

QUARTERLY REPORT
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Listed below are some of the issues covered during the 4th Quarter of 2012 during newscasts with special reports, series, etc.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
10/01	FOR THE FIRST TIME WE'RE HEARING FROM A FORMER TOP OFFICIAL IN LEE COUNTY ABOUT THE MEDSTAR MESS; TWELVE HUNDRED PEOPLE, INCLUDING COLLIER COUNTY ACTIVISTS, MADE A PLEA TO THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF ASKING HIM NOT TO RENEW A CONTROVERSIAL IMMIGRATION PROGRAM; NE OF THE MOST WANTED MEN IN NEW JERSEY IS BEHIND BARS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AFTER HE DEVELOPED A NEW LIFE IN FORT MYERS; STUDENTS AT FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY SPENT THE DAY GATHERING SIGNATURES TO PROTEST THE REDUCED LIBRARY HOURS THAT CAME WITH BUDGET CUTS ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH; A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO BRINGING MORE BIKE PATHS TO CAPE CORAL IS GETTING SUPPORT FROM THE CITY; FORECLOSURES WERE DOWN IN LEE COUNTY IN SEPTEMBER; CAPE CORAL'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER RECEIVED THE GREEN LIGHT FOR EXPANSION THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED 856-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CRIME STOPPERS AND THE COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LAUNCHED A DON'T HATE TEXTING CAMPAIGN WHERE KIDS CAN USE SOCIAL MEDIA AND ANONYMOUSLY REPORT BULLYING;
10/02	THE SEARCH IS ON FOR A GROUP OF THIEVES WHO STOLE MORE THAN A DOZEN BICYCLES MEANT FOR THE HOMELESS FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS; THE ROMNEY CAMPAIGN GOT A BOOST IN NAPLES FROM HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER WHO SPOKE TO DOZENS OF SUPPORTERS AND TOLD THEM THIS ELECTION IS ALL ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND MITT ROMNEY HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO CREATE JOBS; A DISABLED VETERAN CALLED WINK NEWS FOR HELP WITH A PARKING SPOT PROBLEM AT SUNSHINE ELEMENTARY IN LEHIGH ACRES; MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE IN LEE COUNTY STRIPPED FROM THE VOTER ROLLS WILL BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6 TH ; THE LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING IN LEHIGH ACRES REOPENED AFTER THIEVES BROKE IN OVER THE WEEKEND AND RANSACKED THE PLACE; CITIZENS INSURANCE CUSTOMER ARE FACING ANOTHER RATE HIKE THE STATE APPROVED A 10.8 PERCENT HIKE FOR MOST HOMEOWNERS WHO USE THE STATE'S INSURER OF LAST RESORT; THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF COLLIER COUNTY SAYS BETWEEN JULY OF 2011 AND JUNE OF 2012 THERE WERE 543 CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE COUNTY; COLLIER FIRE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES IS OFFICIALLY UP AND RUNNING THE NON-PROFIT WAS FORMED AS A WAY FOR THE FIRE DISTRICTS TO JOINT PURCHASE;
10/03	A MAN BRINGS A MACHETE INTO THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND 1ATTACKS MORE THAN HALF A DOZEN OFFICERS; LEE COUNTY OFFICIALS HAD THE FIRST OF THREE PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH EMPLOYEES IN THE EMBATTLED PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT; LEE COUNTY'S VISITOR AND CONVENTION BUREAU'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO FIND WAYS TO BRING MORE TOURISTS TO OUR AREA SO WHY DOES THE COUNTY WANT TO SPEND A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEYTO HIRE OUTSIDE EXPERTS TO DO THE JOB; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SENIORS HAVE A NEW TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAMS THANKS TO PROGRAM CALLED *SENIORS VERSUS CRIME; A LEE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOLER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, ON HIS WAY TO FOOTBALL PRACTICE; THE BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A PLAN THAT WOULD BRING IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROFITS IF SLOT MACHINES GO INTO THE NAPLES FORT MYERS GREYHOUND RACING AND POKER CENTER; THE SALVATION ARMY OF COLLIER COUNTY WILL START ACCEPTING THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS TOMORROW; A WINK NEWS CALL FOR ACTION ALERT KEEP A CAREFUL EYE ON YOUR WORK EMAIL, THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU IS WARNING ABOUT VISUAL VOICEMAIL EMAILS THAT ARE MAKING THE ROUNDS; NEW ISSUES ARE DELAYING THE FINISHED DATE FOR THE NEW MATLACHA BRIDGE;

- 10/04 CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT THAT ALLOWS FOR WAGE INCREASES AND PROMISES LABOR PROTECTIONS FOR FARM WORKERS; THE HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVED STATE ACCREDITATION AFTER ALLOWING ON-SITE INSPECTORS TO REVIEW ITS POLICIES AND PRACTICES; 9-1-1 CALLS REVEAL THE DRAMATIC PLEAS FOR HELP AFTER A LIGHTNING BOLT HIT AN 11-YEAR OLD BOY AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY; THERE ARE WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES FROM LIGHTNING STRIKES; THE LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CANCEL MOST SERVICES AT ITS PRIMARY LOCATION ON MICHIGAN AVENUE THE OFFICE IS UNDERGOING RENOVATIONS AND WORKERS WILL BE MOVING TO A TEMPORARY FACILITY; THE FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY IN BONITA SPRINGS THE SCHOOL IS CLOSING BECAUSE LOW ENROLLMENT DIDN'T BRING IN ENOUGH FUNDS TO KEEP IT RUNNING; LANGUAGE VOLUNTEERS AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HELP SAVE OVER \$400,000 A YEAR.
- 10/05 ADVISORY ON FISHING AND SWIMMING IN AN AREA OFF FORT MYERS BEACH, A SEWAGE LINE CRUMBLLED AND CAUSED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF RAW SEWAGE TO LEAK INTO THE BAY; LAWYERS FOR A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING HIS WIFE INSIDE A CAPE CORAL DAYCARE ARE TRYING TO WEED OUT WITNESSES BEFORE HIS TRIAL; LEE COUNTY MANAGERS ARE ADMITTING THAT THE MEDSTAR PROGRAM HAD SERIOUS SAFETY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, GOING BACK MORE THAN A YEAR; PINE ISLAND FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED; THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING CONTINUES TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE AT A TAMPA HOSPITAL; STUDENTS AT RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY CLOSED THEIR BOOKS FOR THE FINAL TIME THE CHARTER SCHOOL IN BONITA SPRINGS IS NOW OFFICIALLY CLOSED; RED TIDE WARNINGS IN LEE AND CHARLOTTE COUNTIES; A GROUP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS RAISED MONEY TO BUY STUDENTS NEW SHOES AT AVALON ELEMENTARY IN COLLIER COUNTY; CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITIES IS ALERTING CUSTOMERS OF A SCAM;
- 10/06 SAILING ENTHUSIASTS SHOWED OFF THEIR SKILLS AT THE 47TH SUMMERSSET REGATTA ON FORT MYERS BEACH IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THEIR SPORT ALIVE; KIM DICKERSON RETIRED FROM HER POSITION AS EMS CHIEF AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND JOHN WILSON, FORMER HEAD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ALSO RETIRED DUE TO THE ON-GOING LEE COUNTY MEDSTAR SAGA; MCGREGOR BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ARE RAISING FUNDS TO HELP THE BOY STRUCK BY LIGHTNING FAMILY PAY MEDICAL BILLS AND OTHER EXPENSES; THE TOWN OF MOORE HAVEN TURNED OUT TO HAVE FUN, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY DONATE MONEY, TO THE FAMILY OF GATOR FRED, THE YOUNG MAN WHO LOST AN ARM TO A GATOR ATTACK; LEE COUNTY UTILITIES IS EXTENDING THE NO SWIMMING AND NO FISHING ADVISORY ON THE BAY SIDE OF SAN CARLOS DRIVE UNTIL THE NEXT ROUND OF TESTING CAN BE COMPLETED DUE TO A SWER SPILL; FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORTS A 2-AND-A-HALF YEAR-OLD PANTHER HAS BEEN KILLED IN COLLIER COUNTY;
- 10/07 THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT STRUCK BY LIGHTNING DIES AT A TAMPA HOSPITAL; STEELERS FAN CLUB OF FORT MYERS TOOK DONATIONS TO HELP HIS FAMILY PAY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES; MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE PACKED HIS CHURCH TO PRAY FOR THE FAMILY; FOUR PEOPLE IN COLLIER COUNTY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH GRAND THEFT AND CRIMINAL INTENT AFTER DEPUTIES SAY THEY STOLE NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF MERCHANDISE FROM A KOHL'S STORE; TWO GIRLS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY WERE ARRESTED FOR BREAKING INTO NEIL ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; UTILITY OFFICIALS SAY BACTERIA LEVELS ARE BACK TO NORMAL AFTER A SEWAGE SPILL IN ESTERO BAY OFF SAN CARLOS DRIVE IN FORT MYERS BEACH;
- 10/08 THE CHOPPER LEE COUNTY IS SUPPOSED TO RELY ON IN EMERGENCIES HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FLY FOR A FOURTH TIME IN A MATTER OF WEEKS; ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IN THE CITY OF FORT MYERS HAS TO BE INDOORS BY 9:00 PM THE CURFEW IS EXTENDED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS TO 11:00 PM; CHARLOTTE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED A PORT CHARLOTTE MAN THEY SAY RAN OVER HIS NEIGHBOR WITH A GOLF CART; A DESPERATE PLEA FOR HELP FROM A NON-PROFIT THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS TO FAMILIES IN LEE COUNTY BUILDERS CARE HAS BEEN FORCED TO PUT TOGETHER A WAITING LIST BECAUSE IT CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND; VOTERS REGISTRATION DEADLINE TOMORROW AT 5:00PM; A PUBLIC MEMORIAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY TO HONOR AND REMEMBER 11 YEAR OLD JESSE WATLINGTON, THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENT DIED DAYS AFTER HE WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING;

- 10/09 INVESTIGATORS HAVE DETERMINED THE FIRE THAT DESTROYED AN ESTERO HOME WAS CAUSED BY A CHARGING SMART CAR; NAPLES AIRPORT LEADERS MET WITH JETBLUE OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK TO TALK ABOUT THEIR PLANS TO BRING JETBLUE FLIGHTS TO NAPLES; NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDSTAR THERE IS NOW A FORMAL CALL FOR THE LEE COUNTY MANAGER TO RESIGN; A NEW COMPANY IN CAPE CORAL CALLED HANDY VETS ONLY HIRES LOCAL VETERANS; THE COLLIER COUNTY SIXTH GRADER WHO TOOK THE WHEEL OF HIS SCHOOL BUS WHEN THE DRIVER FELL ILL WILL BE GETTING SPECIAL BY THE GOLDEN GATE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL; RED TIDE EFFECTING BEACHES IN ENGLEWOOD; THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE NEW OUTDOOR ALERT SYSTEMS THAT INCLUDES LIGHTNING DETECTION THE SERVICE WOULD HELP DISTRICT OFFICIALS MONITOR THE WEATHER AT NINE HIGH SCHOOLS; A CAPE CORAL MAN IS HOPING TO FIND THE HIT AND RUN DRIVER WHO LEFT HIM INJURED IN THE MIDDLE OF A LEE COUNTY ROAD; VENTURE-X IS PUTTING ENTREPRENEURS UNDER ONE ROOF TO WORK ON THEIR OWN BUSINESSES TOGETHER IN COLLIER COUNTY;
- 10/10 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND MET-JET HAD SNOWBIRDS AND GREEN BAY RESIDENTS IN MIND WHEN THEY SCHEDULED A NEW DIRECT ROUTE TO GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN; A STUDENT AT FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL SAYS HE WAS THREATENED WITH A GUN DURING A POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME; NEW DETAILS ABOUT THE MAN FOUND DEAD IN THE WATER OFF MATLACHA; THE GOLDEN GATE FIRE DISTRICT LOOKING TO SAVE TAX PAYER DOLLARS WANTS TO GO BACK AND RE-EXAMINE THEIR CHIEF'S CONTRACT; AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY IS BLAMING THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE LAW FOR A MORE THAN 23-PERCENT INCREASE IN MEDICAL RELATED COSTS; A STATE INSPECTOR MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO THE EMBATTLED LEE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION; SUPPORT FOR A FORT MYERS FAMILY DEALING WITH THE DEATH OF THEIR SON AFTER HE WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING NEIGHBORS OF JESSE WATLINGTON GATHERED AT JETBLUE PARK TO RAISE MONEY FOR HIS FAMILY; THE PORT CHARLOTTE CAMPUS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COLLEGE WILL HOST A JOB, CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR;
- 10/11 A GROUP OF TOURISTS GOT A RIDE THEY'LL NEVER FORGET THE AIRBOAT CAPTAINS OF COMPETING COMPANIES IN EVERGLADES CITY GOT INTO A FIGHT THAT LANDED THEM IN GATOR INFESTED WATERS; A NORTH FORT MYERS MAN WRESTLES AND BEATS UP A BURGLAR AFTER WALKING IN ON THE CRIME; ELECTION SUPERVISORS HAVE A WARNING FOR VOTERS TO GET READY TO READY AND WAIT THEY SAY THIS YEAR'S LONG BALLOT COULD MEAN LONG LINES ON ELECTION DAY; THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CONTRACTS FOR FLORIDA COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS AND EDISON STATE'S PAYOUT MADE TO FORMER PRESIDENT DR. KENNETH WALKER IS NAMED IN HIS REQUEST FOR A REVIEW; A NEW REPORT SHOWS FORECLOSURES DROPPED 16-PERCENT FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR; THE RUSH TO LAWYER UP, IN THE WAKE OF VARIOUS ISSUES IN LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, IS CAUSING CONCERN;
- 10/12 A LOCAL WOMAN WHO WAS TRANSPORTED BY MEDSTAR HELICOPTER, IS FILING A FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; EDISON STATE COLLEGE IS REACTING TO THE GOVERNOR'S INVESTIGATION OF COLLEGE SPENDING ACROSS THE STATE; PLANS ARE ON HOLD TO BRING JET BLUE FLIGHTS INTO THE NAPLES AIRPORT; TO EASE RISING WATER LEVELS AT LAKE OKECHOBEE ENGINEERS ARE RELEASING WATER THAT ULTIMATELY ENDS UP IN THE CALOOSHATCHEE NOW SOME PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED THE RELEASES ARE HAVING A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR ECO-SYSTEM; NEW PROGRAM TRIES TO FEED LEE COUNTY STUDENTS WHO HAVE NO FOOD ON WEEKENDS;
- 10/13 THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT HELD A SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION FOR SOUTHWEST FLORIDA YOUTH; A HALF MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT IS FINALLY TURNING WASTE INTO ENERGY, PRODUCTION STARTED THREE YEARS AFTER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAVE A GRANT TO A LOCAL LEE COUNTY BIOFUELS FACILITY; HUNDREDS OF SAIL BOATS PACKED THE CALOOSAHATCHEE TODAY FOR THE 15TH ANNUAL RIVER ROMP REGATTA; THOUSANDS OF FEET HIT THE PAVEMENT RAISING AWARENESS FOR AUTISM IN LEE COUNTY; HUNDREDS OF LOCAL BIKERS ARE REVVING THEIR MOTORCYCLES TO SUPPORT THE MARCH OF DIMES' BIKERS FOR BABIES; THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL CELEBRATED ITS ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY PARADE AND ITALIAN FESTIVAL;
- 10/14 LEE COUNTY SHERIFF SCOTT SAID MOST PEOPLE KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN THEY HEAR SIRENS AND SEE LIGHTS BUT DISTRACTED DRIVING CAN CAUSE CONFUSION OR SIMPLY A FAILURE TO ACT; MONSTERS ARE FILLING A HAUNTED HOUSE IN OUR AREA JUST IN TIME

FOR HALLOWEEN; MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND LOCAL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS PARTICIPATED IN THE BIKERS FOR BABIES RIDE WHICH RAISES MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTY;

10/15 A TIGHT BUDGET IS PROMPTING A HEATED DEBATE OVER WHAT'S TO BE DONE WITH CAPE CORAL'S COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; THE RACE FOR LEE COUNTY SHERIFF IS HEATING UP, WITH ONE CANDIDATE TAKING OUT RADIO ADS, TO BASH THE CURRENT LEE COUNTY SHERIFF; THE CITY OF NAPLES PLANS TO SPEND TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF IT TO SPRUCE UP THE PARK SHORE COMMUNITY; A LARGE GROUP OF VISUALLY-IMPAIRED PEDESTRIANS REPEATEDLY CROSSED US 41 AT GLADIOLUS DRIVE IN FORT MYERS TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE DANGERS THEY FACE; THE COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SAYS VOTING YES ON A DISTRICT REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 6 WILL PREVENT THEM FROM HAVING TO MAKE MORE THAN 14-MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS; COLLIER SHERIFF KEVIN RAMBOSK HAS SIGNED AN EXTENSION FOR A CONTROVERSIAL IMMIGRATION PROGRAM; THE CAPE CORAL HOSPITAL'S SPECIAL CARE NURSERY IS BACK OPEN THE NURSERY OFFERS INFANTS EXTRA MEDICAL ATTENTION WHEN THEY ARE NOT HEALTHY ENOUGH;

10/16 VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PAUL RYAN WILL BE MAKING SEVERAL STOPS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA THURSDAY; A HIGH RANKING LEE COUNTY SERGEANT IS OFF THE FORCE AFTER AN INVESTIGATION SHOWS HE TOLD HIS DEPUTIES TO SLACK OFF; THE MEDSTAR MESS COULD COST TAX-PAYERS EVEN MORE MONEY, THEY COULD BE ON THE HOOK FOR SEVERANCE PAY FOR THE LEE COUNTY MANAGER; CAPE CORAL'S LARGEST RESORT IS CHANGING HANDS AND IT COULD MEAN BIG BUSINESS FOR LEE COUNTY, THE RESORT AT MARINA VILLAGE IN THE SOUTH SECTION OF THE CITY, IS TURNING INTO A WESTIN; LEE COUNTY IS NOT GIVING UP ON EFFORTS TO BUY AND PRESERVE A BODY OF WATER IN LEHIGH ACRES; ELEVEN AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION ARE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT; A JUDGE HAS APPROVED THAT INVESTORS WHO LOST THEIR MONEY IN A LAND TRUST RUN BY A CAPE CORAL REALTOR CAN GO AHEAD WITH A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

10/17 A CAPE CORAL MOTHER MADE A DESPERATE PLEA FOR CHANGE AFTER HER 24 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER DIED WHEN HER CAR PLUNGED INTO A CAPE CORAL CANAL; A PORT CHARLOTTE MOTHER IS BEHIND BARS AFTER DEPUTIES SAY SHE LEFT TWO OF HER YOUNG CHILDREN AND HER BED-RIDDEN GRANDMOTHER IN DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS TO ATTEND HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS; LEE COUNTY IS SEVERING TIES WITH THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE WAKE OF THE MEDSTAR MESS; A CALL FOR ACTION ALERT SOMEONE IS USING COMCAST CABLE TO TRY AND RIP YOU OFF; THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MUSEUM OF HISTORY FOUNDATION HONORED BARBARA B. MANN AS HISTORY MAKER OF THE YEAR; LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE SEARCHING FOR TWO SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN A HOME INVASION IN BONITA SPRINGS; A NEW NAPLES CHURCH IS HOPING SOME COLD HARD CASH WILL ATTRACT NEW PARISHIONERS; THE CAFE OF LIFE MISSION APPROVED BY THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHOWED SUPPORT FOR A NEW CLUB AIMING TO ALLOW CONCEALED WEAPONS ON CAMPUS;

10/18 MITT ROMNEY'S RUNNING MATE PAUL HELD A RALLY AT THE LEE COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX IN FORT MYERS; MORE THAN EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND LEE COUNTY VOTERS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE BY MAIL IN NEXT MONTH'S GENERAL ELECTION; THE BATTLE OVER LEGALIZED SLOT MACHINES IN LEE COUNTY IS HEATING UP A GROUP IN FAVOR OF VEGAS-STYLE SLOTS, IS SPENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON ADVERTISING ANOTHER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE IS MAKING ROBO-CALLS AGAINST THEM; THE NEW BASIN PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS IS MOVING FORWARD AS PLANNED AND COULD BE COMPLETED AS EARLY AS THE END OF NOVEMBER; LEE COUNTY AUGUST TOURISM NUMBERS INCREASED BY 16 PERCENT COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO; ONE HUNDRED POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR CANINES FACED OFF IN THE NATIONAL K-9 TRIAL COMPETITION AT THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SPORTS PARK;

10/19 CAPE CORAL NEIGHBORS SAY THEY'RE GETTING SOME UNWELCOME VISITORS, THANKS TO AN OVERGROWN VACANT LOT AND THEY SAY THE CITY NEEDS TO SPRUCE IT UP; TWO MONTHS AFTER A SOUTH FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WAS INJURED IN A HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT THE DRIVER IS UNDER ARREST; OUTBREAK OF RED TIDE IN THE GULF IS KILLING FISH, AND WASHING SOME OF THEM ON TO THE BEACHES OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; ZOMBICON 2012 HAS OFFICIALLY STARTED IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS; THE LEE COUNTY VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU HAS HIRED GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS, A FRANKFURT-BASED COMPANY, WILL ADVERTISE LEE COUNTY TO THE

GERMAN MARKETPLACE; A NEW LIGHTNING DETECTION SYSTEM IS IN PLACE AT THE CANTERBURY SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS;

10/20

A MONTH-LONG INVESTIGATION LEADS FORT MYERS POLICE TO A HOME WITH THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF DRUGS; THE COMMITTEE TRYING TO BRING AN ATV PARK TO COLLIER COUNTY TOURED A POTENTIAL SITE FOR THE PARK IN THE GOLDEN GATE AREA; THE SHELL FACTORY IN NORTH FORT MYERS TEAMED UP WITH GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND OTHER DOG FRIENDLY ORGANIZATIONS FOR A DOG ADOPTION DAY; THOUSANDS OF SURVIVORS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS MARCHED TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDING FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH IN LEE COUNTY; OCTOBERFEST CONTINUES TO DRAW HUNDREDS TO CAPE CORAL; CRIME STOPPERS IS ASKING FOR HELP TRACKING DOWN TWO ALLEGED DRUG TRAFFICKERS, BOTH WITH CHARLOTTE COUNTY TIES; THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BUILDING INDUSTRY IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A REBOUND IN CONSTRUCTION;

10/21

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE HOLDING SIGNS, MARCHING AND CHANTING, GATHERED AT THE COLLIER SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN IMMOKALEE TO PROTEST A CONTROVERSIAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP KNOWN AS 287-G; DRIVERS NOW HAVE A NEW NORTH-SOUTH OPTION BETWEEN SAN CARLOS PARK AND SOUTH FORT MYERS CREWS OFFICIALLY OPENED THE NEW METRO PARKWAY EXTENSION; FORT MYERS' ANNUAL ZOMBICON EVENT WRAPPED UP;

10/22

CAPE CORAL CITY OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING TO MAKE CUTS TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S CONTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S FIRE AND POLICE PENSIONS; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS ONE OF THE AREAS LEADING THE NATION IN NEW CONSTRUCTION JOBS BUT FINDING PEOPLE TO BUILD THE HOMES IS THE TOUGH PART; WINK NEWS CALL FOR ACTION INVESTIGATION ABOUT THE VULNERABILITIES OF ABSENTEE VOTING; CAPE CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO RE-START THE CONTROVERSIAL UTILITY EXPANSION PROJECT; FORT MYERS XOMBICON HAD A BIG IMPACT ON DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES; RED TIDE AT VANDERBILT BEACH IN COLLIER COUNTY; NEW DETAILS IN A WINK NEWS INVESTIGATION TWO DOZEN SUSPECTS IN A MAJOR CHECK FRAUD RING AVOIDED JAIL TIME;

10/23

VOTERS IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES ARE GETTING LETTERS IN THE MAIL TELLING THEM THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, THE GOVERNOR IS NOW GETTING INVOLVED IN THESE CLAIMS OF VOTER INTIMIDATION; LEE COUNTY FORCES OUT ANOTHER MANAGER, THE SECOND IN THREE AND A HALF YEARS, COMMISSIONERS GAVE KAREN HAWES, HER WALKING PAPERS BUT SHE GETS A COMFORTABLE SEVERANCE, TO GO WITH HER OUSTER; A CHANGE IN PERMITTING FOR MARINE CONSTRUCTION COULD CREATE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL; A TERRIFYING MOMENT FOR TWO TEENAGE GIRLS THEY WERE ALONE AT A LEHIGH ACRES HOME WHEN THREE MEN TRIED TO BREAK IN BUT THANKS TO THEIR DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECTS, LEE COUNTY DEPUTIES WERE ABLE TO MAKE AN ARREST; HIDEAWAY BEACH IN MARCO ISLAND IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO A MAJOR RENOURISHMENT PROJECT COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED ALMOST ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP PAY FOR EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES; A TOP ESTERO FIRE OFFICIALS HAS BEEN FIRED AFTER ADMITTING TO ABANDONING CREWS AT A MAJOR BRUSH FIRE; STRUGGLING TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON LOCAL CHARITIES ARE SEEING A GREATER DEMAND FOR HELP PAYING ELECTRIC BILLS; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LEE AND HENDRY COUNTIES HONORED TWELVE FAMILIES THAT HAVE PAID THEIR MORTGAGES IN FULL; A FAMILY OF FOURTEEN IS MOVING OUT OF A CRAMPED SPACE AND PREPARING FOR SOMETHING BIGGER AND BETTER AND ITS ALL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS WITH BUILDERS CARE AND STOCK DEVELOPMENT;

10/24

THE FBI IS NOW INVESTIGATING WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING INTIMIDATING LETTERS TO VOTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA; MANY LEE COUNTY VOTERS ARE COMPLAING THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOTS; PRIVATE HELICOPTER COMPANIES WANT TO TAKE OVER FOR THE GROUNDED MEDSTAR PROGRAM IN LEE COUNTY; STATE ETHICS OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO MOVE FORWARD ON COMPLAINTS AGAINST A CHARLOTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONER; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER RAY JUDAH SAYS THERE'S NO REASON TO TAKE A SECOND LOOK AT KAREN HAWES SEPARATION AGREEMENT OR TO QUESTION ITS TWO HUNDREND AND FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR PAYOUT AMOUNT; MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY IMMOKALEE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GET FREE VISION EXAMS AND BE FITTED FOR EYEGASSES IN A STATE OF THE ART MOBILE UNIT SPONSORED BY THE NAPLES CHILDREN AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION; PORTIONS OF THE LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON MICHIGAN AVENUE THE REFUGEE AND TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC WILL MOVE TO TEMPORARY OFFICES DURING A THREE WEEK RENOVATION PROCESS; A LONG-

TIME BONITA SPRINGS PRIEST HAS LOST HIS JOB AFTER A TWO YEAR INVESTIGATION BY THE DIOCESE;

- 10/25 THE LEGAL TEAM FOR THE MAN CRITICALLY INJURED IN MONDAY'S CRASH, ON THE NEW METRO EXTENSION IN LEE COUNTY IS CALLING ON TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS TO ADD A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE DANGEROUS NEW INTERSECTION; LEE COUNTY AND THE MINNESOTA TWINS HAVE REACHED A TENTATIVE DEAL TO IMPROVE HAMMOND STADIUM AND THE SURROUNDING SPORTS COMPLEX; HUNDREDS OF FELONS ARE OFF THE STREETS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AS PART OF THE STATEWIDE OPERATION FELON SWEEP; MORE THAN SEVEN HUNDRED JOB SEEKERS TURNED OUT FOR A JOB FAIR AT THE COASTLAND CENTER MALL IN NAPLES; A PROGRAM IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS USING YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO GET THE UNEMPLOYED BACK TO WORK SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WORKS PAYS BUSINESSES TO TRAIN AND HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES; THE THIRD ANNUAL STONE CRAB FESTIVAL KICKS OFF IN NAPLES; EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION STARTS ON SATURDAY IN COLLIER COUNTY; GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT ADDRESSED HUNDREDS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEADERS LAYING OUT HIS PLANS FOR EDUCATION FOR THE NEXT YEAR;
- 10/26 A LEHIGH ACRES WOMAN REFUSED TO BECOME THE VICTIM OF A BREAK IN; WHILE HURRICANE SANDY'S WREAKING HAVOC ON THE EAST COAST IT IS PROVIDING RELIEF FROM RED TIDE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; A WINK NEWS INVESTIGATION INTO A SCAM AN AUTOMATED PHONE CALL SAYS YOU ARE LATE WITH YOUR POWER BILL PAYMENT AND ASKS FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND IT SOUNDS JUST LIKE LEE COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE; A WALK HOME FROM THE BUS STOP TURNED INTO A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE FOR A NORTH FORT MYERS TEEN SHE SAYS A STRANGE MAN TRIED TO GET HER INTO HIS VAN; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS BECOMING A DESTINATION FOR COUNTRY MUSIC, THE TASTE AND TUNES CONCERT AND THE LAKES PARK COUNTRY BASH ARE BRINGING STARS LIKE SARA EVANS AND ALAN JACKSON HERE; THE FLORIDA EVERBLADES TEAMED UP WITH MUSTACHE ME OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FOR "STICKS AND STACHES TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR MENS' HEALTHCARE;
- 10/27 PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LINED UP THIS MORNING TO BE AMONG THE FIRST TO CAST THEIR BALLOT, EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION STARTED THIS MORNING AND CONTINUES ALL WEEK; RUNNERS FROM ALL ACROSS OUR AREA LACED UP FOR THE FIRST EVER OKTOBERFEST 5-K RUN AND TOT TROT; CAPE CORAL MAN IS RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR AT-RISK KIDS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.BY SWIMMING ACROSS THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER; THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE SANDY ARE BEING FELT IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BOATS AND LOCAL CRUISE-LINES ARE KEEPING THEIR BOATS SAFELY SECURED AND EVEN CANCELLING WEEKEND TRIPS; SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE TURNING THE FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING INTO A PARTY;
- 10/28 HURRICANE SANDY IS HAVING RIPPLE EFFECTS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA., FLIGHTS TO NEWARK, PHILADELPHIA AND ATLANTIC CITY HAVE BEEN CANCELED FROM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; A NORTH FORT MYERS WOMAN IS DEAD AFTER THE ATV SHE WAS DRIVING COLLIDED WITH A TREE AND A FENCE; ARCADIA WOMAN WAS KILLED AFTER BEING HIT BY A SQUAD CAR IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY; SENATE CANDIDATE CONNIE MACK BROUGHT HIS CAMPAIGN TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA VISITING SUPPORTERS IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES; THE EDITORIAL BOARDS AT BOTH THE NEWS-PRESS AND NAPLES DAILY NEWS HAVE DECIDED TO ENDORSE INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT BILL NELSON FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE US SENATE; HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SPENT THEIR SUNDAY ON THE NAPLES WATERFRONT ENJOYING THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND STONE CRABS; THE LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SAYS MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY CAST BALLOTS ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF EARLY VOTING;
- 10/29 MANY AIRPORTS IN THE NORTHEAST HAVE CANCELLED ALL FLIGHTS DUE TO HURRICANE SANDY AND THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR TRAVELERS TRYING TO LEAVE OUR AREA; FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT IS SENDING CREWS NORTH TO HELP WITH THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE SANDY; FORTY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN A CHILD PREDATOR STING INCLUDING A CAPE CORAL SCHOOL TEACHER, TWO-COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY, AN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE FROM LEHIGH ACRES HIGH SCHOOL AND ONE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY; EARLY VOTING CONTINUES IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA AND PEOPLE ARE STILL WAITING IN LONG LINES TO CAST THEIR VOTE; LEE COUNTY SCHOOL LEADERS AND PARENTS MET AT IDA BAKER HIGH SCHOOL IN CAPE CORAL WITH THE GOAL, HOW TO IDENTITY SUICIDAL SIGNS AND HOW TO TAKE ACTION BEFORE TRAGEDY OCCURS; EXPLAINING PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 ON FLORIDA

BALLOT; COLLIER COUNTY PARENTS ARE GETTING A BOOST WITH CHILDCARE EXPENSES THANKS TO A GENEROUS DONATION FROM ARTHREX;

10/30

A LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CALLED A NEW, CONTROVERSIAL INTERSECTION ON THE NEW METRO EXTENSION A DEATH TRAP DEMANDING THAT SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW; IF YOU NEED AN AMBULANCE IN LEE COUNTY, YOU'D BETTER WISH FOR CHANGES IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OTHERWISE, YOU MAY BE DISAPPOINTED THAT'S THE CONCLUSION OF AN INDEPENDENT REPORT ON THE GROUNDED MEDSTAR PROGRAM, AND PROBLEMS AT EMS; CAPE CORAL'S CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO TAKE OVER THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; EXPLAINING PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3 ON FLORIDA BALLOT; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA VOLUNTEERS WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ARE ON THE ROAD HEADING TO THE DEVASTED AREAS HIT BY HURRICANE SANDY; PEOPLE FROM THE NORTHEAST ARE WAITING OUT THE STORM IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO BE MAILED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION; ONE DAY AFTER A MAJOR SEX PREDATOR BUST IN LEE COUNTY PARENTS ARE DEMANDING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT AREA EDUCATORS ARRESTED, TWO MEN WERE INVOLVED AT LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER TAMMY HALL SAID SHE WANTS TO TAKE BACK HER VOTE TO APPROVE A SEPARATION AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY MANAGER KAREN HAWES;

10/31

FLIGHTS ARE ONCE AGAIN TAKING OFF FROM SOME AIRPORTS THAT WERE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF HURRICANE SANDY BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME STRANDED PASSENGERS WAITING AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; A LEHIGH ACRES COUPLE SCAMMED OUT OF HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS HAS LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON THINK TWICE BEFORE PUTTING PERSONAL INFORMATION ON SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES; LEE COUNTY IS DOING WHAT THEY CAN TO PREVENT MORE ACCIDENTS ON THE BRIARCLIFF AND METRO PARKWAY INTERSECTION; THE CITY OF FORT MYERS IS ENTERING INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH A MAN WHO WANTS TO RENOVATE THE OLD AMBASSADOR HOTEL; WINK NEWS LOOKS AT AMENDMENT FOUR WHICH FOCUSES ON HOMES AND HOW THEY ARE TAXED; HALLOWEEN IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; EARLY VOTING IN COLLIER COUNTY IS REALLY TAKING OFF, MORE THAN THIRTY ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE VOTED EARLY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION; AT&T 4G LTE LAUNCHED IN OUR AREA EXPANDING THAT NETWORK TO FORT MYERS, CAPE CORAL AND NAPLES;

11/01

EDISON STATE COLLEGE IN COLLIER COUNTY HELD A JOB FAIR TO HELP PEOPLE LOOKING TO START A NEW CAREER OR CHANGE CAREERS; COLLIER COUNTY'S ONLY SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER IS GROWING; EXPLAINING PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6 ON FLORIDA BALLOT; POWER OUTAGE FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN BONITA SPRINGS AFTER AN ACCIDENT; FLORIDA DEMOCRATS ARE CALLING ON GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, TO EXTEND EARLY VOTING FOR ANOTHER DAY; POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, FINDING A BETTER WAY FOR LEE COUNTY, IS TRYING TO CONSOLIDATE THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT; FARM WORKERS WILL ONCE AGAIN PROTEST OUTSIDE PUBLIX THIS WEEKEND, THEY'RE ASKING THE SUPERMARKET CHAIN TO JOIN THE FAIR FOOD PROGRAM, A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TOMATO GROWERS AND FOOD RETAILERS; THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAYS IT WILL START COLLECTING TRAFFIC INFORMATION AT THE METRO EXTENSION AND BRIARCLIFF ROAD; TWO MAJOR LACROSSE TOURNAMENTS ARE COMING TO NAPLES IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IS MORE THAN FIVE-MILLION DOLLARS;

11/02

FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON WAS IN FORT MYERS ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AT THE HARBORSIDE EVENT CENTER; THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING A CONVICTED LEE COUNTY KILLER FILED AN APPEAL HOPING TO GET HER LIFE SENTENCE REDUCED; GREYHOUNDS ARE ONCE AGAIN, RACING AROUND THE NAPLES-FORT MYERS DOG TRACK; EXPLAINING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 9,10 AND 11 ON FLORIDA BALLOT; THE LONGEST BALLOT IN FLORIDA HISTORY IS A LITTLE LONGER FOR LEE COUNTY VOTERS, IT'S LEE COUNTY QUESTION 12-13, THE LAST ITEM ON THE BALLOT, A YES VOTE WOULD ALLOW SLOTS AT THE RACETRACK AND POSSIBLY CREATE 15 HUNDRED JOBS; LEE COUNTY VOTERS REQUESTED A RECORD 102,000 ABSENTEE BALLOTS BUT ABOUT 27,000 STILL HAVE NOT GOTTEN THEIRS LEAVING SOME WONDERING IF THEY CAN STILL VOTE; A CAMPAIGN RALLY IN FORT MYERS TODAY BROUGHT OUT A LOT OF PASSION SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AND EVEN MITT ROMNEY CAME TO HARBORSIDE EVENT CENTER FOR FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S VISIT; A LAWYER REPRESENTING LEE COUNTY IN AN FAA INVESTIGATION RELEASED A REPORT SAYING

- THE BILLING AND ACCREDITATION PROBLEMS WITH THE MEDICAL HELICOPTER PROGRAM WERE CASES OF ISOLATED MIS-COMMUNICATION THE FAA SHOULD HANDLE THE PROBLEMS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE... RATHER THAN LEGAL ACTION; THE CAMPAIGNS FOR AND AGAINST ADDING SLOT MACHINES AT THE NAPLES-FORT MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK HAVE SPENT THE LAST FIVE MONTHS TRYING TO INFLUENCE VOTERS; THE FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS FINALLY COMPLETED ITS EXPANSION;
- 11/03 SOME TOP DEMOCRATS ARE ONCE AGAIN CALLING ON GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO EXTEND EARLY VOTING; AFTER 30 YEARS, AND MORE THAN A HUNDRED HOMES, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN LEE AND HENDRY COUNTIES IS STILL GOING STRONG; ONE HUNDRED GOLFERS HIT THE LINKS AT LA PLAYA GOLF COURSE IN NAPLES TO SUPPORT THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT; THE COLLIER COUNTY HEART WALK BRINGING TOGETHER STORIES OF SURVIVAL; THE LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING AND PEOPLE AROUND LEE COUNTY STOOD IN LINE FOR HOURS WAITING TO CAST THEIR VOTE; A PUBLIX SHOPPING CENTER IN NAPLES SHUT DOWN FOR SEVERAL HOURS AFTER FOUR SUSPICIOUS ENVELOPES WERE FOUND;
- 11/04 THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING A BREAK-IN AT THE OBAMA-BIDEN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS IN FORT MYERS; EMPLOYEES AT CLUB TEQUILAS ON PALM BEACH BOULEVARD, ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF CLOTHING, JACKETS, AND BLANKETS FOR HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS AND THEY'RE PLANNING TO RENT A LARGE VAN, PILE IN ALL OF YOUR DONATIONS, AND HEAD NORTH TO HELP; LOCAL FARM WORKERS SHOWED THEIR SOLIDARITY OUTSIDE A NORTH FORT MYERS PUBLIX, THESE PROTESTERS ARE DEMANDING THE SUPERMARKET CHAIN JOIN OTHER BUYERS AND INCREASE THEIR PAY BY A PENNY PER POUND; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BIKERS HIT THE ROAD FOR A POKER RUN TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR A TWO-YEAR OLD BOY SUFFERING FROM EPILEPSY; THE JUNIOR LEAGUE'S TASTE OF THE TOWN, SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S LARGEST OUTDOOR FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL, ATTRACTED ABOUT TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE; THE CALUSA BLUEWAY PADDLING FESTIVAL HAS BEEN NAMED THE FASTEST GROWING IN NORTH AMERICA;
- 11/05 BOXES OF BALLOTS, SUPPLIES, AND SCANNERS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE PRECINCTS IN LEE COUNTY; COLLIER COUNTY IS ON TRACK FOR ITS HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT EVER FIFTY FOUR PERCENT OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS HAVE ALREADY CAST A BALLOT; FOURTEEN RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS FROM LEE COUNTY ARE IN NEW YORK HELPING THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE SANDY; THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS OFFERING A HOTLINE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE QUESTIONS ON ELECTION THE LEE COUNTY CHAPTER IS TEAMING WITH WGCU PUBLIC TELEVISION FOR ITS CALL CENTER; CAPE CORAL'S CITY COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO HOLD OFF ON THE SCRUB JAY DECISION TO SPEND EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ON A BIRD HABITAT IN ALVA FOR THE THREATENED SPECIES; ALLEGIANT AIR WILL LAUNCH A NEW NON STOP FLIGHT FROM THE PUNTA GORDA AIRPORT TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS TWICE A WEEK;
- 11/06 TWO POLLING SITES IN THE CAPE CREATED TENSION AND A LENGTHY WAIT THAT IS CAUSED SOME VOTERS TO LEAVE WITHOUT EVEN CASTING THEIR BALLOT; MANY VOTERS BECAME ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED IN LEE COUNTY, BECAUSE LINES WERE SO LONG AT MANY POLLING PLACES AND THE MACHINES THAT REGISTER BALLOTS WERE JAMMING UP AT MANY LOCATIONS; THE MINNESOTA TWINS WILL PAY FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR FOR A 30-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY AFTER COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A TWO PHASE RENOVATION TO HAMMOND STADIUM FOR THE TEAM; NO PROBLEM WITH VOTING IN COLLIER COUNTY; CHARLOTTE COUNTY VOTING WENT SMOOTHLY; INTERSTATE 75 IS SHUT DOWN FROM COLONIAL BOULEVARD TO ALICO ROAD IN LEE COUNTY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS DUE TO A TRUCK HITTING A BRIDGE; ELECTION RESULTS FROM ALL COUNTIES IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA;
- 11/07 THE ELECTION'S SUPERVISOR MADE A TEARFUL APOLOGY TO VOTERS AFTER LONG WAITS TO VOTE IN LEE COUNTY WITH THE FINAL VOTE WAS CAST AT TWO-THIRTY IN THE MORNING; A DAMAGED OVERPASS AT DANIELS PARKWAY AND I-75 WILL CREATE TRAFFIC CHALLENGES FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS AFTER AN ACCIDENT LEFT BRIDGE BEAMS DAMAGED; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REACTS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; A LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER WAS CITED OUTSIDE A DRUG HOUSE UNDER SURVEILLANCE IN FORT MYERS; WINK NEWS INVESTIGATES LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS CLAIM THAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUDGET CUTS CAUSED LONG WAIT TIMES TO VOTE; A POPULAR NORTH NAPLES BEACH IS GETTING A FACELIFT JUST IN TIME FOR THE TOURIST SEASON EMERGENCY BEACH RENOURISHMENT BEGAN ON VANDERBILT BEACH;

- 11/08 LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRIAN BIGELOW FINDS HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A DRUG ARREST JUST DAYS BEFORE HIS TERM IS SET TO EXPIRE; LEE COUNTY HAD THE LOWEST VOTER TURNOUT IN MORE THAN A DECADE AND ONE LOCAL POLITICAL EXPERT SAYS PROBLEMS LIKE LONG LINES MIGHT BE TO BLAME FOR LOWER NUMBERS; INVESTIGATORS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY HAVE RELEASED NEW DETAILS IN THE HIT AND RUN CASE INVOLVING TAMPA BAY RAYS PITCHER MATT BUSH, HE HAD TWO PREVIOUS DUI ARRESTS IN OTHER STATES BEFORE THE MARCH CRASH THAT LEFT A 72 YEAR OLD MAN IN THE HOSPITAL; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS A NEW TOOL TO SAVE LARGE ANIMALS DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS; GULF COAST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOOK A FIRST OF ITS KIND FIELD TRIP TO HODGES UNIVERSITY TO ATTEND A "RUN THE WORLD" *ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE; THANKSGIVING IS AROUND THE CORNER AND THERE'S A TURKEY SHORTAGE AT THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK; TWO NAPLES BUSINESS OWNERS ARE PRESENTING TWO VERY DIFFERENT REACTIONS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION A ROMNEY SUPPORTER IS CUTTING BACK ON HIS BUSINESS PLAN WHILE, THE OBAMA SUPPORTER PLANS TO EXPAND; A WINK NEWS INVESTIGATION UNCOVERED THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SKIPPING OUT ON JURY DUTY AND THE REST OF US ARE PAYING FOR IT;
- 11/09 NEW CALLS FOR LEE COUNTY'S SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHARON HARRINGTON TO STEP DOWN AFTER PEOPLE WAITED HOURS ON ELECTION NIGHT TO CAST BALLOTS; FLORIDA STILL HAS NOT DECLARING A WINNER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE NOW THE NATIONAL MEDIA IS AGAIN QUESTIONING HOW THE STATE HANDLED THE ELECTION; COMMISSIONER BRIAN BIGELOW IS CALLING OUT THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF AFTER HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A DRUG ARREST ON WEDNESDAY; SANIBEL ISLAND MADE USA TODAY'S LIST OF 10 GREAT WINTER DESTINATIONS AROUND THE WORLD; THE WOMEN'S RUGBY NATIONAL TITLE TOURNAMENT BEING HELD AT JETBLUE PARK; THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT INSTALL A LIGHT AT A CONTROVERSIAL INTERSECTION IN ESTERO ON THE NEW METRO PARKWAY EXTENSION; GOOD NEWS FOR STUDENTS AT FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY THE LIBRARY HOURS WILL BE EXTENDED AFTER NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDING HELPED THEM GET THE HOURS BACK TO WHAT THEY WERE; EMS WORKERS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SAY THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT A SHORTAGE IN PAIN MEDICINE THAT FIRST RESPONDERS USE;
- 11/10 A LEHIGH ACRES MAN IS IN LEE COUNTY JAIL AFTER AN EARLY MORNING HOSTAGE SITUATION; PREPARE FOR DELAYS IF YOU'LL BE DRIVING ON DANIELS PARKWAY THIS WEEKEND EASTBOUND LANES UNDER THE I-75 OVERPASS ARE CLOSED; FOUR DAYS AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THE VOTE COUNT IS FINALLY OVER IN FLORIDA OFFICIALS DECLARED PRESIDENT OBAMA THE WINNER IN THE STATE, WITH 50 PERCENT OF THE VOTE; A DAY WITHOUT SLAVERY FOR FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IT'S A GOAL THAT'S HARD TO COME BY; THE WOUNDED WARRIOR ANGLERS HELD A TOURNAMENT IN MATLACHA TO RAISE MONEY TO TAKE WOUNDED VETERANS FISHING FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT AND PTSD THERAPY; KIDS WITH THE NAPLES CHILDREN AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOT A VERY SPECIAL VISIT GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING SINGER LEANN RIMES STOPPED BY THE NAPLES EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE;
- 11/11 VETERAN'S DAY WAS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR A U-S MARINE AND HIS BRIDE TO TIE THE KNOT ON FORT MYERS BEACH, SARGENT SONNY ISAAC AND HIS WIFE NICOLE HAD A FREE DESTINATION WEDDING THANKS TO OPERATION OPEN ARMS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; A PARADE PAID TRIBUTE TO LOCAL VETERANS IN DOWNTOWN CAPE CORAL; HARLEY'S HEROES GAVE LOCAL VETS FREE BENEFITS COUNSELING OUTSIDE THIS FORT MYERS HARLEY DAVIDSON STORE; THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS HONORED LOCAL SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY;
- 11/12 MORE THAN THREE MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXPAYERS MONEY USED TO PAVE PRIVATE ROADS IN LEE COUNTY; THE EASTBOUND LANES OF DANIELS PARKWAY THAT GO UNDER I-75 ARE *CLOSED WHILE CREWS REPAIR THE BRIDGE; ONE OF THE BIGGEST GOLF EVENTS OF THE LPGA SEASON SWINGS INTO NAPLES THIS WEEK; ECHO FARMS IS IN NORTH FORT MYERS, AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING FEED THE HUNGRY, IS NOW SERVING PEOPLE IN CUBA; ANOTHER NIGHT BRINGS ANOTHER TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE FOR DRIVERS ON INTERSTATE-75; DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS CONTINUES ITS ECONOMIC RECOVERY WITH THE OPENING OF A BRAND NEW BUSINESS AND MORE ON THE WAY; IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY GOLDEN CORRAL IN FORT MYERS HANDED OUT TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FREE MEALS TO VETS AND THOSE SERVING IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY; LOCAL CHARITIES ARE TRYING TO PREPARE TO FEED THOUSANDS OF LOCAL FAMILIES AND THEY NEED HELP;

- 11/13 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOMMEND DRIVERS CATCHING AN EVENING FLIGHT AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL SHOULD KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DETOURS DUE TO I-75 BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AND GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME; THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO KNOW, IN THE NEXT WEEK, WHETHER LEE COUNTY REALLY WANTS TO RE-START THE AIR AMBULANCE, AS A COUNTY-RUN PROGRAM; LEE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE INVESTIGATING A BREAK-IN AT THE LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY; STUDENTS AT FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ARE HOPING TO EXTINGUISH ALL TOBACCO USE ON CAMPUS; TRASH PROBLEMS ARE PILING UP IN CAPE CORAL IT WAS ELEVEN-MONTHS AGO THAT WINK NEWS TOLD YOU TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE ON A WAITING LIST FOR TRASH CANS FROM WASTE PRO NOW THE LIST IS UP TO SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS STARTING TO SEE SIGNS OF RECOVERY FIVE YEARS AFTER IT WAS HIT IN THE RECESSION CAPE CORAL BUSINESS OWNERS AND REALTORS SAY THEY'RE FINALLY SEEING THE LIGHT; ANOTHER MILESTONE NIGHT FOR FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS THE EAGLES MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HAS JUST BEATEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI; SEVERAL GROUPS.. INCLUDING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA AND THE AARP ASKED GOVERNOR SCOTT TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO LOOK INTO ELECTION DAY ISSUES INCLUDING LONG LINES IN LEE COUNTY; THE SAINT MATTHEWS HOUSE WILL REGISTER PEOPLE FOR THEIR ANNUAL TURKEY, TOMORROW'S SIGN-UP RUNS FROM ONE TO THREE PM AT THEIR LOCATION ON AIRPORT PULLING SOUTH IN NAPLES;
- 11/14 A MAN WANTED FOR A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MURDER THAT HAPPENED MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO IS UNDER ARREST; THE MURDER OF ANOTHER CHARLOTTE COUNTY WOMAN IS CHANGING HOW 9-1-1 OPERATORS WORK THROUGHOUT THE STATE; MOVING TESTIMONY FROM A YOUNG GIRL WHO WITNESSED A DEADLY SHOOTING AT A CAPE CORAL DAYCARE IN 2008; LEE COUNTY SPENT ABOUT A MILLION OF IT TO SPRUCE UP POWELL CREEK PRESERVE AS PART OF THE CONSERVATION 20-20 PROGRAM; PORT CHARLOTTE WOMAN DISCOVERS A NEW CRAIGSLIST SCAM; A WOMAN SHARES HER TERRIFYING ENCOUNTER WITH AN ARMED ROBBER AT A BANK OF AMERICA ATM OFF PALM BEACH BOULEVARD; A CONTROVERSY IN COLLIER COUNTY ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL WANTS TO PUT A SEVEN FOOT FENCE AROUND THE SCHOOL'S SOCCER FIELD BUT NEIGHBORS IN THE OLD NAPLES NEIGHBORHOOD SAY IT WILL BE AN EYE SORE; SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOW BEING USED AS A TOOL TO HELP THE KANZIUS CANCER RESEARCH CENTER, THE CENTER NAMED AFTER A SANIBEL MAN WHO INVENTED A NON INVASIVE RADIO WAVE SYSTEM THAT THEY SAY WILL KILL PANCREATIC OR LIVER CANCER CELLS.. IS NOW TRYING TO GET FDA APPROVAL;
- 11/15 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAYS THEY'RE LOOKING INTO THREE ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AT THE NICAIA ACADEMY ON CHIQUITA BOULEVARD IN CAPE CORAL; A TRAFFIC STOP ON I-75 IN BONITA SPRINGS LEAD DEPUTIES TO A MARIJUANA BUST; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS WARNING YOU TO CHECK WHAT YOU CLICK BEFORE YOU SHIP, AS PEOPLE START MAILING HOLIDAY PACKAGES SCAMMERS ARE SENDING FAKE E-MAILS PRETENDING TO BE FROM THE POST OFFICE; A CAPE CORAL WOMAN IS ALIVE TODAY THANKS TO PARAMEDICS AND HER QUICK THINKING 13-YEAR OLD SON; PUNTA GORDA IS TURNING 125 YEARS OLD AND THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS STARTING; IMMOKALEE'S FIRST STREET PLAZA WILL SOON HAVE A NEW LOOK COLLIER COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE CONTRACT; PRIDE IN THE CAPE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION MIGHT DISBAND UNLESS IT GETS A NEW LEADER;
- 11/16 THE FAMILY OF AN 11 YEAR OLD BOY IS STRUCK BY LIGHTING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS HAS DECIDED TO SUE; A CAPE CORAL DAYCARE, UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR CHILD ABUSE, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT BLAMING A DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEE FOR THE ALLEGATIONS; PUBLIX HAS ISSUED A RECALL FOR CERTAIN BAKERY ITEMS, THE VOLUNTARY RECALL COVERS FORTY FIVE CAKE PRODUCTS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE CONTAMINATED WITH LISTERIA; THE SALVATION ARMY HAS KICKED OFF ITS RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN AT MORE THAN SIXTY LOCATIONS ACROSS LEE COUNTY; LEE COUNTY TOURISM NUMBERS ARE DOWN FOUR POINT FIVE PERCENT COMPARED TO LAST SEPTEMBER BUT SPENDING WAS UP TEN PERCENT; NEW TEST RESULTS SHOW RED TIDE IS CONCENTRATED AROUND MARCO ISLAND;
- 11/17 LEE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING A BREAK-IN AT METRO SELF STORAGE; RED TIDE HAS BEEN ROLLING THROUGH SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATERS THE TOXIC ALGAE BLOOM SITTING OFF-SHORE CAN HURT MARINE LIFE AND CAUSE RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS IN PEOPLE AND SOME BIRDS ARE ALSO SUFFERING EFFECTS; THE FOUNDER OF THE FRIENDS OF LEE COUNTY HOMELESS WALKED THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN

FORT MYERS TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEN AND WOMEN HE'S TRYING TO HELP; SEVEN FAMILIES STEPPED UP TO ADOPT THE KIDS DURING A MASS ADOPTION HELD IN LEE COUNTY; THE NATIONS ASSOCIATION CHARITIES IN TICE HANDED OUT HUNDREDS OF TURKEYS AND FOOD BASKETS TO NEEDY FAMILIES; HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY HAS BEEN BUILDING HOMES FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS AND TO DATE THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE 255 FAMILIES; FORT MYERS BEACH IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL SAND SCULPTING CHAMPIONSHIP, ARTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA TO CREATE THEIR MASTERPIECES;

11/18

A THREE-YEAR-OLD IN PORT CHARLOTTE IS DEAD AFTER INVESTIGATORS SAY HE GOT HIS HANDS ON AN UNSECURED GUN AND IT WENT OFF; THE PENDAS LAW FIRM INVITED SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FAMILIES TO THEIR OFFICE ON EVANS AVENUE IN FORT MYERS, WHERE THEY GAVE AWAY ONE-THOUSAND TURKEYS TO FAMILIES WHO NEED IT MOST; TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS CHEER, APPLICATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THEIR BUILDING ON MCGREGOR BOULEVARD FROM NINE IN THE MORNING UNTIL NOON;

11/19

THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE FAMILY OF AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE FORT MYERS CHURCH AND SCHOOL WHERE IT HAPPENED; THE TRIAL OF THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS WIFE IN A CAPE CORAL DAY CARE HIT ANOTHER SNAG THE JUDGE ORDERED ROBERT DUNN TO UNDERGO A MENTAL EVALUATION; FORT MYERS' POLICE CHIEF SAYS THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING PROGRESS SOLVING THE CITY'S LARGER CRIMES; A COMPANY THAT RECEIVED FIVE-MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS IS PURSUING A NEW PRODUCT LINE, VR LABS SAYS IT MAY PRODUCE A NEW PRODUCT TO TREAT CERTAIN INFECTIONS BUT IT'S A PRODUCT THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT FROM THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN OF BOTTLING HEALTH DRINKS; NO OIL FROM THE 2010 BP SPILL TOUCHED SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BEACHES BUT THE AREA STILL FELT THE IMPACT WITH A DROP IN TOURISM NOW SOME LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE GETTING HELP THROUGH GRANT MONEY; THE BOSTON RED SOX RELEASED THEIR SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE; PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE FESTIVAL OF TREES AT THE SIDNEY AND BERNE DAVIS ARTS CENTER IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS; THE KICK OFF TO THE NAPLES TOURIST SEASON HAS STARTED WITH THE FLIP OF A SWITCH AT THE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY; A GROUP IN NAPLES IS HOPING TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULING FROM 2010, THE SUPREME COURT RULING CALLED CITIZENS UNITED THAT ALLOWS UNLIMITED POLITICAL SPENDING BY CORPORATIONS USING SUPER PACS; A DISABLED FORT MYERS WOMAN IS MAKING A DESPERATE PLEA FOR THE RETURN OF HER STOLEN BIKE; MBA AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION IS GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WITH A SPECIAL EVENT THEY PLAN TO DONATE FIVE DOLLARS OF EACH FARE TO THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK;

11/20

FOUR PEOPLE ARE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH OPERATING AN UNLICENSED PAIN CLINIC AT LUXOR INDUSTRIES PHYSICIANS GROUP; THREE MONTHS AFTER GROUNDING THE AIR AMBULANCE, LEE COUNTY HAS DECIDED TO HIRE A PRIVATE COMPANY TO FLY MEDICAL HELICOPTERS; THE LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A WARNING ABOUT A POTENTIALLY SEVERE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS THAT COULD BE PREVENTED JUST BY WASHING YOUR HANDS; CAPE CORAL CLAIMS NEW EQUIPMENT AT ITS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY WILL UTILITY BILLS DOWN; THE FORT MYERS CITY COUNCIL APPROVED FUNDING FOR CRIME ANALYST FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; MEDIUM CONCENTRATIONS OF RED TIDE ARE FLOATING OFF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S COASTLINE;

11/21

A MATLACHA WOMAN IS BEHIND BARS SUSPECTED OF SWIPING PURSES FROM OTHER WOMEN WHILE THEY WERE SHOPPING; FIREFIGHTERS PUT-OUT A SMALL BRUSH FIRE IN LEHIGH ACRES; A LOCAL COMPANY THAT GOT FIVE MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS, SAYS IT WILL DOCUMENT ITS HIRING, CAPITAL SPENDING AND PRODUCTION TIMELINE; THE COLLIER COUNTY AIRBOAT CAPTAIN WHO HAD HIS HAND BIT OFF BY AN ALLIGATOR PLEADED NO CONTEST TO ILLEGALLY FEEDING IT; BIONIC BODY PARTS ARE NO LONGER THE SUBJECT OF SCIENCE FICTION PATIENTS, INCLUDING THE MOOREHAVEN TEENAGER ATTACKED BY AN ALLIGATOR, ARE BENEFITING FROM A NEW TAKE ON OLD PROSTHETICS; A MAJOR EYE INSTITUTE IS EXPANDING IN NAPLES AND TOURISM LEADERS SAY IT'S A MOVE THAT WILL HELP BRING COLLIER COUNTY CLOSER TO BECOMING A PRIME MEDICAL DESTINATION; THREE MORE LEE COUNTY RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS ARE HEADING UP NORTH TO HELP WITH HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF; BEING A BAD NEIGHBOR CAN COST YOU BIG IN COLLIER COUNTY A JUDGE ORDERED A

- GOODLAND MAN TO PAY MORE THAN ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO HIS NEIGHBORS AFTER A JURY AGREED;
- 11/22 MILLER'S ALE HOUSE GAVE UP THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN PROFIT, TO FEED NEARLY THREE HUNDRED NEEDY PEOPLE; COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES IN LEE COUNTY MADE MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED THANKSGIVING MEALS TO BE HOME DELIVERED TO FOLKS IN NEED; DOZENS OF PEOPLE LINED UP OUTSIDE OF BEST BUY AT PAGE FIELD IN FORT MYERS WAITING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THOSE BLACK FRIDAY DEALS; TWO-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN IMMOKALEE COUNTED THEIR BLESSINGS ENJOYING A FREE DINNER; THE NEW BEGINNING FOOD PANTRY AND THE CAPE KIWANIS CLUB GOT TOGETHER TO FEED THOSE IN NEED; THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY IS BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER FROM ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
- 11/23 A BIRD STRIKE FORCES A PLANE TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; CALL FOR ACTION WARNING BUYER BEWARE AS YOU HEAD ONTO THE INTERNET BECAUSE SCAMMERS ARE SPYING AND LOOKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE; CRIMESTOPPERS NEEDS HELP FINDING A MAN DETECTIVES BELIEVE BROKE INTO TWO NORTH FORT MYERS HOMES; NASSER AHDOOT RECEIVED A SPECIAL GIFT ON THANKSGIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE IN THE FORM OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT AT GULF COAST MEDICAL CENTER; BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING THROUGHOUT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA;
- 11/24 DEPUTIES HAVE ARRESTED A MAN THEY SAY BROKE INTO TWO NORTH FORT MYERS HOMES; A WARNING FOR RESIDENTS AND VACATIONERS ON SANIBEL ISLAND, POLICE SAY SOMEONE IS SNEAKING INTO CONDOMINIUMS AND STEALING VALUABLES; SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN FORT MYERS; THE CITY OF FORT MYERS KICKED OFF IT'S OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH A BIG TREE LIGHTING; LATIN FEST 2012 BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TO PUNTA GORDA, GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST JOSE FELICIANO SERENADED FOLKS WITH CLASSIC FAVORITES AND CHRISTMAS TUNES; THE PEOPLE BEHIND SUNCOAST SANTA NEED DONATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION DONATE TOYS TO KIDS WHO LIVE IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED AREAS; THE FESTIVAL OF TREES HAS COME BACK TO FORT MYERS FOR A 6TH YEAR...PUTTING ON A DISPLAY THAT IS BETTER THAN EVER;
- 11/25 FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, NEWT GINGRICH, AND HIS WIFE STOPPED BY A NAPLES BOOKSTORE TO SIGN COPIES OF THEIR NEW BOOKS; ACCORDING TO LOCAL HOME IMPROVEMENT STORES AND CHRISTMAS TREE SELLERS THE HOLIDAY SEASON STARTED WITH A POSITIVE BANG;
- 11/26 A LOCAL COMPANY THAT RECEIVED MILLIONS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS, SAYS IT IS NOT IN DEFAULT VR LABS HAS REPLIED TO LEE COUNTY, SAYING IT IS DOING WHAT'S REQUIRED BY CONTRACT, AND BLAMING A CONTRACTOR FOR PRODUCTION DELAYS; POLICE IN MARCO ISLAND ARE INVESTIGATING THEFTS ON THE WATER HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF BOATING EQUIPMENT... STOLEN FROM DOCKED BOATS; THE NEW FREE TROLLEY SERVICE THAT TAKES YOU TO AND THROUGH DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS IS UP AND RUNNING; A PROGRAM THAT WORKS WITH TROUBLED TEEN BOYS IS SET TO RE-OPEN NEXT MONTH CROSSROADS WAS FORCED TO CLOSE IT'S CHARLOTTE COUNTY DOORS THIS PAST SUMMER; CAPE CORAL'S CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO USE ALMOST EIGHT HUNDREDTHOUSAND DOLLARS TO IMPROVE THE HABITAT OF THE ENDANGERED SCRUB JAY; A NEW INITIATIVE IN COLLIER COUNTY IS REACHING OUT TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE HOPE TO SHOW THEM THERE ARE MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR HOMETOWN; ELECTRIC RATES ARE GOING UP FOR MILLIONS OF FLORIDIANS IT'S BECAUSE OF A LAW THAT ALLOWS MAJOR UTILITIES TO COLLECT MONTHLY FEES TO BUILD NUCLEAR PLANTS;
- 11/27 THE FAMILY OF A WOMAN GUNNED DOWN BY HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND IN A CAPE CORAL DAYCARE SAYS THEY FEEL SOME CLOSURE NOW THAT A JURY FOUND ROBERT DUNN GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER BUT NOTHING WILL BRING HER BACK; FAMILY MEMBERS OF A WOMAN WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. SAY THEY WANT JUSTICE FOR HER DEATH, THE WOMAN WHO DIED WAS SUSPECTED OF KIDNAPPING A LITTLE GIRL BUT IT TURNS OUT, THE KIDNAPPING CALL WAS FALSE; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY MAN WHO SURVIVED GETTING STABBED MULTIPLE TIMES TOLD HIS STORY IN COURT; LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS STRUGGLING TO CUT THE AMOUNT IT PAYS TO MOVE ITS ATTORNEY OUT THE DOOR; COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT FOR THE DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER; THE U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS RELEASED IT'S FINDINGS FOR TOP PERSONAL INCOME GROWTH LAST YEAR AND ONE OF THE RICHEST METROPOLITAN AREAS IS NAPLES AT NUMBER SIX; NAPLES' WEALTHY POPULATION ALONG WITH THE CITY'S BILLION DOLLAR TOURISM

- 11/28 INDUSTRY IS MAKING IT VERY ATTRACTIVE TO INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSES; LEE COUNTY IS TAKING A DOZEN ABANDONED BOATS OUT OF THE WATERWAYS AND INTO A LANDFILL; FORT MYERS POLICE MAKE AN ARREST IN ONE OF THE 21 HOMICIDES IN FORT MYERS THIS YEAR; A MAN WANTED IN CONNECTION TO A VIOLENT JEWELRY HEIST IN COLLIER COUNTY LAST YEAR HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN TEXAS; TWO CHARLOTTE COUNTY MEN ARE LOCKED UP AFTER DEPUTIES SAY THEY POINTED A RIFLE AT A BABY AND THREE ADULTS WHO WERE SITTING ON THEIR FRONT PORCH; THE MEDSTAR MESS IN LEE COUNTY MOVES ONTO A NEW STAGE THE BACK-UP AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE, IS LEAVING FORT MYERS AND RELOCATING TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN TO MAKE FLORIDA THE NEXT STATE TO BAN TEXTING WHILE DRIVING; NEW NUMBERS SHOW, TOURISTS ARE SPENDING MONEY IN LEE COUNTY IN RECORD BREAKING NUMBERS; THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS HAS RECEIVED A PRESTIGIOUS TITLE FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA AND FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA IT'S BEEN DESIGNATED AS A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS GIVING YOU FREE PEACE OF MIND THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IF YOU'RE LEAVING TOWN AND ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT COULD HAPPEN WHILE YOUR AWAY YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR FREE HOME CHECKS; LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. SAYS THE FIFTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE WHO WORKED THE GENERAL ELECTION WILL RECEIVE AND EXTRA FIFTY DOLLARS ON TOP OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY TO TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS THEY WERE PAID FOR THEIR TIME, TRAVEL AND TRAINING;
- 11/29 THE MOTHER OF A MURDER VICTIM IS THREATENING TO SUE LEE COUNTY PROBATION OVER HER DAUGHTER'S DEATH; THERE'S A NEW BEER MAKER IN TOWN THE NAPLES BEACH BREWERY IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN COLLIER COUNTY; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IS SEEING A DRAMATIC RISE IN NEW HOME BUILDING PERMITS AND NEW DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITIES AND MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ARE REVEALING JUST HOW THE LOCAL HOUSING MARKET IS REBOUNDED; BUSINESSES IN NAPLES ARE JUMPING ON BOARD WITH A NEW IDEA A FREE SHUTTLE BETWEEN MERCATO AND DOWNTOWN NAPLES; BATTERED BANNERS ARE BECOMING A PROBLEM ALONG FORT MYERS THREE MAJOR ROADS; PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS TO BRING A ONE-THOUSAND ACRE ADVENTURE PARK TO CHARLOTTE COUNTY;
- 11/30 A FORMER GLADES COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICER IS UNDER ARREST ACCUSED OF BILKING ALMOST THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN PHONY WORKERS COMPENSATION; PEOPLE IN LEHIGH ACRES ARE APPLAUDING THE ARREST OF A TEENAGER IN CONNECTION WITH GRAFFITI; STUDENTS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY GOT A SPECIAL HANDS-ON LESSON ABOUT A KEY PART OF AMERICAN, THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL; A SOUTH FORT MYERS NEIGHBORHOOD BECOMES THE TARGET OF AN INTERNET SEX STING; THERE ARE RENEWED SECURITY CONCERNS AFTER TWO PATIENTS ESCAPED FROM A LEE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY IN FORT MYERS IN JUST A MATTER OF WEEKS; STUDENTS AND STAFF AT NOCATEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ARCADIA ARE MOURNING THE LOSS OF ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S LEADERS; LAKES REGIONAL PARK IN LEE COUNTY WENT COUNTRY WITH SOME OF THE TOP PERFORMERS IN COUNTRY MUSIC;
- 12/01 ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SENIORS LIVING IN FORT MYERS WERE GIVEN A SPECIAL TREAT, FOR MORE THAN A DECADE THE FORT MYERS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS TEAMED UP WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR ADOPT-A-SENIOR; WOLD AIDS DAY CELEBRATED IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, MEMBERS OF THE ISLAND COAST AIDS NETWORK OFFERED FREE HIV-AIDS SCREENINGS, WHILE ALSO CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE LIVING WITH THE DEADLY DISEASE. IN DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS, IN COLLIER COUNTY, FREE TESTS WERE OFFERED AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY THEY USED ART TO RAISE AWARENESS; A WINTER-WONDERLAND IN CAPE CORAL, THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND TONS OF SNOW MADE THEIR WAY TO THE CENTURY LINK HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS; THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK CELEBRATED IT'S FIFTH YEAR OF THE POPULAR EMPTY BOWLS EVENT;
- 12/02 THE NEWS PROGRAM 60 MINUTES IS ACCUSING A NAPLES-BASED HOSPITAL CHAIN OF ADMITTING EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS EXCESSIVLY TO BOOST THEIR PROFIT BUT HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES SAYS THAT'S NOT THE CASE; CAPE CORAL INVESTGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO VANDALIZED DOZENS OF MAILBOXES; BOIL WATER NOTICE WAS LIFTED FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY UTILITY CUSTOMERS; A UNIQUE COMPETITION PITTED LEETRAN BUS DRIVERS AGAINST EACH OTHER THEY MANEUBERED THE BUSES THROUGH AN OBSTACLE COURSE IN A BUS RODEO AT PAGE FIELD; TICKETS FOR THE RED SOX SPRING TRAINING GAMES WON'T BE ON-SALE UNTIL NEXT WEEKEND BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP A FEW DIE-HARD FANS FROM SNAGGING THEIR

- PLACE IN THE FRONT OF THE LINE; CAR AND MOTORCYCLE ENTHUIASTS CAME OUT TO SHOW OFF THEIR PRIZED POSSESSIONS IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY;
- 12/03 A LOCAL HOSPITAL COMPANY UNDER FIRE - CALLED OUT IN A 60 MINUTES STORY SAYS THE STORY ISN'T TRUE HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES IS DENYING THE CLAIMS THAT HOSPITALS OPERATED UNDER A QUOTA SYSTEM.. TO MAKE MONEY; ONE OF THE BIGGEST AIR AMBULANCE OPERATORS IN AMERICA, WILL APPLY TO COME TO LEE COUNTY; THE NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM IS CRYING FOUL THIEVES BROKE INTO THEIR STORAGE SHED AND STOLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN EQUIPMENT; A LEGAL SHOWDOWN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN OVER WHETHER LEE COUNTY WHERE VOTERS HAVE APPROVED SLOT MACHINES CAN ACTUALLY INSTALL THEM; THE FLU SEASON IS UNDERWAY AND IT'S THE EARLIEST START IN NEARLY A DECADE; A LOCAL COMPANY THAT RECEIVED FIVE-MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXPAYER FUNDS WANTS MORE TIME TO HIRE PEOPLE, VR LABS REQUESTED AN EXTRA YEAR TO MEET ITS HIRING GOALS; FORT MYERS CITY LEADERS ARE FORCING SOME DRIVERS TO PAY MORE FOR PARKING TO PARTIALLY FUND NEARLY EIGHT HUNDRED NEW PARKING SPACES; A NEW PETITION CIRCULATING IN LEE COUNTY URGES LEADERS TO NOT PRIVATIZE THE GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE;
- 12/04 LEE COUNTY PUTS OFF THE PURCHASE OF TEN NEW AMBULANCES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BELIEVES: OLDER AMBULANCES COST TOO MUCH TO MAINTAIN BUT SOME COMMISSIONERS ARE NOT SOLD ON SPENDING MORE MONEY; FLORIDA'S SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE IN LEE COUNTY NEXT WEEK TO LOOK INTO WHAT WENT WRONG ON ELECTION DAY; BEFORE DROPPING OFF BAGS OF CLOTHES YOU WANT TO DONATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BEWARE YOU MAY BE SHOCKED TO FIND OUT YOUR DONATIONS ARE NOT GOING TO CHARITY; CHARLOTTE COUNTY HIRED A MOVIE EXPERT TO MARKET THE AREA TO FILM, TV AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS; A WARNING FOR HOMEOWNERS A COMPANY CALLED HOMESERVE USA IS SENDING LETTERS OUT ADVERTISING INSURANCE FOR YOUR WATER LINE; A PRIME SPOT OF NAPLES REAL ESTATE COULD SOON BE HOME TO A BRAND NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN COLLIER COUNTY HAS GOTTEN THE GREEN LIGHT TO MOVE FORWARD; VOLUNTEERS WITH THE LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM ARE MAILING CARE PACKAGES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON TO TWO HUNDRED MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS; CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES HELPED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS FILL SHOPPING CARTS WITH PRESENTS FOR THEIR FAMILIES TO OPEN CHRISTMAS MORNING; A SCAM CAUGHT BY AN ALERT LOCAL POSTAL EMPLOYEE, THE VICTIM THOUGHT HE HAD SOLD A PAIR OF SHOES ON CRAIGSLIST AND WAS PREPARING TO SHIP HIS PACKAGE;
- 12/05 VANDALS ARE DESTROYING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS - IN ONE SAN CARLOS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD; PLANS ARE MOVING FORWARD TO TRANSFORM SAN CARLOS ISLAND INTO A RESORT STYLE DESTINATION; THE LEE COUNTY TEACHER'S UNION SAYS THE STATE NEEDS TO RE-WORK ITS NEW TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM; THE SALVATION ARMY IS GETTING READY TO HAND OUT THOUSANDS OF HOLIDAY MEAL KITS TO FAMILIES IN NEED; A PROGRAM ALLOWING HOMEOWNERS TO RAISE HENS IN THEIR BACKYARD IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY IN BONITA SPRINGS; STUDENTS AT F-G-C-U ARE TAKING LESSONS LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM TO THE REAL WORLD ENGINEERING AND BUSINESS STUDENTS TEAMED UP TO BUILD AND MARKET AN ENTIRELY *NEW PRODUCT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;
- 12/06 LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WANTS TO HIRE A COMPANY TO MONITOR CRACKS ON THE RECENTLY REPAIRED SANIBEL CAUSEWAY BRIDGE; THE NEW METRO PARKWAY EXTENSION WILL GET A TRAFFIC LIGHT BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OVER SAFETY; BEARS ARE BECOMING AN INCREASING ISSUE IN LEHIGH ACRES ACCORDING TO WILDLIFE OFFICIALS; THE WATER BASIN PROJECT IS THE FIRST STEP IN LARGER PLAN TO REVAMP DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS AND MAKE IT A RIVERFRONT DESTINATION SPOT; A GRADUATION CEREMONY BEHIND BARS INMATES AT THE MOORE HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY WERE RECOGNIZED FOR RECEIVING THEIR G.E.D. OR VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE; THE JUMP ON EXPRESS IS OFFICIALLY UP AND RUNNING, THE FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE.. TAKES RIDERS FROM DOWNTOWN NAPLES TO MERCATO; TWO MEN ARE IN JAIL ACCUSED OF STEALING FROM THE NORTH PORT HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY BUS DRIVER IS UNDER INVESTIGATION AFTER PARENTS SAY SHE MADE CHILDREN TAPE EACH OTHERS MOUTHS SHUT TO MAKE THEM BE QUIET;
- 12/07 POOR COMMUNICATION, A HANDS-OFF MANAGEMENT APPROACH AND LACK OF A COMMON VISION THOSE ARE THE MAIN INGREDIENTS OF THE MELT-DOWN OF THE MEDSTAR PROGRAM IN LEE COUNTY ACCORDING TO THE LEE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE AUDIT; A SPECIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR LEE COUNTY'S BRAND NEW VA

CLINIC IN CAPE CORAL; A BONITA SPRINGS 92 YEAR OLD WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN TALKED ABOUT THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR SEVENTY ONE YEARS AGO; JURORS RECOMMENDED LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE FOR ROBERT DUNN FOR THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE IN 2008; RED SOX SPRING TRAINING TICKETS GO ON SALE TOMORROW MORNING BUT, SOME FANS HAVE BEEN CAMPED OUT HERE SINCE LAST SATURDAY; RESEARCH SHOWS COLLIER COUNTY HAS MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND LATCH-KEY KIDS WHO NEED A SAFE PLACE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL A LOCAL NON-PROFIT AND A NAPLES PHILANTHROPIST ARE TEAMING UP TO BUILD A MAJOR EDUCATION CENTER; THE DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS WATER BASIN IS OFFICIALLY OPEN; SOMETIMES, YOU CAN FIND A NEW JOB ON CRAIG'S LIST THAT WAS THE GOAL OF ONE NORTH FORT MYERS WOMAN BUT AFTER SHE APPLIED SHE STARTED TO REALIZE THE JOB WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE;

12/08

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING TICKETS WENT ON SALE AND HUNDREDS OF DIE HARD FANS WERE IN LINE WHEN THE WINDOW OPENED; MORE THAN FIVE-THOUSAND PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO CENTENNIAL PARK FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HEART WALK; LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN IN CAPE CORAL WILL HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY THANKS TO DOZENS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CAPE CORAL POLICE AND THE COAST GUARDS' FILL THE BOAT TOY DRIVE; ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT ON CAPTIVA ISLAND IS GETTING SOME NATIONAL PUBLICITY, ITS HOLIDAY VILLAGE GOLF CART PARADE IS SET TO BE PART OF A PROPOSED TV SHOW HIGHLIGHTING UNIQUE CHRISTMAS EVENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY; THE IMMOKALEE INDIANS ARE LESS THAN ONE WEEK AWAY FROM COMPETING IN THE CLASS 5-A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP;

12/09

THE PASTOR CRITICALLY INJURED IN A CRASH ON THE METRO PARKWAY EXTENSION IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL; PLANE WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN A SARASOTA FIELD; A BALD EAGLE IS GOING TO BE OKAY THANKS TO THE QUICK THINKING OF TWO FORT MYERS RESIDENTS; FOR FIFTY SIX YEARS THE FORT MYERS WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB HAS BROUGHT HISTORY ALIVE WITH THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOURS THIS YEAR'S THEME AT THE BURROUGHS AND LANGFORD KINGSTON HOMES IS CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD;

12/10

A COLLIER COUNTY JUDGE HAS DENIED AN ACQUITTAL FOR THE TEEN CHARGED IN HIS MOTHER'S DEATH; THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR THIEVES WHO BROKE INTO TWO LEHIGH ACRES BUSINESSES; THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK SAYS IF THE FISCAL CLIFF IS REACHED PROGRAMS LIKE WIC AND MEALS ON WHEELS COULD BE CUT; GOLDEN GATE AND EAST NAPLES FIRE DISTRICTS TALK ABOUT CONSOLIDATING YET AGAIN; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS MOURNING THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR OWN LEMON BAY HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR JERONE CAMPBELL DIED FRIDAY MORNING WHILE UNDERGOING SURGERY; PAUL TODD PERFORMED HIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL IN FORT MYERS WITH TICKETS SALES BENEFITED THE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK;

12/11

STATE OFFICIALS ARE GETTING A BETTER LOOK AT WHAT WENT WRONG IN LEE COUNTY ON ELECTION DAY, SECRETARY OF STATE KEN DETZNER MEET WITH SHARON HARRINGTON LEE COUNTY'S SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; FIRE-TRUCKS THAT WON'T START WHEN NEEDED THE UNION REPRESENTING FIRE FIGHTERS IN CAPE CORAL SAYS HAT'S A RECURRING PROBLEM, AND IT WANTS THE CITY TO FIX IT; AFTER A LONG DRAWN OUT DEBATE BOARD MEMBERS SIDED WITH CUSTOMERS AND DECIDED TO DITCH THE IDEA OF ADDING FLUORIDE TO THE WATER BUT THAT MEANS GIVING BACK THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO THE STATE; NAPLES HAS RESCHEDULED ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE DUE TO WEATHER; A TWO-MONTH LONG WINK NEWS CALL FOR ACTION INVESTIGATION ENDS WITH AN ARREST, AN AUTO AUCTION COMPANY OWNER ARRESTED AND ACCUSED OF INSURANCE FRAUD AND LARCENY; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED SPENDING ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO INSPECT BEAMS ON THE SANIBEL CAUSEWAY; OPPONENTS OF THE MULTI MILLION DOLLAR FORT MYERS BEACH EBB TIDE PROJECT HAVE SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS; FORMER LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHARLIE BIGELOW HAS DIED; CHARLOTTE COUNTY WANTS TO SPEND TWO-MILLION DOLLARS TO DIG UP ALGAE IN A POPULAR PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY;

12/12

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS ARRESTED A PINE ISLAND WOMAN FOR ILLEGALLY OBTAINING THOUSANDS OF OXYCODONE PILLS; THE COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS ARRESTED THE MAN THEY SAY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING A GOLDEN GATE APARTMENT ON FIRE; COLLIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE

DECIDED TO REMOVE RED LIGHT CAMERAS; THE CALOOSAHATCHEE'S WATER QUALITY COULD SOON IMPROVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNVEILED A SERIES OF SIXETY PROJECTS AIMED AT THAT GOAL; A FEDERAL JURY FOUND TWO CAPE CORAL MEN GUILTY IN A HEALTH CARE AND MAIL FRAUD CONSPIRACY; A COLLIER COUNTY COUPLE ARRESTED IN PUERTO RICO, IS ACCUSED STEALING FROM A LOCAL REALTY INVESTMENT GROUP; A BONITA SPRINGS BUSINESS OWNER IS FIGHTING TO KEEP HIS HOT DOG STAND UP AND RUNNING; FORBES SAYS THE FORT MYERS - CAPE CORAL AREA SHOULD RANK NUMBER ONE IN JOB GROWTH NATIONWIDE IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE NEW YEAR; ARTHREX INCORPORATED IN NAPLES IS MAKING HEADLINES FOR BEING ONE OF FLORIDA'S TOP JOB PRODUCERS GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT PRESENTED THE COMPANY WITH AN AWARD; A FRIGHTENING SCENARIO THAT HAD ONE MATLACHA WOMAN CONVINCED HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED AND HELD FOR RANSOM, SHE GOT A CALL FROM AN UNKNOWN MAN DEMANDING MONEY BUT LATER FOUND OUT IT WAS ALL A SCAM; A CHARLOTTE COUNTY CENTER DEDICATED TO REHABILITATION OF WILDLIFE... IS FIGHTING FOR ITS OWN LIFE;

12/13

COMPLAINT AFTER COMPLAINT LED COLLIER COUNTY OFFICIALS TO END A CONTRACT WITH THE COMPANY THAT PUT UP RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN THE COUNTY; CALL FOR ACTION INVESTIGATION INTO ABANDONED SHOPPING CARDS IN A SOUTH CAPE CORAL NEIGHBORHOOD; THIRTY ONE COLLIER COUNTY TEACHERS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT THEY DO FOR OUR STUDENTS EVERY DAY THEY WERE SURPRISED IN THEIR CLASSROOM FOR MAKING THE CUT IN THE GOLDEN APPLE PROCESS; CHARLOTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WANT TO KEEP YOU SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON THEY'VE KICKED OFF THEIR DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER' CAMPAIGN; APPARENT MURDER SUICIDE OF TWO IMMOKALEE TEENS; SOME LESS FORTUNATE KIDS MAY NOT HAVE PRESENTS THIS CHRISTMAS AFTER THIEVES BROKE INTO A SMALL FORT MYERS GYM THAT WAS DONATING TOYS; A PLAN TO CREATE A NEW INTERCHANGE ON INTERSTATE-75 IS NOW ON HOLD COLLIER COMMISSIONERS AGREED TO DELAY THE EVERGLADES PARKWAY PROPOSAL FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS; A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD HAVE SHUT DOWN MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS IN BONITA SPRINGS, WILL BE REWRITTEN;

12/14

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SCHOOLS GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO KEEP THEIR BUILDINGS SECURE; IMOKALEE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS LOSES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN ORLANDO CONNECTICUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING LOCAL REACTION; A LOCAL CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO, TO EASE YOUR CHILD'S FEARS ABOUT THE SHOOTING; A BIG DECISION LIES AHEAD FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ISLES OF CAPRI FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT IS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE AND IS CURRENTLY RUN BY COLLIER COUNTY; A LITTLE ENGLEWOOD BOY WHO TRULY UNDERSTANDS THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS; CALL FOR ACTION SCAM WARNING FROM LEE COUNTY ELECTRIC CO-OP, NEVER GIVE PERSONAL BANKING OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE;

12/15

THE FATHER OF FORMER TAMPA BAY RAYS PITCHER MATT BUSH SAYS HIS SON IS EXPECTED TO AGREE TO A PLEA DEAL IN A D-U-I CRASH FROM MARCH; A NAPLES MAN FACING SEVERAL DUI CHARGES AFTER CRASHING INTO TWO TEENAGERS ON AN ATV IN APRIL IS OUT OF JAIL; PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE FOR ALL OF FAIRVIEW ISLES IN FORT MYERS BEACH; SEVERAL BOATS RACED THREE MILES INTO THE GULF, TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DIED FOR THIS COUNTRY; THE SALVATION ARMY IS MAKING SURE FAMILIES HAVE FOOD ON THE TABLE AND TOYS UNDER THEIR TREE FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS, THE SALVATION ARMY WILL SERVE ABOUT FOUR-THOUSAND FAMILIES THROUGH ITS CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM;

12/16

A NAPLES GRANDFATHER WHOSE TWO GRANDCHILDREN WERE INSIDE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHEN BULLETS WERE FLYING TALK ABOUT THE SHOOTING; A CAPE CORAL POLICE OFFICER SAYS HE WAS FORCED TO SHOOT A FAMILY PET BECAUSE HE FELT THREATENED NOW AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING *IF THOSE DOGS WERE DANGEROUS; HOLIDAY FAVORITES TOOK TO THE WATER AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CAPE CORAL BOAT PARADE;

12/17

THE LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT SAYS SAFETY PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE; QUESTIONABLE PHOTOGRAPHS COST A LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, HIS JOB; LEE COUNTY'S NEW VA CLINIC IS NOW SEEING PATIENTS; THE TRAVEL-SITE, ORBITZ, RANKS OUR AREA, AMONG THE MOST AFFORDABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GET-A-WAYS; FAMILY IN CAPE CORAL IS HOPING THEIR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BRIGHTEN SPIRITS BUT ALSO FILL THE STOMACHS OF LEE COUNTY'S MOST IN NEED; A TERRIFYING ORDEAL FOR A SOUTH FORT MYERS WOMAN, LEE COUNTY

DEPUTIES SAY SHE WAS TIED UP AND ROBBED IN HER HOME; A CALL FOR ACTION AT A CAPE CORAL SCHOOL, PARENTS AND NEIGHBORS SAY A NEW PICK UP PROCEDURE AT PELICAN ELEMENTARY IS PUTTING STUDENTS' SAFETY IN DANGER; A ONE-TIME TOURIST ATTRACTION IN COLLIER COUNTY IS PLEADING FOR MONEY, THE SHY WOLF SANCTUARY SAYS IT MAY HAVE TO CLOSE IF IT DOESN'T GET SUPPORT SOON; THE CHARLOTTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS STEPPING UP SECURITY ON ALL OF THEIR CAMPUSES KEEPING EVERYTHING ON HIGH ALERT; A NEW SCAM RACKING UP MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS TARGETING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS; BILLY'S BIKE RENTALS* ON SANIBEL ISLAND DONATED THE WHEELS TO ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF TRANSPORTATION

12/18

CHARLOTTE COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED 61 YEAR OLD STEPHEN MILLER OF PORT CHARLOTTE FOR ALLEGEDLY GOING TO TWO PORT CHARLOTTE SCHOOLS ASKING IF HE COULD BRING A GUN ON CAMPUS TO PROTECT HIS GRANDCHILDREN; FORMER TAMPA BAY RAYS PITCHER AGREED TO A PLEA DEAL THAT WILL SEND HIM TO PRISON FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS, MATT BUSH IS ACCUSED OF BEING DRUNK WHEN HE HIT A MOTORCYCLIST IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY IN MARCH; HE 40TH CITY OF PALMS BASKETBALL CLASSIC IT'S HAPPENING AT BISHOP VEROT HIGH SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS AND FEATURES MORE THAN THIRTY OF THE BEST MEN'S HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY; EAST NAPLES FIREFIGHTERS HAVE BEEN HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THEIR ANNUAL TOY DRIVE HELPS BRINGS SMILES TO HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN EVERY YEAR; PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ARE REACHING OUT TO THOSE IMPACTED BY THE NEWTOWN SHOOTING, ONE WOMAN GIVE HER PLANE TICKET HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. TO A NEWTOWN RELATIVE IN NEED; LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER FRANK MANN IS TRYING TO PERSUADE A TAMPA-BASED OPERATION, TO BID FOR THE COUNTY'S AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE; THE FORT MYERS BEACH MAYOR SAYS THERE'S A SOLUTION TO THE TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE ON SAN CARLOS BOULEVARD HE WANTS A DESIGNATED TROLLEY LANE; PEOPLE IN THE DISABLED COMMUNITY ARE GROWING MORE ANGRY, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSIT TO AND FROM JETBLUE PARK BUT LEE COUNTY OFFICIALS SAY THERE IS NO MONEY OR PLANS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT TO THE SPRING TRAINING HOME OF THE BOSTON RED SOX;

12/19

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH LEFT SOME SOUTHWEST FLORIDA GUN OWNERS UNEASY WONDERING HOW LAWS MIGHT CHANGE AND IMPACT THEM, ONE GUN SHOP IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY SAYS SINCE FRIDAY'S SHOOTING, GUNS HAVE BEEN FLYING OFF THEIR SHELVES; A COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL IS GETTING THE FENCE THEY'VE BEEN WANTING FOR THE PAST YEAR, NAPLES COUNCIL MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION; THE SALVATION ARMY IS THANKFUL FOR THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THEIR BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN; A GROUP OF COLLIER COUNTY TEACHERS ARE ASKING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT THEY CALL SERIOUS HOLES IN SECURITY AT ONE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; THE COMMUNITY HAS STEPPED UP TO SAVE A TOY DRIVE AT A FORT MYERS GYM; FLORIDA'S MINIMUM WAGE IS GOING UP 12 CENTS STARTING JANUARY FIRST; DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WANT TO CHANGE TWO TURN LANES AROUND THE DEL PRADO INTERSECTION WITH CAPE CORAL PARKWAY;

12/20

A DUNBAR PRE-SCHOOL IS TAKING EXTRA SECURITY MEASURES AFTER STAFF MEMBERS SAY SOMEONE BROKE INTO THEIR BUILDING, THIEF STOLE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN FOOD, A RADIO AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS; A FORT MYERS WOMAN IS ACCUSED OF HEADING OFF TO WORK AND LEAVING HER DOG FOR DEAD; A DANGEROUS FUGITIVE WHO'S BEEN HIDING FOR MONTHS IN LEE COUNTY IS IN CUSTODY; THE ISLES OF CAPRI FIRE DISTRICT AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH TWO OPTIONS TO CHANGE THE WAY IT'S MANAGED; A PROGRAM THAT COULD SAVE VALUABLE SECONDS IN AN EMERGENCY SMART 911 IS A SAFETY PROFILE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE IN COLLIER COUNTY; A CONSUMER ALERT FOR BEACHGOERS, IF YOU PAID WITH CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD TO PARK AT BOWDITCH POINT PARK MONTHS AGO YOU COULD SOON SEE THOSE CHARGES ON YOUR BANK STATEMENT;

12/21

THE NRA WANTS TO SEE THE SCHOOL SHIELD PROGRAM STARTED THE FIRST DAY FORWARD BUT LEE COUNTY SCHOOL LEADERS SAY THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE; AN UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION IN COLLIER COUNTY LED TO THE ARREST OF A MAN CLAIMING TO BE A DENTIST; FOUR AIR AMBULANCE OPERATORS ARE APPLYING TO REPLACE MEDSTAR IN LEE COUNTY; CITY OF CAPE CORAL LOOKING FOR A NEW FIRE CHIEF; FORMER YPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH IS ACCUSED OF BILKING FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS OUT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS; LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP IDENTIFYING THREE

- 12/22 MEN THEY SAY BROKE INTO A NORTH FORT MYERS HOME; DOZENS OF CAPE CORAL POLICE OFFICERS GOT IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT THEY TOOK CHILDREN IN NEED ON A SHOPPING SPREE; PEOPLE IN ARCADIA GATHERED AROUND A MAKE-SHIFT MEMORIAL IN DOWNTOWN ARCADIA TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE SANDY HOOK MASSACRE; PEOPLE AROUND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ARE BEING ADVISED TO COVER THEIR PLANTS AND BRING THEIR PETS INSIDE THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS ISSUED A FREEZE WARNING; A HOT MEAL AND PRESENTS FOR UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE WERE GIVEN TO THOSE IN NEED AND IT WAS ALL MADE POSSIBLE THE CASTILLO FAMILY WHO RUN SAN MARTIN DE PORRES FOOD BANK IN FORT MYERS; ONE OF THE BUSIEST TRAVEL DAYS OF THE YEAR AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL WAS PACKED WITH PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO SEE THEIR LOVED ONES; NEW DIRECT FLIGHT FROM OTTAWA TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGAN TODAY; NORTH FORT MYERS IS ELECTING A HONORARY MAYOR ONLINE; ANONYMOUS TIP LED TO THE ARREST OF ONE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S CRIME STOPPERS TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES; BEACH GOERS TRADED SMIMSUITS FOR SWEATSHIRTS AND BRAVED THE CHILLY TEMPERATURES AT FORT MYERS BEACH;
- 12/23 POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS SWARMED A CAPE CORAL NEIGHBORHOOD A FIREFIGHTER ON THE SCENE SAID SOMEONE PUT A HOMEADE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN AT LEAST ONE MAILBOX; A PRECAUTIONARY BOIL WATER NOTICE FOR ALL OF FAIRVIEW ISLES IN FORT MYERS BEACH; A CHRISTMAS TREE THAT IS NOT TAKEN CARE OF CAN BE DANGEROUS THE BONITA SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS THE DRIER YOUR TREE GETS, THE MORE YOU RISK A FIRE; FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY FRATERNITY IS UNVEILING A NEW PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROTECT STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY FROM DRUNK DRIVERS;
- 12/24 TWO BOATERS ARE BACK ON DRY LAND AFTER GETTING STRANDED MILES OUT INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO; THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO FINISH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MANY SOUTHWEST FLORIDIANS ARE PACKING THE STORES, PICKING UP THOSE LAST MINUTE GIFTS; THIS WEEK'S COLD FRONT IS ACTUALLY HELPING OUR LOCAL CRABBERS WHO HAVE HAD A ROUGH STONE CRAB SEASON; PEOPLE ARE WORKING TO PREPARE FOOD FOR A BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER AT A SALVATION ARMY FACILITY IN FORT MYERS; A SUNCOAST ESTATES FAMILY IN NORTH FORT MYERS IS MAKING SURE NO KIDS IN THEIR COMMUNITY SPEND CHRISTMAS WITHOUT TOYS; EAST NAPLES FAMILY HAS A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER THEY WILL WAKE UP CHRISTMAS MORNING AND HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME THANKS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COLLIER COUNTY;
- 12/25 TOURISTS FLOCKING TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA THIS CHRISTMAS ARE TRADING IN THEIR WINTER COATS FOR SWIM SUITS AND THAT MEANS BUSINESS IS BOOMING FOR SHOPS THAT ARE OPEN TODAY NEAR BEACHES ACROSS OUR AREA; EMPLOYEES AT LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM WERE BUSY TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS SO THEIR BOSSES DONNED APRONS TO SERVE EMPLOYEES A FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL; FORT MYERS SALVATION ARMY VOLUNTEERS MADE SURE NO ONE WENT WITHOUT A MEAL THIS CHRISTMAS IT'S A CHRISTMAS TRADITION THAT IT'S VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN SERVING UP SINCE THE ORGANIZATION STARTED; FOUR FAMILIES IN COLLIER COUNTY WERE ADOPTED THIS CHRISTMAS BY THE BIG CORKSCREW FIRE DEPARTMENT; SURPRISINGLY CHRISTMAS IS A BIG DAY FOR BUSINESSES ON FIFTH AVENUE IN NAPLES, A LOT OF TOURISTS AND LOCALS CAME OUT THIS AFTERNOON TO DINE ON FIFTH AVENUE OR DO SOME SHOPPING;
- 12/26 A NAPLES MAN IS BEHIND BARS ON DUI CHARGES AFTER HE RAN INTO A COLLIER COUNTY AMBULANCE; A NEW INVASIVE PEST IS MULTIPLYING RAPIDLY IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA IT'S CALLED "THE CARIBBEAN CRAZY ANT; THEY COME IN MANY SHAPES AND SIZES BUT PONZI SCHEMES HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON THE INVESTORS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS THE BIG LOSER A SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MAN HAS A WARNING; ONE OF THE BUSIEST DAYS OF THE YEAR FOR THE NAPLES AIRPORT AS TOURISTS FLY IN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN THE SUNSHINE; RECORD NUMBER OF PET ADOPTIONS AT THE NAPLES HUMANE SOCIETY NAPLES; FLIGHT DELAYS AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO BAD WEATHER AT MANY DESTINATIONS.
- 12/27 THREE SUSPECTS ARE ACCUSED OF STEALING SEVENTYTHOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF GUNS FROM A NORTH FORT MYERS HOME; THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS IS MAKING MAJOR CHANGES TO TWO SECTION EIGHT HOUSING COMPLEXES THAT MEANS, MORE THAN 200 FAMILIES HAVE TO LOOK FOR NEW PLACES TO LIVE; A

DISGRUNTLED PASSENGER WAS ARRESTED AT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; A LARGE FISH KILL OFF THE COAST OF CHARLOTTE AND SARASOTA COUNTIES IS KEEPING TOURISTS AWAY; A FOUR LETTER WORD IS SETTING THE STAGE FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF DRAMA AT THE CAPE CORAL CULTURAL PARK THEATER AFTER TWO MONTHS OF REHEARSALS THE CURTAIN IS CLOSING ON A PRODUCTION BEFORE IT EVEN OPENS; A NEW MAN IN CHARGE OF CAPE CORAL'S UTILITY EXPANSION PROJECT; WINK NEWS CALL FOR ACTION VOLUNTEERS HAVE HAD ONE OF THEIR BEST YEARS YET GETTING SOUTHWEST FLORIDA RESIDENTS MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS;

- 12/28 ALLEGIANT AIRLINE PLANE HEADED TO PUNTA GORDA WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN FORT WAYNE INDIANA, NO PASSENGER WAS INJURED; PEOPLE ARE BUYING MULTIMILLION DOLLAR HOMES IN NAPLES BEFORE TAXES GO UP IN THE NEW YEAR; A CAPE CORAL WOMAN IS ACCUSED OF DRIVING DRUNK AND CRASHING HER CAR INTO A HOUSE; LEE COUNTY AND AEROMED REACHED AN AGREEMENT TO KEEP AN AIR AMBULANCE HELICOPTER STATIONED AT PAGE FIELD IN FORT MYERS, INTO THE NEW YEAR; THE SEARCH IS ON FOR TWELVE PEOPLE WANTED FOR SELLING DRUGS IN THE CENTRAL AND DUNBAR SECTIONS OF FORT MYERS; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIMESTOPPERS IS ASKING FOR HELP TO FIND AN ARTISTIC VANDAL WHO PROCLAIMS THEMSELVES AS THE SILLY RABBIT; A SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FAMILY IS DEVASTATED OVER A NEW BILL THAT BANS AMERICANS FROM ADOPTING RUSSIAN CHILDREN;
- 12/29 MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PASSENGERS FINALLY LANDED IN PUNTA GORDA AFTER AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN INDIANA DELAYED THEIR ARRIVAL BY MORE THAN 12 HOURS; 2012 WILL GO DOWN AS THE DEADLIEST YEAR IN FORT MYERS, TWENTY THREE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BUT MANY OF THE CASES ARE STILL UNSOLVED; THE TOW-TO-GO PROGRAM WILL GIVE YOU A LIFT FOR FREE, TOW TRUCK OPERATORS WILL DRIVE CALLERS TO A SAFE LOCATION WITHIN A 10-MILE RADIUS; A NEW PROGRAM IS GIVING KIDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN RIGHT FROM WRONG, WHILE HAVING FUN, THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAM IS IMPACTING AN ENTIRE NORTH FORT MYERS COMMUNITY;
- 12/30 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CRIME STOPPERS IS ASKING HELP, AFTER A BODY WAS DISCOVERED IN LEHIGH ACRES; TWO HOMICIDES IN THREE DAYS WITHIN FORT MYERS CITY LIMITS THE LATEST ONE, BRINGS THE HOMICIDE TOTAL TO 24 THIS YEAR; COCONUT POINT MALL PLAYED HOST TO THE HOWARD ALAN ART FESTIVAL, HUNDREDS OF AWARD WINNING ARTISTS SET UP SHOP, SHARING WITH THE PUBLIC WHAT INSPIRES THEIR CREATIONS; SOUTHWEST FLORIDA YEAR IN REVIEW;
- 12/31 A GLADES COUNTY PILOT WAS IN THE AIR WHEN HE SAW SOMEONE STEALING A TRAILER FROM HIS HOUSE, CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICE CAUGHT THE ROBBER IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY; GOLDEN GATE FIRE CHIEF ROBERT METZGER RESIGNED LAST WEEK AND WAS HIRED AS THE NEW FIRE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH IN CALIFORNIA; NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS THROUGH OUT SOUTHWEST FLORIDA; CAB COMPANIES ALL AROUND LEE COUNTY HAVE BEEN GEARING UP ALL DAY FOR WHAT THEY ARE CALLING THEIR BIGGEST DAY OF THE YEAR; HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS FROM ACROSS THE NATION STILL MADE A TRIP TO NAPLES EVEN THOUGH THE GULFSHORE INVITATIONAL WAS CANCELLED; THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN NAPLES SPENT THEIR NEW YEARS EVE WATCHING FIRE WORKS SET OFF FROM THE PIER; FORT MYERS POLICE HAVE MADE AN ARREST IN THE STABBING INSIDE THE PASEO NEIGHBORHOOD;