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Four Artists Featured In Alliance Show

The Alliance for the Arts' May exhibit, Distance, is the result of a year-long, mixed media collaboration between four artists from across the United States: John Loscuito, Naples,



Photograph by Jennifer Holmes

Florida; Pegi Christiansen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Theresa Columbus, Baltimore, Maryland; and Jennifer Holmes, Whittier, California.

Key elements of the project are distance, time and collaboration. The physical artwork is composed of three parts, Dawn Photographs, Text Corpses and Visual Corpses. The word corpse references the process where each artist blindly contributes a part of the artwork or text to create a whole. All elements



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are thought of as complete works of art, and the three groupings of photographs, text and drawings showcase the three ways the artists worked together.

Their efforts culminated in the original Distance show at the Lynden Sculpture Garden in Milwaukee.

Now, artist and gallery director of Florida Gulf Coast University, Loscuito brings the exhibit to the Alliance with an opening reception on Friday, May 6



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from 5 to 7 p.m. He will lead a Gallery Walk & Talk on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. The exhibit will remain on display through May 28.

Loscuito came to FGCU in 2014 from Milwaukee, where he worked with a number of arts institutions including the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Theatre X and the Haggerty Museum at

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Best of Show sculpture by Hanna Trusiewicz

High School Art Exhibit Winners

Hundreds of Lee County high school art students and their families gathered at the Alliance for the Arts on April 20 for the opening reception of The Future of Art. The annual juried exhibition featured works in mediums including

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Classical Crossover Rock Concert May 6

The Southwest Florida Symphony brings a classical crossover rock concert to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at Florida SouthWestern State College on Friday, May 6 at 8 p.m.

In this world premiere, the symphony, conducted by Music Director Nir Kabaretti, performs with Glen Phillips, lead singer and songwriter of the '90s band Toad The Wet Sprocket. Phillips and the symphony will perform some of the band's greatest hits such as *Walk On The Ocean*, *Good Intentions* and *Something's Always Wrong*, along with Phillips' solo work, classical pieces and commissioned arrangements for the symphony by composer-arranger Timothy Berens.

"As someone who is passionate about all kinds of music, I've heard other groups successfully marry symphonic and rock and roll genres, which inspired me to create this project for the Southwest Florida Symphony," said Amy



Glen Phillips

Ginsburg, executive director.

Tickets range from \$35 to \$150, with a \$150 ticket that includes access to a pre-concert VIP party with Phillips, Kabaretti, Berens and Southwest Florida Symphony musicians. Tickets may be purchased at the Barbara B. Mann

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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

Bradford Coffee Shop



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

If you were to see this circa-1940 linen postcard of the Bradford Coffee Shop in glorious color, two things would strike you.

First, you'd be impressed with the orange-striped bright yellow dinette chairs and the black-top tables. And take a look at that bright-yellow Fiesta-style water pitcher on the center table.

Today, they'd be prized vintage items, examples of the Moderne style so popular during the period this image was taken.

A color rendition of the postcard would also call attention to the racial segregation in the Bradford Coffee Shop publicity photo: the black kitchen staff on the left and the white management and serving staff on the right.

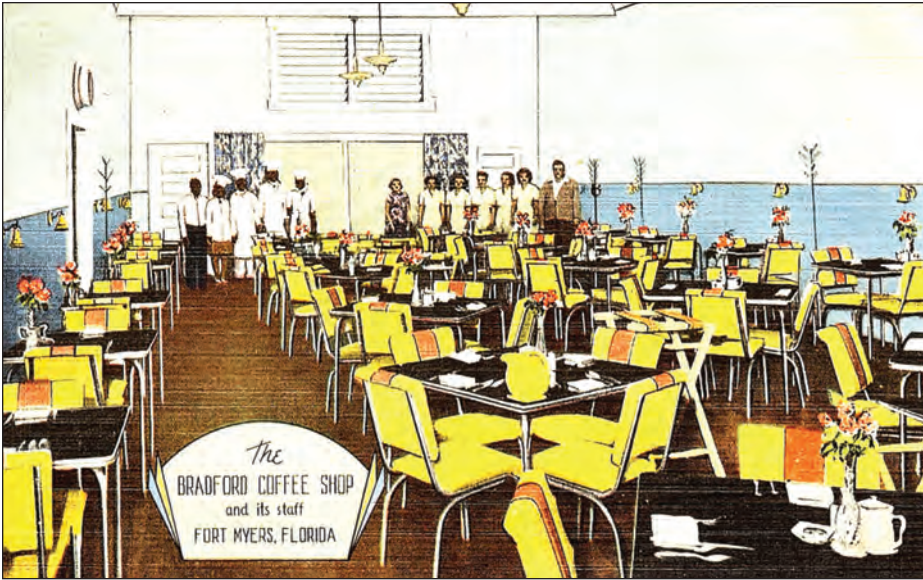
During that era and beyond, segregation was in force downtown – indeed, throughout the south – and while blacks worked in downtown businesses, as they always had, it was often in lower-paying and less visible jobs than whites worked (for example, as kitchen help, busboy or maid, rather than as a waiter, waitress or receptionist).

One example of the Jim Crow laws that prevailed in early Fort Myers: On the back of the Bradford Hotel was a second-floor walkway designated for “colored servants” to travel between an exterior building in the rear and the second-floor dining room and the guest rooms.

The Bradford Coffee Shop was located in the easternmost of four storefronts that were in the original three-story Bradford Hotel building. The storefronts located in prime spots have rarely been vacant.

Built by Harvie E. Heitman, the Bradford Block opened in November 1905 on the northeast corner of First and Hendry, with 41 guest rooms on the second and third floors.

It was named for the deceased son of “Tootie” (Mrs. Ambrose M.) McGregor, Heitman's financial backer for the modern hotel. The Chattanooga-pressed-brick structure was the second brick structure in town and helped to start a building and economic boom.



This circa-1940 postcard image of the Bradford Coffee Shop on First Street reflects the racial segregation of the era
courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



Today, the former coffee shop is a law office

photo by Gerri Reaves

Only three years later, an addition was built, followed by major renovations and additions over the next couple of decades.

In the early years through the 19-teens, the future coffee shop space housed a furniture store, a gentleman's furnishings store and even a tourist club.

For a short time in the early 1920s, the famous and long-lived Parker's Book & Music Store occupied the space, followed by The Style Shop, which evolved into Loeb's Department Store and then became Maas Brothers years later.

It was briefly a real estate office and then a women's clothing store before becoming a coffee shop. It would remain a coffee shop or restaurant for more than half a century.

In the early 1950s, it became the Bradford Restaurant (not to be confused with the Bradford Hotel Restaurant, which opened circa 1970).

Even after the hotel and hotel restaurant closed in the late 1970s, the Bradford Coffee Shop/Restaurant space continued as an eatery, except for a couple of years' vacancy around 1980.

It reopened as the Bradford Restaurant & Lounge, and then in the lastly, in the late 1980s, as Chez Charlie Restaurant & Lounge before closing about 1990.

Today, the former coffee shop is a law office.

Walk down First Street to the site of a long-running coffee shop, where friends and business people shared news and gossip over breakfast or lunch.

Then, walk a few blocks to the Southwest Florida Museum of History at 2031 Jackson Street to learn more about the history of the Bradford Block.

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

See more historic postcards at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts.

The all-volunteer non-profit organization 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 for more information.*

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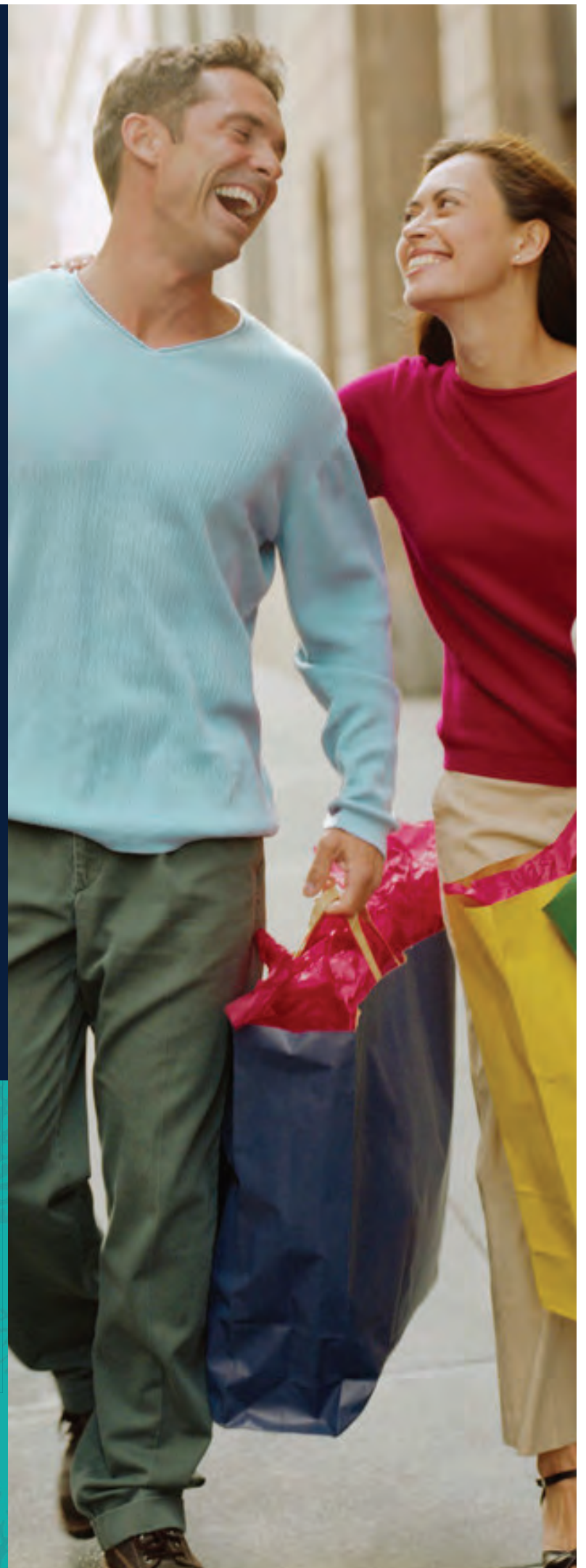
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A Conversation On Writing With Noted Authors

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) is hosting A Conversation on Writing with authors Kaylie Jones and J. Patrick Redmond on Monday, May 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room J-117/118 on the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus in Fort Myers.

The daughter of literary giant James Jones (*From Here to Eternity* and *The Thin Red Line*), Jones has published seven books and teaches in two graduate creative writing programs.

Before publishing Redmond's *Some Go Hungry* under an imprint she founded with Akashic Books in Brooklyn, New York, Jones was his mentor in the Stony Brook Southampton MFA Creative Writing & Literature program.

Hosted by FSW Writes, the two authors' conversation will educate students and guests on the creative process, the current publishing landscape and how Jones felt passionately about publishing Redmond's debut novel *Some Go Hungry*.

The novel is a fictional account drawn from the author's own



Authors Kaylie Jones and J. Patrick Redmond this summer in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico photo courtesy of FSW

experiences working in his family's provincial Indiana restaurant – and wrestling with his sexual orientation – in a town that was rocked by the scandalous murder of his gay high school classmate in the 1980s.

Some Go Hungry was officially released on May 3 in New York City. Before traveling to Fort Myers, the authors will be appearing at Books & Books in Coral Gables on May 12.

Learn more about the authors, forthcoming titles, and future events at www.jpatrickredmond.com and www.kayliejones.com. Visit www.fsw.edu/artsfsw to keep track of what arts-related events are coming to the college.✧

FGCU, Piano Society Present Competition

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Bower School of Music & the Arts and the Steinway Piano Society present the Young Artist Piano Competition on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 at the U Tobe Recital Hall in the music building on the school campus.

Fifty-one students in kindergarten through twelfth grades from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties will perform. The finalist will participate in an awards recital on Saturday, May 14 at 3 p.m. at the same venue.

"The U Tobe Hall is a great space for participants to watch and learn from each other in a competition setting," said Joanne Smith, competition chairperson. "This creates a more exciting atmosphere for everyone involved, and structures the competition in line with the leading amateur competitions in the country," Smith said.

Founded in 2002, the Young Artist Piano Competition encourages performance experience and provides an opportunity for young pianists to work toward a higher level of musicianship. "Competitions provide incentives for all students in their quest for excellence," said Dr. Michael Baron, head of keyboard studies at FGCU, who will serve as competition director.

The competition is open to the public. Admission is free. View the performance schedule at Steinway-YAPC.com.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Baron at 590-7209 or go to fgcu.edu.✧

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Fort Myers Art:

Stories About Rauschenberg Shared With ArtSpeak Audience

by Tom Hall

At the behest of the

Rauschenberg Foundation, Donald Saff was recently in town to capture an oral history of Bob Rauschenberg from his long-time studio assistant Lawrence Voytek. The two men capped off their hours of in-depth conversations with an hour-long reminiscence of the artist they both idolized. It took place in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Florida SouthWestern State College as part of a special ArtSPEAK@FSW presentation on Saturday, April 30.

Spurned by Columbia ("which didn't have the providence to hire me"), Saff joined the faculty of the University of South Florida in Tampa in 1965. Three years later, he landed a grant from the Florida Arts Council to establish a print-making operation under the name of GraphicStudio. In the years that followed, Saff invited a stream of iconic artists to work in the state-of-the-art facility he and his staff created at USF. In addition to Rauschenberg, the list included James Rosenquist, Jim Dine, Roy Lichtenstein, Richard Anuszkiewicz, Shusaku Arakawa, Nancy Graves, Ed Ruscha, Lee Friedlander and Philip Pearlstein. But he formed a particularly close working and personal relationship with Rauschenberg, who he accompanied to China in 1982, which gave rise to the Rauschenberg Overseas Cultural Interchange. Saff served as artistic director for ROCI, which sought to effect positive social change through collaborations with local artists, authors, poets and performing artists in more than 21 host countries. Saff continued to work with Rauschenberg until the latter's death in 2008.

Florida Premiere

Theatre Conspiracy is presenting the Florida premiere of *Running* by Arlene Hutton. The show opens Friday, May 6.

It's the weekend of the New York City Marathon and Stephen, preparing for his first race, needs a good night's sleep. Emily, his wife's old roommate, shows up unexpectedly late at night and needs to talk. Since his wife isn't home, guess who she wants to talk to. Will Stephen get some sleep or be running on empty?

Running stars Professional Equity actor Brendan Powers and local favorite Angel Duncan and is directed by Bill Taylor, producing artistic director.

Powers is a regular performer at Florida Repertory Theatre and was last seen onstage at Theatre Conspiracy in *The Morning After the Night Before the Wedding*.

Duncan has been seen in numerous Theatre Conspiracy shows including *The Bluest Eye* and *Call Me Waldo*.

Since founding Theatre Conspiracy in 1985, Taylor has produced and directed a legion of challenging, cutting-edge



shows.

Hutton won this season's Theatre Conspiracy New Play Contest. She is an alumna of New Dramatists and a member of Ensemble Studio Theatre and Dramatists' Guild. She is best known for *The Nibroc Trilogy*, which includes *Last Train to Nibroc* (a 90-minute romantic comedy that received a New York Drama League Best Play nomination in 2000 and was a Franciscan Primus Award finalist in 1999), *See Rock City* (a 90-minute drama that received the 2005 Spirit of America Award) and *Gulf View Drive* (a full-length dramedy that received an LA Weekly Theatre Awards nomination for Best Playwriting and an Ovation Awards nomination for Best Play in 2007).

Hutton's plays have been presented Off- and Off-Off-Broadway and at theaters across the United States, in London, Edinburgh and throughout the world. Her five FringeNYC productions include *Happy Worst Day Ever* (winner of the Macy's New Play Prize for FringeJr) and *Running* (which was chosen for the 2010 Fringe Encores Series).

Hutton is a three-time Samuel French Short Play Festival winner, four-time Heideman Award finalist, a Francesca Primus Prize finalist and recipient of the Lippman and Calloway Awards.

Final Month Of Founding Females Portrait Show

The Fort Myers Founding Females portrait show has entered its final month



Donald Saff and Lawrence Voytek presented an oral history on the late Bob Rauschenberg at Florida SouthWestern State College

at the Edison Ford Winter Estates. The exhibition calls attention to the women who pioneered Fort Myers between 1850 and the 1930s in order to pay tribute to our early female settlers.

As the show illustrates, were it not for the contribution of Fort Myers female pioneers, it is unlikely that there would be a Fort Myers at all, and certainly not the town Fort Myers is today.


Among the local artists who have works in the show are (alphabetically) Vicki Baker, Mary Beth Barbato, Dr. Kyra Belan, Linda Busch Benson, Celeste Borah, Tracy Owen Cullimore, Paula

Eckerty, Beth Everhart, Cindy Jane, Marianne Poole Keefe, Megan Kissinger, Leoma Lovegrove, Christine Reichow, Nadi Reuter, Sarah Tumm, Africa Valdez, Genie Witzel and M. Joan Wollam.


The Fort Myers Founding Females portrait show will be on view in the historic Caretaker's Cottage through May 27.

The Edison Ford Winter Estates is located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in downtown Fort Myers. For more information about the show, call 334-7419 or visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

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More than 170 guests helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Junior League of Fort Myers during A 60s Coastal Affair at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Saturday, April 23.

The evening took a historical look at the Junior League's 50 years of volunteering and making a difference in Southwest Florida. More than two dozen past presidents and founding members attended.

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Arts Of The Inland Meeting



June DeVincent

The public is invited to a general member meeting of Arts of the Inland, scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the large meeting room at Lee County Veteran's Park Recreation Center, located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh Acres.

In addition to the meeting, artist and instructor June DeVincent and her students will showcase their work. DeVincent is a founding member of Arts of the Inland and has been teaching for many years at Veteran's Park.

Arts of the Inland is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public charity, supporting the visual, literary and performing artists in the inland communities of south Florida. For more information, contact artsinland@gmail.com or 303-5849.*

MOAA Meeting

JROTC cadets from three Lee County high schools will be recognized at the regular monthly meeting of the Calusa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) meeting on Saturday, May 14. The 9 a.m. meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Village, 1333 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral.

All current, former and retired military officers and spouses are invited to attend. The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10, payable at the door. Reservations are requested and may be made by contacting Dixie Buick at 945-5030 or calusamoaa@yahoo.com.

MOAA is a national organization of military officers that supports the interests of military members of all ranks – past, present and future. Regular membership is open to all current and former officers, and associate membership is available to all who support the armed forces. For more information on the Calusa Chapter, contact Gary Peppers at 573-6690. For membership information, contact Tim Cook at 945-6155.*

Navy Sailor Earns Award



Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Joshua Owens of Fort Myers, center, receives the Sailor of the Day Award from Capt. Greg Huffman, left, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) commanding officer, and Command Master Chief Trenton Schmidt. Providing a ready force supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific, John C. Stennis is operating as part of the Great Green Fleet on a regularly scheduled 7th Fleet deployment in the South China Sea.

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Along The River



Fort Myers Art Walk returns this Friday

On Friday, May 6 from 6 to 10 p.m., **Fort Myers Art Walk** returns to the downtown Fort Myers area. The monthly rain-or-shine event that falls on the first Friday of each month features new art exhibits within eleven art galleries. Art enthusiasts can “Meet The Artists” at most of the art galleries and enjoy live art demonstrations throughout the River District.

The self-guided walking tour throughout the streets of the Downtown Fort Myers River District core and the Gardner’s Park area also provides a great atmosphere for shopping and dining.

For more information about Art Walk, call Claudia Goode at 337-5050 or go to www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

While you are walking around downtown, you may notice colorful bicyclists riding in group formation. Join the **Southwest Florida Critical Mass Bike Ride** each month on the first Friday of every month. Participants are asked to meet at the side lot of the downtown Publix prior to the 7 p.m. takeoff.

The slow ride through downtown Fort Myers and the neighborhoods surrounding the Edison & Ford Winter Estates is a rolling light show of fun, friends, new friends and cyclist awareness. The ride is 11 miles long and moves at 8 to 10 miles per hour,

with a 10-minute break at the halfway point (Edison Restaurant). Bring your helmet; front and rear lights are required. If you do not have lights, they will be supplied as well as clean, loaner helmets if needed. All riders are cautioned to ride with care and ride at their own risk.

While many farmers market venues closed at the end of April, you can always count on two year-round spots for your fresh product. **Downtown Farmers Market**, located at 2000 West First Street underneath the Caloosahatchee Bridge in Centennial Park, is open every Thursday from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also, the **GreenMarket** at the Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Both markets feature vendors offering an assortment of goods including fruits, vegetables, a variety of seafood, baked goods, honey, nuts, cheese, flowers, plants, soaps, etc. See what’s fresh at the sites.

For more information on the Downtown Farmers Market, visit www.localharvest.org or call 321-7100. For more information on the GreenMarket at the Alliance, visit www.artinlee.org/visit/greenmarket.

While you are at the GreenMarket, you can engage in a physical, mental and spiritual practice. Join registered yoga teacher Anna Withrow for a **free yoga session** beneath the shade trees each Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Alliance for the Arts. No reservation is required for the sessions that are suitable for all levels. Beginners are welcome. Supervised children are also encouraged to join in. Bring a yoga mat, sunscreen and water.

The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation is sponsoring and hosting a morning-long celebration at the south Fort Myers park in recognition of **National Public Gardens Day** on Friday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Lakes Regional Park will be joining more than 500 public gardens in the nationwide celebration that will feature the beauty of the gardens as well as activities to participate in. Free and open to the public, the event includes garden tours, educational exhibits, guest speakers, vendors and demonstrations by local garden clubs.

There will be tours of the Botanic Garden including the Community Garden, the Fragrance Garden, the Rose Garden, Succulent Garden and Water Garden at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Tea and cookies will be served in the Community Garden. Educational tables will have information available on various garden related topics.

The following is a schedule of educational programs and book signings:

- 8:30 a.m. – Adrienne Diaz, Grow A Ton From Your Garden
- 9 a.m. – Wesley Higgins, American Orchid Society, Phalaenopsis Culture (book signing)
- 10 a.m. – Gary Murza, Southwest Florida Orchid Society, How To Mount Your Orchids
- 10 a.m. – Karen Harty, Companion Planting
- 11 a.m. – Adrienne Diaz, Wow, It’s Really Hot, What Do I Grow For The Summer?
- 11 a.m. – Charles Sobczak, Meet Your Neighbors: The Amazing Flora and Fauna of Southwest Florida (book signing)

Lowes will be participating and handing out free garden gloves to the first 50 people who visit their booth.

“The purpose of this event is to give the public a view of the present gardens as well as the future plans for a Children’s Garden,” said Wesley Higgins, chair of the Botanic Garden committee. “It also emphasizes the importance of plants in our daily lives.”

For event information, call Barbara Manzo at 229-0387. A free parking voucher is available at www.lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.org/national-public-garden-day by clicking on the “Parking Pass” icon. Lakes Regional Park is located on Gladiolus Drive, just west of U.S. 41.

On Saturday, if you’re looking for a place to drink a mint julep and watch the annual horse race held in Louisville, Kentucky, consider the **Kentucky Derby Charity Auction** at **The Edison** starting at 5 p.m.

In addition to the streamed race coverage, there will be live and silent auctions, live music and restaurant fare in support of the Edison Park Creative & Expressive Arts Elementary. Charity officials hope to raise enough funds to build a playground at the school.

The Edison is located at 3583 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Are you looking for a different way to spend Mother’s Day with loved ones this Sunday? The **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** is holding a **Mother’s Day Tea with Mina, Clara & Friends** event.

The popular informal play series runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25, which includes access to the estates, museum and laboratory. Reservations are required.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Leeanne Criswell, the Edison Ford program registrar, at 334-7419 or lcriswell@edisonfordwinterestates.org. The Estates are located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.✧



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Lakes Park Grow The Garden Gala



Jean Baer led the live auction during the Grow the Garden Gala

Lakes Regional Park was the site of The Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation's third annual Grow the Garden Gala on April 17.

The gala featured heavy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, live and silent auctions and park tours. All proceeds go toward the continued development of the Children's Learning Garden, the next step along the path of the Botanic Garden at Lakes Regional Park.

The mission of the Children's Learning Garden is to excite and educate young people about plants and their environmental importance.

For more information, visit lakesparkenrichmentfoundation.org.✧



Barbara Manzo, Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation vice president



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Diane Robinson and guests at the Grow the Garden Gala at Lakes Regional Park



Music filled the gardens of Lakes Regional Park during the Grow the Garden Gala

LCEC Fishing Tournament Results

Nearly \$50,000 was raised at the 20th annual LCEC United Way Fishing Tournament held on April 16 on Pine Island. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades & Okeechobee Counties. This amount includes a portion of the prize money which was donated back by several of the tournament winners.

The event's Grand Slam Winner was Team Jamie & Gigi, who weighed in at 19.94 pounds. The tournament results by the numbers include:

- 215 – Anglers
- 100 plus – Raffle prizes
- 90 – Fish weighed in
- 70 – Boats
- 45 – Boats weighing in fish
- 36 – Trout
- 21 – Snapper
- 20 – Redfish
- 13 – Snook

Organizers offered thanks to the premiere sponsor of this year's tournament, Irby. LCEC is grateful for the continued support of sponsors, anglers and volunteers that give back to the community.

For a complete list of winners, event photos and information on next year's milestone tournament, visit www.lcec.net/fish.html.✧

Conservancy Nature Cat Day

Nature Cat, a character from a PBS KIDS television show, makes an appearance at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Nature Center on Saturday, May 7. The conservancy, along with partner WGPU, invites children to experience nature during this day of animal encounters and interactive activities based on the show.

"Our goal at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is to help our community connect with nature, enjoy exploring its many features and grow to love protecting the world we live in," said Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. "Nature Cat Day offers our youngest members of the community the opportunity to have a blast learning with one of their favorite television characters, and we look forward to a day of fun and discovery."

The conservancy is a not-for-profit environmental protection organization with a 50-year history focused on the issues impacting the water, land, wildlife and future of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

For more information, visit Conservancy.org/Nature-Center.✧

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Tarpon Time Has Arrived



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

It's been amazing how quickly Pine Island Sound has visually recovered from the Lake Okeechobee water releases. What was brown, funky colored water during January

and February has now become clear and blue again. During the few really calm days on the water this week it was easy to see all kinds of life the sound harbors, including rolling tarpon and the big schools of threadfin herring they feed on.

A slow to non-existent morning tide most of this past week slowed the action a little. Snook, redfish and trout have been my main target species. Live shiners were the bait of choice and are now somewhat easier to catch than they have been the past few weeks. Wind-blown shorelines often held all



Kat White from Gainesville with a 24-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

three species while other shorelines where void of any fish. It was basically a matter of going shoreline to shoreline until you hit 'em and every day was a little different due to changing wind directions.

We also caught a few bonus species of large mangrove snapper along with even a few tripletail while running around the sound. Large jacks and lots of ladyfish were also caught while mangrove fishing this week.

Clear water often made it easy to locate where the fish where laid up and some days it was as simple as presenting them a bait for an instant hook-up. Other days you could see the fish sitting against a shoreline or out in a sandhole and nothing would coax them into eating. Much of this had to do with the lack of any kind of water movement for several hours during the day. All in all though it was a productive week on the water with lots of rod

bending action on some quality redfish and snook.

May 1 marks the end of snook season for our region of Florida but more importantly to many anglers it's time to switch it up and start fishing for the much beloved tarpon. I'm always excited to begin my tarpon fishing season and even a little more so this year as I've been seeing lots of tarpon throughout the sound in the past few weeks. With near perfect water conditions and lots of bait around, it's looking like this could be one of the better tarpon seasons we have had in recent years.

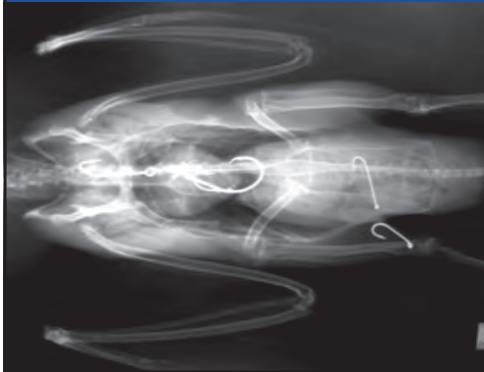
Anglers travel from all over the country and around the globe to try and catch these hard fighting, high jumping tarpon that migrate into our back yard in huge numbers every spring. Tarpon are certainly one of the more challenging fish to catch as they make multiple acrobatic jumps and blistering, drag-screaming runs during battles that can go as long as an hour. They are caught by a wide variety of methods ranging from cut bait fishing to fly fishing so these shallow water gamefish appeal to all types of anglers.

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

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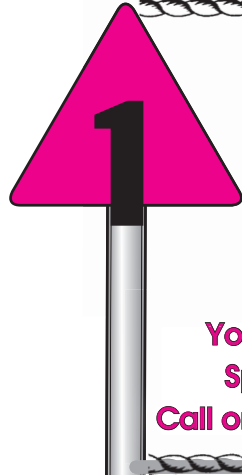
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CROW Case Of The Week:

Night Heron



by Bob Petcher

The night heron (*nycticorax nycticorax*) is unlike its general namesake in that it has a stocky, stooped-over posture instead of being tall and slender like many other long-

limbed herons.

As far as its species, the night heron is considered medium-sized. Its aforementioned genus name is derived from Greek heritage for "night raven" that has reference to the largely nocturnal feeding habits of this group of birds and the croaking crow-like call of the best-known species of the night heron, the black-crowned night heron.

Night herons can nest alone or be socialites by nesting in colonies. Their nests are usually created from a platform of sticks within a group of trees or on the ground in protected locations on islands or reed beds. Females lay roughly three to eight eggs.

As their name suggests, night herons do most of their foraging at dark. Their approach is to stand still at the water's edge and wait to ambush prey, mainly at night. They primarily eat small fish, crustaceans, frogs, aquatic insects and small mammals. They tend to rest in trees or

bushes during the day.

Adults are known to be stout birds with short necks and short legs with a plumage that is primarily brown or grey and, in most cases, sporting a black crown. The younger night herons are brown with white flecks.

Last week, a night heron hatchling was delivered to the CROW rehabilitation clinic from Fort Myers after it was found on the ground with no sign of parents in the immediate area. The baby bird was said to be "slightly dehydrated" and was immediately given fluids.

For three days, CROW medical staff provided the young heron with supportive care and monitored it to ensure it was growing and maintaining proper health. It was fed smelt (fish) and blood worms during its recovery.

Last Friday afternoon, the night heron was brought back to where it was found in Fort Myers. CROW staff at the site located a nest that was being occupied by two of its siblings. A happy reunion ensued.

If the nest wasn't found, the intention was to leave the hatchling and observe it during a waiting period to see if the parents returned.

"The parents were observed in the area shortly after (arrival) and were seen flying in the area," said Dr. Heather Barron. "Not to cause any additional stress, the staff left the area for the parents to reunite."

Dr. Barron mentioned that, if the parents had not returned, the hatchling would have been brought back to CROW and placed in an outside flight enclosure



This little night heron hatchling received care at CROW until he was re-nested

when mature enough. It would not be released from CROW's care until it was able to fly.

"That could be at least a couple of months," Dr. Barron said prior to the bird's return to its original site.

Luckily, for the balance of nature, the youthful night heron was reunited with its immediate family members. CROW staff members believe the hatchling is most likely a black-crowned night heron, judging by the sight of its parents, and will be checked on from time to time.

"CROW wildlife rehabilitators and volunteers will check the area to make sure the hatchling is doing fine and not on the ground," said Dr. Barron.

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 P.O. Box 150, Sanibel, FL 33957. Call 472-3644 or visit www.crowclinic.org.✱



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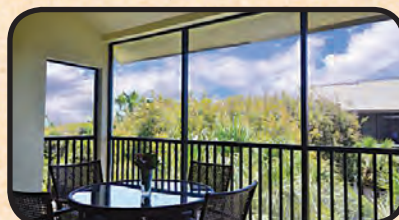
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Plant Smart

Baby Rubberplant



Baby rubberplant, a glossy groundcover or climbing plant, is listed as endangered in Florida

photos by Gerri Reaves

by Gerri Reaves

Baby rubberplant (*Peperomia obtusifolia*) is a South Florida native and member of the pepper family. It is one of several peperomias native to Florida and is listed by the state as an endangered species.



Flower spikes produce miniscule flowers that bloom throughout the year

In the wild, its habitat includes hardwood hammocks and swamps, where it finds humidity and shade.

It creeps along the ground or grows as an epiphyte, or airplant, winding up trees or scampering over old logs.

The thick stems measure up to two feet long and root at the nodes. Newer stems are reddish.

The alternate leaves are oval or heart-shaped, a bit glossy and fleshy. Two to four inches long and dark evergreen, they resemble those of the rubber trees, thus earning the plant the common name.

Other names include broadleaf peperomia, because of the leaf shape, Florida peperomia, blunt-leaved peperomia and marble peperomia.

The green flowers that bloom densely on the erect spikes are so inconspicuous as to be invisible except with a magnifying glass. They flower year round, and the spikes, which are up to six inches long, turn brown at maturity.

Tiny fruits are embedded in the spike, their hooks, or beaks, facing outward so they can attach to tree bark.

Baby rubberplant prefers rich fibrous soil in shade or dappled shade. It has low tolerance for drought and salt wind and water.

If you're using it as a groundcover, give it a shady spot, but not where there's foot traffic. It grows up to a foot high. It also makes a good potted or hanging-basket plant because of the trailing stems.

To prevent root and stem rot, be sure the soil is well drained.

Propagate it with cuttings or by division. Several colorful cultivars are available.

Sources: *Everglades Wildflowers* by Roger L. Hammer; *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; *Florida, My Eden* by Frederic B. Stresau; *A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio; *Native Florida Plants* by Robert G. Haehle and Joan Brookwell; edis.ifas.ufl.edu; floridata.com; and regionalconservation.org.

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



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Alliance Exhibit

Marquette University. Loscuito received his master of fine arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his master of business administration degree from Marquette University.

Columbus is a performance artist, playwright, filmmaker and educator. For the last 15 years, she has performed extensively in Baltimore and Milwaukee, and has toured the country with her poetic plays and solo performances.



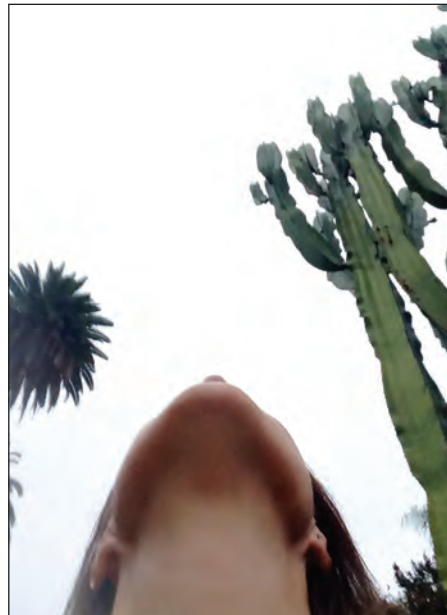
Work by John Loscuito



Portrait by Pegi Christiansen

She collectively started and ran an experimental performance space called Darling Hall for five years in Milwaukee. For the past six years, she has been teaching theater and art to elementary and middle school children. She recently co-directed a performance variety show called *Kidult: the Kids and Adults Show*.

After completing her master's and



Photograph by Jennifer Holmes

PhP from Northwestern University, Holmes lived in New York City and Milwaukee, teaching numerous workshops at Woodland Pattern. She was the first director from the U.S. to bring an English-speaking production to the ENITBAR-International Theatre Festival in Barranquilla, Colombia. A theater professor at Whittier College, Holmes has directed and facilitated over 50 productions, including *Love and Information*, *Angels in America, Part 1*, *RENT*, *Lorca in a Green Dress*, *The Crucible*, *Into the Woods*,

and *Iphigenia and Other Daughters*. Holmes is also the director of the Los Angeles Integrated Arts Program and the Center for Collaboration with the Arts at Whittier College.

Christiansen is a freelance organizer, writer, educator and performance artist. She started doing performance art in 2000; she had been silently posing since pregnant with her daughter in 1980. In 2004, she founded and was the co-producer of the Performance Art Showcase, highlighting talents from Southeastern Wisconsin. In 2005, Christiansen co-founded IN:SITE, an organization fostering temporary public art. In 2012, she participated in the *12/12/12 Show*, where 12 performers engaged with the come-and-go audience for 12 hours. Christiansen is also a consultant for public art policy.

Photographs by Steve Conley will be on display in the Member Gallery. *Paintings & Stories: Works by the Waid Family* will be featured in the Foulds Theatre Lobby, with a reception for that exhibit on Thursday, May 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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Katie Moses, a ranger at Lover's Key State Park, discusses the anatomy of sharks during her lecture at CROW's Visitor Education Center on April 18. Here she holds a shark's jaw and an individual tooth.

photos by Jeff Lysiak

Shark Encounter Lecture Draws Crowd To CROW

by Jeff Lysiak

The latest in this year's popular Speaker Series of lectures, entitled Shark Encounters In Southwest Florida, was held on April 18 at the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel. During the hour-long lecture, Katie Moses, park services specialist at Lover's Key State Park, Fort Myers Beach, discussed the anatomy of the often misunderstood marine predator, the habits and environment sharks prefer, and how to prevent an attack.

"Sharks are incredibly interesting because there are so many fascinating facts about them," Moses told an audience of 29 gathered at CROW's Visitor Education Center. "But there are a lot of myths and misinformation out there about them."

According to Moses, there are more than 450 different species of shark worldwide. The most common species found in Florida's Gulf coast waters include the bull shark, tiger shark, nurse shark, blacktip shark, bonnethead shark, lemon shark and great hammerhead shark.

"My first encounter with sharks was seeing the movie *Jaws*," explained Moses. "I was way too young at the time, so the next time we went to the beach, I was terrified and didn't want to go into the water."

She further explained why she became fascinated by – and an advocate for – educating the public about the widely unknown and misunderstood creature. "A lot of people think that sharks are these mad, man-eating animals... but they're really not. In fact, they're one of the smartest in the ocean."

Piece by piece, Moses assembled a model of a shark, describing the purpose of each appendage or feature including:

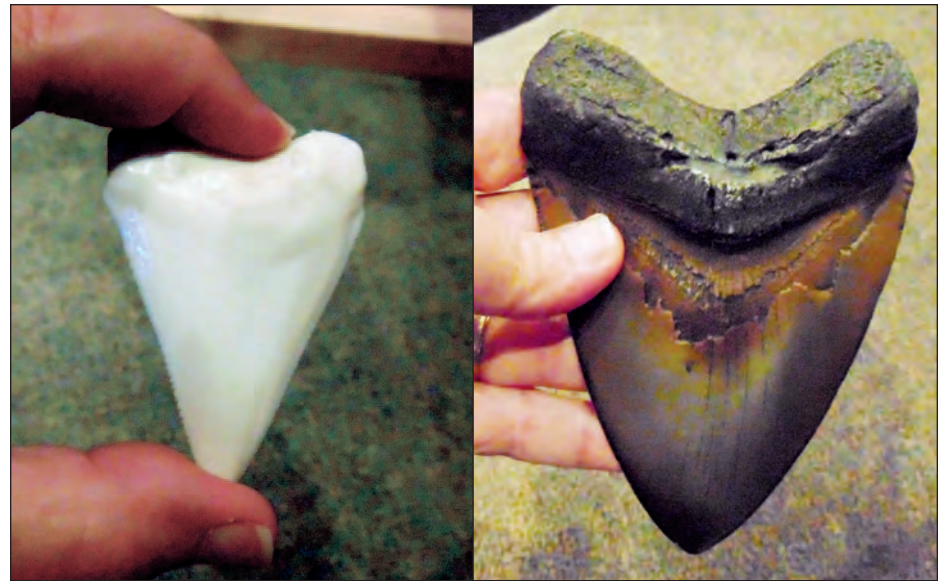
- Skeleton – Made of cartilage, not bone
- Skin – Smooth in one direction, rough (like sandpaper) in the other
- Tail (caudal) fin – The "engine" of the shark, used to propel and "steer" while swimming
- Top (dorsal) fin – Used to keep the shark stable and upright
- Side (pectoral) fins – "Wings" which give sharks ability to rise while swimming
- Mouth and gills – Allow water to pass through mouth (while breathing in) and through the gills (while breathing out); sharks must swim constantly in order to breathe

In addition, Moses talked about the shark's keen sense of hearing, with the ability to hear sounds from a distance of up to one mile. Another unique appendage – known as the Ampullae of Lorenzini – allows a shark to detect electrical impulses in the water. When hunting for prey, sharks use this in order to detect muscle contractions (such as a heartbeat) given off by other animals.

But perhaps their most impressive sense is their ability to smell blood. In fact, Moses noted that 90 percent of a shark's sensory activity is dedicated to smelling.

"Imagine an Olympic-sized swimming pool... and then double that size. A shark can smell a single drop of blood in that amount of water," she said, noting that the scent of both vomit and urine – considered indistinguishable by the fish – can attract sharks as well.

Sharks do, however, have poor eyesight.



Examples of a tooth from a shark approximately 17 feet long (left) and a megalodon – a prehistoric ancestor of today's sharks – which grew up to 60 feet long

After passing around several examples of shark's teeth (including a replica of a megalodon tooth, a prehistoric ancestor of today's sharks, which grew up to 60 feet long), Moses offered information that may be of comfort to those who fear being attacked by a shark. Worldwide, there were 98 shark attacks reported in 2015 (with six deaths). In the United States last year, there were 59 attacks (30 in Florida), with a single death occurring in Hawaii. While those statistics may seem alarming, it is a relatively small number amongst all "man vs. nature" attacks that happen every year.

Moses also shared some tips for avoiding a shark attack:

- When going in the water, stay close to shore
- Don't swim in the ocean alone; swim near a lifeguard
- Don't wear light-colored swimwear; black is the best option
- Don't wear jewelry; sharks are attracted to shiny/reflective objects
- Don't go swimming in dark or murky waters

"In Florida, you're 30 times more likely to be struck by lightning than be bitten by a shark," Moses added.✱

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DEP's Florida Coastal Office (FCO) has recognized representatives from 12 ecotour companies for participating in the Ecotour Provider Environmental Education program at Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. The program was supported by VISIT FLORIDA's Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature Marketing Grant program.

FCO offered the program to ecotour providers so they can better educate their clients and better protect the unique ecosystems and species preserved within Estero Bay. Twenty-two professionals participated in the environmental education and training, and the 10 participants who attended all four sessions received certificates of recognition.

"We are so pleased to present this important opportunity for Estero Bay tour providers to get to know their estuary," said Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve Manager Cheryl Clark. "Partnering organizations were key in providing this comprehensive training."

The four sessions covered a variety of topics including Estero Bay geology and watershed, marine life in the bay, ethical dolphin viewing and local conservation efforts. Trainees also participated in a boat tour of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve for hands-on experience in fish, bird and mangrove identification.

Organizations who gave presentations as part of the program included NOAA, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau, Good Time Charter, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, Estero Bay Buddies and Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.✱

Calendar Girls Perform At 5K Race



The Calendar Girls at the April 23 Run4Kayla 5K fundraiser

The Calendar Girls performed for the participants at the Run4Kayla 5K benefiting special needs children and Special Equestrians at Patriot Elementary School in Cape Coral on April 23.

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Cruise To Picnic Island

Pure Florida's Fort Myers location is offering an Eco-Cruise to Picnic Island on Saturday, May 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. The three-hour eco-adventure includes a narrated cruise along the Caloosahatchee River and a guided tour of uninhabited Picnic Island, located between Sanibel and Pine Island.

During the excursion, guests will have the opportunity to walk among black and white mangroves, play in the sand, fish, collect shells and perhaps see wildlife native to the Caloosahatchee River and Picnic Island. Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings.

Eco-Cruise tours are guided by Coast Guard-certified captains and master naturalists. They highlight the history of the Caloosahatchee River and the accomplishments of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford during their time spent at the nearby Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers.

Registration is \$44 per person. The M/V Edison Explorer departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers.

Guests are encouraged to bring bottled water and snacks. Soft drinks and alcohol are prohibited. Reservations are required.

For more information or tickets, call 919-2965, email FortMyers@PureFL.com or visit PureFL.com.✱

Monthly Travel Program Offered

The public is invited to learn about the Edison & Ford Winter Estates' monthly travel program, or Director's Tours. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the South Florida Water Management District building at 2301 McGregor Boulevard. This is a free event and will include a program, refreshments and socializing.

This year, the Director's Tour groups traveled to Palm Beach, Homestead, Miami, Sarasota, Tampa and Lakeland with destinations including Ybor City, the U.S. Liberty Ship, Bob Fuchs Orchid Nursery and Estate, Florida Southern College to see Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and Mote Marine with a cruise. An Island Hopping Cruise is scheduled for June.

Chris Pendleton, president and CEO, and curators lead all the tours and connect with their colleagues at the locations for unique behind-the-scenes tours in areas not always open to the public.

Director's Tours planned for next year will include Key West, Sunken Gardens, The Historic Vinoy, Montgomery Gardens and Homestead, Bok Tower, Sanctuary and Pinewood Estate, Arcadia, Everglades City, Marco Island and Naples.

For more information or to RSVP, call Leeanne Criswell, Edison Ford program registrar, at 334-7419 or email LCriswell@EdisonFordWinterEstates.com.✱



Nominees for last year's Scholar-Athlete Awards

Rotary To Honor Scholar-Athletes At Banquet

Rotary Club of Fort Myers South will honor 36 nominees and announce scholarship recipients and additional winners at its 30th annual Scholar-Athlete Awards banquet at the Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers on Wednesday, May 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The scholarship program recognizes top athletes from area high schools based on athletic and academic achievement, along with strength of character.

Eighteen Lee County area high schools each nominated one top male and female varsity letter winner who maintains a minimum 3.2 GPA, is involved in school and community activities and demonstrates leadership characteristics. A selection committee

of Rotary South members interviews nominees and selects the winners.

The 36 nominees are: Richard Maribona and Hallianne Hobson from Bishop Verot Catholic High School; Stephen Hueniken and Caroline Flaharty from Canterbury School; Christon Lewis and Makenzie Buss from Cape Coral High School; Paul Cribbs and Lexi Hoerr from Cypress Lake High School; Zachary Lackman and Nahisa Alabre from Dunbar High School; Dustin Goodman and Sharonda Exius from East Lee County High School; Joshua Winckowski and Taylor Hatch from Estero High School; Henry Valentine and Kylee Rullo from Evangelical Christian School; Landon Weber and Kendall Brent from Fort Myers High School; Jonathan Stockhausen and Kayla Scott from Gateway Charter; Jordan Diggs and Syniah S. Clark from Ida S. Baker High School; Miguel Vidal and Kayla Davidson from Island Coast High School; Matthew

Williams and Amara Ezenwa from Lehigh Senior High School; Keaton Koselke and Alexis Restrepo from Mariner High School; Austin Knipper and Madison Lampkins from North Fort Myers High School; Daniel Williamson and Elizabeth White from Riverdale High School; Jordari Rene and McKenzie Owens from South Fort Myers High School; and Justin Vazquez and Ally Frith from Southwest Florida Christian Academy.

The Southwest Florida Rheem Team will underwrite two \$5,000 scholarships as the program's Title Scholarship Sponsor. The Rheem Team also hosts an online People's Choice Scholar-Athlete Award, where the winner receives an iPad.

Former NFL running back Albert Bentley is keynote speaker. Bentley is a native of Naples and attended the University of Miami where he played for the Hurricanes' national championship team in 1983. Bentley also played eight

seasons in the NFL.

For more information about the Scholar-Athlete Awards, contact Rob Scharlau at 810-2554 or rob.scharlau@busey.com.

For details about the Rotary club, visit rotarysouth.org.✱

Ride Of Silence

The Caloosa Riders is sponsoring The Ride of Silence, a free bike ride alerting motorists that cyclists use streets, too. The ride is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 6:45 p.m. at the intersection of Bay and Heitman streets, under the bridge in downtown Fort Myers. All are welcome.

The ride is approximately 10 miles long and will have full police escorts. The pace will average no more than 10 to 12 miles per hour. Helmets are mandatory.

Learn more at caloosariders.org.✱

Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament

Make-A-Wish Southern Florida's Youth Leadership Committee (YLC) will host a golf tournament on Saturday, May 14 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort in Naples.

This inaugural fundraiser includes a light breakfast, golf, lunch, silent auction and raffle. Proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, with YLC's goal of raising enough funds to grant two wishes to local children.

The tournament, held at 2600 Tiburon Drive, starts with registration and breakfast at 7:30 a.m., a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., and lunch and awards to follow. Registration fees are \$175 per player and \$700 per foursome. Players must register by Monday, May 9.

Sponsors include Publix, Fried & Fried P.A., Scott Craven, Collins Vision, Office Furniture & Design Concepts, The Brown Realty Group, The Paul Family, Lutgert Insurance and Hilton Garden Inn Fort Myers Airport/FGCU.

Additional corporate and individual sponsorships, ranging from \$150 to \$4,000, are still available. For tournament registration, sponsorships or Youth Leadership Committee information, contact Taylor Marini at 992-9474 ext. 23 or tmarini@sflawish.org.

org. To find out more about Make-A-Wish, visit sfla.wish.org.✱

Red Sox, Twins Set Record For Fans In Spring

The Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins, two Major League Baseball teams that hold spring training in Fort Myers, reached a record-high per-game attendance this season.

The Red Sox and Twins ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, for largest crowds during the 2016 MLB Spring Training slate. Florida hosts 15 Florida Grapefruit League teams. Boston trains at JetBlue Park and Minnesota at Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex.

In 2016, the Red Sox played 15 games at JetBlue Park with a total attendance of 149,397, with an average of 9,960 attendees per game. The largest crowd tallied was 10,103 on March 10, when the Red Sox played the Minnesota Twins.

At Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex, the Twins also played 15 games in 2016, and the total attendance was 121,005, with an average per game of 8,067 attendees. Their largest crowd peaked at 9,109, when they took on the New

York Yankees on Sunday, March 20.

Attendance figures are compiled by the Florida Sports Foundation from daily box scores of games, between Major League teams played in the state of Florida, and verified by each of the 15 teams in the Florida Grapefruit League.

The estimated total economic impact for the Red Sox and Twins spring training seasons in Lee County is \$48 million annually. That's according to a 2009 study, the most recent for which such Lee County data is available.

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Suspension Of Marlins All-Star Dee Gordon Has Reverberations Locally



by Ed Frank

When the word came out last week that Miami Marlins All-Star second baseman and reigning National League Batting Champion Dee Gordon was suspended for 80 games for using performance-enhancing drugs, it had a stinging repercussion here in our local area.

Gordon's younger brother, Nick, is the starting shortstop for the Fort Myers Miracle baseball team and is, in fact, the team's top hitter, batting .333 through the first three weeks of the season. Nick was the Minnesota Twins first-round selection in the 2014 Major League Draft.

We must be clear that there is no indication that the popular, likeable and polite Nick Gordon is in any way connected to his brother's misdeeds. We do know, however, that the two brothers are extremely close, and that the penalty must weigh heavily on the younger Gordon.

Their father, Tom "Flash" Gordon is a former Major League All-Star relief pitcher who, upon his retirement, has devoted his life to following the careers of his two sons rather than pursuing a job as a baseball manager, scout or coach. The father has been seen frequently here around the CenturyLink Sports Complex.

Dee Gordon's suspension was the second in eight days for a player coming off the best season of his career. Just a week before, Chris Colabello, an undrafted former independent leaguer, who hit .321 for the Toronto Blue Jays last season, was suspended for 80 games. Their suspensions bring to seven the number of players penalized this year under Major League Baseball's drug plan.

Last season, Dee Gordon, after being traded to the Marlins from the Los Angeles Dodgers in December 2014, hit .333 – 61 points above his career average with the Dodgers – while leading the league in batting, stolen bases and total hits on his way to earning a Gold Glove.

His All-Star season resulted in the Marlins awarding him a five-year, \$50 million contract in January, although he was to earn just \$3 million this season. The suspension will cost him about half of that \$3 million.

He had a spotless reputation prior to this incident with a personality like his younger brother, polite and well-liked. Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria praised his character when he announced his \$50-million contract earlier this year. "It's truly incredible and historic what he did in his first year with our ball club," he said at the time.

Gordon tested positive for exogenous testosterone and clostebol although he said he did not use the banned drugs knowingly.

"I have been careful to avoid products that could contain something banned by Major League Baseball, and the 20-plus tests that I have taken and passed throughout my career prove this. I made a mistake, and I accept the consequences," Gordon said in a statement.

Major League Baseball thought the steroid era would end once the players union agreed to the tough policies of the drug enforcement program. And no doubt it has curtailed the use of banned substances, but not completely as the record shows.

The baseball season is a long, grueling six-month grind that takes its toll on players. And no doubt there will be those who will attempt to find an edge to enhance their careers.

Miracle in First-Place Tie in Tight South Division

After an 8-3 road win Monday night over Palm Beach, the Fort Myers Miracle moved into a three-way first-place tie in the Florida State League South Division.

Fort Myers, Palm Beach and St. Lucie all posted 14-11 season records through Monday of this week.

The Miracle return home to Hammond Stadium today, Thursday, for a three-game series against St. Lucie. The Thursday and Friday games have 7:05 p.m. starts with the first pitch Saturday at 6:05 p.m.✱

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who holds the major-league record for most consecutive games reaching base to start a season?
2. Ron Washington holds the record for most games managed by a Texas Rangers skipper (1,275). Who is No. 2?
3. Who holds the NFL mark for most pass attempts to start a career without a touchdown pass?
4. Name the last men's Division I college basketball team before Wichita State in 2014 and Kentucky in 2015 to finish the regular season unbeaten.
5. Entering 2016, when was the only time the Tampa Bay Lightning and Florida Panthers made the NHL playoffs in the same season?
6. In 2015, Timothy Peters became the third NASCAR Truck Series driver to win consecutive races at Talladega. Name either of the other two.
7. Roger Federer, in 2016, became the first male tennis player to win 300 Grand Slam singles matches. Who is second on the list?

ANSWERS

1. Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees did it in 53 games in 1999.
2. Bobby Valentine, with 1,186.
3. Arizona's Ryan Lindley threw for a touchdown after 228 pass attempts.
4. St. Joseph's went 27-0 in the 2003-04 regular season.
5. It was the 1995-96 season.
6. Todd Bodine (2007, '08) and Kyle Busch ('09, '10).
7. Jimmy Connors, with 233 victories.

Registration Open For Captiva Triathlon

Registration has opened strong for the 6th annual Galloway Captiva Triathlon, which has sold out earlier every year since its 2011 inception and is limited to 750 participants for the Sunday adult sprint event. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Community Cooperative's Healthy School Pantry program.

"We are surprised at how strong both registration for the tri and reservations for hotel rooms on Captiva are," said Kate Gooderham, one of the race directors. "This year the biggest change we have is with some training events. Coach Angie is offering fee based special clinics including a kids triathlon training program, a swim/bike/run/transition training, ongoing private lessons, and open water swim clinics; July and August."

The adult event is scheduled for Sunday, September 11 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva and includes a quarter-mile open-water swim, 10-mile bike (on closed island roads) and 3.1-mile run along the Gulf and Redfish Pass. Registration is available online at www.CaptivaTri.org. The nonrefundable cost to register is \$75 for individuals, \$85 for elite amateur athletes and \$180 for relay teams of two or three people. Registration fees increase on June 1 to \$85, \$95 and \$200, respectively.

The Captiva Tri also will host a shorter Children's Fun Tri on Saturday, September 10, also at South Seas

Island Resort. The race will not be timed, and all finishers will earn a medal. Children will compete in three age groups – 6 to 8, 9 to 10 and 11 to 13 – with the distances of each race varying. Registration is \$25 (which does not increase on June 1). All three age groups are limited in size, and have sold out even before the adult event in years' past.

Information and event registration for both races is available online at www.CaptivaTri.org. The Galloway Family of Dealerships is the title sponsor of the event. CCMI uses the event proceeds to benefit its program that provides backpacks of food to children who otherwise may not have easily accessible meals at home.

The Captiva Tri weekend is hosted by Southwest Florida Events, a nonprofit organization based in Fort Myers dedicated to combining fun, fitness and support for local charities through multisport event.✱

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Lee County Failing Young Haitian-Americans

submitted by Sandy Teger

Beatrice Jacquet stood at the front of the room and passed out a one-page test to each of the Democratic Club of the Islands meeting attendees. In a soothing voice, she said, "Don't worry, don't get nervous – this is just a placement test to see where you belong." Everyone looked at the paper in front of them and looked up in confusion. Jacquet again reassuringly intoned the words about not getting nervous.

"This is your entry test," she added. "We're just using it to find out how much you know, so we can get you to the right spot."

The 40-plus Sanibel area residents gathered at the meeting looked at the questions, at one another and at Jacquet. One person asked, "How do you say 'How are you?'" The right answer was "Kijan ou ye?"

It got harder from there.

It didn't take long to get the message. Jacquet, co-president of the recently-formed Haitian-American Democratic Club (HADC), was showing us how it feels when Creole-speaking Haitian-American children are tested for placement in Lee County schools. They



Jane Kuckel, Lee County school board candidate for District 6, and Beatrice Jacquet, co-president of the Haitian-American Democratic Club of Lee County
photo courtesy Sandy Teger

can't be placed at the proper grade level if they don't understand English, so they start behind and get further behind over the years. (By contrast, Latino children are given a test in Spanish.)

Jacquet and four other members of her group were welcomed at the Sanibel Public Library by the Democratic Club of the Islands. HADC's goal is to give a voice to the second largest group of non-English speakers in Lee County. The most

important issue for her organization is helping the Lee County schools better serve the Creole-speaking Haitian-American community.

HADC estimates there are 20,000 voting-age American citizens in Lee County with Haitian backgrounds, many born in Haiti. However, there are no statistics on Haitian students in Lee County schools. While they think there are about 5,000 Haitian students in local schools, there is no way to know the true number; the questionnaires used to provide demographics on students do not have any category that counts them.

Although the county schools support English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes for Spanish speaking children, Creole speakers don't receive the same opportunities. Haitian Creole is the second most used foreign language among students in Lee County schools, yet there is not a single Creole-speaking teacher in county ESOL classrooms.

In Dade County, which has the highest population of Haitian immigrants, the solution that has worked is "Get Out & Vote." The Haitian-American Club is following Dade County's lead and working to increase Haitian-American voter registration. The key to success will be to identify school board candidates who will support much-needed change for Creole-speaking students.

In keeping with this emphasis, the evenings' speakers included Lee County

School Board (At-Large) candidates Jane E. Kuckel for District 6 and Betsy Vaughn for District 7. Kuckel, with the urging of numerous parents and leading community members, has decided to run again after retiring from 12 years of successful work on the school board. In those years, she demonstrated her skills in teaching and financial planning.

Vaughn has a 38-year career in teaching, including 19 years as a department chair in Texas and Estero. Her priorities include fiscal responsibility, teacher retention, and expanding early childhood education programs. She has been helping HADC ferret out the statistics to show the county school's shortfall in support for Creole speakers.

To give a voice to the Haitian-American's in Lee County, the club has a big outreach program to accomplish voter registration of this potentially large voting bloc. They are visiting many of the more than 50 Haitian churches and hosting special events like Haitian Community Flag Day on Saturday, May 14 in Fort Myers. Jacquet asked for those interested in donating to this effort to send a check to HADC, P.O. Box 62016, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

The Democratic Club of the Islands has many interesting speakers at their general meetings, which are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. For more information, visit www.islanddems.org.

Political Women's Club Chartered



Florida Federation President Dena DeCamp, left, presents the official national charter to Missi Lastra, president of the Republican Women of Cape Coral, Federated, on April 14

The Republican Women of Cape Coral, Federated, was chartered April 7 by the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

The club has 11 members and Missi Lastra will lead as president. Members meet the third Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Water City Grill in Cape Coral.

"Our club was organized to educate, motivate and inspire Republican women in all areas of politics," Lastra said. "Our mission is to engage with our local community to promote and support conservative candidates, agendas and legislation."

Annual dues are \$35, which also cover membership in the NFRW and the Florida Federation of Republican Women.

"The NFRW is pleased to welcome this club into our nationwide network of grassroots leaders," NFRW President Carrie Almond said.

For more information, visit republicanwomenofcapecoral.com or contact Lastra at missimc@me.com. Learn more about the NFRW at nfrw.org.

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Financial Focus

Help Your Mother Prepare For Retirement



by Jennifer Basey

Mother's Day is almost here, so start shopping for the flowers or candy for mom. But this year, why not also go beyond the traditional? Specifically, if your mother is still

working but getting close to retirement, consider providing her with a gift that can help make her days as a retiree more pleasant.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Contribute to her IRA.** As long as your mother is employed, she can contribute to an IRA, and she may already have one. If so, help her fund it for 2016. You can't contribute directly to her IRA, but you can certainly write her a check for that purpose, and by doing so, you can make it easier for mom to "max out" on her account this year. Assuming your mother is over 50, she can contribute up to \$6,500 per year to her IRA. As you may know, an IRA can be a great way to save for retirement because it offers significant tax benefits. Contributions to a traditional IRA are typically tax-deductible, while any earnings can grow tax deferred. Roth IRA

contributions are not deductible, but any earnings can grow tax free, provided the account owner meets certain conditions.

- **Give mom some stocks.** You know your mother well, so you are probably familiar with the products she likes. By giving her shares of stock of the companies that produce these goods, you will provide mom with a feeling of ownership that she may enjoy – along with the benefit of possessing investments that could potentially increase in value.

- **Discuss retirement income strategy.** Even if your mother has made some smart financial moves, such as investing in an IRA and her 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, she may still need some advice on how best to initiate and manage her retirement income. To cite just one action she needs to take, she must start making withdrawals from her 401(k) and traditional IRA once she turns 70 1/2. But if she withdraws too much each year from these accounts, she could deplete them sooner in her retirement years than is desirable. To develop a solid retirement income strategy – one that can help her avoid outliving her income – she will need to coordinate withdrawals from her retirement accounts with her Social Security payments and any other sources of income she may have available. Because it's so important to put together an appropriate income strategy, it's a very good idea to consult with a financial professional. If your mother does not currently work with one, encourage her to meet with someone you know and trust.

Of course, your mother may be married and have her finances commingled

with those of her spouse. Nonetheless, every one of the suggestions mentioned above is applicable and relevant to your mother, whether she is singled, married, divorced or widowed. Women must be prepared to take full charge of their financial situations, no matter their marital status.

Anything you give mom on Mother's Day will be appreciated. But if you can add a gift – whether in the form of investments or knowledge – that can help her make progress toward an enjoyable retirement lifestyle, you will be providing her with an enormous "thank you" for all she's done for you over the years.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Jennifer Basey is a financial advisor in Fort Myers. She can be reached at jennifer.basey@edwardjones.com.✴

Optimist Club College Scholarship

The Sanibel-Captiva Optimist Club will offer one four-year college scholarship to a 2016 graduating high school senior. The new scholarship replaces one of the current six (since one current scholarship recipient is graduating college). Each scholarship is \$2,000 per year (\$8,000 total). The competition for the scholarship is open to all seniors graduating from high schools in Lee County in 2016.

Application forms are available at

all Lee County high schools (see your guidance counselor), at Bailey's General Store and at Sanibel Café, both on Sanibel, and on the SanCap Optimist website, www.sancapoptimist.org. Additional information is available by email at sancapoptimist@comcast.net or from Stan Howard, by calling 472-0836. Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than Thursday, June 12. The scholarship committee plans to make the final decision by the end of June.

Applicants should be aware that academic records, financial need, extracurricular activities, civic/community service records, and references are integral parts of the selection criteria. The application package provides exact procedures.

Current scholarship holders from Lee County are: Tyler Silcock (senior), Florida SouthWestern State College; Savar Nasirov (junior), University of Florida; Ramsey Fisher (junior), Florida International University; Peyton Davies (sophomore), University of Texas at Austin; Andrea Berrian (freshman) University of Florida; Dara Craig (freshman), Vanderbilt University.

Because of the generosity of local residents and businesses, these four-year scholarships have increased from \$7,000 to \$8,000; existing scholarships will benefit by increasing future payments from \$1,750 to \$2,000 per year. The SanCap Optimist Club also sponsors and supports a number of other activities on the islands with emphasis on kids' welfare and education. The club is a 501(c)3 organization.✴

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High School Art Exhibit

painting, drawing, digital photography, mixed media, computer art and 3D. Awards were announced, including two Best of Show awards which went to Mariner High students Inka Schulz for her painting and Hanna Trusiewicz for her sculpture. Other category winners were Juan Cabrera from Lehigh Senior High for Ceramics, Emily Madsen from Lehigh Senior High for Black & White Drawing, Fiona Dowling from Fort Myers High for Color Drawing, Jade Buohler from Lehigh Senior High for Computer Art, Taylor Kent from Fort Myers High for Digital Photography and Rachel Hujsa from Fort Myers High for Mixed Media.

This is the 24th year the Alliance has partnered with Lee Arts Educators Association (LAEA) to display student work in a formal exhibit. The exhibit was sponsored by Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers – Dr. Tim Verwest. Evan's Neighborhood Pizza provided pizza for the opening reception.

2016 WINNERS

Ceramics

1st place, Juan Cabrera, Lehigh Senior; 2nd place, Tiffany Rodriguez, South Fort Myers; 3rd place, Maxime Miville, Fort Myers. Juror's Choice Awards: Dominique Hoskisson, Fort Myers; Madeline Miller, Estero; Christine Solomon, Estero; Stephanie Sheard, Lehigh Senior.

Sculpture



Best of Show painting by Inka Schulz

1st place, Hannah Trusiewicz, Mariner; 2nd place, Sandraya Velazquez, Estero; 3rd place, Gracie Wright, Cape Coral.

Juror's Choice Awards: Caitlin Hatchel, Riverdale; Megan Gerst, Lehigh Senior; Dawson Degroot/Colton Hardee, Fort Myers; Joel Ralls, Mariner.

Drawing Black & White

1st place, Emily Madsen, Lehigh Senior; 2nd place, Jessica Xia, Canterbury School; 3rd place, Raja Al-Bahou, South Fort Myers.

Juror's Choice Awards: Aubin Stam, Mariner; Melissa Moore, Mariner; Trier Saboda, Evangelical Christian School; Kaylee Hernandez, Mariner.

Drawing Color

1st place, Fiona Dowling, FortMyers; 2nd place, Emma Saenz, Cape Coral; 3rd place, Sam Velez, Lehigh Senior.

Juror's Choice Awards: Raja Al-Bahou, South Fort Myers; Brianna Curulli, Island Coast.

Computer Art

1st place, Jade Buohler, Lehigh Senior; 2nd place, Inka Schulz, Mariner; 3rd place Maegan Levesque, Cape Coral.

Juror's Choice Awards: Jackie Brodskaya, FortMyers; Junco Nelson, Bishop Verot.

Digital Photography

1st place, Taylor Kent, Fort Myers; 2nd place, Emily Vandyke, Cape Coral; 3rd place, Grace Speas, Fort Myers.

Juror's Choice Awards: Maegan Levesque, Cape Coral; Morgan Smith, Canterbury School; Mercedes Lewellen, North Fort Myers; Kylie Corey, Fort Myers; Jennifer Roberts, Bishop Verot; Pam McCabe, Mariner.

Mixed Media

1st place, Rachel Hujsa, Fort Myers; 2nd place, Ana Pires, Lehigh Senior; 3rd place, Callie Gilmore, South Fort Myers.

Juror's Choice Awards: Darren Valdez, Lehigh Senior; Haley Keller, Cypress Lake.

Painting

1st place, Inka Schulz, Mariner; 2nd place, Aaliyah Griffen, Riverdale; 3rd place, Kayla Hardway, Riverdale.

Juror's Choice Awards: Josee Cherubin, North Fort Myers; Shelby Dahl, North Fort Myers; Anderson Erasus, East Lee County; Haichao Wang, Bishop Verot; Anna Troyer, Riverdale; Amalia Smith, Dunbar.✴

Gala Raises Funds For Two Local Charities



Wildcat Run Charitable Foundation presents check to the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida

Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club's recent annual gala raised enough funds to present the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida and Valerie's House, Inc. with checks for \$30,000 each.

Wildcat Cares 4 Kids, attended by more than 200 guests, included silent and live auctions featuring a gift certificate to the Diamond District, along with a pair of earrings; limousine ride to a steakhouse; and a custom, white diamond bracelet.

Hosted by the Wildcat Run Charitable Foundation, funds raised matched the previous year's contributions, bringing totals over the past five years to more than \$200,000.



Wildcat Run Charitable Foundation presents check to Valerie's House

"The continued support and generosity of the Wildcat Run members and community sponsors year after year is remarkable," said Wildcat Cares 4 Kids Board President Judy Mittino. "This is our fifth year contributing to the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida, and it is because of our partnership that we are truly able to make an impact in our community. This year, we also had the opportunity to partner with Valerie's House to help extend our reach in Southwest Florida."

Fort Myers-based Children's Advocacy Center works with sexually and physically abused children, and is designed to be a safe and friendly place for them to come and be heard on their road to recovery. All services and programs are provided free of charge. For more information, call 939-2808 or visit cac-swfl.org.

Valerie's House, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization providing children and their families, who have experienced the death of a loved one, a place to share and experience support with others who are grieving. Visit valereshouseswfl.org or call 478-6734 for details.*

Student Scholars To Be Honored At Gala

The Nations Association Charities at its 37th annual Anniversary & Scholarship Gala Saturday, May 14, will honor three high school scholars who have overcome adversity to become successful students.

More than 150 people are expected to attend the black-tie function, Diamonds In the Sky, at the Crown Plaza on Bell Tower Drive in South Fort Myers. Tickets are \$75 each at NationsAssociation.org.

"This is our opportunity to honor those hardworking students from economically disadvantaged families who have completed our program and are now ready to pursue a higher education," said Rev. Dr. Israel Suarez, founder and CEO of Nations Association Charities.

Three scholarships will be presented during the evening, including one \$20,000 scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be in the Nations Scholars Program for two years and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher. Recipients are selected based upon academic achievement, financial need and personal community service efforts, Suarez said.

The Scholars Club program is for high school students and teaches leadership skills and college and career readiness, and provides internships and service learning opportunities.

"Many of our scholars have now graduated from college and are teachers, attorneys and other professionals," Suarez said. "It is so gratifying to see how these students are making a difference in our community and helping others attain the education they need to succeed."

Major sponsors of the evening are Diamond Sponsor Sanibel Community Church; Ruby Sponsor Florida Gulf Coast University; Sapphire Sponsors Lee Memorial Health System and LeeSar; and Amethyst Sponsors City of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Police Department, Smith Family Foundation and Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Pritchett, III.

Nations Association Charities, founded in 1978, initially focused on helping families in Southwest Florida by providing financial assistance, hot meals, back-to-school supplies, counseling, a thrift store and housing assistance. Last year, Nations streamlined its programs to focus on community youth. For information, call 332-7575 or visit nationsassociation.org.*

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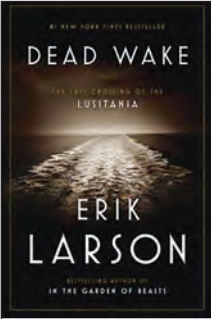
Dead Wake



by Di Saggau

On May 1, 1915 with World War I entering its 10th month, a luxury ocean liner as richly appointed as an English country house sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. It was the fastest civilian ship then in service. The passengers were surprisingly at ease, even though that morning a German notice had appeared in the city’s newspapers warning that travelers sailing on British ships “do so at their own risk.” Though the notice didn’t name a particular vessel, it was widely interpreted as being aimed at the *Lusitania*. With his remarkable new work of nonfiction *Dead Wake*, Erik Larson ushers us aboard the *Lusitania* as it begins its tragic and final crossing. The idea that a German submarine could sink the ship struck many passengers as preposterous, a sentiment echoed in Cunard’s official response to the warning: “The truth is that the *Lusitania* is the safest boat on the sea. She is too fast for any submarine.”

German U-boat captain Walther Schwieger thought differently. *Dead Wake* switches between hunter and hunted, allowing readers to experience the crossing and the disaster itself, as it unfolds. Even though readers know the outcome, the book keeps one’s interest throughout. In discussing this at my book club we decided, one reason is because Larson brings such a broad cast of characters to life and we want to know if they will be among the survivors. This includes famous Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat, a passenger carrying an irreplaceable literary treasure, a rare edition of *A Christmas Carol*, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and, of course, *Lusitania* Captain William Thomas Turner, who placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly stictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack. Also central to the story is Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty and head of an ultra-secret spy group, Room 40, that failed to convey crucial naval intelligence that might have saved the *Lusitania*. During an interview on television Larson said on the afternoon of May 7, it was a beautiful day and many passengers



were on deck anticipating their arrival soon in Liverpool. Suddenly, they spotted a torpedo, traveling 42 miles an hour, headed for the ship. Some said “it was a beautiful sight” as it cut its wake through the water. After hitting the ship, a second internal explosion sent the *Lusitania* to the bottom in 18 minutes. Of the

almost 2,000 passengers, only some 760 survived. *Dead Wake, The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, is a captivating book, thrillingly told and full of surprises. It captures the sheer drama and emotional power of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured in the annals of history.✧

\$19,000 Research Grant For FSW

Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) School of Education was recently awarded a \$19,297 grant from the Nellie Mae Education Foundation (NMEF). The grant will provide funding for researchers to investigate how a fundamental change in the way states distribute school aid might impact school policies, administrator and teacher practices and student outcomes for online charter schools. “Online charter schools have always been funded based on enrollment and held accountable for meeting seat-time requirements,” said Dr. Larry Miller, dean, FSW School of Education. “This method is not producing the results we need as a nation to remain competitive in a knowledge-based economy. Some states, including Florida, have begun to experiment with a different approach to funding and accountability based on

students demonstrating mastery over competencies.” FSW’s researchers will focus on New Hampshire’s funding model. “New Hampshire has been a leader in this funding model,” Dr. Miller said. “We will examine how this novel finance system works in practice to see if it incentivizes faculty and staff to maximize student outcomes, without sacrificing academic rigor.” “Our research findings may have important implications for other states supporting large, online charter schools, such as the Florida Virtual School, which has reported serving over 7,000 full-time students in grades K-12 in the 2015-16 school year,” said Megan Just, co-investigator on the project and senior research analyst in the FSW School of Education. The grant was facilitated by FSW’s Office of Sponsored Programs & Research (OSPR). OSPR oversees proposal submission of sponsored research, scholarship and creative endeavors at FSW.✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My 6-year-old son gets into trouble quite often. He overreacts in a mostly negative way to almost everything. We are struggling on how to manage his behavior. We don’t want to hinder his behavioral growth but I need some suggestions on what might be some appropriate consequences for bad behavior. Thank you.

Staci J., Cape Coral

Staci, It’s always good to think about appropriate consequences. It sounds like your son needs help to learn how to handle conflict. He needs to learn this ahead of his conflicts so that he can make better choices about his behavior. A great strategy to use is to teach him to focus on positive behavior, what he should be doing and not focusing on what not to do. Focusing on what a child should do is a great teaching opportunity that results in the development of life skills. For example, if he often has hot-tempered behavior towards peers because they do not agree with him, before he actually begins to play, you or his teacher would give him a direct command to play calmly and find an adult to help problem solve during the play. Instead of telling him not to get angry when he is facing

some differences with friends, you and or his teacher could have a conversation with him ahead of time about the fact that plans may change and he may feel upset. Let him know what may happen and then give him the positive direction to play calmly. Make sure he knows that he can talk to the adult in charge to help him get through the situation and to discuss his feelings. You may also want to let him earn a privilege if he can stay positive. Along with this, you may want to have a behavioral system that provides immediate and/or same day reinforcement for positive behaviors. Some examples of target behaviors to reward are, handling changes calmly and following the lead of other people in a relaxed manner. Engaging in those behaviors would result in him earning rewards from you and his teachers. These rewards might include specific praise, points towards privileges, or an actual privilege in the moment like extra computer time, visiting a friend in another classroom or helping the teacher. Make sure that the reward is something your son really wants, not something convenient for you or the teacher to administer. Remember that attention, whether positive or negative, is the strongest reinforcer of all behaviors. It’s very easy to unintentionally reinforce behaviors we mean to punish, just by giving them attention. This is why it’s recommended to actively ignore minor misbehavior. Active ignoring is a technique in which you ignore a behavior until you can catch the child engaging in a positive behavior, even if it’s by accident.

For aggressive or destructive behaviors, there should be an immediate loss of privilege or a time-limited consequence. Some examples are sitting out of a game for five minutes, losing a specific number of minutes of recess or choice time, a time out at home or in the classroom. Make sure to collaborate with his teacher so that there is consistency in how your son’s behaviors are managed. It will be much easier for him to learn how to act appropriately if you are both giving himP similar directions.

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FGCU Give Day A Success

Florida Gulf Coast University’s inaugural Give Day, held on April 26, attracted 207 supporters who gave \$1.18 million to benefit students and university programs. The one-day fundraiser, expected to become an annual event, was an effort to build enthusiasm and giving among alumni as well as faculty, staff and the community. Of the 207 gifts received, 180 were made online, the largest number ever in one day. Two highlights include a \$1 million gift from an anonymous donor, and a donation from Peter Cuderman (’11, Legal Studies, ’13, MBA), who served as both a president of student government and a member of the FGCU Board of Trustees. He surprised his parents by establishing an endowed scholarship in their honor.

“I saw the Florida Gulf Coast University Give Day as an opportunity to give back to an institution that has given me the world,” said Cuderman, who is the chief strategy officer for Tri-Town Construction. “The Dr. Bart S. and Peggy I. Cuderman Endowed Fund, named in honor of my parents, will provide scholarships to help students who have overcome major life obstacles.” “Although we have a relatively young and smaller alumni population, their support of FGCU continues to grow year after year. We are blessed to have such great supporters for our students, faculty and programs,” said Chris Simoneau, vice president for advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation. “We are grateful for this outpouring of generosity as we work to reach the conclusion of our \$100 million fundraising initiative.” To make a contribution, visit fgcu.edu/foundation and click the Give Now link or contact Tony Lee, director of major gifts, at 590-1068.✧

Local Workforce Summit Responds To Labor Shortage

In Southwest Florida's growing economy, employers need to get creative to attract top talent and consider looking further afield to discover a ready workforce. At the upcoming Southwest Florida Workforce Summit, presented by the Above Board Chamber of Florida and Southwest Florida International Airport, recruiters will learn the strategies of major local employers, discover a ready workforce in the Caribbean and connect directly with jobseekers here at home.

Held from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers, the Southwest Florida Workforce Summit will feature a dynamic panel discussion including top recruiters from a variety of industries and public officials representing the concerns of business here and in Puerto Rico. During the same hours, employers and jobseekers will explore mutually beneficial opportunities at the Southwest Florida Workforce Summit Job Fair.

Recent press coverage has highlighted a shortage of qualified workers in industries like construction. Other important economic driver sectors also continue to recover following the economic crisis that began a decade ago. Still more are increasingly setting up shop in Southwest



**Cape Coral Mayor
Marni Sawicki**

Florida, leading to competition for skilled, reliable help. Panelists, who will share stories from the trenches and provide recruitment and retention strategies that work, include 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.

Also taking part in the summit will be Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson, State Representative Heather Fitzhagen, Puerto Rico Senator Carmelo Rio and Puerto Rico's Secretary of Economic Development and



**Brenda Thomas,
executive director of the Building
Industry Association**



**Peg Elmore from
Career Source
Southwest Florida**

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Stephanie Becerra, news anchor for MundoMax, and Connie Ramos-Williams, president and chief marketing officer of CONRIC PR & Marketing, will emcee the event.

The job fair is free for all jobseekers, and no registration is required. Registration on or before Thursday, May 5 for the panel discussion, which includes lunch, will be \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. After May 5, registration will be \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. Employers who want to attract qualified talent at the job fair should contact Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com. Various levels of sponsorships with many benefits are also available.

Title Sponsor Southwest Florida International Airport has donated two round trip tickets to Puerto Rico to be raffled off at the event. In addition, The Above Board Chamber is grateful to the following sponsors for the Southwest Florida Workforce Summit: Gulfshore Business, Lee Memorial Health Systems, Storm Smart Industries, Strategy Corp,



**Kristy Rigot, system
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For more information on the event or on how to become a member of the Above Board Chamber, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or visit www.aboveboardchamber.com.✱



**Stephanie Becerra,
anchor, Mundo Max**



**Connie Ramos-
Williams, president
and chief marketing
officer of CONRIC
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Participants in The Heights Foundation's Culinary Training and Job Placement program

Culinary Training Program Expands

The Heights Foundation will expand its 14-week culinary training and job placement program, currently held at The Heights Center, to include the Grace Church campuses in Cape Coral and Fort Myers in May.

The food service industry training is designed to develop job-specific technical skills. The program also helps address learning challenges, minimal academic skills, limited English proficiency, financial literacy,

transportation and scheduling concerns.

"The primary goal is to build skills competencies to help adults obtain and keep employment, be effective in the workforce, and ultimately, obtain financial self-sufficiency," said Deb Mathinos, director of Lifelong Learning at The Heights Center. "The Heights Center's culinary arts job training program began last January. To date, 63 individuals have completed the 14-week program and 95 percent are currently employed."

Interested individuals should contact Deb Mathinos at 482-7706 or Debra@heightsfoundation.org.✱

Airport Gets Award For TSA Campaign

The Lee County Port Authority (LCPA), operator of Southwest Florida International Airport, recently received two awards for its TSA PreCheck Campaign.

The Southwest Florida Chapter of

the Florida Public Relations Association announced the honors at its Local Image Awards. The port authority received an Award of Distinction and a Judges' Award.

The promotional campaign was for a temporary TSA PreCheck enrollment center at the airport late last year. The airport managers have now decided to open a permanent center in 2016.

For more information, go to flylcpa.com.✱

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Cooking Oils Are Not All Good For You



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: Do you whip up delicious meals without measuring a single thing? The oil you use in your kitchen can make or break your dish. Did you know that some oils are harmful?

Did you know that fried chicken or French fries often use “hydrogenated” oils, which increase your risk of diabetes, heart attack, obesity and cancer? Some “partially hydrogenated” oils are even derived from soybean oil, discussed below. What’s in your kitchen?

GOOD – High in Monounsaturated fats

Olive oil: Excellent source of antioxidants, polyphenols and essential fatty acids. It supports cardiovascular health and blood pressure.

Coconut oil: I’m referring to the unheated, unrefined, virgin coconut oil which is healthy raw or baked; don’t use super high heat. Please avoid “hydrogenated coconut oil,” which is

man-made and contains trans fats.

Almond: A source of natural vitamin E, it has even less saturated fat than olive oil. Almond contains monounsaturated fat (like olive oil). Almond oil goes rancid easily; store it in a dark cabinet.

GOOD – High in Omega 3 fatty acids

Hemp: Unrefined oil have a good amount of Gamma Linolenic acid (GLA) which is considered a healthy omega 6 that may relieve PMS and skin conditions such as eczema and psoriasis.

Flax: A fragile oil that shouldn’t be heated. It’s good to make salad dressings with. Refrigerate the oil. Too much may be goitrogenic (suppress iodine absorption), so avoid consuming high dose supplements for extended periods of time. A little oil on your salad should be fine, though.

Tea seed: This is one of my favorite oils because you can use it at high temperatures, the flavor is mild and it contains antioxidants like vitamin E. It has both omega 3 and 6 fatty acids. Do not confuse tea seed oil with the essential oil of “tea tree,” which cannot be ingested.

BAD – High in Saturated fats or Trans Fats

Canola or Rapeseed: Some of you think this is a “healthy” oil because it’s very low in saturated fat and, like olive oil, it’s high in monounsaturated fat. However, hexane is used as a chemical solvent to extract canola oil from the seeds, and pesticides are sometimes used. Bleaching, too. It’s used for baking or stir-fry.

Margarine: This is a man-made chemical... do I need to say anything else?

BAD – High in Omega 6, which can increase inflammation

Corn: It’s hard to find a non-GMO version of this, unless it specifically says “organic,” plus it maybe bleached. Corn oil increases “oxidized” or bad cholesterol. Cooks (not me) recommend it for high heat.

Soybean: This is another oil that’s heavily refined and often genetically modified (GMO). Soy plants are somewhat toxic to humans... you didn’t

know? Soybean oil, milk and tofu contains a lectin called PHG, short for phytohemagglutinin. PHG may interfere with digestion, affect memory and make your blood cells stick together (like a clot). People use soybean oil for stir-fry because of the high smoke point. Read your supplement bottles, because soybean oil is used in many dietary supplements.

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.✱

Southwest Florida Conference On Aging

On Thursday, May 12, Hope HealthCare Services will host the 15th annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging, a multi-disciplinary program for health care professionals, older adults and family caregivers. The conference offers education on health care, mental health and case management, and provides an update on current issues.

The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a new location, Crowne Plaza Fort Myers at the Bell Tower Shops, 13051 Bell Tower Drive. Registration is \$80 for licensed professionals,

including six contact hours, and \$50 for caregivers, students and the public. Registration includes lunch and program materials. Doors open at 7:45 a.m.

Presenters include Jonathan Scalone, Hope HealthCare Services; Joseph Maquire, Lee County EMS; Dr. Thomas Felke, Florida Gulf Coast University; Dotty St. Amand, Arden Courts; Marilyn Gregory, Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida; and DeAnna Graziano, A Pure Lifestyle.

Advance planning and cultural changes, emergency care and challenges, social and ethical care issues, hunger, Medicare and balancing roles for caregivers will be discussed.

To register, visit donate.HopeHCS.org/COA16 or call 482-4673.✱

Mom And Me



Can you tell me what to do and say to shut them up?

Freda

Dear Freda,

I have heard many very successful people complain that their adult children belittle their accomplishments in spite of their rising to the top of their professions.

If young people intimidate you, just ignore their company and concentrate on people in your own age group.

Many people young and old seem to enjoy making others miserable but I think it is all part of human nature.

Lizzie

Dear Freda,

Instead of taking the time focusing on what to say to them to “shut them up,” take the extra time to learn about computers and new technologies. As we age, we still learn, it just takes a little longer.

Remember, some younger folks may be mean, impatient or arrogant. If you get upset with them, it does not change them, it just ruins your day, and one day those younger folks will be older as well.

Pryce

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

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 think younger people are so mean to those who are over the hill. They have more education and know more about what is in books, but I am not stupid and some of them don’t even know how to hang up their own clothes.

I don’t know computers and the new things like that but I can add up numbers and do subtraction and they all have their little machines that do all of the work.

Doctor and Dietician

The Dietary Salt Dilemma



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

For years we have been taught to be obsessed over salt (sodium). However, studies show that both too much and too little salt can be harmful. The best place to be then, is somewhere in between.

We always recommend that dishes be filled with fresh ingredients. One reason for this is the very low salt content in fresh meat, poultry, fish, vegetables and whole grains. Adding some good Kosher salt or gourmet salt to a dish will not only improve the taste, but help make you want to eat healthy food. Unrefined varieties of salt, such as sea salt and Himalayan pink salt, also contain various trace nutrients. Most people get the majority of their sodium from processed foods.

Let’s take chicken fingers for an example. If you make your own chicken fingers using chicken breasts, flour or corn flakes, egg, and a pinch of salt for the whole batch, the sodium content is negligible. If you purchase pre-made chicken nuggets, four of them contain 640 mg of sodium or half of the recommended daily amount. Get the picture?

This is why Americans are eating too much salt. They eat too much processed food. Frozen entrees, pre-made frozen vegetables with sauce, canned soups and low-calorie frozen dinners are not only loaded with sodium but with all sorts of added chemicals, dyes and other unnatural substances.

The bottom line is to eat fresh, real foods, and add unrefined or gourmet salt whenever appropriate, to enhance the flavor of these homemade food. If your doctor has recommended that you limit salt for whatever reason, then by all means follow the recommendation. However, for those of you who are generally healthy and want to stay that way, moderate intake, along with consuming fresh foods, is a reasonable goal.

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.✱

PETS OF THE WEEK

Hello, my name is Avery. I'm a 2-year-old Jack Russell/Rat Terrier mix. Avery is an attention seeker and is looking for a devoted family to be her special companions. She would love a home where her new family has lots of time to spend with her. She's a calm loving lap dog that greets everyone she meets and loves to give kisses! My adoption fee is \$75.

Hello, our names are Sammy and Davis. We are both 2-years-old, neutered male domestic short hair tabbys. Sammy came into the shelter first, and about a month later his twin brother, Davis, was rescued. They both had multiple surgeries to correct some medical problems. They are ready for a new home now but this bonded pair needs to be adopted together. They are double the joy and you will get double the attention from these delightful boys. Applications are currently being taken to get them a great home together. Our adoption fee is \$40 for both of us!



Avery ID# 659485



Sammy and Davis ID# 652767 & 655727

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.✱

Shelter Rolls Out Pet Adoption Campaign

"There's no place like home," said Dorothy from the film *The Wizard of Oz*. The Lee County Domestic Animal Services' shelter agrees, introducing a There's No Place Like Home pet adoption campaign.

Animal Services is offering discounts in May. Dogs 40 pounds or more, and all cats can be adopted for \$40. Get a second cat or kitten at no charge.

The campaign's adoption fees still include more than \$500 worth of veterinary and other services such as spay/neuter surgery, rabies vaccination and county license, microchip, feline leukemia and AIDS test, heartworm test, flea treatment and de-worming.

Located at 5600 Banner Drive in Fort Myers, the shelter is open for adoptions Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Volunteers can assist adopters in selecting a pet that is best suited for their lifestyle and family. Adoption applications can be completed online.

See photos and information about lost pets or pets available for adoption at leelostpets.com.✱



Emergency.....	911
Lee County Sheriff's Office.....	477-1200
Florida Marine Patrol.....	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol.....	278-7100
Poison Control.....	1-800-282-3171
HealthPark Medical Center.....	1-800-936-5321
Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce.....	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare.....	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.....	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library.....	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library.....	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce.....	931-0931
Post Office.....	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau.....	338-3500

ARTS	
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

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS	
Angel Flight.....	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
Animal Refuge Center.....	731-3535
American Business Women Association.....	357-6755
Audubon of SWFL.....	339-8046
Audubon Society.....	472-3156
Caloosahatchee Chapter DAR.....	482-1366
Caloosahatchee Folk Society.....	321-4620
Cape Chorale Barbershop Chorus.....	1-855-425-3631
Cape Coral Stamp Club.....	542-9153
duPont Company Retirees.....	454-1083
Edison Porcelain Artists.....	415-2484
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

Kiwanis Clubs:	
Fort Myers Beach.....	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison.....	694-1056
Fort Myers South.....	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands.....	218-7688
Iona-McGregor.....	482-0869

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

AREA ATTRACTIONS	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum.....	395-2233
Burrough's Home.....	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium.....	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates.....	334-7419
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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PUZZLES

Answers page 29

Super Crossword

EMPLOYEE-CONSUMER POLICY

- ACROSS
- 1 P.E. place
4 Honey pies
9 "— the time!"
14 FBI tactics
19 Kauai necklace
20 Muslim's god
21 Range brand
22 Forever, in poetry
23 Cask wood
24 "Resident Evil" actress Jovovich
25 Of warships
26 Tribal groups
27 Start of a riddle
31 Writer Wolfe
32 "Pow!"
33 Longtime NBC host Jay
34 "Right back —!"
36 Buy
39 German for "love"
42 Parish leader
44 Riddle, part 2
49 Pressing tool
50 "... or — gather"
51 Big blue body
52 Feel pain
53 Darted
54 Insufficient
- 56 No, in Russia
58 Slaughter on a diamond
62 Riddle, part 3
67 Inmate's wish
70 Voice one's approval
71 Almost
72 Riddle, part 4
77 Weapon filler
78 "Eraser" actor James
79 Aristocratic
80 See 83-Across
83 With 80-Across, starts a golf game
85 Hypothetical cases
88 "Casual" day: Abbr.
89 Having what it takes
90 End of the riddle
97 Hungers
98 Some Iroquoians
99 Some sushi bar suppliers
100 Bombeck with wit
101 Mensch lead-in
- 104 Brand found at Petco
107 Blemish
108 Riddle's answer
115 "A Lesson From Aloes" playwright Fugard
116 Piano exercise
117 Keats' "— a Grecian Urn"
118 Seemingly forever
119 Diplomat Silas
120 Old fax alternative
121 Tooth: Prefix
122 Tango team
123 Curving billiards shot
124 A Lott of politics
125 "Bullitt" director Peter
126 Hem, e.g.
- DOWN
- 1 Luminesce
2 "You bet"
3 Evander Holyfield rival
4 Moistened floor wiper
5 Nobelist Wiesel
6 Let happen
7 "Wreck-It —" (Disney film)
8 Clinton cabineteer Donna
9 Ma's ma
10 Sharif of Hollywood
11 Ripple
12 Bowled over
13 Styling site
14 Big lamb cut
15 Start of a simple request
16 Volunteer's declaration
17 "A pox upon thee!," updated
18 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
28 Not at all exciting
29 Arab VIPs
30 One using a lasso
35 Museum pieces
36 Au —
37 Gillette offering
38 Savior
40 Manage, with "out"
41 Slow cooker of a sort
43 Facade
45 Speckled horse
46 Diner freebie
47 Huntley of news
48 Jabba the —
54 Dover fish
55 Ice dancing gold medalist Virtue
57 Alaska river
58 Fabergé collectibles
59 Utmost in degree
60 "Well, well, well!"
61 One of a D.C. 100
62 Chanel of fragrances
63 Wetter, weatherwise
64 Similarly defined wd.
65 Gradient
66 "Swoosh" shoe brand
67 FedExCup org.
68 Bracelet spot
69 DVD- —
73 "Law & Order: SVU" co-star
74 "— of Eden"
75 Far from firm
76 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit)
80 Certain instrument inserts
81 Bloom, in Barcelona
82 Gangbusters
83 Unit of bricks
84 Result
86 "By the way" memo abbr.
87 "Try to — my way ..."
89 Without — (perfect)
90 Ex-zee linkup
91 Celestial Seasonings offering
92 Japanese motorcycles
93 Hot-breathed beasts
94 Christie sleuth Poirot
95 En masse
96 Natives of 110-Down
102 Football player Favre
103 Perfume compound
105 Jason jilted her
106 Aroma
109 Elation
110 Mideastern oil port
111 Adjacent (to)
112 Table d'—
113 Libertine guy
114 Winter fall
115 USN honcho

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Ended a chess game
6 Rule, for short
9 Lawyers' org.
12 Accustom
13 Acapulco gold
14 Varnish ingredient
15 Hammerstein's contribution
16 Fond of reading
18 Jacks
20 Being, to Brutus
21 "Bali —"
23 Evergreen type
24 Sasquatch's kin
25 Siberian city
27 Album item
29 Colleague
31 Have-not
35 William's mum
37 Actress Gilpin
38 Jeans material
41 Indiana Jones' pursuit
43 Upper limit
44 Vicinity
45 Siege
47 Sickly
- 5 sentimental
5 Starbucks option
6 "Everybody Loves Raymond" brother
7 Cupid's alias
8 Sticky stuff
9 Elite group
10 Deep-voiced singers
11 Liniment targets
17 Maintain
19 Panorama
21 Ad — committee
22 I love, to Livy
24 Singer Sumac
26 Alaskan bear
- 28 In two places
30 Edge
32 Hungry
33 Mound stat
34 Wardrobe malfunction
36 "Guys and Dolls" lead
38 Pythias' pal
39 Love poet's Muse
40 Salamanders
42 Gold measure
45 One side of the Urals
46 Docket entry
48 Little demon
50 Witness
51 Dined

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

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

- Befall Fallback Fallow Outfall
Downfall Fallen Falls Pitfall
Fall guy Falloff Icefall Snowfall
Fallacy Fallout Landfall



"How's the _____? Are they having many commercial interruptions?"

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!

Curve
REVIEWS _____

Brainy
MARTS _____

Fiery
TRIDOR _____

Basic
PANIL _____

TODAY'S WORD

answer on page 29

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SUDOKU

To play Sudoku:

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

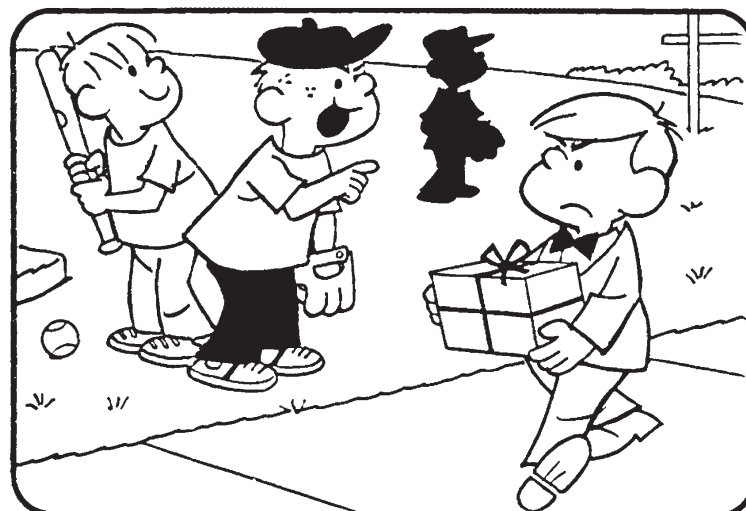
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Bat is lowered. 2. Glove is different. 3. Cuffs are missing. 4. Figure is reversed. 5. Box is reversed. 6. Trash can is missing.

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Open Face Watermelon Sandwiches
1/4 medium-sized watermelon,
seeds and rind removed
1 handful fresh mint leaves, chopped
8 ounces goat cheese
1/2 loaf crusty bread, sliced thin
Olive oil
Kosher salt to taste
Fresh ground pepper to taste
Crumble chilled goat cheese into a small bowl. Lightly mix cheese and chopped mint. Taste for seasoning and adjust with salt and pepper. Cut bread into 8 small slices and drizzle with olive oil. Toast bread slices until golden brown and crispy on top. Let bread cool slightly. Spread cheese mixture on the top of each slice of bread. Cut watermelon slices into fun shapes and layer watermelon on top of cheese. Lightly season the top of the sandwiches with salt and pepper. Serve at room temperature.
Yield 4 servings.*



Open Face Watermelon Sandwiches

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Turtle Nesting Season Guidelines

With the official start of sea turtle nesting season now upon us, the City of Sanibel, in partnership with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), is asking all residents and visitors to do their part in protecting these threatened and endangered species.

On Sanibel, nesting and hatchling emergence typically occur between May 1 and October 31.

The nesting ritual of the loggerhead sea turtle is one of the most remarkable natural phenomena occurring on Sanibel's gulf beaches. This natural process has happened on Sanibel for centuries and our 11 miles of gulf shoreline have more nesting activity than any other beach in Lee County. Sought by predators and susceptible to dehydration, sea turtle hatchlings have only a one in one thousand chance of survival. Human activities can further reduce that chance.

By following these simple guidelines, you can do your part to ensure the survival of these magnificent creatures:

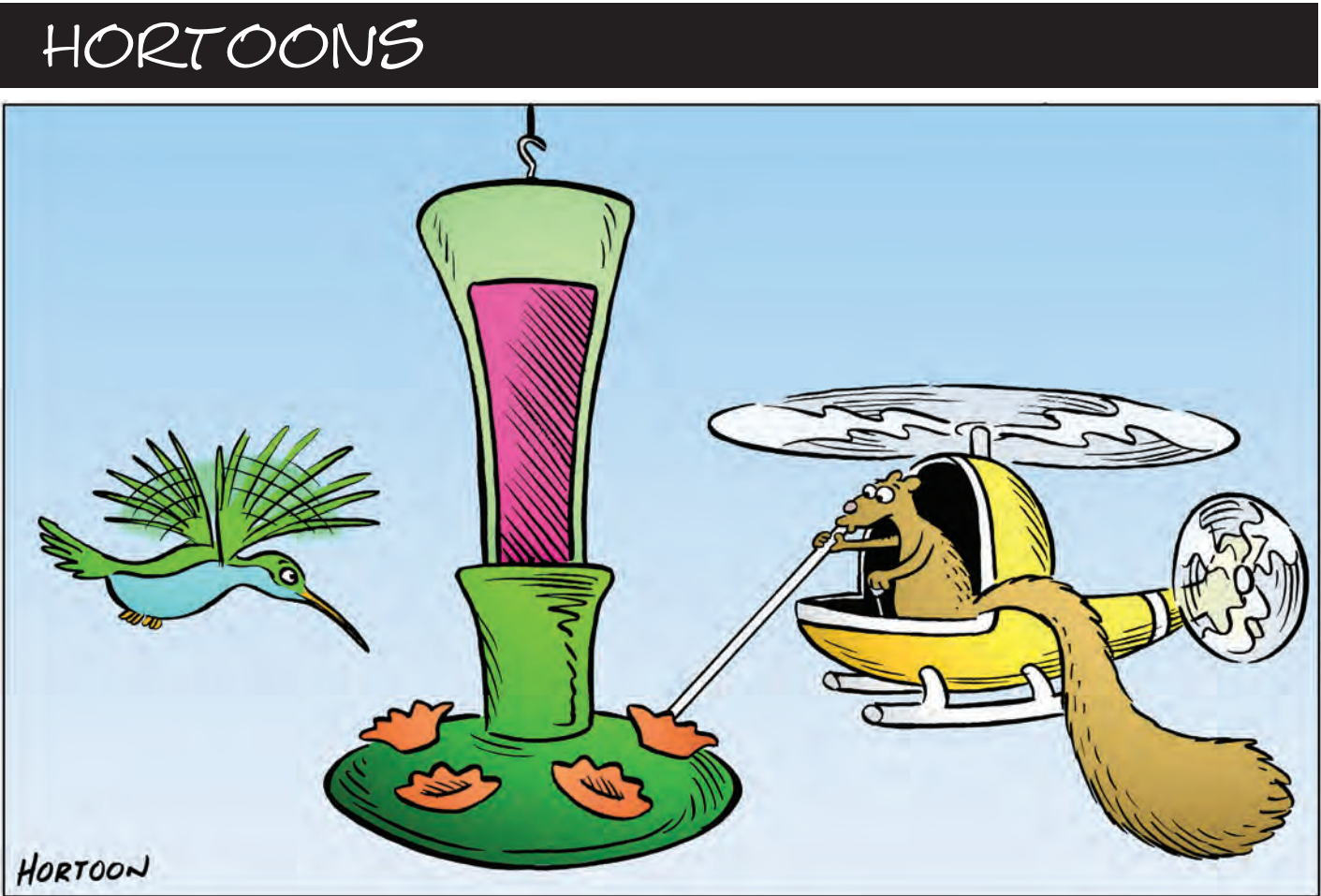
- Turn off or shield lights near the beaches. Artificial beach lighting can inhibit female sea turtles from nesting and disorient hatchlings. Most beachfront lighting issues can be addressed by turning off all unnecessary lights, repositioning or modifying light fixtures or closing blinds and drapes.
- Remove furniture and other items from the beach and dune area when not in use, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Items left on the beach, including beach furniture, toys and trash, may be barriers to nesting or result in entanglement and predation of hatchlings.
- Level all sandcastles and fill any holes dug during play. These are fine during the day but may pose additional hazards at night. Please leave the beach as you found it, so that sea turtles and hatchlings are not hindered on their way to nest or to the water.
- Pick up all trash. Sea turtles mistakenly eat debris, especially plastic, which results in death.
- Honor the leash law. All dogs on the beach must be on a leash and not allowed to disturb nesting turtles or hatchlings.

Gulf-front property owners should make sure that their properties are in compliance with the city's sea turtle protection ordinances and ensure that artificial lighting from the property is not illuminating the beach (Sanibel Code Section 74-181-74-183, Section 126-996-126-1002).

An easy way to test if your property is in compliance is to stand on the beach on a moonless night and look seaward. If you can see your shadow cast towards the water, there is too much light behind you. This light could potentially deter female turtles from nesting or disorient hatchlings as they emerge from the nest.

We look forward to another successful sea turtle nesting season and hope to uphold Sanibel's reputation as having one of the darkest and most "turtle friendly" beaches in the state. We ask for your continued compliance with city's sea turtle protection ordinances and remind all residents and visitors that violations of these ordinances may be subject to city, state, and/or federal fines and penalties. Violations should be reported immediately to the Sanibel Police Department at 472-3111, Sanibel Code Enforcement, 472-4136, or Natural Resources at 472-3700.

For more information regarding sea turtles on Sanibel, visit the City's website at <http://mysanibel.com/Departments/Natural-Resources/Protecting-Our-Beaches/Sea-Turtles>.



Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bay Creek	Bonita Springs	2003	6,918	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000	7
Mossy Oak	Fort Myers	2013	5,351	\$1,599,000	\$1,250,000	106
Magnolia Bend	Bonita Springs	2002	4,232	\$1,525,000	\$1,410,000	0
Fiddlesticks Country Club	Fort Myers	1999	6,578	\$1,479,500	\$1,300,000	44
McGregor Isles	Fort Myers	2005	3,700	\$1,299,900	\$1,250,000	12
Idlewilde	Bonita Springs	2003	3,576	\$1,235,000	\$1,137,500	63
Oak Knoll	Fort Myers	2005	3,560	\$1,096,000	\$1,052,000	87
Lakewood	Fort Myers	2008	3,451	\$999,000	\$965,000	46
Catalpa Pointe	Fort Myers	2001	4,071	\$989,000	\$925,000	209
Edgewater	Fort Myers	2002	3,458	\$974,326	\$915,000	10



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