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The cast of *101 Dalmatians*

Broadway Palm Children's Theatre Featuring Disney Classic

Broadway Palm Children's Theatre is seeing spots with Disney's *101 Dalmatians* playing June 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28 and July 1. Based on the Disney animated film, this fun-filled musical features Cruella De Vil and some of the most adorable heroes who come to life on stage.

Pet owners Roger and Anita live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, wonderful dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Life is good until Anita's former classmate, the mean Cruella De Vil, steals the puppies to make a new fur coat. The Dalmatians unite all the dogs of London to rescue the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen. With a lively score and delightful characters, this stage adaptation is certain to charm the whole family.

All performances begin with a buffet at noon and showtime at 1 p.m. The chef's special buffet includes pizza, chicken fingers, French fries, pasta and other selections.

Ticket prices for the buffet and the show are \$19 for all ages. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more. Tickets are now on sale and can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting www.BroadwayPalm.com or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.*

Miracle To Host Baseball Camps

The Fort Myers Miracle will be hosting two, three-day baseball camps presented by CenturyLink, Rock Star Seedz and Dick's Sporting Goods at Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex. The 2016 Miracle Baseball Camp I will take place on Monday, June 20 through Wednesday, June 22 for children ages 6 through 8. Camp II will be held on Monday, July 18 to Wednesday, July 20 for children ages 9 through 12. The cost is \$99 per child.

The camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers will be given a T-shirt, Miracle gift, daily breakfast snack and lunch, a photo with a Miracle player, a camp completion certificate and one box seat ticket to the Miracle game on each night of the camp. Additional tickets can be purchased for family and friends for games on each night of the camp.

Participants will receive top-rate instruction from the Miracle coaching staff and players. The 2016 Miracle



A Miracle player poses with a young fan

Baseball Camps feature multiple stations to practice baseball skills and develop their knowledge of the game, with players working alongside campers.

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Photography Exhibit Coming To Davis Art Center



Work by Mila Bridger



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Noted Southwest Florida photographer Mila Bridger's exhibit, titled *Unexpected*, will open at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center on Friday, July 1 during Art Walk and will remain on view through July 26. Art Walk runs from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first Friday of the month.

Originally hailing from Poland, Bridger engenders her internationally acclaimed photography with a unique flair of European Expressionism. A nomadic spirit that chooses to call Florida home, her masterful artistic sensibilities have been forged by immersion into countless foreign cultures and societies. Her photography exudes a fervent grace and an individual style, be it in her conceptual anthologies, her exotic and creative portraits, or collaborative artistic projects with celebrities, musicians, entrepreneurs, local restaurateurs or designers.

Her work has been featured in a variety of publications and community projects. Bridger donates her time and services to many local charitable organizations. Visit milabridger.com for more information.

There will be live music by Tripleshot at the opening exhibit. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by celebrity chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire.

The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located in the historic downtown River District at 2301 First Street in Fort Myers. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free, with a suggested \$5 donation.

Visit www.sbdac.com or call 333-1933 for more information.*

Vendors Sought For Sand Sculpting Championships

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the 30th annual American Sandsculpting Championship on Fort Myers Beach. The festival is scheduled to take place on the beachfront at the Wyndham Garden Hotel on November 18 to 27. Last year, organizers reported a record attendance of 47,000 people over the course of 10 days. Hopes are high for an even bigger turnout for the 30th anniversary celebration.

Different packages are available for either one weekend, both weekends or the entire 10 days. The event is gated and vendors can choose to be either inside the gate or outside in the vendor village. However, there are only a limited number of spaces inside the gate.

Vendors can secure their spot at the championship with a 50 percent deposit with the rest to be paid no later than 30 days before the festival. Vendors can also pay in full and save 10 percent if payment is received no later than September 15.

This year's application can be found online at www.sandsculptingfmb.com. For more information, contact vendor coordinator Ted Clifton at 848-6568. If you need an application sent by fax or mail, call the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce at 454-7500.*

Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

'Pay Your Taxes,' Students Plead



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

In March 1934, the public schools were in danger of closing for the remainder of the term due to unpaid taxes. It was the Great Depression, and statewide, citizens and elected officials scrambled to find a way to keep schools open.

Sources under discussion included everything from gasoline, racetrack, beer and poll taxes to the sales of auto tags.

This historic photo shows one way that students responded to the crisis in Fort Myers. They marched down First Street in an orderly protest that was also a plea. They were accompanied by adults, most likely teachers, administrators and parents.

Students of all ages marched. The students who are about a block behind look young enough to be first-graders.

Spectator turnout seems respectable.

The precession is headed west and is about to pass the Jackson Street intersection. Note the U.S. Post Office in the background. That magnificent building had opened only months before and was one of many local federal projects that helped the county get through hard economic times.

This photo is one of three or four taken of the procession that show many more marchers than are pictured here.

The signs the marchers carried that day exhibited a mix of slogans that ranged in tone.

Commonsensical ones appealed to reason: "Help us today; we will help you tomorrow" and "We are doing our part. Are you?"



Students and school personnel march in protest in March 1934 because the public schools were on the verge of closing. They are headed west on First Street; the post office, opened only months before, is in the background. Note the many young marchers following about a block behind (right).

courtesy Southwest Florida Museum of History



Today, the 1933 post office is the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, and protesters are rarely seen

photo by Gerri Reaves

Then there are edgy, hardline ones, such as "Future citizens, ignorant or educated?" and "No school. No tomorrow."

"We're not fools. We want schools" is definitely catchy, and "Give us a chance" is a downright emotional appeal.

"Help the children, pay your taxes" strikes an admonitory tone.

This crisis was resolved by mid-month, but not before a lot of meetings, discussions, and brain-racking about how to reallocate funds, find funds or get people to pay taxes. A lot of hope was placed on tax-payments meeting at least the previous year's levels.

The facts were alarming: The county had been paid only 25 percent of real-estate, personal and railroad taxes that were due. Teachers were owed nearly \$60 thousand on their previous year's salaries. Less than 10 percent of city merchants had paid personal property assessments.

Early in the month, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA) sent some funds to the state of Florida to distribute to counties so they could at least operate until state apportionments would be forthcoming on March 12.

Harry F. Hendry, superintendent of the Lee Board of Public Instruction (now known as the School Board) traveled to Tallahassee to argue for funds for local schools.

His equating education with students' "constitutional rights" indicates how seriously he took the situation.

For whatever reason, funds for the rural schools seemed easier to secure than funds for the city ones.

On March 9, Lee received \$4,406.44, the only county whose amount was in the single-digit thousands. It was a paltry by today's standards, but every penny counted.

On the brighter side, a few theatrical tax-paying demonstrations boosted morale and set examples of good citizenship.

The entire staff of the senior high school marched into the tax collector's office to pay their poll taxes and show what any ordinary citizen could do to keep the schools open.

March 13 brought hopeful news: In very general terms, federal aid would pay 38 teachers, federal funds would go to the rural schools, and tax collections would keep the city schools going.

Even better news was announced on March 14: Florida Gov. Dave Sholtz and federal relief administrators had devised a plan to keep all Florida schools open.

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Artist Series At Edison Mall

The Alliance for the Arts and Edison Mall are joining together to showcase the work of Lee County artists with the Artists@Work series. These interactive demonstrations will take place beginning Saturday, June 18, and continue on the third Saturday of each month through December, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Macy's Court. Guests are invited to meet area artists and learn about their craft as they demonstrate it first-hand.



Coral Adventure

"Edison Mall is thrilled to work with the Alliance for the Arts to spotlight local artists and expose more people to the creative process," said Susie Wentworth, director of marketing for Edison Mall. "The arts are a valuable part of any cultural curriculum, and we're pleased to provide this forum to bring families together to create summer and enjoy all that Edison Mall has to offer."

The Artists@Work Series schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, June 18 – Masking Tape Art with the Dale & Jeff Ocasio: This husband and wife team creates their artwork collaboratively. Sculpting with paper masking tape over wire and reclaimed objects is where their artwork begins. Each sculpture is encased with layers of acid-free glue, color is added with more layers of acrylics and protected with varnish. Their style is unique and whimsical.

- Saturday, July 16 – Fiber Arts with Rose Young: Young owns and operates Rosline Weaving Studio. She works with painting, collage, air brush, graphics, weaving and quilting in an abstract expressionist style. Young has a weaving in the Smithsonian collection, and her work has been exhibited throughout the US and Europe.

- Saturday, August 20 – Yoga with Yoga Bird: Yoga is the art of moving the body to calm the mind and experience the soul. It's an uplifting practice that can be done by anyone. Our style of teaching is welcoming, warm and full of curiosity.

- Saturday, September 17 – Painting with Terry Lynn Spry: Lynn paints in oil on canvas. She likes to put humor in her artwork and can be considered surrealist at times.

- Saturday, October 15 – Palm Frond Art with Shawn Holiday: Holiday has taught adult and youth classes and workshops around Southwest Florida for years. He is also a writer and actor and has presented *Don Quixote* in over 20 area schools. He has produced more than 500 murder mysteries throughout Florida and has extensive experience in live comedy shows, radio and television productions and producing numerous concerts and events, including Lee County's first film festival.

- Saturday, November 19 – Sketching with Leo Johnson: Johnson will be discussing and demonstrating the basic jumping-off points to begin painting. He will also be sketching and discussing the basics of drawing, anatomy, landscape and abstracts.

- Saturday, December 17 – Music with Peter McGrain: McGrain is an accomplished accordion and musical saw player who shares his joy of music with people of all ages. Listeners get to join in the fun by accompanying McGrain with a variety of percussion instruments as they sing along and dance to their favorite tunes.

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

For more information about Artists@Work, visit ArtInLee.org or call 939-2787.*

Downtown Fort Myers July 4th Freedom Fest

The River District Alliance (RDA) is pleased to host the annual Fort Myers Freedom Fest July 4th Celebration in the historic River District, beginning at 6 p.m. and ending with the annual fireworks over the river at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Free to attend, Fort Myers Freedom Fest will include live entertainment by the Brittany Russell Band, a kid's zone including bounce house, family friendly vendors, a veteran's event & viewing area (no reserved seating) and the annual fireworks extravaganza over the river. Freedom Fest will be located along Hendry Street between Bay Street and Edwards Drive. Parking garages and lots will be open.

For event or vendor information, visit www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com

The River District Alliance is a 501(c)3 dedicated to promoting and enhancing the development of the Historic River District as a hub of economic, cultural and social activity.*


Lee Republican Women To Meet

The next gathering of the Lee Republican Women Federated will be a lunch meeting on Monday, July 11 at Pinchers – The Marina at Edison Ford, 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers, located adjacent to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates in the Fort Myers Downtown River District


There will be a social at 11:15 a.m., with lunch and the program to follow.

The meeting will be a forum with former Secret Service Agent Dan Bongino, Representative Patrick Rooney, Jr. and Sanibel City Councilman Chauncey Goss. They are running to fill the Congressional District 19 seat being vacated by Representative Curt Clawson.

Cost to attend is \$22 per person. To RSVP, visit www.leerepublicanwomen.com/event or contact Wren Morefield at 270-210-1284 or wrenspet@hotmail.com before July 7 at noon.*


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Fort Myers Art:

Naples Artist Wins Davis Art Center Choice Award In Juried Exhibition



by Tom Hall

Last Friday night was a big one for Naples artist Laurent Dareau. At 6 p.m., he was named as the recipient of Best of Show honors in the 30th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition at the Alliance for the Arts. Ninety minutes later, he received the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Choice Award for his painting *poss tits* in the Davis Art Center's juried show, Notes.

The Davis Art Center tapped three well-regarded and popular art professionals to serve as this year's judges: art dealer, gallery owner and collector Terry Tincher; Florida SouthWestern State College art instructor and artist Dana Roes; and artist, author, lecturer and college professor Kyra Belan. Together, they selected over 70 pieces by more than 50 artists for inclusion in this show. "Many different media were used to create works specifically for our show," according to Davis Art Center representatives.

Dareau's painting portrays a pensive brunette clad only in a pair of black heels, a gold ankle bracelet and black necklace. And to his well-executed nude, the artist coyly positioned two post-it notes bearing smiley face emojis over the nipples of his muse's breasts. Hence, *poss tits* is the name Dareau gave to his painting.

"I teach and give lectures, I go to school sometimes to present works to young students," explains Dareau of his inspiration for the piece. Showing 'the freedom leading the people,' by Delacroix, I got a sad reaction from the students ..."

Liberty Leading the People (La Liberté guidant le peuple) is a painting by French artist Eugene Delacroix that hangs today in the Louvre. It commemorates the July 14, 1830 French revolution, which ended the reign of King Charles X. It depicts a bare-breasted woman symbolizing the Goddess of Liberty leading the people forward over the bodies of the fallen. With one hand, she waves the tricolor flag of the French Revolution and with the other, she brandishes a bayoneted musket.

"We hide nudity in museums and art while cleavage is just getting deeper," said Dareau, who was born, raised and educated in France before relocating to Los Angeles, San Francisco and now Naples, Florida. "I don't agree with that – but decency is also a matter of education."

On a humorous note, someone took the post-its prior to the exhibition's opening, but the artist was able to replace them in time for the show.

Laurent is a former cavalry officer in the French Army. He received his formal training from the National Fine Art School in Lyon in 1992, and earned a masters in painting from the National Superior Decorative Art School in Paris in 1997.

Dareau's work can be found in numerous private collections, including those of the CEO of Sony studios, the former CEO of Univision, the former CEO of A&M Records, the CEOs of Warner Brothers and Kiehl's, the president of the POLO Association of Santa Barbara and the former CEO of Bank of the West. He was commissioned by Warner Brothers Studio to render a portrait of Heath Ledger, which was offered to his family, and his paintings are collected by many celebrities including Carole Bayer Sager, Yvette Mimieux Ruby, Ben Crenshaw, Raymond Floyd, Jon Peters and Don Rickles.

He exhibits frequently throughout Southwest Florida and appears often at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' as a guest speaker in their Tuesday Art Talks art appreciation seminars.

Deeper Than Sorrow II Wins Overall Best Of Show At Davis Art Center

Every year, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center holds a themed juried art exhibition. This year's theme was Notes – monetary, musical, handwritten or



Leila Mesdaghi and Laurent Dareau with their respective awards

otherwise. Not surprisingly, the theme spurred some beautiful art with powerful emotional content. And the most powerful of these was Leila Mesdaghi's *Deeper Than Sorrow II*, which won Overall Best of Show.

Dedicated to an uncle who passed away in 2001, *Deeper Than Sorrow II* is a performance piece that depicts the artist sitting at the bottom of an empty swimming pool writing a poem on the stretch of faded concrete wall. The poem is the one engraved on her uncle's grave, and it is about the pain of separation and longing.

"I entered my family's old pool that has been sitting in our garden in Tehran, Iran for the past 40 years," Mesdaghi notes. "There used to be 10 of us living there. Year after year, one after another, we all moved away to different places. By writing on the cracked and faded walls of the pool, I began a dialog between memory and perception, alluding to a universal longing."

As the piece's title suggests, it is the outgrowth of another, larger installation that debuted at Florida Gulf Coast University in Quest for Permanence, an exhibit of work on view through June 23 that examines the tensions that arise as time and place collide.

One thing's for sure. With a Best of Show in Notes, Leila Mesdaghi is an artist on the rise, and there's no ceiling, glass or otherwise, to limit how high she can rise.

Congratulations Leila!

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

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Alliance Announces Winners In All Florida Juried Exhibition



Juror's Choice award winners flank Juror Harry Messersmith

Artists from around Florida submitted more than 300 pieces for consideration in the Alliance for the Arts' 30th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition. This year's juror, Harry Messersmith, narrowed the list to 49 pieces, which were unveiled to the public during a reception on Friday, June 3. Winners were announced and prizes were awarded.

Messersmith said he enjoyed the jurying process because it gave him a better understanding of work being created by Florida artists.

"The significance of hosting an annual All Florida Juried Exhibit is to survey creative talent working in Florida today. Therefore, it stands to reason that every artist that submitted their art for competitive jury scrutiny has made a valuable contribution to my understanding of the base," he said. "The art that was omitted from exhibition inclusion provides a valuable impetus or force that pushes art excellence forward, to be celebrated with an exhibition that inspires all that participate."

Laurent Dareau was awarded \$1,000 for Best in Show for his oil/acrylic/epoxy on panel piece entitled *Everything Has to Go*. Joel Shapses won a \$250 GOLDEN Artist Colors gift certificate for his 2nd Place Carrera Marble Sculpture *Ode to Russ*. Polly Matsumoto won \$100 for 3rd Place for her untitled acrylic on canvas painting. Barbara Groenteman, Jeff and Dale Ocasio, Julie Obney and Jose Pardo were awarded Juror's Choice awards.

The All Florida Exhibit remains on display through Saturday, June 30 during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during GreenMarket. The exhibit sponsor is Elemental Stone & Waterworks. Works by Alliance student artists are on display in the Member Gallery.

The Alliance galleries and gift shop feature unique and innovative work from artists from around Florida and beyond. The Alliance for the Arts proudly supports artists and arts organizations in the area as the state-designated local arts agency for Lee County. The Alliance campus is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, just south of Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.✱



Laurent Dareau's piece was Best in Show



The Calendar Girls

The Calendar Girls Visit Southeastern Guide Dogs Campus

The Calendar Girls visited the Southeastern Guide Dogs campus in Palmetto, Florida on June 11. Since 2006, the Calendar Girls have supported Southeastern Guide Dogs Paws for Patriots Program for Veterans by sponsored 16 puppies. They look forward to sponsoring number 17 in the fall.

For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida or www.guidedogs.org.✱

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Dream Fantasy by Dharma LeFevre

Artists Reception At Arts For ACT Gallery During Art Walk

Arts for ACT Gallery will host an artists reception on Friday, July 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. during Art Walk. This month, ACT Gallery will feature over 50 artists who entered the annual open themed show. Artists were given three creative themes to choose from: Kings and Queens of Everything; Monsters, Dreams & Fantasy; and Incorporate a logo, brand or symbol into your art. The judge (to be announced) will pick the first, second, third and Honorable Mention prizes on Wednesday, June 29.

There will be an array of eclectic, whimsical and realistic paintings, sculptures, watercolors, collage, oils and photography on display. Entries proved to be thought



Nevermore by Alex Wilkinson



Princess Leia by Linda Benson

provoking and imaginative. The art ranges from professional to emerging, self-trained and "outsider" to highly skilled.

This exhibit continues through August 1.

Arts for ACT Gallery is located at 2265 First Street in the downtown Fort Myers River District.✧

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Pay Taxes

The relief would apply only to the current year, however, so school systems were on notice.

Citizen activism continued to play a role in weathering the crisis.

The American Legion started a drive to urge citizens to pay their poll tax, something required whether they chose to vote or not.

A wealthy resident of Boca Grande offered to pay the salary of one African-American teacher who was not covered under federal funds due to an expired temporary certificate.

On March 24, the *Fort Myers News-Press* stated that its employees, accompanied by some of their relatives and friends – 68 people in all – met at the courthouse and paid \$73 in poll taxes.

Walk down to First and Jackson and imagine the day that students marched to save their schools.

The Southwest Florida Museum of History historic building is undergoing some renovations and closing to visitors and tours. After it reopens, be sure to indulge your love of history at 2031 Jackson Street. Or call 321-7430 for information.

Watch the museum website for postings about when it will reopen: museumofhistory.org.

Meanwhile, you can satisfy that thirst for history at the Southwest Florida Historical Society's research center, open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m.


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

Call 939-4044 or visit swflhistoricalsociety.org for more information.✧

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Along The River

Folks in the **downtown Fort Myers River District** will again tune in to a monthly treat Friday evening.

The River District comes alive every month with live music on the third Friday with **Music Walk**, featuring more than a dozen participating venues with music by local and regional talent. Restaurants, bars, art galleries and shops will showcase a wide range of music during the evening from 6 to 10 p.m. Expect jazz and blues to rock, drums and more. Each month brings new energy to the historic streets of downtown Fort Myers.

Organized by the River District Alliance, Music Walk was conceived as a sister event to the extremely popular first Friday Art Walk, which brings out more than 2,000 people during off-peak months. Event sponsors include the River District Alliance, Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau, Edison National Bank, River District, Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of Fort Myers.

The **Sanibel Historical Museum and Village** will be offering free admission for all visitors this Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The place of island history tells a story of Sanibel from the Calusa and Spanish eras to the early pioneer families who settled on the island in the 1800s, highlighting warriors, adventurers, fishermen, farmers and proprietors.

The site offers 11 structures that have been relocated from their original locations and restored and preserved. Visitors can tour a pioneer home, fishing cottage, post office, schoolhouse, tea room, general store and other spots, while tracing the



Music Walk returns to downtown Fort Myers



The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village

footsteps of the island’s past as they meander along a handicap-accessible boardwalk along “old Sanibel.”

The museum closes for the summer on August 1 and re-opens October 18. The property is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Aside from Free Admission Day, admission is \$10 for adults (age 18 and over). Members and children are admitted free.

For more information, visit www.sanibelmuseum.org or call 472-4648 during museum hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Telegraph Creek Preserve in Alva will host a **free guided nature walk** on Saturday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The large Conservation 20/20 land provides critical habitat for the Florida panther, crested caracara, red-cockaded woodpecker and eastern indigo snake as well as the Florida scrub-jay, a federally listed threatened species.

The preserve is adjacent to the Caloosahatchee Regional Park and Bob Janes Preserve and includes Telegraph Creek that flows through its southeastern portion.

Interested participants are urged to wear boots or sturdy, closed-toe shoes that can get wet. Long pants and long sleeves, hats, sunscreen, bug spray, cameras, binoculars and water are recommended.

Visit www.conservation2020.org for a complete schedule of guided walks offered by Lee County. For more information, call 204-1125.

Are you looking for a Father’s Day event this weekend that is designed for the kids?

Try the **Discover the Dinosaurs** exhibit at **Lee Civic Center** at 11831 Bayshore Road in North Fort Myers. The family adventure involves static and animatronic dinosaurs surrounded by lighting, sound effects and fog. Kids can pick up a scavenger hunt at the entrance to track the dinosaurs throughout the exhibit.

Dads get in free with a child ticket purchase. Cost for kids is \$22 and adults are \$18.

Discover the Dinosaurs exhibit is open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visit www.discoverthedinosaurs to learn more.

Would you like to see some live animals this weekend?

On Saturday, **Southern Fresh Farms** will be holding an **Animal Day at the Farm**. Cold Blooded Industries will be bringing their furry friends to the 8500 Penzance Boulevard location in Fort Myers. Expect snakes, alligators and crocs as well as a baboon, bobcats, skunks and more.

The Animal Day at the Farm is free and will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is free at the farm also.

Southern Fresh Farms is a farmer’s market, a fish market and an agricultural park blended into one.

Visit www.southernfresh.farm to learn more about what the farm has to offer.

On Sunday, dads should be treated like a king.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates believes in that theory and is offering **free general admission to fathers** all day on Father’s Day, June 19. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour of the estate homes, botanical gardens, museum and the laboratory. Dads will also receive 10 percent off retail purchases made in the Ford Cottage Shoppe, Museum Store or Garden Shoppe.

Dads can also learn how to make a fish print on a T-shirt using the Gyotaku technique at The Marina at Edison Ford from noon to 2 p.m. Kids and moms are welcome to participate and make a Father’s Day gift.

The Father’s Day event will also feature the Edison Wild Wizard, who will be on hand to teach children about basic fish anatomy, including where the gills and fins are, and the difference between a fish and a mammal. Kids will also get to see and touch a variety of native sea life, including oysters, clams and soft-shell crabs. Pinchers is supplying the sea life, as well as a variety of fish for the Gyotaku prints.

Visitors can spend the day with their fathers, touring Edison Ford, making a fish print and eating lunch at Pinchers, where dads will receive a free dessert.

Pre-registration cost for fish printing is \$10 for Edison Ford members and \$15 for non-members. Day of event cost is \$12 for Edison Ford members and \$17 for non-members. T-shirts will be available for purchase or participants can bring their own.

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The patio lounge menu includes a selection of "happy apps" starting at \$5.95 and half price drinks during happy hour, 5 to 7 p.m.

Dinner reservations are suggested. 1223 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 472-1771.✴

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Baseball Camps

Campers will be featured as the Florida Prepaid Baseball Buddies on the last day of each camp, and will take the field with the Miracle during the evening's starting lineups.

Space is limited to the first 100 campers for each session. Registration forms can be found at www.miraclebaseball.com. For more information or registration questions, contact Delroy Gay at 768-4210.

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

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

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

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

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

CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. www.clpc.us. Clint Cottrell, Pastor. Prayer Service 8 a.m., Praise 9 a.m., Children's Church 9 a.m., Traditional 11 a.m. Summer Prayer Service 8 a.m.

Combined Traditional/Praise 10 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

New Home Church, 8505 Jenny Cae Lane, North Fort Myers, 656-0416. Weekly Friday meeting meet and greet 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

SAINT MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL (LCMS)
3595 Broadway, Fort Myers, 939-1218, Worship: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10:45 a.m. Bible Study for adults and children Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
3751 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, 463-4251, www.stpeterfmb.com.

Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125. Senior Pastor Robert Brunson. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. 11 a.m. Blended Worship. www.westminsterfortmyers.org

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

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
7401 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. 481-4040. Pastor Curtis Deterding. Sunday 8 a.m. Traditional, 10:45 a.m. Blended, 9:30 a.m. Eductional Hour. www.zionfm.org✽

Wine & Food Fest Chairs Named



Christin Collins and Debbie Toler

SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. has appointed Christin Collins and Debbie Toler as chairpersons for the 2017 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, a two-day signature fundraiser benefiting local charities that are dedicated to serving children in Southwest Florida. The fundraiser

will be held February 24 and 25 at the Beach Clubhouse at Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club.

Collins is the system health and wellness strategic business partner for Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS), responsible for providing strategic direction of health and wellness initiatives for LMHS and the community. Prior to that, she was senior director of development for LMHS Foundation, where she provided leadership for major fundraising initiatives including the capital campaign to build the new Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Through her work at LMHS, Collins also created a new movement, Impact Initiative, which unites strong community leaders to collectively make a difference in the health of the Southwest Florida community. Before joining Lee Memorial Health System, she was the director of corporate sales for Norman Love Confections.

Toler is a marketing and communications agency professional who specializes in assisting her clients in building brand experiences to connect with their target audience. Her responsibilities have included leading business development and account management to create integrated marketing solutions across many industry verticals. While working with Jack Morton Worldwide, C2 Creative and Red Giant Marketing, she managed cross functional teams to develop targeted experiential marketing programs, digital and social media

platforms and live large scale events. Toler managed Bank of America's sports sponsorships which included NASCAR, Olympics, Major League Baseball and Golf and led the bank's cultural art and heritage programs. She worked with director of U.S. events at Google to manage turnkey global marketing and leadership meetings and has partnered with the senior communications officer at Philips Healthcare to develop an online

educational game for 18,000 North American employees.

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest is SWFL Children's Charities Inc.'s annual signature fundraiser. It has raised \$15.6 million over the past eight years, making it the most successful fundraising event in Lee County and one of the top-grossing wine fests in the country.

For more information, visit www.swflwinefest.org. ✱

Matlacha Gallery Receives TripAdvisor Honor

Lovegrove Gallery and Gardens, one of Florida's most colorful destinations recently announced that it has received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence.

Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned great traveler reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year. Certificate of Excellence recipients include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience.

"The staff and I are thrilled to receive this TripAdvisor award of excellence, and we want to thank the many visitors to our gallery for submitting their fabulous reviews throughout the years. It inspires me to keep creating for our guests and to make their visit special," said Leoma Lovegrove.

"With the Certificate of Excellence, TripAdvisor honors hospitality businesses that have consistently received strong praise and ratings from travelers," said Heather Leisman, vice president of Industry Marketing, TripAdvisor. "This recognition helps travelers identify and book properties that regularly deliver great service. TripAdvisor is proud to play this integral role in helping travelers feel more confident in their booking decisions."

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Tropical Storm Colin Changes It Up



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

Tropical Storm Colin kept anglers off the water for at least a few days early in the week. Once the strong winds passed, we still were left with lots of tropical

moisture and unpredictable rains coming at basically any time of day. Several mornings I had to cut charters short and headed in either soaked or running from the rain after trying to get out and give it a go. Finally, by the weekend, things started to get back to normal with light winds and near perfect conditions.

All this rain from the tropical storm did wonders for our snook fishing. Wind and heavy rain stirred up what had been crystal clear water in the passes, leaving it dirty which was just what we needed to fire these fish up. After watching

hundreds of snook in the crystal clear passes for weeks and not being able to get them to eat a bait, this catch-and-release fishery finally went off. Drifting pinfish and grunts rigged with a split shot or small sliding sinker to keep it down in the fast moving water helped catch snook after snook. Many of these snook are the smaller males and can be caught on almost every cast. Upsize your bait if you want a chance at a trophy-size female. When this bite is going off there is not a pinfish or grunt made that is too big to get hit. All summer long, this snook fishery, both in the passes and out on the beaches, is as good as it gets.

Rough conditions from the storm did the opposite for tarpon fishing by completely shutting it down. For four or five days after the storm passed, there were just no tarpon to be found either in the sound or out on the beaches. For four long days, none of the other fishing guides I talk with daily even saw a tarpon. During nasty weather, tarpon move offshore until things calm down. By the weekend, as conditions improved, tarpon started to reappear first out along the beaches then slowly making their way back into the sound. While hunting tarpon out along the beaches from North Captiva north to Gasparilla over the weekend, I found good numbers of fish.

Send Us Your Fish Tales

The River Weekly would like to hear from anglers about their catches. Send us details including tackle, bait and weather conditions, date of catch, species and weight, and include photographs with identification. Email press@riverweekly.com.



A blacktip shark caught around the passes this week

Pitching live crabs to these pods resulted in a few hook-ups, although this bite was far from good even though we had lots of shots at them.

Shark fishing around the passes was still good action on days following the

storm when tarpon could just not be found. Natural channels that dump into the passes during the outgoing tide all held a great mix bag of sharks ranging from three to eight feet. Cut fresh mullet on a heavy mono leader with a big circle hook was all it took to bend a rod. After a few frustrating hours searching for tarpon, shark fishing was at least an option to offer my clients, and most took me up on it. When you have a tarpon trip booked for months out and it finally arrives, conditions like we had is never a good thing. No matter how well you plan a trip, it's still up to Mother Nature if you're going to be successful and get a chance at a tarpon.

*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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From left, Director of Development Kara Jeudy, for The Salvation Army (TSA) of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties; Pastor Brad Livermon of Sanibel Community Church; Michael Bugler of Feed the 5000 Now; Major Cheryl Gilliam, TSA area commander; Major Gifts Manager Debbie Haynes, TSA; and Sharon Bugler of Feed the 5000 Now

Donation Made To Help Feed The Hungry

Through the initiative Feed the 5000 Now, a \$36,000 donation was made to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, and \$12,000 of that is earmarked for The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties. Members of the organizations offer thanks to Michael and Sharon Bugler of Feed the 5000 Now, and those who donated to help feed needy families.

"We understand the remarkable ability of the Harry Chapin Food Bank to convert \$1 into \$6 of food," said Sanibel resident Michael Bugler. "We are therefore delighted that this \$12,000 gift will generate \$72,000 worth of food for The Salvation Army."

Major Cheryl Gilliam, area commander for The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry,

& Glades Counties, added, "We are so grateful for the Feed the 5000 Now initiative and what it means for this community. The issue of hunger is more than one organization, agency or group can fight. It takes a community to partner together to stop hunger. It truly is God's desire that we unite in this effort and I'm convinced we are seeing this happen in our community. Thank you to the many who gave from their hearts so that others' needs could be met. Not only is there a physical need being taken care of, but along with it is a message of hope and love."

This is a critical time of year in the food pantry because children do not receive free or reduced-cost meals at school during summer months. You or your organization can join in the fight to end hunger in the community by holding a food drive or by raising funds to purchase much-needed food items for neighbors in need this summer. Call 278-1551 to find out how you can help.✱

Greeters Club To Hold Luncheon

What could be more appropriate than a picnic lunch on a warm summer day?

The Greeters Club of Greater Fort Myers is planning one at the Colonial Country Club on Thursday, July 21. In keeping with tradition, picnic food will be served and casual dress recommended. The picnic lunch will be held indoors, so there will be no chance of being rained out.

Cost for luncheon is \$20. Make a luncheon reservation and find out more about joining this dynamic group of Lee County women.

To register, send an email to greetersclub@gmail.com and provide your contact information (your name, email address and phone number). You will receive a call confirming your reservation as well as an email confirmation. Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at 10:45 a.m. at the Colonial Country Club, 9181 Independence Way, Fort Myers.

Visit greetersclubofgreaterfortmyers.com for more information.✱

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

Bus Trip To See Rays Vs. Red Sox

The Lake Kennedy Kruisers are heading to Tampa on Wednesday, June 29 for one of the most popular games of the summer, the Tampa Rays vs. the Boston Redsox. Departure time is 9:15 a.m. The game starts at 12:10 p.m.

Tropicana Field is a closed roof air conditioned facility. Seats are in the lower level section 115. Small soft coolers for snacks and one liter or less of bottled water may be brought in. Cost, including coach bus, is \$92 per member and \$97 per non-member. Self-commuters are welcome to purchase the tickets at \$65 each. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, June 21.

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

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Plant Smart

Plant Smart: Time To Replace That Shade Tree?

by Gerri Reaves

The onset of summer in south Florida reminds us of the benefits of trees. They give us a pleasant protected spot to sit in the yard and bird watch, not to mention providing habitat and food for the birds we're watching.

Shade trees contribute immeasurably to the aesthetic appeal of a home landscape, and they can reduce electric bills by blocking a structure from the searing summer sun. Mature trees can even increase property values.

Many residential areas developed years ago were landscaped with non-native trees that would grow fast to create curb appeal and shade. Some invasive trees just volunteered, thrived, and remain.

Pictured here are only three trees commonly found in older residential neighborhoods. Over time, the species proved to be major environmental threats and were listed as category-1 invasive pests by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council.

Species in this category aren't just bothersome; they are documented to have caused ecological damage by "altering native plant communities..., displacing native species, changing community structures or ecological functions, or hybridizing with natives."

If your yard hosts one or more of



Melaleuca has almost turned this undeveloped parcel into a monoculture

photos by Gerri Reaves

these invasive trees, consider replacing them with native or Florida-friendly trees.

Melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*) is perhaps the best-known invasive tree in Florida, because it was imported well over a century ago and because the state has spent many millions of dollars to eradicate it.

Its seeds can be viable for as long as a decade and a single tree can hold up 100 million seeds.

The common name, paper-bark tree, refers to the attractive peeling whitish spongy bark. Other names include cajeput, punk tree, and white bottlebrush tree, which refers to the creamy spikes of flowers. One clue that the dreaded

melaleuca is near? The odor of boiled potatoes when it's in bloom.

Despite progress with insect biological controls, it is ubiquitous, often dominating entire large undeveloped parcels.

One bright spot regarding melaleuca: it is giving back for a change, by being converted into termite-resistant mulch.

Bishopwood (*Bischofia javanica*), also called bischofia, was imported as an ornamental tree probably in the 1940s.

Its fast-growth, height, breadth and rounded dense crown made it a popular shade tree.

It has rough reddish brown bark and pea-sized fleshy berries that birds unfortunately disperse.

Carrotwood's (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*) strange seeds – black with reddish crusts – are also dispersed by birds and small animals. This fast-growing tree was imported to create quick landscapes in the 1950s and 1960s.

Carrotwood gets its name from the inner bark, which is often orange. Also, the deep-rooted spouts, that are so difficult to pull, resemble carrots. The leaves are distinctively wavy.

Every season, these category-1 trees are tolerated in the landscape, they perpetuate the environmental damage by out-competing native plant species.

It might be time to take a close look at the trees in your yard and re-envision how to create shade. Just a few native choices are live oak (*Quercus virginiana*), mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*), laurel oak (*Quercus laurifolia*), and wild tamarind (*Lysiloma latisiliqua*).

Consult the Lee County Extension Service or a native-plant nursery for help in identifying suitable shade trees.

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



Countless bishopwood trees like this were planted as shade trees in Florida's flurry of mid-20th century



Carrotwood is one of the most common invasive shade trees in residential landscapes

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Release



by Bob Petcher

Sometimes anglers hook their fishing lines into other creatures of the sea without intent. That is the nature of the sport of fishing.

On May 28, a juvenile Kemp's ridley sea turtle was

mistakenly reeled in after swallowing a fishing hook in the Matlacha area. It was brought into CROW to be cared for.

Patient #16-1814 was said to have "arrived bright, alert and responsive with superficial wounds on its plastron (shell)." CROW medical officials examined the reptile and, after taking full radiographs of the animal, the x-rays indicated a large hook in the thoracic (opening top of ribcage) within the animal. While its sex is unknown, it weighed in at 2.4 kilograms.

The Kemp's ridley is a rare species of sea turtle – called the world's most endangered sea turtle by *National Geographic* magazine – and considered the smallest marine turtle in the world. Adding intrigue to the usually scarce



A Kemp's ridley with an emdedded hook shown by the x-ray

sightings of such a sea turtle is the fact that this is the fourth Kemp's ridley that has been brought into CROW in 2016.

While Kemp's ridleys are known to live to approximately age 50, they are not big into deep diving, instead preferring shallow waters to reach the bottom to feed on fish, jellyfish, mollusks and occasionally seaweed and sargassum. However, their favorite food is crab, and their specific function in the ecology of the oceans is to keep the crab population balanced.



After rehabilitation, it is time to be released back into the waters

Due to the Kemp's ridleys being surface swimmers, they are probably more susceptible to being hooked than the more common sea turtle species of loggerheads and greens.

Back at CROW, medical officials unsuccessfully tried to remove the embedded hook from patient #16-1814 by using a scope and grabbers. The next step was to reach down the turtle's mouth and find the eye of the hook. Through "manual manipulation," the

hook's eye was located, and the hook was pulled through the sea turtle's mouth.

"The end of the hook was clipped and the two pieces were successfully removed," according to the report.

Last week, the Kemp's ridley was released back into the waters after its short stay at CROW. The rehabilitated juvenile was set free to live its life back in the wild.

Prior to release, CROW officials stated the sea turtle was tagged with two flipper tags and a PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tag.

"CROW is required to tag Kemp's ridley sea turtles because they are the most endangered of all the sea turtles. If the tagged sea turtle should become stranded or injured, the rescuer can use the numbers on the tag to see where it came from and its medical history," said Rachel Walsh, CROW wildlife rehabilitator. "Flipper tags are the most common tags used because they are easy to attach to the flipper. The PIT tags are injected under the skin, and they are designed to be permanent. All the information about the turtle is provided when a scanner is passed over the site."

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.*

Science Cruises

Pure Florida's Naples location will offer a Kids Science Cruise on Saturday, July 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. It will feature a fun and engaging science show by Glen Beitmen of Super Science & Amazing Art on *The Wonders of Water*. The Kids Science Cruise will be free for children when accompanied by paid adult admission as part of Pure Florida's Kids Cruise Free program.

Aboard the *M/V Double Sunshine*, guests of all ages will enjoy Beitmen's humor and hands-on science experiments and demonstrations that entertain and educate children about the properties of water, environmental science and the marine wildlife that live in and around Southwest Florida's waterways. At the conclusion of Beitmen's science show, *The Wonders of Water*, children and their families will enjoy a beautiful sightseeing cruise along the Gordon River. While Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings in the wild, potential wildlife sightings include dolphins, eagles, manatee, native birds and more.

While registration for the children's cruise is free for ages 12 and younger, all children must be accompanied by an adult. The *M/V Double Sunshine* departs from the historic Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Ave. S. in Naples. Reservations are required. For more information or to book your ticket, call 239-263-4949. For more information, visit www.PureFL.com.*



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Independence Day Fireworks Cruises



The Naples location will offer an Independence Day fireworks cruise on July 4 with a fireworks display from the Naples Pier

Pure Florida will celebrate Independence Day with fireworks cruises from its Naples and Fort Myers locations on July 4 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Offering passengers a unique way to celebrate Independence Day in Southwest Florida, aboard the vessels, guests are invited to watch the sunset and a stunning fireworks show, while taking in the natural beauty of Southwest Florida and observing the wildlife native to the region. While Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings in the wild, potential wildlife sightings include dolphins, eagles, manatee, native birds and more.

Departing from Pure Florida's Naples location, passengers can enjoy a lively celebration aboard the M/V *Double Sunshine*. The cruise will feature American-inspired cuisine and entertaining narration from Pure Florida's captain, followed by a fireworks show from the Naples Pier. Tickets for the Naples cruise are available for \$80 per person. Guests receive a voucher for one complimentary beverage and access to the buffet. Additional drinks will be available for purchase onboard.



The Fort Myers location will offer an Independence Day fireworks cruise on July 4 with a fireworks show in downtown Fort Myers

Departing from Pure Florida's Fort Myers location, guests can see the sights along the Caloosahatchee at sunset aboard the M/V *Edison Explorer* as the knowledgeable Coast Guard-certified captain, also a master naturalist, offers a historical narration of local waterways and the environment. The cruise will feature American-inspired cuisine, and will stop for a fireworks show from downtown Fort Myers. Tickets for the Fort Myers cruise are available for \$60 per person and drinks will be available for purchase onboard.

The M/V *Double Sunshine* departs from the historic Tin City, located at 1200 Fifth Avenue South in Naples, while the M/V *Edison Explorer* departs from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 West First Street in Fort Myers. Reservations are required. For more information or to register for the Independence Day fireworks cruises, call Pure Florida's Naples location at 239-263-4949, its Fort Myers location at 919-2965 or visit www.PureFL.com.✪

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Fort Myers Is A Finalist For Playground Grant

The City of Fort Myers is one of 10 finalists in the 2016 Let's Play Video Contest, courtesy of Dr Pepper Snapple (DPS) and the national non-profit KaBOOM! Now through June 24, community members and play advocates can vote online for their favorite playground video on facebook.com/letsplay. Each of the top five vote-getters will receive a \$20,000 grant to purchase new playground equipment. Winners will be announced on June 27.

The grant is part of Let's Play, an initiative by DPS to provide kids and families with the tools, places and inspiration to make active play a daily priority. Organizations nationwide submitted videos illustrating the importance of play for a chance to win one of the five \$20,000 grants.

DPS launched Let's Play in 2011 with a \$15 million commitment to KaBOOM! and in 2014, Dr Pepper Snapple and KaBOOM! extended their partnership through 2016 with an additional \$10 million commitment to continue providing kids with the active play they need.

Via Let's Play grants and projects, Dr Pepper Snapple and KaBOOM! have

built or improved more than 2,400 playgrounds since 2011, to benefit more than 5 million children over the lifetime of the playgrounds.

Visit Let's Play at www.LetsPlay.com to join the conversation and learn how to apply for other available grants to make communities more active and playful.

For more information, contact Robin Gretz at 357-9051 or Jenn Robinson at 218-8089.✪

Local Business To Begin Restoration Food Drive

As another school year draws to a close, Caliber Collision is revving up its 5th annual Rhythm Restoration Food Drive to help the Harry Chapin Food Bank provide meals for children who need food over the summer break.

Caliber Collision has set up food collection bins at each of its centers in Lehigh Acres, Fort Myers and Cape Coral. The auto body repair and paint shop urges the community to drop off food items or cash donations during its food drive now through Friday, June 24.

The local Caliber locations are part of a company-wide goal to collect 3.5 million meals – over 50 percent more than last year's record-breaking total of 2.5 million meals.

According to Feeding America, chronic illness is reported to be higher among children who struggle with hunger and the lack of adequate nutrition can literally change the structure of a child's brain and affect learning. Despite an improved economy, more than 15 million children today still live in food-insecure households.

"We need to double our efforts to restore the rhythm of regular meals for children who depend on school lunches, so they can continue to receive the nutrition they need during the summer months," said Steve Grimshaw, Caliber Collision chief executive officer. "I am proud of our more than 8,800 teammates, along with supplier partners and insurance clients, who are contributing their time, energy and efforts to help kids in need across the local communities we serve."

Grimshaw added that Caliber Collision has committed to a corporate matching contribution for local food banks based on the amount of cash donations and food items collected by Caliber teammates in each local community.

Non-perishable food items or cash donations can be dropped off at any Caliber Collision location. The food bank cannot accept glass or open containers, perishable or homemade items.

Visit www.calibercollision.com to view locations or for more information.✪



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Beach Walks at the Perry Tract teach families about marine wildlife and its habitat

Free Summer Programs At Refuge Begin June 19

Wildlife Wonders talks, weekly walks and nature crafts highlight the free summer programming to be offered June 19 through August 6 at JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

Summer programming is made possible by support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

The schedule of weekly activities follows. No pre-registration is necessary.

- Reading at the Refuge, every Wednesday at 10 a.m.: Attendees of each 45-minute reading-and-crafts session learn about a refuge animal and make a

take-home craft related to it. Meet in the Visitor & Education Center Classroom.

- Indigo Trail Hike, every Thursday at 10 a.m.: Join refuge naturalists as they lead a one-hour tour to the Wildlife Education Board to identify and discuss the ecosystem's plants, mammals, birds, and reptiles – fun for adults and children alike. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center.

- Family Beach Walk, every Friday at 9 a.m.: The one-hour program convenes at Gulfside City Park to explore the refuge's gulf-front Perry Tract. City parking fees apply. Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray.

- Wildlife Wonders, every other Saturday at 11 a.m.: Refuge education staff lead this indoor program about the mysteries of manatees, alligators, crocodiles and birds in the Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

For more information, call 472-1100 ext.236 or visit dingdarlingsociety.org/summer-programming.*

Morning Meander At Lakes Park

There will be a nature walk with a bird patrol guide at Lakes Regional Park on Saturday, July 2 at 8 a.m. The tour, provided in cooperation with Lee County Parks and Recreation, is free with paid parking.

Interested participants are asked to meet at Shelter A7, which is situated to the far right of the park near the train station.

The easy walk along clear paths offers an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation with guides pointing out the many species in Lakes Park, a Lee County birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars.

Lakes Regional Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive in Fort Myers.

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Little blue heron

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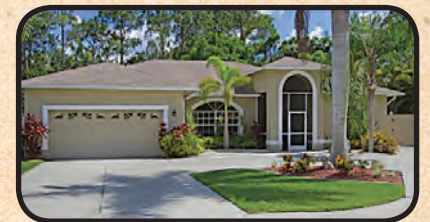


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The Most Difficult Golf Course In The Country Hosts U.S. Open



by Ed Frank

The most difficult golf course in America – knee-high rough, lightning-fast greens and 270 sand traps called “church pews.” This describes the setting for this weekend’s U.S. Open Golf Championship that will be played on the famed 113-year-old Oakmont Country Club in Pennsylvania. “I’ve played Oakmont the last two days and I really think it is the hardest golf course we’ve ever played,” said Phil Mickelson earlier this week. Oakmont has hosted the U.S. Open eight times, more than any other course, the last time in 2007 when Angel Cabrera was the winner.

The iconic Oakmont, which is divided by the Pennsylvania Turnpike, is the oldest top-ranked course in the United States. The course record at Oakmont is 63 shot in 1973 by Johnny Miller, the ’73 winner. But don’t expect a score like that this year. The odds makers have established Jason Day, the world’s No. 1 ranked player, as the favorite followed by Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, the defending champion. Day is the only three-time winner this year having won the Player’s Championship last month. Neither of these three played in last week’s Fed Ex St. Jude Classic, opting instead to prepare for the Open. Also likely to be in the hunt this weekend are Dustin Johnson and Justin Rose. Johnson has been in the top 10 in nine of the last 12 tournaments this year, but who will forget his meltdown on the final hole of the Open a year ago when he three-putted the 18th hole to hand the championship to Spieth? Mickelson needs an Open title to compete his career grand slam, but is listed at 33-1 odds to win. And last year’s champion, Danny Willett, comes in at 35-1 odds. Another popular headliner, Rickie Fowler, is at 22-1 odds to win his first major tournament.

You’ll hear or read all kinds of descriptions of Oakmont this weekend – diabolical, a course made for sadists, beauty and the beast. Regardless, it will bring out the best in competition among the best golfers in the world. But don’t be surprised if even par, or just a few strokes below par, wins this famous tournament.

Red Sox and Twins First-Round Draft Selections

The Boston Red Sox and the Minnesota Twins selected a total of 82 prospects, of which 37 were pitchers, in last week’s Major League Baseball Draft. Both teams used their first-round picks on high school players. Boston – The Red Sox had the No. 12 pick in the first round and drafted 17-year-old Jason Groom, described as an ultra-talented left-handed pitcher who is a senior at Barnegat New Jersey High School. The six-foot six-inch 220-pound youngster has a fastball in the upper 90s along with a strong curveball. Minnesota – The Twins had the 15th pick in the first round and drafted 18-year-old Alex Kirilloff, an outfielder. Kirilloff is home schooled but played baseball at Plum High School in the Pittsburgh area. He hit .544 this past season with an on-base percentage of .645. Both teenagers are likely to receive signing bonuses in excess of \$2 million.✪

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the last major-league player to hit .380 or better in a season.
2. Barry and Bobby Bonds were the first major-league father-son combination to each hit 300 home runs. Who was the second?
3. How many Super Bowls did Don Shula appear in as a head coach?
4. When was the last time before the 2015 NCAA Tournament that the Kansas and Wichita State men’s basketball teams played each other?
5. How many Stanley Cups did Al Arbour win as both a player and a head coach?
6. Entering 2016, Al Unser was the oldest winner of the Indy 500. How old was he?
7. Bjorn Borg won 11 Grand Slam singles titles, and they all were in two events. Which two?

ANSWERS

1. San Diego’s Tony Gwynn hit .394 in 1994. 2. Cecil Fielder and Prince Fielder. 3. Six -- one with Baltimore (’68 season) and five with Miami (1971, ’72, ’73, ’82 and ’84). 4. It was 1993. 5. Eight -- four as a player (1954, ’61, ’62, ’64) and four as coach of the New York Islanders (1980-83). 6. He was 47 when he won his fourth Indy 500 in 1987. 7. He won six French Opens and five Wimbledon.

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Brett is shareholder in the law firm of Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, PA, who began his practice with the firm in 1973. His practice consists of estate planning, including wills, trusts, probate and trust administration; real property law, including commercial and residential transactions, title insurance and mortgage law; and business/banking law. Born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, he attended Pennsylvania State University, received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Florida in 1970, and his juris doctor degree from the University of Florida in 1973. Brett has served on the 20th Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, serving as its chair in 1992-1993. He also served on the 20th Judicial Circuit Bar Grievance Committee, serving as its

chair in 1984. From 1978 to 1982, he served as a hearing examiner for the Lee County School Board. From 1999 until 2013, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Inc. and served as its chair from 2009 to 2011. He also served as a founding director of Florida Gulf Bank, and currently serves on the Lee County Advisory Board of Iberia Bank. Brett has also served as an advisory director for First Union National Bank of Florida, as a director of YMCA of Lee County, and for 12 years as a director of the City of Palms annual high school basketball tournament. He has received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell for over 25 years.

Hersch is a Florida Bar Board Certified Wills, Trusts & Estates attorney and holds his Florida CPA license. Hersch is a partner at Sheppard, Brett, Stewart, Hersch, Kinsey & Hill, PA and has created several trademarked processes tied to his estate planning and administration practice, including The Family Estate & Legacy Program and The Estate Settlement Program. He is the author of two books, *Common Cents Estate Planning* and *Legal Matters When a Loved One Dies*, and is working on two additional books that are anticipated for publication in 2016. His work has appeared in several professional journals, including *The Practical Tax Lawyer*, *Trusts & Estates Magazine*, and *The Florida Bar Journal*. Hersch also writes a weekly estate planning column that is published in Sanibel's *Island Sun* newspaper and on his firm's blog at www.sbslaw.com/blog. Hersch is a multiple graduate of the University of Florida with accounting and law degrees and has provided his expertise as a continuing education lecturer for The Florida Bar and the

Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Hersch holds an AV Martindale-Hubbell rating, the highest attainable by the independent national attorney rating service, has been selected as a Worth 100 Top Attorney and has been named to the 2015 Super Lawyers list.

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Rising Star Award

The National Association for College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) recently presented Kerri Demeri with the Regional Rising Star Award during its regional conference in Orlando.

Demeri, who is assistant director of auxiliary services at Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW), earned the honor for her "innovative, meaningful contributions to the improvement of their profession and to the efficiency of their institution."

"Kerri is a great example of a professional who strives to take her job to the next level with her creative ideas," said Judy Pultro, director, auxiliary services. "Her enthusiasm for all that she does helps make the services we provide for FSW and the community all the better."

Demeri served as the conference host committee chair for this year's conference and is now serving as the 2018 national conference chair for NACAS. ✱



Kerri Demeri

Managers, Intern Join VCB Staff

The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) welcomed Lesley-Ann "L.A." Thompson and Stephanie Wharton, marketing managers, along with Juliana Silva as customer service intern.

Thompson comes from a strong marketing communications background, where she has been involved with campaign development, promotions, media relations, and event planning in both public and private sector. She previously served as a travel public relations executive at Cheryl Andrews Marketing Communications, a boutique public relations firm in Coral Gables, Florida.

As VCB marketing manager specializing in campaigns and programs, Thompson will help guide the advertising agency's production of integrated marketing materials aimed at enhancing brand awareness, review consumer trends and recommend effective publicity campaigns. In addition, she will also assist with the

Tourist Development Council funding programs, which include Beach & Shoreline, Events Marketing and Arts & Attractions Marketing.

Wharton previously served as a content strategist for Curalate, a marketing and analytics agency in New York City. In this position, she created custom content marketing strategies on millennials and the travel market.

As content marketing manager, Wharton will manage the VCB website, e-marketing and social media content. She will use emerging trends to craft effective digital content strategies that engage consumers online and through social media platforms. Her duties also include tracking trends, media impressions, web targets and social media engagement.

As the customer service intern, Silva will assist with the coordination of the Guests First customer service training program. The program is designed to train the Lee County tourism and hospitality industry in customer service techniques and destination awareness. She will also support the Guests First team with educating the community on the value of tourism.✱

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Financial Focus

Give Your Children The Gift Of Knowledge



by Jennifer Basey

It's almost Father's Day. If you're a dad with young children, you can expect some nice homemade cards and maybe even a baseball cap. But, of course, your greatest reward is spending

time with your kids and watching them grow. In return, you can give them a gift – the gift of knowledge. Specifically, in the months and years ahead, teach them the financial skills that can help make their lives easier and more rewarding.

For starters, encourage your children to become savers. You can do this in a couple of different ways. First, set a good example. You might explain to your kids that you want to buy a certain item, but you are waiting for it to go on sale. Or, if it's a particularly big-ticket item, like an ultra high-definition television, tell your children that you simply can't afford it now, but that you are putting away some money each week until you can. You might even make a chart showing your progress.

Another way to help your children become better savers is to provide them with a monetary incentive. To illustrate: For every dollar they put into a "piggy bank" or an actual savings account, tell them you'll put in, say, 50 cents. They are likely to be pleased and excited by how much faster their money grows with your contribution, and they may well become more motivated to save. Furthermore, you'll be giving them a valuable lesson for later on in life, when they work for a business that offers to match their contributions to a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Unfortunately, many young people, upon taking on their first "career" jobs, either under-contribute to their retirement plans or ignore them completely – thereby making it more likely that, later on in

their working lives, they will have to come up with much bigger sums each year to accumulate enough resources for a comfortable retirement.

Learning to save is certainly important – but children should also learn about investing. To help get your children interested in becoming investors, point out that they can actually own shares of companies with which they are already familiar – the companies that make the games they play, the movies they watch and the food they eat. In fact, you could even simulate the investment process by letting them choose a stock and then follow it. To make the results more tangible, use "play" money to represent an initial investment, and add or subtract to the pile to track the ups and downs of the real stock. You might even explain some of the reasons for the stock's movements; for example, if you and your child are following the stock of an entertainment company, and that company produces a blockbuster movie that leads to sequels, spinoffs and merchandise tie-ins, you can point out how these developments have pushed up the company's stock price.

You might also explain that while these short-term price movements are interesting – and maybe even fun – to follow, investing is actually a long-term endeavor, and the best investors often hold stocks for many years before selling them.

By following these suggestions, you can help your children acquire good financial habits – and seeing them put these skills to good use can provide you with many happy Father's Days in the future.

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Foundations Award Grants To Nonprofit Groups

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation and Robert Rauschenberg Foundation recently awarded 10 local nonprofits with \$250,000 through a granting partnership.

For the past two years, the foundations have collaborated to strengthen the quality of life for local residents of Southwest Florida. This year, the foundations focused on organizations that provide a safety net for some of the most vulnerable populations.

Grants ranging from \$8,000 to \$50,000 were awarded to: ACT (Abuse Counseling & Treatment, Inc.); Boys & Girls Club; Children's Home Society; Community Cooperative Ministries, FISH of SanCap; Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida; Harry Chapin Food Bank; Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships; St. Matthew's House; and Valerie's House.

As a group, the beneficiaries provide a wide range of critical services – from hunger relief for school children and senior citizens alike to employment training and anti-poverty measures to grief counseling. Serving every age group and several counties across Southwest Florida, the collective foundations believe the 10 grantees are essential to the well being of the region.

"We wanted to reflect Bob's long commitment to supporting those in greatest needs. We are honored to provide funding for organizations that exhibit dedication to serving the people of Southwest Florida region by the work they do every day," said Christy MacLear, CEO of the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation.

"The funding provided by the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation is a great example of funders working together to bring resources to our community, and we feel honored to work with them as it continues their legacy of giving in Southwest Florida," said Sarah Owen, president and CEO of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.✱

Technology Camp For Girls

Girls in grades 6 through 12 in Lee and Collier counties can delve into the world of technology, thanks to the AspireIT Programming Technology Summer Camp.

Hosted by Hodges University's Fisher School of Technology, AspireIT is a summer camp devoted to teaching girls about coding, game and app development, digital design and robotics.

"Nationally, this program has been expanded to include girls in grades K through 12. However, to allow our program leader the ability to build a solid curriculum that will best impact our girls, we decided that grades 6 through 12 would be a better option for our particular camp," said Tracey Lanham, professor and program chair of the computer information technology programs in the Fisher School of Technology at Hodges University.

This year's program, Making a Difference – Girls, Technology and Social Change, will focus on utilizing programming to promote social change,

focusing specifically on the Blue Zones Projects. Girls will learn about technology and team building skills, and how programming applies to robotics.

The Lee County AspireIT camp will take place on June 17, June 18, June 24 and June 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the H Building room H219 on the Fort Myers campus, 4501 Colonial Boulevard. Registration is available online

The Collier County AspireIT camp will take place on July 22, July 23, July 29 and July 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gaynor Building room G245 on the Naples campus, 2655 Northbrooke Drive.

The cost to attend the camp is \$20. Each participant will receive a program participant kit, which includes a bag, parental information and additional resources furnished by the National Center for Women and Information Technology. Lunch will also be included.

For more information, contact Tracey Lanham at tlanham@hodges.edu or 938-7779. Camp registration is available online for Lee County at <http://bit.ly/1Wx4xJo> and Collier County at <http://bit.ly/1ZdDIYx>.✱

Library System Offers Book Bingo For Adults

Addults with Lee County Library System cards can play bingo and win prizes by reading different types of books and exploring the Lee County E-library website at www.LeeLibrary.net. Players can win a prize when they complete five activities in a row on the bingo card.

The contest is limited to readers age 18 and older and is valid only at

the East County Regional, Fort Myers Regional, North Fort Myers Public, Pine Island Public and South County Regional libraries. Show a completed card at the reference desk to receive a prize. Each book read or activity completed may be used in only one square. Books read prior to June 1 cannot be used. The last day to turn in a bingo card is August 15. Only one bingo card per person is allowed. Each person may only win one prize in the drawing. Prizes are provided by the Friends of the South County Regional and Pine Island public libraries.

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Women's Club Awards Scholarships

The Continental Women's Club of Greater Fort Myers, a social and philanthropic organization, recently awarded \$2,000 scholarships to two graduating senior girls from Lee County High Schools.



Kayla Davidson

The recipients are Vivaldy Louissaint from Lehigh Senior High School and Kayla Davidson from Island Coast High School. Louissaint will be attending the University of Florida, and Davidson will be attending Florida Gulf Coast University.

Continental Women's Club started giving scholarships in 1998 and, to date, they have helped 41 young girls by contributing over \$38,000 in scholarships.*

Snow Day To Benefit Survivors Of Domestic Violence

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. (ACT) announced that presenting sponsor, ApothiCare 360, will join the lineup of organizations supporting Snow Day 2016, the family-friendly fundraiser, at Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers on Saturday, October 1. In an effort to promote local education and awareness during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Snow Day 2016 event organizers have pledged to make this year's event bigger and better.

Promising sun and snow in one day, the Pediatric Dentistry of Fort Myers facilities, located at 8100 Summerlin Lakes Drive in Fort Myers, will be transformed into snowfall fun for all ages to enjoy. Attendees will have the opportunity to delight in the snowfall special effects, a large blizzard tent area with snowball fun, on-stage music and entertainment, as well as pictures with Disney tribute characters from the movie *Frozen*. There will be bounce houses, food trucks, special giveaways for the children and a chance for the adults to win a four-pack of one-day hopper passes to Disney World (valued at \$620).

"All of us at ApothiCare 360 are honored to be a part of such an exciting, family-oriented event for such an outstanding cause," said Dr. John Dobbs, owner of ApothiCare 360. "With our Kids 360 program, providing all children ages 4 to 12 with a pharmaceutical grade, chewable multivitamin for free, Snow Day is a natural fit for us."

Additional organizations slated to join in include Fort Myers Miracle, Florida Everblades, Joint Implant Surgeons of Florida, Erickson's Drying Systems, Weichert Realtors, JCPenney's Salon, Growing Room Child Development Centers and many more.

For more information regarding Snow Day 2016, visit <http://drverwest.com/snowday/>.*

Beach Yoga

Instructor Becky Lang teaches Yoga on the Beach on the following Saturday mornings in the month of July: July 2; July 9; July 16; and July 23. The classes will run from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Fort Myers Beach just north of the pier in front of the Edison Beach Hotel.

The Level 1 flow class is suitable for most people. No pre-registration

required, just get to the beach a little before 8:30 a.m. on class day with a yoga mat, sunscreen and water. Hourly parking is available nearby in the Times Square area.

Suggested donation is \$10.

For more information, contact Lang at 791-6538 or beckylang@comcast.net. To learn more about Becky Lang - Fitness & Wellness, visit www.beckylang.com.*

Students Graduate From Goodwill LIFE Academy



From left, Joshua Harland, Katarina Diego and Anya Denmark

The graduating class may have been small, but the accomplishment was large. On June 2, Goodwill LIFE Academy graduated three students in its class of 2016. Anya Denmark, Katarina Diego and Joshua Harland received special option diplomas or certificates of completion at the ceremony, held at Edgewood Academy in Fort Myers.

Goodwill LIFE Academy is a Lee County charter school for students with intellectual disabilities. Classes at the LIFE Academy focus on academic, vocational and life skills to prepare students to live as independently as possible after graduation. Because the school is both a middle school and high school, students range from age 11 to age 22.

In its 11 years of operation, the school has graduated 44 students.

LIFE Academy is currently accepting students for the 2016-17 academic year. For eligibility requirements and other information, visit www.goodwilllifeacademy.org or contact Principal Lynn Pottorf at 334-4434.*



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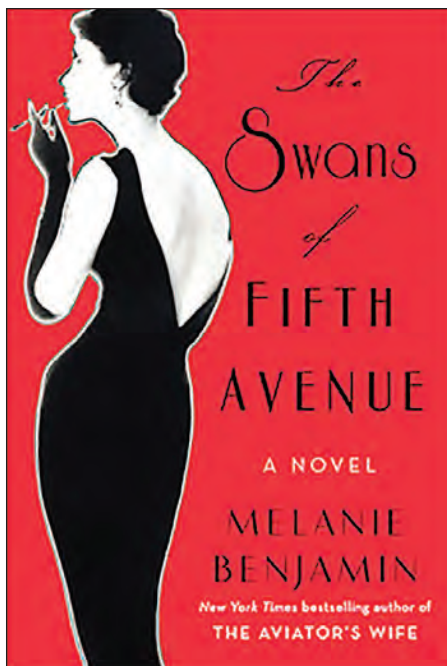
The Swans Of Fifth Avenue



by Di Saggau

Melanie Benjamin, author of *The Aviator's Wife*, has a new novel, *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*. The book is about New York's "Swans" of the 1950s, and the scandalous,

headline-making, and enthralling friendship between literary legend Truman Capote and Babe Paley, a glamorous star of New York high society. Her flawless face regularly graced the pages of *Vogue*, and she was adored for her style and exquisite taste, especially among her friends. This included socialites



Slim Keith, CZ Guest, Gloria Guinness, Marella Agnelli and Pamela Churchill. Babe appeared to have it all; money, beauty, glamour, jewels, influential friends, a prestigious husband, and gorgeous homes. But beneath it all was a woman desperately longing for true love and connection.

When diminutive golden-haired genius Truman Capote, with his larger-than-life personality enters Babe's life, it sets her circle of swans aflutter. He gains an unlikely entrance into the enviable lives of Manhattan's elite, along with access to scandal and gossip of Babe's powerful circle. Babe calls Truman her "True Heart," never imagining the destruction he will leave in his wake. Truman said of his friend, "Babe Paley had only one fault, she was perfect. Otherwise, she was perfect."

Truman's fame is at its peak when such notable celebrities as Frank and Mia Sinatra, Lauren Bacall, and Rose Kennedy converge on his glittering Black and White Ball. The ball, held

in November 1966, was in honor of Katharine Graham, and when the invitations went out, Truman said he made five hundred friends and fifteen hundred enemies.

All too soon he ignites a literary scandal whose repercussions will echo through the years.

Truman did the unforgivable. In 1975, the socialites discover that he revealed their dirtiest laundry to the world in a story published in *Esquire*. They all feel betrayed, especially Babe, who dropped him and never spoke to him again. Exposing the secrets of Manhattan's rich and powerful was nothing short of social suicide for the once literary giant.

A heavy smoker, Babe died of lung cancer on July 6, 1978. She planned her own funeral, right down to the food and wine selections that would be served at the funeral luncheon. *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* will seduce readers as it opens the door into one of America's most sumptuous eras, revealing a startling new look at the infamous society swans.✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Greggs, NCSF

Dear Shelley, My almost 11-year-old daughter will be going to a sleep-away camp for the first time and although she wants to go very much,

she is quite anxious about it. How can I help calm her anxiety?

Mary Beth F., Fort Myers

Mary Beth,

The summer camp brochure photos typically show us the sun-splashed children playing sports, swimming, and having a great time. What we never see is any sign of anxiety that most kids experience and is a natural reaction to a new adventure and a family separation. All children experience a mixture of excitement and nervousness when summer camp approaches and for most, the excitement exceeds the nerves, but for some children, the anxiety interferes in what should be a fun, formative experience.

Children are typically ready for sleep-away camp around ages 10 to 12, given individual skills, experiences and temperament. Summer camps help kids develop many skills important for future success: resilience, self-reliance and social adaptability. The camp experience, being away from home and among peers, can help kids develop social skills, separate in a healthy way from parents and develop independence. Camp activities can help them build confidence by enjoying success in their chosen activities.

The key to helping your child get over pre-camp nerves is to acknowledge her feelings and give her tools to help her tame them.

- Help your child get excited about camp: Take her shopping for new gear and focus on fun things about camp that she can anticipate.
- Avoid focusing on what makes children anxious. Instead of asking leading questions like, "Are you nervous about horseback riding?" ask open-ended questions like, "How are you feeling about the horses?"
- Don't trivialize her concerns or offer glib reassurances. "There's nothing to worry about!" or "Everyone loves camp!" may discourage your child. Instead, show that you have empathy

and acknowledge her concerns.

- Go through "rehearsals." A shorter-term sleepover or a night at grandma's will make it easier for your child to be away from home.

- Make communication easy and accessible: Pack envelopes and stamps, outline a schedule for phone calls or emails if they're part of the camp's routine, and make sure your child understands how easy it will be.

- Help your child formulate realistic, goal-oriented plans for making friends or passing a swimming test. Having a framework for completing these plans can give your child a feeling of success and take her mind off his anxiety.

- What you want to share is your confidence in your child and the summer experience. Keep the goodbyes short, as delaying just causes more mixed feelings and communicates your own anxiety. Kids can pick up on your feelings even if you don't verbalize them.

- If your child has psychiatric, medical or learning issues, make sure the staff and counselors know anything

they need to know to head off problems and maximize her experience. And let your child know that counselors are there to support her, whether she has a simple question or a larger problem.

Summer camp is a unique situation where your child engages with a large community of peers and learns how to interact socially in a less-structured environment than school. This is a time for her to actively make decisions for herself and develop a sense of self-reliance. Even though you may be concerned and want to intervene, give your child the space to take ownership over the experience herself.

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March Of Dimes Seeks Grant Applications

March of Dimes Florida is seeking applications for community grants to support programs that address unmet maternal and child health needs. Awarding grants to organizations is one of the ways the March of Dimes pursues its mission of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

The goal of the community grants program is to identify and fund community-based programs addressing the health concerns of pregnant women and infants in Florida with a focus on

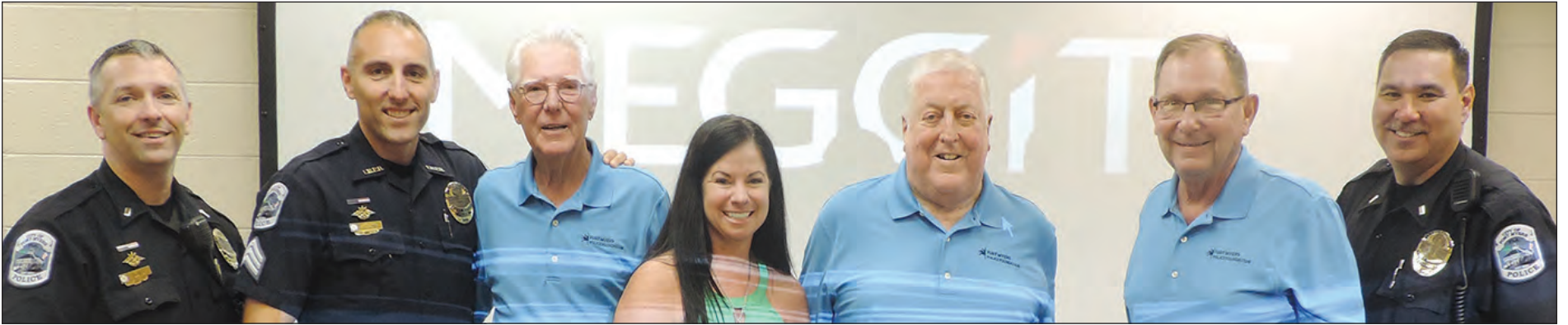
decreasing preterm births. They must also fall under 2016 funding priorities.

Any applicant must provide services in Florida. The chapter grants fund for 2016 is approximately \$120,000. Proposals are being accepted until June 20. Grantees will be notified on August 1. The grant period extends from August 1 to July 31, 2017.

For more information or questions, email Gillian Cross, director of Maternal Child Health at gcross@marchofdimes.org or call (754) 300-2609.

For more than 75 years, moms and babies have benefited from March of Dimes research, education, vaccines and breakthroughs. Find out how you can help raise funds to prevent premature birth and birth defects by walking at marchforbabies.org.✧

Fort Myers Police Department Receives Training Simulator



Lt. Enrico Doro, Sgt. Jason Fields, Paul Fratello, Melinda Isley, Larry Romano, Terry Dillow and Lt. Pete Tarman

The Fort Myers Police Department recently received a Meggitt Training Simulator donated by the Fort Myers Police Foundation.

"The Meggitt Training Simulator will provide the men and women of the Fort Myers Police Department to have this advanced training simulator at their disposal 24-hours a day, thanks to the Fort Myers Police Foundation" said Chief Dennis Eads.

The Meggitt FATS L7 compact training simulator effectively supports marksmanship and judgmental training needs of law enforcement, paramilitary and security personnel. The one-screen configuration includes both marksmanship training and video training modes to provide a multi-tiered program. The judgmental training enhances the understanding of shoot/don't shoot situations and the corresponding decision-making process.

"Not only is this great for the officers of the Fort Myers Police Department, but it is something that all of Fort Myers can be proud of," said Larry Romano, president of the Fort Myers Police Foundation.

The system is capable of supporting training of multiple trainees simultaneously, using up to eight system controlled weapons, during judgmental video training, thus allowing them to engage in team training. During individual marksmanship training, the system emulates a gun range design that serves as a training environment where each trainee may shoot a different exercise and, in accordance with range safety/spacing guidelines, the system can support training of up to four trainees simultaneously.



FATS training simulator

The Fort Myers Police Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose goal is to help build a stronger bond between the community and its local police department. All funds raised by the Police Foundation go toward purchasing life-saving equipment for the Fort Myers Police Department. Since its formation in 2014, the foundation has raised \$150,000 that has gone toward purchasing medical kits for patrol cars, ballistic shields, electronic ear protection for shooting ranges and more.

The FMPF will hold its 3rd annual Golf Invitational on Monday, September 26 at Colonial Country Club located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will be followed by a cocktail hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. with an awards presentation, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. There will also be a \$100,000 hole-in-one contest. The entry fee is \$200 per player and \$100 for a non-playing guest. Individual and corporate sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$5,000. Program ads are also available for \$100 to \$250.

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

Reservations and sponsorships are now available by visiting www.fortmyerspolicefoundation.org or calling 321-7740.*

United Way To Hold Golf Classic

United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee announced that the upcoming United Way Golf Classic will take place on Saturday, July 30 at River Hall Country Club, located at 3500 River Hall Parkway in Alva. The four-person scramble will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament, being held at the Davis Love III Championship Course, will feature hole-in-one prizes, a putting contest, Buy-a-Drive opportunities, raffle prizes, a 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets are \$70 per player or \$280 for a foursome. Lunch is included. This is the third year that the tournament will be held at River Hall.

"We are thrilled to be bringing this event back to River Hall," said Community Resource Manager Madison Mitchell. "The course is beautiful, and we are just really looking forward to a fun event."

Sponsorships are also available and range from \$100 to \$5,000. Individuals interested in playing or sponsoring may register at www.UnitedWayLee.org/

golfclassic or call Madison Mitchell at 433-2000 ext. 269.

All money raised in the United Way campaign stays in the local community to help support the local human service network. The 85 United Way partner agencies and initiatives like Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer's Resource Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Partner's for Breast Cancer Care, Children's Advocacy Center, and United Way 211 serve a diverse range of needs in our community including nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, meeting critical needs such as helping the elderly and disabled live independently, and empowering communities by bringing health and human services to neighborhoods.

In addition to raising funds for human service organizations in our community, the United Way promotes partnerships and collaborations among agencies and initiatives, helping them to work together focusing on issues and solutions that continue to improve lives. Since it was established in 1957, more than \$147 million has been raised and distributed throughout our local community.

For more information, visit www.UnitedWayLee.org or follow them on Facebook.*

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

"Packed with facts and employing an engaging storytelling style, [Female Pioneers of Fort Myers] both teaches and entertains. Local history buffs and newcomers to history will value Tuthill and Hall's research and appreciate the accessible format, too."

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

dearRPharmacist

Drugs That Can Harm Your Skin



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers:

Did you know that your medication can damage skin? Most of you don't even think about that as a side effect. Photosensitivity is a fairly common skin reaction that is sparked by taking medicines which interact with ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or tanning beds. It happened to me once and, luckily, the red burning rash and tingling only affected my hands. It took only two hours of sun exposure on a shady trail while hiking in California. Still, it rendered me out of writing commission for a few days.

The big problem is that photosensitivity reactions are highly unpredictable. Nothing may happen the first three times you go swimming, but then the next time it's dreadful. The reaction can differ with each exposure and the specific medication you take. Perfumes containing "6-methylcoumarin" or "musk ambrette" may cause skin allergies, so it's not just drugs.

For example, a classic reaction is a severe sunburn, but also possible

are brown splotches in your skin, redness, pain and tenderness, an actual bumpy rash, hives, any inflammation. Photosensitivity reactions may cause permanent skin damage while others are reversible in a few days; it is very individual.

Finally, just because you do not have a problem with medication now, doesn't guarantee smooth sailing every time you take it. There are hundreds of offenders, and again my list does not mean you'll have a reaction at all, it just means the possibility exists. Here goes:

- Antibiotics: Sulfamethoxazole, tetracycline, doxycycline, ciprofloxacin and the UTI drug nitrofurantoin.
- Psychoactive medications: Amitriptyline, imipramine and other Tri-cyclic antidepressants. Also sertraline (Zoloft), venlafaxine (Effexor), mirtazapine (Remeron) and alprazolam (Xanax). The blockbuster Aripiprazole (Abilify) is another psyche med that has been associated with skin eruptions and sensitivity.
- Accutane and Retin A: These are used to improve skin, so it's ironic it can have a photosensitivity reaction, but they're biggies.
- Allergy meds and antihistamines: Cetirizine, diphenhydramine, loratadine and other blockbusters.
- Blood pressure medications: Enalapril and amlodipine can sometimes cause "Subacute Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus," a painful skin eruption. Other offenders in this category include Vaseretic, Lotensin HCT, Dyazide and

Hyzaar. Beta-blockers, diuretics and vasodilators require extra sun caution.

- Diabetic drugs: Glipizide, glyburide, tolbutamide, glimepiride and others. Metformin does not usually cause any problem.
- Birth control pills or menopausal drugs, any of them, there are hundreds. Patches, pills, all of them can have a 'photo' reaction.
- Statin cholesterol drugs: All of them, atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin, pravastatin, simvastatin have the ability.
- Diuretics: Many of them are skin sensitizers, however the popular HCTZ (hydrochlorothiazide), this can cause a dangerous reaction called "Subacute Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus." Any drug containing HCTZ is a potential offender.
- Anti-inflammatory (NSAID) drugs: Ibuprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen and celecoxib.

My list is not complete so ask your pharmacist about your medication. Please use natural sunscreens and sunblocks, wide-brimmed hats as well as clothing that covers you up well. Aloe vera creams are soothing, as is the gel right from the plant.

Try putting lavender essential oil (20 drops) and peppermint oil (2 drops) in some cold water, then make a cold compress out of that. It will cool on contact. Compresses with comfrey root, baking soda water or lavender oil are the fastest way to take the sting out of your sunburn or rash.

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.✽

Family Support Group To Meet

The Southwest Florida NICU Family Support Group, a group aimed at helping families after discharge from the hospital, will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in meeting room "B" at Lakes Park Regional Library, located at 15290 Bass Road in Fort Myers.

The Southwest Florida NICU Family Support Group meets once a month and uses the time to share stories and seek guidance from others who have experienced NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) life.

Haley Turner, the group's organizer and mother of a two-year-old who spent time in the NICU, said, "It can be very scary and extremely intimidating bringing a fragile baby home." Turner hopes the group will give families an outlet to ask questions, discuss concerns, seek guidance, share the overwhelming emotions and hopefully make friends with those that have similar stories.

For more information, contact Turner at 839-6091 or nicufamilyswf@yahoo.com.

Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

Dear Mom & Me,

I am fed up with older women, the way they treat each other in ways men would never treat other men. I was at a local women's function with a woman that is severely handicapped. She had a stroke 30 years ago when she was in her early 40s and has struggled all of these years and never complains.

We were sitting at a designated table and all was fine. Then a woman came over and insisted we move to another location as it would make it easier for

the others. She gave this woman no consideration whatsoever. At this point it made no difference what table we sat at and it was closer to the handicapped ladies room.

Do you know why women are so cruel to one another?

Dear Eva,

I do not think all women are mean and cruel, nor do I think that all men are mean and cruel. People are people and regardless of their gender, some can be very thoughtless and mean to others. Just as some men are given to too much testosterone and fight with others, some women are given too much estrogen and fight with other women. Unfortunately mean people are part of our world. I do not give them much of my time or energy.

Dear Eva,

People are people regardless of their age. There are miserable children and miserable seniors and many in between. I am very sympathetic to people who are handicapped and try to give them extra concern. However, some handicapped people are unreasonable and expect us all to conform to their needs.

The occasion you are questioning sounds a little uncaring as the woman does not seem to be asking for extra special privilege.

Lizzie and Pryce's email address is momandmeaging@hotmail.com.✽

Doctor and Dietician Conditions Causing Anxiety



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

In many years of natural medicine, we've seen how some underlying conditions can lead to anxiety. Reactive hypoglycemia is one. A glucose tolerance test can determine how the body responds to carbohydrates. Those with reactive hypoglycemia start with a very low blood sugar level initially that then jumps up really high. These folks tend to feel really tired shortly after eating a carbohydrate meal such as pasta or a breadly sandwich. Protein and good fat, which take longer to absorb, are better meals for sustained energy. Meals including beef, chicken, eggs, fish, turkey and pork are ideal.

Chronic insomnia is a relatively common cause of anxiety. We

recommend that people with insomnia stop drinking caffeine after 3 p.m. In addition, most liquids should be taken at least three hours before going to bed. Many times, people are up during the night because they have to urinate. Doing these two simple things alone can help. Sometimes natural supplements for sleep can help as well.

Lastly, low cortisol levels can cause anxiety. Your body produces the hormone cortisol to help you deal with stress. When this hormone is used up, your body has a harder time dealing with stress. This can lead to anxiety. Cortisol levels should rise in the morning when waking up and decline in the evening when going to bed. If cortisol does not rise in the morning when it is supposed to, you will probably have a terribly hard time getting up in the morning. If levels are low during the day, you may be the type to fall asleep during the afternoon. Cortisol hormone can be supplemented (by prescription) to help rest the gland and restore the adrenal system. This will help restore your energy, hence relieving the resultant anxiety that often accompanies it.

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 Ellen. I'm a 1½-year-old spayed female brown tabby domestic short hair. There are so many great reasons to adopt a sweet and loving cat that is no longer a kitten. For one, my personality is already evident. That means you will get a calm, patient kitty who likes to cuddle. Give me a loving home and give my tale a happy ending.

Adoption Fee: \$30 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' "Once Upon A Time" adoption promo

Hi, I'm Gracie. I'm an 8-year-old spayed female tan Florida curr. I'm loyal, wise, low-maintenance and a loving dog. There are a million reasons to adopt a senior dog like me. Older dogs are less demanding, housetrained, grateful, gentle, calm and patient. I am no exception. I'm young at heart and aged to perfection. I am full of vim and vigor and have a lot of life to live and a lot of love to give. Love knows no age. Won't you please adopt me and give my tale a happy ending.

Adoption Fee: \$25 for pets six years and older

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.✱



Ellen ID# 664389



Gracie ID# 662319

PAWS Of Sanibel

Laya

Laya has been alone since Memorial Day when her owner was found unconscious. Sadly, her owner never regained consciousness and passed away after 10 days in hospice care. Laya is being fed by a neighbor, but she needs a real home. She is approximately 8-years old, spayed and comes with her vet records. She was great companion to her owner. Call Nancy at 560-0178 if you would like to meet Laya.✱



Laya



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Florida Marine Patrol	332-6966
Florida Highway Patrol	278-7100
Poison Control	1-800-282-3171
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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	
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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	218-5768
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 on page 29

Super Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Typo, e.g.

8 Having two of each chromosome

15 German-born writer Hermann

20 Of the king of beasts

21 Improve

22 Fungal spore sac

23 Its sheets have holes in them

25 Used all of

26 90 degrees from north

27 Tax org.

28 Posed

29 Not dismissive of

30 Hasty flight

32 Suffix with confident

34 Follow through with

36 Get in return, as profits

37 It's raised in some opening ceremonies

42 They may be attached to fobs

44 Brazil's — Paulo

45 Educ. org.

46 Hose flaw
- 48 "Yond Cassius has — and hungry look": Caesar

49 Lie next to

51 Added wing

53 Overcrowd

55 Rotating subway gate

59 Germany's Adenauer

61 Gorilla, e.g.

63 Mobiles, e.g.

67 Group jargon

68 CBS hit

69 European country

70 Tool —

71 Learning centers with many mats

76 Stat for Ruth

78 Pizza topping

79 Co. bigwig

80 Turbaned believers

83 Big top

86 Moo — shrimp

87 New hand distribution

88 Get — on the wrist

89 Big truck

91 Start for law

93 Other, to José

94 Revelation nation

98 Little boys

100 H lead-in
- 102 "— Sharkey" ('70s sitcom)

103 Stump, e.g.

107 Bling seller

110 Circle dance

111 Rome home

113 Pluralized -y

114 Doc treating tinnitus

115 Made a barking noise

117 The "SI" of WYSIWYG

119 "— for Alibi"

121 Rakish guy

125 Spitz's kin

126 Theme of this puzzle

129 Uncle Ben's products

130 Lease

131 Salts

132 About to cry

133 Conceives

134 Unfavorable
- 8 Dict. info

9 Maintaining equilibrium

10 Letters after upsilons

11 Sri —

12 Next up

13 AriZona drink

14 German "the"

15 Padlocked fastener

16 Language devised in 1887

17 First division of an act

18 Catch a few rays

19 Prevents, in legalese

24 "Likely story"

29 As soon as

31 Galaxy extra

33 Gore and Green

35 Olive of old funny pages

37 Honshu metropolis

38 Part of AFL

39 Wee miss

40 "Iron Man" Ripken

41 Needle-nosed fish

43 With 96-Down, discuss in detail

47 Spanish for "cats"

50 "Iliad" locale
- 52 Old dog star

54 Kind, decent person

56 Rough pen drawing

57 Hawaiian garland

58 D.C. winter hrs.

60 Bread box?

62 Mountain climbing aids

64 Tie, as Nikes

65 Canyon sound

66 Jack-a- — (hybrid dog)

68 "White Men — Jump"

69 Show hosts, for short

72 Votes against

73 Chip brand

74 Ending for many sugars

75 — deck (part of a cruise ship)

76 Rival of JVC

77 "Encore!," in 111-Across

81 Brother of Groucho

82 One-master

84 Followed

85 Wake — the crack of dawn

86 Tangential topic
- 87 Energized

90 USAF rank

92 Minister's study: Abbr.

95 Graph paper pattern

96 See 43-Down

97 Ground, as grinders

99 Eur. country

101 Ob- — (delivery doc)

103 Impede

104 Team newbie

105 Beethoven symphony nickname

106 Mozart's "Eine — Nachtmusik"

108 Morales of "Mi Familia"

109 Large step

112 Gossip girl?

116 Not taxing

118 "— it!" (fielder's call)

120 "— girl!"

122 — about

123 Boho-chic boots

124 Livy's "to be"

126 Prefix with centennial

127 Scale amts.

128 Toyota acronym before "4"

CIRCULAR THINKING

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Apiece

4 Hot tubs

8 Vail gear

12 Expert

13 Ancient Briton

14 Flirtatious look

15 Review

17 Roddick or Rooney

18 Popular logic puzzle

19 Nonstick spray

21 Teensy

22 Unrivaled

26 Tatter

29 Mole, e.g.

30 Oft-chanted letters

31 Revolutionary period?

32 They're between mis and sols

33 Architect — van der Rohe

34 A Bobbsey twin

35 Aviate

36 In one's cups

37 In-group

39 Ger. neighbor

40 Actress Thurman

41 "Doonesbury" journalist Hedley

45 Arp's style

48 Chic shop

50 Tidy

51 Bancroft or

7 Increases

8 Pundit

9 Family

10 Third-party abbr.

11 Firmament

16 Eiffel's masterpiece

20 Whatever amount

23 Witticism

24 Works with

25 Uncomplicated

26 Harmonization

27 Get better

28 Hindu princess

29 Express

32 Sleazy hotel

33 -- Vanilli

35 "Fee fi fo --!"

36 Person with a horn?

38 Production number?

39 Lop

42 Blue hue

43 Crazy

44 Profound

45 "CSI" evidence

46 Moray or conger

47 Taxi

49 Yoko of music

DOWN

1 Lobbying orgs.

2 Beige

3 Nevada senator Harry

4 Added alcohol to

5 Resentment

6 Prefix with puncture

52 Salt Lake athlete

53 Actress Jessica

54 No stay-at-home

55 Cleo's slayer

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

- Animal
Boss
Caucus
Chairman
- Favors
Game
Hardy
House
- Leader
Line
Organizer
Politics
- Secretary
Spirit
Time
music



"I'm speechless, Darlene."

A _____ named after me!"

answer on page 29

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!

Modest
BEHLUM

Lump
GLUBE

Void
ENTAGE

Stable
LIDOS

TODAY'S WORD

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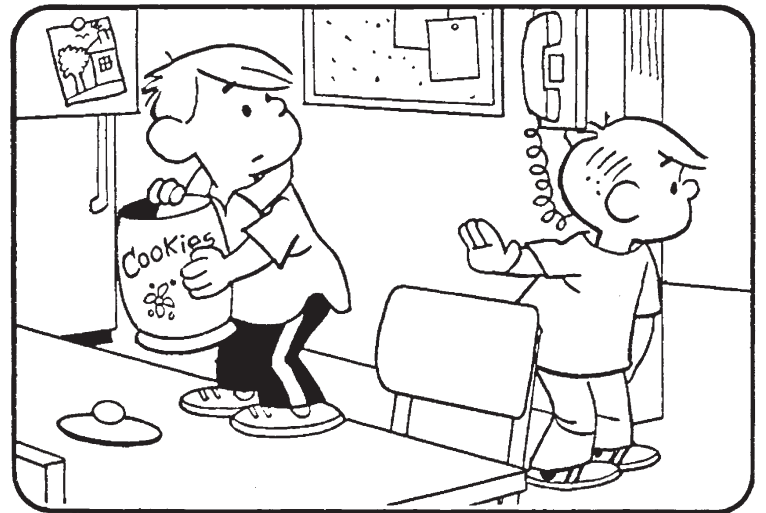
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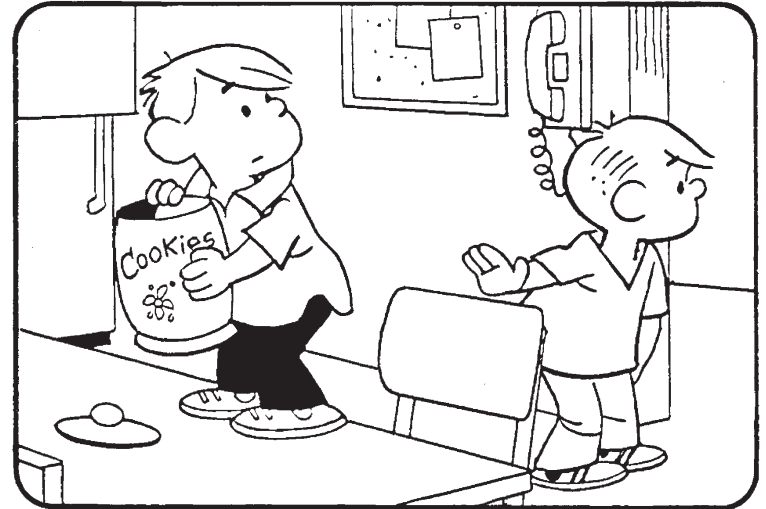
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Drawing is missing. 2. Stripe is missing. 3. Bulletin board is smaller. 4. Cord is shorter. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Neckline is different.

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Baked Grouper with Lime Cilantro Butter



Baked Grouper with Lime Cilantro Butter

- 4 six-ounce grouper fillets
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
- ¼ cup lime juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- ½ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt

1 pinch freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons grated lime or lemon zest
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Put the fillets in a greased baking dish. In a saucepan, melt butter over medium heat; add next seven ingredients. Stir to blend and pour lime butter over fillets. Sprinkle grated rinds evenly over the top. Bake for 15 minutes until cooked through and meat flakes easily with a fork.✪✪

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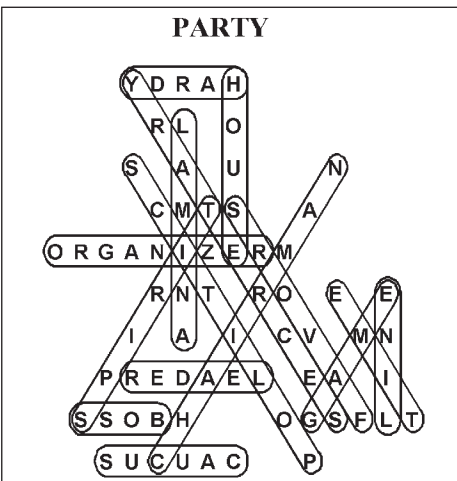
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MAGIC MAZE



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My Stars ★★★★★

FOR WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2016

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Family and friends rally around as you confront an unexpected challenge. Some plans will have to be changed until all the fuss and fluster settle down.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creative gifts find new outlets for expression this week. Someone (a Libra, perhaps) has ideas that you might find surprisingly appealing. Pay attention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll soon be able to restart those delayed travel plans. A financial matter you thought was closed could suddenly reopen. Be prepared to take swift, decisive action.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A romantic relationship takes an unexpected turn. You might be confused about how to react. It's best not to be rushed into a decision that you're not ready to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't let your pride stand in the way of resolving an emotionally painful situation. This is a good time to deal with it and let the healing finally begin.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem that you've been handling so well suddenly spins out of control. Don't panic. You can rely on your good sense to help you restore order.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Wearing rose-colored glasses won't solve a thorny personal situation. You need to take a hard look at what's happening and then act according to the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters dominate the week. Health problems raise concern, but soon prove to be less serious than you had feared. Things start easing up by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Most situations are calmer now, both

at home and on the job. But there's still a chance that a co-worker will set off another round of unpleasantness.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's no need to fish for compliments from an admirer who can't say enough nice things about you. The upcoming holiday bodes well for family gatherings.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to compete, both on a personal and a sporting level, and you hate to settle for anything less than excellence.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On June 25, 1876, near Montana's Little Bighorn River, Indians led by Sioux chiefs Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull wipe out Lt. Col. George Custer and much of his 7th Cavalry. Within an hour, Custer and all 215 of his soldiers were dead. Although the Sioux and Cheyenne fought to maintain their traditional ways, within five years almost all would be confined to reservations.
- On June 22, 1906, writer and pilot Anne Morrow Lindbergh (wife of aviator Charles Lindbergh) is born in New Jersey. She later published several books about her experiences, including "North to the Orient" (1935).
- On June 26, 1948, the Berlin Airlift begins as U.S. and British aircraft deliver food and supplies after the city is isolated by a Soviet blockade. By July 15, an average 2,500 tons of supplies were being flown in each day, with planes landing every 4 minutes.
- On June 21, 1956, playwright Arthur Miller defies the House Committee on Un-American Activities and refuses to name suspected communists. Miller's defiance of McCarthyism won him a conviction for contempt of court.
- On June 20, 1963, the United States and the Soviet Union agree to establish a "hot line" communication system, a step toward reducing tensions between the two countries following the Cuban Missile Crisis.
- On June 23, 1987, Tiffany launches a career-making tour with a live performance in a mall in New Jersey. The 16-year-old singer's debut album gathered dust until she began her tour of shopping malls, turning the album into a smash hit.
- On June 24, 1997, the Walt Disney Corp. orders the recall 100,000 already

shipped copies of an album by Insane Clown Posse -- on the day of its planned release. The Southern Baptist Convention had threatened to boycott Disney over the rap duo's lyrics.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was award-winning Canadian novelist, poet and literary critic Margaret Atwood who made the following sage observation: "War is what happens when language fails."
- Many people don't realize that the parachute was invented before the airplane. The first person to use a parachute and survive was Louis-Sebastien Lenormand, who jumped off the tower of the Montpelier Observatory in 1783.
- You've doubtless heard of Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" -- or at least the famous line "Quoth the Raven, nevermore." When the poem was published in 1845, it immediately became wildly popular, catapulting the previously obscure poet to national celebrity. Future president Abraham Lincoln liked it so much that he reportedly committed the lengthy verse to memory. Despite criticism from such literary lights as William Butler Yeats (who called the poem "insincere and vulgar ... its execution a rhythmical trick") and Ralph Waldo Emerson (who said, "I see nothing in it"), the popularity of "The Raven" continued unabated, inspiring a plethora of parodies, including "The Gazelle," "The Turkey" and "The Pole-Cat." Popularity didn't translate into financial success, however; Poe died in 1849, shortly after being found a penniless wanderer on the streets of Baltimore. His death has been blamed on consumption, alcohol poisoning or an opium overdose, but the true cause remains a mystery.
- If you're planning to take a cruise this summer, try to remember to use your right foot when you take your first step aboard; it's considered bad luck to step aboard with your left foot.
- You might be surprised to learn that in Russia, there are laws that prohibit the production, import or sale of lace panties.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You have not converted a man because you have silenced him." -- John Morley

SCRAMBLERS

solution
1. Humble; 2. Bulge;
3. Negate; 4. Solid
Today's Word
DOUGHNUT

TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Honduras?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which one of Christopher Columbus' three ships was wrecked in the New World and didn't return to Spain?
3. EXPLORERS: What was Christopher Columbus' nationality?
4. MOVIES: What was the name of the character played by John Travolta in "Pulp Fiction"?
5. GAMES: What is the best hand in poker?
6. ANATOMY: What is the most common blood type in humans?
7. LANGUAGE: What characteristic makes the word "facetious" interesting?
8. LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the ghost of Banquo appear?
9. RELIGION: What are the seven virtues as defined in early Christianity?
10. MUSIC: What instrument does the musician James Galway play?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Tegucigalpa 2. Santa Maria 3. Italian 4. Vincent Vega 5. Royal flush 6. Type O positive 7. It contains all five vowels in the correct order. 8. "Macbeth" 9. Faith, hope, charity, courage, prudence, justice and temperance 10. Flute

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Engagement ring lost at the Lighthouse
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in the water. If anyone finds, please contact
the Sanibel Police or call 864-5135.
*NS 5/13 NC TFN

Cycling Safety Notes

Ride to the right

Warn to pass

Wear a helmet

Use lights at night

Always be courteous



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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).

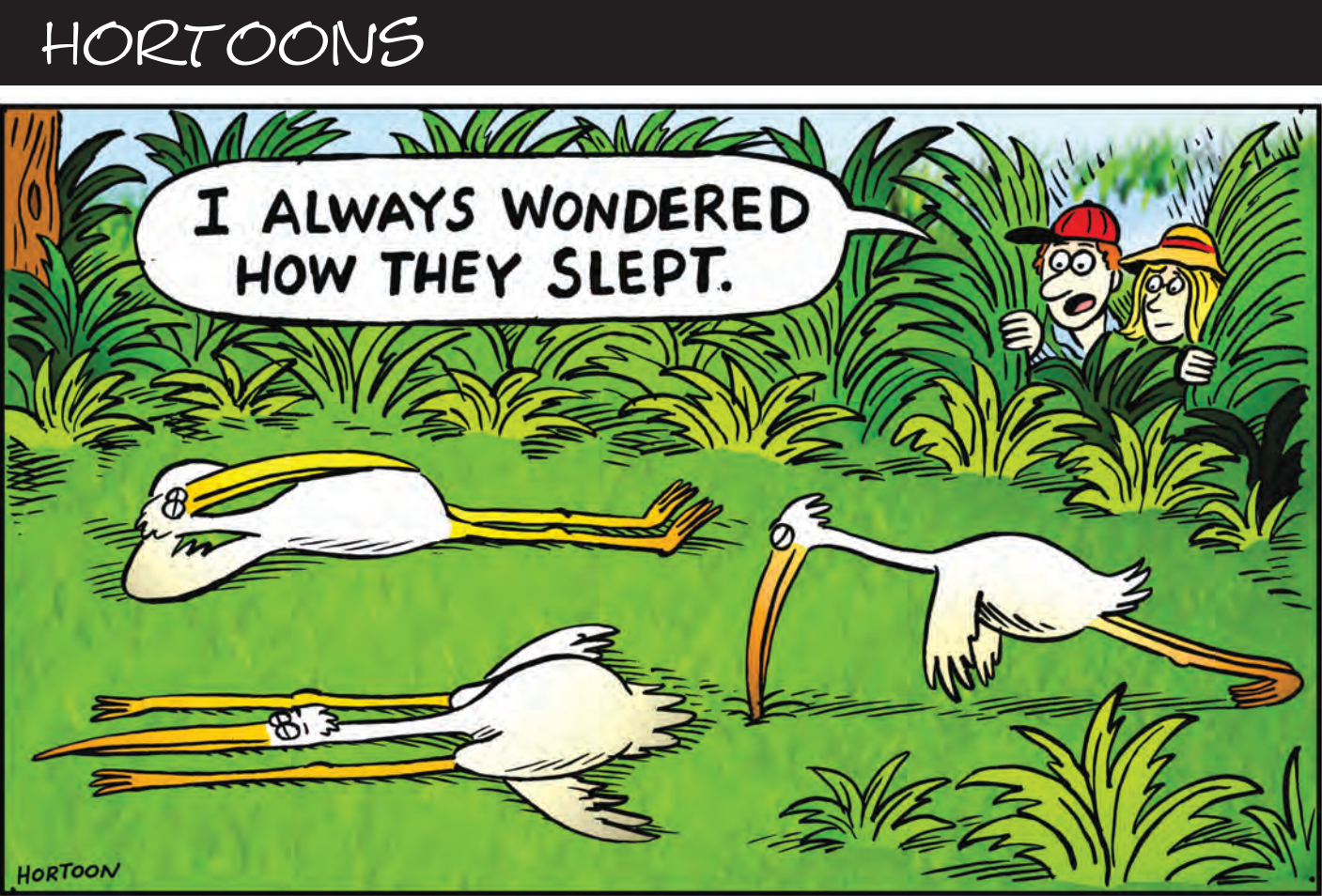


A loggerhead sea turtle hatchling making its way towards the water
photo by Jeff Lysiak

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 at, 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
McPhie Park	Fort Myers Beach	1950	2,048	\$1,800,000	\$1,530,000	133
Orchid Ridge	Bonita Springs	2000	4,277	\$1,595,000	\$1,500,000	183
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2012	3,593	\$1,449,000	\$1,280,000	349
Shell Harbor	Sanibel	1999	2,639	\$1,395,000	\$1,300,000	3
Tarpon Estates	Cape Coral	2013	3,114	\$999,900	\$950,000	30
Sweet Bay At Shadow Wood	Bonita Springs	2003	3,064	\$899,000	\$840,000	420
Winkler Estates	Fort Myers	1991	3,840	\$858,000	\$795,000	55
Lakewood	Fort Myers	2015	3,413	\$850,000	\$850,000	0
Cape Coral	Cape Coral	1994	2,941	\$799,900	\$758,825	23
Dunes At Sanibel Island	Sanibel	1979	2,898	\$799,000	\$755,000	50

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