while drawing on research of historical and contemporary artists. The completed projects are presented in an exhibition open to the university community and the public. Patricia Fay, professor of Art, is the faculty mentor for this group of graduates.

Senior Project students this semester are: Alyssa Baladad, Alyssa Bates, Richard Crum, Pamela Davis, Leonardo Navarro Jr., Jessica Neumann, Lindsey Rausch, April Rodmyre, Adam Snell, Kevin Watkinson and Allison Witmer.

The gallery is in the Arts Complex on FGCU's main campus at 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors. Regular viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

For images and further information on this exhibition and others, go to [artgallery.fgcu.edu](http://artgallery.fgcu.edu) or contact Anica Sturdivant at 590-7199 or [asturdiv@fgcu.edu](mailto:asturdiv@fgcu.edu).✱



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## Alliance Hosts Special Visiting Artist Workshops

The Alliance for the Arts will host four visiting instructors who will lead special workshops during January, February and March. These are great opportunities for local artists to work with, learn from, and be inspired by experts in their mediums. All four artists regularly teach in their home towns, as well as travel to teach whenever possible.

Painter David Kessler is based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. His three-day Abstracts: Fresh & Loose Workshop on January 14 to 16 seeks to get student artists to loosen up their style and paint with more freedom and spontaneity. He says his workshop is not only about painting abstract compositions, but also learning to paint more freely. The workshop is \$350 for Alliance members or \$435 for non-members. For more information, visit [www.davidmkessler.com](http://www.davidmkessler.com).

World-renowned mosaic artist Susan Wechsler is based in Denver, Colorado. She returns to the Alliance for a second season to present her one- or two-day Mosaic Workshop on January 23-24. Wechsler creates mosaics on items she finds at flea markets and antique shops using broken pieces of china, stained glass and gemstones. Attendees will learn to cut, glue and grout fine china, art glass and found objects to create their



Painting by David Kessler

own beautiful keepsake mirror. Her one-day workshop on January 23 is \$85 for members or \$120 for non-members plus a \$55 supply fee. Her two-day workshop is \$245 for members or \$310 for non-members plus an \$85 supply fee. Learn more about her work at [www.mosaicsby-susan.com](http://www.mosaicsby-susan.com).

On February 26 and 27, lifelong artist Ginnie Peterson from St. Paul, Minnesota will present her Paint with Molten Beeswax – Encaustic Workshop. Peterson says this medium is perfect for painters, sculptors and photographers of all levels. Learn to paint with beeswax that is melted and saturated with pigments like those used in oil paints. Most students leave with three finished pieces per day. The workshop is \$250 for members or \$315 for non-members. A single-day option is available. Learn more online at



Mosaic by Susan Wechsler

[www.ginniepeterson.com](http://www.ginniepeterson.com).

Finally, on March 1 to 3, San Francisco-based painter Elio Camacho will lead his Plein Air with Elio Workshop. Although Camacho came to painting later in life he has been a highly-regarded artist and instructor for nearly two decades. He says his goal is to help students capture the particular mood of a moment and to express themselves in bold and colorful ways, all while capturing the beauty and spontaneity of nature. His workshop is \$375 for members or \$475 for non-members. Learn more about Camacho at [www.colorrelations.com](http://www.colorrelations.com).

These workshops have pre-registration deadlines, so don't hesitate to sign up if interested. The Alliance offers year-round classes for people of all ages and experience levels. Visit [ArtInLee.org](http://ArtInLee.org) to learn more about the visiting artist workshops,



Artwork by Ginnie Peterson



Painting by Elio Camacho

or all of the fun and inspiring things happening at the Alliance all year long.

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

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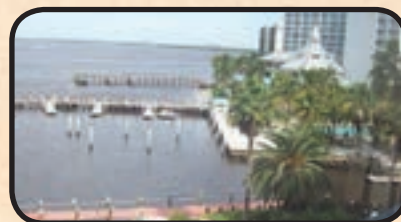


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## Child Artist Program Raises Funds For Pediatric Care



Artist Ellen Sheppard mentors Child Artist Avery McCaskill. Her painting will be auctioned off during the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s signature event, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest on February 27

Nothing illustrates the reason Golisano Children's Hospital is the primary beneficiary of the Southwest Florida Wine Fest better than the child artist program. SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. is proud to introduce 2016 Child Artist Avery McCaskill from Naples. A patient of Golisano Children's Hospital, six-year-old Avery worked alongside artist Ellen Sheppard to create a wise and beautiful owl, a one-of-a-kind painting, to be auctioned off during the SWFL Children's Charities, Inc.'s signature event, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest on February 27.

Now in its 10th year, the child artist program has raised more than \$1 million to benefit pediatric care at the five-county region's only children's hospital, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Bids for the artwork will start at \$5,000, and last year's child art raised \$500,000.

A healthy, happy 4-year-old with bouncy curls and a winning smile, Avery was doing fine until February of 2013. That's when her parents noticed something was wrong. She was acting clumsily by running into walls and cabinets. Always full of energy, she slept on her mother's lap through a Sunday morning church service. That's when her parents, Sondra and William McCaskill, took their daughter to the closest emergency room. They were quickly told she might have leukemia.

"I knew something was wrong," said Sondra. "I thought they would transport us via helicopter to Miami or Tampa for our care. I didn't even know a hospital like Golisano Children's existed so close to home."

Avery was transported a short distance to Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida in nearby Fort Myers where a diagnosis of leukemia was confirmed. She immediately began treatment.

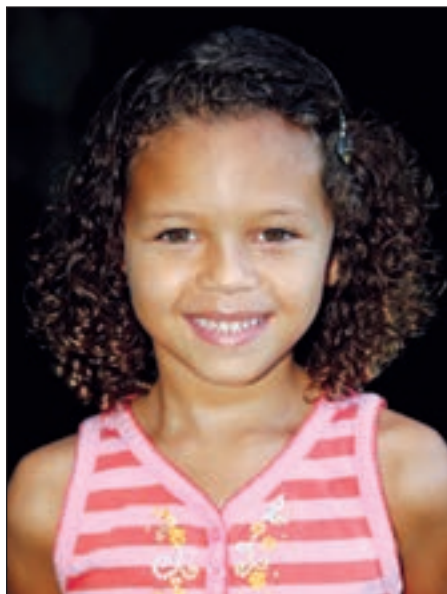
"I never knew of anyone with cancer, and it was happening to my child," said Sondra McCaskill, Avery's mom. "They told us we had a long road ahead. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia or ALL for short. The term acute means that it can spread quickly, even fatal within a few months. We wouldn't accept that and held on tight to our faith."

Once at Golisano Children's Hospital, a port was placed in her chest and she was given chemotherapy immediately.

Like many young children, Avery is naturally drawn to art, and the hospital taps into the innate joy creativity brings to help young patients like her through the treatment process. For example, Avery first learned about her chemo treatments by playing with syringes filled with paint.

"She got to squirt paint all over this huge piece of paper in the hospital play room," said Sondra. "The child life specialist made it so much fun, I wanted to join in."

Now, as a Southwest Florida Wine and Food Fest child artist, Avery has had the unique opportunity to work with Child Life veteran and artist Ellen Sheppard, and a new art mentor, Joeline Black. This talented trio worked together, and Avery has created the poster art that will be auctioned at the Southwest Florida Wine Fest on



Six-year-old Avery McCaskill from Naples, 2016 Child Artist



Artist Ellen Sheppard, Avery McCaskill and incoming child artist mentor Joeline Black February 27, 2016.

"Every year, auction attendees fall in love with these children, their stories and their artwork," said Sheppard. "Tears flow, paddles are raised and attendees give graciously to support the patients of Golisano Children's Hospital. Traditionally, the works are then donated back to the hospital where they are displayed for patients, families, visitors and staff to enjoy."

Sheppard, who is "retiring" from her role as child art mentor after ten years, has kept a log book of all the artwork from pediatric patients over the past ten years. Sheppard is passing the paint brush to artist Joeline Black, who was the mother of last year's child artist, Sophie Black.

"Art is therapeutic, and painting allows the children to express themselves, as well as to enjoy themselves," said Black. "It's truly an honor to share this experience with patients and families. I look forward to serving as the child art mentor and to support the program that brought so much joy to our daughter and family during a very difficult time."

Avery chose to paint one of her favorite subjects, the wise old owl. An orange and yellow creature perched on a branch, the owl's eyes say it all with an inquisitive twinkle that her mother says, is a window into her daughter's personality. The sky indicates a sunny outlook, and the optimistic tone is moving considering the magnitude of the young artist's health struggles. Then again, she is triumphing over her disease, and there is good reason to believe in blue skies ahead.

"Avery loves owls. She's been through so much at a young age and she's really smart beyond her years. She's wise and beautiful, just like an owl," says Sondra.

At a time when most children are learning to ride a bike, starting kindergarten and playing with young friends, Avery was part of a clinical trial and in the fight of her life. For two and a half years, she underwent treatment including 18 hospital visits to endure lumbar punctures, bone marrow needle draws, transfusions. Not to mention, there were countless visits for chemotherapy.

Numerous times, she was hospitalized because of the grueling side effects of the chemotherapy.

"Throughout it all, Avery did not change who she was," said Sondra. "Her faith never wavered and her strength and courage brought us to tears on many occasions. Avery has taught us all to be strong through life's little storms and know that they will soon pass, not to take one minute for granted, and to love more and more each day."

Now six years old, Avery continues to take medication and visits the hospital often for checkups.

"Nobody plans on their child getting sick and you just can't imagine the impact that it has on the entire family," said Sondra. "At a time like this, it means everything to be near home and have a support system nearby. We would have been separated if we had to leave Southwest Florida. But instead, my husband kept his job, my parents were nearby to help with our older daughter. We kept our family together and I'm forever grateful to the Golisano Children's Hospital and SWFL Children's Charities."

Check out Avery's artwork and learn more about how you can support SWFL Children's Charities at [www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).

The SWFL Children's Charities Inc.'s annual signature fundraiser, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, has raised nearly \$15 million over the past seven years, making it the most successful fundraising event in Lee County and one of the top-grossing wine fests in the country. Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida is the primary beneficiary of the event, and the money raised helps to fund the building of the new family-centered children's hospital that will provide new and expanded medical services and subspecialty services to children from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. In addition to providing funds for the new state-of-the-art Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, the SWFL Children's Charities supports healthcare programs at Florida SouthWestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University. For more information, visit [www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).✱



## Shell Point Golf Tourney Raises Funds For Memory Care



Golfers enjoy a day of beautiful weather, while raising \$40,000 to benefit Shell Point's Memory Care Programs

The 140 golfers who participated in Shell Point Retirement Community's 12th annual Charity Golf Tournament on Nov. 13 enjoyed a day of beautiful weather while raising \$40,000 to benefit Shell Point's Memory Care Programs.

The funds will serve Shell Point residents and members of the Southwest Florida community who suffer from memory loss and dementia due to Alzheimer's and other brain diseases.

Presented by The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point, along with Title Co-Sponsors Wright Construction Group and FineMark National Bank & Trust, the 18-hole scramble ended with a catered barbecue luncheon. Emcee and ABC-7 news anchor Krista Fogelsong announced the tourna-



Golfers hit the links for charity during 12th annual Shell Point Open



Emcee and ABC-7 news anchor Krista Fogelsong announces tournament winners and thanks sponsors for support



Proceeds benefit members of the Southwest Florida community who suffer from memory loss and dementia



The winning team of Elliot Boldon, Rudy Zant, Randy Sabau, and Cameron Vande Hei beat 136 other golfers to place first



Golfer David Nesselroade enjoys a catered barbecue lunch by Sanibel Catering Company

ment winners and thanked sponsors for supporting the event.

"The best part is that we raised money for an excellent cause," said Scott Loiacano, Wright Construction Group.

Shell Point Golf Club's 18-hole, par-71 championship golf course is an Audubon-certified property, offering a grass driving range and practice green, lessons and a fully stocked pro shop and snack bar. The course is open to the public and is located near the entrance to Shell Point Retirement Community at 17401 On Par Boulevard, two miles before the Sanibel Causeway. For more information, visit [www.shellpointgolf.com](http://www.shellpointgolf.com).

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# A Touching Musical At Broadway Palm



by Di Saggau

**O**f all the classic Christmas stories, Frank Capra's *A Wonderful Life* is the one that touches people with its holiday nostalgia and real life situations. A

touching musical version is now showing at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

While it deals with grownup themes, it's still perfect for families who like celebrating the holidays together. Youngsters are mesmerized by the rapidly changing scenes, the recognizable characters and lively music. For many it's probably the first time they see the Charleston performed live on stage.

The musical closely follows the original plot of the film, set in 1945, telling the story of a suicidal man whose guardian angel reveals to him how different the world, and everyone whose life he has touched, would be had he never been born. Clarence, his guardian angel played by Jerry Sciarro, gives a performance that has the audience rooting for him to win his wings. Instead of Scrooge, we have Henry Potter, played by Kirk Lawrence, a dishonest and menacing millionaire who also earns strong audience applause for his performance.

The musical has 26 scenes which are handled efficiently with quick blackouts and scene after scene dissolving and changing without losing a beat of the music. No cast can hope to match memories of Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore, nor should they. It's OK to hold onto those memories.

The cast in this musical brings their own special talents, creating new memories, as we watch key moments in George Bailey's life.

Jordan Goodsell handles this role with a fine voice and a sense of dramatic timing. Katherine Walker sings beautifully as Mary Hatch Bailey. Rendell DeBose is well cast as Matthew, the head angel. I just wish he had more songs to sing.

Director Paul Bernier brings a steady hand to the proceedings, and keeps the action well-paced. Amy Marie McCleary's choreography is first-rate. Some talented people fill out the supporting roles and the ensemble wins a fine hand for their energetic dancing and strong singing voices.

Bring the whole family to see the uplifting musical *A Wonderful Life*, playing now through December 26 at Broadway Palm. Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱



The cast of *A Wonderful Life*

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## Cruise To Matlacha

art galleries, island boutiques, seafood restaurants and more.

During the Discover Matlacha Island Cruise excursion, guests will have the opportunity to experience the natural beauty of Southwest Florida along the Caloosahatchee River and on the island of Matlacha. Upon arriving to the island, guests will be taken on a Taste of Matlacha Walking Tour, guided by True Tours, learning about the island's unique history and enjoying a sampling of signature delicacies. Upon conclusion of the tour, guests may enjoy lunch at their leisure and visit the nearby shops and galleries. Local attractions include the Lovegrove Gallery & Gardens, where guests can tour the whimsical gardens and meet the artist, Leoma Lovegrove. Following exploration, passengers can enjoy a peaceful return cruise on the *M/V Edison Explorer*.

Discover Matlacha Island Cruise tours are guided by Coast Guard-certified captains, also master naturalists, and highlight the history of the Caloosahatchee River and Matlacha Island. Registration for the tour is \$64 per person. Lunch can be included for an additional charge of \$12 per person. The *M/V Edison Explorer* departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers.

A complimentary bottle of water will be provided, and additional refreshments are available for purchase. Passengers are welcome to bring snacks aboard. Reservations are required. For more information or to book your ticket, call 919-2965, email [FortMyers@PureFL.com](mailto:FortMyers@PureFL.com) or visit [www.PureFL.com](http://www.PureFL.com).✱



From left, Dale Riggs, president-elect; Sierra Burton, FSW student and veteran; Bob Kent, treasurer; Ian McCallister, FSW student and veteran; Frank Rooney; and John "Mouse" Kloeker, president.

photo courtesy of FSW

## KWVA Pledges Funds For Veterans To Continue College Education

**M**embers of Cape Coral's Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) of Southwest Florida Chapter 155 presented the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Foundation with a contribution to its scholarship endowment benefitting veterans.

In September 2014, the KWVA established a scholarship endowment worth \$15,050 to support veterans returning to school for a degree or to obtain skills. After two consecutive semesters of contributions, including last week's gift of \$3,600, the endowment is now valued at \$21,150.

"Returning veterans are interested in finding work in this market. Taking classes at FSW helps them supplement skills they learned during their service," said Bob Kent, treasurer for KWVA Chapter 155. "With the scholarships we provide, FSW is a perfect fit for them."

"We are finding that veterans are choosing FSW because our programs are work-force based," said Dr. Lou Traina, vice president of institutional advancement. "After two years they leave with an associate's (degree) to find a local job or stay with us to

earn a bachelor's in nursing, teaching or business administration. Thank you KWVA for supporting our veterans."

An average of 400 veterans receive benefits at FSW each year and last month the college was the first in Southwest Florida to install special veteran's parking spaces.

Many organizations and individuals are choosing to establish a scholarship endowment with the FSW Foundation. Through this financial arrangement, a donor has control over the specific terms of the fund. For more information, visit [www.fsw.edu/foundation](http://www.fsw.edu/foundation).✱

## Lee Hosting Florida State Gymnastics Championships This Weekend

**L**ee County will host the USA Gymnastics Florida Level 4 and 5 State Championships December 4 to 6 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. The meet, sponsored by Lightning City Gymnastics and Cheerleading, will bring approximately 600 gymnasts from around the state to compete in Fort Myers.

Approximately 1,900 people, including gymnasts and their families, are expected to travel to Fort Myers for the meet, resulting in 800 hotel room nights and an estimated direct economic impact of \$270,000 for Lee County, according to a spokesperson for Lee County Sports Development.

The first competition session will begin at 6 p.m. on December 4. On December 5, competition sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. The tournament will conclude on December 6 with competition sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The meet will be open to the public, with admission available at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages five to 12, cash only.

For more information on the event and for the full competition schedule, visit [www.lightningcity.com](http://www.lightningcity.com). For more information about USA Gymnastics-Florida, visit [www.usagf.org](http://www.usagf.org).

Lee County Sports Development was created in 2003 to meet the growing demand for sports development in Lee County, and is recognized by the Florida Sports Foundation as one of the state's 25 Regional Sports Commissions.✱



## School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSPP

**D**ear Shelley, My daughter is a junior in high school and a good student. Lately she seems to be anxious and struggling with the many tests she now has

to take. She seems so worried about her grades. How can I help her?

Lucinda Z., Fort Myers, Florida

**Lucinda,**

As a junior in high school, your daughter is facing increased academic demands and may be experiencing test anxiety. Test anxiety refers to the anxiety that children and adolescents can experience when they are being evaluated, such as when they take an exam.

Generalized anxiety refers to a condition that is experienced when a person is exposed to a situation that is threatening or when they are apprehensive about situations that may occur in the future. While worry is the emotion that seems to

best describe anxiety, the experience can be manifested through feelings, thoughts, behaviors as well as bodily changes.

Test anxiety is somewhat different. Exactly how and why test anxiety surfaces is not fully understood, but there are a few things that point us in the right direction. Children who exhibit symptoms of anxiety in circumstances that are not related to exams or who exhibit a greater number of fears than expected (the dark, spiders, dogs, etc.) are much more prone to demonstrate test anxiety. Secondly, children who experience pressure when preparing for their exams may be presented with test anxiety before or during their exams. Finally, test anxiety can develop into a vicious cycle. The anxiety from one test increases the anxiety for subsequent tests and can make it more intense and unpleasant. Additionally, we know that test anxiety can be exacerbated by fear of failure, lack of preparation, and/or a poor history of test taking.

Test anxiety symptoms fall into three categories: physical, emotional and cognitive/behavioral.

The physical symptoms may include but are not limited to: headaches, stomach aches, nausea, perspiration, rapid heart rate, muscle tension, lightheadedness, feeling faint, tics, sleep problems

and localized pain. Emotional symptoms include but are not limited to: crying, feelings of irritability, feelings of helplessness, disappointment, fear and oversensitivity. Cognitive/behavioral symptoms include but are not limited to: difficulties focusing and paying attention, problems remembering information, restlessness, trouble solving problems, task avoidance, rapid speech, withdrawal, perfectionism, failure to complete tasks and erratic behavior. These symptoms are all very real for the student experiencing them.

Patterns of behavior may be associated with test anxiety. Task avoidance, which can be a symptom of test anxiety, often results in procrastination. Children may procrastinate in studying for tests, which may result in their feeling unprepared to take a test. They may try to cram the night before, which is not conducive to remembering information in an organized way. The combination of lack of preparedness and cramming results in anxiety during the test, which most likely impacts test performance. Students may also be concerned about how their performance compares to peers. Additionally, they may worry about the impact of poor test performance on their grades, their ability to move to the next grade level and how their grades may

affect their future plans, such as entrance into college or other training programs.

Different students experience different levels of test anxiety. For some, focusing on changing patterns of behavior in relation to procrastination and studying help alleviate test anxiety significantly. The use of self-relaxation techniques and positive self-talk can also be very effective. For students with higher levels of anxiety, these strategies can be paired with other practices such as yoga, exercise, good nutrition and good sleep habits. For students who experience severe test anxiety, the addition of therapy may be necessary. School personnel such as school psychologists, school social workers and school counselors can provide counseling services to help students develop coping skills and manage test anxiety.

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## Colliers Pledge Millions To FGCU For Scholarships

**B**arron and Dana Collier, supporters of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) for two decades, have enhanced their giving with a pledge of \$4 million to support scholarships for Collier County students. The gift was announced recently at the annual President's Scholarship Luncheon, which took place at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

John and Dorothy Guigon, who are also long-time supporters that recently enhanced their giving with a deferred gift to help the university attract and retain top students in perpetuity, were also honored at the event that brings scholarship donors and their recipients together.

Barron Collier said he and his wife were motivated to make the gift. "We wanted to give back to Collier County for being so great to us. We have watched the creation of this new university and have seen what went into it. It was fascinating. FGCU is just going to continue to grow and get better.

"We need to look at the next generation to be tomorrow's leaders of business. We need to be investing in the best education possible for them. We feel blessed to be able to give back in this way and hope others will be motivated to give as well."

The Colliers first endowed a scholarship fund in 1995, two years before FGCU opened its doors. Since then, they have developed an even closer relationship after seeing their daughter attend and graduate from there.



Dana and Barron Collier III

courtesy photo by Brian Tietz

"We were impressed by how personable the faculty and staff members were and how the professors really get to know their students," he said.

In accepting the gift, President Wilson G. Bradshaw said, "Not many people have been connected to the university for as long as your family has. We are deeply grateful for your longstanding generosity, which will help Collier County students obtain the education they need to be successful."

Barron Collier III was named for his grandfather, an advertising magnate and entrepreneur that founded the company that still bears his name. Collier III, who goes by Barry, serves as the chairman of the board of the Barron Collier Companies, which owns significant amounts of land in Collier County as well as interests in real estate, mineral management and agriculture.

For more information, contact Chris Simoneau, vice president for University Advancement, at 590-1067.✱

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## Financial Focus

# Maximize The Benefits Of Your Charitable Giving



by Jennifer Basey

**I**t's certainly the season for giving – and when you make charitable gifts, you can both give and receive.

To get the most out of your gifts, your first step is to make sure you are giving to a worthy

charity. That means you'll need to ask some questions. How does a group measure its effectiveness? And does it use its money wisely? Is it devoting as much of its contributions as possible to the actual work of the organization, or is it spending too much money on administrative costs? Generally, a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs.

You may be able to find this type of information in a charitable group's annual report and on its website. But if you want to dig deeper, and get information from an independent source, you may want to go to the website of one of the agencies that evaluates charitable groups. On these sites, you can get a lot of information dealing with a charity's effectiveness, income, spending, mission, governance, transparency, executive salaries and other topics.

Once you've chosen a charity, or charities, you can decide how much you

want to give. And your generosity will be rewarded, because your gift to a qualified charitable organization may entitle you to a deduction against your income tax, as long as you itemize deductions. A "qualified" charitable group is one that the government has classified as a tax-exempt organization. Ask your intended charity for information on its tax status. Reputable nonprofits will be more than happy to offer proof.

But what if you'd rather not simply give cash to the charitable group? What if you've owned some stocks for several years, and the stocks no longer fit your investment needs? Should you sell the stocks and then donate the proceeds to the charitable group?

You could – but you'll likely be better off, from a tax standpoint, by simply donating the appreciated stocks. If you were to sell these stocks, you'd have to pay capital gains taxes. Consequently, your gift to a charity would end up costing you more than just the loss of the asset.

But if you directly donate the appreciated stocks to the charity, you'll get an immediate tax deduction, which is normally worth the property's fair market value. And, perhaps even more importantly, you'll avoid any capital gains taxes on the donated stocks' appreciation. If you've held the stocks for a long time, and they've increased in value substantially, these capital gains taxes could be significant.

Once you've donated the appreciated stocks to the charity, it can decide whether to hold them for a while or sell them immediately. In either case, though, you'll have no capital gains tax obligation.

However you choose to make your gift, be sure to document it. Typically, no deduction is allowed for a contribution of

\$250 or more unless you have a written confirmation from the charity. Consult with your tax advisor on the specifics of the deductibility of your gifts.

Finally, whether you give cash or appreciated assets, you'll need to make your gift by December 31 if you're going to deduct it on your 2015 taxes.

Charitable giving can benefit everyone. Your gift can help a group whose work you support, while at the same time providing you with potential tax advantages. That's a win-win situation.

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## Volunteer Judges Needed For Science Fair

submitted by Patricia Stevens

**D**octors, teachers, engineers, business owners and others started as winners of the Fort Myers Regional Science Fair. The club works to improve our world one student at a time through the unique opportunities available through the science fair process.

The Kiwanis-sponsored (since 1958) Regional Science Fair is part of the qualifying process for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. The Intel fair is the world's largest pre-college science and engineering competition, providing an opportunity for the best young scientists from around the globe to share ideas, showcase cutting-edge science projects and compete for over \$4 million in awards and scholarships.

Under the leadership of Tim Jones, the science fair judges coordinator and one of our members, we are looking for men and women with science and engineering backgrounds to help with the very important task of judging the student exhibits. This is a golden opportunity to meet some outstanding young people and perhaps provide some advice and mentoring based on your own experience and training.

The time commitment is just one morning on Saturday, January 23 at Alico Arena. We usually have more than 400 projects and each one must be judged by three separate judges, so we need 175 volunteers to finish in the time allotted and to do justice to the effort these students have put into their projects.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for the judges. We have many who volunteer year after year because they find it to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

To be a judge please contact Tim Jones at 940-5903 or email [cobra64@comcast.net](mailto:cobra64@comcast.net) for more information.✱

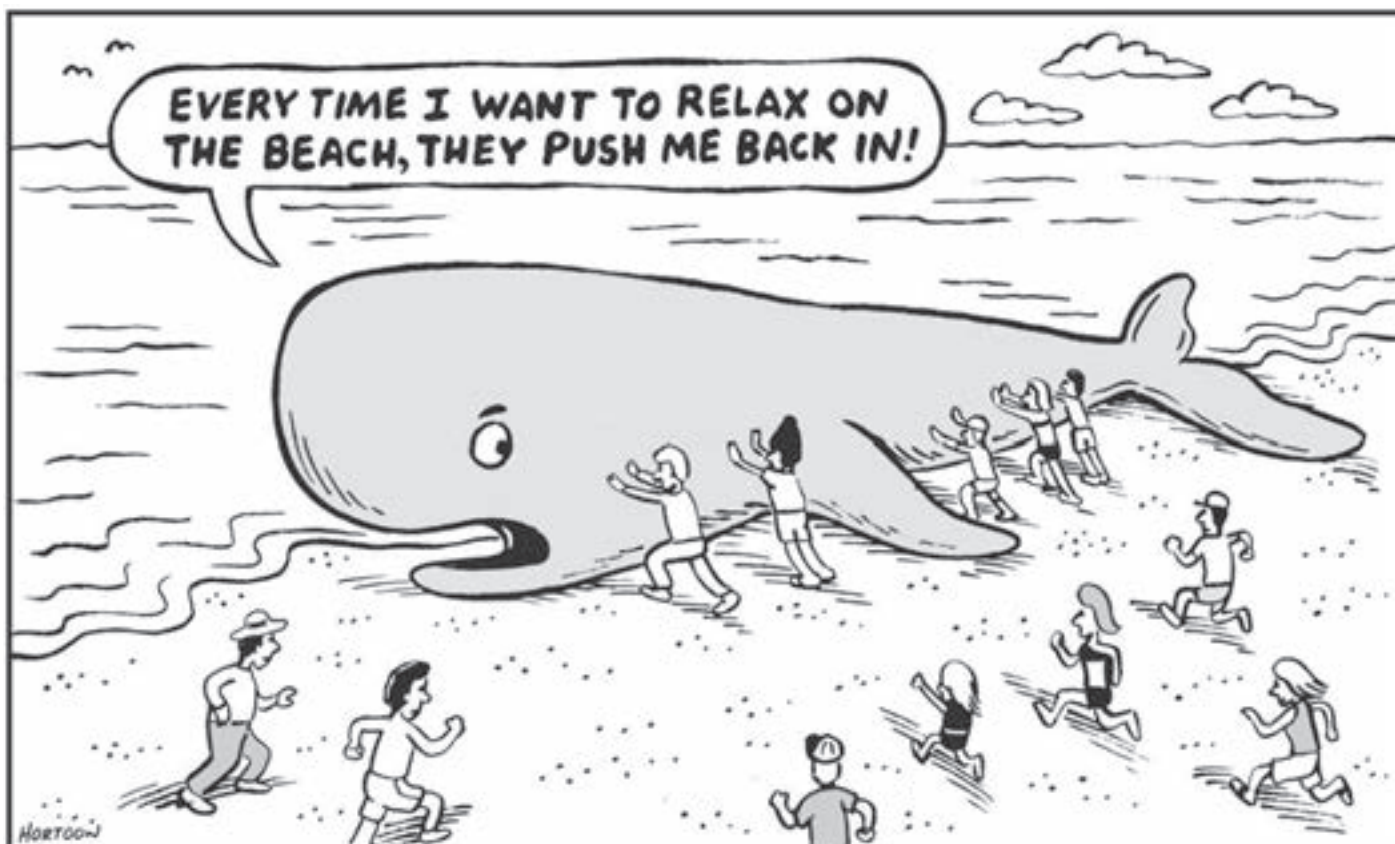
## Students View For Eagle Biz Awards

**F**lorida Gulf Coast University's Lutz College of Business and U.A. Whitaker School of Engineering will host Eagle Biz Awards on Saturday, December 5 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The presentation is open to the public and admission is free..

This is a day of innovation and entrepreneurship where business and engineering students, having collaborated throughout the semester to build a one-of-a-kind product and business plan for potential future production, meet to compete. It takes place in Sugden Hall 114.

The event generates donations for voting benefit start-ups at the FGCU Institute for Entrepreneurship. Award sponsors include Frank and Ellen Daveler and DeAngelis & Diamond Construction. Contributors include FGCU Foundation, Target, Culvers, Moe's Southwest Grill, Luxury Spa Nail Salon, Hair Gallery by Torie, and Starbucks.✱

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## Protect Your Brain From Seizures Naturally



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Readers:** Epilepsy is a terribly frustrating and heart wrenching problem to watch as a parent or a clinician. Drugs like phenytoin, valproate, topiramate, carbamazepine and

others may help for awhile. Despite the wonders and glory of mainstream medicine, many of you have (or will one day) become drug-resistant. Knowing what raises or lowers your threshold becomes imperative. For example, becoming dehydrated or taking a hot shower can trigger a seizure. Sleep deprivation, a stressful interaction or caffeine can all reduce your seizure threshold and trigger a seizure. As a pharmacist, I will not tell you the most common medications that reduce seizure threshold and increase seizure frequency:

- Antihistamines
- Insulin and diabetes medications
- Oxytocin
- Maprotiline

- Clomipramine
- Clozapine
- Lithium
- Fluoroquinolone antibiotics
- Methylphenidate
- Metronidazole or Tinidazole

It's not just medications. Animal research suggests that impaired methylation (reduced folate) can damage the hippocampus and result in post-seizure memory loss. Reduced folate transport to the brain led to seizures, cognitive impairment, immune suppression and anemia in a 7-year-old girl. When the child was given methylfolate (not folic acid), her condition substantially improved.

You can protect your brain from seizures naturally. Consider compounds known to raise threshold, reducing seizure incidents:

- Magnesium
- Omega 3 fish oils
- Grape seed extract

Since I've written about magnesium many times in prior articles, I'll focus today on the other two. First up, fish oils. These are essential for cell membrane stability in trillions of cells. Omega 3s are critical for neurological function and brain health and they can reduce nerve irritation or excitability. This means that your nerves aren't so easily over stimulated and therefore, handle stress without flying off the handle.

In July, a case-controlled study involving 70 children was published in the *New American Journal of Medical Science*.

The kids all had uncontrolled, chronic seizures. Thirty-five of the children were given omega 3 fish oil (containing EPA and DHA), while everyone else received a placebo. After three months, the number of children without seizure activity went from no one to 57 percent. No improvements happened in the placebo group.

Another study confirmed omega 3's benefits for epilepsy in adults. In this study, participants with drug-resistant seizures took about 1,000 mg omega 3 fish oils supplements every day. This went on for three different ten-week treatment periods. There was an incredible 34 percent reduction in seizure frequency compared to the placebo group.

Fish oil isn't the only "brain food" for epilepsy. Grape seed extract is another protective compound. It has OPCs, short for oligomeric proanthocyanidins, which are highly protective compounds, especially to your hippocampus. The hippocampus is involved in memory and it also houses one of your seizure "switches." Memory problems are frequent concerns with seizure disorders due to the high levels of oxidative stress that attack the nerves and delicate mitochondria. Grape seed extract is capable of dramatically reducing the oxidative stress and preserving mitochondrial function. All in all, it has a stunning effect on the hippocampus and may serve to turn off that touchy "seizure switch" in there.

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## Lee Memorial CFO To Speak

The Southwest Florida Chapter of Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) will host Ben Spence, CFO of Lee Memorial Health System, as special guest presenter on December 9. This program is geared to assisting accounting and financial professionals in Southwest Florida in a variety of ways including formulating operational strategy and making business decisions.

Spence will speak to the financial side of managing a 501(c)3 in a large hospital system, the strategic direction of the hospital and other critical issues in which the CFO plays a key role. Lee Memorial Health System is the largest employer in Southwest Florida.

The event, at Holiday Inn, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive, Fort Myers, will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a light dinner. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, and \$10 for students and retirees.

Register by visiting [www.swflima.org](http://www.swflima.org).

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Doctor and Dietitian

## Spaghetti Squash Great Substitute For Regular Pasta



by Ross Hauser, MD  
and Marion Hauser, MS, RD

Spaghetti squash is a wonderful substitute for regular pasta, while providing loads of nutritional benefits such as vitamins, fiber and beta carotene. One of our favorite comfort foods features spaghetti squash. This may seem like a lot of work, but after you've made it once, you'll find it can be made quite quickly.

Ingredients:

- 1 spaghetti squash
- 2 Italian sausages, skin removed, chopped
- 1-28 ounce can crushed tomatoes or tomato sauce
- 2 to 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/2 cup vodka (can be made without, if desired)
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Slice squash in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Then completely submerge both halves in boiling water and cook for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the inside is fork-tender and pulls apart in strands. Remove, drain and cool with cold water or an ice bath to stop the cooking. Then, use a fork to scrape the cooked squash out of its skin, while fluffing and separating the squash into spaghetti-like strands into a bowl. Discard the skin.

Chop sausage into chunks and cook in a large skillet. Then add tomato sauce, garlic, herbs and simmer. Add vodka and simmer over low heat until the mixture reduces by 1/4, stirring often, about 20 minutes. Next, stir in the cream. Simmer over low heat until sauce is heated through. Turn off heat and stir in Parmesan cheese until melted and well-blended. Top the squash with the sauce. Serve immediately.

Make this recipe a casserole. Pour into 9x13-inch greased pan or dish. Heat in 350 degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Enjoy!

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## Under The Harvest Moon Raises More Than \$55,000



Jaguar Fort Myers sponsored the Under The Harvest Moon fundraiser

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County's 2nd annual Under The Harvest Moon fundraiser drew about 200 people to The Club at Renaissance in Fort Myers on October 29, raising more than \$55,000 from the event.

The autumn-inspired dining event was sponsored by Jaguar Fort Myers. The event featured culinary delights provided by The Club at Renaissance, cocktails, and silent and live auctions. The generous giving raised more than \$55,000 for the clubs. Other notable sponsors of the event were Charlie Todd from UBS, Mark Loren Jewelry, Norman Love Confections, Longhorn Steakhouse, Titos and Wicked Dolphin.



Charlie Todd from UBS sponsored the Under The Harvest Moon fundraiser

Funds raised support the programs of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County, which provides safe and supportive low-cost afterschool and summer enrichment programs to the community's at-risk youth. For more information about the BGCLC or to arrange a tour at one of its facilities, call 334-1886 or visit [www.BGCLC.net](http://www.BGCLC.net).

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Lee County Clerk of Courts employees and the Messina Center raised gardens

## Clerk Of Courts Employees Assist United Way During Day Of Caring

Employees of the Lee County Clerk of Courts volunteered for a United Way Day of Caring at the Joseph H. Messina Center, a Child Care of Southwest Florida program. Child Care of Southwest Florida is a United Way Partner Agency.

Eleven volunteers energetically renovated the entrance to the building, organized the storage and supplies area, cleaned out and planted garden beds.

"It was wonderful having the Lee County Clerk of Courts employees volunteer for us," said Carol Conway CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida. "They worked so hard and had a blast doing it. We are lucky to have them serving our community."

The United Way's Day of Caring is a year-round program, coordinated by the United Way Volunteer Center which matches businesses' desire to help with the needs of the community. Many local groups and companies have participated such as Chico's FAS, Inc., Publix Super Markets, Turbine Generator Maintenance, Lee Memorial Health System, and Fifth Third Bank.

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our community. You can reach the United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-2000 option 9, or by visiting [www.UnitedWayLee.org/Volunteer](http://www.UnitedWayLee.org/Volunteer).

## Pet Adoption Campaign Aims To Get Pets Home 4 The Holidays

Lee County Domestic Animal Services will join thousands of pet shelters and adoption centers across the United States, Canada and Mexico, during Home 4 The Holidays 2015, a national event organized to raise awareness of the joys of owning shelter-adopted pets. Organizers hope to match more than 1.5 million dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens with loving, adoptive families.

During the month of December, Animal Services' goal is to place all the pets from its facility into life-long homes by December 23. Adopters will receive a free gift with each adoption plus a package with pet food and coupons courtesy of Blue Buffalo, while supplies last.

The adoption fee for all pets includes spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, flea treatment, de-worming, heartworm test for dogs 6 months or older, feline aids and leukemia test for cats, a Lee County license for pets three months or older, Behavior Help Line, Microchip Pet ID and a 10-day health guarantee. The total adoption package is valued at more than \$500.

In the past, some shelters have discouraged families from adopting pets during the holidays. Historically, however, this did not stop them from getting new pets and, turned away from adoption, many chose to support the puppy mill industry. As always, Animal Services works to match the needs of the pets with the lifestyles of the families regardless of the time of year.

Adoption hours at Animal Services are 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter will be closed December 24, 25 and 31. For more information, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). Pet information and pictures of pets available for adoption can be viewed online at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://www.LeeLostPets.com). Adoption applications also may be submitted online. The website updates hourly.



## SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2014, Raul Ibanez became the oldest player in Royals history to hit a triple (age 42). Who had been the oldest?
2. Between 2006-2015, how many major-league teams won at least 100 games in a season?
3. When was the last time the Dallas Cowboys were in an NFC Championship Game?
4. Name three of the five freshmen to win the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player award in men's basketball.
5. When was the last time before 2015 that the first five games of the NHL Stanley Cup Finals were each decided by one goal?
6. Who is the only athlete to win a medal in six consecutive Winter Olympics?
7. When was the last time before 2015 that LSU won the NCAA Division I men's golf championship?

# ANSWERS

1. 1863 2. "Laveme & Shirley" 3. Lake Michigan 4. "Emma," by Jane Austen 5. Hands (one hand and equals four inches) 6. Barometer 7. A poult 8. Yoda, in "The Empire Strikes Back" 9. "Silver Bells" 10. Canker sores.

**FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2015**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

You might feel that you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a long-time relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep that Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships -- family, friends, colleagues -- that might have been overlooked in recent years.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy

in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to his or her moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sense of adventure that inspires others to follow your lead.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 11, 1918, author Alexander Solzhenitsyn is born in the Caucasus Mountains in Russia. The publication of parts of “The Gulag Archipelago” in Paris in 1973 led to Solzhenitsyn’s arrest and exile in 1974.

- On Dec. 10, 1901, the first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, as Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite, had directed in his will. It is believed that he did so out of moral regret over the increasingly lethal uses of his inventions in war.

- On Dec. 9, 1921, General Motors engineers discover that leaded gas reduces “knock” in auto engines, eliminating the pinging sounds. Ethyl alcohol also worked, and it was cheap -- however, anyone with an ordinary still could make it, which meant that GM could not patent it or profit from it.

- On Dec. 7, 1941, hundreds of Japanese warplanes attack the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, killing more than 2,400 naval and military personnel. The U.S. declared war against Japan the following day.

- On Dec. 12, 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays \$5 million at auction for a notebook containing writings by Leonardo da Vinci. In 1994, the book was sold to Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft, for \$30.8 million. Gates has since loaned the manuscript to a number of museums for public display.

- On Dec. 8, 1993, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is signed into law by President Bill Clinton. NAFTA eliminated all tariffs and trade restrictions between the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

- On Dec. 13, 2003, in Seattle, the iconic Hat 'n' Boots Tex Gas Station is

hauled away for restoration. The 44-foot- $\Phi$ -wide Stetson hat had perched atop the filling station's office, while the 22-foot-tall cowboy boots had housed the men's and women's restrooms since 1955.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky who made the following sage observation: “Silence will save me from being wrong (and foolish), but it will also deprive me of the possibility of being right.”

- If you live in New Jersey, you pay eight times as much in real estate taxes as residents of Hawaii do.

- Given the popularity of both Legos and Star Wars, you probably won't be surprised to learn that the first licensed, themed Lego set was an X-Wing fighter, released in 1999.

- Those who study such things say that wearing skinny jeans can cause varicose veins.

● In the 1930s, during the Bolshevik Revolution, a Communist patrol in Siberia came across an isolated fundamentalist Russian Orthodox settlement. Christians were persecuted in the Soviet Union, and one of the soldiers shot and killed a man working in the village. This prompted the man's brother, Karp Lykov, to flee into the forest with his wife and two young children. A sad story, perhaps, but nothing unusual -- until you find out that the Lykov family remained in complete isolation for 42 years. It wasn't until 1978 that surveyors in a helicopter saw in a remote area a clearing that was obviously not of natural origin. Investigation revealed that Karp and his four children (his wife had died in 1961) were living in a crude log dwelling. They'd had no contact with the outside world since fleeing their village in 1936, and two of the children had never seen a human not related to them.

- A male lion can mate up to 50 times in one day.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

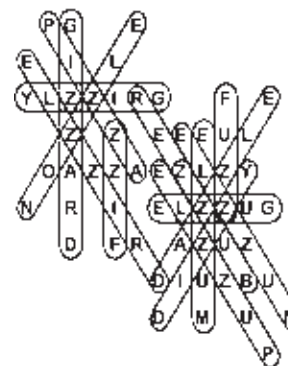
“Language is the apparel in which  
your thoughts parade in public. Never  
clothe them in vulgar and shoddy attire.”  
-- George W. Crane

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## CATCHING SOME Z'S







**Florida Strawberry Mascarpone Panini**

- 1/2 pound fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced thin
- 8 slices fresh bread (1/2 inch thick)
- 1/2 cup mascarpone cheese
- Confectioners' sugar for dusting
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Heat a panini press or griddle over medium heat. Spread a thin layer of mascarpone on top of each of the 8 bread slices. Add an even layer of fresh sliced strawberries to 4 of the bread slices. Use the other 4 slices of bread to top the sandwiches.

Brush the sandwiches with butter and grill or press until golden, about 5 minutes. Transfer the panini to a cutting board and dust with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm.✱



Florida Strawberry Mascarpone Panini

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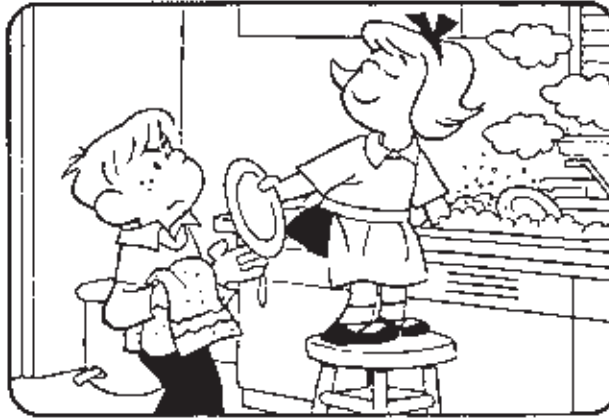
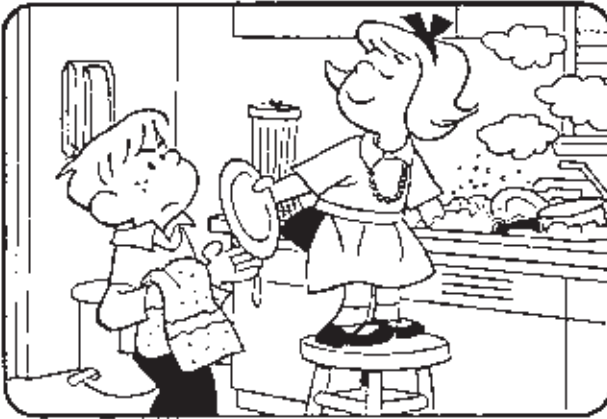
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Differences: 1. Phone is missing. 2. Towel is shorter. 3. Blender is missing. 4. Boards are missing. 5. Apron is different. 6. Pan is missing.

**SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

"First thing we gotta get you, boss, is a new  
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Filth

GURGEN

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TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 27

**PUZZLE ANSWERS****SUDOKU**

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**SCRAMBLERS***solution*1. Askew; 2. Grunge;  
3. Abound; 4. Rotate*Today's Word***WARDROBE****PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY****CLEANING**

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Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Woodsedge	Bonita Springs	2006	5,777	\$2,185,000	\$2,075,000	389
Sanibel Harbours	Sanibel	1978	1,564	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000	0
Edgewater	Fort Myers	1995	2,871	\$999,000	\$880,000	109
Tidewater Island	Fort Myers	1994	3,100	\$714,900	\$714,900	35
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2004	2,325	\$598,700	\$568,765	156
Bonita Lakes	Bonita Springs	2014	3,345	\$599,900	\$565,000	91
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	2012	2,378	\$549,900	\$545,000	2
Cedar Hammock	Fort Myers	2015	3,151	\$543,900	\$543,900	226
Pineland	Bokeelia	2001	3,380	\$585,000	\$540,000	43
Pine Island	Bokeelia	1992	1,980	\$569,000	\$540,000	42

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Furniture, Tools, Bikes, Wheelbarrow, Ladder, Wood Swing, Kayak, EZlift Chair, Household Items, Books, Lots & Lots More!  
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Sanibel Sat. 12/5/2015  
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### MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Dec. 12, 9 AM - 2 PM, 1243 Sand Castle Road, Sanibel. Antiques, furniture, costume jewelry, Christmas items, microwave, appliances, lighting fixtures and much much more. No early birds please.  
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THE RIVER  
Sanibel Island, FL 33957

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for light general maintenance. Call (CHR) Community Housing & Resources, Inc. 472-1189.  
\*NS 11/1 NC TFN

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum needs Education and Great Hall volunteers. No experience necessary, will train. Please contact Melanie at (239) 395-2233 ext 11.  
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### JERRY'S FOODS WAITRESSES OR WAITERS

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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish  
by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landng a big fish from the beach can be hard on the fish. Dragging a fish up onto the sand if you're going to release it is not an option as

it usually damages or kills the fish.

- Hold the fish in the water while you unhook it if you're going to release it.
- The less you can touch a fish before release the better for the fish.
- If you want a picture with the fish, support it as you lift it out of the water – and do it quickly.

• Before releasing, revive the fish while holding it in the water; moving it slowly back and forth so water goes over its gills. The fish will let you know when it's ready to swim off.

• Florida just recently changed the regulations on fishing from shore. Florida residents as well as out of state visitors need a fishing license to fish from shore.

## Cycling Safety Notes

Ride to the right

Warn to pass

Wear a helmet

Use lights at night

Always be courteous



**SANIBEL BICYCLE CLUB**



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

SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week



**Maggie ID# 645400**  
Maggie ID# 645400 Breed: Pit Bull Terrier Sex: Spayed Female Age: 4 Years Old Color: Blue & White Comments: I spent the weekend with a volunteer and she said I'm a super sweet girl with a great smile and amazing temperament. All I want to do is lick your face! I'm a quiet, lower-energy girl. I just want someone to keep me company and hang out. I love to take naps on the couch after short walks! I'm potty trained, cat tested and walk very politely on leash. I also slept in a crate quietly all night! I'm not so interested in balls or chew toys, but I love treats! I take them very gently. I'm also great in the car. If you take me home I'll be your best friend and loving companion! Adoption Fee: \$75 (includes a free gift while supplies last during Animal Services Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promo)  
Clementine ID# 625835 Breed: Domestic Short Hair Sex: Spayed Female Age: 6 months old Color: Black & White Comments: You may have notice that I'm a pirate kitty. I have only one eye. It was removed for medical reasons but I'm doing great now. I'm available for adoption with my sister Lisa, a beautiful black tabby. We are very bonded and need to be adopted together. I'm a real snuggler and Lisa is the adventurer. We complement



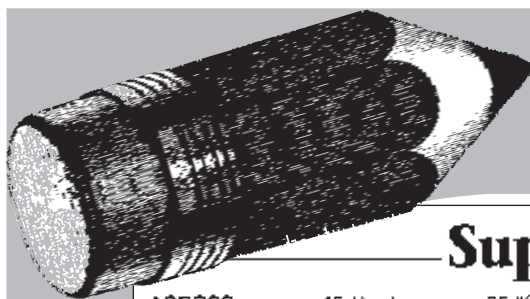
**Clementine ID# 625835**  
one another perfectly. It's a great opportunity to take advantage of Animal Services 2 for 1 offer on all cat adoptions. Adoption Fee: \$50 for both Clementine and Lisa (includes a free gift while supplies last during Animal Services Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promo)  
For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at www.LeeLostPets.com. When calling, refer to the animal's ID number. The website updates every hour so you will be able to see if these or any other pets are still available.  
The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.  
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.✪



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
Fort 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
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.....	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony.....	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres.....	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic.....	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater.....	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony.....	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy.....	936-3239
Young Artists Awards.....	574-9321
<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
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
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter.....	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy.....	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL.....	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral.....	239-257-2654
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.....	218-5768
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869
<b>Lions Clubs:</b>	
Fort Myers Beach.....	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon.....	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers.....	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County.....	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County.....	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers.....	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society.....	472-6940
United Way of Lee County.....	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour).....	211 or 433-3900
<b>AREA ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-3614
Fort Myers Skate Park.....	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium.....	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.....	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site.....	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home.....	239-334-2550
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

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# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

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## Super Crossword

ELIMINATION

### ACROSS

- 1 Start for legal or chute  
5 Demo Nellie of opera  
10 Dem's rival political gp.  
13 B flat's equivalent  
19 Portent  
20 Diarist N n  
21 "No —, and/or butts!"  
22 Person ogling  
23 Escorted one's rival?  
26 Lemon-lime soft drink  
27 Wipe the slate clean  
28 Stand in an art studio  
29 Saint — (Caribbean island)  
31 Finding for dull or drunk  
32 Border  
33 Dress in Goa  
35 Weekend time spent with pals?  
38 Luscious strings, for short  
40 Large, red apple variety  
43 "Be quiet!"  
44 Actors in a film featuring church ministers?

- 46 Position  
49 Ticked (off)  
50 "Lakers?"  
51 Nasal partition  
53 Moray, say  
55 One-named flamenco entertainer  
58 Flowdydow  
60 Cry to comic  
61 Sales when he's losing his grip?  
65 With 66-  
66 Across.  
68 Army post  
69 More audacious  
70 "— ask is that ..."  
72 Laryngitic pigeon's comment?  
75 Positive  
76 Sir Walter Scott: novel  
78 Muhammad and Laila of tier ring  
79 — cava  
81 Soldier of Seoul  
82 Situation when a fue gauge is at 50%?  
84 Balky beast

- 85 "Oro y —" (motto of Montana)  
87 Prefix with cyclist  
88 Got old due to excess  
90 "— always say ..."  
91 Address for a lady  
94 1976-81 sketch show  
95 Watch over a /8/?  
101 As a group  
104 One making an attempt  
106 Tech caller  
107 Walk with no lights on?  
110 Tax doc. whizzes  
112 Plains tribe  
113 Mouthwash bottle abbr.  
114 Did autumn yard work  
115 Peter & Gordon's "— Pieces"  
116 Lofi  
120 Species-crossing  
122 Things that a drum playing lush has?  
125 Like sweet-hearts  
126 Stogie name  
127 Like many slinky floors

- 128 Impresario  
129 Seesaw  
130 Quit delaying  
131 Veil wearer  
132 Contradict  
DOWN  
1 Turn on, as a PC  
2 Unfinished Kafka novel  
3 Dubs different y  
4 Picnic pests  
5 — tai  
6 —coated tablet  
7 Tourist town on Maui  
8 Small pieces  
9 Tom's great Arthur  
10 JPEG alternative  
11 Long past  
12 False. Prefix  
13 Town in central Italy  
14 Capital of Minnesota  
15 Laugh sound  
16 Daughter of King Minos  
17 Outline again  
18 Chemically colored n advance  
24 Actor Studi  
25 Exile is a  
30 Saclike body growth  
34 Out of whack

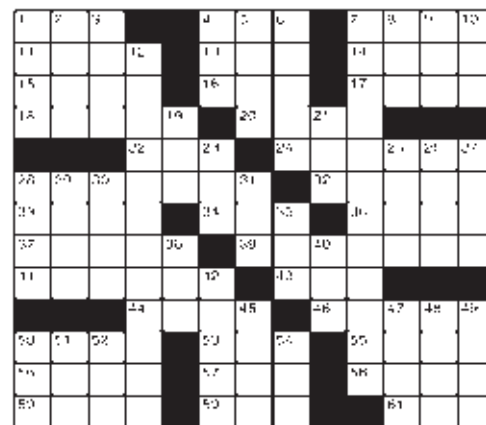
- 35 Parvenus  
37 Bottom-line rock  
39 With 57-  
Down, map book for an astronomer  
41 Old filling station name  
42 Boastful Fr woman  
45 — about (roughly)  
47 — del Este, Uruguay  
48 Texler's "Holy cow!"  
52 In a take way  
53 2001 bankruptcy company  
54 Juan's "that"  
55 Jenny  
56 Lush confection  
57 See 39  
Down  
58 Ement  
Lagasse's "There's — in My Soup!"  
59 Narc finer  
61 Clannets' kin  
62 "Star Trek" lieutenant  
63 Po 100 Ross  
64 California city on I-5  
67 Garlic mayo  
68 Topped  
71 Barbaic  
73 Bank safe

- 74 Rite Aid rival  
77 — Solo  
80 Lhasa  
83 TV watchdog  
84 1998 Sarah McLachlan song  
86 Stead  
89 911 gp.  
90 "— Ca-Dabra" (1974 song)  
91 Blockbuster  
92 Pain reliever  
93 Genial  
94 Try to find  
96 Big Apple cab words  
97 Festive under oath, old style  
98 Uranium 235, for one  
99 Web habitue  
100 Food store  
102 Try hard  
103 Parasol, e.g.  
105 Short parody  
108 Skin. Prefix  
109 — committee  
111 Religious day of rest. Abbr.  
116 41st U.S. pres.  
117 Actor Epps  
119 Frog cousin  
121 Go to seed  
123 To this point  
124 34th U.S. pres.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

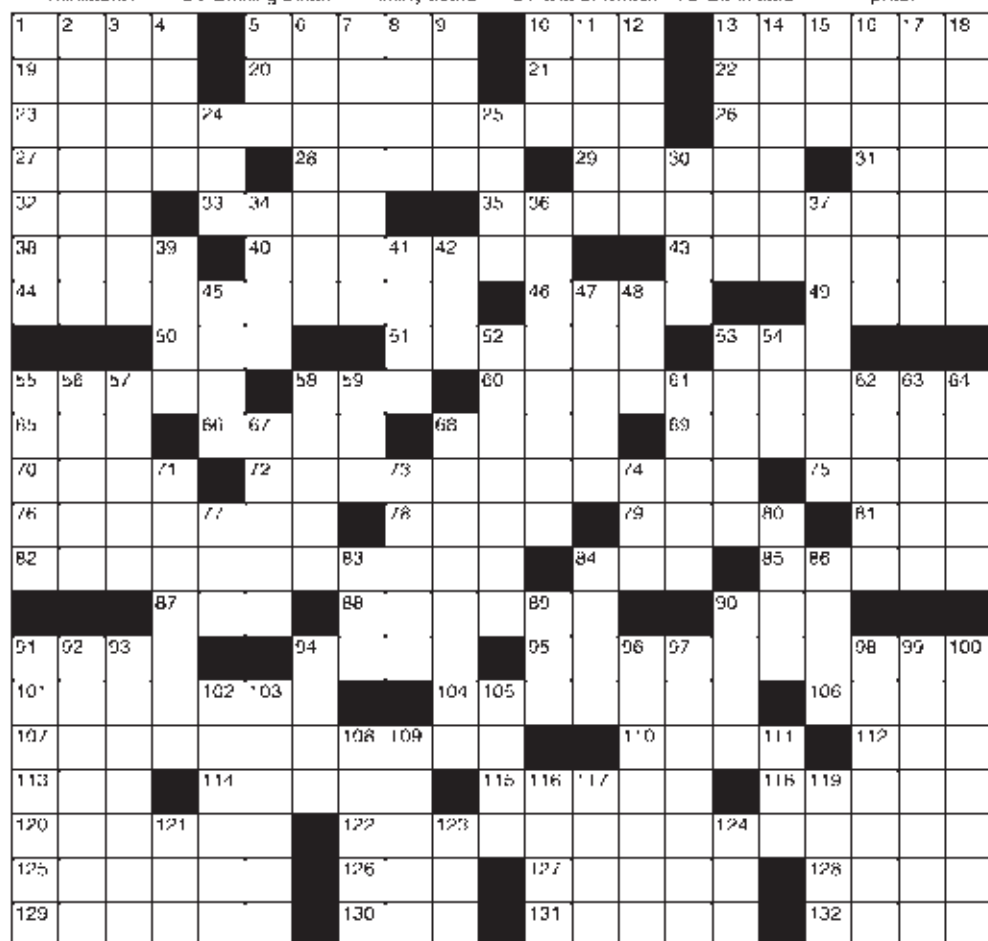
- 1 State leader (Abbr.)  
4 Donkey  
7 Laiks on and on  
11 First victim  
13 Horror's interjection  
14 Locher's look  
15 Had on  
16 Make a mistake  
17 Greek vowel  
18 Skewered entree  
20 Swerve  
22 Namely (Abbr.)  
24 Paid escort  
28 Shameless  
32 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)  
33 Tiny particle  
34 Fix the soundtrack  
36 — do-wel  
37 Horses' neck adornments  
39 Ardent  
41 Laundry whitener  
43 Fem's sheen  
44 Cowardly one in Oz  
46 Work  
50 Game played on horseback



- 53 Charged bit  
55 Hepten-sible  
56 "The Good Earth" heroine  
57 Take to court  
58 Paradise  
59 Film  
60 Expensive letters  
61 Drunkard  
6 Unspoken "I dunno"  
7 Taking time off. GI-style  
8 Past  
9 Diner order, for short  
10 The Red or the Black  
12 "Get lost!"  
19 Baby's meal-time garb  
21 Disencumber  
23 Londoners' last letter  
25 Sandwich cookie  
26 Stead  
27 Rowing tools  
28 Door-frame part  
29 Lst. ending abbr.  
30 Region  
31 Light (Sp.)  
35 Spelling contest  
38 Biol. or bot.  
40 Puncturing tool  
42 Jack up  
45 3-Down's counterpart  
47 Actions at auctions  
48 Bread spread  
49 Tenant's expense  
50 Mucabre author  
51 On in years  
52 Trail behind  
54 Trawler need

### DOWN

- 1 Stare stupidly  
2 Reed instrument  
3 Predicate part  
4 Summery quaff  
5 K no



## MAGIC MAZE • CATCHING SOME Z'S



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

- |        |         |         |        |
|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| Buzz   | Drizzle | Grizzly | Nuzzle |
| Buzzer | Fizz    | Guzzle  | Pizza  |
| Dazzle | Fuzz    | Muzzle  | Puzzle |
| Dizzy  | Gizzard | Nozzle  |        |





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