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From the Beaches to the River District downtown Fort Myers

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Two historic residences on First Street will be decorated for the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club's 2016 Holiday House photo courtesy FMWCC

## Historic Homes To Light Up The Night

The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club (FMWCC) has announced the theme for its Holiday House 2016 as Let Heaven and Nature Sing.

The historic Burroughs and Langford Kingston homes will be decorated in the traditional holiday colors of red, green, silver and gold with reindeers, pinecones, angels and cardinals. This year the club celebrates its 60th anniversary bringing Holiday House

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## Brunch, Crafts, Sweets And Fun For All At Santa's Block Party



Youngsters will get to meet Santa Claus during brunch on December 3

photo courtesy SBDAC

Santa is making a special stop in downtown Fort Myers on Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See Santa ride down First Street in a fire truck before he stops to meet and greet kids of all ages. Join in the fun and make arts, crafts and holiday cards during Brunch with Santa. Plus, kids can decorate Publix cookies and make wood crafts with help from The Home Depot during the workshop.

All are invited to stop by the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center for a last look at the

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The boat parade moves past Nervous Nellie's

photo courtesy Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce

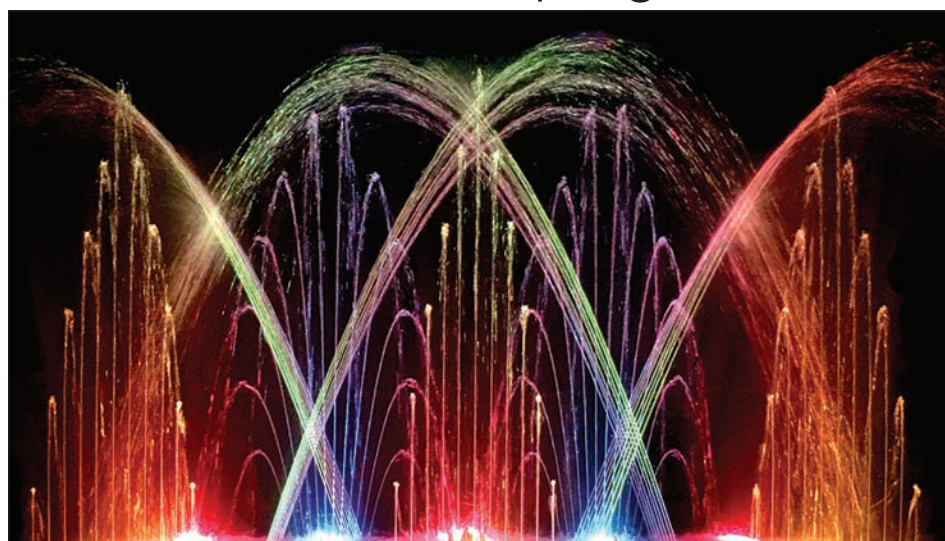
## Boat Parade Set For December 3 On The Beach

Organizers for the 28th annual Christmas Boat Parade are counting down to one of Fort Myers Beach's biggest nights of the year. The dazzling, lighted parade will begin on Saturday, December 3 at 6 p.m. from Salty Sam's Marina, located at 2500 Main Street.

Decorated boats will be judged and winners recognized during the Winners' Circle

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## Edison Estates Holiday Nights



Waltzing Waters lighted fountain display

photo courtesy Edison Ford Winter Estates

On Friday, November 25 at 6 p.m., the Holiday Nights opening night tree lighting ceremony at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates will showcase some new technology. This year, when the countdown hits 1, the historic banyan will be lit with laser lights to kick off the 41st annual celebration.

Thomas Edison, Santa Claus and local officials will officiate the ceremony and light the banyan with the flip of a switch. Visitors are invited to gather at the tree for live, holiday music and the annual countdown.

Also new this year is a nightly Waltzing Waters lighted fountain display and a

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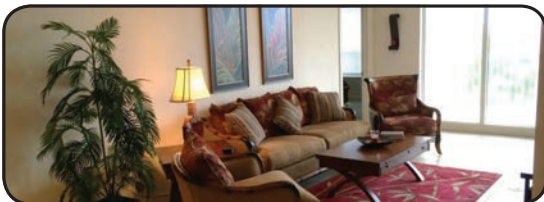
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

## Brownies Go 'Live' At Flossie Hill's

by Gerri Reaves, PhD



Anyone window shopping on the day of this circa-1950 photo encountered an eye-catching scene.

Local Brownie Scouts were performing live and in person, demonstrating their skills, in the window of M. Flossie Hill's store on First Street.

For former Brownies, the photo will evoke memories of wearing those brown uniforms and cute hats. Then there were the belts and Brownie pins, too.

Women of a certain age will recognize those saddle oxfords some of the girls are wearing.

The youngest among the group, out of uniform and looking too young to be a troop member, is perhaps a baby sister allowed to join in the fun.

A large poster lists "Brownie Activities," which – compared with today's scout activities – seems a bit dated and less exciting.

Nowadays, the activities and adventures of Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts differ significantly less than they did decades ago.

The scouts in the historic photo are demonstrating some of the arts-and-crafts skills on the list, specifically cutting and pasting, as they assemble paper chains.

One scout (third from right), however, is intently focusing on a book. A scout manual? Instructions for making crafts?

The poster lists a variety of activities no doubt designed to offer something for everyone: shell work, knitting and scrapbooks for the indoor types; drawing, singing, music and cameras for those interested in more creative endeavors; and nature study and hikes to attract outdoorsy types.

Compared to today's scouting, however, the Brownie activities of several decades ago seem a bit tame. In fact, the Fort Myers Boy Scouts of the same time period show they were more likely to be busy boating, camping, and exploring, than knitting or making paper chains.

For years, local Troop 1 of the Boy Scouts, organized in 1911, even made an annual trip to Cuba.

Also displayed is the Girl Scout insignia – after all, Brownies were Girl Scouts in the



Brownie Scouts exhibit their arts-and-crafts skills in M. Flossie Hill's store window, circa 1950

photo courtesy Southwest Florida Historical Society



Today, the window and door configuration is altered and a chocolatier is located in Hill's former store. The Brownies would approve.

photo by Gerri Reaves

making. The number "9" at the top of the insignia perhaps indicates the troop number.

Also in the display are scout flags, as well as the Girl Scout uniform, complete with the distinctive neck scarf.

Taped to the window is a troop photo, apparently with a list of members below it.

It's no surprise that M. Flossie Hill allowed her prime window display to be occupied by Brownies. The legendary businesswoman was also legendary in her support of the community.

Fort Myers native Genevieve Bowen says she thinks the live window display was an annual event, perhaps coinciding with the store's anniversaries.

Hill established her women's clothing store in 1905 on First Street, the first of three locations on the same block during her lifetime. (After her death, the store moved to the fourth, a half-block away to the Heitman Building.)

Circa 1915, she moved to the storefront shown here, located on the east side of the entrance to the newly constructed Theatre Arcade.

She celebrated her store's 50th anniversary there in September 1955. She died the following year only a few days after her company's 51st anniversary, leaving the business to her longest employed workers.

Walk down to M. Flossie Hill's store window and imagine a live display of Brownies. Wonder where those girls are now...

Then, consider the changes the decades have brought to scouting. Now, both girls and boys participate in a wide array of experiences, including international travel, community service projects, outdoor adventures, and challenging intellectual and creative activities.

Learn more about the long history of scouting in Fort Myers at the following two research centers.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer non-profit organization open Wednesday and Saturday between 9 a.m. and noon and Wednesday 4 to 7 p.m.

It is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard on the campus of the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Call 939-4044 or visit [swflhistoricalsociety.org](http://swflhistoricalsociety.org) for more information.

The Lee County Black History Society is located at 1936 Henderson Avenue, adjacent to the Williams Academy Museum at Roberto Clemente Park.

Hours for the all-volunteer non-profit organization are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

For information, call 332-8778 or visit [leecountyblackhistorysociety.org](http://leecountyblackhistorysociety.org).

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## Uncommon Evening Produces Awards



Front row, from left, Dr. Karen Serrell, Education Committee chair, William Reich, Johana Stubbs, Carica Astrel, Toni McEnery, Jennifer Lynch and Timothy O'Rourke. Back row, from left, Tiana Bohrer, Linnea Dulikravich, Kerri Houghton, Mulon Missick, Cinnamon Espana and Brenda Stewart, Scholarship Committee chair

photo by Caryn Smith

CPR Tools, Inc. received the 2016 Business Ethics Award presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation at its annual Uncommon Evening held on November 3 at the Burroughs Home & Gardens. The award was presented to Chief Executive Officer John E. Benkert by Dr. Eric Dent, the new ethics chair at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business.

CPR Tools, Inc. has 25 years of experience in providing data security and recovery products and services to businesses and individuals. It is located at 2022 Hendry Street, Suite 100, in downtown Fort Myers.

Dr. Jesse L. Bryson, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor at Fort Myers High School, was named the Uncommon Friends Foundation's 2016 Champion Teacher of the Year. Bryson has revitalized and modernized the UFF curriculum to inspire young minds at James Stephens International Academy. He is also founder and director of the I Will Mentorship Foundation (IWMF) and has over 20 years of experience mentoring area youth.



Dr. Jesse Bryson and Dr. Karen Serrell  
photos by Don Doggett



CPR Tools CEO John Benkert with Dr. Eric Dent

Scholarships were awarded to 18 students who exemplify the values taught by the original five "uncommon friends." The Eleanore "Ellie" Newton Student Chair in Literature was awarded to Toni McEnery and the James D. Newton Student Chair in Leadership was awarded to Timothy O'Rourke, both students at Florida Southwestern State College. Special recognition and other student scholarships were awarded to Carica Astrel, Tiana Bohrer, Aaliyah Debose, Linnea Dulikravich, Cinnamon Espana, Nina Griffith, Kerri Houghton, Chelsea Kopp, Jennifer Lynch, Mulon Missick, William Reich, Paige Santiago, Johana Stubbs, TeVon Thompson, Taylor Torenio and Josiah Vega.

More than 250 business, education and community leaders attended the outdoor event held in the Gale McBride Pavilion on the grounds of the historic home. Guests included representatives of finalists Gecko Hospitality and Lee County Electrical Cooperative, as well as many past Business Ethics Award winners and supporters. Past winners in attendance were representatives of CRS Technology Consultants (2015), Sunshine ACE Hardware (2014), Ted Todd Insurance (2013), Conditioned Air (2011), and Markham, Norton, Mosteller, Wright and Company (2010).

Uncommon Evening is an annual event hosted by Uncommon Friends Foundation in collaboration with its endowed chair of ethics at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert School of Business.✧

## Club Assists With Holiday Decorations



Club members, from left, Dot Kiesel, Bernie Swartz and Linda Hessler with Impact students from Fort Myers after making holiday decorations

photos courtesy Pilot Club

Recently, Pilot Club of Fort Myers members visited Impact in both Fort Myers and Cape Coral, and assisted students in making Halloween decorations. Working with Impact students one-on-one is a mission of the club, which also distributes about 1,000 bicycle helmets to youngsters during the year.

Impact is a nonprofit that seeks to prevent or reduce the severity of disabilities by providing child development programs, therapeutic intervention, and parent



Pilot Club members Fran D'Alessandro, left, and Linda Hessler with Cape Coral Impact students

education and support.

The Pilot Club helps organizations such as Impact to improve the quality of life for individuals with brain-related disorders through volunteer activities, education and financial support. The club's name came from a riverboat pilot who could steer safely through troubled waters.

The club's motto is "do more, care more and be more." For additional information, call Joy Augustine at 691-0069 or email [personalpropertyappraiser@yahoo.com](mailto:personalpropertyappraiser@yahoo.com). ✧



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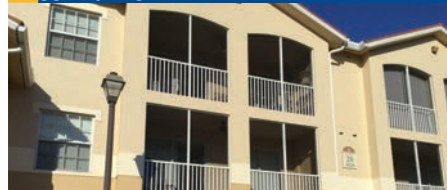
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Fort Myers Art:

# Country Wife Led By All-Star Cast



by Tom Hall

Opening on December 1 in the Foulds Theater at the Alliance for the Arts is Theatre Conspiracy's production of William Wycherley's *The Country Wife*.

Directed by Karen Goldberg, the play stars Shelley Sanders as Margery, the country wife, Mitch Haley as Harry Horner, Jim Yarnes as Pinchwife, Dena Galyean as Alithea, Stephen Hooper as Doctor Quack, Elvis Mortley as Sir Jasper Fidget, Cantrella Canady as Lady Fidget, Tom Marsh as Sparkish, Juan Alejandro as Harcourt, and Tera Nicole Miller as Squeamish.

*The Country Wife* is regarded as one of the greatest comedies of the Restoration. It tells the story of Horner, a notorious and lascivious man-about-town and his ingenious scheme for the rampant and mass seduction of the women of London society. By spreading the false rumor of his own impotence, he gains the sympathy of the town's husbands and, more importantly, free access to their wives. Meanwhile, the newly-married



*The Country Wife* is a Restoration comedy  
photos courtesy www.artswfl

Pinchwife desperately attempts to keep his naïve country bride from the clutches of predatory London bachelors. When she and Horner meet, events spiral out of his control.

Seem farfetched and ridiculous? Well, perhaps it may help to know that it was written and performed for British audiences of the post-Puritan Restoration in the 17th century. Like many Comedies of Manners from this period, *The Country Wife* focuses on sexual relations as its primary theme, and Horner represents a trickster figure, a cad, and a no-good dirtbag who's really good at fooling people. We hate him because he's such a liar, but we also love him, because it's so much fun watching him do his thing.

Show dates include December 1, 2,

3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., with one 2 p.m. matinee on December 4.

## Vega Retrospective On View At FSW Gallery

On view now through December 17 at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at the Lee campus Florida SouthWestern State College is *Empire: An Arturo Vega Retrospective*. A collaboration with The Arturo Vega Foundation in New York City, *Empire: An Arturo Vega Retrospective* is the late Mexican-born artist's first solo U.S. museum retrospective and features photography, collage and a number of iconic canvases from the artist's Supermarket and Silver Dollar series (begun in the 1970s), his *Flags* and so-called "word paintings" from *Insults* and other series produced during the 1980s, 1990s and aughts.

Vega escaped the repressive violence of an authoritarian regime under Mexico's "perfect dictatorship" in the late 1960s. He made his way to New York City, where he studied English, philosophy and photography at the New School for Social Research in the early 1970s.

Vega's interest in music dates back to his discovery of Elvis during his childhood. But it was when he later co-directed a touring production of The Who's *Tommy* at the National University in Mexico City that he began to understand the revolutionary and transformative power of music, theatre/performance and art. While working on his first painting series of supermarket signs, he befriended members of The

Ramones, a rock and roll band that would soon play their first show and would decades later be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. It was Vega who designed The Ramones' ubiquitous logo based on the Great Seal of the United States, and he was the one who also painted backdrops for their stage and created a lighting scheme loosely adapted from Albert Speer's *Lichtdom* to enhance their effect. By co-opting and questioning symbols of power, Vega created visual imagery that defined the transgressive aesthetic of punk rock.

Vega's work has been featured in numerous group shows since the 1970s. More recently, Vega has been the subject of one-person exhibitions at CB's 313 Gallery/New York City (1992), Raleigh Studios/Miami Beach (curated by Sandra Schulman in 1994), Galeria OMR/México, D.F. (2011), Casa Redonda, Chihuahua/Mexico (2012) and at How! Happening in New York City in 2015 and 2016.

The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.RauschenbergGallery.com](http://www.RauschenbergGallery.com) or call 489-9313.

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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# Along The River

The 30th annual **American Sand Sculpting Championship** continues on Fort Myers Beach on the beachfront behind the **Wyndham Garden Hotel**, located at 6890 Estero Boulevard, this weekend. The festival tent is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Regular admission is \$7. Children age 4 and under are admitted free. The 10-day event began last Friday, November 18.

After the singles competition last weekend, the culmination of the 10-day event will feature a doubles competition between five teams of two sculptors vying for bragging rights and the 2016 American doubles championship.

This year, teams include Melineige Beauregard of Canada and Joris Kivits of Portugal; Paul Hoggard of England and Remy Hoggard of Bulgaria; Delyane Corbett and Craig Mutch, both of Canada; Bruce Phillips of California and Maxim Gazendam of Netherlands; and Amazin' Walter McDonald of Texas and Bill Dow of Montana.

In all, there will be many interactive activities for guests to partake in including: more than 40 sand sculptures; Quick Sand speed sand sculpting; photo opportunity sculptures; Kids Zone; sand sculpting demonstrations and lessons; amateur contest; Florida Championships; and Sand Vendor Village with more than 50 vendors.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive from the south in order to avoid traffic congestion. Event directors have coordinated a revolving bus system to transport attendees from the Lover's Key parking area to the site.



Festival of Trees is in its 10th year

For more information, visit [www.frmsandsculpting.com](http://www.frmsandsculpting.com) or the event's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/SandSculptingFestival](http://www.facebook.com/SandSculptingFestival).

Captiva Island will be holding two free tree lighting ceremonies this weekend.

**'Tween Waters Inn** on Captiva Island will host its annual **tree lighting ceremony** this Friday, November 25 beginning at 5 p.m.

The festivity, always held the day after

photo courtesy Goodwill Industries

Thanksgiving, has been known as a "show-stopping, 100,000 light miracle that can't be missed."

The free event offers fireworks, treats, music, Christmas caroling and the light show. Those interested are asked to park at available spots on Captiva and get shuttled to the resort.

'Tween Waters Inn is located at 15951 Captiva Road. Call 472-5337 for more information.

**South Seas Island Resort** will hold their **tree lighting ceremony** at Sand Dollar Plaza this Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

The event will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the entrance to South Seas. Free and open to the public, this festivity kicks off South Seas holiday season and features the BIG ARTS Community Chorus, cookie and ornament decorating, and a reading of *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*.

The **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** will also be putting lights on a holiday tree this Saturday, November 26. That is the opening night of the 41st annual Edison Ford **Holiday Nights**. Cartoonist Doug MacGregor will be back and cartooning with kids and the Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers will sing Christmas carols. The annual tree lighting will be at 6 p.m.

The homes and gardens of the Edison and Ford families will be seasonally decorated with thousands of lights and

historic decorations. After the evening, nightly guided Holiday Tradition Tours take place at 6 and 7 p.m. and are available for an additional charge. Holiday Nights is open daily from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) and runs through January 1.

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates are located at 2350 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. Call 334-7419 for more information.

**Animal Refuge Center** will be holding their largest fundraiser of the year at **Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa** this Saturday, November 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. The event benefits the homeless dogs and cats at the no-kill shelter.

ARC's signature event is called the Petco Foundation Starlight Auction. Tickets cost \$75 per person and include admission to the live/silent auction, complimentary cocktail, dinner, dessert and coffee. To purchase tickets, call 841-0810 or e-mail [BettyHughes@comcast.net](mailto:BettyHughes@comcast.net).

Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa is located 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive in Fort Myers.

If you are on Fort Myers Beach on Saturday, visit **Mound House** at 451 Connecticut Street for **guided tours**. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be museum tours. Cost is \$5 plus museum admission. At 10 a.m., there will be a Calusa Indian Shell Mound Tour. Cost is also \$5 plus museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students with college identification, \$5 for children age 6 to 12, and free for ages 5 and under.

**Goodwill of Southwest Florida** is partnering with Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center to bring the 10th anniversary of **Festival of Trees** to downtown Fort Myers, beginning this Wednesday at 11 a.m. The Festival of Trees is a showcase of trees designed and decorated by local businesses, individuals and organizations to be auctioned and raffled. Attendees could win a beautifully decorated tree.

Festival of Trees will last until Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. It will feature a free throwback Christmas concert from the Nowhere Band Beatles Tribute on the steps of the art center on Friday, December 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. and a brunch where Santa will make a special appearance during Santa's Block Party (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) on Saturday, December 3. Cost for brunch is \$12; the workshop is \$6. Brunch and workshop combined is \$15.\*

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708 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach. Call 765-9660.

## ICHIBAN

Ichiban is a downtown favorite for Chinese and Japanese cuisine. The name means "Number One" in Japanese and offers its customers the perfect balance of great quality and affordable prices. Ichiban has been family owned and operated for 11 years and its enduring popularity is a testament to its exceptional, friendly service.

1520 Broadway #106, Fort Myers. Call 334-6991.

## IL TESORO

Il Tesoro serves authentic Italian food "with the taste and feel of a Tuscan holiday," according to owner Chef AJ Black. He infuses flavors from the old world to the new world of cooking using only fresh seasonal ingredients to bring his dishes to life. Daily specials focus on pairing authentic meals with a bold array of fine Italian wines.

Il Tesoro (The Treasure) serves dinner seven nights a week from 5 to 10 p.m. 751 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel. Call 395-4022.



The Uvas and the staff at Terra Nostra welcome you

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Where can you go when you're in the "moood" for some great cookin', local fun and prices that won't make you lose the farm? Try Island Cow on Sanibel.

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2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel. Call 472-0606.

## LAMOTTA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

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such as chicken parmesan, lasagna, pizza and calzones as well as specialty creations like osso bucco, lobster risotto, pescatore and filet Florentine.

Try LaMotta's New York-style pizza, cooked in a 500-degree oven for the perfect crunchy slice. For specialized desserts, treat yourself to cannolis and tiramisu along with a cappuccino or coffee.

Summer hours include Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 9 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday.

15660-225 San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers, 482-5505

## SUMMERLIN JAKE'S

Summerlin Jake's Seafood and Steaks, a sunset dining water view restaurant in Fort Myers, located near the Sanibel Bridge, offers new American cuisine

prepared in the old Florida tradition. Paying tribute to the rich history of Punta Rassa, where Jake Summerlin owned a wharf that he used to ship his cattle to Cuba and the local waters that are famous for being the home to big game fishing, Summerlin Jake's offers freshly caught local seafood, tender, juicy prime steaks, smoked ribs, brisket & chicken and heart-healthy, vegan choices that are locally sourced, hand-selected and artfully prepared. Summerlin Jakes is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Breakfast served 8 to 11:30 a.m.). Happy Hour is 3 to 6 p.m. daily. Live music on Friday and Saturday 5:30 to 10 p.m.

17501 Harbour Pointe Drive, 466-5377

## TERRA NOSTRA

Terra Nostra Ristorante Italiano serves classic Italian fare in the former Cork & Barrel suite in the Target center at 15880 San Carlos Boulevard.

Owners Fernando and Sao Uva welcome you to their new location after spending many years on Fort Myers Beach. They bring over Chef Anthony Grandepioggia and Maitre d' Reginald Beach. The establishment seats 156 people, including outdoor dining.

The mission of Terra Nostra is to serve homemade food in a restaurant environment. Try some of Fernando's hand-crafted specialties: Bouillabaisse, Chicken Monte Carlo and Penne a la Fiero. With these selections and house favorites, you will never leave hungry. Have a drink from the full liquor bar or sip from the many hand-selected wines or ports. A family atmosphere and attentive service will make your dinner a dinner to remember.

Terra Nostra is open six days a week from 4:30 to 10 p.m. It is closed Tuesday until further notice.

15880 San Carlos Boulevard, Suite 110, Fort Myers, 590-8147.

## Library Hosting Chocolate Tasting

The Lee County Library System's annual Chocolate & Spirits Festival will be held Friday, December 2 in the Market Plaza at the Gulf Coast Town Center, located at 9903 Gulf Coast Main Street in Estero.

The public is invited to sample a variety of chocolate items from 6 to 8 p.m. The Brittany Russell Band will provide live entertainment and bidding on silent auction items runs from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

"This is a festive and fun event that is always well attended," said Margie Byers, Southwest Florida Reading Festival coordinator. "It is a great way

to kick off the holiday season with luscious chocolate food and drink, live music and the holiday decorations of the Town Center. It is truly a crowd favorite."

Admission is free with a requested \$3 donation. Chocolate samples and beverage tickets are \$1 each. The silent auction includes jewelry, Busch Gardens tickets, theater tickets, hotel stays, sporting event tickets and more.

Sponsors include Gulf Coast Town Center, Bar Louie and Blue Sushi.

Proceeds benefit the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, a free community event, scheduled for March 18. The festival showcases the county library system's programs and resources, and promotes reading and literacy. For more information, visit [www.readfest.org](http://www.readfest.org).

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### ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION (UUA)

2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers. Sunday Services 9 and 11 a.m., Adult Education Workshop 10 a.m., Reverend Margaret L. Beard, Minister. 226-0900. [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org)

### ALL SAINTS BYZANTINE RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

10291 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers. Divine Liturgy Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Rosary begins 10 a.m. Lenten services (Presanctified Liturgy) will be on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. starting February. Very Reverend Peter Lickman, 305-651-0991. Church of the Eastern Catholic or Byzantine Rite, 1.5 mi. east of Interstate 75.

### ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

8210 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers. Reverend Father Dean Nastos, Orthos Service Sunday 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 a.m., Fellowship Programs, Sunday School, Bible Study. [annunciation.fl.goarch.org](mailto:annunciation.fl.goarch.org), 481-2099

### BETH SHILOH

### MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

15675 McGregor Boulevard. Rabbi Judah Hungerman. Friday Service, 8 p.m., Saturday Service, 11 a.m. Shabbat School Saturday Morning, Adult Hebrew Classes. Call for information 437-3171

### BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

16581 McGregor Boulevard, 267-3166. Just past the Tanger Outlet Mall. Pastor Barry Lentz, 281-3063. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### CHABAD LUBAVITCH

### OF SW FLORIDA ORTHODOX

5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz. 433-7708, [rabbi@chabadswf.org](mailto:rabbi@chabadswf.org). [www.chabadswf.org](http://www.chabadswf.org). Friday service 6:30 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 9 a.m.; Shacharit 10 a.m.; Kiddush at noon. Minyan Monday and Thursday 7 a.m.

### 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](mailto: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 10:30 a.m. Website: [www.taecc.com](http://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

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8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 481-3233. [www.clpc.us](http://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.

### CYPRESS LAKE UNITED

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8570 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, 482-1250, 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Praise Service Sunday School all times.

### 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.

### FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

2390 West First Street, next door to Edison Estates. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service and Sunday School; 12 noon Wednesday Testimony Meeting. Child care provided at services. Reading Room located in church building for quiet study and information about Christian Science. Monday and Friday noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday 1 to 3 p.m. [www.christiansciencefortmyers.net](http://www.christiansciencefortmyers.net), [www.christianscience.com](http://www.christianscience.com)

### FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

### FORT MYERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CONGREGATION

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

### FORT MYERS CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST;

8210 College parkway, Fort Myers, 482-3133. Reverend Anton DeWet, pastor. Morning Worship: 10 a.m., Church School: 10:15 a.m. Friendship Time follows worship.

### 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.

### LAMB OF GOD CHURCH

A few federated Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal Congregation. 19691 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers. 267-3525. [www.lambofgodchurch.net](http://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. Kingdom Teaching 7 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments. [nbcministry@embarqmail.com](mailto:nbcministry@embarqmail.com), [www.facebook.com/nbcministry](http://www.facebook.com/nbcministry). Alex and Patricia Wiggins, Ministers

### NEW COVENANT EYES CHURCH

See Clearly. Meeting monthly at 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. 1900 Park Meadows Drive, Fort Myers. 220-8519. Pastor Alan Bondar. [www.newcovenanteyes.com](http://www.newcovenanteyes.com). LIFT Kidz program, free coffee and donuts.

### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT MYERS

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](http://www.newhopefortmyers.org).

### PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fort Myers Beach Masonic Lodge. 17671 Pine Ridge Road. 267-7400. Pastors, Gail and RC Fleeman. Adult Discussion Classes 8:45 a.m. Countdown to Worship 10:10 a.m. Amazing Grace Worship: 10:30 a.m. [www.peacecommunitychurch.com](http://www.peacecommunitychurch.com).

### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Peace a member of ELCA. Weekly communion with traditional liturgy, organ and choir. 15840 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, on the way to Sanibel. 437-2599, [www.peaceftmyers.com](http://www.peaceftmyers.com), [peace@peaceftmyers.com](mailto:peace@peaceftmyers.com).

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

3950 Winkler Ext., Fort Myers, 274-0143. 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Services. Daily early learning center/day care.

### RIVER OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

21580 River Ranch Road, Estero. 495-0400. Senior Pastor Todd Weston. 8 and 9:45 a.m. Services; 11:30 a.m. Legacy Service, multi-generational.

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12171 Iona Road, Fort Myers, off McGregor and north of Gladiolus. 489-3973. Father Lorenzo Gonzalez. Monday 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m.

Saturday 3 p.m.; Sunday 8, 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation Saturday 9 a.m. or by appointment.

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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.

### SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

### METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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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](http://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](http://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.

### SOUTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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. Wednsday Service 6 p.m.

### TEMPLE BETHEL SYNAGOGUE

16225 Winkler Road Fort Myers. 433-0018, [www.templebethel.com](http://www.templebethel.com). Religious School Director Dale Cohen, Learning Tree Director Jesyca Virnig, Office Manager Karen Kagan. Union For Reform Judaism Shabbat Service Friday 7:30 p.m., Torah Study Saturday 9 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](http://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

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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](http://www.uucfm.org).

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9065 Ligon Court, Fort Myers, across from HealthPark Hospital, 481-2125. Pastor: Byron West. Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. Discipleship Classes for all ages, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee, 10:45 a.m. Corporate Worship.

### 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. Educational Hour. [www.zionfm.org](http://www.zionfm.org) ✱



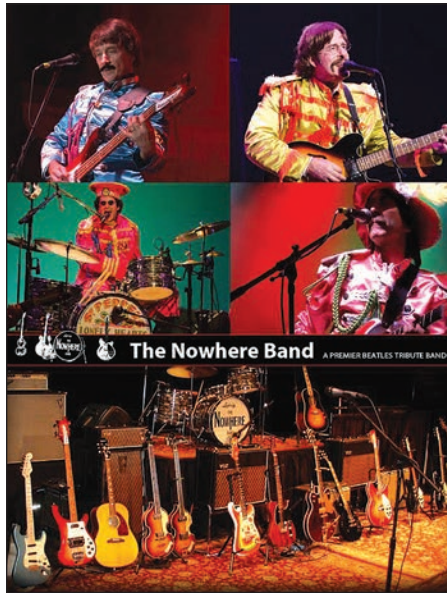
## Nowhere Band Beatles Tribute At The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

Start December off with a free concert from the Nowhere Band on the steps of the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center (SBDAC). The Nowhere Band will be playing all the best Beatles songs throughout Art Walk on Friday, December 2 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays along with classic tunes from Southwest Florida's top Beatles tribute band. As a special treat, pop into SBDAC to see the beautifully decorated Christmas trees at Festival of Trees. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District.

Covering the full spectrum of The Beatles' long and varied career, The Nowhere Band creates an unparalleled reproduction, entirely live (with no pre-recorded material), of 1960s-era Beatles performances. The band blends period costumes, authentic instruments, modern lighting, and an abundantly talented quartet of musicians to create an experience any true Beatles fan, young or young-at-heart, simply can't afford to miss.

For more information about the Nowhere Band, visit <http://thenowhereband.com/>.\*



Nowhere Band

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## Holiday Nights



Santa rides aboard one of Ford's automobiles photo courtesy Edison & Ford Winter Estates

holiday tea with the Edisons and Fords on Wednesday, December 14.

As in past years, the winter estate homes, gardens and historic buildings of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford will showcase thousands of lights and decorations.

For children, artist Doug MacGregor will be onsite drawing cartoons on November 25, December 3 and 10, and Santa will visit on November 29, and December 6 and 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Adults and children alike can travel the Children's Tree Trail - a collection of more than 60 live cedar trees decorated with handmade ornaments from Lee County school children.

USA Today named Edison Ford as one of the 10 Best Historic Homes for the holidays, and the American Bus Association designated Edison Ford's Holiday Nights as one of the Top 100 events in North America for 2016.

Thomas Edison created the first strand of Christmas lights about a century ago. The bulbs were red, white and blue in honor of Edison's favorite holiday - Independence Day.

The Edison Ford Museum and Botanic Research Laboratory, as well as the Ford Cottage Shoppe, Museum Store and Garden Shoppe will be open until 9 p.m. every evening. There will also be nightly entertainment and refreshments available for purchase.

Guided Holiday Tradition Tours will be offered at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. nightly as well as Inside-the-Homes Holiday Tours on November 29 and December 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. A sightseeing river cruise and sunset cruise are offered through Pure Florida at the Marina at Edison Ford.

Holiday Nights tickets for adults are \$20, teens (13 to 19) \$10 and children (6 to 12) are \$2. Edison Ford members get in free. Guided Holiday Tradition Tours are \$30 for adults, teens are \$25, children \$18 and \$10 for Edison Ford members. Inside-the-Homes Holiday Tours are \$50.

Lee County residents will receive \$5 off an adult ticket on November 25, 26 and 27, December 30 and 31, and January 1.

Holiday Nights is open each evening through January 1, except Christmas Eve and Christmas night.

For more information, call 334-7419 or visit [www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org](http://www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org).\*



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# Cold Fronts Can Change Everything



by Capt. Matt Mitchell

After what was a picture perfect week on the water, the strongest cold front we have seen so far this winter sent our water temperatures plummeting. Cold fronts are a big part

of our winter fishing pattern although this one does seem to be arriving a little earlier than usual. Dropping air and water temperatures will slow the bite down for a day or two, but the cooler temperatures will push lots of fish back into their winter haunts.

Protected deeper mangrove creeks along with the many canal systems with deeper basins will be some of the best places to catch fish immediately after a cold front passes until things gradually warm back up. Heading out in the afternoons during cold periods lets you

take advantage of the warmest part of the day when the fish are most active. Concentrate your efforts during periods of bright sunshine in shallow areas with dark-colored bottoms that act like a solar panel often holding lots of snook as they lay out in the open trying to warm up.

During the colder days, look for snook to be gathered in huge numbers in both deep creeks and canals. This deeper water will hold a more consistent temperature. Shallow water not only warms faster in direct sunlight but also cools down faster during the colder windier days.

Temperatures have not gotten cold enough yet to bring an end to shiner fishing but taking some live shrimp and jig heads along can often turn a cold days' slow action around. Colder temperatures require slowing down your bait presentation. Slow bouncing a live shrimp on a jig head across the bottom will draw strikes when no other bait will. Generally by January and February, shrimp will be the bait of choice as the shiners head out to deeper water.

This first real cold front should do wonders to kick off the annual sheepshead bite. Small chunks of shrimp on either a jig head or a small hook rigged with a split shot will be bringing lots of these tasty fish to the fillet table



Jane Drew with a big snook she released unharmed while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

over the next few months. Down size your gear and have fun with these fish. I like to use a 2000 or 2500 series spinning reel on a medium light rod to do battle with these fish. This is also a great size outfit to target trout out on the flats along with the jacks, ladyfish and mackerel that are in the open water mix of species. Colder water means clear water so downsizing your leader to 20 pound fluorocarbon will get you more bites too.

No matter what the season or what the weather does there is always something to fish for in the sound. The key to catching fish during these winter

cold fronts is to be flexible and ready to switch gears to target a species that will cooperate if another species will not. Depending on the day's conditions, you may start off targeting trout and sheepshead until temperatures warm later in the day then switch it up for your best chance to catch snook.

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

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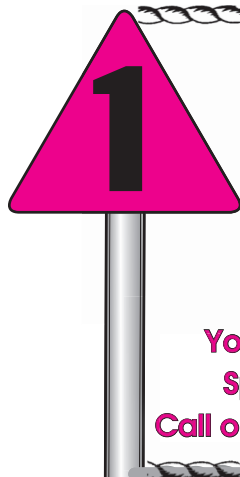


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## CROW Case Of The Week:

## Northern Raccoon



by Bob Petcher

Northern raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) are similar to humans in a few ways. They actually have hands, little ones on their front legs that include five flexible fingers to help handle food.

They are also flat-footed animals where both heel and toes touch the ground. Bears have the same feature, while dogs and cats walk on their toes with their heels high above the ground. Interestingly, raccoons leave notably large tracks, somehow.

Raccoons, like humans, are also highly adaptable and make adjustments to survive in changing conditions.

The appetite of the raccoon is more extreme than a human's. The omnivore can eat almost anything it can fit in its mouth, from worms to fish to mice to birds' eggs to nuts to fruit to most food items found in a dumpster.

One of the most common mammals in the United States is distinctive mainly by the black fur around its eyes – giving it a "bandit" look – and for its long, bushy tail with five to seven dark rings.

The nocturnal hunters and foragers are highly inquisitive animals. While

many know the common raccoon to be a nuisance, some do not know that raccoons have thousands of nerve endings in their front paws and toes. These sensitive paws and skillful toes aid in probing under rocks and tight spots.

Another interesting fact is that a raccoon's weight at birth is only two ounces. They do grow to weigh somewhere between 8 to 20 pounds on average, but some dumpster-diving males have been known to pack on 40 pounds of weight.

The life of a wild raccoon typically lasts less than five years. They tend to die off due to extreme weather, disease, natural enemies and encounters with people or their vehicles.

At CROW, a northern raccoon arrived from Cape Coral on October 12 after being found on a front porch with mange, a class of skin diseases caused by parasitic mites. It arrived dehydrated, emaciated and extremely marked with crusting/scaling/cracking of its skin. This infection covered 90 percent of its body, which was also marred with severe alopecia (a type of hair loss that occurs when an immune system mistakenly attacks hair follicles). There were also reports of crusting and dried blood in one of its ear canals.

To help treat the mange, CROW medical staff bathed the raccoon in chlorhexidine (an antibacterial used as an antiseptic and for other applications) and sebolux medicated shampoo. CROW DVM Spencer Kehoe stated it typically takes a month to cure an animal with mange.

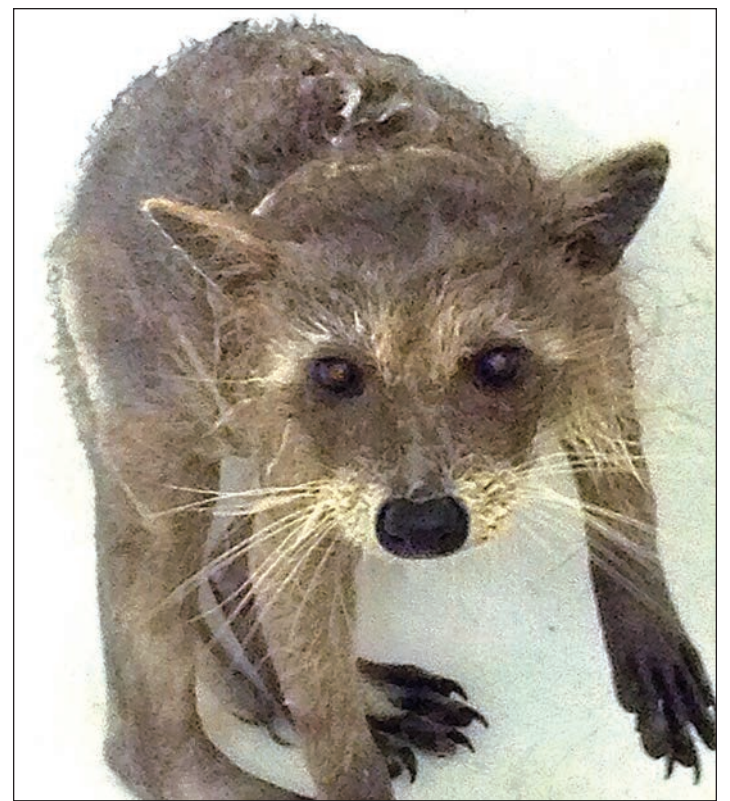
"Sarcoptic mange is a very contagious skin disease and is easily spread by mites. It's similar to the herpes virus in

humans," he said. "The mites cause aggressive itching and scratching that result in hair loss. The mites cannot be transferred to humans who interact with the animal."

To help increase the raccoon's weight, which was down to 2.55 pounds on arrival, CROW staff fed it a daily diet consisting of soaked puppy chow, mash (with applesauce and bananas), eggs and oats. Shrimp was then added to his diet. When last weighed, the raccoon was up to 4.54 pounds.

Last week, the raccoon was moved to an outside enclosure and was slowly introduced to the other raccoons.

There were no reported incidents between the species, and officials stated that they all seemed to be getting along. More signs of improvement followed. The raccoon became brighter and more alert, and its skin improved dramatically with new hair growth. With continued progress, it is expected to be released within two weeks.



Patient #16-3239 received a treatment bath photo by Kenny Howell

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Plant Smart

# Sand Spike-Moss



Native sand spike-moss belongs to a group of plants dating back millions of years

by Gerri Reaves

Sand spike-moss (*Selaginella arenicola*) is a clumping gray-green native club moss that grows only a few inches tall. In the wild, this non-flowering perennial is found in dry habitats such as disturbed uplands, pine rocklands, sandhills, scrub and scrubby flatwoods. It cannot survive in wetlands. In fact, *arenicola* means sand-loving or living in sand. Sand spike-moss belongs to the family *Lycopodiaceae*, which includes erect or creeping club mosses that have reduced or scale-like evergreen leaves. Lycopod fossils date to as long ago as 410 million years. It has stiff and irregularly branched stems with overlapping narrow scale-like leaves. Color varies from green in moist conditions to brown during dry periods. The plant has an extensive system of very fine roots.



Lacking fruit and flowers, the plant's reproduction relies on spores  
photos by Gerri Reaves

Like ferns, mosses do not produce flowers or fruit and the most conspicuous part of reproduction is the spore. The plant is thought to spread, like many ferns, by wind-borne spores. The male part located at the top of the plant produces small orange spores that develop into the gametophytes that produce sperm cells. The female part produces white large spores that develop into gametophytes that produce egg cells. Moisture from rain, dew, or mist enables the sperm to fertilize the egg to produce a new plant. Sources: *Scrub Plant Guide* by Dr. Daniel Austin, et al., regionalconservation.org, and susanleachsnyder.com. *Plant Smart* explores the diverse flora of South Florida.\*

## Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series Opens In Fort Myers

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will open its 30-Year Anniversary Tour at Florida Gulf Coast University's Cohen Center, located at 10501 FGCU Boulevard South in Fort Myers on Saturday, January 7. The host of the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. presentation will be George Poveromo of *George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing* on the NBC Sports Network, and contributing editor for *Salt Water Sportsman*. Dr. Ray Waldner, a prominent light tackle inshore fishing expert and noted fisheries biologist, will serve as co-host. The tour is being presented by Bass Pro Shops.

- Joining Poveromo and Waldner in Fort Myers will be:
- Capt. Jesse Baughman, noted authority on bottom- and wreck fishing off Southwest Florida, and specialist at catching redfish, snook and tarpon within its inshore waters
  - Capt. Ozzie Fischer, legendary Captiva native who excels at catching trophy snook and fishing the wrecks and offshore waters off Southwest Florida, with Bay Fischer Charters
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**George Poveromo, pictured with a large dolphin (mahi), will headline the Fort Myers event**  
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catching trophy flounder and sea trout

- “Crazy” Alberto Knie, fabled and primarily land-based fishing authority who excels at catching trophy snook, redfish, tarpon and flounder off the Southwest and East Central Florida coasts

- Capt. Vic Vazquez, noted Naples-based authority on fishing the local wrecks and bottom structures for trophy cobia, permit, groupers and snappers with Fishybizness Charters

- Capt. David Wicker, king mackerel tournament pro who also excels at near shore bottom fishing and marine electronics

Courses for the January 7 presentation will focus on fishing the beaches, inlets and docks for redfish, snook and tarpon; new pass tactics for bigger snook; live-chumming for snook; sea trout by the numbers; no nonsense gator trout tactics; big trout on top water plugs; taking redfish in the creeks; chunking for giant redfish; North Carolina flounder tactics that will catch more and larger Southwest Florida flounder; tricks that take more and larger tripletail; buoy and structure fishing for tripletail; light-tackle fishing for Spanish and king mackerel; kite fishing for monster kingfish, cobia and blackfin tuna; secrets of sight fishing for cobia; how to make stubborn cobia eat; South Florida tarpon tactics for Southwest Florida tarpon; catching more and bigger groupers and snappers; live-baiting for bottom fish; hard bottom and wreck fishing strategies; how to read and fish the local offshore waters (locating spin offs from the loop current, thermal breaks, warm water fingers and structure for wahoo, dolphin, tuna and billfish); the most effective offshore trolling spreads and strategies for catching more and bigger fish off Southwest Florida; and how to target and catch blackfin tuna.

The seminar series kicks off at 9 a.m. and will conclude by 3 p.m. Long considered the best bargain in sportfishing, a series ticket is only \$55. The ticket price covers five hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a new 30th anniversary course textbook, a one-year subscription or extension to *Salt Water Sportsman* magazine, one Rafter's Ocean Fishing Forecast analysis, bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, bottle of Startron fuel treatment, bottle of Star Brite Xtreme Clean, bottle of Corrosion Block, a \$10 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$75 or more) and chances to win thousands of dollars worth of door prizes. The grand prize at the conclusion of the Fort Myers seminar is a Florida Keys fishing trip. The super grand prize – to be awarded two weeks after the conclusion of the 2017 series – is a new Mako Pro Skiff 17cc boat.

As an added bonus, attendees of the Fort Myers seminar are entitled to attend the After Seminar Party at the Bass Pro Shops in Fort Myers. A special area will be set aside for the 5 to 9 p.m. party. Seminar attendees must show their Seminar Series name badge to gain entry and are entitled to bring one additional guest regardless if they attended the seminar. Complimentary food, refreshments and live music will be provided. George Poveromo and several other faculty members will be present at the party.

“The fact that the Seminar Series is celebrating its 30-year anniversary serves as the best endorsement to the caliber of the program as well as the vast amount of pertinent how-to information that’s passed along to our audiences,” said Poveromo. “It has been a wonderful experience working with such talented anglers over the course of 30 years, and I’m so looking forward to our very special 2017 tour. People are asking what we have planned for an encore. I just smile and say, ‘How about another 30 years of the National Seminar Series?’”

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# Celebrating Philanthropy Month



From left, Guy Whitesman, Vicki and Richard Pitbladdo and Ilene Saffron  
photos courtesy Southwest Florida Community Foundation

To kick off Philanthropy Month, the Veranda restaurant in downtown Fort Myers recently hosted the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s board of trustees and guests.

More than 100 guests gathered on the Veranda’s patio courtyard for drinks, appetizers and an update by Community Foundation President and CEO Sarah Owen on philanthropic giving in the region.

“In honor of Community Foundation Week, running November 12 to 18, and National Philanthropy Day, November 15, we are thankful to the Veranda for allowing us to host our trustees and friends to celebrate giving across Southwest Florida,” Owen said.✱



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From left, Ron Penn, Don Eslick, Kevin and Andrea Erwin



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From left, Mark Lewis, Caroline and Bill Bloomhall



Mark Loren and Larry Hobbs



Persides and Angel Zambrano



From left, Priscilla Hamilton, Pam and John Nolant



From left, Steve Russell, Howard and Marilyn Leland



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## Santa's Block Party



Getting all of the preparations ready for Santa's Block Party

photo courtesy SBDAC

Festival of Trees before it ends on December 4. Santa's Block Party is sure to be the best family-friendly holiday party in town. The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located at 2301 First Street in the historic downtown Fort Myers River District.

Goodwill of Southwest Florida is partnering with the Davis Art Center to bring the 10th anniversary of Festival of Trees to the River District. Commemorate this decade-long achievement from Wednesday, November 30 at 11 a.m. to Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. The Festival of Trees is a showcase of lovely trees designed and decorated by local businesses, individuals and organizations. Trees are auctioned and raffled, so attendees could win a beautifully decorated tree.

Enjoy a throwback Christmas concert from the Nowhere Band Beatles Tribute on Friday, December 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. In addition, enjoy a wonderful brunch

where Santa will make a special appearance during Santa's Block Party on Saturday, December 3. Don't miss this annual celebration of the most wonderful time of the year.

Cost to attend the December 3 workshop is \$6, the brunch is \$12, or attend both the workshop and brunch for \$15. Visit [www.sbdac.com](http://www.sbdac.com) for more information.

### Festival Of Trees Schedule Of Events

Festival of Trees: November 30 to December 3

Wednesday, November 30: Opening at 11 a.m. \$2 admission for children 12 and up.

Friday, December 2: Nowhere Band Beatles Tribute Concert, 6 to 10 p.m. Free admission; donations accepted.

Saturday, December 3: Santa's Block Party, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brunch \$12, workshop \$6, or both the brunch and workshop \$15.

Sunday, December 4: Closing at 6 p.m. \$2 admission for children 12 and up.\*

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## Historic Homes

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"There is simply nothing like this, and the homes will dazzle and delight all ages," said Beth Schultz, Holiday House co-chairman. "The Fort Myers Woman's Community Club considers every year's Holiday House to be its special gift to the community, and we are looking forward to the best year ever as we celebrate our 60th anniversary."

Hundreds of members and volunteers from the Community Club will begin decorating the homes Friday, December 2. They spend days embellishing the interiors and exteriors with festive, holiday décor in what has become an annual Fort Myers tradition.

Holiday House 2016 opens its doors on Friday, December 9 and run through

Friday, December 23. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 8:30 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children under the age of 10 are free. Veterans and active members of the military are free with identification. Santa Claus will be at the Langford-Kingston home to hear children's Christmas wishes.

The Burroughs Home & Gardens and the Langford-Kingston home are owned by the City of Fort Myers. Holiday House proceeds are used to manage and maintain the two homes year round.

The homes are located in downtown Fort Myers at 2500 and 2505 First Street, near the corner of First and Fowler streets. Free parking is available behind Grace United Methodist Church off Fowler Street. For more information, visit [www.fmwcc.com](http://www.fmwcc.com) or on Facebook at [HolidayHouseFortMyers](https://www.facebook.com/HolidayHouseFortMyers).\*

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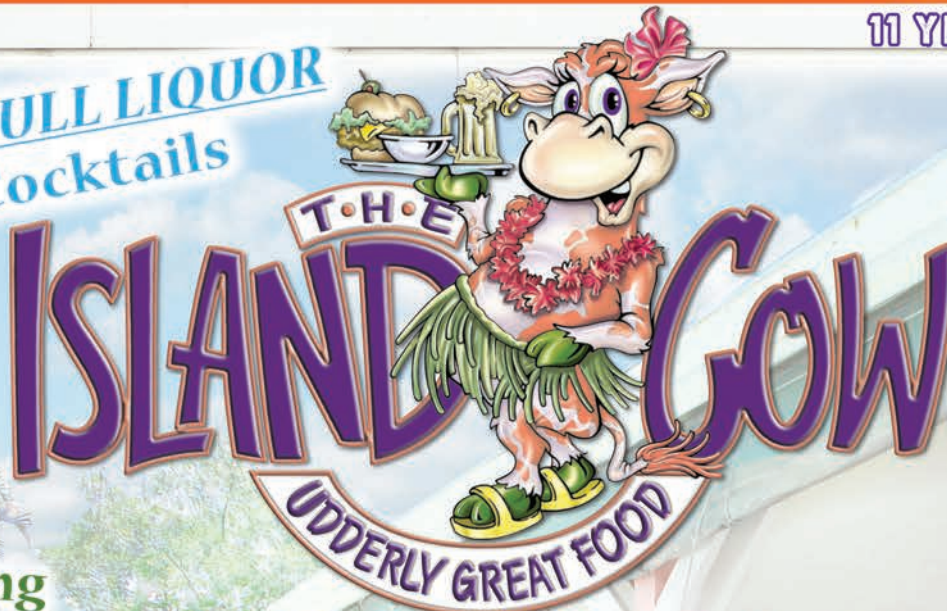
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# Sharp Decline In TV Ratings Pose Serious Problems For NFL



by Ed Frank

The National Football League, which for years has perched atop the mountain in TV ratings, fan interest and revenue in the billions, has seen a precipitous slide from that perch this season that has the NFL chieftains alarmed and in search of answers.

National ratings for Monday night games this season are down about 24 percent. Sunday night games are off nearly 19 percent, Thursday night numbers down about 18 percent and Sunday afternoon TV ratings off between 18 and 20 percent, depending upon the game.

Theories for the sudden decline are many and varied. But clearly, it has the NFL, its sponsors, team owners and the players' union worried. And they should be.

ESPN, FOX, NBC and CBS collectively spend about \$5 billion annually for television rights. If viewers have dropped 20 percent, just imagine what this does to advertising revenue.

The current edition of *Sports Illustrated* contains a 26-page report titled *Football In America* that delves into every aspect of the sport – high school, college and professional. And nearly every newspaper in the country has theorized on the problem.

While we cannot cover all the suspected reasons for the sudden decline in the interest and following of the NFL, here are some that appear most prominent:

1. There are too many games being televised, too many mismatches and the market has become oversaturated.

2. The games are too long and fans are turned off by the long delays for replay reviews and commercials.

3. Fans are irate over players' national anthem protests and the players' conduct off the field.

4. The fact that two prime time telecasts were at the same time as presidential debates reduced viewership.

5. Clearly, there is growing concern over the violence of the game and the NFL's slowness to recognize the dangers associated with concussions.

In fairness, the NFL has not turned its back to these and many other issues that are believed to have affected the market.

"We don't dismiss any particular theory," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said recently. He called the declines "a reflection of multiple issues" and that the league is attempting to identify and combat them.

He added, "We obviously want to take as much of what we call dead time and non-action out of the game so that we can make the game more exciting."

The head trauma issue continues to be debated. Just last week, a Harvard University study funded by the NFL Players Association recommended that the NFL should stop using doctors paid by the team to determine whether players are able to come back from injuries.

It was one of 76 recommendations in the report. While not dismissing the report, a NFL spokesman said the league would study the report and discuss it.

Is the hemorrhaging in NFL interest and viewership this year just a one season phenomena or is it a long-term problem?

The country is in a mood for change as evidenced by the recent election. The NFL needs to recognize that mood to avoid further erosion of professional football.

## Boston's Porcello American League Cy Young Award Winner

Right-hander Rick Porcello was recently named the American League's Cy Young Award winner, the first for a Red Sox hurler since Hall of Famer Pedro Martinez won the coveted award in 2000.

Porcello notched a 22-4 record this past season, the highest total for a Red Sox pitcher since the 23-4 mark by Martinez in 1999.

The 27-year-old Porcello edged former Detroit Tigers teammate Justin Verlander, 137 to 132, in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.\*

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. In 2016, Seattle's Robinson Cano became the fourth major-league player to have at least 50 extra-base hits in each of his first 12 seasons. Name two of the other three.
2. Name the major-league teams managed by Hall of Famer Leo Durocher.
3. Nick Chubb set a record at the University of Georgia in 2015 for most consecutive games rushing for at least 100 yards (13). Who had held the mark?
4. Name the last team before the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2015 to sweep the Eastern Conference Finals in the NBA playoffs.
5. Who was Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby's first NHL head coach?
6. When was the last time before 2016 (Ginny Thrasher) that an American medaled at the Olympic 10 meter air rifle event?
7. Name the three golfers who won back-to-back Masters Tournaments.

## ANSWERS

1. Carlos Lee, Albert Pujols and Eddie Mathews. 2. The Brooklyn Dodgers (1939-46, 1948), New York Giants (1948-55), Chicago Cubs (1966-72) and Houston Astros (1972-73). 3. Herschel Walker, with 12 games of 100-plus rushing yards (1980-81). 4. The New Jersey Nets went 4-0 versus Detroit in 2003. 5. Ed Ojczak, in the 2005-06 season. 6. Nancy Johnson won a gold medal in 2000. 7. Jack Nicklaus (1965-66), Nick Faldo (1989-90) and Tiger Woods (2001-02).

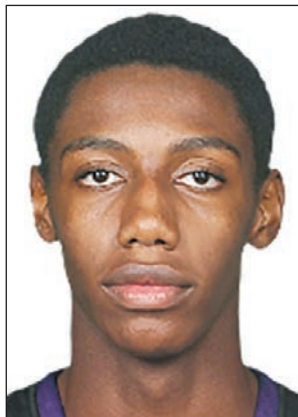
# City Of Palms Classic To Feature All-USA Preseason Basketball Team



DeAndre Ayton



Mohamed Bamba



RJ Barrett

photos courtesy Culligan City of Palms

The Culligan City of Palms Classic is once again the place to see the best high school boys basketball action in the country this holiday season. *USA Today* recently unveiled the American Family Insurance All-USA preseason boys basketball team, and nine of its 20 players will be in Fort Myers for this year's tournament from Friday, December 16 through Wednesday, December 21. The 44th annual tournament will tip off at the new Suncoast Credit Union Arena on the campus of Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW).

Leading the All-USA team is the #1 player in the Class of 2017, DeAndre Ayton, who will be here with his squad from Hillcrest Prep in Arizona. Joining Ayton on the All-USA team and headed to Fort Myers will be Mohamed Bamba (Westtown School, Pennsylvania); RJ Barrett (Montverde Academy, Florida); Charles Bassey (St. Anthony Catholic High School, Texas); Wendell Carter (Pace Academy, Georgia); Treyvon Duval (IMG Academy, Florida); Kevin Knox (Tampa Catholic, Florida); Cameron Reddish (Westtown School, Pennsylvania); and Collin Sexton (Pebblebrook High School, Georgia).

Tickets for the tournament are now on sale. Several ticket options are available, including:

1. The six-day Preferred Ticket Package. A single-seat six-day ticket package for \$250 plus a \$20 processing fee (third party ticket vendor fee) with seating in the first two rows directly behind the team benches and scorer's table (west side of the arena) or the opposite second row (east side).



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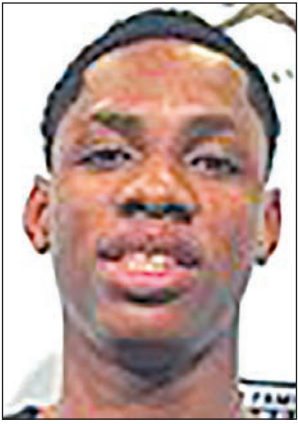
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The lineup of the teams scheduled to play in this year's tournament and other tournament information are available at [www.cityofpalmsclassic.com](http://www.cityofpalmsclassic.com). No fees are collected from players and teams, and Classic Basketball Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation that acts as a foundation for the tournament, covers all expenses for the players. For many of the players, the tournament represents their first opportunity to travel outside their own city.

One hundred thirty-five Culligan City of Palms Classic players have been named McDonald's All-Americans and 116 have been drafted by the NBA, including 71 first-round picks. Fifty-one are current NBA stars and 120 are current NCAA Power 7 conference stars. Sixty-seven players participated in last year's NCAA Tournament, including 23 that made it to the Sweet 16.\*

## Red Sox Open Scholarship Applications

The Boston Red Sox Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc., will again be awarding 13 individual \$5,000 scholarships in spring 2017 to one deserving student from each of the 13 public high schools in Lee County.

Applications are now open and are available to public high school seniors by contacting the school's guidance counselor or Alicia Miller at [Alicia@leeschoolfoundation.org](mailto:Alicia@leeschoolfoundation.org) or calling 337-0433.

Applications are due by Monday,

December 19.

Scholarship funds are raised from proceeds of the Red Sox annual Swings For The Sox golf tournament.

"We are proud to be able to harness the passion our fans have for the Red Sox and transform it into a vehicle for positive change in our communities," said Katie Haas, vice president of Florida business operations for the Red Sox. "Education is an important area of focus for our foundation and we are excited to see the funds from our annual golf tournament awarded locally to our promising students who will be this community's next leaders."

The Red Sox Foundation's fifth annual Swings For The Sox golf tournament activities held in October raised more than \$80,000. In its first five years, the tournament has raised \$260,000 for local nonprofits.\*

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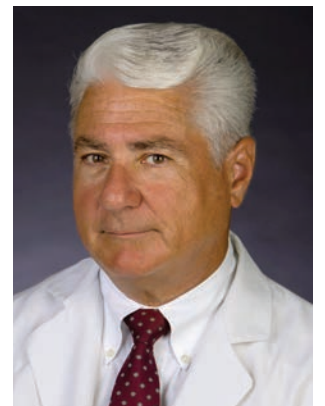
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## Financial Focus

# How Should You Use Retirement Plan Distributions?



by Jennifer Basey

**D**uring your working years, you are (hopefully) putting money into your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But once you've

withdrawals will typically be taxable. But once you reach 70½, you generally must start taking "required minimum distributions" (RMDs) from these accounts, with the annual amount determined by your age, the account balance and other factors. (The situation is different with a Roth IRA. If you are the original account holder, you are not required to withdraw funds from your Roth IRA at any age. You can choose to withdraw your contributions at any time, tax and penalty free. To withdraw your earnings tax and penalty free, you generally must have owned the account for at least five years and have reached age 59½.)

So, assuming you do have a traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar plan, what should you do with the RMDs? You'll probably require at least some of these distributions for your living expenses, but if you don't need it all, what should you do with the "excess"?

Here's one suggestion: As part of your overall retirement investment portfolio strategy, you can reinvest the

money into these three "buckets":

- Near-term income bucket – For this bucket, you're not concerned with high returns – you just want the money to be there when you need it for expenses and unexpected costs, such as a major car repair, a new furnace, and so on. It's always a good idea to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses – and your short-term income bucket could be an ideal source to help build such a fund.

- Medium-term income bucket – During retirement, you can probably never have too many sources of income, so you may want to fill a bucket with intermediate- and long-term bonds, which make regular interest payments.

- Long-term income bucket – Even when you're retired, you will need some growth potential in your portfolio to help keep you ahead of inflation in the long run. So this bucket should be filled, not surprisingly, with growth-oriented investments. These investments can fluctuate in value, but as long as

you don't need to tap into them in a hurry, you may be able to avoid taking withdrawals when the price is down.

In addition to this "bucket" approach, you do have other options for your RMDs. For example, you could give your grown children some financial assistance, possibly for help in funding their IRAs. Or, you could contribute to a college-savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, for your grandchildren. And you can always make charitable contributions, which allow you to support worthwhile organizations and, by doing so, earn some potential tax benefits.

Clearly, you can do a lot with your RMDs. And you worked hard for them, so make sure they work just as hard for you.

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## Luncheon Highlights New Fund

**T**he Women's Legacy Fund (WLF) hosted more than 130 attendees at its annual fall luncheon on October 20 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club.

The gathering featured keynote speakers, highlighted a new fund that was established for Dunbar women and girls, presented the 2016 WLF grant and honored two special WLF angels.

Speakers for the themed lunch Encouraging Girls to Go For It: Career Exploration for Young Women & Girls, included airline Capt. Diane Myers and IT Programs



Denise Spence, left, and Capt. Diane Myers

photo courtesy Community Foundation

Manager Denise Spence, who shared their common journey in nontraditional careers.

Myers was the first female U.S. airline pilot to fly routes for a Turkish airline, and Spence has been recognized with the Woman in Technology Award. The two shared their passion for encouraging camaraderie among women.

A \$20,000 WLF grant check was presented to Florida Gulf Coast University's Whitaker Center for STEM education. The Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (GEMS) program will use the funding to mentor and inspire female FGCU students and middle school girls in Southwest Florida to pursue STEM careers by providing hands-on, inquiry-driven STEM activities at Whitaker Center. Four Saturdays are planned to reach 400 middle school girls, 84 FGCU STEM majors and 24 middle school teacher participants.

Two angel tributes were named and surprised the recipients: Dorit Solomon and Ginny Yates. The WLF Angel honorary designation is for mothers, sisters, aunts, daughters, grandchildren, friends, loved ones and community leaders, either living or deceased, who have had a special impact on the lives of those around them. WLF members can make the special women in their lives a WLF Angel with a minimum contribution of \$1,000 in their name.

The new Impact Dunbar Fund, part of the Women's Legacy Fund, was announced. Similar to the Women's Legacy Fund, this new fund includes women who foster and develop Dunbar's next philanthropy leaders. The Dunbar fund was founded by Karen Watson, MSW, executive director of Our Mother's Home, and Tasheekia Perry of Crowning Daughters for Success.

In nine years of existence, the Women's Legacy Fund has provided more than \$122,000 in grants to Southwest Florida communities. The fund has \$547,000 in endowment for current and future local issues.

The event was for contributors, WLF Prima Donors and women interested in making a difference in their community.

Contributors give a minimum of \$250 each year (\$100 for women younger than 25). The first half of contributions is pooled for the purpose of immediate annual grants, while the second half is pooled into the WLF's endowment fund, which provides additional grants to be made now and in years to come. Prima Donors are local women who have contributed \$10,000 or more to the WLF endowment.

The next WLF luncheon is for contributors and Prima Donors only and will be held on April 7 at Gulf Harbour Yacht and Country Club in Fort Myers.✱



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## Bank Announces New Hire



Kristin Dilorio

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**K**ristin Dilorio has joined Sanibel Captiva Community Bank as vice president and office manager of the bank's new downtown Fort Myers branch, expected to open early 2017 in the Edison Theatre building, located at 1533 Hendry Street.

Dilorio will manage daily operations and customer relationships, including business and consumer banking.

Dilorio has more than 13 years of banking experience and most recently served as assistant branch manager at a Southwest Florida bank. Active in the Southwest Florida community, she is a 2009 graduate of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

For more information, visit [www.sancapbank.com](http://www.sancapbank.com).✱

## Boating Course

**T**he San Carlos Bay Sail & Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons that serve South Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita Springs and Estero, will offer America's Boating Course on two Saturdays, December 5 and December 12 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Florida recently passed legislation requiring anyone born after January 1, 1988 to pass a safe boating course and obtain a boating safety education ID card, which is valid for life, in order to operate a boat with more than 10 hp.

Each student will receive a card/certificate from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission upon completion of the two-day class.

Topics covered include hull design, docking, anchoring, handling boating emergencies, reading channel markers and more. Successful completion of the course entitles the boater to a six-month free membership in the United States Power Squadrons with the purchase of a 12-month membership.

The cost is \$60 with a \$20 fee for a second person sharing the instruction materials. The cost includes lunch after the second Saturday class.

The classroom is located at 16048 San Carlos Boulevard at the corner of Kelly Road (across from ACE Hardware) in Fort Myers.

Register online at [scbps.com](http://scbps.com) or call 466-4040.✱



Craig Albert

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## Bank Planning New Branch

**T**he only bank chartered on Sanibel Island, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank (SCCB) has come a long way from its origins as a small bank. Expanding from its roots on Sanibel, today the bank has five branches in Lee County with \$332 million in assets: two on Sanibel Island and three in Fort Myers. Plans are under way to open a new location in downtown Fort Myers in the Edison

Theatre building at 1533 Hendry Street.

The community bank has been profitable since its founding in 2003 by sticking to the basics of sound business banking and super-attentive customer service. The bank is known for tailoring construction and residential real estate loans so customers can move into their dream homes in Southwest Florida.

In addition to the island-style friendly customer service inside each branch, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has developed mobile banking technology that lets customers pay bills, transfer money and make deposits easily from their smartphones. Customers can withdraw funds free of charge from all Publix Presto ATMs, as well as 55,000 worldwide Allpoint Network ATMs, located in destination retail outlets like Walgreens, CVS and Target.

In an analysis of 6,000 community banks, the Independent Community Bankers Association recently ranked the bank among the best in the nation.

Close to home, the bank's charitable endeavors are unrivaled. "We're proud of the fact that the bank and our 60 employees supported 85 local nonprofit organizations last year, a record that's hard for any business to beat," said Craig Albert, president and CEO of Sanibel Captiva Community Bank.

"We are committed to the community, beyond providing individual customer service," said Albert. "Our customers are our neighbors, and we are here to serve them."✱

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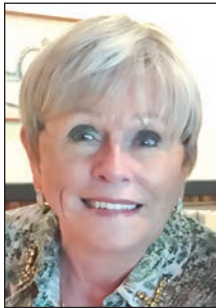
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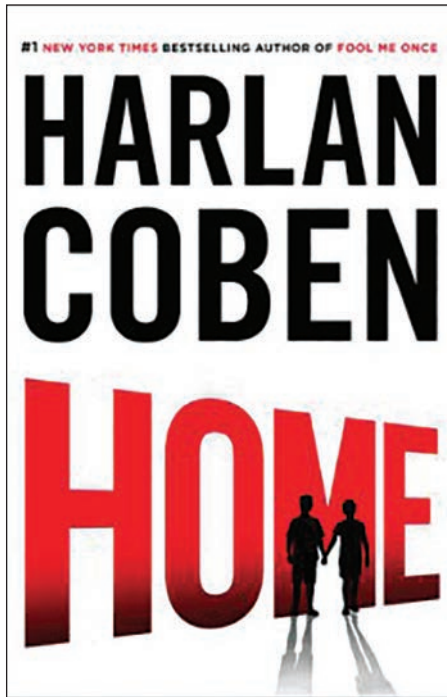


by Di Saggau

**H**arlan Coben has hit another home run with his new book *Home*. He brings back his iconic series character Myron Bolitar to tackle a 10-year-old mystery. Ten years after

a pair of 6-year-olds vanish from a suburban New Jersey home, one of them is seen in London. But what about the other? Bolitar's best friend Win, receives an email that takes him to London where he's led to believe that he will find the two boys, Patrick, son of Hunter and Nancy Moore, and Rhys, son of Chick and Brooke Baldwin. He sees someone he thinks is Patrick, assuming the age-progression software is accurate, but the teen runs off before he can talk to him.

If it is Patrick, where is Rhys? Win calls the one man he knows he can trust to help him, sports agent-turned-detective Myron Bolitar. Their investigation leads them to multiple countries and includes run-ins with a multitude of shady



characters. This includes a gamer called Fat Gandhi, who demands 100,000 pounds for each of the boys, a discount price, considering that the original million-dollar ransom led nowhere. It's worth it to them, since two families they

care about have been living with painful memories and no answers for a decade.

The ensuing rescue doesn't go as planned, and once the parents learn about what Myron and Win have been doing, the true mystery begins. The boy's families have been left with nothing but painful memories and a quiet desperation for the day their sons return. Who was responsible for the kidnapping and where have the boys been for the past 10 years?

As old theories unravel and new ones lead to one dead-end after another, Myron and Win call on help from past friends and acquaintances to lend them a hand. Coben's fans will especially enjoy the scenes with Mickey, Esperanza and the smart-mouthed Big Cyndi. Readers are treated to a number of juicy tidbits and inside jokes and first-person narrative in several chapters.

Coben continues to be the undisputed king of never-saw-it-coming twists and turns. Just when you think you have figured it all out, he'll surprise you again and again. He knows how to play with readers' expectations, and with *Home* he's crafted another suspenseful and twisty tale. It's an explosive and deeply moving thriller about friendship, family and the meaning of home.\*

## Continental Women's Club

**T**he Continental Women's Club luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 1 will feature a holiday music program presented by the Legends' Choraliers, directed by Carolyn Ballou. Join us for enjoyable musical entertainment by this popular chorus. Their magical voices will put you in the holiday spirit, and is a great way to start December.

The club's monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at Colonial Country Club, located at 9181 Independence Way in Fort Myers. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$19. Call 672-8683 before 8 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 to make a reservation for December's holiday luncheon.

Also, please mark your calendars for our annual scholarship fundraiser to be held on Monday, March 20 at Colonial Country Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The luncheon and fashion show will be by Shops at Bell Tower. Cost to attend is \$30. For reservations and questions, call 223-6282.

For more information on club membership, call 561-8973. \*

## School Smart



by Shelley M.

Gregg, NCSP

**D**ear Readers, The 2016 election has been long and fraught with strong emotions. As a nation, we have much to do

to heal the divisiveness that has resulted. As parents, caregivers, and educators, we have a critical responsibility to help children and youth feel safe and secure and learn how to engage with others of differing viewpoints in a peaceful, tolerant and respectful manner. As always, schools play a critical role in this process by creating a positive learning environment for all students. It is imperative that educators facilitate respectful discussions among students and safeguard the well-being of those who may feel at risk.

Below are recommendations from the National Association of School Psychologists for how adults can support children and youth in the days and months ahead:

- Reinforce a sense of positive school community. Establishing positive relationships between adults and students is foundational to safe, successful learning environments. Such relationships are built on a sense of mutual trust and respect. Maintain culturally and linguistically responsive practices and ensure that students and their families feel connected and engaged. We function as a nation only when we have that shared sense of relationship; helping children identify and develop those relationships is vital.

- Model and teach desired behaviors. We know that adult actions and attitudes influence children. Adults can help children and youth manage their reactions to events in the news and their communities by understanding their feelings, modeling healthy coping strategies, and closely monitoring their own emotional states and that of those in their care. Identifying and redirecting negative thoughts and feelings can help to teach children social-emotional skills and problem solving.

- Reassure children that they are and will be OK. Many children and youth are aware of the intensity of this election, and some may feel at risk. It is important to reinforce strategies to ensure both physical and psychological safety. Remind adults and students of the importance of supporting each other during difficult times and acknowledge people will have a variety of emotions. If students feel physically or psychologically unsafe, they need to know how to report incidences, and trust that adults will be there to validate and respond to their concerns.

- Help children manage strong emotions. For many children, the intense discussions, media images, and messages that they were exposed to during the election can trigger a range of strong emotions. Some children may experience anger or stress. Others may feel a sense of excitement and hope. Children's emotions often spill over into schools. Help children understand the range of emotions that they are feeling and to learn to express them in appropriate and respectful ways. For children experiencing stress, we can help by spending time with them, encouraging them to talk about their feelings, maintaining a sense of normalcy in their schedules and activities, and providing coping strategies.

- Reinforce acceptance and

appreciation for diversity as critical American values. Acknowledge that everyone is entitled to their personal opinions but that hateful or intolerant comments about others' cultures, sexual orientations, religions or races – or any other comments that are meant to hurt or make another feel threatened, unsafe or unwelcome – will not be tolerated.

- Stop any type of harassment or bullying immediately. Make it clear that such behavior is unacceptable. Talk to the children involved about the reasons for their behavior. Offer alternative methods of expressing their anger, confusion, or insecurity, and provide supports for those who are subject to bullying. School staff can encourage students to continue to be respectful of others.

- Help children see other perspectives and value respectful dialogue. Sharing our different points of view and working to find common ground, shared goals, and mutual understanding is the best way to draw strength from our diversity. The very nature of civil disagreement is to acknowledge respectfully the views and experiences of other people and learn from differing perspectives. Adults can start by reflecting on their own experiences and how these shape their interactions and reactions. They can help children to do the same and ask questions of each other, rather than hurl accusations. Adults can create safe spaces for youth to share their feelings and concerns while also exploring how they might feel and act if they were in someone else's shoes. Help students see how words matter, as does how we use them. Teach them to avoid stigmatizing statements and to state their thoughts with opening phrases like, "I believe" or "Have you thought about" instead of "Anybody who" or "No one should."

- Discuss the importance of respecting

our democratic process. Despite the divisive nature of the election, Americans voted all across the country in a peaceful and respectful manner. Our system of government is based on the same peaceful and orderly transfer of power in January. Millions of Americans exercised their right to vote and the system is responding accordingly. This is the underpinning of democracy. Highlight how important it is that all citizens engage in the democratic process, not just during a presidential election, but all of the time and at all levels of government. Discourage students from seeing the election in terms of winners and losers but rather the need to focus on common goals such as creating a strong economy for everyone and finding a path to move forward as one country.

- Encourage children to channel their views and feelings into positive action. We are all part of the American community and can make positive contributions. Like adults, children and youth are empowered by the ability to do the right thing and help others. Working with classmates or members of the community who come from different backgrounds not only enables children to feel that they are making a positive contribution, it also reinforces their sense of commonality with diverse people.

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# Empty Bowls Pottery Sale And Lunch At FGCU

On Friday, December 2, the Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) hosts the annual Pottery Sale and Empty Bowls Soup Lunch events for pottery enthusiasts, holiday gift buyers, and community supporters at the Arts Complex courtyard on the FGCU campus. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the soup lunch from 11:30 a.m. until the soup and bowls run out. For 16 years the FGCU Art

Program has partnered with the United Arts Council of Collier County (UAC) to produce an annual pottery sale featuring artists from across the Southwest Florida region. The event provides visitors with an opportunity to purchase beautiful, functional, handmade pottery while also benefiting the UAC's art education programs. A portion of the proceeds from every sale will go toward the purchase of art supplies and equipment, and contribute to funding for teachers in after-school art programs.

This year's sale will feature pottery by Annabelle Johnson, Rinny Ryan, Patricia Fay, Martha Grattan, Mary Etta Rokusek, Alex Chung, David Hammel and current and former FGCU art program students and current and

former FGCU art program students.

Empty Bowls is an extraordinary national phenomenon that unites potters, students, restaurants, and food banks to address the needs of the hungry in our local communities. Potters and students make bowls, area restaurants donate soup and bread, and hunger assistance organizations provide education and outreach. For a \$15 donation, visitors to the event will pick out the bowl they like best and fill it with one or more soups of their choice. After enjoying a "soup kitchen" style meal, the bowl is washed and taken home for use with the knowledge of having assisted needy members of the immediate community. One hundred percent of the donations will be given to partner organization Interfaith

Charities of South Lee in Estero for their community food pantry.

The wide range of delicious soups for this event will be provided by our local restaurant partners, including Ted's Montana Grill, Foxboro Sports Tavern, BJ's Brewhouse, Carrabba's, Hilton Garden Grille, Shoeless Joe's Sports Café, and Connors Steak and Seafood. The FGCU Science of Cooking class will once again be contributing a vegan soup developed as a class project, and FGCU's Certified Executive Chef James Fraser will serve up a new soup creation.

For further information, contact Tricia Fay at 590-7229 or pfay@fgcu.edu.✱



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dearRPharmacist

## Improving Your Immune System



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

**Dear Readers:**

I'm willing to bet you have been sick in the past and experienced a runny nose and congestion, sneezing, fever/chills or body aches. All you can do is treat the symptoms and hope your immune system fights

for you. FYI, taking antibiotics won't help. Your immune system strength (not the germ itself) directly influences how bad you feel and how long you suffer.

Vitamin D levels are lower during the winter months so it's no coincidence that cold and flu outbreaks happen during wintertime. Shockingly, even spending our summer days in a big city where tall buildings block the sun's rays and lead to deficiencies of the sunshine vitamin.

Vitamin D is a media darling. *Time Magazine* even lists D among its Top Ten Medical Breakthroughs. Despite the name, "Vitamin D" behaves more like a hormone than a vitamin. In an American study of 198 healthy adults, researchers found that individuals with blood concentrations of 38 ng/ml or more of Vitamin D enjoyed a two-fold reduction in the risk of catching cold, and were able to get back to work faster. I recommend even higher levels, closer to 60 ng/ml.

Allow me to brief you on what may very well be Vitamin D's most exciting role yet. We all have both an adaptive and an innate immune system. The branch of our immune system that "remembers" specific attackers so that it can mount a faster defense next time an encounter is made, is called the "adaptive" immune system.

Vitamin D helps our adaptive immune system by boosting our T cells, a type of white blood cell that patrols around our bodies like soldiers, ready to destroy any infected or cancerous cells they come across. Researchers in Denmark made a truly incredible connection. For T cells to be able to activate themselves and mount an attack, Vitamin D must be present. Without adequate Vitamin D, our T cells are like sleeping soldiers, virtually incapable of defending us. This research suggests that perhaps we can retrain your immune system to prevent it from being so reactive and hyper, translating to a lower risk for cold and flu, and obviously fewer autoimmune assaults.

Adequate Vitamin D helps your immune cells manufacture your own natural antibiotic-like substance called cathelicidin, which destroys all sorts of "bugs" as they're encountered. This activity supports your innate immune system. By the way, your innate system is your first line of defense against pathogens of all sorts so if you get sick a lot, this is the part of your immune system that you should focus on.

Symptoms of Vitamin D deficiency may lead to fatigue, weakness, bone or muscle pain, fractures, cracked teeth, arrhythmias, wintertime depression and autoimmune flare ups. Certain cancers are also associated with low D. In my humble opinion, Vitamin D3 is an affordable

way to keep your immune system in tip-top shape; it's easy to test levels and the supplement is sold pretty much everywhere.

*This information is not intended to*

**Doctor and Dietician**

## Teriyaki Salmon With Veggies



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

Looking for a tasty way to serve up salmon this week? Try it teriyaki style. Here's a delicious meal to pack in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and good fats.

### Teriyaki Sauce

- 1 Tbsp packed brown sugar or honey
  - 4 Tbsp soy sauce
  - 1 Tbsp rice vinegar
  - 4 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 tsp sesame oil
  - 1 tsp Thai chili sauce or Sriracha
  - 1 tsp sesame seeds
  - Salt and pepper, to taste
- Salmon and Veggies**
- 1 small head fresh broccoli, chopped
  - 2 large carrots, chopped
  - 1/2 sweet onion, sliced

*treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit [www.SuzyCohen.com](http://www.SuzyCohen.com).*✱

2 Tbsp coconut oil, divided

2 or 3 4-ounce salmon filets, skin on

Preparation

1. Sauce: Whisk together in a small bowl brown sugar/honey, soy sauce, rice vinegar, garlic, sesame oil and chili sauce. Heat in a sauce pan until bubbly. Set aside.

2. Veggies: Heat half of the coconut oil and sauté veggies until just al dente. Mix in sesame seeds. Set aside. Another delicious option is to roast the vegetables for a more complex flavor.

3. Salmon: Brush salmon with sauce mixture. Heat remaining coconut oil in sauce pan. Place salmon filets in hot pan skin-side down. Brush with more sauce as salmon cooks. Cover and cook to desired doneness. Typically about 10 minutes depending on the thickness. Brush with more sauce as needed. Remove from heat. Let stand a few minutes.

4. Combine remainder of the sauce with veggies and heat through. Add salt, pepper, and hot sauce to taste. This salmon and veggie dish is especially tasty served over black rice – give it a try!

Other vegetable options can include bell peppers, green beans, peapods or any other stir-fry favorites. Try adding a squeeze of fresh lime and some chopped cilantro on this dish, too.

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

## Mom And Me



by Lizzie and Pryce

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

### Dear Mom & Me,

I have realized that my parents were unable to function in their own home, but my mother positively refused to move. She has been caring for my father, who has some form of memory loss.

The other morning at about 2 a.m., my father got up, went to the kitchen and started to cook. The smell of smoke awakened my mother and in the rush she fell and broke her hip. The fire trucks came, they called an ambulance and the

whole neighborhood was awakened.

My father was also taken to the emergency department because at that time we had no other place for him to go. The house was severely damaged. My father is staying with relatives out of town and my mother is in rehabilitation after surgery.

I don't know what to do next. Where do you suggest I start?

Annabelle

### Dear Annabelle,

For some older individuals, living independently at home – even with in-home services – is not possible due to safety concerns. Some significant safety concerns are wandering out of the home, having days and nights confused and engaging in other unsafe behavior like using appliances unsafely.

If your parents return home, their home plan should include in home services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which is very expensive. The other option is either independent housing with supportive services or assisted living. Begin by calling the independent living and assisted living communities in your area.

The social worker at the rehab center is a great resource. She or he will be able to tell your mother's abilities, where the therapist and physicians think your mother should live and the different communities in the area to look at.

Pryce

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

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## Boat Parade

Party at the marina immediately following the parade. VIP judges will ride along, and will choose and announce the winners of each category. Prizes will be awarded.

Register to enter boats by calling 454-7500, going to the chamber in person, located at 1661 Estero Boulevard #8 or visiting [www.FMBBoatParade.com](http://www.FMBBoatParade.com). All sizes and types of boats are eligible to participate. There is a \$25 fee for boats and a \$50 fee for business-sponsored boats.

The marina is offering free overnight dockage to all participating decorated boats with advance registration based on availability. Boats will only be required to pay for electricity. For advance reservations at Salty Sam's Marina, call 463-7333.

"If you have a boat, I encourage you to decorate it and join us in the parade," said Ted Schindler, boat owner and parade committee member. "It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and it's the best party around."

The vessels will assemble in front of the marina's docks at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., the boats will leave Salty Sam's, going past Parrot Key Caribbean Grill and Bootleggers Waterfront Barbeque, heading northwest, passing by Doc Ford's, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café and under the Matanzas Pass Bridge. They will travel in and out of Siesta Isles and go around

Bowditch Point, turning in front of the Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina. The boats will travel past Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery and Matanzas on the Bay on the return. The parade will end at Salty Sam's Marina for the winners' party and awards presentation.

Other viewing areas include the fishing piers under Matanzas Pass Bridge and Baywalk Fountain Square.

The Salty Sam's Pirate Cruise and *Sight Sea-R* are offering special evening cruises during the parade, giving passengers a bird's-eye view while cruising along the moonlit Intracoastal Waterway. The *Sight Sea-R* will travel in the parade and the Pirate Ship will offer a view from the water. The *Fort Myers Princess* will also offer a viewing cruise.

Sponsors include: Advanced Disposal, All Water Excursions, Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café, Bootleggers Waterfront Barbeque, Captain Bubby's Island Tours, Diversified Yachts, Dixie Fish Co., Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grille, The Fish House, Fort Myers Princess, Gavin's ACE Hardware, Joe Orlandini Developer, Jungle Golf, Lighthouse Tiki Bar, Matanzas on the Bay, Moss Marina, *The News-Press*, Nervous Nellie's Crazy Waterfront Eatery, Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina, Panther Printing, Parrot Key Caribbean Grill, Semmer Electric, Smokin' Oyster Brewery, Sunset Beach Tropical Grill, This Creative, Truly Scrumptious Homestyle Restaurant and Yucatan Beach Stand.✱



# PETS OF THE WEEK

**A**nna Bella is a 4-year-old hound mix female who has the most soulful eyes you may have ever seen. We're sure those eyes hold lots of untold stories. However, what we do know is that she is a gentle, calm, settled and well-mannered dog and that is how she interacts with people and other pets. She's sure to fit into your family. Her adoption fee is \$75.

Mia is a 4-month-old domestic short hair female who is a bundle of joy. She loves to play with toys especially if there is a human or other cat attached. Mia especially loves attention so her dream home would be one with both humans and other pets. Her adoption fee is \$75 (cats and kittens are two-for-one, so be sure to get her a companion).

For information about this week's pets, call 533-7387 (LEE-PETS) or log on to Animal Services' website at [www.LeeLostPets.com](http://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.✱



Anna Bella ID# 680983



Mia ID# 678271

## PAWS Of Sanibel Roscoe



Roscoe photo courtesy PAWS of Sanibel

**M**y name is Roscoe. I found myself homeless after my mom and dad split up. I am living with a family member, but they already have three dogs. I get along so well with their dogs and children and cats too. I am a mix of a chihuahua and Jack Russell terrier, so I would make a great lap dog. I am a sweet boy, just 8-years old, and I am neutered. If you can adopt me, call PAWS volunteer Yolanda at 691-4488.✱

## PAWS Of Sanibel Abbey



Abbey photo courtesy PAWS of Sanibel

**A**bbey is currently living in a full house, filled with three dogs and a new baby. Since Abbey is the youngest of the three dogs, her mom and dad would like to find her a loving home. Abbey is 2-years-old, spayed and up to date on her shots. She is very sweet, affectionate and perfectly house trained.

Call Yolanda at PAWS of Sanibel at 691-4488 if you can help Abbey.✱

## THE RIVER WEEKLY NEWS

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

<b>ARTS</b>	
Alliance for the Arts . . . . .	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio . . . . .	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers . . . . .	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall . . . . .	481-4849
BIG ARTS . . . . .	395-0900
Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre . . . . .	278-4422
Cultural Park Theatre . . . . .	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light . . . . .	334-2999
Florida Repertory Theatre at the Arcade . . . . .	332-4488
Florida West Arts . . . . .	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers . . . . .	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony . . . . .	489-1800
Harmony Chorus, Charles Sutter, Pres . . . . .	481-8059
Naples Philharmonic . . . . .	239-597-1111
The Schoolhouse Theater . . . . .	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony . . . . .	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy . . . . .	936-3239
Young Artists Awards . . . . .	574-9321

<b>CLUBS &amp; ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
Angel Flight . . . . .	1-877-4AN-ANGEL
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

<b>Kiwanis Clubs:</b>	
Fort Myers Beach . . . . .	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison . . . . .	694-1056
Fort Myers South . . . . .	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands . . . . .	218-5768
Iona-McGregor . . . . .	482-0869

<b>Lions Clubs:</b>	
Fort Myers Beach . . . . .	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon . . . . .	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers . . . . .	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County . . . . .	768-0417
Organ Transplant Recipients of SW Florida . . . . .	247-3073
POLO Club of Lee County . . . . .	477-4906
Rotary Club of Fort Myers . . . . .	332-8158
Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society . . . . .	472-6940
United Way of Lee County . . . . .	433-2000
United Way 211 Helpline (24 hour) . . . . .	211 or 433-3900

<b>AREA ATTRACTIONS</b>	
Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum . . . . .	395-2233
Burrough's Home . . . . .	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium . . . . .	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates . . . . .	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park . . . . .	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium . . . . .	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge . . . . .	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site . . . . .	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home . . . . .	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center . . . . .	765-8101
Skatium . . . . .	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society . . . . .	939-4044
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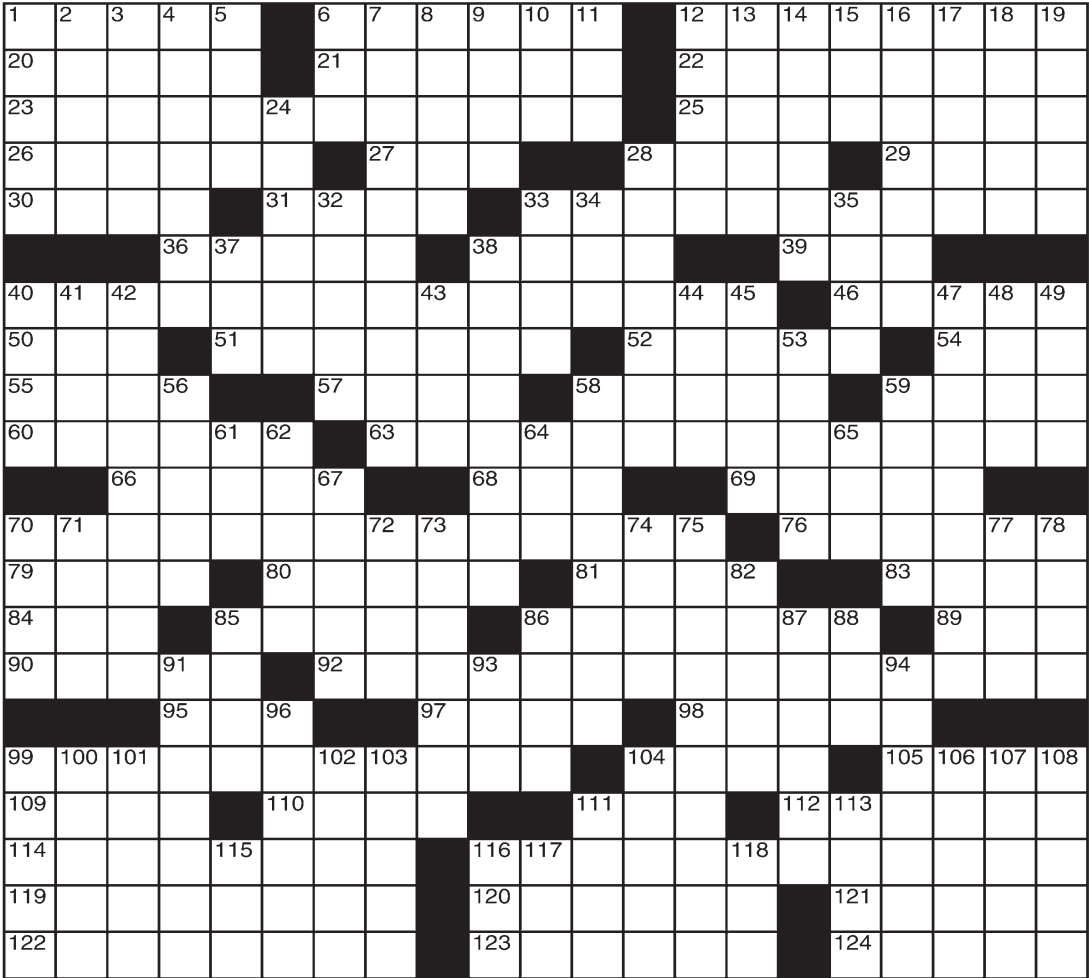
PUZZLES

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Super Crossword

STARTING SOUND-ALIKES

- ACROSS
- 1 Modify, as a bill
- 6 With 68-Across, deli container
- 12 "Bewitched" witch
- 20 Stinky stream system
- 21 Confession
- 22 Acquired
- 23 They have bases of romaine
- 25 Common way to sell goods
- 26 Boxing double-whammy
- 27 Prefix with hazardous
- 28 What cleats improve
- 29 Article of Cologne
- 30 Young 'un
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- 40 Onetime popular pair in Vegas
- 46 Spring in a dry stretch
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- 54 Ending for duct
- 55 Shampoo additive
- 57 Embellish richly
- 58 Book by a bed
- 59 The Bruins of the NCAA
- 60 Hardly harsh
- 63 Halt, legally
- 66 Pale violet
- 68 See 6-Across
- 69 Socialist philosopher
- 70 Live for right now
- 76 Less trustful
- 79 Place
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- 81 Petty of Hollywood
- 83 "I never — purple cow ..."
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- 120 Grosset & — (book publisher)
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- 47 Pastoral folk dance of Italy
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- 53 "The Exorcist" actor Max von —
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- 72 Funny Idle
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- 75 Trip-taking equipment
- 77 "Star Wars" furball
- 78 "Shoot!"
- 82 Bullet points
- 85 At the home of, to Henri
- 86 Galileo's birthplace
- 87 Songlike
- 88 35mm camera choice
- 91 Least far-off
- 93 —wester
- 94 Diffuses gradually
- 96 Sets of doctrines
- 99 Houses, in Havana
- 100 Praise highly
- 101 — Wafers
- 102 Plenty angry
- 103 Alternatives to walkers
- 104 With 49-Down, option for an air passenger
- 106 Really irked
- 107 1953 Alan Ladd film
- 108 Lab activities
- 111 Heredity unit
- 113 "My treat"
- 115 Role in "The Hangover"
- 116 NFL coups
- 117 Savage sort
- 118 Corp. execs



King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Wagon
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- 14 Bobby of hockey
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- 52 Manitoba native
- 53 Black, in verse
- 54 Whatever number
- 55 Stampeding group
- 56 Went under
- 8 Assessed
- 9 A-one
- 10 Belligerent god
- 11 "Phooey!"
- 16 Shade provider
- 20 2016
- 22 Long-running Broadway musical
- 23 Help a hood
- 24 Hee follower
- 25 Time of your life?
- 26 Lacking balance
- 27 Criticism
- 29 Midafternoon, in a way
- 30 Fool
- 35 Pitch
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- 39 Hidden complication
- 40 Eggs
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

- Agate Dudley Juanita Sligo  
Apex Gillett Lulu City Swiss Boy  
Bonanza Hartsel Malta Tuttle  
Caddoa Iron City Pie Plant





"The guys in the jogging outfits handle the

\_\_\_\_\_ mail!"

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!

Key  
**PETALS**        
Obvious  
**TROVE**        
Aware  
**SIXTE**        
Laud  
**ARMIED**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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## SUDOKU

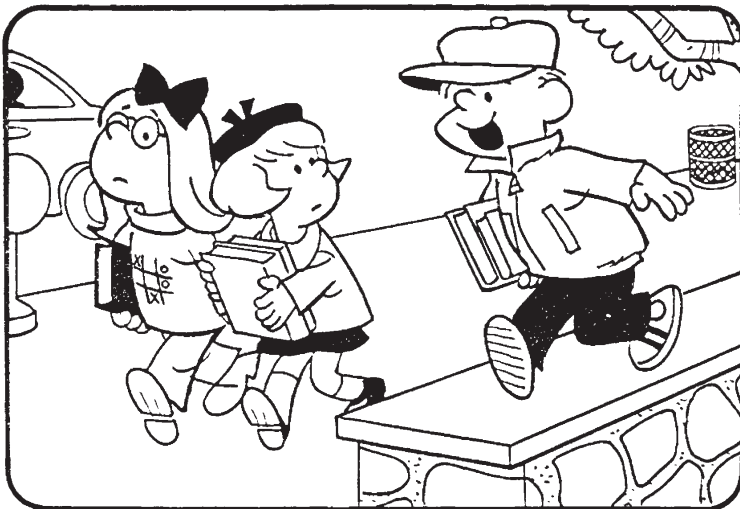
To play Sudoku:

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

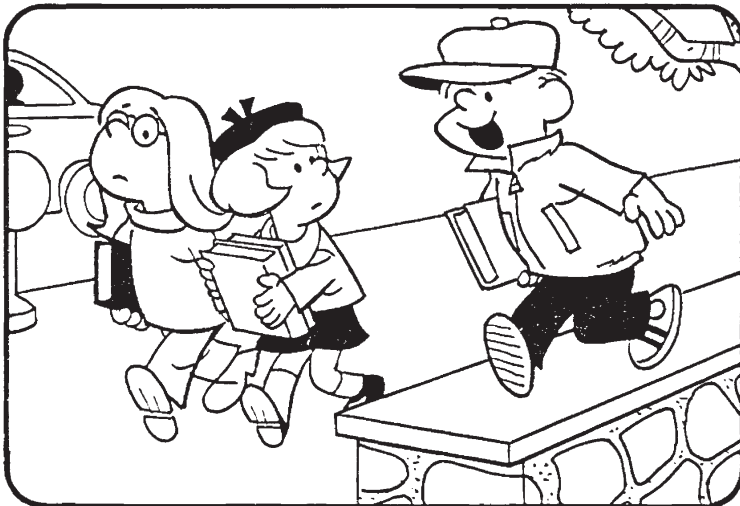
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Sweater design is missing. 3. Jacket is shorter. 4. Book is missing. 5. Arm is missing. 6. Trash can is missing.

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- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
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- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage, or 2 teaspoons dried
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1 loaf of bread or cornbread equivalent cubed
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

Cook sausage and onion together until sausage is completely done. Drain well and set aside.

Melt butter in a large skillet, and cook celery and garlic until tender. In large bowl add remaining ingredients, adding sausage and onions last. Mix together well and pour into a large baking dish.

Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes.✱

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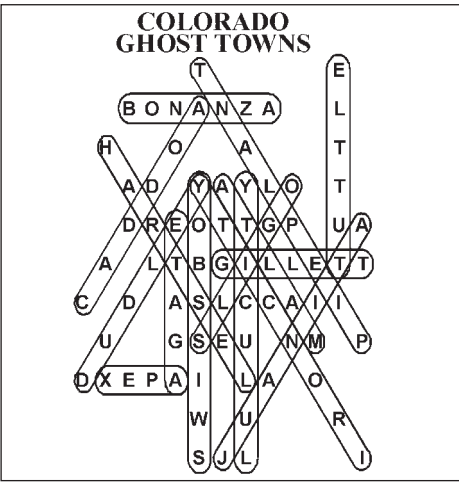
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My Stars★★★★

FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2016

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this

now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

- On Nov. 29, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, establishes a Committee of Secret Correspondence. Its goal is to provide European nations with a Patriot interpretation of events in Britain's North American colonies, in the hope of soliciting aid for the American war effort.

- On Dec. 1, 1824, Congress acts to decide a presidential election for the first time in history, giving the presidency to John Quincy Adams, even though Andrew Jackson had received the most electoral votes among the four candidates. The Constitution's 12th Amendment puts an election in the hands of Congress if no candidate receives a majority of Electoral College votes.

- On Nov. 28, 1895, Frank Duryea wins the first motorcar race in the United States, piloting a gas-powered "horseless carriage." Vehicles had to be able to carry at least two people: the driver and a race-appointed umpire, who would guard against cheating.

- On Nov. 30, 1954, the first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human being occurs in Sylacauga, Alabama, when an 8 1/2 pound meteorite crashes through the roof of a house, bounces off a radio, and strikes Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges.

- On Dec. 3, 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience at the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play "A Streetcar Named Desire."

- On Dec. 2, 1975, Ohio State senior

running back Archie Griffin becomes the first player in history to win the Heisman Trophy two years in a row. Griffin set an NCAA record with 5,177 career rushing yards.

- On Dec. 4, 1991, Islamic militants in Lebanon release kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson after 2,454 days in captivity. He was kidnapped on a west Beirut street and held prisoner in an underground dungeon for the next six-and-a-half years.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

- It was American science-fiction writer Hal Clement who made the following sage observation: "Speculation is perfectly all right, but if you stay there you've only founded a superstition. If you test it, you've started a science."

- Americans have more debt from student loans than credit cards and car loans combined.

- For centuries, the month of June has been the most popular choice for weddings. One of the purported reasons was that some hundreds of years ago, this time was just after May's annual bath, so the happy couple and the guests were about as clean as could be hoped.

- It is the policy of the United States government to never insure federal buildings. The rationale? With such vast holdings, it's best for the government to assume its own risks.

- You've probably heard that classical Greek philosopher Socrates died after drinking hemlock, carrying out the death sentence imposed on him for impiety and for corrupting the minds of the youth of Athens. You might not realize, though, that the poison is not derived from the hemlock tree, but from a flowering plant known as poison hemlock, a relative of the carrot.

- Oysters and worms, although unable to see images, are able to sense dark and light.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The door of a bigoted mind opens outwards so that the only result of the pressure of facts upon it is to close it more snugly." -- Ogden Nash

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1. Television: The company of Dunder Mifflin was the location of which television comedy series?
2. Geography: In which U.S. state is Lake Shasta located?
3. Movies: What World War II miniseries' title came from a phrase in Shakespeare's "Henry V"?
4. Inventions: What was the 20th-century bathysphere used for?
5. Music: What Beatles' song contains the lyric, "La la how the life goes on"?
6. Business: At what convenience store can you buy a Big Gulp?
7. Famous Quotations: What 19th-century Dutch painter once said, "I put my heart and my soul into my work, and have lost my mind in the process"?
8. General Knowledge: When did Apple release the first Macintosh computer?
9. U.S. States: What is the state of Alaska's nickname?
10. Science: What is absolute zero in Celsius?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. "The Office" 2. California 3. "Band of Brothers" 4. Undersea exploration 5. "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da" 6. 7-Eleven 7. Vincent Van Gogh 8. 1984 9. The Last Frontier 10. -273 degrees C.



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Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Self-Defense Fundraiser



The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association's self-defense session photos courtesy Citizen Police Academy

The Fort Myers Police Department's Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) recently hosted a self-defense class fundraiser. More than 15 attendees raised more than \$300 during the event led by Master David and Grand Master Noah Guak of United Martial Arts School. All funds raised will go toward support of Fort Myers Police Department personnel and programs. United Martial Arts School, located at 2500 Crystal Drive in Fort Myers, specializes in Ko Am Mu Do and Hap Ki Do as well as Tae Kwon Do and weapons training. During the class, participants learned how to be aware of dangerous situations before they happen and to leave feeling safer and confident in defending themselves.

"We all need to be aware of our surroundings, whether we're walking to our car or entering our homes," said Guak. "This fundraiser helped attendees learn how to spot and avoid danger while at the same time raised important funds for our local police officers who protect us every day." Fort Myers' CPAAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to bringing together the graduates of the Fort Myers Citizen's Police Academy to enhance relations between the community and the Fort Myers Police Department and to provide other assistance and support to the police department and its families whenever possible. Membership is \$25 per person annually, and all past FMPD Citizen Police Academy class members are invited to join. For a more information, email [fmpdcpaaa@gmail.com](mailto:fmpdcpaaa@gmail.com) or call 989-9956.\*

Solid Waste Collection Schedule

The City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division will observe Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24. There will be no residential or commercial, trash or recycling collection on November 24. Residential and commercial trash and recycling normally collected on Thursday will be collected on Friday, November 25, and all pick-up collection normally collected on Friday will be collected on Saturday, November 26. Also, Fort Myers City Hall, city offices and the utility billing offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25. All regular collection schedules will resume on Monday, November 28. If you have any questions concerning your service, contact the City of Fort Myers Solid Waste Division at 321-8050.\*

Top 10 Real Estate Sales

Development	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Bayshore Park	Fort Myers	1968	5,050	\$1,789,000	\$1,625,000	83
Santini Cross Unrec.	Fort Myers Beach	2015	2,579	\$1,599,000	\$1,510,000	706
Metes And Bounds	Sanibel	1959	2,908	\$1,595,000	\$1,350,000	102
Shenandoah	Fort Myers	2016	3,406	\$1,225,000	\$1,150,000	142
Marina Isle	Bonita Springs	2000	3,540	\$1,195,000	\$1,125,000	22
Cape Harbour	Cape Coral	2001	3,373	\$1,150,000	\$1,000,000	93
Pelican Landing	Bonita Springs	1993	3,336	\$999,000	\$980,000	5
Iona Shores	Fort Myers	1986	2,776	\$910,000	\$851,000	16
Bonita Lakes	Bonita Springs	2013	3,122	\$899,995	\$870,000	101
Beachview Country Club Estates	Sanibel	1979	2,328	\$879,000	\$825,000	161





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