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Back row, from left, JLFM President-elect Erin Velloff, past presidents Sasha Warren, Anita Duenas, Nicole Brenner, Carolyn Baker-McCord, Anne Hansen, Deanne Kyle, Shirley Snyder McLaren, Helen Crumie, Barbara Hansen and Kathleen Williamson. Front row, from left, past presidents Gloria Fassett, Mary Lee Mann, Mary Kay Sidell, Linda Uhler, Lou Pontius and Nannette Miller

## Junior League Celebrating 50 Years

The Junior League of Fort Myers recently hosted more than a dozen of its past presidents at a luncheon at Mimi's Café, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the organization. During the luncheon, 16 past presidents were honored and thanked for their service to the organization.

Since 1966, the JLFM has contributed more than one million volunteer hours to community projects and programs. Through the decades, it has made major contributions to Southwest Florida to support a wide variety of community needs including founding the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (1973), the Volunteer Service Bureau – Volunteer Action Center – now known as Volunteer Center (1992), Teen Court (1992) and the Women's Resource Center (1996). It has also been active in feeding the hungry in the five-county area through the food drive at its annual Taste of the Town, mentoring teenage girls in foster care, supporting self defense for women, preparing women to re-enter the workforce, creating a listening library for cancer patients, preserving historic architecture, supporting the Ronald McDonald House, distributing holiday food baskets, organizing holiday gift drives, providing gender-specific programming to teenage girls in juvenile justice, supplying backpacks to children in Harlem Heights Community and more.

The Junior League will host a public celebration to honor its 50th anniversary  
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## Students To Plant Coconut Palms On Arbor Day

Arbor Day was started in 1872 and the tradition will continue at Edison & Ford Winter Estates on Friday, April 29 at 9 a.m. when trees will be planted by students, under the direction of Edison Ford horticulturist Debbie Hughes, to commemorate the day.

Students from Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts Elementary will paint coconuts from the palms at Edison Ford, and this year they will also plant the sprouted palms.

Students from the second grade class of Mrs. Schwartz will bring this year's newly-painted coconuts and learn how to plant the sprouting palms from previous years.

The first Arbor Day celebration was held in Nebraska City in 1872 and as many as one million trees were planted there. Thomas and Mina Edison planted coconuts along the fence line of the estate in celebration of the holiday for many years.

The tradition was brought back with the involvement of Edison Ford patron and garden lover, the late Berne Davis.

Over the years, many other trees have been planted at Edison Ford in celebration of National Arbor Day, including mangoes, Hong Kong orchids, live oaks, geiger, citrus, calabash, royal poinciana and jacaranda. Edison Ford has become a well-known historic



The late Berne Davis with Edison Ford horticulturist Debbie Hughes

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Edison & Ford Winter Estates

garden and home to hundreds of tropical trees. Many are champion size, like the historic banyan. For more information, call 334-7419 or visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org).

## Taste Of The Beach Coming Soon

The 21st annual Taste of The Beach, presented by The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, returns on Sunday, May 1. The popular food festival held at the Port of Old San Carlos on Fort Myers Beach includes approximately 16 restaurants plus promotional vendors and live music provided by Jo List and Friends from noon to 4 p.m.

Festival gates will open at 11 a.m. and food will be served until it runs out, or until 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and children over 12. All children under 12 are admitted free. Food tickets are available at \$1 each, with the average plate costing around \$5.

Attendees are invited to sample a variety of local delicacies prepared by beach restaurants and chefs. Festival-goers can expect to take a bite of the area's best fresh seafood, indulgent appetizers, sweet treats and more. These samples are available for purchase and will also be assessed by a panel of celebrity judges who seek to award several different honors to winners in a variety of flavor and theme categories.

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers. Volunteers receive free admission, 10 complimentary food tickets and free water. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Contact Rhonda Murray at 454-7500 or [rhonda@fmbchamber.com](mailto:rhonda@fmbchamber.com) for more information.



Celebrity judges sample dishes to select winners



Crowds at the entrance to last year's Taste of the Beach



Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

# Daniels Brothers Boatways



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

**A**mong the region’s most prominent names in boat-building and boat-design history are J. Frank and J. Henry Daniels, the founders of Daniels Brothers Boatways.

The brothers came from a seafaring and boat-building family and grew up in the remote regions of Southwest Florida in Lostman’s River in the Ten Thousand Islands.

They later moved to Marco Island, and while still quite young, Frank delivered mail by boat between Marco and Punta Rassa.

In 1919, he teamed up with his much older brother Henry, who had been building fishing skiffs for years. Frank learned the craft from his brother, and they subsequently moved to Fort Myers and worked downtown at Bard Hendry’s boatyard at the Ireland Dock at the foot of Hendry Street.

They later worked for the SE Williams Boatways in East Fort Myers, which was located near today’s Oasis Condominiums. Williams, too, is an illustrious name in boat design and building.

In 1929, the brothers opened their own business at the City Dock at the foot of Jackson Street. Word of their superb craftsmanship spread, and wealthy clients hired them to build custom vessels.

The brothers’ expertise attracted ordinary local fishermen and guides who wanted commercial fishing boats, as well as wealthy seasonal visitors who wanted high-end pleasure crafts and sports boats.

But in the early 1930s, the brothers had to move the business. The riverfront was to be renovated and the old docks dating from the city’s pioneer days were to be demolished. Eventually, the Yacht Basin and riverfront park would be constructed.



**This undated eastward view from the mouth of Billy’s Creek pictures Daniels Brothers Boatways in the early days. Founded in 1934, the business grew into a multi-building complex.**  
courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



**Today, condos like Alta Mar line the riverfront along Palm Beach Boulevard (East First Street) where commercial-marine businesses and other industries thrived decades ago**  
photo by Gerri Reaves

The Daniels purchased land east of downtown and founded their own boatyard. Lady Suffolk of England, a wealthy client, helped to make it possible with a loan and her best wishes.

The boatyard opened in 1934 on the Caloosahatchee River on the east “corner” at the mouth of Billy’s Creek. It prospered.

During World War II, it suspended ordinary operations, when it was leased it to a shipbuilding company who had contracts with the United States government.

Henry retired in 1947 and sold his interest to his Frank, who sold the boatyard in 1954, the same year that that WINK-Radio across the street heralded a new era in local media history by adding WINK-TV.

Daniels Brothers continued under the same name, selling, storing and repairing boats.

Henry died in 1962 and Frank in 1989 at ages 82 and 91, respectively. Today, Alta Mar Condominiums is located where the Daniels Brothers founded their boatworks in 1934.

Explore the “East End.” Walk – or ride the free trolley – to the site where two brothers made history for designing and building boats.

Then, visit the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the rich marine history of Fort Myers.

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

Be sure to visit the Southwest Florida Historical Society’s research center on your “to do” list.

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

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

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## Doctor To Speak At Kiwanis Meeting

On Wednesday, April 20, Dr. Frederick W. Schaerf will be the guest speaker at the lunch hour meeting of the Fort Myers Kiwanis Club at noon in the club's historic church building at 1634 Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers.

Dr. Schaerf is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in adult and forensic psychiatry. He specialized in neuropsychiatry at Johns Hopkins before moving to Fort Myers to practice it.

Dr. Schaerf served as president and associate medical director of the medical staff at Charter Glade Hospital, medical director of the Ruth Cooper Center for Behavioral Healthcare in Lee County, board member of the governor-appointed Local Advocacy Council and the Lee Memorial Health System Behavioral Health and Addictions Task Force. He also serves on the board of the Quality Life Center and the Lee County Association of Retarded Citizens. He was recently appointed by the state surgeon general to serve on the Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board, which advises the state surgeon general and secretary of health on the scope and direction of the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program.

Dr. Schaerf will discuss Alzheimer's and dementia and how it effects individuals and families.

The public is welcome to attend. Lunch is \$12 and catered by Gwendolyn's Café and Catering.

For reservations, contact Kiwanis Secretary Pat Stevens at 226-1556.\*

## Lee County Genealogical Society Meeting



Julia McIntyre

The Lee County Genealogical Society will conduct its next meeting on Thursday, April 21 at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, located at 8260 Cypress Lake Drive in Fort Myers. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. followed by a program

featuring guest speaker Julia McIntyre ,who will take us into the world of Find A Grave. She will talk about how to search, set up an account and submit information.

Find A Grave was created in 1995 by Jim Tipton because he could not find another website that catered to his hobby of visiting the graves of famous people. From Jim's hobby came something much bigger than he expected.

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For more information visit [www.LCGSFL.org](http://www.LCGSFL.org).\*

## SBRN To Discuss Trademarks At Monthly Meeting

The Southwest Florida Small Business Resource Network (SBRN), sponsored by Florida Gulf Coast University Small Business Development Center, will host a networking and discussion event about intellectual property for small business owners. The meeting takes place on Thursday, April 21 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Connors Steak and Seafood Gulf Coast Town Center, located at 10076 Gulf Center Drive in Fort Myers.

Speakers for the meeting are Ed Livingston and Bryan Loeffler from

Livingston Loeffler, P.A., both of whom are U.S. Registered patent attorneys and board certified in intellectual property law by The Florida Bar.

The presentation will focus on protecting the one asset every company has – its name, or "trademark." Livingston and Loeffler will discuss and answer questions about related intellectual property law matters including franchising, licensing, patents, copyrights and trade secrets.

The event begins with networking over lunch, followed by the topic discussion. Lunch is included in the cost, which is \$20 per person for members. Guests and unaffiliated small business owners pay \$30 per person.

Space is limited and RSVP is required. To register, go online to <http://fsbdcswfl.wordpress.com/sbrn-lunch-series/>. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 20.

For more information, to register for the event or to get directions, contact Lorna Kibbey, coordinator at the FGCU Small Business Development Center, at 745-3700.\*

## New Fund For The Environment Established

Just in time for Earth Day on April 22, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has launched the Fund for the Environment in Southwest Florida.

All monies raised through this multi-donor fund will be given back out to the local community through nonprofit organizations with projects focused on the long-term sustainability of the Southwest Florida environment.

Donations starting at \$10 are now being accepted online at [www.floridacommunity.com/environment-fund](http://www.floridacommunity.com/environment-fund). The first 22 donors will receive an "environment" button in the mail.

Earth Day is celebrating its 46th year as a movement that continues to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion and motivate people to action. The first Earth Day – held on April 22, 1970 – activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Today, the Earth Day Network (EDN) works with tens of thousands of partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify and mobilize the environmental movement. More than one billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, call 274-5900 or visit [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).\*

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Fort Myers Art:

# Movie Sparks Controversy And Debate At Fort Myers Film Festival



by Tom Hall

Attendees at the recent Fort Myers Film Festival's TGIM had the chance to view a short documentary titled *Proud to Serve*. It was produced and directed by University of Tampa film student Kaitlyn Traurig, who made the two-hour drive to gauge reaction to her film.

As Traurig anticipated, reaction from the judges was sharply divided. The film sought to break through stereotypes and humanize police officers by having a local sheriff's officer talk about his calling and its challenges and opportunities while driving around town in his squad car and answering myriad calls. But celebrity judge, actress Stella Ruiz, was having none of it, pointing to the long succession of police shootings and abuses over the past several years, in essence saying that the film was an unabashed apology for a profession that doesn't deserve the benefit of such consideration, since they prejudge, profile and stereotype everyone they come into contact with. So when they are stereotyped by a wary public, the police are, to borrow a cliché, hoist on their own petard.

Matlacha artist and Bealls phenom Leoma Lovegrove could not have disagreed more. She applauded the film and defended the honor and integrity of the men and women of the Lee County Sheriff's office and police officers around the country.

Entertainer and former Platters vocalist "Big Al" Holland told the stunned audience that he has found himself at the other end of a SWAT team member's rifle one time when he and a group of friends were playing guns as children only to find themselves surrounded by law enforcement as a police chopper flew overhead. That notwithstanding, Holland expressed sympathy for the difficulties officers face daily in the discharge of their duties, stating that there are good officers and bad officers just as there are good and bad lawyers, doctors, construction workers and entertainers.

At TGIM, the judges simply serve as catalysts for broader discussion by the audience, and host Eric Raddatz noted in opening the film for discussion by the audience that his goal when screening any film is to prompt intellectual thought and spirited (though respectful) conversation. The film certainly achieved that goal with local gallery owner Terry Tinch and a host of other audience members chiming in with their views about the police and what they'd just seen and heard. But it was only toward the end of the audience participation segment that anyone focused on the film itself, such as the cinematography, sound, lighting and the logistics of obtaining permission from the sheriff's department to make the picture, film an officer in the discharge of his duties, and accompany him into the jail and police headquarters.

On the latter subjects, Raddatz brought the neophyte filmmaker to the front of the Davis Art Center grand atrium to field questions and elicit even more feedback that she can process, ponder and incorporate in her next and successive filmmaking projects. In that regard, young Kaitlyn Traurig undoubtedly learned in the course of an hour more than she has in any single semester-long filmmaking class. And the audience enjoyed a bird's eye view of the logistics associated with making a documentary on a subject as politically charged as police-public relations.

## Republican Women Lee Meeting May 9

The Lee Republican Women Federated's next lunch meeting will be held on Monday, May 9 at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 West 1st Street in Fort Myers. The meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m. with a social hour, followed by lunch and the program featuring guest speaker Glo Smith, business and political consultant.

Smith, state director of the Douglass Leadership Institute, also serves as the campaigns and elections chair, for the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the campaign chair, Florida Spearhead for the National Federation of Republican Women.

Growing up in the poorest part of Jacksonville, Smith was no stranger to poverty as a child. Before her mother remarried, their large family

was living off a single mother's salary and was dependent upon government assistance. For years, Glo's mother relied on government provisions and commodities to feed and care for her children. Regardless of the financial hardship, Smith was determined to succeed.

After obtaining a master's of business administration degree, she launched a 30-year career in public service and entrepreneurship. As an entrepreneur, she started a small business. In an effort to help others succeed, Smith developed curriculum for the University of North Florida's Small Business Resource Center. With her guidance, the program established high-quality childcare businesses in low-income areas of Northeast Florida, empowering the community economically.

The cost to attend the lunch meeting, which is open to the public, is \$22 per person. To RSVP, visit [www.leerepublicanwomen.com/event](http://www.leerepublicanwomen.com/event) or contact Wren Morefield at 270-210-1284 or [wrens-pet@hotmail.com](mailto:wrens-pet@hotmail.com). ✱



From left, Kaitlyn Traurig, "Big Al" Holland, Stella Ruiz, Eric Raddatz and Leoma Lovegrove

Everyone who attended Monday's season-ending TGIM got exactly what they bargained for when they showed up and paid the small price of admission – a film that challenged them to think critically about an important social issue in the context of the art of film. It's a win-win for everyone, which, after all, is the mission of the Fort Myers Film Festival in the first place.

The festival is an intelligent independent filmmaker's preferred event to create, unite and showcase the finest artistic cinematic works. It is known for world-class swagger and support of local filmmakers. The event has featured hundreds of local filmmakers and is a must attend for cineasts who love independent film and film festivals. The festival was awarded the prestigious 2015 Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement. For more information go to [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com), [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com) and join [www.facebook.com/fortmyersfilmfestival](http://www.facebook.com/fortmyersfilmfestival) for updates and events.

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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## Celebrated Cast To Star In Gulfshore Opera's Charming Performance

Irish tenor Anthony Kearns returns to Southwest Florida for a full-scale comedic opera, Gaetano Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore* (*Elixir of Love*). Gulfshore Opera will present the performance at CPAC in Punta Gorda at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and at Artis-Naples at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 21.

Gulfshore Opera has created a show that includes both celebrated and up and coming artists from around the world, the Gulfshore Opera Orchestra and Chorus, and a collaboration with Gulfshore Ballet located in Fort Myers. General Director Steffanie Pearce said, "It's a fun filled evening with English translations on a surtitled screen so you can laugh along." The Artis-Naples performance on April 21 will be a collaboration with the Naples Philharmonic orchestra.

Composer Donizetti's light-hearted comedy bubbles with effervescent arias and charm as the elixir causes as many problems as it solves. It is a story of Nemorino, a poor peasant in love with a beautiful landowner, Adina. Nemorino is tormented by her utter indifference. The *Elixir of Love* is one of Donizetti's most popular works.

Performed regularly throughout the world, this opera is full of comedy, romance, vocal fireworks and a happily ever after ending. Kearns will debut the lead role of Nemorino. "I'm delighted to be a part of this production. A challenging work, but with a stellar cast it should make for a wonderful experience for all," said Kearns. "This opera is fast paced, full of energy and life that is sprinkled with moments of beauty too. A perfect example is in the heart stirring aria *Una furtiva lagrima*.



### Cast of *Elixir of Love*

It's at this point that Nemorino realizes that truly Adina loves him back."

South African bass-baritone Musa Ngqungwana will be playing the role of the charlatan medicine man. "I'm looking forward to revisiting the role of Dr. Dulcamara and having the chance to perform for the opera-loving community in Southwest Florida," said Ngqungwana.

In addition to being an opera singer, Ngqungwana is an inspirational speaker

and author. In 2014, he self-published a memoir about his upbringing in South Africa during and following apartheid, focusing on his path to becoming a singer amidst a system of segregation and an impoverished background. Ngqungwana now has a flourishing singing career with engagements on some of the world's major opera stages. He will be giving several inspirational talks throughout the tri-county area while in town.

Rising star and lead soprano Danielle Talamantes will perform the role of Adina, the object of Nemorino's affections. "Donizetti knew how to write for the voice; both in sheer beauty of line as well as for the Commedia dell'arte type characters of Belcore and Dulcamara. My season this year has been filled with dramatic concert work and intense operas, so *Elixir* is going to feel wonderfully refreshing and playful," said Talamantes.

Ryan McAdams, an international rising star of the conducting scene, will be at the helm. He is quickly establishing himself as one of the most exciting and versatile conductors of his generation, equally prized as a symphonic, operatic and contemporary music conductor.

"As a child growing up in St. Louis, my mother sang in the ensemble of Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and that experience showed me what a major opera company could be for its community, how it gives audiences a sense of ownership and involvement in a production, and how it could showcase local talent. For much of my career, I've sought out companies with a similar philosophy, and I'm honored to be working with a company that brings together both internationally-renowned and extraordinary local

musicians, dancers and artists. I so look forward to leading this deeply silly, beautiful and heartfelt opera."

A former classmate of Ngqungwana's, Wes Mason, will play the role of Belcore. "It is such a pleasure to be heading to the Gulfshore Opera to join this magnificent cast in one of Donizetti's masterpieces, *Elixir of Love*. Belcore is one of my favorite roles and I haven't had an opportunity to play him since my time with Musa Ngqungwana at the Academy of Vocal Arts. I can't wait to see what magic we will create," Mason said.

Stage director David Grabarkewitz explained the charm of *Elixir of Love*, "We are combining Donizetti's beautiful, bubbling score with both a tremendous cast of professional singers and a lively group of dancers to enhance the music. I have always considered *Elixir* to be one of the great romantic comedies, and, although we are traditional in sets and costumes for this production, it is the delightful sparring of Kate Hepburn and Spencer Tracy in *Desk Set* or Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant in *His Girl Friday* that are easy examples of how fun a story this can be."

Artist sponsors are Anthony Kearns, and Don and Mary Jo Kittle.

With a mission to be inclusive and accessible, Gulfshore Opera offers a limited number of \$25 sponsored seats to those who otherwise would not be able to attend. Single tickets start at \$25 (sponsored tickets). Visit [www.gulfshoreopera.org](http://www.gulfshoreopera.org) or call 239-529-3925.

CPAC is located at 701 Carmalita Street in Punta Gorda. Artis-Naples is at 5833 Pelican Bay Boulevard in Naples.\*

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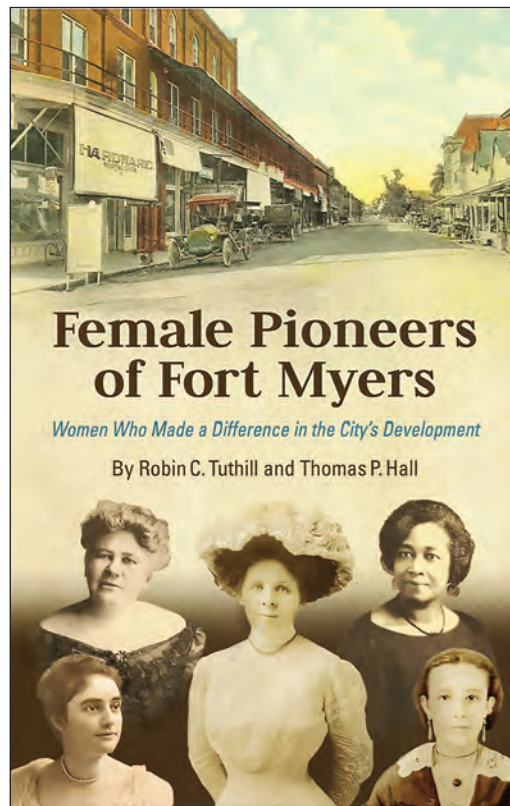
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## Meet The Authors At Edison Ford Shoppe



On April 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., authors Tom Hall and Robin Tuthill will talk about their book, *Female Pioneers of Fort Myers: Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development*, at the Edison Ford Shoppe in Bell Tower Shops. They also will be available to sign copies of the book, which can be purchased at the Edison Ford Shoppe or the museum store at Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

According to Hall, the book includes "short bios and all kinds of interesting facts and vignettes about the 24 women who helped settle our town, keep it from being abandoned and transform it from a crude, rough-and-tumble cow town of the late 19th century into a modern-day commercial, cultural and tourist destination."

"For myriad reasons, the names and accomplishments of these female

visionaries were largely relegated to footnotes and parentheses in the annals that recounted the achievements of their male counterparts," he said.

Coinciding with the book signing is the Founding Females Portrait Exhibit running through May 27 at the estates. The exhibit "puts a face with the names of the women who settled in Fort Myers in the years following the end of the Civil War," said Hall.

For more information contact Edison & Ford Winter Estates at 334-7419 or visit [www.edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org).

## Kiwanis Dining Discounts Book Now Available



The 2016 Lee County Delicious Dining Discounts book (aka the Little Blue Book) from the Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands is available for purchase for \$25. The book offers a BOGO (buy one, get one) dining discount at 64 restaurants throughout the county.

Most of the off-season discounts are valid April 15 through November 15. Proceeds support annual projects such as Gladiolus Learning and Development Center, the Children's Advocacy Center, Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, Healthy Start Southwest Florida, Human Trafficking Awareness Program, United Way Reading Program and World Atlas books for all third or

fourth graders in two local elementary schools.

This is the eighth year of the book and with each passing year the list of restaurants grows. This year alone there are 19 newcomers to the book, which boasts 13 waterfront dining locations from Bonita Beach to North Fort Myers, including seven on Fort Myers Beach. They range from Marker 92 and Buon Appetito in Cape Coral to Bistro 41 and Il Pomodoro in Fort Myers to perennial beach favorites Doc Ford's and Matanzas on the Bay.

The books are available at many locations, including Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, San Carlos Park-Estero and Fort Myers Kiwanis Clubs, Kiwanis thrift stores in Cape Coral South and North and Fort Myers Beach, Pack & Ship, The UPS Store and Gavin's Ace Hardware.

Visit [www.kiwanisgtti.com](http://www.kiwanisgtti.com) for a complete list of participating restaurants and to buy books online or for a complete list of locations to pick up books.

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Music Walk is free to the public with many venues featuring additional attractions and specials. It is sponsored by Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, Edison National Bank, River District, and the City of Fort Myers.

For more information, go to [www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com](http://www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com) or call 855-RDA-EVENTS (732-3836).

On Friday, April 15, the **BIG ARTS Concert Band** will present a repeat performance of their recently sold-out Schein Hall Pops Concert at **Faith United Methodist Church**, located at 15690 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

The 50-piece band will feature music from the silver screen with selections from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Great Escape* and *The Magnificent Seven*.

Admission to the concert is free. Visit [www.bigarts.org](http://www.bigarts.org) to learn more about the Sanibel nonprofit organization.

College baseball is the scene at **City of Palms Park** and home of **Florida SouthWestern State College** for two make-up games on Saturday, April 16. The Buccaneers will take on State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota for a double-header. The games are scheduled at 1 and 3 p.m., respectively. These are make-up games from March 29.

Go to [www.fsw.edu](http://www.fsw.edu) to learn more about the school and the baseball team's schedule.



The BIG ARTS Concert Band is playing in Fort Myers on Friday evening



MusicWalk returns to downtown Fort Myers on Friday evening

City of Palms Park is located at Broadway Street and Edison Avenue (five blocks south of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and three blocks east of Cleveland Avenue/U.S. 41).

Also on Saturday, April 16, dog owners have a chance to go for a boat ride with their canine. Pure Florida's *M/V Edison Explorer* offers **Bark on the Ark**, a sightseeing river cruise to Picnic Island, an island located between Sanibel and Pine Island that exhibits the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

The peaceful cruise along the Caloosahatchee River with your dog is followed by playtime on the island with man's best friend. During the excursion, dogs and owners can run, swim and play catch while enjoying the sunshine, water, sand and fresh air.

Frisbees, water and dog treats are included for the canines. Soda, wine and beer will be available for purchase for adults.

Registration for the tour is \$44 per human. Well-behaved dogs with the ability to follow basic commands are free. Reservations are required due to capacity reasons.

For more information or to block your ticket, call 919-2965, email [fortmyers@purefl.com](mailto:fortmyers@purefl.com) or visit [www.purefl.com](http://www.purefl.com).

The *M/V Edison Explorer* departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers.

**Fort Myers actors** take note. The Naples Players are holding auditions for the **summer musical** *Catch Me If You Can* at Sugden Community Theatre, located at 701 5th Avenue South in Naples. Appointments are required.

Four principal men are needed for this production (three men, ages 35 to 65; and one man, age 18 to 35, and three principal women are needed (two women, ages 40 to 60; and one woman, age 18 to 30). A strong singing and dancing ensemble is also needed to play a large number of additional supporting roles.

Set in the 1960s, the musical is about the young and charming con artist Frank Agibnale, Jr. as he forges his way to millions and successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer. *Catch Me If You Can* soars with a riveting story, an infectious score and high-energy dance numbers.

Auditions began on April 10. Rehearsals begin on May 9. Performance dates are July 1 to July 31.

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

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# Law & Order Ball Returning This Fall



Rotary Club of Fort Myers South announced that the 3rd annual Law & Order Ball will be held on Saturday, September 17 at Germain Arena in Estero. The event recognizes our everyday heroes from all seven Lee County law enforcement agencies. Germain Arena provides an exceptional space to not only recognize the men and women who put their lives on the line every day, but to also showcase emergency vehicles and equipment. Guests will have the unique opportunity to get in the driver seat and take photos of one or all of the vehicles onsite that may include a helicopter, boat, motorcycle and SWAT vehicle.

With the success of the first two annual Law & Order Ball events, the original sponsors have already stepped up and committed to take part again this year, many at an even higher level than they have in the past. Additionally, several new sponsors will take part this year to show their support for all that Lee County Law Enforcement does for the community.

Creighton Construction and Development and Ada's Market will once again be presenting sponsors. Other sponsors include LeeSar, Survival Armor, NBC-2, The News-Press Media Group, TOTI Media, Edison National Bank, Enterprise Holdings, Galloway Family of Dealerships, Tech-Tronics, CONRIC PR & Marketing, The Eventful Company, Mark Loren Designs, Rapid Print, Siesta Pebble, Eye Centers of Florida, Henderson Franklin Attorneys at Law, Brilliant Lens LLC, Gendron Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc. and HBKS Wealth Advisors.

The agencies to be recognized are Cape Coral Police Department, Florida Gulf Coast University Police Department, Florida SouthWestern State College Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, Lee County Port Authority Police, Lee

County Sheriff's Office and Sanibel Police Department. Nominations from each agency for the Officer of the Year Award will be accepted. One special hero will be awarded and receive a custom designed piece by Rotarian Mark Loren of Mark Loren Designs.

Proceeds from the event benefit law enforcement youth programs as well as many of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South Foundation's community projects. For more information, visit [www.lawandorderball.org](http://www.lawandorderball.org) or contact Lori Cook North at [lori@eventfulinc.com](mailto:lori@eventfulinc.com).

## Alliance Receives National Endowment For The Arts Grant

The Alliance for the Arts has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support its 2016 Fall for the Arts family event on October 15.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, "The National Endowment for the Arts is committed to nurturing artists and the arts in communities across the country. Supporting projects from organizations like the Alliance for the Arts represents a wise investment in both Fort Myers and the creative vitality of the nation."

Alliance for the Art Executive Director Lydia Black said, "We are delighted that the National Endowment for the Arts has recognized the growing art scene in Lee County. Our arts and culture industry connects community members to each other, grows the economy and improves our quality of life."

The Alliance for the Arts has been the epicenter of arts and culture in Lee County for over four decades. Much more than an arts center, the Alliance strives to connect the community to the arts by offering a range of events and classes. 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.

The NEA is the federal agency that supports and funds the arts to give all Americans the opportunity to experience creativity and participate in the arts. NEA programs and funding support thousands of activities in communities large and small across the country. To learn more about the National Endowment for the Arts, visit [arts.gov](http://arts.gov).



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## April Weather Proves Challenging



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

**F**ishing, much like hunting, is about patterns and figuring out what that pattern is to be successful. Water temperature, tide and wind are the main factors in where and when

fish are in certain areas. With our weather all over the place the last few weeks, staying on fish or even partly working out the pattern has been a real challenge. Constantly changing strong winds from a different direction almost daily, along with fluctuating water temperatures from cold fronts, has made each day on the water a new puzzle to crack.

I do like the challenge of figuring it out and did to some extent during most trips this week. Every charter involved fish-

ing lots of different places to finally find where and when the fish were feeding. Usually after locating good numbers of fish, I return for a few days on the same tide and wind set-up and catch them consistently. With wind directions being so random, this was not the case at all. One day I would catch lots of snook on a certain shoreline or oyster bar, then the next day the wind would be totally different and the fish were long gone. One thing that did prove consistent for the last few weeks was it was going to take work to get clients on action and nothing was going to come easily.

Snook have been my main target species for the last few weeks and most trips have consisted of catching a dozen or more fish. The last few years we have been spoiled, catching 50-plus fish a trip in April as the fish were already stacked up in the passes. April can be a big transition month with snook if we have had a cold winter. This year, they are just still spread out, still being found all through the back country and out into middle sound as they have not made their way to the passes in any large numbers yet.

Oyster bar fishing will be a good choice to catch a snook for the next few weeks as they use them as stopping off



Ross Juelfs from Nebraska with a bonus tripletail caught this week while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell

places, almost like a rest area, as they cross the sound. Most oyster bars require a middle to higher phase of the tide to fish. On low water, they are just too shallow to even reach except on super shallow draft boats. Bouncing bar to bar this week I found some of the better snook action of the week. The hardest part was finding an oyster bar that was fishable on the daily changing wind direction.

Open water flats fishing for trout, mackerel, jacks and ladyfish was still the fastest paced action around when you could find a flat that was somewhat sheltered from the winds. Look for clear water in depths of three to five feet on

either side of the sound. Rig up with a live shrimp on a popping cork and this can be as easy as it gets. Most of these trout on the flats are on the small side of the slot so bring lots of shrimp. On the low outgoing tide while fishing some of larger sheltered bays in "Ding" Darling, we experienced some of the best trout fishing I have seen in months. Live shiners fired these fish up, with some of them even going over the 20-inch max. While traveling between spots, I also ran into a few bonus tripletail scattered throughout the bay on random crab buoys. Our largest was right around 20 inches.

Having plenty of shiners to fish with at times this week brought every species out to eat, but at other times, even having the perfect baits could just would not get the bite going. Shiners have gotten easier to catch in the middle sound finally, making the bait part of going fishing much easier than it has been for the last few months. As we get closer to May, hopefully the weather and our fishing will get a whole lot more consistent. April is often a challenging month for anglers and can either be really good or really tough. So far this month, the unpredictable weather has been a major factor.

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

## Send Us Your Fish Tales

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

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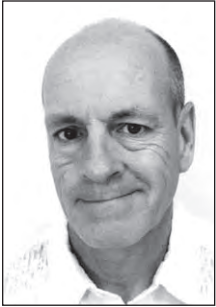


Dave Doane



## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle



by Bob Petcher

The Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*) is a somewhat rare species of sea turtle to the Southwest Florida area, which is generally more populated

with loggerheads and green turtles. In fact, it is considered the world's most endangered sea turtle by *National Geographic* magazine. While Kemp's ridleys are found primarily in the Gulf of Mexico, this particular sea turtle can be seen as far north as Nova Scotia.

Kemp's ridleys may live to be approximately 50 years old. They are considered the smallest marine turtle in the world.

Not big into deep diving, the adult Kemp's prefers shallow waters to reach the bottom to feed on fish, jellyfish, mollusks and occasionally seaweed and sargassum. But their favorite food is crab. Interestingly, each indicator species of the sea turtle has a specific function in the ecology of the oceans. The function of the Kemp's ridley is to keep the crab population balanced. Compare that

function with greens, known as the "farmers" of the ocean because they eat turtle grasses, and that trimming helps water flow.

With sea turtle nesting season right around the corner, take heed of the reptiles swimming in open waters. The season that supports the prehistoric annual ritual of nesting upon our beachfronts for all sea turtles is from May 1 to October 31.

Last week, a Venture Out Charters captain spotted a Kemp's ridley sea turtle swimming in circles and unable to dive in the Cape Harbour region. Charter boat officials first thought the turtle was entangled in fishing line but soon realized, on closer inspection, it was not trapped but somehow injured.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission was contacted for assistance. FWC put CROW and the Lee County Sheriff's Office in contact with each other to arrange the rescue. Lee County Sheriff's Office transported the injured sea turtle to a Sanibel boat ramp where CROW staff received it for the drive to the rehabilitation clinic.

CROW officials stated the adult turtle arrived with mild dehydration and was given fluids. First diagnosis determined the patient had *brevetoxicosis*, known as red tide poisoning. It was placed in the facility's turtle tank where it could swim and build muscle for strength.

Currently, the patient is receiving food and fluids daily. At first, it was fed squid. Eventually, crabs were re-introduced into its diet.



Patient #16-986 was found to have red tide poisoning

CROW officials said it can take 90 days for red tide poisoning to clear the sea turtle's lungs and body. That being said, the release date is pending and will be based on the speed of its progress.

"Harmful algal blooms are known to cause morbidity and mortality in fish, marine mammals, sea birds and sea turtles. The effects of these algal blooms on marine organisms are due to the various toxins produced by the different algal species," said Dr. Heather Barron, CROW's hospital director. "The Kemp's ridley sea turtle at CROW was very debilitated and exhibiting clinical signs consistent with brevetoxicosis including disorientation, inability to dive in the water, depression and a very low heart rate. Diagnostic tests revealed some

severe electrolyte abnormalities and high brevetoxin levels. An intravenous catheter was placed and fluid therapy and supportive care started. The turtle is responding well to treatment and is now able to swim normally. Toxin levels in the blood will be monitored and the patient released when clinically normal and the toxin levels are low or gone."

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

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## Plant Smart

## Traveler's Tree

by Gerri Reaves

**T**raveler's tree's (*Ravenala madagascariensis*) gigantic fan-shaped crown creates a distinctly tropical look in the landscape.

You might know this native of Madagascar by another name, traveler's palm, but in fact it is not a palm.

The tree gets its name from the rainwater that collects in the base in the leaf sheaths – an oasis for thirsty travelers. Each tightly overlapping base holds about a quart of water.

Young specimens have an underground trunk. Mature trees develop a short above-ground palm-like trunk that is about a foot in diameter with numerous leaf-scars rings.

Thirty to 35 evergreen leaves of up to 10 feet long make-up the large Chinese-folding-fan formation with the leaves on the same plane.

The wide, smooth, flat leaves resemble those of the tree's relatives, banana, ginger and bird-of-paradise. Because the leaves are usually a bit tattered or shredded by the weather, they have a feathery look.

The inflorescences of small creamy white flowers measure up to foot long and are cupped in boat-shaped bracts. In its native habitat, the tree is pollinated by lemurs.

The brown woody fruit capsule



**Traveler's tree, a native of Madagascar, is named for the water stored in its base, a welcome commodity for thirsty travelers**

photos by Gerri Reaves

contains blue seeds, which along with the oily blue arils (appendages attached to the seed) are edible.

Traveler's tree has a moderate growth rate and can reach up to 50 feet tall. Its height and large breadth make it a striking specimen for a big landscape.



**The boat-shaped bracts contain the inflorescences**

Avoid planting it too near a wall.

A young tree makes an attractive container or patio plant.

It prefers rich well-drained soil and full sun but will tolerate some shade. Cercospora leaf-spot can be a problem for this species.

Sources: *500 Plants of South Florida* by Julia F. Morton, *Florida Gardener's*

*Guide* by Tom MacCubbin and Georgia B. Tasker, *Florida Landscape Plants* by John V. Watkins and Thomas J. Sheehan, [edis.ifas.ufl.edu](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu), [fairchildgarden.org](http://fairchildgarden.org), [florida-palm-trees.com](http://florida-palm-trees.com), [floridata.com](http://floridata.com), and [south-florida-plant-guide.com](http://south-florida-plant-guide.com).

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



**Front from left, Megan Shindler, Jessica Scanlon, Karen Muhl, Tatiana Rodriguez and Dean of Students Michele Yovanovich; back, President Wilson G. Bradshaw, Stephanie Chediak, Robert Garcia, Michelle Anderson, Lori Boegershausen and Vice President for Student Affairs J. Michael Rollo. Kathleen Leon and Elizabeth Means were unable to attend the ceremony.**

## FGCU Student Leaders Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

**T**en graduating seniors were inducted into the Florida Gulf Coast University Hall of Fame on April 7, the highest recognition given to student leaders at FGCU.

"The Hall of Fame is reserved for students who have demonstrated superior leadership, integrity and achievement through their activities, service, scholarship and academic excellence," said Vice President for Student Affairs J. Michael Rollo. "These students have had an exceptional impact on our campus and distinguished themselves as leaders among our many other outstanding students."

A committee of faculty, students and alumni reviews nominations and selects up to 10 honorees each spring.

The 2016 inductees — along with their programs and highlights of their activities — are:

- Michelle Anderson of Fort Myers (Marketing and Business Management, with concentration in Entrepreneurship): President of the Lutgert College of Business Undergraduate Student Advisory Board; involved in Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Order of Omega and Phi Mu Sorority; served on Phi Mu Academic Excellence Committee.

- Lori Boegershausen of Dumont, New Jersey (History; minors in German and Medieval/Early Modern Studies): Procedural chair in the Student Government Senate, peer mentor in the Honors Program; Histories of Choice Research Project; presented at

nine conferences; recipient of 2016-17 Fulbright grant to teach in Germany.

- Stephanie Chediak of Naples (Political Science; minors in Philosophy and Global Studies): Secretary of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, president of Amnesty International and Eagle "I" Ambassador; showcased two projects on Civic Engagement Day and presented on Research Day.

- Robert Garcia of Sarasota (Political Science): Served two terms as a Student Government Senator, current chief justice of the Student Government Supreme Court; presenting research at the Midwest Political Science Conference in April.

- Kathleen Leon of Fort Myers (Legal Studies and Political Science): Spring intern in the Office of Presidential Correspondence in the White House; charter member of the FGCU National Black Law Student Association; Student Government Supreme Court Associate Justice; Service-Learning Youth Development Ambassador.

- Elizabeth Means of Washington, DC (Business Management with a Sports Management concentration, and Computer Information Systems): Tennis team captain; Honors Program member; led service-learning projects including an on-campus restoration project for Make a Different Day; teaching members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lee County about nutrition; interned with FGCU Athletics' marketing division, managing a cancer awareness initiative.

- Karen Muhl of Fort Myers

(Business Management): Professional Development Officer for the Lutgert College of Business Undergraduate Student Advisory Board; co-coordinator for annual FGCU St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser for childhood cancer research; president of the Society of Human Resource Management, supplemental instruction leader for the Center of Academic Achievement; Honors Program member.

- Tatiana Rodriguez of West Palm Beach (Marketing; minor in Advertising): President of Dominican Republic Outreach Program; participated in Global International Volunteer Excursion (GIVE) in Thailand and Laos and Lutgert College of Business Exchange Program in France.

- Jessica Scanlon of Tampa (Communication; minor in Interdisciplinary Studies): former Student Government vice president; membership director for Panhellenic Association; involved in Headbands of Hope, an organization dedicated to helping girls with cancer.

- Megan Shindler of Cincinnati, Ohio (Political Science and Theatre): Shared her transmedia theatre piece Justice Is in a TEDxFGCU talk, The Artist Is; artistic director of 2015 World Children's Festival on the White House Lawn in Washington, DC, and presented an art exhibition at the Lincoln Memorial; playwright and producer of *S(he) Will Fade*, which will be staged at FGCU in fall 2016.

For more information, call J. Michael Rollo at 590-7910.✧



## Marine Science Cruise For Kids

Pure Florida's Fort Myers location will offer a Marine Science Kids Cruise on Saturday, April 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. As part of Pure Florida's Kids Cruise Free program, which provides complimentary cruises to children on Saturdays at 10 a.m., the Marine Science Kids Cruise will be free for children when accompanied by paid adult admission.

Similar to the Marine Science Field Trips available to students in Naples and Fort Myers through Pure Florida's Pure Education program, the Marine Science Kids Cruise offers a hands-on, explorative cruise, challenging children to work in teams and think critically, all while experiencing and learning about marine biology, environmental science and the importance of preserving Southwest Florida's precious waterways.

Passengers aboard the M/V *Edison Explorer* will cruise along the Caloosahatchee, capturing water in multiple locations to then test salinity, pH, nitrate, ammonia and phosphate levels. Guests will also learn about healthy estuaries, the history of the Caloosahatchee and healthy practices for clean water preservation.

The boat departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers. Reservations are required. For more information or to register call 919-2965 or visit [www.PureFL.com](http://www.PureFL.com).\*



A happy group from a previous cruise



Youngsters get a chance to test water samples



Previous participants with their water samples

## Inaugural Walk 4 Hope

In honor of National Parkinson Awareness Month, Hope HealthCare Services Parkinson Program is hosting the inaugural Walk 4 Hope from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 30 at Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers. The one- to three-mile walk will help raise awareness and support the local Parkinson Community.

"Hope's Parkinson Program is a complimentary service created to help individuals and their care partners live well while coping with the effects of the disease," said Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services. "The program is designed to add quality of life through educational events, exercise and movement classes, creative and social opportunities, and emotional support."

A registration fee of \$25 per person includes an event T-shirt and light refreshments. Sponsorships are available. Register online at <https://donate.hopehcs.org/pdsymposium>, or request a form by calling 985-7727.\*

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The dance troupe's featured charity is Southeastern Guide Dogs' Paws for Patriots, a program providing guide dogs to vision-impaired members of the armed forces

## Calendar Girls Gain Parade Award

The Calendar Girls brought home first place in the musical marching unit category at the Fort Myers Beach Lions Club Shrimp Festival Parade last month. Walking along with the Calendar Girls were the Southeastern Guide Dog puppy raisers and puppies in training.

For more information on the Calendar Girls and the puppies, go to [www.calendar-girlsflorida.com](http://www.calendar-girlsflorida.com).\*

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### Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

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By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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Gerri Reaves, PhD, author of *Legendary Locals of Fort Myers* and *Fort Myers, Then & Now*





A tundra swan portrait by Megan Zou of Miami took Florida's best of show

## 'Ding' Darling To Host Federal Junior Duck Stamp Judging

The public is invited to attend the judging of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp (JDS) Contest at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel in celebration of Earth Day on Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is an inaugural national contest for the refuge, which annually hosts the contest judging at the state level.

"This is beyond exciting," said Ranger Becky Larkins, the refuge education specialist who also runs the Florida JDS program. "It's only fitting that we get to host a judging, because the Junior Duck Stamp program actually started right here on Sanibel Island, and it was Jay 'Ding' Darling who started the Federal Duck Stamp Program that the junior program spun off from."

Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling initiated the Federal Duck Stamp Program in 1934 as head of the U.S. Biological Survey (precursor to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) to raise funds for purchasing refuge lands across the country. He also designed the first federal duck stamp.

The JDS is an extension of the Federal Duck Stamp program. Former Sanibel Elementary art schoolteacher Jaye Boswell began the junior program with her



Biology Ranger Jeremy Conrad and Jaye Boswell, known as mother of the Junior Duck Stamp Program, were among the five Florida JDS contest judges on March 29

Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). "The five-dollar purchase price of the stamp goes directly to funding the environmental education opportunities and recognition for the children who participate in the program, as well as awards for the top winners."

The judging will take place in the Refuge Visitor & Education Center on April 22. Admission is free but seating will be limited and on a first-come basis. The 2016-2017 Federal JDS winner will be announced at noon.

"We have yet to place a first-place winner from Florida," said Larkins. "We're hoping this is the year!"✱✱

students in 1989. The first national Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest, sponsored by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, was held four years later in 1993.

Each state holds its own JDS contest for students from Kindergarten to high school seniors. Larkins held this year's state JDS judging on March 29 at the refuge with 2,766 entries. Best of Show winner Megan Zou from Miami will advance to the federal contest.

Best of Show winners from all the states, Washington, DC and several territories are also entered into the federal judging. For the past 20-plus years, that contest has taken place in the Washington, DC area.

"The winning artwork selected at 'Ding' Darling will grace the 2016-2017 Junior Duck Stamp," said Supervisory Refuge Ranger Toni Westland, who is organizing the event with the help of the "Ding" Darling

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## Junior League

on Saturday, April 23 at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. The '60s chic themed event will take place at 6 p.m. and promises an evening full of fun, food, dancing, open bar and a silent auction as well as a his-

torical look back at the organization's 50 years of volunteering and making a difference in Southwest Florida.

Proceeds will support the Junior League's work in the community. To purchase tickets or tables, visit [www.jlfm.org](http://www.jlfm.org). For more information, call 277-1197.✱



Water buffalo at Lion Country Safari

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

## Lion Country Safari Bus Trip

Come experience Florida's only drive-through safari and walk-through amusement park on Friday, April 28. The Kennedy Cruisers will be communing with nature during a tour of Lion Country Safari in West Palm Beach, where bus trip participants will view over 900 animals. Join the group to see animal displays and encounters, animal feeding experiences, rides, a water "sprayground," food, shopping and more. During the 90-minute guided tour, each guest will receive an animal feeding voucher. A Dutch treat lunch will be enjoyed at one of Lion Country Safari's food vendors on site.

Cost is \$50 per member and \$55 per non-member. 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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**W**ant the opportunity to win prizes while helping to document and remove non-native freshwater fish from Florida's waters? Consider participating in the second statewide Non-Native Fish Catch, Click & Report Contest, coordinated by the Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and partners. The 2016 contest began at 6 a.m. on April 1 and runs until midnight on Saturday, April 30.

Participating is easy: anglers simply take a photo, enter detailed catch location or GPS coordinates, and report nonnative freshwater fish catches to IveGot1.org during the contest sample period. Catches can also be reported by downloading the IveGot1 app, by calling 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681), or by posting photos and catch data to your Instagram account.

"Florida is home to at least 34 species of reproducing exotic fish and new species continue to be found, which can impact native fish communities," said FWC biologist Kelly Gestring. "By removing and reporting non-native fish, anglers help manage populations of exotic species and help conserve our state's precious natural resources."

The contest is part of a continuing effort to raise awareness of non-native fish species and encourage anglers to target non-native fish for consumption by the FWC and partners, including the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Florida Invasive Species Partnership, University of Georgia and Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Partners plan to hold the event annually with the help of anglers acting as citizen scientists.

The Non-Native Fish Catch, Click & Report Contest is open to all licensed or legally exempt anglers in Florida. There is no entry fee and prizes will



**Peacock bass**

be awarded. Entries can be submitted throughout the contest period and final submissions must be made by midnight on April 30.

For more information on the contest rules, regulations and prizes, go to [FloridaInvasives.org/CatchClickReport](http://FloridaInvasives.org/CatchClickReport). To register and start submitting reports visit [IveGot1.org](http://IveGot1.org) or download the free reporting app for your smartphone by searching for IveGot1 in the app store. You can also report your catch by posting your photos and catch data to your Instagram account; be sure to tag #ivegot1. You may also enter by calling the Exotic Species Hotline at 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681) and informing the operator that you are participating in the contest.

More information on non-native freshwater fish and other exotic species can be found at [My.FWC.com/nonnatives](http://My.FWC.com/nonnatives).✱



**Mayan cichlid**



**Bullseye snakehead** images provided by Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission



**Piping plover** photo by Meg Rousher

## Guided Walk

**E**xperience the beautiful birds of Bunche Beach with a bird patrol guide on Thursday, April 21 at 5 p.m. Meet on the beach in South Fort Myers, off Summerlin Road. Drive south of John Morris Road until it deadends.

Bunche Beach is a great spot for viewing both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide due to the diversity of micro-invertebrates. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, raptors and warblers.

The event is free with parking fee of \$2 per hour (tour is approximately two hours). There are restrooms at the first parking lot. Guide provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation.

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# Spieth's Disaster Adds Another Chapter To The History Of Final Day Collapses At The Masters



by Ed Frank

Amid the splendor of the Georgia pines, millions world-wide watched Jordan Spieth's sudden Masters disaster last Sunday. Those majestic Georgia pines at the Augusta National Golf Club have served as the setting for some of the saddest meltdowns by some of the world's greatest golfers at the most famous tournament of them all – The Masters.

Last Sunday's final round of the 2016 Masters, saw a young Englishman, Danny Willett, who became a father for the first time just 10 days prior, capture the famed event by firing a superb 67 on this treacherous layout.

But, what nearly everyone has been talking about since was the collapse of 22-year-old Spieth, the defending champion, who had led the tournament from day one, and began the final nine holes with a commanding five-stroke lead.

Spieth went wire-to-wire to win last year's Masters and was atop the leader board the first three days this year, a record. And, after shooting 32 on the front nine Sunday, tournament officials most likely had his second green jacket ready for presentation.

Golf can be a cruel game as so many have learned. It was 20 years ago when Hall of Famer Greg Norman blew a six-stroke lead entering the final round in perhaps the greatest meltdown in Masters History. That fate struck again last Sunday to the personable, likeable Spieth.

He bogeyed No. 10. He bogeyed No. 11, and then dumped two balls in the water on No. 12 for a quadruple bogey seven. His lead had vanished along with his hopes for a second Masters title.

Norman's demise in 1996 also occurred in similar lightning fashion. He bogeyed 9, 10, 11 and, like Spieth on Sunday, dunked his tee shot in the water on 12. His ball also found the water on 16. It was all over for Norman as Nick Faldo waltzed to the championship.

And yes, those Georgia pines have served as the backdrop for other Masters disasters on the final day:

Rory McIlroy in 2011 began the last round with a four-stroke lead; triple-bogeyed the 10th hole and shot a final round 80.

Greg Norman in 1986 began the final 18 in the lead and needed just a par on the last hole to force a playoff with Jack Nicklaus. Instead, he hit his approach shot into the gallery and handed Nicklaus the last of his six Masters titles.

Ed Snead in 1979 began the final 18 with a five-shot lead but bogeyed the last three holes and fell in a sudden death playoff to Fuzzy Zoeller.

At just 22 years old, Spieth will recover from last Sunday's debacle and will no doubt be fitted with other green jackets in the years ahead.

What is certain, however, those Georgia pines will serve as the graveyard for future meltdowns just as they have in the past.

## Horrible Start for the Twins

It was a disastrous first week for the Minnesota Twins losing all seven games. In the

history of baseball, no team has ever made the postseason playoffs by losing the first seven games of the season.

## Busy Season for Local Professional Sports

This time of the year finds all three of our local professional teams in action – baseball's Fort Myers Miracle, hockey's Florida Everblades and indoor football's Florida Tarpons.

**Miracle** – With a roster loaded with three first-round draft picks by the parent Minnesota Twins, the team began the 2016 season with a 2-2 record. After completing a four-game home stand on Thursday of this week, the Miracle travel to Daytona this weekend, returning to Hammond Stadium next Tuesday for a six-game home stand.

The first three will be against Jupiter and a Friday through Sunday series next week against Charlotte.

**Everblades** – Florida meets the Wheeling Nailers in the first round of the Kelly Cup Playoffs with the first two games in the best-of-seven series beginning tonight, Friday, at Germain Arena. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. Game two on Saturday has a 7 p.m. start.

Games three, four and five will be in Wheeling. Games six and seven, if necessary, will be here. This is the first time that Florida has faced Wheeling in the playoffs. Wheeling took two of three games from the Everblades in the regular season.

Florida concluded the regular season with a 46-21-1-2 record. Wheeling posted a regular-season record of 37-26-5-4.

**Tarpons** – The Tarpons host the Georgia Firebirds at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Germain Arena. A member of the 20-team American Indoor Football League, Florida is 2-0 this season after defeating the Central Florida Jags 65-22 Sunday.

The Tarpons have outscored opponents 149-56 in their first two games.✪

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first major-leaguer to hit grand slams in both games of a doubleheader?
2. Which pitcher tossed the most shutouts during his major-league career: Phil Niekro, Joe Niekro, Gaylord Perry or Jim Perry?
3. When was the last time Mississippi State won an SEC championship in football?
4. Name the last time before 2014 that the Portland Trail Blazers won an NBA playoff series.
5. Which NHL team ended Montreal's 9-0-0 start to the 2015-16 season?
6. In 2015, Jeff Gordon set the record for most consecutive NASCAR Cup starts. Who had held the mark?
7. When was the last time before 2015 that England won tennis' Davis Cup?

## ANSWERS

1. The New York Mets' Robin Ventura, in 1999. 2. Gaylord Perry had 53 shutouts, followed by Phil Niekro (45), Jim Perry (32) and Joe Niekro (29). 3. It was 1941. 4. It was in 2000. 5. The Vancouver Canucks. 6. Ricky Rudd, with 788. 7. It was 1936.

# Fort Myers Police Foundation's Golf Invitational

The Fort Myers Police Foundation will hold its 3rd annual Golf Invitational on Monday, September 26.

All funds raised by the foundation go toward purchasing life-saving equipment for the Fort Myers Police Department. Since its formation in 2014, the foundation has raised \$150,000 that has gone toward purchasing medical kits for patrol cars, ballistic shields, electronic ear protection for shooting ranges, a firearms training simulator and more.

The golf tournament will take place at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The

tournament will be followed by a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. with an awards presentation, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. There will also be a \$100,000 hole-in-one contest.

The entry fee is \$200 per player and \$100 for a non-playing guest. Individual and corporate sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Program ads are also available from \$100 to \$250.

"The men and women of the FMPD put themselves at risk each and every day to make our community safe, and we hold this annual fundraiser to provide the necessary safety equipment to help them return to their families each night," said Larry Romano, president of the Fort Myers Police Foundation. "We appreciate the community for continuing to support this event to help the public servants in blue protect us."

Registration and sponsorships are now available online at [www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org](http://www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org) or by calling 321-7740.✪

## Lake Kennedy Senior Center

# Bus Trip To Rays Vs. Yankees Game

Get ready to enjoy America's favorite pasttime on Friday, May 27 as the Lake Kennedy Cruisers head to Tampa for one of the most popular games of the summer – the Tampa Bay Rays versus the New York Yankees. Bus trip participants should arrive by 4:15 p.m. prior to departure at 4:30 p.m. The game starts at 7:10 p.m.

Tropicana Field is a closed roof, air conditioned facility. The group has arranged for lower level seats in section 115. Small soft coolers for snacks and one liter or less bottled waters are welcomed.

Cost is \$92 per member and \$97 per

non-member. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, May 12.

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

# Wallace Receives Student-Athlete Award

Cameron Wallace, a freshman theatre and education major from Fort Myers, was among 143 Heidelberg University student athletes honored with a Landess Scholar-Athlete Award for the fall semester. Wallace plays of the university's football team.✪

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Therese Everly, Mary Andrews, Michael Jung, Lee County Commissioner John Manning, Donna Caruso, and Anna "Boots" Tolles



Angela Melvin, Michelle Whitlock, Joy Gugliuzza and Mary Andrews

## Valerie's House Raises \$50,000 At First Fundraiser

**V**alerie's House for Grieving Families, a not-for-profit organization devoted to helping children and families work through grief following the death of a loved one, held its first fundraising event on March 31, raising more than \$50,000 to support growth and expansion. More than 60 people attended the event, including elected officials, business and community leaders, program participants and the media.

The evening began with a guided tour conducted by several of Valerie's House teen ambassadors who attend the program. Founder and board president Angela Melvin and board member Stephen Bienko of 42 Holdings/College Hunks Hauling Junk shared the story of how Valerie's House came to life and the impact it is already having on local families. Brandon Phillips, President and CEO of Global HR Research, also a child of loss, spoke on the vital need for Valerie's House in the community and encouraged attendees to lend financial support



Scott Sherman and Chuck Hoffman

through a matching pledge.

During the presentation, two Valerie's House families and their children shared their stories of grief and their journeys from hopelessness to hope through the work of Valerie's House. Attendees also experienced the power of a grief activity, as Valerie's House social worker Danielle Visone



Nicholas Mills, Jessica Mills and Alexa Bustamante



Stacy Brown, Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Buffy Hagood and Anne Hoffman

led attendees through a grief exercise, similar to what children in the program experience.

"We are overwhelmed by the community support," Melvin said. "We had people come through our door who had no idea what we were providing to children, the need or the impact. Now, they want to get involved and help us grow, which will allow us to expand these much needed services to other children."

Valerie's House opened in January and is currently serving 52 children and caregivers from Lee, Collier, Charlotte

and Hendry counties. The organization provides a safe, comfortable place for children to share, grieve and heal together following the death of a close family member.

Valerie's House is located at 1618 Avalon Place in the historic Dean Park community of downtown Fort Myers, with plans to expand to Naples and Cape Coral. For more information or to register for programs, visit [www.valereshouseswfl.org/contact-us/](http://www.valereshouseswfl.org/contact-us/), call 478-6734 or email [angela@valereshouseswfl.org](mailto:angela@valereshouseswfl.org).✱



## Tickets On Sale For Business Hall Of Fame Dinner

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida announced that tickets and sponsorships are still available for the 2016 Business Hall of Fame – Lee County, to be held on Tuesday, May 3. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's Business Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community. During the event, Junior Achievement will induct Gary Aubuchon, president of Aubuchon Team of Companies, and Steve Marino, president and CEO of Home-Tech Consolidated, Inc., into its



**Gary Aubuchon**

Business Hall of Fame. Aubuchon and Marino will join a distinguished group of individuals who have been inducted into the Junior Achievement of Southwest



**Steve Marino**

Florida Business Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1999.

Business sponsorships are still available and include entrance to the event with

premium diamond sponsorships at \$10,000, platinum level sponsorships for \$8,000 and gold level sponsorships for \$5,500. These levels include eight seats, with an additional two seats reserved for students. Additional sponsorships available are silver sponsor level for \$2,000, which includes eight seats with two additional seats for students, and bronze sponsor level for \$1,000, which includes four seats at a reserved table. Individual seats are also available for \$250 each.

Sponsors also are needed to support student admission, which is \$125 per ticket. Junior Achievement students attending the event will have an opportunity to practice their etiquette skills while interacting with local professionals. Additionally, full-page and half-page advertisements are available in the event program book for \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

To reserve tables, individual tickets or to become a sponsor, call the Junior Achievement office at 225-2590 or visit [www.JASWFL.org](http://www.JASWFL.org). Proceeds benefit local Junior Achievement programs.✴

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### Financial Focus

## Which IRA Is Better For Younger Workers?



by Jennifer Basey

If you're at the beginning of your career, you might not be thinking too much about the end of it. But even younger workers should be aware of – and saving for – their eventual retirement. And

since you've got many years until you do retire, you've got a lot of options to consider – one of which is whether an IRA may be appropriate for you and, if so, what type.

Essentially, you can choose between a "traditional" IRA and a Roth IRA. (Other types of IRAs are available if you're self-employed.)

With a traditional IRA, you contribute "pretax" dollars, so your contributions are generally tax-deductible, depending on your income limits and whether you also have a 401(k) or other retirement plan at work. In 2016, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to your traditional IRA, although the limit rises once you reach 50. You can fund your IRA with many types of investments – for example, stocks, bonds, and government securities – and your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis.

A Roth IRA has the same \$5,500 annual contribution limit and can also be funded with many types of investments. But there are some key differences. You

can only contribute to a Roth IRA if your income is below a certain threshold, but that threshold is quite high, especially for younger workers starting their careers. So you'll likely be eligible. However, your contributions are never tax-deductible, so you're basically funding your Roth IRA with money on which you've already been taxed. But your earnings can grow tax free, as long as you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

Assuming you can contribute to either a traditional or a Roth IRA, which should you choose? There's no one right answer for everyone, but as a younger worker, you may be able to gain two important benefits from contributing to a Roth.

First, since you're probably earning much less now than you will later in your career, you're likely in a relatively low tax bracket. Usually, the only way to get money from a traditional IRA before you retire is through a short-term loan; otherwise, you can get hit with both taxes and penalties on early withdrawals. But with a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions (not the earnings) penalty free to help pay for your first house or to go back to school.

Still, as mentioned before, there's no hard-and-fast rule as to which IRA is better for younger workers. For example, if you are certain you'll be in a lower tax bracket when you retire, you might be better off by taking the yearly tax deductions from your traditional IRA and then paying taxes on the withdrawals when you retire. But that's a hard prediction for anyone to make.

Your tax advisor may be able to provide some guidance on whether a traditional or a Roth IRA is better for you, but either one can be a valuable resource for that day, many years from now, when you say "goodbye" to work and start a new phase of your life.

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## Workforce Summit Nears

Above Board Chamber of Florida, in cooperation with Title Sponsor Southwest Florida International Airport, will present the Southwest Florida Workforce Summit at Harborside Event Center on Thursday, May 12. According to Jeanne Sweeney, founder and president of the organization, the summit will feature an open job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those seeking quality employment opportunities, and a panel discussion and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for business owners, professionals, human resource managers and investors.

The region's workforce has ridden the roller coaster from more than 10 percent unemployment to an impressive sub-5 percent. Industries in Southwest Florida are in need of qualified workers, including healthcare professionals, skilled laborers, airport workers and more. A panel of local industry leaders will join their counterparts from Puerto Rico to discuss topics that include what may be an untapped resource of skilled workers, collaborative business opportunities, and economic growth in Southwest Florida.

State Representative Heather Fitzhagen will introduce the leadership panel that includes: Cape Coral Mayor Marni Sawicki; Brenda Thomas, executive director of the Building Industry Association; Peg Elmore from Career Source Southwest

Florida; Kristy Rigot, system director, Human Resources for Lee Memorial Health System; Jazmin Nieves Alvarez, executive and staffing director from IKON Group; and Kevin Brady, international trade specialist for the Small Business Development at Florida Gulf Coast University. Connie Ramos-Williams, president and chief marketing officer of CONRIC PR & Marketing, will emcee the event. Several dignitaries will also be taking part in the summit, including Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, Puerto Rico Senator Carmelo Rios and Puerto Rico's Secretary of Economic Development and Commerce, Alberto Baco Bague.

Summit sponsors include Gulfshore Business, Lee Memorial Health Systems, Storm Smart, Strategy Corp, CONRIC PR & Marketing and Telemundo. Other sponsorship and vendor table opportunities are available. Companies that have job opportunities may purchase a vendor table at the job fair to conduct interviews or collect resumes, or may become a summit sponsor to promote their business and employment opportunities. For more information, contact Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or [Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com](mailto:Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com).

The job fair is free and open to the public with no registration required. Registration is required for the workforce summit luncheon and panel discussion. Registration on or before Thursday, May 5, will be \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. After May 5, registration will be \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. Registration is open online at [www.aboveboardchamber.com](http://www.aboveboardchamber.com).

For more information on the summit or on how to become a member of the Above Board Chamber, contact Sweeney at 910-7426 or visit [www.aboveboardchamber.com](http://www.aboveboardchamber.com).✴



## Telemedicine Keeping Babies And Families Closer To Home

Thanks to advanced technology and a new telemedicine program between Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami, some of the most fragile infants now have access to highly specialized genetic services, making it possible for more families to receive care closer to home.

"The ability to have our neonates seen by a pediatric geneticist without moving them - even an inch - is just amazing," said Kathy Bridge-Liles, Chief Administrative Officer of Golisano Children's Hospital. "A 15-minute remote consult provides care quicker and saves an entire family the inconvenience of traveling to Miami for specialty services. It is an amazing accomplishment and the result of working together to bring the best care possible to our young patients. I am so proud to be part of this incredible team."

Lee Memorial Health System has developed its own portable telemedicine device, which can be moved from room to room. Physicians from Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami communicate with local physicians about the patient's care through a secure technology with the advantage of incredibly precise optics. The remote physician can view the patient and see conditions and illnesses close-up, giving them a more detailed perspective than the natural eye can see alone.

Golisano Children's Hospital physicians are using the telemedicine services in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for genetics and metabolic disease consultation.

"Telemedicine is an example of how technology can benefit people by bringing them closer together," said William Binder, M.D., neonatologist with Pediatrix Medical Group of Florida who cares for patients of Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. "It allows the off-site specialist in Miami to come to the bedside, examine a patient and discuss his or her assessment and plan, with care providers and families in a virtual way. It is really very similar to having the specialist in the hospital."

"Nicklaus Children's has made a significant commitment to telehealth technology as a way to share the expertise of our renowned pediatric subspecialists," added Narendra Kini, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Miami Children's Health System, parent organization of Nicklaus Children's Hospital. "We are pleased to support families of newborns in Southwest Florida in accessing our genetic and metabolic disorders team. Our commitment is to be where the children are, and our telehealth program enhances our care reach, enabling us to make a difference for families in neighboring communities and around the world."

This type of telemedicine application is a way to bring major-city services to less

urban areas. This specialty is particularly well-suited to this application because pediatric geneticists are a rare specialty, and their practices require high population-to-specialist ratios.

Jonathan Witenko, senior business systems analyst and project manager for Lee Memorial Health System, played a major role in the creation of the telemedicine device. Subsequently, his own daughter required a neurological telemedicine consult, and couldn't be more grateful for the collaboration with Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

"I know personally the massive efforts that were involved in providing this service," said Witenko. "To see my own daughter's care expedited and enhanced by the efforts of so many was an incredible experience and I'm thankful to be a part of a system that truly cares."

"This is a perfect example of combining technology and human collaboration to extend the reach of top-notch specialty care to all of the children of Southwest Florida," explained Binder. "Golisano Children's Hospital is demonstrating their commitment to the total care of the children of Southwest Florida through this high-tech collaboration with Nicklaus Children's Hospital."

"This is the door to our future," Bridge-Liles added.

For more information, visit [ChildrensHospitalGoal.org](http://ChildrensHospitalGoal.org).✱



Telemedicine in action



The purchase of a new Hope Mobile with a Florida Department of Transportation grant will expand the Hope PACE fleet to 14 vehicles

## Hope HealthCare Gets FDOT Grant

A new Hope Mobile will be on the road soon as the result of a \$84,750 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation.

Hope HealthCare Services was awarded funds from FDOT's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program to add to its fleet of vehicles for Hope PACE - a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Hope Mobiles transport program participants who want to remain independent in their communities and in their own homes to and from Hope's PACE Centers in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

"Adding additional capacity to our fleet of Hope Mobiles helps us serve even more people in the community who will benefit from our PACE programs," said Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services. "The FDOT grant allows us to help ensure the safety and comfort of those in our care."

The grant combines \$67,800 in federal funds with \$8,475 contributions from both the state and Hope HealthCare Services. The funds will be used to purchase a 26-foot-long bus with lift and capacity for up to 12 ambulatory seats and four wheelchairs. It will expand the fleet to 14 vehicles.

For more information about PACE and Hope's other home care services, call 482-4673 or 800-835-1673 or visit [www.HopeHCS.org](http://www.HopeHCS.org).✱

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## Dr. Prendiville Wins RealSelf 100 Award

Fort Myers Facial Plastic Surgeon Dr. Stephen R. Prendiville is one of 100 doctors in the nation to receive the prestigious RealSelf 100 Award for 2015 from RealSelf, the leading online community that helps people make confident choices in elective cosmetic procedures.

Dr. Prendiville was selected from nearly 13,000 board-certified specialists for the honor and is the only Southwest Florida physician to be recognized by RealSelf. This is the fifth consecutive year that Dr. Prendiville has been honored by RealSelf.

Medical professionals that made the annual RealSelf 100 list are recognized both for having an outstanding record of positive consumer feedback and for providing unique, valuable insights to questions asked by consumers.

Dr. Prendiville was invited to join RealSelf.com as a reviewer in 2008 and has now achieved Distinguished Member status for his responses to patients with questions about facial plastic surgery and skin rejuvenation techniques. As an expert contributor to RealSelf, he has posted more than 2,000 answers to questions posted on the RealSelf website.



Dr. Stephen Prendiville

"The doctors receiving this award were among the top 1 percent of our 13,000-member doctor community in 2015," said RealSelf founder/CEO Tom Seery. "They're leading the way by empowering millions of consumers to gain access to the information they need to make smart and confident health and beauty decisions." For the full list RealSelf 100 Award winners, visit [www.realself.com/RS100](http://www.realself.com/RS100).✱

## Dr. Chazal Named American College Of Cardiology President

Richard Chazal, M.D., FACC, assumed his role as president of the American College of Cardiology today during the Convocation Ceremony held in conjunction with the ACC's 65th annual Scientific Session in Chicago.

Dr. Chazal is a senior cardiologist and the medical director of the Heart and Vascular Institute for Lee Memorial Health System. He also serves as courtesy assistant professor of medicine for the University of Florida and clinical assistant professor of medicine for Florida State University. Chazal has practiced clinical cardiology in Fort Myers since 1983 with expertise in echocardiography, diagnostic catheterization and coronary computerized tomography angiography. During his tenure, he has been a participant in multiple clinical trials.

During his presidency, Dr. Chazal explained that he plans to ensure the college keeps its focus on its mission to transform cardiovascular care and improve heart health and on helping its members provide their patients with the best possible care.

"As a clinical cardiologist, I remain



Dr. Richard Chazal

convinced that the college best achieves its mission by continually focusing on what is the best for our patients and embedding that in everything that we do as an organization," said Dr. Chazal.

Other officers for the ACC for 2016-17 are President-Elect Mary Norine "Minnow" Walsh, M.D., FACC; Vice President C. Michael Valentine, M.D., FACC; Secretary and Board of Governors Chair Allen Seals, M.D., FACC; Treasurer Robert Guyton, M.D., FACC; and Immediate Past-President Kim Allan Williams, M.D., MACC.✱

### Doctor and Dietician

## Things People With Spinal Instability Say



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

One: "I hear my neck or back pop all the time." It is not normal to hear audible pops and cracks in our spine. This is known as crepitation, and typically occurs because the ligaments are not holding the vertebral segments together properly. Ligaments connect bone to bone and allow our joints to move within a normal range of motion. But when they are overstretched, whether through a trauma such as a whiplash or from continuous poor posture at the computer or hunched over a phone, they can allow for too much movement and trigger back and neck pain.

2: "I crack my spine throughout the day." Manipulating your own neck or back can become an addiction and lead to further instability. The ligaments begin to become so lax that they are incapable of holding adjustments and allow for continuous subluxations. This becomes a vicious circle and worsening chronic neck and back pain.

3: "My neck and back muscles are tight and spasm." When the spinal ligaments become lax, the muscles have to take over, which is not the job they are designed to do. They are recruited to hold the vertebrae together, but this can lead to overuse, tightness and constant spasms. Though massage and other therapies may relieve the pain temporarily, the pain and tension return if the underlying ligament laxity is not addressed.

In order to alleviate most low back or neck pain, repairing the lax ligaments is an important, though often overlooked, step. A regenerative medicine specialist can perform a proper physical exam or Digital Motion X-ray for spinal instability. To stabilize the spine, regenerative treatments like Prolotherapy can be used to alleviate chronic back pain and muscle spasms, and allow the spine to stay in alignment.

*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@caringmedical.com](mailto:info@caringmedical.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,

I waited for three years to get the accommodations I wanted at our local retirement home.

When they finally called, I immediately put my house up for sale, disposed of all of the household items I would not need and moved in. I have been in the retirement home for six months and it is lovely, but I will have to move out next month. My house has not sold and the asking price continues to go down so I will be moving back. Where did I go wrong?

Clarissa

### Dear Clarissa,

You did not do anything wrong – you

were in the wrong place at the wrong time through no fault of your own. You applied the advice you were given and waited until it was time to make a move, and then made your move. You, as well as many, many other people, have been caught in the housing market difficulty.

It is important to talk to the director at the retirement community to let him/her know what is happening to you and what you would like to do in the future: move back if your home sells. Also, they should be able to advise you of the home support services available if you need assistance when you return home.

Pryce

### Dear Clarissa,

I am also shocked at the downturn in the economy when I always thought that there were firm controls in place to prevent such a thing. We are told that this is not a depression but a recession, but the housing sector has been severely affected.

I would suggest you contact an attorney who may have suggestions for people in your situation. The attorney may have a possible solution and could contact your retirement complex, and maybe they can come to a reasonable solution. They probably do not want you to move out, and they may want to help you to stay.

Your real estate agent may have some suggestions you could consider. Houses are selling but at a much slower rate, and if they suggest having a staging expert see your property, I would suggest that you consider it strongly.

Best of luck.

Lizzie

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





Girls Going Places participants from last year's conference

## Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Conference

Only a few spots remain to participate in the 17th annual Girls Going Places Entrepreneurship Conference. The one-day conference for girls 12 to 18 takes place on Wednesday, May 4 at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The deadline has been extended for school counselors or other staff to register students. Registration can be completed

online at <http://girlsgoingplaces-afg.com/registration/>. A parental permission form must also be submitted for each student and is available online.

There are also a few spots available for mentors. To nominate a mentor, contact Lynne Tarman at [lynne\\_tarman@afgfl.com](mailto:lynne_tarman@afgfl.com) or visit [girlsgoingplaces-afg.com](http://girlsgoingplaces-afg.com).

The Girls Going Places conference, sponsored by Alliance Financial Group and the Small Business Development Center at FGCU, brings together about 140 teenage girls from Southwest Florida and about 40 women business owners, executives and entrepreneurs. The

event is designed to mentor and educate young women about having successful careers, owning their own businesses and establishing financial independence.

"This program provides an outstanding opportunity for local women in business to mentor and inspire future female business leaders," said Lynne Tarman, director. "It is important to give these young women the knowledge and tools they need to become leaders and build a successful future."

If you know someone who would be interested in participating, visit [girlsgoingplaces-afg.com](http://girlsgoingplaces-afg.com) or call Lynne Tarman at 561-2900.✱

## Alumni, Community Drive For FGCU

Florida Gulf Coast University is asking its alumni and other supporters in the community to get into the swing of giving this spring by pledging a gift to the university by making a gift at [Give2FGCU.com](http://Give2FGCU.com).

FGCU Give Day got its official kickoff last week at the baseball game between the FGCU Eagles and the University of Miami Hurricanes. It was a fitting starting pitch for the campaign, which will take place on Tuesday, April 18.

The one-day fundraiser is an effort to build enthusiasm and giving among the growing alumni base as well as faculty, staff and the many members of the community with ties to the university.

"As a Florida Gulf Coast University alumna, I am honored to be an ambassador to the first ever Give Day," said Caroline Glenn Thomas, Class of '06. "I'm looking forward to raising awareness of The FGCU Effect by celebrating and highlighting philanthropic accomplishments."

For nearly 20 years, the university has made an indelible impact upon Southwest Florida, providing educational opportunities, conducting meaningful research and serving as an economic and cultural hub for the region.

The Faramo family is a prime example of why the university is so important to Southwest Florida.

"With eight family members graduating from FGCU (some with multiple degrees), we all appreciate the commitment FGCU has made to addressing the educational needs of the rapidly growing Southwest Florida population," said Jeff Faramo.

Donations of any size are welcome and will help students achieve success.

Wear blue, give green and show your pride in FGCU by giving during the one-day drive.

For more information, contact Sean LeBlanc, assistant director of annual giving, at [sleblanc@fgcu.edu](mailto:sleblanc@fgcu.edu) or 745-4347.✱

## School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

**D**ear Shelley, We are moving out of state soon, and my daughter's new school has quite a few dogs there everyday. Why would a school

have dogs other than for blind children? Do you think it's safe to have dogs at an elementary school?

*Lucinda Z., Fort Myers, Florida*

**Lucinda,**

Dogs have become an important member of schools. There are now therapy dogs, security dogs and service dogs that walk the halls alongside students in many schools. These dogs are well-trained and provide valuable services for both students and teachers.

Most of us are familiar with guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired. The role of the service dog has expanded greatly in recent years, and we now see service dogs used for disabilities and illnesses that include seizure disorders, muscular dystrophy, mobility disorders, hearing impaired, autism, diabetes, PTSD and more. Service dogs can enhance a person's independence by helping with tasks such as pulling a wheelchair, opening doors, turning light switches on/off or picking up objects as small as a dime. It's quite astounding to see how well these highly trained dogs can assist people.

Dogs and their handlers are trained to help students with reading, behavior and to help kids with anxiety. There are a

variety of reading programs that use dogs but they all operate with the same premise. The dogs help the struggling readers gain confidence and improve literacy by acting as the child's audience when reading aloud to their furry friends. The dog handlers are always close by and, in some reading programs, they interact with the students always taking the role of the dog and assist with vocabulary and comprehension. "Young students really believe the dog is listening to them," says Mara Kahn, 4Paws coordinator of Sonoma County. "It's greatly improved their reading."

A recent study from the University of California-Davis found that reading aloud to a dog for 10 minutes, once a week for 10 weeks, improved the reading fluency of third-grade students in another Northern California district, Dixon USD, by 12 percent. A control class that did not read aloud showed no improvement in reading fluency over this period of time.

Service dogs are making it easier for non-verbal children to speak. "We found that most of our students, particularly those who are nonverbal, responded really well to having the dogs be part of their lessons," said Walter Curioni, Randolph's director of special services in Randolph Township, New Jersey. "Students are more available to learning as a result of this experience. The challenge for students with disabilities in the classroom is getting them to speak, and there is no more authentic way than to bring in an animal – you get that spontaneous language you can't always simulate in a speech lesson," Curioni said.

A school counselor in Ohio brings her dog to school and integrates him into her group sessions at Green Local School District in Uniontown, Ohio. "With the

dogs, students are more apt to be open and share information," Morgan said. "Dogs promote safety and security. Even if the kids know me, they feel safer to discuss something that makes them vulnerable."

Throughout Texas, security dogs patrol school halls, staying on the lookout for criminal activity. The nonprofit K9s4KIDS provides Kindergarten through grade 12 and college campus police with trained canines who can sniff out narcotics, weapons and explosives. "The dogs almost act as a mascot," Schiller, owner of K9s4KIDS, said. "There are a lot of ways they comfort children."

Of course there are concerns about students who are allergic to pet dander. Schools are finding if the students with allergies do not pet the dogs, they typically are OK. Of course, if a child were severely allergic, a plan would need to be developed to protect him. That would also hold true for any children who are fearful of dogs. A behavior plan could be created to help reduce or eliminate a child's fear of dogs.

Given the role that dogs now have in schools I think that your child will benefit from the dogs in her new school setting. However, if you have any problems, you should contact your child's teacher or counselor right away to resolve them.

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dearRPharmacist

## How Aspirin Stops Nerve Pain



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Pharmacist:**

We take for granted the comfort we feel in our hands and feet, but some people have lost that comfort, and they suffer all day long with strange nerve-related

concerns. There is new research about aspirin which could help you, but first let's talk about nerve pain, termed "neuropathy."

It feels like you are touching or stepping on pins and needles! It can affect you all over, not just your hands and feet. Depending on various factors (race, age, weight, alcohol consumption, insulin and A1c), your experience of neuropathy may also include pain, vibration or buzzing sensations, lightheadedness, burning sensations (even in your tongue), trigeminal neuralgia or cystitis.

Recognizing what your neuropathy stems from is critical to you getting well. For some, it is due to a vitamin deficiency. For example, vitamin B12 or probiotics which help you to manufacture your own B12 in the gut. For others, it

could be that wine you drink with dinner because wine is a potent drug mugger of B1 (thiamine) which protects your nerve coating. By a mile, the most common cause of neuropathy is diabetes.

Approximately half of all people with diabetes experience diabetic neuropathies, mainly in the hands and feet. Some doctors will tell you that maintaining healthy blood glucose will reverse neuropathy but that's not true. We know from The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial that even intensive glucose control is insufficient to control the risk of diabetic neuropathy.

It's tough love but I need to say it: Uncontrolled neuropathy can cause a 25 percent higher cumulative risk of leg amputation. So gaining control is important for your independence. I've written about natural supplements for neuropathy in the past (articles are archived at [suzycohen.com](http://suzycohen.com)), and you can have a free ebook *Spices that Heal* which offers more natural advice (get it by signing up for my email newsletter).

New research was published last March in *Current Diabetes Reports*. Scientists confirmed that targeting inflammatory cytokines can help relieve diabetic neuropathy. Oftentimes, that bad gateway called NF Kappa B (NFKB) opens its floodgates, and spits out proinflammatory cytokines like COX-2 (Celebrex lowers this), nitric oxide synthase, lipoxigenase, TNF alpha and a lot of pain-causing interleukins (IL-1β, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8).

The researchers reported that some-

thing as simple as salicylate therapy could help reduce some of these cytokines as well as circulating glucose, triglycerides, C reactive protein and free fatty acids. When you think of salicylates, please understand this is a broad group of compounds found naturally in the plant kingdom. Salicylate is the main ingredient in aspirin and other analgesics, both prescribed and over-the-counter. Salicylates include spearmint, peppermint (even in mint toothpaste) and in muscle rubs. White willow bark is an herb that is morphed and turned into aspirin. They're not right for everyone so please ask your doctor about salicylates for neuropathy. Also ask if you can have a blood test to evaluate some of the pro-inflammatory markers I noted.

*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](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).*✴

## Fight For Air Climb Benefit

Local Climbers are training for the American Lung Association's annual Fight for Air Climb at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 at The Oasis Tower One, 3000 Oasis Grand Blvd. near downtown Fort Myers. During the unique endurance event, participants will climb 31 flights of stairs in the residen-

tial high rise to raise money for lung disease research, education and advocacy.

More than 200 people are expected to climb 535 steps up the high rise, including local firefighters who will ascend in 45 pounds of full gear – helmet, hood, pants, coat, gloves, boots and air pack. Firefighters have an increased risk for lung disease from the exposure to gases, chemicals and smoke in the line of duty. Other participants will climb in support or memory of people touched by lung disease or in support of their own fitness goals.

"This is truly a remarkable experience for both running and fitness enthusiasts, as well as our participants who are suffering from a lung disease," said Kurt Goerke, director of health promotions for the American Lung Association in Florida. "As soon as you start up the stairs, you are instantly reminded that no one should have to fight for air on a daily basis."

The April 23 stairclimb – like many that the American Lung Association hosts around the country – will be the sixth to take place in Fort Myers. Local fundraising reached over \$45,000 at the last event.

Fight for Air climbers can participate individually or as a team. Registration is \$25, and each climber must raise a minimum of \$100 to participate. For more information, or to register, visit [www.ClimbFortMyers.org](http://www.ClimbFortMyers.org) or call 239-908-2685.✴

## New Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

The Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center announced the addition of a new caregiver support group in Cape Coral.

This new group meets the third Thursday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Grace Church, located at 13 SE 21st Place in Cape Coral. Respite is provided at the church, by a licensed healthcare professional along with trained volunteers, for your loved one with memory impairment, while you attend the support group with our Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Respite for your loved one includes important socialization, music, art and on occasion pet therapy. Snacks are also provided. Grace Church has offered to provide respite at no cost.

The caregivers support group meetings provides an opportunity for caregivers to meet others who are facing similar challenges related to Alzheimer's disease and other neurocognitive disorders (dementias), discuss effective coping strategies, and other pertinent caregiving issues. Educational material and community resources are also available.

If you would like to participate in this group and utilize the respite program, contact the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center at 437-3007.✴

## Workshops On Chronic Disease

Lee Memorial Health System is having a free six-week workshop entitled It's All About You – a research-based chronic disease self-management program developed by Dr. Kate Lorig of Stanford University.

Information presented in the workshop can help people become empowered to improve their quality of life. It teaches how to more easily manage medications, understand the benefits of exercise, manage symptoms of stress, pain and fatigue and make smarter decisions related to healthy eating.

Participants will receive a copy of Dr. Lorig's book *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions*.

Sessions will be held at these locations this month:

Fridays from 1 to 3:30 p.m., beginning April 15 at Around The Clock Fitness-Yoga Room, 1755 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers;

Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m., beginning April 20 at the Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library, 3095 Blount Street, Fort Myers; and

Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. beginning April 20 at Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers.

Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 424-3122 for more information.✴

## Free Aging Life Care Series

Aging during the golden years can often be fraught with stress and uncertainty, particularly when faced with a pivotal, life-changing event such as a fall, hospitalization or medical emergency. Many times, aging individuals and their families will turn to an aging life care expert for guidance.

Lee Memorial Health System's Healthy Life Center invites the community to an educational series about managing your health with age, presented by aging life care experts Dawn Moore and Chris Austin. Each session will be followed by a meet and greet with the care managers. The free educational series will be held at the Healthy Life Center at Coconut Point mall, 23190 Fashion Drive, Suite 105 in Estero.

Schedule of seminars:

- Friday, April 15, 1 to 2 p.m. – Early Signs of Memory Loss. Detecting memory loss early on and resources for remaining independent for as long as possible.

- Thursday, May 5, 1 to 2 p.m. – Advocating for Yourself or a Loved-One in a Complicated Healthcare System. Advocating and navigating various healthcare environments and resources for remaining independent for as long as possible.

- Thursday, June 16, 1 to 2 p.m. – Medication Safety and Management. Exploring common medication mistakes and resources for implementing a safe medication regimen.

Aging life care professionals have extensive knowledge about how to assess an individual's needs, determine the best living situation, efficiently manage resources, and provide the numerous ancillary services to maintain independence and the best possible quality of life under the circumstances.

Moore and Austin have over 40 years of combined care management experience, and are members of the Aging Life Care Association ([aginglifecare.org](http://aginglifecare.org)).

For more information or to RSVP, call 495-4475.✴



Healthy Life Center at Coconut Point Mall



# DID YOU KNOW

## TRIVIA TEST

1. MATH: What Arabic number doesn't have a counterpart in Roman numerals?
2. THEATER: What is the longest-running musical in performances in Broadway history?
3. ASTRONOMY: What is a blue moon?
4. TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the drama "Perry Mason"?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the books "Ethan Frome" and "The Age of Innocence"?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What major city lies on an island in the St. Lawrence River?
7. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Idaho?
8. MOVIES: Who was the voice of "The Iron Giant" in the movie?
9. MEASUREMENTS: What is the name of the unit used to measure energy in food?
10. MUSIC: Who had a 1985 hit with the song "Saving All My Love For You"?

# ANSWERS

1. Zero 2. "The Phantom of the Opera" 3. When there are two full moons in the same month  
4. Raymond Burr 5. Edith Wharton 6. Montrea 7. Boise 8. Vin Diesel 9. Calorie  
10. Whitney Houston

My Stars ★★★★★

**FOR WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2016**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Whether a waiting period is taking longer than expected, or just seems that way, the anxious Lamb would do well to create a center of calm within her- or himself, and not do anything rash.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Practical matters dominate the week, but cultural activities also are favored, especially those that can be shared with someone special in the Bovine's life. Some important news might be forthcoming.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You need to know more about a possible career move in order to see if it offers a real opportunity or just a change. You're sure to get lots of advice -- some of it good -- but the decision must be yours.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The arrival of hoped-for good news about a loved one dominates most of the week and provides a great excuse for the party-loving Moon Child to plan a special event to celebrate.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas rushing to finalize their plans might want to think about slowing down the pace, or risk overlooking an important consideration that could become a sore point down the line.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
The week's challenges call for logical approaches. But sentiment also has its place. Sharing memories with a special someone, for example, strengthens the bond between you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A brand-new approach to a problem could have a good chance of succeeding if it's based on a solid foundation of fact to strengthen its potential for standing up to scrutiny.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A favorable report should give your optimism an important boost as you confront another phase of a challenge. Don't be timid about accepting advice from someone you trust.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might want to target another goal if your current aim is continually being deflected. But stay with it until you find that first sign of an opening, and then follow through.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Although offers of advice might not

always please the usually sure-footed Goat, good counsel is always worth considering, especially from those whose experience can be invaluable.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't rush to make up for lost time. Your productivity can be measured not only by what you do, but how you do it. Move carefully until the job is done the way you like it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
Emerging facts about someone you know  
might cause you to rethink your relationship.  
But remember to make judgments in context  
of a full situation, not just on scraps of data.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are known both for your love of acquiring beautiful things as well as for your generosity to others.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On April 23, 1564, English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon. While it is impossible to be certain of the exact day of his birth, church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and it was customary to wait three days before baptizing a newborn.

- On April 20, 1871, Congress authorizes President Ulysses S. Grant to use military force to suppress the Ku Klux Klan. Founded in 1865 by a group of Confederate veterans, the KKK engaged in night terrorist raids against black Americans and white Republicans.

- On April 19, 1897, the first Boston Marathon is held. Women were not allowed to enter the race until 1972, but in 1966 runner Roberta “Bobbi” Gibb hid in the bushes near the start until the race began. In 1967, Kathrine Switzer finished even though race officials tried to physically remove her.

● On April 21, 1918, Manfred von Richthofen, the German flying ace known as “The Red Baron,” is killed by Allied fire. In a time when 20 air victories ensured a pilot legendary status, von Richthofen had downed 80 enemy aircraft. He was 25 years old.

- On April 18, 1945, syndicated journalist Ernie Pyle, America's most popular war correspondent, is killed by Japanese machine-gun fire on the island of Ie Shima in the Pacific. Pyle always wrote about the experiences of enlisted men rather than the battles they participated in.

- On April 24, 1953, Winston Churchill, the British leader who guided Great Britain

and the Allies through World War II, is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

- On April 22, 1978, the Blues Brothers make their world premiere on "Saturday Night Live." Led by SNL cast members Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi, the band would go on to score three top-40 hits and a No. 1 album.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was award-winning Canadian novelist, poet, essayist and literary critic Margaret Atwood who made the following sage observation: “Your romantic tragedy when you were 19 becomes a funny anecdote by the time you’re 45. And then, 30 years later, you can’t remember their name.”

- In 1819, some Native peoples in the United States got quite a surprise. Fearing trouble from tribes, a group of western river explorers traveled in a steamboat that had been modified to resemble a fire-breathing serpent.

- After the disaster of the Exxon Valdez, the oil tanker's former captain, Joseph Hazelwood -- who evidently had been so drunk that he was passed out in his bunk when the devastating collision occurred -- was hired by the New York Maritime College. His job? Teaching students how to stand watch.

- At one time in New York City it was against the law to play pinball.

- Tombstones weren't always used to record information about the deceased's life; they were originally just large, unmarked slabs of stone placed atop a fresh grave -- a barrier to ensure that no undead creature or ghostly spirit could escape to trouble the living.

- The woman who was declared the female winner of the 1980 Boston Marathon had the title stripped from her after officials noticed her absence from any of the photographs or video footage from the middle of the event. It seems she veered off course, killed a little time around town, then rode the subway a spot less than a mile from the finish line, rejoining the race at the very end.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.” -- Theodore Roosevelt

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first major-leaguer to hit grand slams in both games of a doubleheader?
2. Which pitcher tossed the most shutouts during his major-league career: Phil Niekro, Joe Niekro, Gaylord Perry or Jim Perry?
3. When was the last time Mississippi State won an SEC championship in football?
4. Name the last time before 2014 that the Portland Trail Blazers won an NBA playoff series.
5. Which NHL team ended Montreal's 9-0-0 start to the 2015-16 season?
6. In 2015, Jeff Gordon set the record for most consecutive NASCAR Cup starts. Who had held the mark?
7. When was the last time before 2015 that England won tennis' Davis Cup?

# ANSWERS

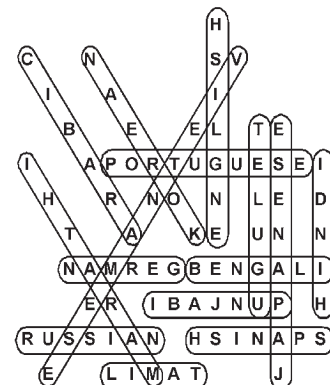
1. The New York Mets' Robin Ventura, in 1999. 2. Gaylord Perry had 53 shutouts, followed by Phil Niekro (45), Jim Perry (32) and Joe Niekro (29). 3. It was 1941. 4. It was in 2000. 5. The Vancouver Canucks. 6. Ricky Rudd, with 788. 7. It was 1936.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD







**Black Bean Sliders with Spicy Orange Sauce**

- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup carrot, shredded
- ½ cup cornmeal
- ½ cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- ¼ cup water
- 14 slider-sized buns

**Spicy Orange Sauce**

- 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
  - 1 tablespoon orange juice
  - 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- Mix all ingredients together.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large nonstick skillet. Add onion and let cook until tender and slightly caramelized. Transfer onion to a large mixing bowl.

To this bowl add beans, carrots, cornmeal, breadcrumbs, chili powder, salt, cilantro, and water. Use a large spoon or your hands to mash it all together. If the mixture is too dry to hold together add more water, one tablespoon at a time.

Hand-form bean mixture into patties to match the size of the slider buns. Heat remaining oil in a large skillet and pan-fry patties about 3 minutes on each side, until lightly browned and crisp. Add more oil to the skillet as needed.

Drain patties on absorbent paper. Dress with lettuce, tomato and Spicy Orange Sauce, and serve on slider buns.\*



Black Bean Sliders with Spicy Orange Sauce

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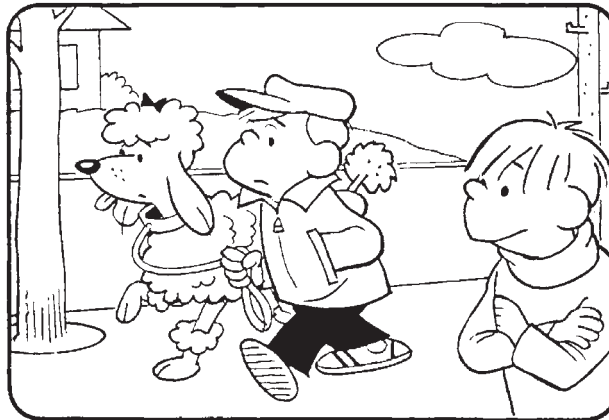
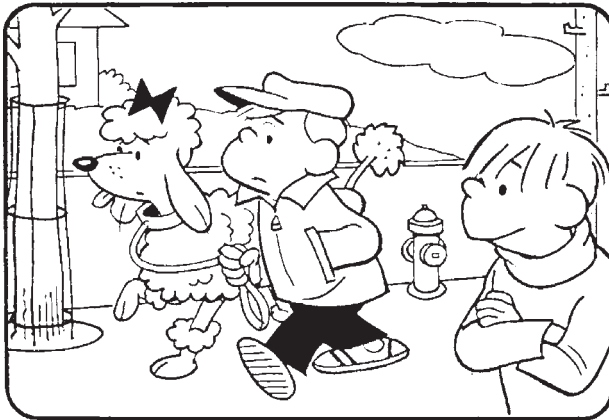
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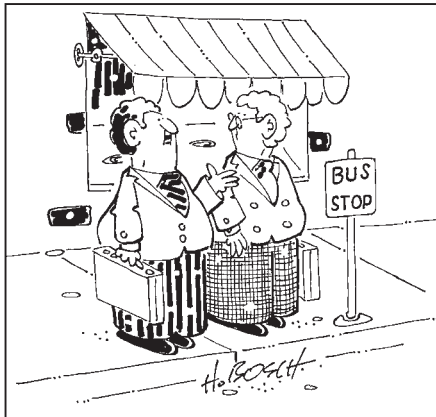
**HOCUS-FOCUS**BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

Differences: 1. Tree guard is missing. 2. Bow is smaller. 3. Tail is shorter. 4. Cloud is different. 5. Fireplug is missing. 6. Crossed arms are switched.

**SCRAMBLERS**

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



"Ya know what kills me? My wife made more  
at \_\_\_\_\_ last year than I did in the  
stock market!"

Leave

**SINGER**

Dispute

**BEATED**

Sense

**SONARE**

Simple

**VAINE****TODAY'S WORD**

answer on page 29

**PUZZLE ANSWER****SUDOKU**

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## HELP WANTED

### OFFICE MANAGER/ RECEPTIONIST

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Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Acts as primary contact for all incoming calls and emails regarding wildlife.
  - Works as admissions coordinator to injured wildlife arriving at hospital.
  - Coordinates the rescue, transport and release of wildlife to and from CROW.
  - Educates public on CROW's wildlife and conservation policies.
  - Supervises and trains any volunteers in First Responder duties.
  - Updates and maintains wildlife database.
    - Maintains files on patients records and supply invoices/receipts.
    - Orders and receives/stocks clinic supplies.
    - Completes regular reports as required and ensures all permits are kept up-to-date.
  - Completes any other tasks assigned by the veterinary staff and interns.
- Please submit a resume complete with 3 references and letter of intent to Dr. Heather Barron at hbarron@crowclinic.org.

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### YARD SALE

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### Shore Fishing: Don't Harm The Fish

by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Landing 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.

## SCRAMBLERS

*solution*

1. Resign; 2. Debate;
3. Reason; 4. Naive

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## Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	2015	5,492	\$5,995,000	\$5,995,000	327
Barefoot Beach	Bonita Springs	2011	5,000	\$5,895,000	\$5,895,000	0
The Paramount	Fort Myers	2006	3,582	\$2,200,000	\$2,000,000	0
Island Shores	Fort Myers Beach	1954	1,300	\$1,599,000	\$1,475,000	67
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1986	4,718	\$1,499,000	\$1,420,000	38
Gores A M Subd	Captiva	1980	2,080	\$1,495,000	\$1,400,000	179
Barefoot Beach Club	Bonita Springs	1991	1,726	\$1,359,000	\$1,412,000	10
Edgewater	Fort Myers	1996	3,743	\$1,300,000	\$1,190,000	15
Barefoot Beach Club	Bonita Springs	1991	1,726	\$1,300,000	\$1,280,000	7
The Colony	Bonita Springs	2016	2,961	\$1,121,840	\$1,121,840	201

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Emergency	911
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Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
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Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500
<b>ARTS</b>	
Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade	332-4488
Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321
<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
Angel Flight	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
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American Business Women Association	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL	339-8046
Audubon Society	472-3156
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Caloosahatchee Folk Society	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists	415-2484
Embroiderers Guild of America - Sea Grape Chapter	239-267-1990
FM UDC Chapter 2614 - United Daughters of the Confederacy	728-3743
Friendship Force Of SW FL	561-9164
Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE(National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118
<b>Kiwanis Clubs:</b>	
Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869
<b>Lions Clubs:</b>	
Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
POLO Club of Lee County	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society	472-6940
United Way of Lee County	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour)	211 or 433-3900
<b>AREA ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

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5				4			6	

SUDOKU

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

answer on page 27

Pets Of The Week

Hi, I'm Bailey, I'm young but ready to learn. I already know how to sit and take treats gently. My favorites include playing with toys and other dogs in playgroups. I'm a big boy with a high energy level when I'm playing but I will greet you calmly and gently from my kennel when you come by to visit. Please consider making a good dog like me a part of your family. We'll have a great life together. My adoption fee is \$75.

My name is Simba and I'm a big handsome boy who is declawed on all fours. Bengals are a very active and intelligent breed that is confident, talkative and playful. My former owner was unable to keep me and my other feline friends. Since we lived in the same house, we get along together so please check us out to see if we would be a good fit for your family. My adoption fee is \$25.

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

The shelter is open for adoptions from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The shelter is located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, next to the Lee County Sheriff's Office off Six Mile Cypress Parkway.

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

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

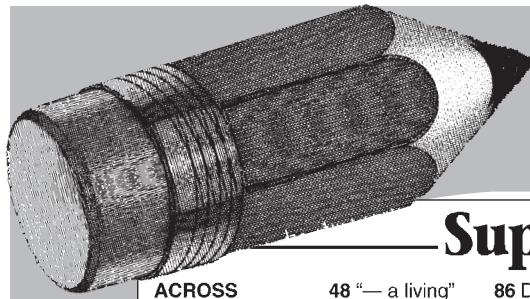


Bailey ID# 657202



Simba ID# 314696





# BEACH CHAIR PASTIME

answers on page 25

## Super Crossword GOLD-TRIMMED

### ACROSS

- 1 In boots, e.g.  
5 Accident  
11 Leaf-cutting little colonist  
14 Lend — (assist)  
19 Roof border  
20 Pungent yellow cheese  
21 Corp. leader  
22 Go-kart, say  
23 Nickname for a really strong novelist?  
26 The Carolinas, e.g., in Caen  
27 Wings for women  
28 Many a flower girl  
29 Fen plant  
30 Wilhelm's "the"  
31 Return to get H.G. Wells' title Dr.?  
36 Eschew  
38 Topped party appetizer  
39 "— won't!"  
40 Prefix with 81-Across or 31-Down  
41 British poet as a young badge earner?  
45 "The Streak" singer Ray

- 48 "— a living"  
49 Company IDs  
50 Arthur of old TV  
52 Sister record co. of Virgin  
53 Nudge  
54 Neoprene produced at an Alabama university?  
60 Italicize, e.g.  
63 Whitman or Disney  
65 Some HDTVs  
66 Singular  
67 Chicago airport  
68 Baby kangaroo living on a Pacific island nation?  
70 "Friday the 13th" villain  
71 Ariel is one  
72 Potter's dirt  
73 Shred up  
74 Most darling  
75 Very breezy summer month?  
78 Jay replaced by Jimmy Fallon  
79 Greek letter  
80 Min. fraction  
81 Handed out playing cards  
83 Item in a nest

### DOWN

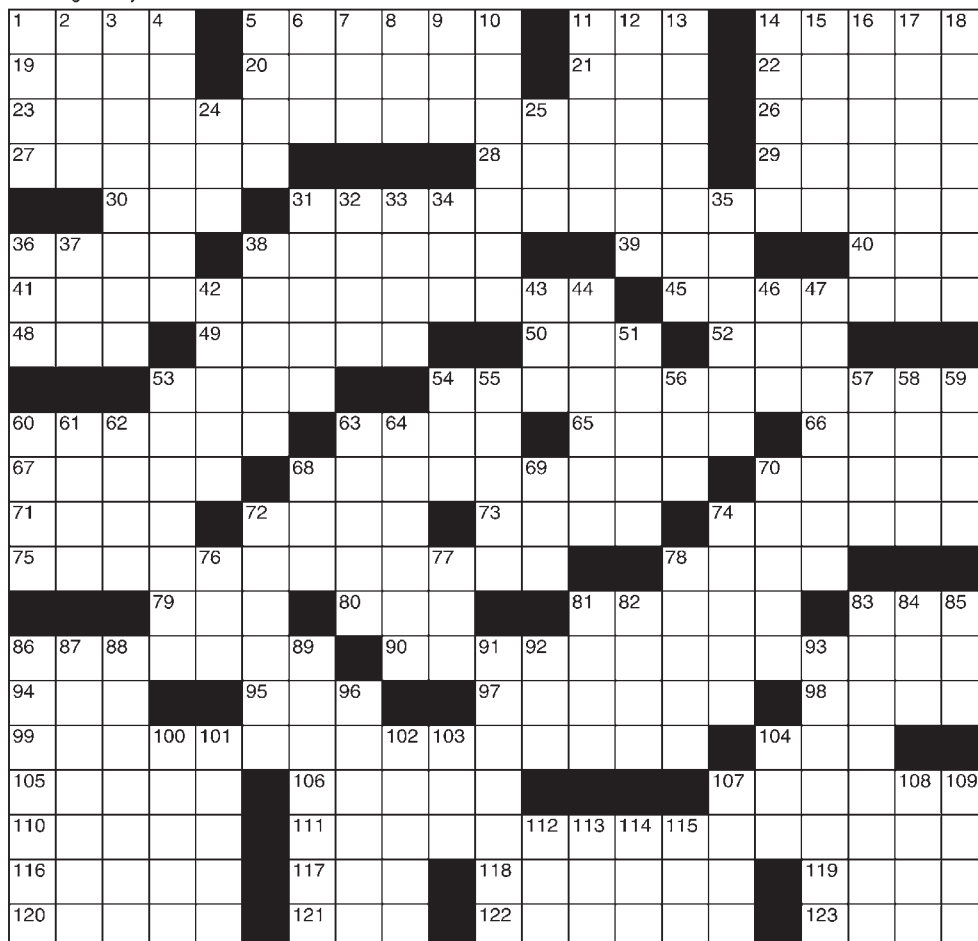
- 86 Dunce  
90 Convertible carriage used to transport popes?  
94 Suffix in sugar names  
95 Give support  
97 Port in Italy  
98 Greasy  
99 Boyfriend who's always upbeat?  
104 — rock (music style)  
105 Hebrew letters after alephs  
106 Exit opposite  
107 Pilot planes offered  
111 Singer Gene who should never be forgotten?  
116 Black, in Bordeaux  
117 Blvd. or rd.  
118 Limited release?  
119 — Sous-le-Vent (the Leewards)  
120 Affirm  
121 Cold War-era state: Abbr.  
122 Train base  
123 Safari shelter

### DOWN

- 1 Late-night host Meyers  
2 "How funny!"  
3 Adds vocals to, maybe  
4 Denigrates  
5 Cosmo, O and GQ  
6 Suffix with fool  
7 Grab a chair  
8 Stable feed  
9 Turkish title  
10 Attacked like a lion  
11 "The Mind of —" (PBS cooking series)  
12 Former liberal, briefly  
13 Many "Olé!" recipients  
14 "Am not!" rejoinder  
15 Spiteful sort  
16 College life  
17 Final profit  
18 Creator of the Lorax  
24 Private AOL exchanges  
25 "— Tok" (Kesha hit)  
31 Estimate  
32 Not falling for  
33 Ovine calls  
34 Springfield storekeeper  
35 Bishops' hats

- 36 — -fi film  
37 Crude home  
38 Diner hires  
42 Almost there  
43 Dwindle  
44 Axon's place  
46 Aussie bird  
47 Tremolo's kin  
51 Bowed  
53 Fluster  
54 Resembling  
55 One-eighty  
56 Con's vote  
57 Groundwork  
58 Greek Cupid  
59 Pay to live at  
60 Large couch  
61 What you used to be?  
62 Bonged  
63 Ragamuffins  
64 100% wrong  
68 — -bah  
69 Pa. Clappett of TV  
70 Interim ruling group  
72 11th-cen. king of Norway  
74 Prison parts  
76 Mu — shrimp  
77 Wilhelm's "I"  
78 Cake tier  
81 Dunce  
82 Allure rival  
83 Fit to print, after revisions

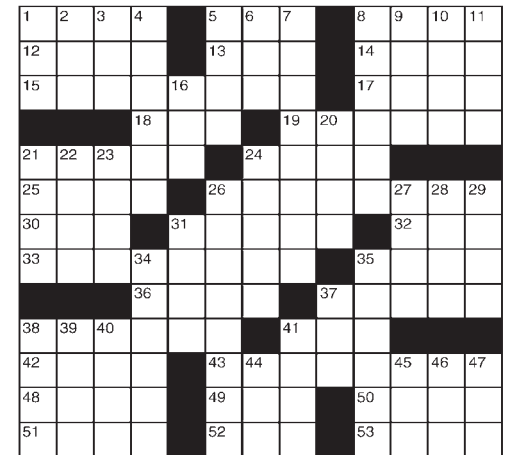
- 84 Missy  
85 84-Down's counterpart  
86 Working farm horses  
87 "It's finally clear to me"  
88 Pork-filled pastry, e.g.  
89 Rabbit head features  
91 Put in cipher  
92 "I knew it!"  
93 Absence of restriction  
96 Krispy Kreme inventory  
100 One of Kirk's lieutenants  
101 Blender brand  
102 Ferret's kin  
103 Wilhelm's "the"  
104 Parade place: Abbr.  
107 City in Iowa  
108 Driving exam taker, often  
109 Lead-in to "while"  
112 Road topper  
113 "... Mac — PC?"  
114 Fabled flier  
115 Reindeer cousin



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Not as much  
5 Ump  
8 "The Da Vinci —"  
12 Send forth  
13 Hosp. section  
14 From the start  
15 Turkish city  
17 Pleasant  
18 Urban carrier  
19 "Fear —"  
21 Grown-up  
24 Verdi opera  
25 Zilch  
26 Crusoe or Gilligan  
30 Actor  
31 Suggest  
32 First lady  
33 U-235 and U-238  
35 Actress  
36 Barbara  
37 Part of WWW  
38 Panhandler  
41 London's — Gardens  
42 Breathe?  
43 Columbus' benefactor  
48 Exam type  
49 Suitable



- 50 Rod partner  
51 Carry  
52 Deposit  
53 Bigfoot's cousin  
9 Taking care of business  
10 Arp's art  
11 Basin accessory  
16 Wacko  
20 "An apple — ..."  
21 Opposed  
22 Accomplishes  
23 Loosen  
24 Colorado ski mecca  
26 Regal  
27 Cherished  
28 Satan's specialty  
29 Tear  
31 Midwestern  
34 Two-position switch  
35 NYC area, with "the"  
37 Charlotte's creation  
38 Rorschach picture  
39 Modern-day coin  
40 Summertime pest  
41 Perry of pop  
44 Hot tub  
45 Director  
46 Allow  
47 — Baba

### DOWN

- 1 Floral garland  
2 Type squares  
3 Perch  
4 Not wobbly  
5 Barbecue fare  
6 Old French coin  
7 Satisfies  
8 Moulin Rouge dance

## MAGIC MAZE ● LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD

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

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

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Bengali	Japanese	Punjabi	Telugu
English	Korean	Russian	Vietnamese
German	Marathi	Spanish	



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