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Holiday House Opens Friday

The 2015 Holiday House tour of the historic Burroughs and Langford Kingston Homes located at 2500 First Street in downtown Fort Myers is open nightly to the public beginning Friday, December 11 through December 23 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The annual, festive tradition is a magical, beautiful gift to the community from the Fort Myers Women's Community Club to celebrate the homes' heritage and ignite a holiday spirit.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for military veterans and children under age 10.

This year's theme is Christmas in Tropical Paradise and will feature thousands of lights both inside and outside the homes. Each room in the historic homes is creatively decorated with holiday flair. For children there will be a visit and a gift from Santa Claus in the upstairs room of the Langford Kingston home. Cookies, drinks and holiday music will also be part of the fun.

More than 200 women from the local community club have been decorating the homes. The three-day decorating event draws in members from all over the community, including volunteer families and children.

"Our members plan and anticipate for this event all year," said Gina Sabiston, Holiday House 2015 event chair. "This is our gift to the community which is why we keep the cost so low. We want all children to experience this one-of-a-kind holiday celebration." ❄️



Holiday House



Theatre kids performing

Theatre Kids Bring Holiday Spirit To River District

Theatre Kids will perform their magical holiday production of *A Christmas Carol* for the first time in Fort Myers at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the historic downtown River District at 2301 First Street December 18 to 20.

A cast of young artists joins master storyteller Douglas Coventry in a performance that blends narration, dance and creative movement in a one-of-a-kind rendition

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Presents For Paws Holiday Drive

Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida invites Southwest Floridians to donate pet-friendly items that will benefit local shelter animals during its inaugural Presents for Paws. The hospital will match all Presents for Paws donations 100 percent through December, and deliver them to Gulf Coast Humane Society.

The holly jolly wish list includes dog and cat toys, ThunderShirts, large harnesses, peanut butter, marrow bones, cleaning supplies (bleach, Dawn dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, trash bags, mops), hoses and spray nozzles, cat litter and grooming supplies.

To help provide some holiday cheer to local shelter animals, Presents for Paws drop-off locations are Animal Specialty Hospital of Florida, 10130 Market Street in Naples, and Gulf Coast Humane Society, 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers.

"We are thrilled to help our friends at Gulf Coast Humane Society and to support

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Santa's Coming To The Estates

Kids of all ages are invited to come see Santa with Mrs. Claus, and watch him draw cartoons at Edison & Ford Winter Estates on December 4, 11 and 18, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Santa's visit is part of the Edison Ford Holiday Nights celebration, which runs now through January 3, 2016.

Doug MacGregor, a former cartoonist at *The News-Press*, has been playing Santa at Edison Ford for five years and has been an editorial cartoonist for more than 35 years. MacGregor also is a children's author and illustrator and teaches cartooning classes. His books include *Rad Hair Day*; *Get Creative*, *Turn on the Bright Side of Your Brain*; *Morgan McKinney was Portly, Not Skinny*; *Turtellini*, *The Turbo-Charged Turtle*; *The Incredible Tongue Twister That Swallowed My Sister*; and *Ochre The Smoker*.

Ticket prices for Holiday Nights:

- Adults \$20
- Children (ages 6-12) \$2
- Students ages 13 to college age (with college ID) \$10

- Edison Ford members free

Holiday Nights is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the month of December and until 5:30 p.m. the remainder of the year.

For more information about Holiday Nights, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonford-winterstates.org ❄️



Santa draws a cartoon



This 1918 northeasterly view of Poinciana Park shows the beginnings of the subdivision boom along McGregor Boulevard, which peaked in 1925. The Caloosahatchee River is visible in the distance to the left of the Myron and Carrie Patch house. courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Winding Through McGregor's History

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



Fort Myers is known around the world for historic McGregor Boulevard, a classic thoroughfare lined with royal palms.

Soon, the city's Flexible Pavement Reconstruction project will refurbish a two-mile stretch of the road in conjunction with the Florida Department of Transportation. The project will involve changes to infrastructure and aesthetics between Poinciana Avenue and Colonial Boulevard.

So, it's a good time to refresh our knowledge of the iconic boulevard's rich history. The very royal palms that inspired the title City of Palms, as well as the road's name and two memorials along its path, reveal important chapters in local history.

What evolved into McGregor Boulevard was first a Seminole Indian trail and later a military trail during the Second Seminole War (1835 to 1842). When Union soldiers occupied the U.S. Army Fort Myers in December 1863, they reopened what they called the Colonel Persifer Frazer Smith Trail to Punta Rassa.

The boulevard also had a history as a cattle trail as far back as the Civil War, and therefore played a major role in the area's economic development.

Cowboys drove cattle down oyster-shelled McGregor Boulevard to Punta Rassa for their shipment to Cuba, the West Indies and Central America. That trade lessened after the railroad came to town in 1904, but the last cattle drive down McGregor did not occur until 1922.

In the town's earliest years, the road was appropriately named Riverside Drive, at least the section to Manuel's Branch, which at that time was the far reaches of the town. In those days, West First Street didn't exist, and the drive truly lay closely along the river.

The road's name change in 1915 is multi-part story that involves some of the city's most notable benefactors. The modern boulevard is actually a memorial – in fact, a double memorial of sorts.

Ambrose and Tootie McGregor came to Fort Myers in 1891 for the health of their son, Bradford. The wealthy couple's positive influence on the development of the young town is difficult to measure.

Ambrose died in 1900, followed by Bradford's death in 1902. Tootie remarried in 1905, to Dr. Marshall Orlando "MO" Terry.

In 1912, Tootie McGregor Terry made a proposal to the City. She would build a 50-foot-wide macadam road from Whiskey Creek to Punta Rassa, if the city would extend it from the creek to Monroe Street in downtown Fort Myers.

No longer would Riverside Drive be "paved" with oyster shells; it would be a modern road. She also offered \$500 per year for maintenance.

Both the city council and the county commission

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By 1961, McGregor's majestic royal palms were its signature look, as seen in this southwesterly view near the Edison Winter Estate courtesy Florida State Archives

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Fort Myers Art:

Caloosahatchee Manuscripts Sculptor Is 70



by Tom Hall

Light sculptor Jim Sanborn's birthday was November 14. Born in Washington DC in 1945, he is now 70. Of course, Southwest Florida residents and visitors know

Sanborn as the artist who created *Caloosahatchee Manuscripts*, the dual bronze drums that bathe the tapered Ionic columns and limestone steps of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center with the images of thousands of letters like a phosphorous alphabet soup.

Sanborn has installed works all over the world, including *All the Ships Sailed in Circles* at the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts in Taiwan; *The Cryllic Projector* at the University of North Carolina; *Coastline* at the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration in Maryland; *Antipodes* at Hirshhorn Museum in Washington DC; *Wealth of Nations* at Cleveland State University; *Binary Systems* at the Central Computing Facility Internal Revenue



Sanborn's *Kryptos* is outside of CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. Only three of its four riddles have been solved. He also created *Caloosahatchee Manuscripts*, the sculpture that bathes the columns and steps in front of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center with thousands of letters.

Service in Martinsburg, West Virginia; an incised copper and granite piece titled *Comma* which lights up the plaza in front of the new library at the University of Houston (2004); and bronze projection cylinders with waterjet cut text named *Radiance* at the Department of Energy, Coast and Environment at Louisiana State University (LSU) (2008). But his most notorious work is *Kryptos*, a \$250,000

commission that sits outside CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

The sculpture's name means hidden in Greek and Sanborn duly embedded four puzzles in the curved copper panels that make up the sculpture. He and a retired CIA cryptographer by the name of Ed Scheidt (a quiet professorial individual fond of hieroglyphic patterns) spent four months devising the type of cryptogram

Sanborn would implement.

"I could use methods to encrypt (the sculpture) that had an historic basis, that didn't compromise any current methods (of cryptography used by the government)... I wanted to make something that could eventually be deciphered or extracted rather than something that will never be done, ever," Scheidt comments.

He figured that the first parts of the puzzle would take a few years to solve and the last part – maybe ten. And within the first few years, a CIA physicist deciphered three of them using nothing more than a pen and paper. The first encryption was a poetic phrase containing an intentional misspelling that Sanborn composed; the second refers to the CIA agent who helped Sanborn with the four puzzles; and the third is a passage from archeologist Howard Carter's account of opening the tomb of King Tutankhamun in 1922. But the fourth riddle has defied solution.

Even if the CIA is frustrated (if not more than a little embarrassed) by their long-standing inability to decipher the fourth encryption, they nevertheless join a list of more than 125 prestigious institutions who are proud to include Sanborn's work among their collections. Sanborn also has pieces at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Numark Gallery and the federal courthouse in Beltsville, Maryland. Other works by Sanborn have been exhibited in the High Museum of Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Phillips Collection. Sanborn has been developing

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Lee County Students Create 61 Edison Ford Holiday Trees

Students from elementary, middle and high schools in Lee County have created hundreds of decorations for the annual Student Holiday Tree Trail at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates. The exhibit will be on display through January 3 and is free to the public.

Students and teachers created the ornaments with instructions to use recycled and weather-resistant materials in a tropical flowers theme. The result is almost 1,200 ornaments and mini-sculptures adorning a mixture of manufactured and 12-foot live red cedar trees.

"This is the tenth anniversary of the Student Holiday Tree Trail, and it is apparent that the teachers, students and their families love this project," said Karen Flanders, art teacher at Edison Park Elementary School for the Creative and Expressive Arts, who helped coordinate the show with Edison Ford CEO Chris Pendleton.

The teachers each received a stipend from Edison & Ford Winter Estates and the George M. Cox Trust. During the opening night of the show, 3,000 attended and enjoyed free admission to Edison Ford Holiday Nights, music and cookies from Costco and Winn Dixie.

"It's hard to top this project for STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics," added Pendleton. "The students are learning about science, technology and creating wonderful art pieces. The Lee Art Educators sponsored this project for 10 years and this year, several teachers from Charlotte County schools have joined."

The public is invited to come and vote for their favorite tree in the Elementary, Middle and High School categories and wander the tropical flower garden area, where students can learn more about science and gardening from the science labels and volunteers.

The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is free of charge. Tickets are available to see the lighted estates, museum and laboratory.

For more information about Holiday Nights, call 334-7419 or visit www.edison-fordwinterestates.org.



Student-made ornament on a tree branch

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A northeasterly view of McGregor at Poinciana Avenue today photo by Gerri Reaves

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McGregor's History

quickly voted to accept the offer, which included three stipulations: the roadway must be named McGregor Boulevard in perpetuity to commemorate her first husband, the road must be properly maintained after construction and cattle drives on the road must end (how to explain that one in 1922?).

Tootie died in 1912 before the project could be completed, but her husband carried out her wishes.

A memorial and a commemorative plaque resulted from this road-improvement project. Dr. Terry presented to

the city a memorial fountain in honor of his wife. Originally, it was appropriately located at what might be called the head of McGregor on a spot that today lies approximately underneath the Caloosahatchee Bridge overpass.

The fountain was removed in 1952, put in storage, and in the mid-1980s restored by artist Don Wilkins. It is now located in front of the Fort Myers Country Club, roughly the halfway point in the two-mile stretch designated in the coming road-improvement project.

In 1915, after the Whiskey Creek-Punta Rassa segment of the boulevard was completed, the boulevard was dedicated and commemorated with a bronze plaque

that reads, "McGregor Boulevard, constructed by Mrs. Tootie McGregor Terry, in memory of AM McGregor, and accepted as a gift by the County Commissioners of Lee County, July 14, 1915."

The plaque originally lay at the old road-level Whiskey Creek Bridge, where it remained for more than 50 years, mounted on concrete.

Due to bridge and road construction, that plaque was eventually moved to the southeast corner at Colonial Drive and was rededicated in 1980.

As for how the boulevard came to have those signature royal palms -- Thomas A. Edison is credited as the first person to have the idea, when in 1901 he was inspired by the trees at the Royal Palm Hotel on First Street.

In 1907, Edison made an offer to fund the importation of royal palms from Cuba, plant them along Riverside Drive to Manuel's Branch, and care for them for two years.

But it would be years before healthy palms graced McGregor, due to a tornado of unforeseen complications: a Cuban yellow-fever epidemic and quarantine, palms languishing away on ships that couldn't deliver and palms from the Big Cypress Swamp that died.

Even political and personal animosity between Harvie E. Heitman, who was overseeing Edison's plan, and William H. Towles, then on the town council, seemed to contribute to the difficulties.

When yet another shipment of imported Cuban palms were installed, negligence led to the demise of many. Edison replanted them twice.

Enter James E. Hendry in 1915, just as McGregor Boulevard was paved, renamed and dedicated. As a member of the city's first park board, Hendry oversaw the planting of many streets with the signature palms and saw to it that they survived.

And, it was he who named Fort Myers the City of Palms and launched a new era in tourism.

The newly paved boulevard made travel easier and thus made land south of town more valuable.

Subdivisions began to spring up, as the 1918 photo of Poinciana Park illustrates. By the mid-1920s boom, many of the

historic neighborhoods along McGregor were started, including Valencia Terrace, Edison Park and Seminole Park, just to name a few.

Another major addition along McGregor around that time was the Fort Myers Country Club. The course, designed by Donald Ross, opened in 1917.

Development along the roadway never paused, and another boom occurred post-World War II.

Today, the neighborhoods along the historic McGregor corridor are still among the most desirable in the area.

Walk or jog down McGregor Boulevard and contemplate the layers of history beneath your feet.

Then visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the people who created beautiful McGregor Boulevard as we know it today.

Call 321-7430 for information, or go to museumofhistory.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Continue your investigation of the historic thoroughfare 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 from 4 to 7 p.m. Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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

Palmetto Palms RV White Elephant Sale

Palmetto Palms Rv Resort will hold a Craft And White Elephant Sale on Saturday, December 12 from 8 to noon. The RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in Fort Myers.

The public is invited to attend this sale. Coffee and donuts will be available.

For more information, call Marge Gregg at 466-5331. ✪

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Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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Resident Discount Days For Holiday Nights Announced



The Edison Home decked out for the holidays

Lee County residents can enjoy Holiday Nights at a discounted rate on December 28, 29, 30 and 31 as well as January 1, 2 and 3. With photo identification, residents will receive \$5 off a regular priced adult ticket.

The public is invited to come see the winter homes, gardens and historic buildings of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, decorated with thousands of lights and traditional holiday decorations.

- Nightly, guided holiday tradition tours at 6 and 7 p.m.
- Inside the Homes Holiday Tour, December 8 and 15, at 6:30 p.m. (additional cost; call to reserve)
- Free nightly event: Children's Holiday Tree Trail with handmade ornaments created by students from Lee County Schools
- Santa visits on Dec. 4, 11 and 18
- Edison Ford Museum and Laboratory open nightly

- Ford Cottage Shoppe, Museum Store and Garden Shoppe open nightly
- Hot and cold refreshments, barbecue, beer and wine are available for purchase in the Banyan Refreshment Area
- Pure Florida M/V Edison Explorer daily sightseeing river cruises and sunset cruise (departs 1 hour before sunset)
- Waterfront dining at Pinchers Restaurant, open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., at The Marina at Edison Ford



Santa Claus drives a vintage Ford

Ticket Prices:

- Adults \$20 (before discount)
 - Children (ages 6-12) \$2
 - Students ages 13 - college (with college ID) \$10
 - Edison Ford Members free admission
 - Guided Tours at 6 and 7 p.m.
 - Adults \$25 (before discount)
 - Children (ages 6-12) \$8
 - Students ages 13 - college (with college ID) \$12
 - Edison Ford Members \$5
- Holiday Nights is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Open daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the month of December and until 5:30 p.m. the remainder of the year.
- For more information about Holiday Nights, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterstates.org.

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Presents For Paws

its great work with hundreds of animals in need," said Brigette Fahl, ASH's marketing manager. "We encourage everyone to help us make this time of year more enjoyable for dogs and cats spending it in the shelter."

Gulf Coast Humane Society is a not-for-profit, no-kill, animal welfare organization. The shelter does not receive any federal, state, or county funding and no funding from the Humane Society of the United States or ASPCA. It relies solely on donations, grants, bequests and fundraising events to further its mission of caring for the neglected and abandoned pets of Southwest Florida. Each year, the society takes in more than 1,000 animals in need of compassionate care. For more information, visit www.gulfcoasthumane-society.org.

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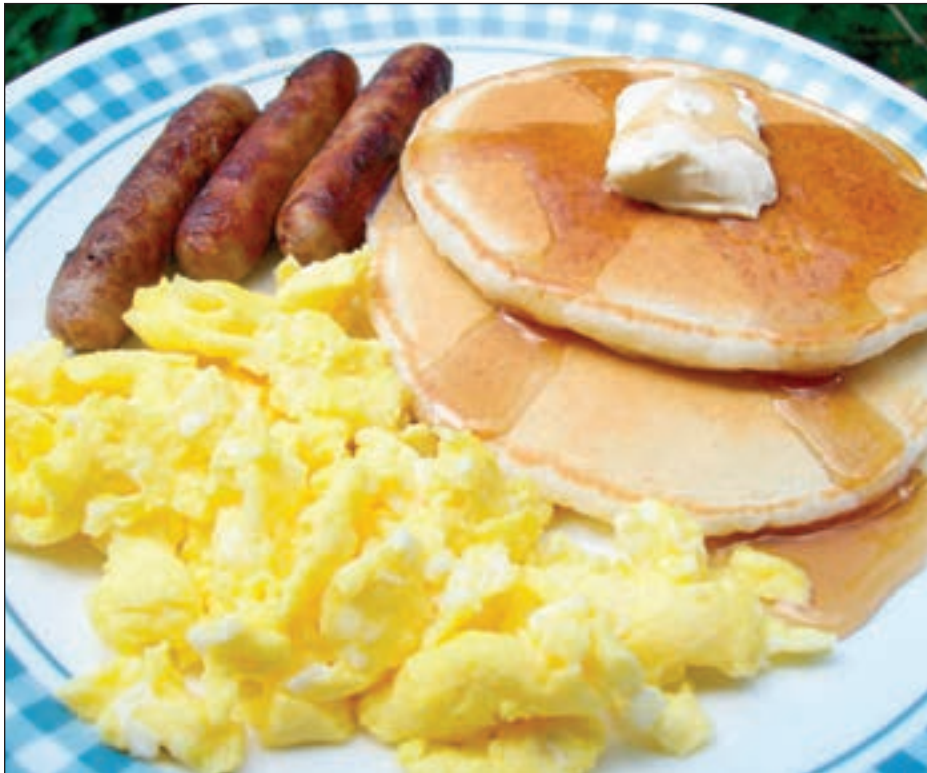
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Men's Club Pancake Breakfast



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Bayside Estates is off San Carlos Boulevard, just south of Pine Ridge Road. Signs are at both entrances. For more information, call Ken Wescoat at (609) 226-9955.*

Republican Women's Luncheon

Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will be the featured speaker at the monthly Fort Myers Republican Women's luncheon on Tuesday, December 15. His topic will be What's New and What's Old in Fort Myers. He will discuss major changes in the city and plans for the future, including the remake of the Ambassador Hotel and the renovation of Harborside. A question-and-answer session will be held following his formal presentation. This is a rescheduled appearance for the mayor as he was unable to attend the October meeting.

Officers will be installed for 2016. The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the program being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program. The luncheon cost is \$18.00. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting the president, Carole Green, at 850-590-2206.*

Nature Walk At Wild Turkey Preserve

A Lee County volunteer naturalist will lead a free 1.4-mile nature and history walk at Wild Turkey Strand Preserve at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 19. The preserve is located at 11901 Rod and Gun Club Road, Fort Myers.

It occupies portions of the former Buckingham Army Airfield, the state's largest airfield training base during WWII. It is also located within the boundaries of Lee County's designated well field water recharge area.

The 90-minute walk is on a fully accessible trail and a picnic shelter and restroom are onsite.

No reservations are required and no dogs are permitted in this preserve. Call 707-3325 for more information.*



Scenic wetlands draw waterfowl to Wild Turkey Strand Preserve

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Participants are asked to arrive by 7:30 a.m. prior to the bus departure at 7:45 a.m. The bus will leave the casino at 4 p.m. to return to Cape Coral by approximately 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Preregistration is required.

Lake Kennedy Senior Center is located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral. For more information, call 574-0575.*

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Cypress Cove Man Recalls Senior Friendship Center Start

submitted by Ed Stransback,
Cypress Cove At HealthPark Florida

For 21 years, Harry Schumacher served as an educator and administrator in the Belleville and East St. Louis (Illinois) school system. He was a beloved and well-known figure in a troubled community.

So, it came as no surprise in 1967 that, during a tumultuous time in American history, riots erupted in the East St. Louis community. What was surprising, though, was the late night call Schumacher got from the mayor of that troubled city.

He was asked to help restore calm by talking with the community's youth. Schumacher didn't give it a second thought, jumping in his car and heading to the East St. Louis housing project where he discovered firemen and policemen "pinned down" from gun fire atop one of the high rises.

Schumacher drove a big '98 Oldsmobile and, despite police discouragement, he steered his car toward the not-so-friendly gun fire. Bullets zipped around him – even smashing through the car's back window.

At that point, he jumped out of his car and, thankfully, a few of the unruly mob recognized him, stopped shooting and Schumacher managed to help restore peace to the area.

That's the kind of guy Schumacher was and is – an individual with his arms open,



Harry Schumacher

Supervisor Of Elections Announces Candidacy For Re-Election

Lee County Supervisor of Elections Sharon Harrington intends to continue serving voters in the office she has held since 2004, announcing that she will seek re-election in 2016 as the only experienced candidate in the field.

Harrington, who first came to the Lee County Elections office in 1989 as fiscal officer/human resources director, expects to rise above the field on the merits of her depth of commitment to the office, and the many significant milestones it has achieved under her watch.

"Facilitating free, fair elections and removing hurdles so that anyone who is eligible may exercise their right to vote is my life's passion," Harrington said. "It is with pride that this office is able to do so while returning ad valorem tax money back to the Board of County Commissioners year after year."

Since 1989, the number of registered voters has increased from 169,000 to more than 425,000. Harrington has supervised the conduct of more than 51 national, state, county, municipal and special elections since 2004. By enforcing a culture of fiscal discipline, she has enabled the Lee County Elections office to return ad valorem tax money to the Board of County Commissioners every year since 1990, including \$9.5 million in just the last 10 years.

Harrington's significant milestones include the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act in 1993, participation in the pilot project to develop the Florida Voter Registration System (a centralized database of all registered voters in Florida), and the conversion from punch card voting to a touchscreen voting system after the passage of the Help America Vote Act in 2002. A transition from touchscreens to the optical scan system now in use in Lee County was a second major voting equipment change.

Lee County made its voice heard during hearings conducted by both the Florida House and Senate that resulted in numerous new bills in 2013 to reverse those passed in 2011. Those 2011 laws had a direct effect on the problems of the 2012 election. One productive solution was to reduce the wording on constitutional amendments being placed on a ballot.

By retaining Harrington, voters can expect continued advocacy in Tallahassee on

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Sharon Harrington

willing to help. The lessons learned during his educational career would serve him well, allowing him to walk a career path where his calming demeanor and administrative skills would lend happiness and comfort to thousands.

Meanwhile, the rioting incident in East St. Louis most likely was an impetus for him to consider a move. And thanks in part to a lady friend in Burlington, Vermont (he and Ronnie would later marry), he focused his attention on a new career based in New England.

Ronnie guided him towards Vermont where his credentials drew the interest of the governor. He would soon receive the appointment as director of the state's Department of Aging. It was no unfamiliar territory for Schumacher since he had done similar work while in Illinois.

Still, the transition was not without a strained beginning – coming into a small New England state and taking over a staff of 27. In fact, for the first six weeks, his staff would not talk to him. A phone call provided a quick resolution when Governor Richard Snelling strolled into his office and proceeded to introduce him to each of the staff. The message was received. Schumacher's days of solitude ended.

Another appointment soon followed. This time he would be the state representative to the White House Conference on Aging, a position that gave him the responsibility for administering all federal senior/aging programs in Vermont.

The position opened new possibilities and an opportunity for Schumacher to expand his senior management career. While at a conference, he met Brother William Geenen, founder of the Senior Friendship Center program in Sarasota. Schumacher impressed Brother Geenen so much that he was recruited to establish and manage Senior Centers in Venice, Fort Myers and Naples.

"The philosophy of the program was amazing to me," said Schumacher. The centers provide a plethora of activities and services for the purpose of helping to eliminate isolation and loneliness for the elderly. Schumacher jumped at the chance and worked as director, then as regional administrator for centers from Sarasota to Naples.

There were many outstanding center programs that Schumacher spearheaded, such as the establishment of clinics manned by retired doctors and nurses (state approved) and the development of an adult day care center, a transportation program and a meals program. The programs were and still remain a success even after Schumacher's departure in 1998, following 17 years of devoting himself to bringing a smile to the faces of those who use the centers.

The key to the program's success, said Schumacher, was "volunteering," and through Schumacher's passionate ways, the centers flourished.

Today, Schumacher and his wife, Ronnie, continue to enjoy life in Southwest Florida on the campus of Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida, a 48-acre life-planned community.✧

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Along The River



Holiday House opens this weekend. It is located at 2505 First Street in downtown's historic River District. photo courtesy of www.LaurenGlazePhotography.com

On Friday, December 11, **Broadway Palm Children's Theatre** presents *A Velveteen Rabbit Christmas*, the original *Toy Story*. The holiday musical tale is based on the classic book by Margery Williams about a velveteen rabbit that is made real by his owner's enduring love.

Broadway Palm's Children's Theatre is fun for kids of all ages. The cost for lunch and the show is \$13 to \$19 per person, depending on the seats. After each show, the cast stays on stage to answer questions from the audience. Immediately following each show, the audience can meet the cast when they sign autographs and pose for photographs in the lobby.

A Velveteen Rabbit Christmas runs December 13, 15, 17, 18, 21 and 22.

A kid-style meal served before each show features chicken nuggets, pizza and french fries, a salad bar with yogurt, Jello, salad greens and assorted vegetables, and chocolate and vanilla cakes.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre is located at 1380 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers. For show times, go to www.broadwaypalm.com or call the box office at 278-4422.

Holiday House opens to the public on Friday, December 11 and run nightly through December 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. The annual tradition is a festive, beautiful gift back to the community from the Fort Myers Women's Community Club to celebrate the homes' heritage and ignite a holiday spirit. Admission is \$5 for adults, with military veterans and children under 10 admitted free.

The theme this year is Christmas in Tropical Paradise and will feature thousands of lights both inside and outside as each room in the historic homes is creatively decorated with holiday flair. For children there will be a visit and a gift from Santa Claus in the upstairs room of the Langford Kingston Home. Cookies, drinks and holiday music will also be part of the fun.

More than 200 women from the Fort Myers Women's Community Club began decorating the homes on December 4. The three-day decorating event draws in members from all over the community, including volunteer families and children as they help turn the homes into a Christmas in Tropical Paradise.

"Our members plan and anticipate for this event all year," said Gina Sabiston, Holiday House 2015 event chair. "This is our gift to the community which is why we keep the cost so low. We want all children to experience this one-of-a-kind holiday celebration."

Holiday House is located at 2505 First Street, Fort Myers along the Caloosahatchee. For more information, call 738-3710 or go to www.burroughshome.com.

On Saturday, December 12, the Palmetto Palms RV Resort holds its annual **Craft and White Elephant Sale** from 8 a.m. to noon. The public is invited to attend this sale. Coffee and donuts will be available.

Palmetto Palms RV Resort is located at 19681 Summerlin Road in south Fort Myers. For more information, call Marge Gregg at 466-5331.

On Saturdays during winter season, **guided nature walks** in North Fort Myers are provided by **Conservation 20/20** volunteers and IFAS Master Gardeners. Parking is free and no fee or registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring items such as water, hat, sunscreen, binoculars, camera and closed-toed shoes or boots. All walks meet in the parking lots and are scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

This Saturday, the 1/2-mile nature walk is of the **Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve East**, 10130 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers. The preserve entrance is directly across the road from ECHO. The walk will be on an ADA-compliant boardwalk that takes participants through wetlands, oak hammocks, and pine flatwoods. Restrooms and picnic shelters are available. No pets are allowed on this walk.

For more information about Saturday's guided nature walk, call 707-0862 or go to www.conservation2020.org.



Every Saturday, Conservation 20/20 offers guided nature walks for all fitness levels photo courtesy of Erin White

On Sunday, December 13, **Shell Point Retirement Community** invites Southwest Florida audiences to a musical Christmas celebration. It will include scripture readings, carol singing and Christmas music performed by the 100 voices of **The Village Church Choir** and guest organist, Dr. Ronald Boud. The performance will be at the Village Church at 6:15 p.m. Attendance is free. For more information, contact the church office at 454-2147.

Shell Point is located at 15101 Shell Point Boulevard, Fort Myers.

Every Monday through February 1, join local film buffs for **Thank God it's Monday** (TGIM). Short indie films will be judged to determine if they will earn a spot in the sixth annual **Fort Myers Film Festival** held in March. TGIM features pizza, coffee and happy hour at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. The event is hosted by Eric Raddatz and co-host Melissa DeHaven and features a rotating panel of celebrity judges.

TGIM takes place at The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. For more information, go to www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.✧

Calendar Girls Holiday Show At HealthPark Care Center



The Calendar Girls at the HealthPark Holiday Show

The Calendar Girls brought their Reindeer Games Holiday Show to the fine residents of HealthPark Care Center on December 2. For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.✧

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2016 Community Lecture Series

The 15th annual Wednesday Morning Live! Community Lecture Series begins on Wednesday, January 6 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The lectures are free of charge and open to the public.

An impressive lineup of distinguished speakers will cover a wide variety of topics of interest and importance to all residents of the Fort Myers/Lee County area including the arts, nutrition, adventure, news, politics and sports.

The lecture series will include: January 6 - Surfing in Palestine: A Journey Towards Justice with Rev. Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe, senior pastor at Covenant
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DDWS Awards \$10,000 In School Conservation Education Grants



Thirteen teachers received conservation education grants from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society this year.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge recently awarded \$10,000 in grants to conservation education-related projects at 13 different schools in Lee and Collier counties.

Teachers submitted grant applications to the DDWS Environmental Education Committee by Oct. 31. The committee chose awards based on need and relevance to conservation.

Schools to which DDWS awarded grants this year include Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers for its “Aquaponics Garden” project, Diplomat Middle School in Cape Coral for “Florida Ecosystems & Landforms,” Golden Gate High in Naples for “Creative Conservation Art,” Lee Virtual School in Fort Myers for “Hands on Conservation,”

Lehigh Elementary for “A Slick Solution: Cleaning an Oil Spill,” Lehigh Middle for “Life in a Dystopian Society,” Patriot Elementary in Cape Coral for “Bird Sleuths,” Pelican Elementary in Cape Coral for “Butterfly, Ladybug Environments,” Pine Island Elementary for “Nature in the Classroom,” Robinson Littleton Elementary in Fort Myers for “From Manatees to Marine Debris,” Royal Palm Exceptional in Fort Myers for “S.M.A.R.T. Characters,” The Sanibel School for “Plant Growth & Predator Prey,” and Villas Elementary in Fort Myers for “Native Wildlife Habitat.”

“This is the 10th year the society has awarded these conservation teacher grants. The past two years we opened eligibility to a five-county area,” says Wendy Kindig, education committee chair. “To

date, we have awarded nearly \$58,000 in teacher grants. We were so impressed by the great projects our teachers and their students imagined this year. The society is pleased to help the future of conservation stewards in this important way.”

Grant recipients report back on their projects to the society and refuge, sending pictures and often thank-you notes from the students, upon completion in May 2015.

In 2016, DDWS will again be awarding up to \$10,000 in teacher conservation grants for schools in Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Hendry and Lee counties. The grants are funded by monies received from the DDWS Conservation Education Endowment Fund earmarked specifically for education. For information on next year’s grants, contact Ranger Becky



The Sanibel School teacher Annie Franke accepts a check from DDWS education committee chair Wendy Kindig for her students’ Plant Growth & Predator Prey projects.

Larkins at 472-1100 (ext. 237) or Kindig at wendykindig@aol.com, or visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org/grants.

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To join DDWS and support the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org. ✨

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Lecture Series

Presbyterian Church

January 13 – State of the Arts with Lydia Black, director of the Alliance for the Arts

January 20 – A Story of Courage with Gwendolyn Howard, owner of Gwendolyn’s Cafe

January 27 – What’s Eating You? with dietitian Jeanne Struve

February 3 – Jungle Cruise from Hell to Hereafter with Frank Mann, Lee County Commissioner and author

February 10 – Insider View of Good

News with Tim McLaughlin, former WINK News anchorman

February 17 – The Other Side of Politics with Betty Parker, *News-Press* columnist

February 24 – Fourth Down in Dunbar with author David Dorsey

The one-hour lectures begin at 10 a.m., preceded by continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Advance registration is not required.

The lectures will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, located at 2439 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 334-8937 or visit www.covpcfm.com for additional information. ✨

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Sounds Of The Season At The Airport

The Lee County Port Authority’s holiday music program, Sounds of the Season, at Southwest Florida International Airport features live performances from local elementary, middle and high school students. It began on December 8 and will continue through December 18.

Sounds of the Season is a great send off for passengers catching a flight or a warm welcome for those arriving for a holiday visit in Southwest Florida, say airport officials.

Local schools were invited to bring their music programs out to entertain travelers and people in the terminal at Southwest Florida International Airport during the holiday season. There will be 13 performances this year from area schools.

Performances will take place on the upper level, inside Door 5 or Door 2 in front of the Visitor Information Booth at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Wednesday, December 16

- 10 a.m. – Heights Elementary School (West Atrium, Door 5)
- 11 a.m. – Oak Hammock Middle School for the Arts (West Atrium, Door 5)

Thursday, December 17

- 11 a.m. – River Hall Elementary (West Atrium, Door 5)

Friday, December 18

- 11 a.m. – Bonita Springs Charter School (West Atrium, Door 5)
- 1 p.m. – Sunshine Elementary (West Atrium, Door 5). ✨

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Catch And Release Snook Fishing Heats Up



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Record breaking rainfall kept even the hardest anglers off the water for a few days this past week. Once the rain cleared we were greeted with more windy conditions.

Luckily though, for anglers the bait and the bite all remained close to home and it did not take much running to find some really good fishing action.

Hiding from the wind in the many mangrove creek systems throughout the sound produced a better snook bite than I have seen for months. Most of the catch and release snook action was on fish in the 22- to 26-inch range and came while

casting live shiners up to the roots. We did have a few shots at some much bigger snook but were heartbroken as these big linesiders made it back to the mangrove roots before parting ways. These big snook don't bite as often as the little ones but when they do you need to be on your game to even have a chance of closing the deal.

One memorable big snook this week made a 50-yard plus run down the middle of a mangrove creek looking like it was going to stay out from the trees. But it ran right back towards the boat and turned into the trees.

During the calm clear water conditions early in the week it was like the switch had been flipped and the snook just received the memo that it was time to head into the back country. While anchored up fishing crystal clear creek mouths, we watched lots of big snook pushing into these creeks. Seeing lots of these 30-inch plus snook moving into the creek systems for the first time since last winter was great and is a sign of things to come.

Cooling water temperatures have the huge schools of shiners now starting to



Eric Kibbe from St. Louis with a 25-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

stack up on the deeper causeway bridges like they do all winter. This makes catching lots of perfect sized bait nice and easy again. Having a full live well to go fishing is an awesome thing and sure makes a day a whole lot easier. Catching this bait is as easy as watching for where the pelicans are hitting on the bridge pilings before throwing your castnet. The

massive amount of bait that gets on the causeway bridges is impressive and if it is anything like last winter it should stay until the spring.

All in all after the rains passed it was a great week to be out fishing. Along with the many snook we caught there were redfish, trout and mangrove snapper in the mix too. Being a little apprehensive about the winds all week before heading out, clients were thrilled with the great snook action. Hopefully this crazy snook bite continues all winter just like it did last year.

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.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Otter Comes Out Of Coma



by Patricia Molloy

The North American river otter's (*Lontra canadensis*) bird-like chirping is often heard along quiet springs and rivers by canoers and kyakers. Possessing clawed, webbed feet, they are as comfortable frolicking on land as they are swimming. Otters can remain under water as long as four minutes and dive up to 250 feet while searching for food.

Otters are exceptionally intelligent mammals that are capable of creating and using tools just like monkeys, apes and beavers. Incredibly social creatures, young otters (called pups) will feed and travel with their mothers (called queens) for approximately one year. Before and after breeding, adult male otters (referred to as meowters) lead primarily solitary lives.

On November 26, a meowter was rescued and delivered to Specialized Veterinarian Services in Fort Myers, one of 11 domestic animal clinics in Lee county that has partnered with CROW. These select hospitals are equipped to provide supportive care and pain medications to wild animals until CROW can

send a staff member or volunteer to pick up the patient.

"The otter came in on Thanksgiving. He was found on the road, hit by a car, in North Fort Myers," explained Melissa Fox, certified vet tech, veterinary assistant. "He was unconscious and we didn't know if he was brain dead or blind, so he's been on (medication) to help with brain swelling. He's also been on IV fluids and supportive care in the hopes that he would come out of his coma."

After approximately one week of critical care, the otter had not only regained consciousness, but began eating on its own and is now well enough to swim in shallow water during daily tub time sessions. "He is really showing improvements," said Fox.

Still, the patient has a long road ahead of it as it has not fully recovered from its serious injuries. When it moves about, sometimes it drags its hind legs. "We have hopes that he will be releasable. If not, we hope he can be an educational animal somewhere if he doesn't have full range of motion," Fox concluded.

The staff at CROW goes to great lengths to ensure that the "wildness" of each patient remains intact during its stay at the clinic. This is most evident in their care of otters, as the ever-curious creatures easily imprint on humans. Caring for sick, injured and orphaned otters may require a lot of work, but the extra effort is rewarding, as otters are extraordinary mammals.

If you would like to help this injured otter on its long road to recovery, go to www.CrowClinic.org and make a dona-



The otter - patient #15-3394 - is currently receiving treatment in CROW's ICU where its progress can be carefully monitored. Due to a severe head injury, it is not yet well enough to be moved to the secluded otter complex.

tion toward patient #15-3994. Monetary contributions allow CROW to care for the thousands of wild animals it receives each year. A donation to CROW on behalf of the animal lover in your life also makes a great holiday gift.

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.

Sunset Music Cruises

Pure Florida will offer Sunset Music Cruises on Friday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m. departing from its Naples and Fort Myers locations. The 90-minute excursions will take passengers on a relaxing cruise featuring a live musical performance and the stunning Southwest Florida sunset.

Passengers cruising from Pure Florida's Naples location will travel along the Gordon River and Naples coastline as the sun begins to set over the Gulf of Mexico. Aboard the M/V *Double Sunshine*, guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the breathtaking scenery while listening to live music by Sunset Steel.

Guests visiting Pure Florida's Fort Myers location will cruise aboard the M/V *Edison Explorer*, drifting along the Caloosahatchee. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the evening scenery of downtown Fort Myers on the water and the beautiful bird rookery, accompanied by live music.

Aboard the vessel, guests are invited to relax, have a drink and take in the beauty of the natural surroundings, showcasing the unique wildlife native to Southwest Florida. Beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on board. Once out to sea, the captain will stop the vessel as the sun begins to set so that guests take advantage of the sunset photo opportunity. Once the sun has dropped below the horizon, the vessel will begin its return voyage, set to the tune of the evening's musical performance. Upon returning to the Pure Florida dock, guests can conclude their experience by exploring the local shops and restaurants of Tin City or downtown Fort Myers.



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The M/V *Double Sunshine* departs from the historic Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Ave. S. in Naples and the M/V *Edison Explorer* departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First St. in Fort Myers. Reservations are required. For pricing and registration for the Sunset Music Cruises, contact Pure Florida's Naples location at 239-263-4949 or Fort Myers location at 919-2965. For more information on Pure Florida and its cruises, visit www.PureFL.com.

Free Guided Nature Walk At Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve

A Conservation 2020 volunteer naturalist will lead a 1/2-mile nature walk at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve East on Saturday, December 12 at 9 a.m. Located at 10130 Bayshore Road, the preserve entrance is directly across the road from Echo. The walk will be held on an ADA-compliant boardwalk that will take participants through wetlands, oak hammocks and pine flatwoods.

Restrooms and picnic shelters are available. Participants will meet in the parking lot. No reservations are required and no pets are allowed on this walk. Dress for the weather. Hats, binoculars, camera, bug spray, water and sturdy, closed-toed shoes are recommended. Call 707-0862 for more information.



A pileated woodpecker hunts grubs at Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve

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The basal leaves become brown and papery with age

Plant Smart

Staghorn Fern

by Gerri Reaves

Staghorn fern's (*Platycerium* spp.) sheer size and curious appearance makes it one of the most prized and cultivated of non-native ferns.

Many varieties and hybrids are available of this fern, also called elkhorn fern.

P. bifurcatum, noted for its relatively easy propagation and hardiness, is probably the most common in South Florida.

Staghorn is native to many tropical

and subtropical areas of the world, but can survive in colder climates if protected from the cold.

It grows so well in South Florida that it has become naturalized, which means it reproduces well without human cultivation.

Wind-borne spores from a fertile plant can lodge in a suitable place, often a rough-barked tree such as the native live oak

and subtropical areas of the world, but can survive in colder climates if protected from the cold.

Non-native staghorn fern is a prized epiphyte that has become naturalized in South Florida

photos by Gerri Reaves

Impressive specimens measuring several feet in diameter are a common sight in this area, hanging by ropes or chains from trees or secured to a large tree, plaque or shaded wall.

In the wild, these epiphytes, or air plants, attach themselves to a platform, usually a tree branch or rock, and gather nutrients from rain and debris through

their roots.

They are not parasites and do not harm the host tree.

Staghorns have two kinds of fronds, or leaves. The basal, or sterile, fronds, are rounded and thickened and sometimes overlapping. They secure the plant to a surface and gather debris, dead insects, and moisture for nutrients. These leaves brown and thin with age.

The foliar, or fertile, fronds are green, flattened, and lobed or forked. The antler shapes of these erect or hanging leaves give the plant its common names. On the undersides of these leaves appear the red-dish brown sporangia, which hold the tiny spores that germinate into new plants.

This fern needs plenty of moisture and partial shade, preferably filtered light beneath a tree that simulates its natural habitat. An outside plant in suitable conditions might need little if any care.

Cultivate new "pups" by securing the basal leaves of a small plant in a wire basket or clay pot that is filled with sphagnum moss or other rich growing medium. The pups will eventually cover the growing medium.

Be sure the interior of the growing medium dries out between waterings. Indoor plants will probably need to be fertilized.

Staghorns are susceptible to fungus *Rhizoctonia*, and mealy bugs and white scale can be problems.

Sources: ifas.ufl.edu, floridata.com, and university.uog.edu.

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



Children participating in the winter camps at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida take part in hands-on activities while exploring the Southwest Florida ecosystem

Winter Camp At The Conservancy

Parents looking for a fun and educational way for kids to spend time over the holiday break may want to consider the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Winter Camp.

The Conservancy's long-time favorite, "Wondrous Wildlife" annual winter camp, is scheduled to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29 and 30.

The two-day camp is designed for second- through fifth-grade children, and will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each day will offer a different field trip adventure into Southwest Florida ecosystems.

Pricing for the camps are \$60 per day

for Conservancy members and \$80 per day for non-members.

"Our annual winter camp has been a hit within our community," said Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. "We know children will enjoy being a part of these adventures, and we look forward to seeing how these nature explorations will play a role in creating more knowledgeable and environmentally-aware leaders for the future."

Space is limited for the upcoming camps and is anticipated to fill quickly. Registration can be completed online at www.Conservancy.org/Camps. For more information about the fall or winter camps, call Cheryl Latif 262-0304 extension 266.

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida offers children's camps during the winter school break where second- through fifth-grade children can actively explore wildlife in Southwest Florida



Various activities and field trips will be offered during the winter camps at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Coming Abstraction Show Benefits Community Foundation For The Arts

Coming Abstraction, a solo showcase by printmaker and painter Barbara J. Yeomans, will debut at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation on Thursday, December 10 until January 31.

The show will feature one-of-a-kind hand pulled prints and paintings by Yeomans. The artist will donate 35 percent of sales to The Fund for the Arts of Southwest Florida, a fund of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

The exhibit will be open in the Community Hub, the office of the Community Foundation, located at 8771 College Parkway, Suite 201 in Fort Myers. Public viewing is Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Two artist receptions with Yeomans will take place at the Community Hub and are open to the public with advance reservations. The first will be held on Thursday, December 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the second the following morning, Friday, December 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are required by emailing rsvp@floridacommunity.com.

Yeomans was born in London in 1933. During World War II, her family home was bombed, and they had to relocate to the English countryside. Growing up during this turbulent time made an indelible mark on her, and she pursued arts and crafts at a young age. An arts scholarship allowed her to pursue a degree in Fashion at Cheltenham College of Art. While at college, she won design awards and studied under the leading artists of the day. In the 1950s, her college career was put on hold when she met and married a young American man, Sherrill Yeomans, stationed in England. She immigrated to America and raised a family while continuing her interest in the arts as a volunteer arts teacher in Fort Myers. In the '70s and '80s, she created



Barbara Yeomans

vibrant three-dimensional fabric wall hangings for various Southwest Florida interior decorators for homes and businesses throughout the region. After her husband's death, Yeomans returned to school and enrolled in a printmaking class at a local college. There, she found a renewed passion for art making. For the past 30 years, she has honed her technique using experimental processes and materials, creating dynamic monotype prints, paintings and assemblages.

Those interested in seeing the show are asked to call the office in advance to assure that part of the exhibit located in meeting space is available for viewing. For more information about the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, call 274-5900 or visit www.floridacommunity.com.✪

Celebrate The Season With Dance



Serenade performed by Dance Bochette troupe members

What Is That Insect In My Veggie Garden?

The Edible Gardening Exchange's December speaker will be Gene McAvoy, Hendry County Extension Director and the Regional Specialized Vegetable Extension Agent in the five-county area of Southwest Florida (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee). He will be discussing the many insects in our edible gardens with lots of pictures in this informative presentation.

McAvoy has 40 years experience in working with the vegetable industry and has been employed with the University of Florida as Vegetable Extension Agent since 1997, working primarily with the commercial vegetable producers located on some 75,000 acres around Immokalee, one of the largest vegetable production areas in Florida.

Join other edible gardeners on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Fort Myers Rec Center located at 2000 N. Recreation Park Way in North Fort Myers. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for an open and informal chat on edible topics. Consider bringing something to share with other gardeners (seeds, plants and a snack). Bring your own cup for free coffee and tea.

The membership fee for monthly meetings through March is \$10. In addition, a \$10 Lee Parks and Recreation

lifetime membership is required. For more information, call Karen Harty at 610-530-8883.✪



A winter camp participant last year at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida

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Conservancy Winter Camp

is headquartered in Naples at 1495 Smith Preserve Way, south of the Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road. Learn more about the Conservancy's work and how to support the quality of life in Southwest Florida by visiting www.conservancy.org.✪

Dance Bochette invites the community to brighten their season through the joy of dance. Holiday Treats, the studio's annual seasonal celebration, will be held on Saturday, December 12 beginning at 3 p.m. at the CityGate Ministries Activities Center, 1735 Jackson Street (between MLK Boulevard and Second Street) in downtown Fort Myers. Admission is free.

The show features Dance Bochette students in ballet, tap, modern and acrobatics and is set to a soundtrack that includes holiday classics as well as new renditions of favorite tunes. You may even catch a glimpse of Santa Claus.

Founded by Jeanne Bochette, Dance Bochette continues to innovate each year while celebrating its roots as Fort Myers' historic dance school. The studio today welcomes its third generation of dancers, including the children and grandchildren of former students.

Visit www.dancebochette.com or call 334-3274 for more information.✪



Rachel at last year's Holiday Treats performance

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Caloosahatchee Manuscripts Sculptor Is 70

a new body of museum and gallery works about the global trade in looted antiquities.

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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Sponsors Needed For Science Fair



All funds raised by the Fort Myers Kiwanis Foundation benefit students from Lee and Charlotte county schools

submitted by Patricia Stevens

Thomas Edison said, "Genius is one percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration. Accordingly, a genius is often merely a talented person who has done all of his or her homework."

The Fort Myers Kiwanis Club is seeking sponsors for the annual Science & Engineering Fair. Each year, the club must raise \$20,000 to be used for trophies, awards, scholarships and travel expenses to state and international competitions for regional winners. Donations are tax deductible and sponsorships are acknowledged in the printed programs and a display of donors' logo or banner at the awards ceremony. Six levels of sponsorship are suggested.

One hundred percent of the funds raised benefit students from Lee and Charlotte county schools.

Fort Myers Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. is an IRS Code 501(c)(3) tax exempt organiza-



The Regional Science Fair is Saturday, January 23 at Alico Arena. It is part of the qualifying process for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

tion. The EIN for the foundation is 46-1012210.

For information on the six levels of sponsorship, contact Denny Sharma, fundraising coordinator, at 770-7427 or at Kiwanis-Denny@comcast.net.

Tax deductible checks payable to Fort Myers Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., may be mailed to P.O. Box 1498, Fort Myers, FL 33901.*

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Candidacy For Re-Election

their behalf, refinement of the Office of Elections' procedures including due diligence and improved transparency in its budgeting and operations, expanded outreach on behalf of the office and enhanced technology to improve access, convenience and accountability in elections. High-speed ballot readers are on the horizon, for instance, which can process 300 ballots per minute while sorting out those that require review for issues or write-in candidates without requiring the machine to pause.

For more information, visit www.vote4harrington.com.*

Audition Set For Annual Young Artists Awards



A Voice audition in progress



This year's Drama Audition judges register their scores

Alliance for the Arts/Foulds Theatre campus on the following dates:

Saturday, January 16

Instrumental music ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21

Contemporary voice and musical theatre ages 8 to 12

Sunday, January 17

Drama ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21

Saturday, January 23

Classical voice ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21

Contemporary voice and musical the-

atre ages 13 to 16

Sunday, January 24

Dance ages 8 to 14 and 15 to 21
contemporary voice and musical theatre ages 17 to 21

Participants will have the opportunity to perform before panels of professional adjudicators; over 60 judges from throughout the nation participated last year. Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel. All genres of music, acting, dance, and vocal performance are

encouraged. Twenty-two finalists will be chosen to perform individually at their 13th annual gala at the Broadway Palm Theatre on March 6. The finalists and the 22 runners-up will also perform in a coached group number. In addition, all participating students will be given the opportunity to perform at various community events. As a not for profit organization, the Young Artists Awards also collaborates with other area organizations to provide additional information to our student participants in the performing arts.

For a guaranteed audition slot, registrations must be postmarked by December 15. A limited number of late registrations will be accepted on a space available basis only if postmarked by December 31. Audition fee waivers are available for students unable to pay the registration fee. Please note that many students were unable to participate last year because of space and time limitations, so register before the deadline.

Visit the Young Artists Awards website at www.youngartistsawards.org to download the registration form, and email info@youngartistsawards.org or call 574-9321 for more information.*

Audition dates have been set for the 13th annual Young Artists Awards, open to area students ages 8 to 21 in the performing arts from throughout Southwest Florida. Students must be preregistered to participate and may audition in multiple categories. \$30,000 in cash awards and other prizes, including a \$25,000 scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University donated by the school will be granted this year.

All auditions will be held on the

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Cast of *A Wonderful Life*

Holiday Classic Comes To Broadway Palm Stage

Broadway Palm is welcoming the holiday season with *A Wonderful Life* playing now through December 26. This heartwarming production is a musical adaptation of the classic holiday film *It's A Wonderful Life* by Frank Capra. Bring the entire family for an uplifting tale that is brought to vibrant theatrical life and celebrates the kindness in all of us.

The story of George Bailey and his wonderful life remains a timeless story of dreams, cynicism and the power of love that exhilarates the mind and heart. The setting is Bedford Falls, New York, and it is Christmas Eve. A hopeless and frustrated George Bailey is at the end of his rope. Lucky for him, Clarence, angel second class, is sent to Earth with the chance to earn his wings if he can save George. Clarence takes George on a journey to show him all of the lives he has bettered and just how miserable Bedford Falls would be without him. Remember, "every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings!"

Bring the whole family for the uplifting musical *A Wonderful Life*, playing now through December 26. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees. Ticket prices range from \$39 to \$62 with discounts for children and groups of 20 or more. Broadway Palm offers holiday parties and family gather-

ings. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. ✨

Shell Point Holiday Pops Concert



The Southwest Florida Symphony will perform its Holiday Pops concert at Shell Point Retirement Community on December 21

Shell Point Retirement Community welcomes the Southwest Florida Symphony for its Holiday Pops concert. The symphony will take the stage in The Village Church at 15100 Shell Point Boulevard on Monday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Conductor Nir Kabaretti leads the symphony in performing December holiday classics, inspired by the Festival of Lights. The concert also includes performances by Broadway star, soprano soloist Laura Woyasz, and the Symphonic Chorale of Southwest Florida.

Audience participation is invited during familiar sing-along tunes, such as Here Comes Santa Claus, I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas and other traditional seasonal favorites.

"Shell Point audiences are always enthusiastic and fun to join for symphony performances," said Dorothy Munsch, Shell Point resident and board member of the Southwest Florida Symphony. "This concert is a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays with family and friends."

To purchase tickets for \$30, visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts, or call the box office at 454-2067. ✨



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Bunche Beach by Kathy Taylor

Art Association's Art Divine Exhibit And Sale To Open

Mark your calendar for the Art Divine show and sale in both galleries of the Fort Myers Beach Art Association which will open this Saturday, December 12. The show and sale features FMBAA member original art priced at or below \$150. The exhibit and sale will run until January 7.

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 Monday. Visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com to see all the exciting artistic events happening this season.

The gallery will be closed December 24, 25 and 31 as well as January 1. For more information, email publicity chair Pam Flaherty at fmbaapublicity@gmail.com or stop

Sand Sculpting Championship Doubles Winners Announced

The 29th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship presented by the Seminole Casino Hotel concluded its 10-day schedule with the announcement of the winners from the master doubles and advanced amateur competitions

The winners from the Master Sculptor Doubles Division are:

First place – Craig Mutch and Delayne Corbett, *Flow*
 Second place – Melineige Beauregard and Joris Kivits, *Mind Flock*

Sculptor's Choice – Melineige Beauregard and Joris Kivits, *Mind Flock*

People's Choice Doubles Division – Walter McDonald and Sandi Stirling, *His & Hers*

People's Choice Solo Division – Abe Waterman, *Pulling Faces*

The winners from the Florida State Advanced Amateur Division are:

First place – Albert Lucio Sr., *Pirate of the Deep*

Second place – Albert Lucio Jr., *Death takes a Lover*

Third Place – Paul Warren, *Monkey Business*

Albert Lucio Sr. was invited to return next year and compete as a master sculptor



The winning sculpture from the Doubles Division, entitled *Flow*, by Craig Mutch and Delayne Corbett

photo by Kevin Rooney

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 details.*

Bluegrass In The Theatre on Sunday

Palmgrass brings acoustic music back to the theatre at the Alliance for the Arts on Sunday, December 13, at 2 p.m. The three-hour concert features singer/songwriter Bill Mets, followed by bluegrass bands Sawgrass Drifters and The Bluegrass Gals. Tickets are \$8 at the door, or \$6 for Alliance members. Seating is open and first come, first serve. Children 12 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Pre-sale tickets are not available.

Doors open at 1:30

p.m. The Sunday afternoon concert series continues every month throughout the 2015-16 Season. Visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787 for more information. To learn more visit www.Palmgrass.org.

The Alliance for the Arts proudly supports artists and arts organizations in our area as the state-designated local arts agency for Lee County. The Alliance campus and galleries, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, are open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.*



Sawgrass Drifters

as voted on by the master sculptors.

The 30th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship will return to Fort Myers Beach next year, November 18 to 27, with many new activities and events celebrating the 30th annual milestone. Details and information will be available at www.fmsand-sculpting.com.*

Beach Art Group Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association are:

- December 12 - Jan. 7: Art Divine - \$150. Show (free admission) in Studio 1 and 2

- January 4, 11, 18; February 1, 8, and 15 (no class January 25 due to a workshop at FMBAA): Beginning Class 1- 4 p.m. Cost: \$20/class/FMBAA member or \$25/class/non-member. The classes are taught in a series. This is not a drop-in class. To sign up or more information, contact Patty at 321-277-9880 or patty@artbypattykane.com

- January 4, 11, 18, February 1, 8, and 15 (no class January 25 due to a workshop at FMBAA): Intermediate/Advanced Class, 9 to noon; Cost: \$20/class/FMBAA member or \$25/class/non-member. The classes are taught in a series. This is not a drop-in class. To sign up or more information, contact Patty at 321-277-9880 or patty@artbypattykane.com

- Jan. 7 & 14 (9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.) and Jan. 21 (9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m.): Barb Valentine Paint Like Never Before - Oil 3 classes at all levels; Cost: \$80/member or \$100/ non-member. Go to mumsybjv@gmail.com to sign up.

- Jan. 9- Jan. 21: Member Show (free admission) in Studio 1

- Jan. 9-Jan. 21: Experimental Group Show (free admission) in Studio 2

- Jan. 15: Open House from 9 a.m. to noon

- Jan. 19: Patty O'Kane Masterpiece & Merlot from 5 to 8 p.m.; \$40/member, \$50/non-member. Snacks, beverages and supplies included. Sign up at artisinstudio@gmail.com

- Jan 24: Demo by Lynn Ferris from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost: \$10

- Jan. 25 - Feb. 18: Winter Juried Show (free admission) in Studio 1 and 2

- Jan 31: Gallery Talk Free from 1 to 2 p.m.

- Jan 31: Winter Juried Show (free admission) from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.

FMBAA Gallery is open from April 18 until mid-October Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am until noon and from mid-October until mid-April from Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday noon to 3 p.m.

For more information on shows or classes, call the gallery at 463-3909 or see our website www.fortmyersbeachart.com.*

Valerie's House Open House



Danielle Visone, Roseanne Visone, Janet Goodall, Jessica Goodall



Camryn Williams, Angela Melvin



Shea Sherman, Angela Melvin

More than 50 people toured the new Valerie's House of Southwest Florida during its recent open house, coinciding with National Children's Grief Awareness Month. Attendees included families with recent losses, volunteers and supporters who met Valerie's House leaders, talked with other grieving families, while learning more about the new program that will begin offering services to the community in January 2016. Children who attended the open house worked on an arts and craft activity about their lost loved one and selected a new teddy bear friend to take home from the teddy bear library.



Buffy Hagood, Angela Melvin, Melissa Davidson

Valerie's House is located in the historic Dean Park area of Fort Myers. It will be devoted to working with children and their families in Lee, Collier, Hendry and Charlotte Counties who are experiencing grief following the death of a close family member. It will provide families with ongoing, community-based grief support services and activities for children as they interact with others who have experienced similar kinds of losses. The house has been made possible by a generous donation from Stephen Bienko, CEO of College Hunks Moving in Southwest Florida.

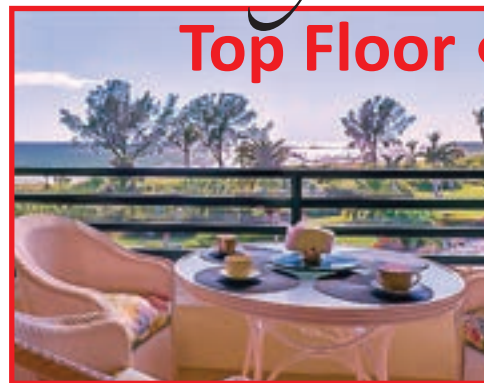
Founder Angela Melvin experienced the loss of her mother 27 years ago in a car accident in Fort Myers when she was 10 years old and has sought ways to help

other children and families deal with the difficult grieving process. Named after her mother, Valerie's House was born of years of research into how other communities are addressing this vital need not yet being met in Southwest Florida.

"We were thrilled to see so many families and members of the community come out to support us in our first open house," Melvin said. "At Valerie's House, children will get to know one another, enabling them to heal together and learn their loss doesn't have to limit their dreams."

Valerie's House is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. Its mission is to help children and families work through the loss of a loved one together and go on to live fulfilling lives so that no child should grieve alone. Valerie's House is currently enrolling families for its January 2016 program. For more information or to get involved, go to www.valereshouseswfl.org, visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ValereshouseSWFL or contact Angela Melvin at 239-478-6734 or angela@valereshouseswfl.org.

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Golf Classic And Celebrity Pro Am Raises Record-Breaking Funds



Ronald McDonald greeting golfers at the 28th annual Fall Golf Classic & Celebrity Pro Am

On October 9, The Colony Golf & Country Club hosted Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) 28th annual Fall Golf Classic & Celebrity Pro Am with more than 175 golfers and celebrity athletes teeing off to benefit the charity. This year's tournament was played in honor and memory of tournament founder Fred Frederic, and co-chairs Tim Frederic and Ryan Sherry continued the Celebrity Pro Am format that successfully debuted in 2014.

New Red Sox Boss Moves Quickly To Lift Boston Out Of Last Place

by Ed Frank



It didn't take long for Dave Dombrowski, the new president of baseball operations for the Boston Red Sox, to make major changes to a team that finished in last place three of the last four seasons with a World Series title in the middle.

And for the fervent Red Sox fans, spring training can't come too soon. In fact, Boston opens its 2016 spring training at JetBlue Park at Fenway South in Fort Myers February 29, with the traditional doubleheader against Boston College and Northeastern University.

Dombrowski, Manager John Farrell and their staff attended baseball's Winter Meetings this week in Nashville, and the first

day they moved swiftly to strengthen their bullpen.

But look what was accomplished before the Winter Meeting:

1. The team acquired All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel from the San Diego Padres by dealing away four minor league prospects. The 27-year-old Kimbrel was an All-Star each year from 2011-14, during which he led the National League in saves all four years.

He is under contract for the next three seasons at salaries of \$11 million in 2016, \$13 million in 2017 and a team option of \$13 million in 2018.

Kimbrel has 225 saves in the five seasons he has been in the majors.

2. The biggest off-season deal came in the acquisition of All-Star pitcher David Price whom the Red Sox signed for a whopping \$217 million in a seven-year deal, the largest contract for a pitcher in baseball history.

The new No. 1 starter for Boston, Price led the American League this year with a 2.45 ERA while posting an 18-5 record.

There are critics who questioned awarding Price that lengthy a contract at the age of 30. And his post-season record is 0-7 with a 5.27 ERA. But he had great success in the American League Eastern Division where he pitched five seasons for the Tampa Bay Rays and was 49-21.

Price and Red Sox slugger David Ortiz, who recently announced that next season

NFL Hall of Famers Andre Reed and Warren Sapp joined fellow celebrity athletes Fred Taylor, Cornelius Bennett, Terry-Jo Myers, Earnest Graham and many more to pair up with more than 30 teams for a fun-filled day that raised more than \$48,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida. The record-breaking funds raised this year were almost double those in tournaments past and will go directly back to support the charities programs that focus on improving the health and well-being of children in our area.

Arthrex returned as the Title Sponsor of the tournament, as well as Cameratta Companies, Martin-Brower, Beasley Broadcast Group, Golden State Foods, Earl and Margie Holland, Turano Baking Company, Gorton's, Besnard & Associates Insurance, Mortgage 1, Dr. Pepper, and Grampy's Charities.

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Law Firm Collecting For Toys For Tots

For the ninth consecutive year, Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A. offices throughout Southwest Florida are serving as collection points for the U. S. Marine Corps' Toys For Tots Foundation, which distributes toys to less fortunate children in the community.

New, unwrapped toys may be brought to any of the six Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz offices. Toys will be collected and distributed with the assistance of local social welfare agencies, church groups and other organizations. Locations accepting Toys for Tots donations include:

- Fort Myers - Downtown: 1515 Broadway Street, on the northeast corner of Broadway and Main Street. 334-1146
- Fort Myers - McGregor: 2300 McGregor Boulevard, next to the Edison Ford Winter Estates. 332-9437
- Cape Coral: 1603 Hancock Bridge Parkway, on the northeast corner of Del Prado Boulevard and Hancock Bridge. 574-5575
- Naples: 2590 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Suite 105 in Borgata Square, on the east side of I-75 off Immokalee Road. 514-0924
- Lehigh Acres: 4802 Lee Boulevard. 368-6101
- Port Charlotte: 2852 Tamiami Trail, Suite 1 in Emerald Square. 941-624-2393

Additionally, Ray Livosi, an employee of the law firm will be performing on December 9 at the 21 Club in New York at the 3rd annual 21-Gun Salute Luncheon for the Marines Toys For Tots program. Livosi, a Frank Sinatra tribute artist, will be performing in honor of Sinatra's 100th birthday.

For more information, visit www.JusticeStartsNow.com or call 334-1146.

will be his last, once had words after he plunked Ortiz twice in 2014. The Red Sox legend said, however, that "it's past history" and he welcomed him to the team.

3. The third leg of the pre-season action was the signing of outfielder Chris Young in a two-year, \$13 million deal. This past season Young played for the New York Yankees, batting .252 with 14 home runs and 42 RBIs in 140 games.

He will be the team's fourth outfielder alternating with Rusney Castillo, Jackie Bradley Jr., and Mookie Betts. He will see considerable action against left-handed pitching.

4. On Monday of this week in Nashville, the Red Sox acquired right-handed reliever Carson Smith and left-handed starter Roenis Elias from the Seattle Mariners for starter Wade Miley and a minor leaguer.

The side-winder Smith was effective this past season in his first year of major league competition pitching in 70 games and holding opponents to a .194 batting average.

Dombrowski and his deep-pocketed Red Sox probably aren't finished yet in aiming to bring winning baseball back to Boston.

That's what he was hired to do as the impatient Boston faithful have tired of cellar-dwelling baseball.

Shark Shootout this Weekend in Naples

Seven of the top golfers in the world will be competing this weekend in the 27th annual Franklin Templeton Shootout at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples.

Hall of Famer Greg Norman has assembled a stellar line-up for the popular event that runs Thursday through Saturday.

The 12 two-member teams will compete for the \$3.1 million purse with a first-place prize of \$770,000. Returning to defend their 2014 title are Jason Day, the current PGA champion, and partner Cameron Triangle.

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School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My child's case manager always sends home a draft IEP before the actual IEP meeting. This makes me angry because it seems like we

haven't worked as a team and I have no input. I thought we were supposed to write the IEP at the IEP meeting. What do you know about this?

Julie C., Fort Myers

Julie,

DEA 2004 discourages the use of "draft IEPs" because they send a message that parental concerns and parental participation are not valued, just as you have mentioned. Too often, when parents are presented with a "draft IEP," many assume that the school members of the IEP team do not value their concerns and input about their child. Many parents object to draft IEPs because the IEP team does not make it clear that the IEP is a "draft" and therefore parents may think that they may not have any input to the document. Federal law tells us however, "It is not permissible for an agency to have the final IEP completed before an IEP Team meeting begins." (FR 46678)

Parents and school personnel need to share important information before the IEP meeting. This information may be shared in person, by phone, regular mail or email and may include draft IEPs, evaluations and written reports prepared by the service providers.

The parents should provide the school with a list of their concerns and questions before the IEP meeting so the school members of the team are prepared to address these concerns and questions and incorporate such information into the IEP as needed.

If the IEP team chooses to use a draft IEP, the team must ensure that the parents understand that the document is a draft, and is not set in stone. If the IEP team uses a draft IEP, they should provide a copy of the draft document to the parents well in advance of the IEP meeting. The parents must have enough time to give careful consideration to the recommendations in the draft IEP.

Sharing information leads to healthier working relationships between parents and school personnel – and better IEPs for the children.

Shelley Greggs is adjunct faculty at Florida SouthWestern State College, where she teaches psychology and education courses. She is also a nationally certified school psychologist and consultant for School Consultation Services, a private educational consulting company. Questions for publication may be addressed to smgreggs@gmail.com. Not all questions submitted can be addressed through this publication.*

FGCU Speaker Series To Begin

Some of the world's most distinguished experts on climate change, invasive species and global water issues will share their knowledge during the 2016 Bernard and Susan Master *Moonlight on the Marsh* lecture series presented by Florida Gulf Coast

University.

The fourth annual series sponsored by FGCU's Everglades Wetland Research Park runs from January through March. Topics will include timely issues of local, regional and global interest such as climate change, invasive species and global water issues. The free lectures are open to the public and are held at FGCU's Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive, Naples.

"The series features the best minds in environmental sciences — some real rock stars in the world of science," said FGCU Professor William J. Mitsch, director of the research park and Juliet C. Sproul chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management. "Because our relationship with freshwater and coastal water environments is so vital in Southwest Florida, these lectures offer valuable insight and solutions to problems we see around us."

The series kicks off Thursday, Jan. 14 with the hot topic of *Climate Change: The Evidence, People, and Our Options* presented by two distinguished Ohio State University professors. Lonnie G. Thompson, Ph.D., from the School of Earth Sciences, and Ellen Mosley-Thompson, Ph.D., from the Department of Geography, are affiliated with Ohio State's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, an internationally recognized leader in polar, alpine and climate research.

Other lectures in the series are:

• Thursday, Jan. 28: *The Art and Science of Translating Ecological Indicators to Ecosystem Services*

for *Wetlands, Streams and Riparian Corridors*, by Robert P. Brooks, Ph.D., Ruby S. and E. Willard Miller, professor of Geography and Ecology, director of Riparia, Department of Geography, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, State College, Pa.

• Thursday, Feb. 11: *Expecting the Unexpected: Pandora's Box of Paradox in an Upside-Down Estuary*, by Evelyn E. Gaiser, Ph.D., executive director, School of Environment, Arts and Society; professor, Department of Biological Sciences and Southeast Environmental Research Center; lead principal investigator, Florida Coastal Everglades Long-Term Ecological Research Program, Florida International University, Miami.

• Thursday, March 3: *When Nature Bites Back: Solving the Budget-Busting Invasive Species Epidemic* by David M. Lodge, Ph.D., Ludmilla F., Stephen J., and Robert T. Galla professor of Biological Sciences, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

• Thursday, March 10: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Global Water Issues* by Philippe Van Cappellen, Ph.D., Canada Excellence Research chair in Ecohydrology, Water Institute, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Department of Biology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

The series' title sponsors, Bernard and Susan Master of Naples, support the science being done at the research park.

"We are proud to be part of Florida Gulf Coast University's and Dr.

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Theatre Kids Holiday Spirit

of Charles Dickens' classic. Prepare to laugh, cry, hoot and holler —and, for the little ones, even join the action on stage.

This is the Fort Myers debut for the children's theater company, which has been operating in Charlotte County for 26 years. The mission of Theatre Kids, Performance Academy & Company, is to cultivate imagination, develop artistry and provide opportunities for young artists to interpret great literature and showcase their talent in works that uplift and inspire. Join us as we bring the magic to life!

Performances are on Friday, December 18 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 19 at 3 p.m. Special Arts Outreach Performance will be open for purchase to outreach groups of 20 or more at \$5 per ticket (includes educational groups, extracurricular teams, nursing homes, camps, etc.) Contact the director for more information at coventrypayne@me.com.

Tickets are \$18. For more information call the Arts Center box office at 333-1933 or visit www.sbdac.com.

The Coventry Payne Foundation provides administrative and financial support for programs that teach children the value of treating others with respect and kindness and provides experiences that help children develop a strong sense of self, place and community. The programs offered through the foundation change lives for the better and promote a culture of kindness that extends to the entire community of life. *



Tiny Tim

Doctor and Dietitian

MyPlate Food Guide Simplifies Nutrition Message



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

Moving past the often confusing Food Guide Pyramid, the newer MyPlate icon is a simpler version. It shows what a person's meal should look like using a picture of a plate divided into four categories, which include fruits, vegetables, grains and protein. Fruits and vegetables take up half the plate while grains and protein take up the other half, with grains being a slightly larger segment. A small circle to the right of the plate designates dairy.

The goal of MyPlate is to put forth several simple messages: 1) an emphasis on more fruit and vegetable consumption; 2) portion sizes; 3) water intake; and 4)

foods to avoid.

MyPlate's website offers simple and straightforward information for the person confused by the maze of nutrition information out there. With the obesity epidemic plaguing Americans, people need to know the basics, watch their portions and, as the new guidelines say, "enjoy your food but eat less of it."

The "foods to avoid" list is also simple and straightforward. We love that water is being encouraged in place of sugary drinks. Prepackaged foods are also listed as a food to avoid. We agree! The fresher you eat, the less you have to worry about additives.

We love that vegetables take up half the plate, but fruit is not the best component of half your plate, as fructose is a sugar. Americans are also asked to switch from full fat dairy products to low-fat or fat-free dairy. Unfortunately, there is very little mention of the fantastic sources of necessary fat such as oils, nuts and avocado, which should not be ignored.

We love the simplicity of MyPlate and hope people will seek out fresher food and an increase in vegetables to comprise their plate at mealtime.

*This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Caring Medical and Rehabilitation Services has two locations: one in Oak Park, Illinois, and one in Fort Myers. It was established in 1991 by Ross Hauser, MD, and Marion Hauser, MS, RD. They can be reached at info@carimgmedical.com.**

Financial Focus

Check Out These End-Of-Year Investment Tips



by Jennifer Basey

Who knows where the time goes? Although 2015 is almost in the books, you can still make some year-end investment and financial moves that may help you get off to a good start

in 2016. Here are a few suggestions:

- Boost your 401(k) contributions. Ask your employer if you still have time to add more to your 401(k) before the year ends. If not, at least increase your contributions in 2016, especially if your salary goes up.

- Consider “tax-loss” selling. We experienced considerable turbulence in the financial markets this past year, so you may own some investments that have lost value. Generally speaking, it’s a good idea to hold these investments if they still meet your needs, but if you do decide to sell them, you can use the loss to offset capital gains taxes on investments you’ve sold that have appreciated. If the loss from the sale was greater than your combined long- and short-term capital gains, you can deduct up to \$3,000 against other income. And if your losses exceed your capital gains by more than \$3,000, you can carry the remaining losses forward to future tax years.

- Review your asset allocation. Make sure your asset allocation – that is, your investment mix – is still appropriate for your time horizon and goals. You

might consider being a bit more aggressive if you’re not meeting your financial targets, or more conservative if you’re getting closer to retirement. If you want greater diversification, you might think about adding an asset class that tends to react to market conditions differently from your existing investments. Diversifying your portfolio may help reduce the impact of volatility; however, diversification, by itself, can’t guarantee a profit or protect against loss. If you do need to adjust, or “rebalance,” you can do so fairly easily in tax-deferred accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k) – but for those investments held in a taxable account, you should talk to your tax advisor on how to manage the tax consequences of rebalancing.

- Evaluate your insurance situation. This past year, did you undergo any changes in your personal life, such as marriage, divorce or the addition of a new child? If so, review your life and disability insurance to make sure they are sufficient for your needs, and list the proper beneficiaries on all insurance policies.

- Start an emergency fund. If you don’t already have one, start an emergency fund before the year is out. Ideally, you’d like to have between six and 12 months’ worth of living expenses in such a fund; without it, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace, a major car repair or a big medical bill. For this fund, you’re less interested in return than in preservation of principal, so put your money in a low-risk, liquid account.

Making these moves can help you close out 2015 on a positive note – and ring in the new year with greater confidence in your financial future.

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

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

My 92-year-old mother is driving me crazy. She is a very determined woman who has lived in the same house since her early childhood and has outlived two husbands there. She refuses to leave and go into a sheltered environment.

Her attorney says we should forcibly remove her. Her physician says that she should leave, and he would help us by giving her some type of medication. She requires around-the-clock help and they

are robbing her blind. Keeping her in her home is very expensive and it would be so much easier for us to have her where she would be safe. What would you suggest we do now?

Andrea

Dear Andrea,

I do not think a 92-year-old woman should be in such control. While her spunk is an asset in some areas, something should be done to protect her from herself and help you with her care. If she refuses to help you, I think it would be appropriate for you to seek the help of authorities who are experienced with this type of problem.

Lizzie

Dear Andrea,

The short answer is, if your mother is competent, can afford in-home care and is reasonably safe, she can live where she wants to live. If she is not competent, cannot afford the services she needs in the home and is unsafe, abused and/or neglected, there are proper and legal avenues to use.

Talk with her attorney to understand legal competence. Talk with Adult Protective Services to gain an understanding of the statutes around abuse and neglect. Your family is not the first or the last to struggle with this issue. There are community resources and professionals that can assist you and your mother with a plan.

Pryce

Lizzie and Pryce’s email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✱

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Speaker Series

William Mitsch’s efforts to restore the Everglades,” Bernard Master said.

All lectures are in the Kapnick Center auditorium at 7 p.m. Seats can be reserved by calling 325-1365.

The Everglades Wetland Research Park is dedicated to research on the wise

management of freshwater and coastal ecosystems of Southwest Florida and the Florida Everglades and to the protection and enhancement of wetlands and water resources worldwide. More details are available on the park’s website, www.fgcu.edu/swamp.

For more information, contact Mitsch at 325-1365.✱



Food pantry donation

Lee Memorial Rehabilitation Feeds The Hungry Through Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties was the recipient of a generous food donation by local healthcare provider, Lee Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital. On Monday, representatives from the rehabilitative

hospital brought hundreds of dollars of canned and dry goods to The Salvation Army’s food pantry located at 2476 Edison Avenue in Fort Myers.

The Salvation Army distributes food to more than 150 families each Tuesday and 600 families per month. That number has been on the rise in recent days. “Last week on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, 178 families were served at our pantry,” said Major Tim Gilliam, area commander for The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry & Glades Counties. “Food is a basic need that can’t be overlooked, even this time of year when we like to think about toys and gifts for kids. We are so grateful for the Rehabilitation Hospital at Lee Memorial Health System for meeting this important need.”

The employees at the 60-bed inpatient facility collected canned and dry goods for several weeks before delivering them to the food pantry to be sorted and distributed. This is the first in what will be a series of philanthropic projects taken on by the group, said spokeswoman Dina Alsante. The goal is to give back to the community to the most vulnerable in this community that is already being served by Lee Memorial Health System. Through this project, 163 employees at the rehab hospital are also afforded the opportunity to learn about the host of services offered by The Salvation Army every day of the year.

Lee Memorial Health Systems has been a long-term valued partner to The Salvation Army’s medical services including its We Care specialty referral program, Project Dentists Care, and medical respite unit for the homeless. “We are pleased to deepen our relationship with Lee Memorial and are so appreciative of the Rehabilitation Hospital for their support,” said Major Gilliam. “They are a great example of how local groups can come together outside of their typical roles to make this community a better place to live.”

Make a difference. Visit The Salvation Army’s website to learn how to host a successful food drive, www.salvationarmyleecounty.org. The Salvation Army is proud to be a United Way partner agency.✱

dearPharmacist

How To Choose The Right Cinnamon



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: This time of year, cinnamon is wafting everywhere. The smell of cinnamon sticks in apple cider or cinnamon buns (oops, did I just say that out loud?!) is enough to make my mouth water.

There are two forms of cinnamon on the market. I bet you have plain old "Cassia" cinnamon because that is the commercial variety sold in all supermarkets. Clinical trials almost always use this type of cinnamon on their participants, so it's not bad. But the superior "true" form of cinnamon is called "Ceylon" and it's available at spice shops. I think it tastes better.

Cinnamon was mentioned throughout the Bible so its medicinal properties have been well-documented for centuries. Most of you have heard that cinnamon spice can support diabetes by reducing blood sugar. In a recent clinical trial, 109 people with type 2 diabetes were evaluated and those who received cinnamon enjoyed a slight reduction in hemoglobin A1c, a biomarker of blood sugar. Other research suggests that cinnamon extract supports healthy cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

A comprehensive review article published in 2014 in *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine* discussed the power of cinnamon's Insulin-Potentiating Factor or IPF. This compound found in cinnamon makes better use of the insulin your body makes, explaining why type 2 diabetes might respond. Cinnamon has 20 times the IPF power as other spices. It also

contains special plant-derived antioxidants like rutin, catechin and quercetin known to support allergies, insulin utilization, cholesterol and immunity.

But it's not just about blood sugar, compounds and naturally-occurring essential oils from cinnamon have antibiotic properties. It can target Staph aureus, Salmonella, E. coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, as well as Candida.

The active ingredients in cinnamon could help your brain. Cinnamon may reduce swelling and protect from oxygen deprivation or high levels of the excitotoxin called glutamate. Cinnamon protects mitochondria after stroke and increases levels of BDNF (brain-derived neurotrophic factor). It reduces tau proteins and beta amyloid plaques commonly found in Alzheimer's disease. Maybe there would be subtle benefits for people who have experienced TBI (traumatic brain injuries), Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's or post-concussion syndrome. Why not? It's a simple, affordable therapeutic intervention with few side effects, plus it tastes great.

Feeling like you want to sprinkle cinnamon on your coffee, hot chocolate, oatmeal or barbecue chicken? Go ahead with my blessings. It's a natural anti-inflammatory agent. It reduces levels of inflammatory cytokines including the biggest offenders, this means it acts like a wet blanket to a fire. It could help you if you have an autoimmune disease, Lyme, biotin or mold-related illness or cancer. Why? Because it controls the levels of compounds which (in excess) make you hurt. These include nitric oxide (iNOS), COX-2, NF-kappa B, TNF-alpha and lipopolysaccharides (LPS) produced intestinal bacteria during "leaky" gut. Because cinnamon blocks angiogenesis cutting off the food supply to cancer, it might have some mild, but positive effect on tumor progression. Now you can rationalize a second cup of eggnog, so long as you sprinkle cinnamon on it.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com.



Yoga on the Beach participants

Yoga On The Beach

Instructor Becky Lang will direct Yoga on the Beach on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on the following dates: December 19, January 2, 16 and 23. The class is held on Fort Myers Beach just north of the pier in front of the Edison Beach Hotel.

This will be a Level 1 flow, suitable for most people. No pre-registration is required. Arrive a little before 8:30 a.m. with your yoga mat, sunscreen and water. Hourly parking is available nearby in the Times Square area.

Suggested donation is \$10.

For more information, contact Becky Lang at 791-6538 or beckylang@comcast.net.

Free Balance Screening

Unintentional falls are the leading cause of death due to injury among Florida residents ages 65 years and older and the fourth leading cause of death due to injury overall.

Lee Memorial Health System invited local residents to attend a free balance screening to find out about your fall risk and what you can do to get help to improve your balance and minimize your risk of falling.

The next balance screening will be

held on Tuesday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Medical Office Building in the Rehabilitation Services, Suite 250, 13685 Doctor's Way in Fort Myers.

A balance screening participant will complete a questionnaire prior to going through balance testing stations manned by licensed physical therapists. A summary of test results and findings will be reviewed during an "exit interview" with a licensed physical therapist.

Space is limited, so call 343-1645 now to make your reservation.✱

Surf & Turf Fundraiser Awards More Than \$60,000 To Disabled Veterans

The 3rd annual Surf & Turf Experience raised more than \$60,000 for Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers (DVIC). Founded in 2011, DVIC trains and educates disabled veterans so that they can have meaningful employment opportunities within the insurance industry.

Presented by BB&T- Oswald Trippe and Company, Surf & Turf Experience is a three-day, two-night sportsman's weekend consisting of three-person teams competing in fishing and golfing contests. The event took place in October at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva.

Planning for Surf & Turf Experience is already under way and the 4th annual event will take place from October 14 to 16. For more information about Surf & Turf or to become a sponsor, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or SMercado@BBandT.com.

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2016 Metro-McGregor Kiwanis board members and club. Left to Right: Diane Connell, Jennifer Molnar, Kim Berghs, Barbara Hartman, Todd Adams, Heather Chouinard, Harris Segel, Ada Trapanese, Jessica Gnagey and Bill Grant.



Kim Berghs presents the Volunteer of the Year award to Barbara Hartman.



Walter Zeller Fellows: Patrice Cunningham, Pam Grabe, Steve Hess, Kim Berghs and Heather Chouinard.



Kim Berghs presents Todd Adams with the Kiwanian of the Year award.



Tom Thornquist was honored for his 55-years of perfect attendance as a Kiwanian by 2014-2015 club president Diane Connell.



Anne Marie Hopkins was pinned by her sponsor Todd Adams as a new member of the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis club.

Daycare; Berghs is volunteer center manager at United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee; and Adams is president of Mills-Price & Associates. The 2015-2016 Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club Board of Directors are Diane Connell, Jennifer Molnar, Kim Berghs, Barbara Hartman, Todd Adams, Heather Chouinard, Harris Segel, Ada Trapanese, Jessica Gnagey, Bill Grant and Ed Ludden.

Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club recognized members with top club honors. Barbara Hartman was awarded Volunteer of the Year, and Todd Adams was awarded Kiwanian of the Year. Patrice Cunningham, Pam Grabe, Steve Hess, Kim Berghs and Heather Chouinard received the Walter Zeller Fellowship award. A donation was made in the honor of these individuals to help eliminate maternal neonatal tetanus through Kiwanis partnership with UNICEF. Anne Marie Hopkins was inducted as a new club member. Tom Thornquist was honored for his 55-years of perfect attendance as a Kiwanian.

The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals who would like to make a direct impact on the community through volunteering. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Fort Myers. For details on joining the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club, please call club president Heather Chouinard at 332-4440 or email Heather.Chouinard@IBERIABANK.com. The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club can be found on Facebook or online at www.metro-mcgregor.com.✱

Metro-Mcgregor Kiwanis Elect New Officers

The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis Club held their installation banquet for the club's 2015-16 officers at the Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers. Awards were also given to club members for their support in service to the community.

The individuals that took office include: Heather Chouinard as club president; Harris Segel as president-elect; Kim Berghs as secretary; and Todd Adams as treasurer. Chouinard is vice president and branch manager at the College Pointe office of Iberiabank; Segel is co-owner of Pampered-Pooch Dog Boarding and

Boys & Girls Clubs Elects New Officers To Board Of Directors



New board members are introduced to The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County, a nonprofit providing afterschool and summer enrichment programs to children ages 6 to 18, has announced the election of four new leadership positions to the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Board of Directors. The board took office as of October 1.

Lenny Katz, assistant vice president at Morgan Stanley, was elected to serve as the president of the board, succeeding Gregory Brock, field sales leader at Allstate. In addition, the following have been elected to serve:

- Rodney Ford, distribution center manager at Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, vice president
- Maura Granger, 17-year veteran of IBM, secretary
- Richard Fain, senior vice president of commercial banking at Encore Bank, treasurer

"I am extremely pleased with the variety of talent and the strength of dedication from our new board," CEO Shannon Lane said. "It is a skilled and attentive group, perfect as we begin to implement our new LoveLeeKids.org initiative and set a strategic plan for growing our Clubs as well as our voice in Lee County."

Lenny Katz is a portfolio management associate and holds the title of assistant vice president. He has been in the financial services industry since 1985 holding positions as branch manager for nationsbank and city manager for SunTrust. He has maintained his Series 7, 63 and 65 securities licenses, along with his Florida Life and Variable licenses since 1998. He and his wife, Angela, are native Floridians and have three children.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lee County or to arrange a tour at one of its facilities, call 334-1886 or visit www.BGCLC.net.✱

DID YOU KNOW

TRIVIA TEST

1. MOVIES: What was the 1953 film for which Frank Sinatra received a Best Supporting Actor Oscar?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a natatorium?
3. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work"?
4. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element copper?
5. LITERATURE: What was the name of the captain in Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"?
6. MUSIC: What pop artist had a No. 1 hit with "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)"?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in the United States east of the Mississippi River?
8. AD SLOGAN: What company's product was featured in ads with the slogan "the ultimate driving machine"?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What flavor is the liqueur Cointreau?
10. LANGUAGE: What is a courgette?

ANSWERS

1. "From Here to Eternity" 2. Building containing an indoor swimming pool 3. Thomas Edison 4. Cu (Latin "cuprum") 5. Captain Nemo 6. Rupert Holmes 7. Mount Mitchell, North Caro- lina 8. BMW 9. Orange 10. Zucchini.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who were the first two Marlins pitchers to start consecutive Opening Days?
2. Ernie Banks and Rod Carew both played at least 1,000 major-league games at each of two positions. Who played more games at first base?
3. In 2014, Cody Kessler set a record for most TD passes in a game by a Southern Cal quarterback (seven). Who had held the mark?
4. Andrew Wiggins, in 2014, became the second NBA No. 1 overall draft pick since 1976 to be traded without playing a game for the team that drafted him. Who was the first?
5. Who was the last goalie before Montreal's Carey Price to lead the NHL in victories, goals-against average and save percentage in the same season?
6. Name the last driver to win back-to-back Indy 500s?
7. Who was the last women's tennis player before Serena Williams in 2015 to win the first two grand slam events of a season?

ANSWERS

1. Charlie Hough (1993-94) and Kevin Brown (1996-97). 2. Banks played 1,259 games at first; Carew played 1,184. 3. Matt Barkley, who did it four times (2011-2012). 4. Chris Webber was dealt by Orlando to Golden State in 1993. 5. Ed Belouof of the Chicago Blackhawks, in the 1990-91 season. 6. Helio Castroneves (2001-02). 7. Jennifer Capriati, in 2001.

My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you might want to resist that otherwise admirable Aries penchant for getting to the heart of a matter quickly. Keep in mind that a delicate situation calls for patience.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your aspects favor more diplomacy and fewer direct confrontations when dealing with a relationship problem. Avoiding hurt feelings can help in your search for the truth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Positive aspects are strong this week. Although you might still have to deal with some problems caused by a recent period of turmoil, you are making progress, and that's what counts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A family matter could benefit from your counsel. But don't come into it unless invited, and don't stay if you feel uneasy. Just remember to reassure one and all that you'll be there for them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As the truth about an ongoing situation emerges, you could find that you were right to defer judgment before you had all the facts. Now would be a good time to move on to other matters.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your plans to take control of a personal situation because you feel you are best qualified could create resentment. Best to hear what everyone else involved in the matter has to say about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Uncovering some surprising background facts about that ongoing personal matter could make you reconsider the extent of your involvement. A neutral family member offers advice.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Religious or spiritual themes start to dominate your aspect this week. This can serve as a counterweight to the mounting effects of the season's growing commercialization.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking on that recent challenge impressed a lot of important decision-makers. Meanwhile, proceed with your holiday plans, and don't forget to include you-know-who in them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Disagreeing with an opinion you can't accept could be dicey, and your motives might be questioned. Best to wait to mount a challenge until you have support for your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting involved in helping others in this increasingly hectic period not only makes the generous Aquarian feel good, but you could also gain a more substantive benefit from your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean way of thinking clearly and objectively helps you resolve a complex situation without creating any ill will. Don't be surprised if your counsel is requested on another matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of persuading people to look at the positive possibilities that make up any choices they might face.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Dec. 16, 1773, in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor in protest of the British Parliament's Tea Act of 1773.

- On Dec. 18, 1865, following its ratification by the requisite three-quarters of the states earlier in the month, the 13th Amendment is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude ... shall exist within the United States."

- On Dec. 14, 1909, workers place the last of the 3.2 million 10-pound bricks that pave the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana. Since then, most of that brick has been buried under asphalt, but a 1-yard strip remains exposed at the start-finish line.

- On Dec. 15, 1936, writer George Orwell delivers the manuscript for his book "The Road to Wigan Pier," which chronicles the difficult life of the unemployed in northern England. Orwell's last novel, "Nineteen Eighty-four," brought him lasting fame with its grim vision of a future where all citizens are watched constantly.

- On Dec. 20, 1963, more than two years after the Berlin Wall was constructed by East Germany to prevent its citizens from fleeing its communist regime, nearly 4,000 West Berliners are allowed to cross into East Berlin for one day to visit relatives.

- On Dec. 17, 1975, a federal jury in Sacramento, California, sentences Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a follower of incarcerated cult leader Charles Manson, to life in prison for her attempted assassination of President Gerald Ford.

- On Dec. 19, 1998, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, after being acquitted on both articles of impeachment, said he was "sorry."

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was noted American journalist, fabulist and satirist Ambrose Bierce who, in his work "The Devil's Dictionary," defined "painting" as "the art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic."

- Only one state has a one-syllable name: Maine.

- A married couple in Batavia, New York, had such a turbulent marriage that the wife had a restraining order issued to keep her husband away from her. After the divorce, though, they worked things out and planned a second wedding. At the reception, the second-time groom got into an argument with one of the guests, and the police were called. The argument didn't end up being the real problem; the officers on the scene arrested the groom on charges of criminal contempt. It seems the original restraining order was still in effect -- it was illegal for him to be near his bride on their wedding day.

- Those who study such things say that dead people can get goosebumps.

- Arguably, the best-known battle of the U.S. Civil War occurred in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1863. This battle saw the most casualties of any during the war, and it is considered by many historians to be a turning point. Many don't realize the sheer volume of gunfire that occurred there, though; so many bullets were fired during the three-day battle -- and so many went astray -- that trees near the battlefield later died from lead poisoning.

- You might be surprised to learn that the game of Chinese checkers isn't from Asia at all; it was invented in Germany.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"One of the few good things about modern times: If you die horribly on television, you will not have died in vain. You will have entertained us." -- Kurt Vonnegut

PUZZLE ANSWERS

FLAMINGO WAH COMEBACK
AEROSOLS APE ACADEMIA
MOCHAGALLERY LEGALITY
ESOS ZOO OMAHA N CNEA
ALE DYNAMONETWORK
BELAMI NEV MUSTY
CLIMATISSERASON PAMPA
DANA ATASC SPEEDER
GNDZONE TTRAS SIRI
OLYMPICASSOCIATION
KEANE ANCFOTI CHINA
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ATRA PARODY ONETWOS
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Key Vaca Shrimp

- 1½ pounds shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 teaspoon coriander, ground
- 1 teaspoon allspice, ground
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ½ teaspoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pepper sauce

In a bowl, combine shrimp, coriander and allspice. Set aside.

Heat butter in a skillet over medium high heat and cook shrimp 3 to 4 minutes on both sides until opaque in the center. Add lime juice, sugar and pepper sauce to pan; stir until sugar is dissolved.

Serve with toasted garlic bread and green salad.*



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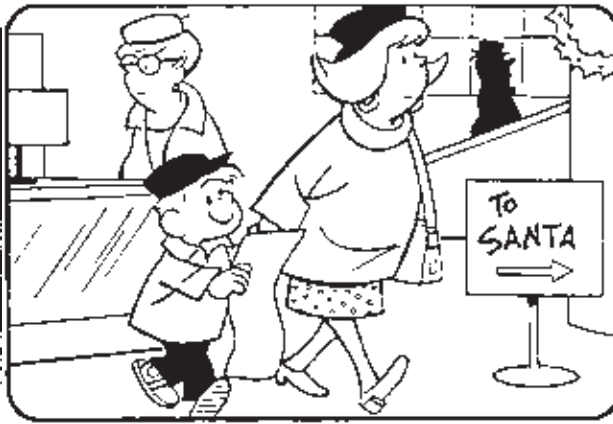
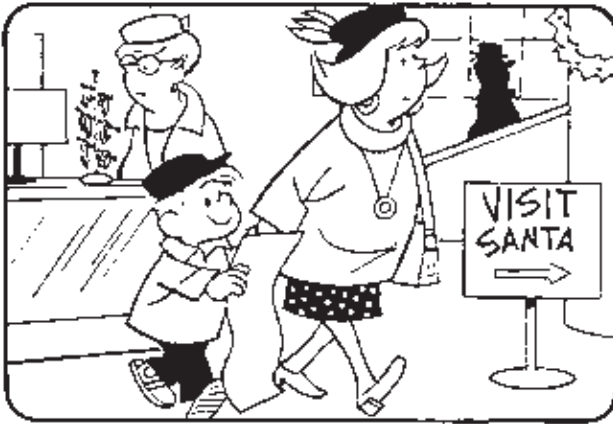
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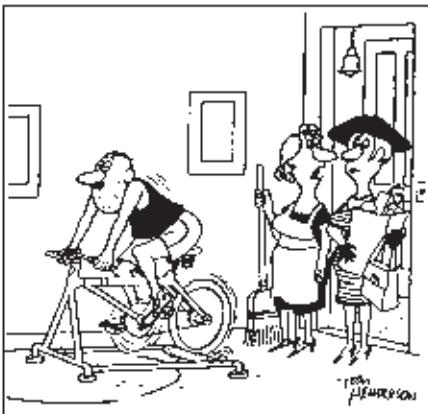
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

- 1. Warble; 2. Glean;
- 3. Model; 4. Method

Today's Word
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TODAY'S WORD

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Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1971	3,256	\$2,175,000	\$2,000,000	258
Town And River	Fort Myers	2007	6,710	\$2,390,000	\$1,990,000	1,277
Useppa Island	Useppa Island	1992	3,121	\$1,625,000	\$1,450,000	417
Town And River	Fort Myers	1974	3,364	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000	0
Vittoria	Fort Myers	2015	4,012	\$1,377,000	\$1,265,000	135
Sanctuary	Bonita Springs	1993	4,146	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000	16
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1968	2,276	\$1,149,000	\$1,100,000	6
Del Sega	Sanibel	1995	2,625	\$989,000	\$958,000	6
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	2014	3,203	\$948,000	\$915,000	226

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The Crow's Nest Beach Bar & Grille at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva has live entertainment with Bad Banditos on Friday and Saturday. Crab shows are on Mondays and Thursdays. Gatlin plays Wednesday through Saturday.

The Mucky Duck on Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva features music by Gary Earle on Thursday and Friday. Gene Federico plays on Saturday. Gary Earle plays Sunday; Mark Dupuy plays on Monday; Perry English plays on Tuesday; and Gene Federico plays on Wednesday.

Sea Breeze Café at Sundial Beach Resort & Spa has live island style entertainment on Mondays and a Spanish guitarist on Wednesdays.

Traditions on the Beach at Island Inn has live music Friday and Saturday with Joe McCormick and Marvilla Marzan, playing Broadway, Latin hits, pop and R&B. On Wednesday, it's Woody Brubaker on piano, saxophone and vocals. Joe McCormick performs on Thursday.

Il Cielo has live entertainment with Scott McDonald on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Island Cow on Periwinkle Way has live entertainment on Friday with Gene Federico. Jay Helt plays on Saturday. Dan Confrey plays on Sunday.

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*Restaurant owners/managers, please email or fax any changes to your entertainment schedule to
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Shore Fishing:



Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landings 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.

From Florida Statutes

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SUDOKU

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

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Pets Of The Week

Hi, my name is Bert, and I am a 2-year-old fawn and white, neutered male German Sheperd/Pit Bull Terrier. I have a special friend that walks me every morning at the shelter. When I see her, my eyes light up and my body language communicates joy and happiness. You'd get that same welcome from me every day if you adopt me. I'm a huggable, lovable, trusting, loyal, teddy bear of a guy who would just love to be a member of your family. Please come visit me!

Adoption Fee: \$75 (includes a free gift while supplies last during Animal Services Home 4 The Holidays Adoption Promo)

My name is Mia, and I am a 4-month-old brown tabby domestic short hair female. Now's the time to adopt a kitty or two since we are two for one in adoption fee. I'm adorable, playful, inquisitive, entertaining and cuddly. You can take me home and one of my friends here at the shelter too!

Adoption Fee: \$50 (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.

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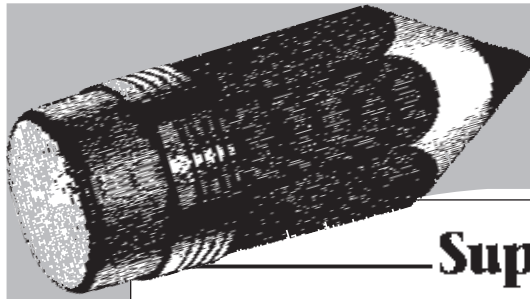
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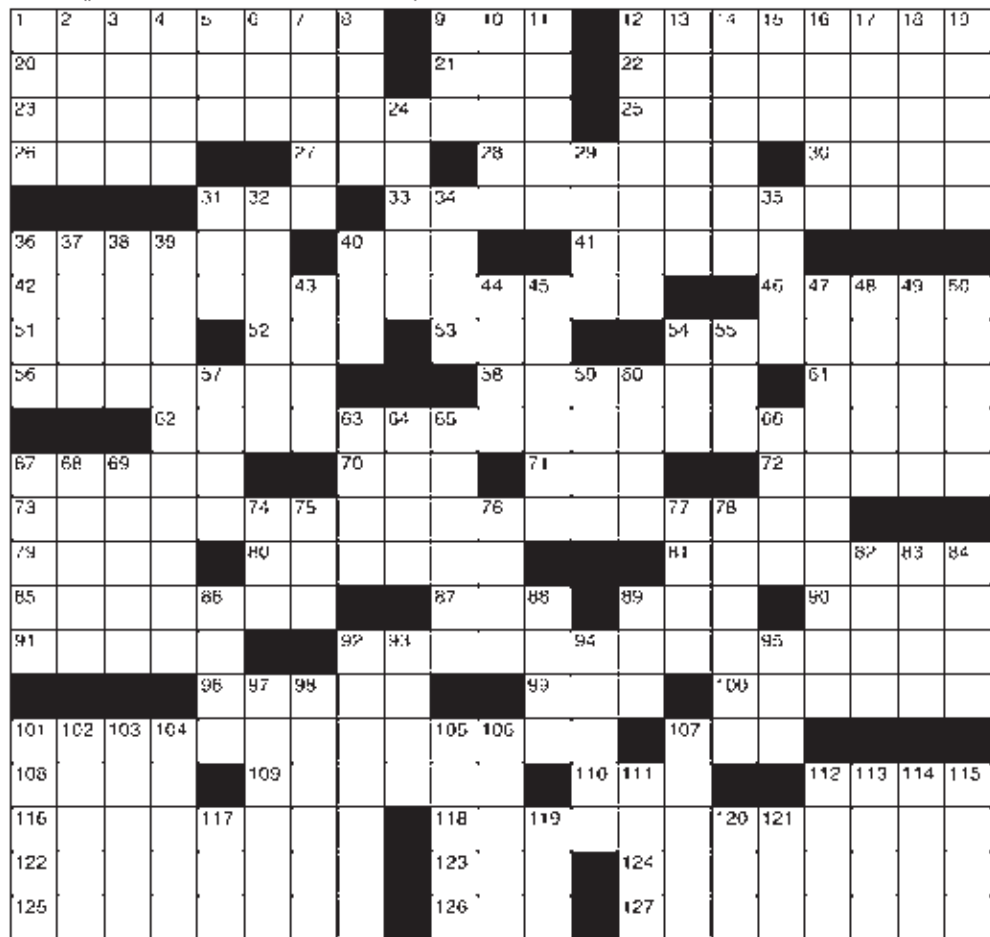
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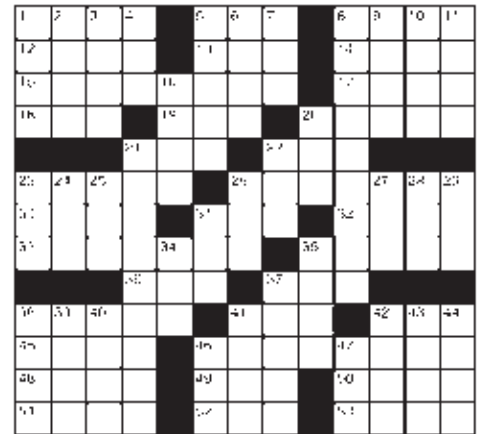
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pink bird
 - 9 — jogg
 - 12 Return
 - 20 Spray types
 - 21 Simian beast
 - 22 The colugo world
 - 23 Displayed colocation of choice colleges?
 - 25 Lawfulness
 - 26 Spanish for "hose"
 - 27 Displayed colocation of animals
 - 28 Certain Neurskan
 - 30 Most draftable
 - 31 Brew for a Brit
 - 33 Group of connected electric generators?
 - 36 2012 Robert Pattinson film
 - 40 Las Vegas' state: Abbr.
 - 41 Staleness
 - 42 Period when some butterfly-family plants are grown?
 - 46 Vast grassy Argentine plain
 - 51 Actress Wynter
 - 52 One day — time
 - 53 Biol. e.g.
 - 54 One drying too fast
 - 56 Touchdown area
 - 58 "Neon" tank swimmers
 - 61 Daddy deer
 - 62 Group overseeing quadrennial games?
 - 67 Cartoonist Bl of "The Family Circus"
 - 70 "It's — -brainer!"
 - 71 Weed one
 - 72 Beijing locale
 - 73 Engine fuel sold all over the country?
 - 79 Razor option
 - 80 Lampoon
 - 81 Combo punches
 - 85 Things that destroy
 - 87 Cousin of a 401(k)
 - 89 Austrian peak
 - 90 Inner Hebrides isle
 - 91 Muscle jerk
 - 92 Slammer used by a global crime-fighting agency?
 - 96 En. (all together)
 - 99 Troc with acorns
 - 100 Rate
 - 101 The Netherlands before 1939?
 - 107 Stuff in soap
 - 108 "Ouh —!"
 - 109 Name of 11 pharaohs
 - 110 Actress — Dawn
 - 111 Chong
 - 112 Generic dog
 - 116 Radiating heat or light, say
 - 118 Entertainer Rita did a pressing job?
 - 122 Greatest
 - 123 — man — mouse?
 - 124 Came into, as debt
 - 125 People going "Achoo!"
 - 126 degree
 - 127 Their names are hidden in eight answers in this puzzle
 - 39 Iquitos natives, e.g.
 - 40 Supersecret org.
 - 43 News role
 - 44 — part (play on stage)
 - 45 Noonday nap
 - 47 Principles of art slr beauty
 - 48 Cafe's 1,503
 - 49 The Evita of Lehmanmer
 - 50 Soccer site
 - 54 Cul-de-
 - 55 It follows chi
 - 57 Margarine
 - 59 Genera — chicken
 - 60 — -hiller
 - 63 Ark unit
 - 64 Prefix with 72-Across
 - 65 Redact
 - 66 Oxy target
 - 67 Tree knots
 - 68 Accept avidly
 - 69 Skylit courts
 - 74 If ans "Fresh Air"
 - 75 "How I lo know?"
 - 76 Whirl
 - 77 Hang laxly
 - 78 I like a live bal
 - 82 Stirred to life
 - 83 Obligation
 - 84 Deactivates
 - 86 Austin title
 - 88 Middle name of Elvis
 - 89 Just swell
 - 92 Compound variants
 - 93 Cu lanist Cline
 - 94 Italian father
 - 95 Sugar ending
 - 97 Make it there
 - 98 Schick tool
 - 101 Members of the masses
 - 102 Japanese noodle soup
 - 103 Beethoven's "Für —"
 - 104 Ol'scurings
 - 105 Yellow fruit
 - 106 Ot (in some way)
 - 107 Helmsloy or Lewis
 - 111 "There's — in the air"
 - 112 Oracel
 - 113 Concerning
 - 114 Moose.
 - 115 10 1, e.g.
 - 117 " who?!"
 - 119 Stadium cry
 - 120 Hero.
 - 121 Slacking flaw

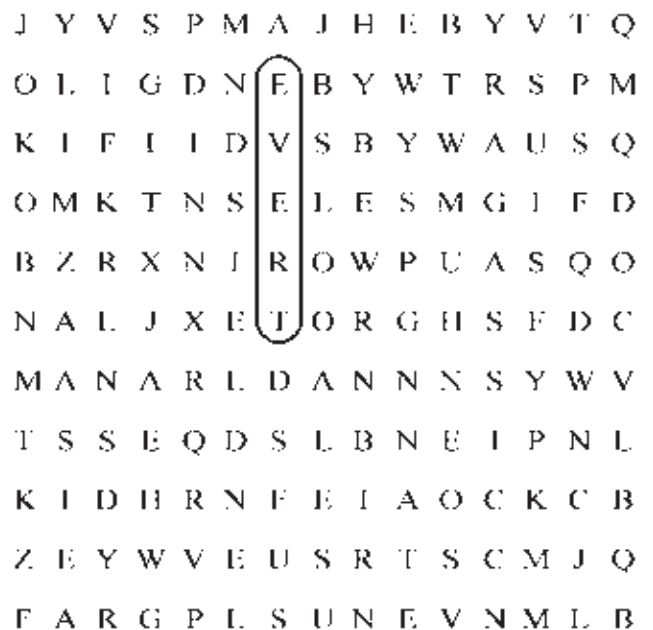


King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Andy's pal of dfo
 - 5 Corn c Margaret
 - 8 Rje the run
 - 12 Cougar
 - 13 Explanation
 - 14 "Anna House" group
 - 15 Voters' choice
 - 17 "accor pl
 - 18 Lair
 - 19 Squid scult
 - 20 Striped animal
 - 21 "CSI" evidence
 - 22 Pen name?
 - 23 "Up around the world?"
 - 26 With 6-Down, Peter Pan's too
 - 30 Bellow
 - 31 Pooch
 - 32 Healy enjoying
 - 33 "tree-part European minor
 - 35 Friars Club event
 - 36 Dove's comment
 - 37 Junior
 - 38 Ashon
 - 41 Suitable
 - 42 Hot tub
 - 45 Winkly fruit
 - 7 Possess
 - 8 Fondness
 - 9 Grouch
 - 10 Tresses
 - 11 "At Last singer James Goldie
 - 16 Coloration
 - 20 Type of code
 - 21 Way
 - 22 Satche
 - 23 Scepter topper
 - 24 Fish eggs
 - 25 Prohibit one
 - 26 Courtesy of "Friends"
 - 27 Literary collection
 - 28 Part of IGH
 - 29 "To be or
 - 31 Pair
 - 34 Actress Myrto
 - 35 Campus mil. program
 - 37 Glasses, slangly
 - 38 Shove
 - 39 Old Turk's title
 - 40 Unhurried
 - 41 Open slightly
 - 42 Unspoken "Atlas"
 - 43 S lents star Ngn
 - 44 From the beginning
 - 46 Snide provider
 - 47 Youngster
- DOWN**
- 1 Mimicked
 - 2 Stubborn
 - 3 Portent
 - 4 Pouch
 - 5 Wedgwood product
 - 6 See 26-Across



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