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A Restoration Comedy At Theatre Conspiracy

by Di Saggau

It's not often that one gets to see a comedy that first performed in 1675 and was shunned for two centuries due to its explicitly licentious content. *The Country Wife* by William Wycherly is that play and you can see it now at Theatre Conspiracy, located in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts.

The strong cast of 12 offers the audience the pleasures of dusty wigs, period costumes, foolish wits and winning performances. The play is regarded as one of the greatest comedies of the Restoration.

The Country Wife is a bawdy satire about a country wife whose husband thinks she'll never cheat on him because she's too naive, and a man who pretends to be impotent, thereby getting the husbands to inadvertently give their wives to him. The set is designed to enhance the play's tiptoeing between marital and social entrapment and promiscuity.

J. Mitchell Haley is delightful as Horner, the cynical conniver. He plays a fine balance between the opportunistic sex fiend and a deeply cynical social observer. Jim Yarnes is compelling as Pinchwife, a jealous husband, frantic and always chattering as he allows us to feel his obsessive fears that his wife Margery might succumb to Horner's charms. You'll see another side of him during the letter writing scene.

Shelly Sanders is Margery and she gives a brilliant combination of country innocence and cruel honesty. Her body language is clever as she goes from childish and coquettish into a complete Restoration lady. I very much enjoyed Tom Marsh's portrayal of Sparkish, as he swishes about the stage twirling his lace hankie in his flamboyant costume and hair.

Cantrella Canady offers an amusing performance as Lady Fidget. She and the other ladies' famous china scene with Horner is a highlight of the evening.

The rest of the cast is also to be commended. They are Stephen Hooper as Dr. Quack, Elvis Mortley as Jasper Fidget, Mike Dinko as Dorliant, Juan Alejandro as Harcourt, Dena Galyean as Alithea, Marianne Torres as Dainty and Tera Nicole Miller as Squeamish. Together the cast recreates the vibrancy and irresistible appeal of Restoration decadence.

Directed by Karen Goldberg, *The Country Wife* runs through Saturday, December 17. Theatre Conspiracy in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance for the Arts is located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers. To purchase tickets, go to www.theatreconspiracy.org or call 936-3239.✱



Jim Yarnes and Shelly Sanders star in *The Country Wife*

photo courtesy Karen Goldberg



Michael Gunter Przystawik, left, president of Liquid Fireworks and Mike Cosden, vice president of Interpretation at Edison Ford, in front of Waltzing Waters

photo courtesy Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Fountain Display Makes Big Splash

The 41st celebration of Holiday Nights at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates has a new Waltzing Waters holiday fountain display synched with seasonal music and brightly colored lights.

"Experimentation, inventive displays, historical tradition, electric lights and music have been part of the annual holiday event at Edison Ford for the past 40 years," said Chris Pendleton, president and CEO. "Waltzing Waters, also known as Dancing Fountains and Liquid Fireworks, is set to music along with colorful lights, and is an

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Heartwarming Story With A Surprising Twist At Lab Theater



Eren Sisk and Mike Edouard star in *I And You*

photo by Mila Bridger

The Laboratory Theater of Florida will present *I And You* by playwright Lauren Gunderson, just months after it closed off-Broadway in New York City. This charming love story features Caroline, who is so sick she has been homebound for months. She receives a surprise visit from her classmate Anthony, who reveals

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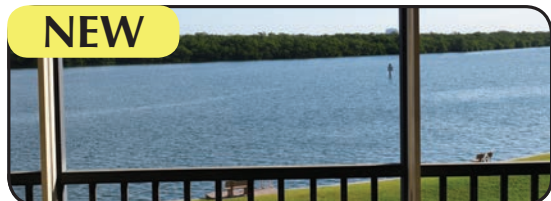


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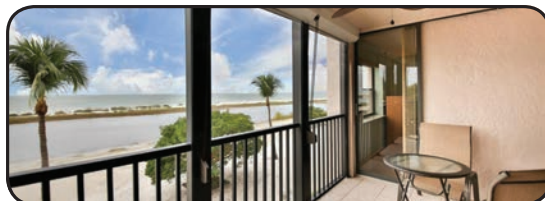
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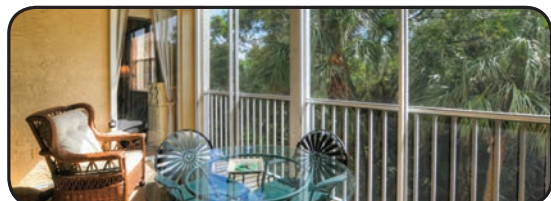
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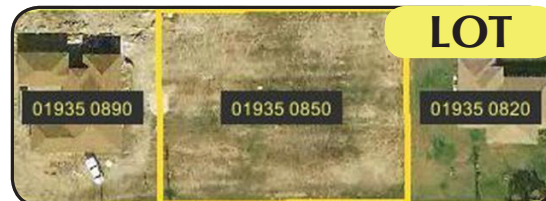
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Historic Downtown Fort Myers, Then And Now:

View From Heitman's Yard



by Gerri Reaves, PhD

The scene captured in this circa 1906 view has changed so much that one would never guess that it pictures a section of First Street that today is in the heart of the business district.

The southeasterly view is from the front yard of Harvie E. and Florida Heitman on the north side of First between today's Jackson and Lee streets.

Across the unpaved street and visible, albeit a bit indistinctly, are the 1903 O'Neill Memorial Methodist Church (far left) and a couple of private homes, all wood-frame.

The many pedestrians across the street, many carrying umbrellas or parasols, suggests that a service just ended at the church.

The Heitman property was known for its lush shady garden, plentiful fruit trees -- note the mature mango trees -- and neat white fence.

When the historic photo was taken, the Heitman home was the oldest structure in town, a former officers' quarters built in the 1850s when downtown Fort Myers was a Third Seminole War-era U.S. Army fort, not a town. (The fort stood on the site where U.S. Army Fort Harvie had been built in 1841 during the Second Seminole War.)



Pictured in this circa 1906 photo taken from the Heitman's front yard is the O'Neill Memorial Methodist Church (far left) at First and Travers Alley (today's Royal Palm Avenue). Lee Street between First and Bay did not exist then.

photo courtesy Bill Turner Collection



Today, the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center is located where mango trees once grew behind a white fence. The steeple of the former First United Methodist Church is just visible between the palm trees.

photo courtesy Gerri Reaves

So, the photographer stood on what is arguably the historically significant spot in downtown Fort Myers.

The Heitmans' much-admired tropical foliage included a famous date palm planted by Capt. Winfield Scott Hancock to commemorate his newborn daughter, Ada Elizabeth, in 1857, when he was stationed at the fort.

Heitman's successful grocery-general store was just across Jackson Street on the northwest corner. One of the town's most influential and successful businessmen and developers, Heitman built that brick building in 1897 to 1898 to replace a wood-frame one. It stands today and is the city's oldest brick building.

After he died in 1922 at the age of 49, his home stood vacant for a while. Then in 1926, it was moved north across Bay Street to become the Fort Myers Public Library's first permanent home.

In 1933, a U.S. Post Office was built on the site where the photographer stood. Today, the impressive former post office has been transformed into the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center.

As for the completely changed view across First Street: The former First United Methodist Church stands on the site where the O'Neill church once did.

However, that 1953 structure is no longer a Methodist church, for recently, the city's oldest congregation sold the property.

Now, the Fort Myers Regional Library and Corneg Plaza occupy property where houses stood in the first decade of the 20th century.

Walk down to the art center, look southeast, and imagine mango trees, a quaint church down on the corner, and church-goers strolling down First Street.

Learn more about downtown life circa-1906 at the following two research centers.

The Southwest Florida Historical Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit 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 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 nonprofit organization are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

For more information, call 332-8778 or visit leecountyblackhistorysociety.org.

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Arts Evening At The Alliance Raises \$40,000



David Acevedo's painted torso and small works on black canvas
photos courtesy Milla Bridger

The Alliance for the Arts hosted its annual fundraiser Order/Chaos: An Evening on Edge on Saturday, November 12 at the Alliance campus, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Proceeds will provide opportunities for children to participate in the arts, expand collaborations with social service organizations to utilize art therapy and enhance the quality of life in Southwest Florida.

"The funds raised will be an enormous help in our mission to connect people to the arts and to each other," said Development Director Jessica Clark. "We believe access to arts and cultural experiences should not be limited by geography or economic dispositions."

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Order/Chaos featured installations by Rose Young and Mariapia Malerba.

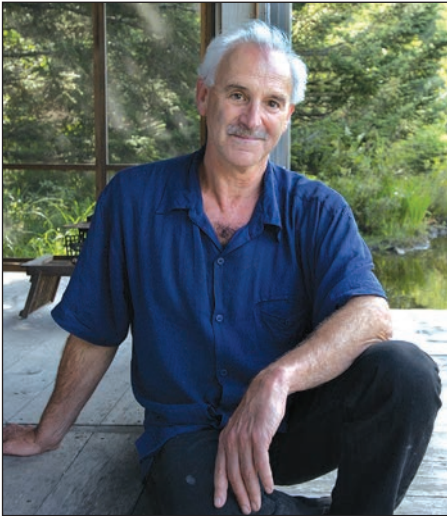
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Alliance For The Arts Announces Finalist For Major Public Art Project

The Alliance for the Arts announced the selection of artist Michael Singer for a campus public art project planned for the 2.2 acres along McGregor Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Selected from an initial field of 20 artists from across the United States, Singer was ultimately chosen for his vision and approach to the Alliance campus. The project will focus on area water quality issues, Southwest Florida's history and the unique culture of the surrounding community. Singer will work collaboratively with the project team to transform the Alliance grounds and retention pond, integrating public art and landscaping with sidewalks, walkways, lighting and signage. The artwork will serve as a significant landmark gateway to the City of Fort Myers.

Singer has received numerous awards, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. His works are part of public collections in the United States and abroad, including the Australian National Gallery, Canberra; Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebaek, Denmark; the Guggenheim Museum, New York; The Museum of Modern Art, New York; and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.



Michael Singer
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Eric and Jessica Higginson at the Rose Young installation



Order and Chaos artwork by Marcus Jansen



Dwayne Bergmann, Marcus Jansen and Sabrina Gruber



Stephanie Davis at the Mariapia Malerba installation

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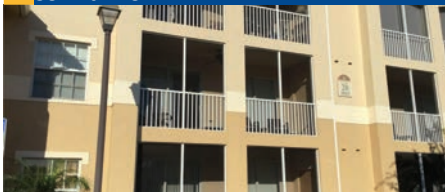
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Fort Myers Beach Art Association Presents Awards For Juried Show



Sue Pink received Best in Show for her work *This I Believe*
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In November, the first judged show of the season opened at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association main gallery, sponsored by Red Coconut RV Resort. Members of the art association submitted paintings judged by artist Larry Moore, who also judged the Paint the Beach competition. Neil Walling spoke about the art in both studios. Studio 2 featured the work



First prize went to Cheryl Fausel for *The Blue Bag*



Michele Barron Buelow received the Maya Bryant Award (outdoor painter) for *Ford Home* from a group trip to Acadia. Both exhibits will hang until Thursday, December 8. Fran Myers from Red Coconut helped give out the awards on November 20. Bob Ackert presented Best of Show in memory of his wife Lee Ackert, who was the association's president from 1983 to 1985. This award went to Sue Pink for *This I Believe*. First prize went to Cheryl Fausel for *The Blue Bag*. Kay Cowan was awarded second place for *Poppin' Poppies* and third prize went to Honey Costa for *Angelo*. Michele Barron Buelow received the Maya Bryant Award (outdoor painter) for *Ford Home*. Merit awards went to: *Behind the Scenes* by Julie Nusbaum, *Dock Nights* by Tracy Owen-Cullimore and *Lily Pond* by Judi Miller. Honorable mentions included: *Hummer* by Pamela Gill Flaherty, *Mangrove Estuary* by Nancy T. Randall and *Low Tide in Maine* by Susan Armstrong. Many short workshops are being taught at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association this season as well as Pink's beginning watercolor classes on Mondays. Fausel teaches intermediate watercolor classes on Mondays. The annual Art Divine sale of works, priced at or below \$150, will get under way December 10. For more information, e-mail Pam Flaherty at fmbaapublicity@gmail.com, call 463-3909 or stop by the association's gallery located on Donora Boulevard, one mile south of the Matanzas Bridge. The gallery is open daily beginning October 15 through mid-April, Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit www.fortmyersbeachart.com to learn more.✧

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- Saturday, January 21
 - Contemporary Voice and Musical Theater – ages 13 to 16
 - Instrumental Music – ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21
- Sunday, January 22
 - Dance – ages 8 to 14, 15 to 21
 - Contemporary Voice and Musical Theater – ages 8 to 12
- Saturday, January 28
 - Classical Voice – ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21
 - Contemporary Voice and Musical Theater – ages 17 to 21
- Sunday, January 29
 - Drama – ages 13 to 16 and 17 to 21.



Callie Atkinson at the 2016 auditions
photos courtesy Alliance for the Arts



Selena Masters with accompanist Mary Seal at the 2016 auditions

Students must be preregistered to participate and may audition in multiple categories. Thirty-five cash awards, a scholarship to FGCU and other prizes will be granted this year.

Participants will perform before panels of professional adjudicators; judges from throughout the nation in the performing arts. Students will receive scoring sheets and written comments from all members of their judging panel. All genres of music, acting, dance and vocal performance are encouraged. Twenty-two finalists will be chosen to perform individually at a 14th annual gala at the Broadway Palm Theatre on March 6.

The finalist and 11 runners up will also receive cash awards. In addition, all participating students will be given the opportunity to perform at various community events.

For a guaranteed audition slot, registrations must be postmarked by Thursday, December 15. A limited number of late registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis, only if postmarked by December 31. Audition fee waivers are available for students unable to pay the registration fee. Note that many students were unable to participate last year due to space and time limitations, so register before the deadline.

Visit www.youngartistsawards.org to download the registration form. Email info@youngartistsawards.org or call 574-9321 for more information.*

A festive holiday-themed graphic with snowflakes, gingerbread men, and a wheel of discounts. Text includes "It's FESTIVE & FUN All Year!", "Come Spin the WHEEL of DISCOUNTS", and "Must deposit to get discounts." Below the wheel is a snow globe containing a building model, with the text "CAMP OF FELICE RETIREMENT LIVING" on its base.

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Fort Myers Art:

White Christmas Delivers On Multiple Levels



by Tom Hall

If Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye's 1954 remake of *Holiday Inn* has become a Christmas tradition in your household, you may think there's nothing new for you to see in Broadway Palm's production

of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. Well, you'd be Bah-Humbug wrong! The sets are grand, the costumes sparkle, and the singing and dancing are spectacular. And if you consider yourself a true, dyed-in-the-wool *White Christmas* fan, you will be fascinated by the deviations and plot twists that have been made in order to convert the classic film into a classy live-theatre musical.

For those of you who just want to be entertained, well, as the song promises, *The Best Things Happen When You're Dancing*, and that's a function of Amy Marie McClary's skilled and imaginative choreography and the hard work, dedication and talent of her exuberant ensemble and the rest of the large holiday cast. The ensemble alone consists of 10 dancers (who also sing),

and when the full entourage is on stage together, it becomes as busy as Times Square on New Year's Eve. Part of the fun is watching how everyone moves through Evan Adamson's colorful, well-constructed sets.

Sami Doherty and Nic Casaula play the roles of Judy Haynes and Phil Davis, and they sizzle from the moment Casaula takes Doherty in his arms for *Best Things*, which incorporates many of the best elements of a *Dancing With The Stars* freestyle performance including a number of exacting ballroom lifts and stylized drops that would even delight Carrie Ann Inaba.

The large song-and-dance numbers are spellbinding because of their sheer size, split-second timing and coordination, and exceptional costuming. Face it, though. Many theater-goers will buy tickets to *White Christmas* just to hear the music. It's Irving Berlin, for love's sake! He's pure magic in a Beatles kind of way.

The book for Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* was written by David Ives and Paul Blake. It's dated (of course, the play is set in 1954), but the script has been excoriated by reviewers since the show's release in 2004 as lackluster and uninspired. Top hats off to McCleary and the cast. Through a combination of kinetic energy, fine acting and unbounded holiday cheer, they overcome whatever shortcoming exists when it comes to character development and plot.

That said, there's surprisingly more here than initially meets the eye for folks demanding deeper meaning. You may need to mine the dialogue and inject a good dose of your own life experience



The cast of *White Christmas* at Broadway Palm

photo courtesy www.artswf1

to discover the themes, but they're there to unwrap like professionally packaged Christmas presents.

The storyline has something to say about the power of good deeds. While the premise of the musical involves two army buddies going to the ends of the earth (or at least to Vermont) to repay the Old Man who kept them alive and well throughout the Army's campaign to bring down the Third Reich. Their plan?

Rehearse their new Broadway play at the General's Columbia Inn and have as many members of the 151st show up for the inaugural performance in order to save the inn from financial ruin. It is a message that's subtly reinforced through *Count Your Blessings Instead Of Sheep*. After Bob Wallace sings it to help her fall asleep, Susan passes along that sage

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City Seeks Housing Options To Spark Growth

The City of Fort Myers is entering the second phase of a community redevelopment initiative that will potentially expand housing options and spark economic growth. The project is part of the city's ongoing partnership with the National Resource Network (NRN), a U.S. Government program designed to help communities facilitate economic recovery and growth.

The NRN project will focus on articulating a citywide vision for affordable and workforce housing through two project phases.

Phase 1 of the NRN project was primarily investigative, and included a local housing market study, as well as a review of code enforcement systems and potential opportunities for growth. The NRN presented its Phase 1 findings at the November 22 Fort Myers City Council workshop, noting the needs for more

affordable housing options and a broader range of housing choices throughout the city.

Phase 2 of the project was launched at the November 22 workshop. In the current phase, the NRN will focus on modeling a five-year housing strategy for the city, which will include identifying geographic target areas and community partners. The Phase 2 deliverables will also include the development of performance metrics.

The NRN was established by the White House Strong Cities, Strong Communities initiative, and is designed to help cities develop the tools and strategies needed to grow their local economies. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The city initially submitted for support from the NRN in 2015, in hopes of developing an infill housing and redevelopment program. The partnership was approved by City Council in January 2016 and NRN representatives presented a project update during the City Council workshop last month.

The second phase of the project is expected to be complete in February 2017.✧

Award Named In Honor Of Artist

ArtFest Fort Myers has added the \$500 Ben Essenburg Award to the professional artist prizes. It is the festival's intention to honor this Florida wildlife artist who has contributed so much to the fine art festival since its inception.

Essenburg has been painting and exhibiting professionally since 1975 and was a key artist advisor in the early years of ArtFest Fort Myers. His incredible talent, generous nature and years of experience in the outdoor fine art festival venue made

him uniquely qualified to provide valuable insights regarding the inner workings of a successful juried event.

As a tribute to his award-winning artistic talent, Essenburg is the only artist who has juried into and participated in ArtFest Fort Myers for a run of 13 consecutive years.

ArtFest Fort Myers takes place on February 3, 4 and 5 in the Fort Myers River District. The festival features 200 professional artists from across the county and around the world, the largest high school art exhibit and competition in south Florida and free interactive art experiences for children of all ages.

For more information, visit ArtFestFortMyers.com.✧

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Along The River

Yappy Hour returns to **Bell Tower Shops** this Friday, December 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Bring your four-legged friend to the area's largest pet friendly social hour. Meet adoptable dogs from Gulf Coast Humane Society, check out various sponsors and listen to live entertainment from Patchouli Duo.

The latest art walk style event returns to the downtown Fort Myers area.

The **SoCo Cultural District and Second Saturday** event runs from 5 to 10 p.m. this Saturday, December. This new art district block, now in its third month, runs from Colonial Boulevard, down McGregor Boulevard to Royal Palm Square Boulevard, over to Summerlin Road, up to Colonial Boulevard and returning to McGregor Boulevard. SoCo Second Saturdays feature local artists in a night filled with family fun and artful entertainment.

The December participating cultural stops are Alliance for the Arts, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Catch 22 Sports Bar, DAAS Co-op Art Gallery & Gifts, The Union Artist Studios at the Art Loft, Ocasioscasa at the Art Loft, Luciano Deandrade's Studio Os Urbanos, David Gittleman Studios and Yoga Bird.

The Alliance for the Arts, located at 10091 McGregor Boulevard, will offer Alliance Off The Wall: 200 Under \$200 exhibit on display from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The non-traditional art show features works of all mediums priced at \$200 or less. All sales are "cash and carry," meaning purchasers will get to take the piece with them when they buy it, instead of waiting until the end of the exhibit. This exhibit is sponsored by Clif and Tina Parker.

Theatre Conspiracy, at the Alliance, will present *The Country Wife* at 8 p.m., a classic comedy by William Wycherley. This satirical comedy pokes fun at the humorless, the jealous and the adulterous. Tickets to this production are \$24 for adults, \$22 for Alliance for the Arts members, or \$11 for students and can be purchased at www.ArtInLee.org/theatre.

Prior to *The Country Wife*, Theatre Conspiracy will be performing the short one-act play *Revenge of the Magi* by Jeff Goode at 5:30 and 7 p.m. These performances are free to attend.

Artists Marilyn Hedlund and Shawn Holiday will demonstrate onsite.

Yoga Bird, located in Royal Palm Square, will feature singer/songwriter Chip Withrow in their Boutique Salon. Withrow, who co-owns the venue, will entertain guests with holiday music. Vegan holiday dessert samples will be provided. Massage therapist Frank Jean, LMT, will offer chair massages during that time.

Catch 22, also in Royal Palm Square, will feature an acoustic performer at 5 p.m. and the band Chasing Dallas starting at 9 p.m.

DAAS Co-op Art Gallery & Gifts, in Royal Palm Square, will feature the work of sculptor and painter Todd



DAAS CO-OP Art Gallery & Gifts will hold a reception on Saturday, December 10

photo courtesy DAAS CO-OP Art Gallery & Gifts

Andrew Babb. An opening reception gets under way at 6 p.m., with the gallery open all day, from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., allowing patrons to view Babb's exhibition and the work of more than 30 artists-members of the cooperative.

More than 10 independent vendors and performers will be selling their handcrafted items and entertaining the crowds Saturday night.

For a full list of programs and cultural stops, visit www.SoCoSWFL.com.

Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers will have three December performances, two this weekend. The select ensemble of 80-plus voices, under the direction of artistic director Jeff Faux, will perform the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* along with traditional Christmas carols.

This Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m., the Mastersingers host a *Messiah* sing-along at **Citygate Ministries**, located at 1735 Jackson Street in Fort Myers. The annual event will be accompanied by strings and features professional soloists. *Messiah* scores will be provided to singers. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the youth music program at Citygate Ministries, with a goal of developing the next generation of musicians and worshippers.

This Sunday, December 11, the Mastersingers will perform *Messiah and More* at 6 p.m. at **Sanibel Community Church**, located at 1740 Periwinkle Way. The performance is free and will feature guest soloists and the Mastersingers Festival Orchestra. A love offering will be taken to benefit Angel Tree, part of Prison Fellowship to purchase toys for children with a parent in prison. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring new toys to be distributed to area youngsters.

Bayside Estates Men's Club will host its **monthly pancake breakfast** on Sunday, December 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Bayside Recreation Hall, located just off San Carlos Boulevard,

south of Pine Ridge Road.

There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice for \$5. For only \$1 more, get a made-to-order omelet. Bayside Estates signs are at both entrances. The public is invited to attend.

The **Lee County Community Band** presents its annual Christmas concert at **Cape Coral High School** this Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m.

Director Richard Bradstreet has selected a program of both sacred and

secular Christmas music, featuring *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, *Jingle Bells Fantasy*, Bach's *Jesu*, *Joy of Man's Desiring*, *Journey to Bethlehem*, *Caribbean Christmas* and several medleys of favorite Christmas carols.

The concerts are free with donations accepted. Cape Coral High School is located at 2300 Santa Barbara Boulevard, just north of Veterans Parkway.

The 50-member adult band is comprised of professional and amateur musicians from all walks of life who reside in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. The band welcomes new members every year.

For additional information, visit www.leecountyband.org or call Norman Jones at 995-2097.

Want to learn the harmonica or hone your skills with like-minded people?

The **Fort Myers Harmonica Band** meets each Thursday at **Salvation Army Headquarters chapel** at 10291 McGregor Boulevard from 1 to 3 p.m. Join the group on Thursday, December 15 during the two-hour time slot.


Help raise funds for the needy. Christmas songs will be played for the "kettle" at various locations to help The Salvation Army.

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Bank Announces Promotion



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Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has promoted Jackie Jones to assistant vice president and assistant director of deposit operations at its College Parkway branch. She manages daily deposit operations, and individual and business customer relationships.

A Florida native, Jones joined Sanibel

Captiva Community Bank in 2002 as a teller. She has since gained more than 14 years of banking experience.

Founded in 2003, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank has two locations on Sanibel: the main office at 2475 Library Way and 1037 Periwinkle Way, and three locations in Fort Myers: in the Myerlee community, on McGregor Boulevard near Kelly Road and on College Parkway. A new branch location will open early 2017 in downtown Fort Myers in the Edison Theatre building at 1533 Hendry Street.

The bank's professionals provide customized individual and business banking services and specialize in residential loans. The bank provides free personal and business checking, top-yielding money market accounts, safe deposit boxes, electronic statements and a mobile banking app, as well as online and drive-thru banking.

To learn more, visit www.sancapbank.com.

MOAA Meeting

Joe Mazurkiewicz will be the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Calusa Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) on Saturday, December 10.

The 9 a.m. meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Village, located at 1333 Santa Barbara in Cape Coral.

Mazurkiewicz, a former Cape Coral mayor, will speak about the most important issues facing the city during the 2017 election year.

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

MOAA is a national organization of military officers that supports the interests of military members of all

ranks – past, present and future. Regular membership is open to all current and former officers, and associate membership is available to all who support the armed forces.

For more information, call Gary Peppers at 573-6690. Membership information may be obtained by contacting Tom Wagner at 608-658-6254.

Republican Women's Club

Newly-elected Florida District 19 Congressman Francis Rooney will be the featured speaker at the Tuesday, December 20 luncheon meeting of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club. Rooney will discuss his anticipated role in Congress. Florida District 79 Representative Heather Fitzenhagen will install the 2017 club's officers.

Club officers include: Carole Green, president; Angela Pruitt, first vice president; Kathy Smith, second vice president; Diane Kinser, recording secretary; Claudia Zambor, corresponding secretary; Nancy Eppe Campbell, treasurer; and Tina Laurie, assistant treasurer.

The public is invited to attend the program held at The Helm Club, located in The Landings in South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch, business meeting, program and installation follow. The luncheon cost is \$18. Reservations are required by Thursday, December 15, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie at 489-4701.

Club dues of \$25 for 2017 are currently being accepted. For more information, call Green at 850-590-2206.

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White Christmas

advice contained in the lyrics to her grandpa, the General, when he worries about how to dig the inn out of the financial morass he's gotten it into. Perhaps we'd all be better off focusing on the positive in our lives rather than souring our outlook by mirroring ourselves in the negativity that abounds in present-day society and culture. In fact, aren't we all responsible for contributing to the overall malaise and pessimism to varying degrees on way too many occasions?

Sami Doherty's scenes as a jealous Judy Haynes are priceless as she feeds her green-eyed monster every time social climbing Rita and Rhoda throw themselves at Phil. Of course, Judy herself could be viewed from the same metric, couldn't she? With foot atop Phil's prone body, she channels her inner Beyonce and tells her man that he better put a ring on her wagging finger. But does that really solve the problem when your man has a wandering eye and the position or celebrity to attract virtually any woman he wants?

But Betty Haynes provides, perhaps, one most poignant object lesson in the

entire show. Is it Bob Wallace the man or the man she wants Bob Wallace to be the person she falls in love with? And if it's the latter, is there hope for a lasting, mutually-supportive relationship or is their love doomed to failure when he inevitably fails to measure up?

Oh, there are other themes and messages to take away from Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, and that's yet another reason you should include this well-done, smartly staged musical on your holiday "must do" list.

Other standouts in this stellar production are Pauline Cobrda as Martha Watson (the General's right hand who actually runs the inn), Dale Given as General Henry Waverly, Tony Conaty as the ever-flummoxed dance captain, and Jim Hefferman as the hysterically understated Ezekiel Foster. But overall, Broadway Palm's *White Christmas* is entertainment and nostalgia served up with a spade full of snow!

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

ICHIBAN

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Doc Ford's Fort Myers Beach Christmas lights

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LAMOTTA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

LaMotta's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria was established in 1979 and is one of the longest-running family eateries in the Fort Myers area. Chef Camelo LaMotta serves traditional Italian dishes 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

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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, 481-2099

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5620 Winkler Road, Fort Myers. Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz. 433-7708, rabbi@chabadswf.org. 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

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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

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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.

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NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER

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

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Pure Florida To Offer New Year's Eve Cruise



Take a cruise aboard the M/V *Double Sunshine* on New Year's Eve

Pure Florida will ring in the New Year with a celebratory cruise on Saturday, December 31, sailing from Fort Myers from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Passengers can watch the last sunset of 2016 with a complimentary drink. While Pure Florida cannot guarantee animal sightings in the wild, potential wildlife sightings include dolphins, eagles, manatee, native birds and more.

Tickets are \$32 per adult and \$16 for children, and buy one, get one free drink offers will be available. Upon returning to dock at The Marina at Edison Ford, guests can conclude their experience by exploring the local shops and restaurants of the historic Fort Myers River District or enjoying the community's Downtown Countdown New Year's Eve Celebration.

The M/V *Double Sunshine* departs from from The Marina at Edison Ford, located at 2360 W. First Street in Fort Myers. Reservations are required. For more information or to register call 919-2965 or visit www.PureFL.com.✪

Christmas Eve Services At New Hope Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Services at New Hope Presbyterian Church focus on the celebration of the coming of Jesus the Messiah over 2,000 years ago. All of their approximately one hour Christmas Eve services are candlelight with Senior Pastor Eddie Spencer sharing a Christmas message. Nursery will be provided for all services.

A family worship service, led by the Children's Ministry, will begin at 4 p.m. New Hope packs out for this annual event, so be sure to come early for the best seats. Music for this service will be *Light of the World*, a children's Christmas musical, along with the singing of carols. Children will lead in worship and song, while families gather for this worship tradition.

A traditional worship service, led by the church's traditional music team, starts at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend. This more classical service uses a musical style common to churches throughout the ages. As we worship the coming of Jesus the Messiah, the focus is on the story of Jesus' coming to earth as a baby through organ, choir and other instrumentation.

At 8 p.m., a contemporary worship service will be led by New Hope's Praise Team. While the message does not change, the worship style for this service presents the Christmas story through more contemporary versions of the classics, as well as "off the charts" versions of contemporary Christmas favorites.

New Hope Presbyterian Church is a reformed church which seeks to obey the Great Commission through family ministry, worship, instruction and service. New Hope is located at 10051 Plantation Road in Fort Myers. Sunday worship services are 8 and 9:30 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday morning classes are available for adults, youth and children. Nursery care is provided.

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The aquatic plant forms dense mats that limit biodiversity, recreation and commercial activity
Plant Smart

Water-Lettuce

by Gerri Reaves

There may be disagreement among plant experts as to whether water-lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*) is native to the United States. But one fact is not in dispute: This member of the arum family thrives in many states, including throughout Florida, and is officially labeled noxious or invasive in six of them.

The pretty aquatic plant has been in Florida since before 1765. Some experts state its origin as Africa or South America.

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council lists it as a category I invasive species.

Plants in that infamous category are defined as “invading and disrupting native plant communities.” The classification is based on documented ecological damage.

If you need another reason not to include this species in your aquarium or water or bog garden, consider that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services prohibits it, and it is illegal to possess in Florida without a special permit.

Water-lettuce is aptly named and easy to identify. Pale green fuzzy leaves measure up to six inches long and form a rosette. Thick and hairy with wavy edges, they can be spongy at the base. Parallel veins give



Water-lettuce's native status is disputed by some experts, but the invasive plant has been in Florida for centuries

photos by Gerri Reaves

the stalkless leaves a ridged appearance.

The fact that it looks like a floating open head of lettuce inspires the common name. Two other names are tropical duckweed and water bonnet.

The roots are feathery and the flowers inconspicuous. The single female flower is located beneath male flowers at the center of the basal rosette.

The plant produces a green berry with many cylindrical seeds.

Rosettes send out runners from which

new leaf clusters form.

Because the linking plants form heavy mats on freshwater rivers, lakes, canals and streams, it prevents recreational and commercial activity. It can block the mouths of rivers or proliferate so successfully that it blankets a lake shore to shore.

In optimal conditions, it can double its population size in less than three weeks.

It can reduce the oxygen levels and sunlight to such a degree that other species – such as fish and beneficial water plants – cannot thrive.

It also physically impedes wildlife that need it for habitat. Overall, it reduces biodiversity and chokes-up water ways.

Various control methods are ongoing in Florida, including mechanical removal or chopping, biocontrols and herbicides.

Boaters can help the fight by always cleaning boats before entering the water to prevent the transfer of plant fragments.

People who have aquariums should be sure not to buy water-lettuce and to dispose of any existing water-lettuce responsibly, i.e., so it cannot enter and spread in a waterway.

This plant has traditional medicinal uses, but despite the name, it's not highly recommended for consumption.

Sources: *Identification & Biology of Non-Native Plants in Florida's Natural Areas* edited by KA Langland and K. Craddock Burks, *Illustrated Plants of Florida and the Coastal Plain* by Dr. David W. Hall, eatheweeds.com, myfwc.com, and plants.ifas.ufl.edu.

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

Lake Kennedy Senior Center

Bus Trip To Buckingham Farms



A bus trip to Buckingham Farms is being offered on December 15

photo courtesy Lake Kennedy Center

Join the Kennedy Kruisers for an unforgettable farm-to-table dining experience at Buckingham Farms on Thursday, December 15. Bus trip participants are asked to arrive by 10:15 a.m. prior to the 10:30 a.m. departure. The approximate return time to Cape Coral is 4 p.m.

Buckingham Farms is a hydroponic farm more than 50 acres in size. They also have a country store for your shopping pleasure. Enjoy an hour long exciting tour that will offer an in-depth understand of the farming industry.

Guests will enjoy a delicious lunch of one of their signature farm favorites in the rustic barn including a choice of the BLT flatbread, garden salad with chicken, or meatball sub with chips with peanut butter pie or key lime pie for dessert. Come and experience hometown friendliness and the freshest locally-grown food in Southwest Florida!

Cost to attend the bus trip is \$46 per member or \$51 per non-member, with lunch included. Pre-registration is required. Let's get back to nature.

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CROW Case Of The Week:

Eastern Indigo Snake



by Bob Petcher

There are hopes that the eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon couperi*) is making a comeback on Sanibel & Captiva islands. The federally threatened species in Georgia and Florida has

been involved in captive breeding at Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and also part of the Pine Island Sound Eastern Indigo Snake Project that began in 2012.

The longest native snake species in the U.S. has had its difficulties in the southern region due to habitat loss. In fact, it had been regarded as extirpated—wiped out—on the islands before the two projects began. The PISEIS project involves a federal permit “to conduct a mark-capture study in Pine Island Sound to assess the population status, collect genetic samples and come up with recommendations to sustain these

populations,” according to SCCF’s website.

Eastern indigo snakes average six to seven feet in length. They are non-venomous, look similar in color to the black racer (there is some blue within the indigo’s black hue), but are regarded as more intimidating due to their larger size. Many question why such a snake or a snake in general is bred. SCCF answers “conservation through education” as institutions, nature centers, organizations and individuals seek snakes for live exhibits and educational lectures on snake conservation to hopefully change the negativity surrounding the reptile. Each species does have a role in the environment.

Conservationists say eastern indigo snakes were more plentiful on the islands prior to the late 1980s. According to Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Wildlife Habitat Management Director Chris Lechowicz, who is involved in both projects, the demise of the winter-breeding indigos is contributed to their being run over by vehicles on roads while actively searching for mates. The difference in both projects is described.

“Wild Pine Island Sound indigo snakes are measured, marked and released soon after capture and are not bred in captivity,” said Lechowicz. “Our captive bred indigo snakes are from a long line



Patient #16-3659 is healing from several abrasions and puncture wounds

photo by Kenny Howell

of legally acquired and propagated stock (likely originating from various parts of the range) and are given away to conservation organizations as educational tools for lectures and displays pushing snake conservation.”

Before the projects, SCCF records indicated the last known indigo snake living on the islands was hit by a bicycle on the Indigo Trail (a trail named after the indigo snake) at the JN “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge in February 1999. That snake died at CROW shortly after. SCCF officials tried surveys, trapping protocols and educational programs that sought verification and

documentation of remaining snakes from island residents, but those measures failed.

Through partnership with the non-profit organization called the Orianne Society (an organization dedicated to the conservation of the eastern indigo snake), JNDDNWR, the Florida State Park system and volunteers collaborating with this research, there are currently 34 indigo snakes involved in the Pine Island Sound study from three islands. They are being pit-tagged and measured so a population estimate can be made and movements can be documented.

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Fountain Display

exciting addition to this family event.”

Waltzing Waters first opened in Cape Coral as Waltzing Waters Aquarama in 1971. Over the years, the Waltzing Waters fountains were staged at the Shell Factory and later at Disney, Sea World and other locations around the world.

Otto Przystawik created the show in Germany in the 1920s, when it was known as Przystawik’s Dancing Fountains. Przystawik made small-scale displays for stores and restaurants before the war and expanded with larger installations in the 1950s. In 1965, Otto’s son Gunter moved to Florida and started making his own Waltzing Waters fountain installations in Cape Coral.

Named one of the nation’s top holiday events by *USA Today* and the American Bus Association, Holiday Nights is for all ages, and includes visits from Santa, a Holiday Tea, holiday crafts on select evenings and special nightly Holiday Tradition Tours.

The Waltzing Waters holiday display is included with admission to Holiday Nights, which is open through January 1, 2017 (closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). It is free for Edison Ford members.

For additional information, call 334-7419 or visit www.EdisonFordWinterEstates.org.✱

Wildlife Walk At Preserve

Members and non-members are welcome to attend a birding outing on Saturday, December 10, beginning at 8 a.m. at Prairie Pines Preserve. There is no charge to attend but donations are appreciated. Prairie Pines Preserve, which includes 20 miles of hiking and equestrian trails and an ADA-accessible loop trail, is located at 18400 North Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) in North Fort Myers. The area consists of many diverse native plant communities, including wet and mesic flatwoods, depression marshes,

wet prairie and prairie hammock. Birds and wildlife commonly observed at this preserve include wood storks, red-headed woodpeckers and marsh rabbits.

The preserve is also one of the few Conservation 20/20 locations that include a paved parking area and restroom facilities. These amenities, as well as trail markers, interpretive signage and some exotics treatment, were made possible through a grant awarded by the Florida Communities Trust program.

The preserve’s main entrance parking area is just north of Del Prado Boulevard on the east side of U.S. 41. Parking is free. Bring binoculars, sun protection, a bottle of drinking water and insect repellent.✱



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Love Those Minus Tides



by Capt.
Matt Mitchell

Super low water has always been one of my favorite set ups for catching fish. During these minus low tides, fish just stack up in big numbers in the deeper channels.

The first few hours of the low incoming tides this week had snook, jacks, grouper and even a few redfish just going off. Free lined live shiners and pinfish were the bait of choice for these fish during this often crazy bite.

Shallow water gag grouper fishing can be a great option this time of year with this season remaining open until December 31. Many channel markers and local knowledge under water structures can hold good numbers of gags. Most of these grouper are under the 24-inch minimum but put on a great fight as they try to run back into the structure and break you off. This

is full contact fishing; no other fish we target hits as hard as a grouper. Another option is trolling the ledges and drop offs in and around the passes with large-lipped diving plugs. Either method of dropping: a live bait or trolling, if you put your time, you will eventually get a keeper.

More and more sheepshead continue to show up with each cold front that passes through. Keeper sized and better can now be caught in and around the passes along with most intercostal docks. Small chunks of shrimp on a jig head or live fiddler crabs will get it done. Until water temperatures get a little cooler though, there are still lots of small mangrove snappers in these same places that are beating the sheepshead to the bait.

Snook season for our region of Florida came to an end December 1. As long as conditions remain warm though, I still target snook almost daily with my clients, enjoying this catch and release fishery most of our winter. If it's season or not, always handle snook as little as possible and avoid using a landing net, which knocks the protective slime coating off these fish. When releasing, keep your eyes open for hungry dolphin while releasing them as they often crash your snook catching



Mary Laser with a 26-inch redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Matt Mitchell this week

party. When they do, it's time to leave.

Unexpected afternoon rains proved a little challenging a few times this week and caused either rescheduled or shorter trips than planned. Even during the often windy conditions, as long as the tide was moving, fishing in the sound proved very consistent. Water conditions on the gulf side are still looking funky, with a weird sheen on the surface and a noticeable lack of bird

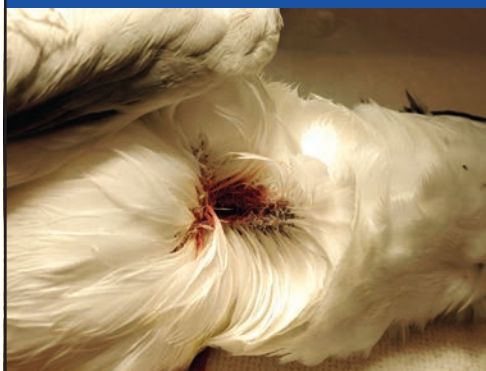
and bait activity within a few miles of the beaches. This is probably from the red tide offshore, while the sound just gets clearer and prettier by the day.

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

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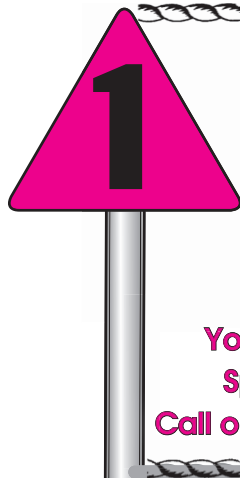


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JACQUELYN ANN RAUSCHERT

Vibrant, loving and witty Jackie of Sanibel joined her WWII "Flying Ace" husband of 71 years, Richard, at the highest of heights on Saturday, November 26. She passed at Hope Hospice from Myelodysplastic Anemia. Loved by so many for her giving nature, her storytelling, her "from the heart" home cooking and baking, she had a great desire for everyone to be happy, consequently making everyone feel at home.

Born in Chicago, educated at North

Park University, she made a life with her craftsman builder husband, Dick, in the Chicagoland area where she raised three children. In her midlife years, she managed the jewelry department at Lord & Taylor of Schaumburg. At the age of 55, they retired from the Windy City to sunny Sanibel and built their last home. On the island, they found tranquility, nature and a wonderful escape from the brutal winters of Chicago.

Jackie was an avid lover of history, who also loved to read and converse. She was one of the original docents at the Sanibel Historical Village. She was actively involved in its evolution, working on preserving authenticity through displays and conducting tours. She ultimately became the official "scheduler" of the docents for over 20 years. She spent countless hours coordinately the volunteers, filling shifts daily, thus keeping the museum running smoothly to serve the visiting public. She was nicknamed "Telephone Jackie" for all her efforts. She remained attached to the wonderful women who all contributed their time to the early village days. These ladies became known as the "Ladies of the 80s." Jackie so loved the monthly luncheon get-togethers with this very special group of retired docents who contributed so much in preserving Sanibel's heritage.

Jackie's favorite pastimes included collecting antiques, decorating, being creative, traveling, baking, getting books from the Captiva library, picnics

on the Causeway and Bowman's Beach, daily crossword puzzles, visiting with neighbors and playing "rummy" with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed watching and placing small bets with friends on the Kentucky Derby. She was thrilled by the World Series victory of the Chicago Cubs. She would often recount how she snuck out of school early to attend "Ladies Day at Wrigley" in her youth. But most of all, her family was always her priority, and her grandchildren were her greatest joy in life.

She is survived by her three children, Robin Bernardi, Thomas Rauschert, Nancy Kula (Joseph) and three grandchildren, Richard Bernardi (Season), Dr. Joseph Kula (Dr. Katie) and Hilary Davis (Andrew).

Jackie was an exemplary testament to the "Greatest Generation" and a tribute to its values. A "Class Act" of integrity, honesty, hard work, devotion and sacrifice. She will be greatly missed by those she touched.

A private family memorial will take place in her home. The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to FISH of Sanibel and Hope Hospice. They would prefer any donations in honor of Jacquelyn Rauschert be sent to these wonderful, vital organizations.✱

Ancient Gardening

The Edible Gardening Exchange's December speaker will be Sonja Sutor, a master gardener for 27 years. Sutor has helped with landscaping projects and maintenance for 36 years.

She will discuss how to work in harmony with nature, thus having a thriving garden while saving time and money.

Join other edible gardeners on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Fort Myers Rec Center, located at 2000 North Recreation Park Way in North Fort Myers. Plan to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for an open and informal chat on edible topics. Consider bringing something to share with other gardeners (seeds, plants, a snack). Bring a cup if you want free coffee or tea.

All fees are paid at the front desk. The cost for winter classes which run until May is \$10. In addition, a \$10 Lee Parks and Rec lifetime membership is required.

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Junior Achievement Selects New Members For Board Of Directors



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Kimberly Pitts



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Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida announced its incoming board of directors, elected to serve through 2017. The board of directors will be led by chair, Gary Tasman, CEO and principal broker, Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property Southwest Florida; chair-elect, Kimberly Pitts, vice president of U.S. operations, Headwaters Capital Management, LP; secretary, Curt Todd, senior vice president, Wells Fargo; treasurer, Robert Lyons, president of Consolidated Cleaners, Inc.; member at large, Carleton Case, vice president of business development, Brown & Brown Benefits; member at large, Scott Fischer, CEO, Scott Fischer Enterprises; and member at large, Christina Harris Schwinn, partner, Pavese Law Firm.

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Monks Create Art On College Campus

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Complete sand mandala

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The Tibetan monks begin painting the sand mandala



The mandala sand is poured into the flowing water on the FSW Thomas Edison Campus



The monks finish the consecration of the sand mandala

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New Board

Systems and DTG Integration, The Hertz Corporation; Brandon Phillips, president and CEO, Global HR Research; John Ryan, general manager of West Florida, Comcast Spotlight; William Scott, inventor and managing partner, Marbles, LLC; and Suzanne Specht, assistant director for the Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University's Lutgert College of Business.

Chairmen Emeriti include Richard Durnwald, financial advisor, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network; David Hall, Executive vice president and chief financial officer, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank; Larry Medley, senior vice president Investment Services Group, Wells Fargo Advisors; and Tom Pitser, senior investment consultant, Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.

"Members of our board of directors are invaluable to our organization, and we are so pleased to welcome our incoming members and executive officers," said Angela Fisher, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of



Carleton Case

Southwest Florida. "Our members bring forward a wealth of knowledge about the world of business and we are excited to tap into their expertise as today's business leaders as we work to prepare younger generations for future success."



Scott Fischer

Board members of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida are responsible for managing the business, assets and activities of the organization and maintain the authority to determine key business policies and practices. Fundamental roles of board members



Christina Harris Schwinn

include trusteeship, strategic planning, policy and evaluation and resource development.

For more information on Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, visit www.JASWFL.org, call 225-2590 or email info@jaswfl.org.✱

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Indigo Snake

One of the pit-tagged snakes from 2013 – an adult male eastern indigo snake – was brought to CROW from Sanibel on November 26. It was found with several abrasions and punctures over the majority of its body.

"Fortunately, the wounds are not life-threatening, and the snake will be released," said CROW DVM intern Dr. Spencer Kehoe. "If it had not been rescued, the wounds would have most likely become infected in the wild which might have resulted in death. We believe the wounds are from a domestic animal such as a dog and not a predator just by the nature of the puncture wounds."

CROW medical staff cleaned the snake's wounds with saline and applied bandages to the affected areas. The approximately 7-foot, 5.75-pound indigo will continue to receive wound management until the wounds granulate in and skin sheds.

"The snake is currently receiving daily bandage changes and wound care treatment. Tissue is looking healthy and scabbing over well. Once the snake goes through a couple sheds it will then be released," Kehoe confirmed.

An eastern indigo snake, an offspring of the Pine Island Sound Eastern Indigo Snake Project, is now on exhibit at CROW. SCCF hatched a group of babies from that species in July 2015. CROW received a female from that litter in April 2016, and she is now a permanent resident at the clinic.

CROW Education Coordinator

Rachel Rainbolt stated the captive-bred snake is doing well. Partnerships like the one between SCCF and CROW aid in conservation and education efforts.

"People are usually afraid of snakes so having the eastern indigo snake as an animal ambassador has been a great introduction to reducing people's fears," Rainbolt said. "The snake makes people more comfortable once they learn it is non-venomous and docile in nature."

"Education is a core part of CROW's mission so it's rewarding to see people view snakes as beautiful wild creatures and not something fearful and threatening."

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

New Director Appointed

A Milkids Southwest Florida recently announced Marie Regan, MBA, as the new executive director of the nonprofit. The organization helps youth develop into responsible and productive citizens.

In her new role, Regan will oversee staff, administrative operations and student behavioral counseling and academics. She recently moved from Illinois to Southwest Florida. Her past experience includes working for a health care service

corporation as a senior strategist for enterprise operational and reputation risk management initiatives. She was responsible for program development, implementation and divisional/subsidiary strategy development.

She received her master of business administration in health care management from Lake Forest College in Chicago. Regan is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.✱

New Board Member

The law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, PA, announced that attorney Carlos A. Kelly, a stockholder in the firm's business litigation practice group, was elected to the Uncommon Friends Foundation Board of Directors.

The Uncommon Friends foundation is a nonprofit organization is dedicated to lifelong character building among today's youth and business leaders. Its mission is to promote character education in schools, business ethics in the workplace and historic preservation of the Burroughs Home and James Newton Archives.

Kelly helps his business clients in the areas of partner/shareholder/co-owner claims, creditors' rights, and other contract-based claims. He also assists his real estate clients in the areas of eminent domain, inverse condemnation, Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act claims, purchase and sale disputes, landlord/tenant claims, and



Carlos A. Kelly

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foreclosure. Kelly has been published by The Florida Bar and frequently contributes to Henderson Franklin's blogs, *The Legal Scoop on Southwest Florida Real Estate* and the Southwest Florida Business and IP Bulletin blog.

Kelly volunteers in the community and serves on the Imaginarium Science Center Board and on SalusCare, Inc.'s Finance Committee. A member of the Real Estate Investment Society, he also serves on The Florida Bar's Eminent Domain Committee and is a member of the Association of Eminent Domain Professionals.

For more information on Kelly or Henderson Franklin, visit www.henlaw.com.✱

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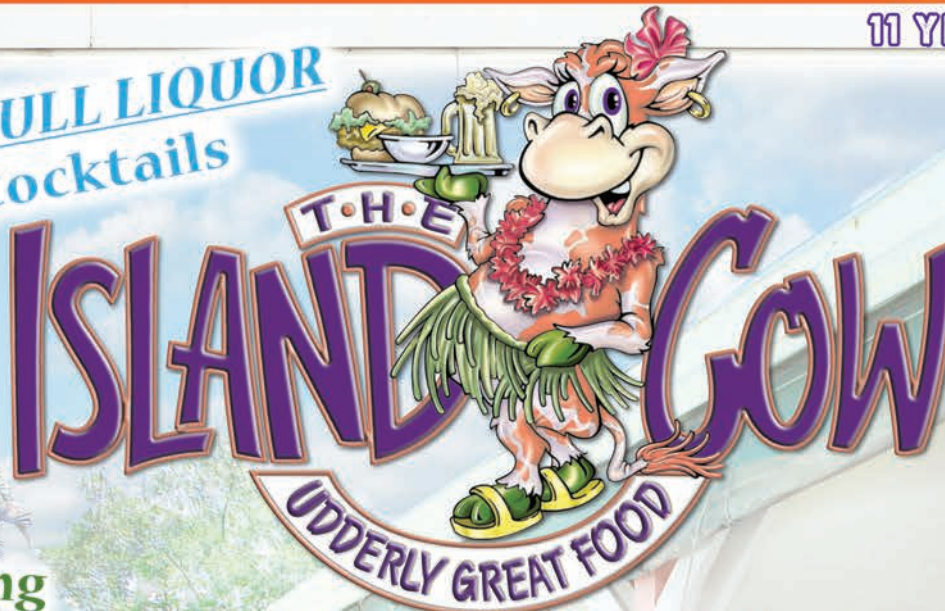
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Florida Native Joins Shark Shootout



by Ed Frank

For the 16th consecutive year, Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman has assembled many of the greatest professional golfers in the world who will compete here this weekend in the Franklin Templeton Shark Shootout at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples.

The 24-player field features 112 career PGA Tour victories and seven – yes, that’s right – seven LPGA championships.

For only the second time in the long history of this tournament, the field includes an LPGA champion, Florida native Lexi Thompson, who joins Annika Sorenstam as just the second woman to compete in the shootout.

The 21-year-old Thompson, with seven career wins in her resume, is ranked as the top American golfer in the LPGA and fourth overall in the world. At just 16 years old, she won the Navistar LPGA, the youngest golfer in history to win a LPGA tour event.

The unique makeup of the shootout, considered the premier tournament of the post-season schedule, consists of 12 two-person teams who will compete for the \$3.1 million purse, with the winning team splitting first-place winnings of \$770,000.

Returning to defend their 2015 title are Jason Dufner and Brandt Snedeker. They are one of four teams in the field that are past shootout champions, the others being Harris English and Matt Kuchar, Sean O’Hair and Kenny Perry, and Jerry Kelly and Steve Stricker.

English and Kuchar were the 2013 champions, and followed up with second-place finishes in both 2014 and 2015.

The three days of competition begins Thursday with a scramble, followed by modified alternate shots Friday and better ball in the Saturday finale.

The Golf Channel will televise the first two days of competition from 2 to 5 p.m. with Saturday’s final round on FOX from 1 to 5 p.m.

Of disappointment to Norman and the tournament sponsors was the withdrawal a few days ago of Davis Love, the popular captain of this year’s U.S. Ryder Cup team champions. A hip injury caused his cancellation.

He was replaced by Mike Weir, the 2003 Masters champion.

The following is a listing of the two-person teams that will compete here this weekend:

Jason Dufner and Brandt Snedeker; Jerry Kelly and Steve Stricker; Mike Weir and Gary Woodland; Kevin Chappell and Kevin Kisner; Charley Hoffman and Billy Horschel; Daniel Berger and K.J. Choi; Luke Donald and Russell Knox; Harris English and Matt Kuchar; Bryson DeChambeau and Lexi Thompson; Sean O’Hair and Kenny Perry; Charles Howell III and Rory Sabbatini; Smylie Kaufman and Justin Thomas.

This is the 28th running of the shootout, the first 12 being held on the West Coast. The tournament has raised millions of dollars for Cure Search for Children’s Cancer.

The Florida Everblades Continue Winning Ways

The Florida Everblades began the week with a season record of 13-3-1-2, which includes one overtime loss and two shootout losses, good for 29 points and a first place standing in the ECHL South Division of the league’s Eastern Conference.

The team began a long, six-game home stand this week hosting Elmira on

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday this weekend at Germain Arena. Atlanta provides the competition here next Friday and Saturday, followed by a December 21 home contest against Orlando.

Starting this week, the local hockey team had won four of its five last games.*

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the last Kansas City Royals player before Kendrys Morales in 2015 to belt three home runs in a game?
2. Between 1970 and 2000, who hit the most triples in any one major-league season?
3. In 2015, QB Christian Hackenberg became the all-time passing yards leader (8,318) at Penn State. Who had held the mark?
4. When was the last time before 2014-15 (Kyrie Irving) that an NBA player had two games of 55 or more points in the same season?
5. Of the previous 10 NHL Hart Memorial Trophy winners (league MVP), five have been either Alex Ovechkin or Sidney Crosby. Name three of the other five.
6. In 2016, Christian Pulisic (17 years, 253 days) became the youngest player to score a goal for the U.S. men’s national soccer team. Who had been the youngest?
7. How many times did Ken Norton go the distance in a heavyweight boxing match against Muhammad Ali?

ANSWERS

1. Danny Tartabull, in 1991 versus Oakland. 2. Willie Wilson (1985, Kansas City) and Lance Johnson (1996, New York Mets) each hit 21 in a season. 3. Zack Mills, who passed for 7,212 yards (2001-04). 4. Kobe Bryant, during the 2006-07 season (he had three such games). 5. Henrik Sedn, Corey Perry, Evgeni Malkin, Carey Price and Patrick Kane. 6. Juan Aguado. 7. Three times, with Norton winning one of them.

Globetrotters To Perform In Town

As the Harlem Globetrotters prepare to bring their 2017 World Tour to the Germain Arena in Fort Myers on Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m., the team took a timeout for Guinness World Records Day.

Only one year after setting seven official world records, the team broke a single-day total of nine records this year.

Tickets to see the Globetrotters in Fort Myers start at \$25.50 and are on sale at www.harlemglobetrotters.com or at the Germain Arena box office, located at 11000 Everblades Parkway in Estero. Additional fees may apply.

The records were broken at the AT&T Center, home of the San Antonio Spurs, during the 12th annual Guinness World Records Day, a global celebration launched to note the day the Guinness World Records book sold its 100 millionth copy.

Since 2000, the Globetrotters own 15 current Guinness World Records.

“We are the original trick shot artists, so it is great to reclaim our records and re-establish our dominance,” said Harlem Globetrotters star Big Easy Lofton. “We have been training hard, so to have a day where we push the limits and try some fun yet challenging shots, is pretty cool. I mean, how many people can say they’re a Guinness World Records title holder? We can’t wait to put smiles on people’s faces as we demonstrate our skills and talents on the upcoming world tour.”

Among the nine records set by the Globetrotters, four of them reclaimed records that were originally held by

the team and then broken by Dude Perfect. The Globetrotters reclaimed the records of longest basketball hook shot, longest basketball shot blindfolded, most basketball 3-pointers made by a pair in one minute and longest blindfolded basketball hook shot.

The records set:

- Longest basketball hook shot – Big Easy Lofton (72 feet, 6.25 inches)
- Longest basketball shot blindfolded – Ant Atkinson (73 feet, 10 inches)
- Most basketball 3-pointers in one minute (single ball) – Ant Atkinson and Cheese Chisholm (10 each)
- Farthest basketball shot made while sitting on the court – Thunder Law (58 feet, 9.25 inches)
- Most bounced basketball 3-pointers in one minute – Zeus McClurkin (5)
- Most basketball 3-pointers made by a pair in one minute – Ant Atkinson and Cheese Chisholm (22 each)
- Farthest basketball shot under one leg – Thunder Law (52 feet, 5.5 inches)
- Longest blindfolded basketball hook shot – Big Easy Lofton (58 feet, 2.5 inches)
- Most basketball slam dunks in one minute (individual) – Zeus McClurkin (16).

The Globetrotters will tip off their 2017 World Tour on December 26 and will play in over 250 North American markets as well as 30 countries worldwide.

Throughout their history, the original Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their talents in 122 countries and territories on six continents. Inductees of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Globetrotters have entertained hundreds of millions of fans – among them popes, kings, queens and presidents – over nine decades.*



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Manufacturer Of The Year Awards



Darlene and Bruce Vanderveen

photos courtesy SRMA

The Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association (SRMA) held its recent Manufacturer of the Year Awards ceremony on November 10.

The event featured Conditioned Air's Theo Etzel as keynote speaker and honored manufacturers based on their performance in several key categories.

SRMA's board of directors considered nominees' strengths based on stringent criteria within the categories of: leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, knowledge management, workforce focus and operations focus.

Along with Manufacturer of the Year, given to companies within a designated size category based on number of employees, and Distributor of the Year, new awards for 2016 included Supplier of the Year and Logistics Business of the Year.

Winners included:

- Manufacturer of the Year
Trilogy Laboratories – one+ employees



SRMA Executive Director Peter Bagwell presents the Manufacturer of the Year award (one+ employees) to Trilogy Laboratories' owner Kristen Flaharty



SRMA Executive Director Peter Bagwell and Tim Hoard with Eastern Architectural System, Manufacturer of the Year (100+ employees)



Max Dean and Connie Ramos Williams

Pelican Wire – 40+ employees

Eastern Architectural System – 100+ employees

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"As the Southwest Florida community increasingly appreciates the potential of manufacturing to boost and sustain our economy, SRMA's members are quietly striving for greater innovation and leadership inside their own operations," said SRMA Executive Director Peter Bagwell. "It's a real pleasure to recognize their accomplishments and quest for excellence."

To learn more, visit srma.net or contact Bagwell at peter.bagwell@gmail.com or 689-3649.*



SRMA Executive Director Peter Bagwell and Ted Bill with Pelican Wire, Manufacturer of the Year (40+ employees)

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Taste Of Freedom Gala Coming This Spring

Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition will host the 2nd annual Taste of Freedom on Saturday, April 8 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers, located at 4200 South Tamiami Trail. The gala raises awareness of human trafficking in the community, unmask the realities of human trafficking and celebrates the empowerment of its survivors. The foodie-themed masquerade gala features cocktails, chef stations from a wide array of local restaurants, wine tastings and live entertainment. Again this year, Title Sponsor Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers will award a 24-month lease on a 2017 Lexus to one lucky raffle winner.

Attorney, well-known local character and SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition board member Carmen Dellutri will serve as Taste of Freedom's master of ceremonies. Venetian-style festival masks will be provided to attendees at the door.

Although the crisis of human trafficking in Southwest Florida is daunting, Taste of Freedom is a night to celebrate the increased awareness and measurable gains that have been made since the coalition formed in 2005, making Southwest Florida the epicenter of the state's fight against this devastating crime. The inaugural Taste of Freedom featured more than \$25,000 of live auction items and raised more than \$34,000 in funds for the organization.

Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at SWFL-humantrafficking.org. Tables are available for purchase as well. Proceeds benefit the Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition.

Restaurants confirmed to date include Bonefish Grill, Crave Catering, Cantina Laredo, DaRuMa and Leroy Selmon, Cru and Fresh Fit Foods.

Support for Taste of Freedom allows Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition to assist victims of human trafficking locally, nationally and globally. Along with title sponsor Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers, sponsors include Dunkin's Diamonds, Platinum PEO Resources, Inc., CONRIC PR & Marketing and Card Systems.

For information, contact coalition President Lynn Brewer at 691-1128 or lynn@swflhumantrafficking.org.



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Mr. and Mrs. John Scanlon



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Mel and Barbara Dell



Daniel and Barbara Melvin

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Heartwarming Story At Lab Theater



Eren Sisk

photos by Mia Bridger



Mike Edouard

that they must complete an English project for school. Through the words of a classic piece of literature, the two realize that they are more connected than they thought. Gunderson explores the mysteries of life and love in a way that will leave you reeling at the end.

"*I And You* is one of those rare plays that made me wonder and gasp aloud when I read it," said artistic director Annette Trossbach. "It is the charming unfolding of a sweet relationship between two 17-year-old students and an ensuing mystic revelation. In the holiday season, this play offers themes of hope, charity and a reminder that the circle of life encompasses so much more than we know."

I And You stars two accomplished young actors; Mike Edouard, previously seen in *Twelfth Night* at Lab Theater and in *Romeo & Juliet* at Florida Rep, and Eren Sisk, who makes her Lab Theater debut.

"*I And You* is a show that stays with you. The first time I read it, it simply took my breath away," said director Lauren Redeker. "Having the opportunity to be a part of this play at all, much less as its director, is such an honor. When the lights go down, I hope you feel the same way I did when I first read these lines... needing to catch your breath."

I And You opens on Friday, December 9, with a reception at 7:15 p.m.

Performances are on December 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and on December 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for students at the door. All tickets are available at <http://LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com>.

Season tickets are \$150 for adults, valid for one admission for one performance during each run as well as staged readings and speaker series events; \$105 for seniors and military (age 65 and up or with valid active duty or retired military ID) for use on Thursdays only during main season (October to April). The theater also offers a Snowbird Ticket for \$70, valid for main stage shows and staged readings from January 1 through April 30, 2017.*

Golf Tournament Benefits Self-Reliance Clubs

The Freedom and Virtue Institute (FVI) will hold its sixth annual charity golf classic on April 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grandezza Golf and Country Club, located at 11481 Grande Oaks Boulevard in Estero.

Proceeds will fund and expand FVI's Self Reliance Club project, which includes elementary and middle schools in Lee and Collier counties. This initiative provides students with the opportunity to earn money for school and other education-related supplies through school performance and extra-curricular activities like urban farming and volunteerism.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. the day of the tournament and includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, catered lunch and a short program featuring a local guest speaker.

"This event has become one that our supporters don't want to miss, and also provides an insight to people unfamiliar with our organization," said Ismael Hernandez, executive director of the institute. "Pre-registration is now available

on our website."

The tournament is a scramble format for golfers of all ages and skill levels.

To pre-register and for more information, visit www.fvinstitute.org/event/2017fvigolf. For sponsorship information, contact Dan Wright at 410-1924.

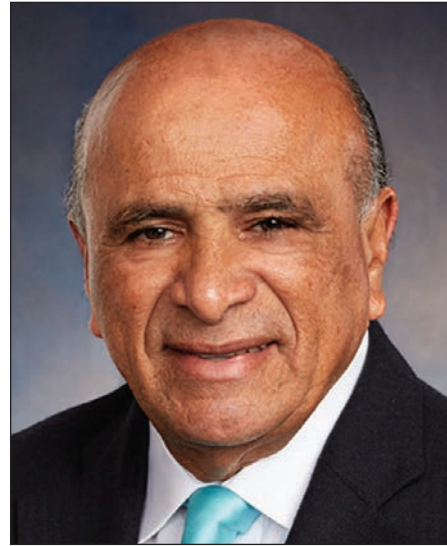
FVI believes in fostering attitudes and leading initiatives that build off the principle of creating self-reliance among underprivileged children and individuals enduring hardship that wish to better their situations and live a dignified, self-sustainable life.

The Self-Reliance Clubs educate the next generation to understand that they are the champions of their own lives. Through their own initiative, ingenuity and hard work, they will realize that they have the power to determine the direction of their future.

The clubs are set up in schools to provide underprivileged students with the opportunity to work in various entrepreneurship initiatives, learn economics, earn money, gain self-esteem as well as gain a sense of individual freedom. The money earned can then be used to purchase school supplies, equipment and clothing.

For more information, call 240-9393.*

New Appointee To Housing Authority



Rev. Dr. Israel Suarez

photo courtesy HACFM

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) has appointed Rev. Dr. Israel Suarez to its board of commissioners.

Appointed by the mayor of the city, the board serves as the governing officers of the HACFM. Through formal adoption of policy, it ensures the authority's purpose and accompanying responsibilities are carried out in as

efficient and economical a manner as possible. The seven board members volunteer their services to the authority. Commissioners ensure the authority operates within the law and according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.

Suarez is the founder and CEO of the Nations Association Charities on Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. In 1978, Suarez sought to save at-risk youth in Southwest Florida through mentoring programs and education. In 1990, Nations Association was recognized as A Point of Light by President George H. W. Bush. Through the years, thousands of young people have graduated from the nonprofit's programs learning life skills, personal responsibility and leadership.

Suarez received a bachelor's degree in theology from Logos Bible College and a doctorate from National Evangelistic University. He has served on the board of directors for Florida Gulf Coast University, Lee Health, Lee County Mental Health Center, Lee County Private Industry Council and the Lee County American Red Cross. He is a previous commissioner for the Lee County Housing Development and the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers. He has been recognized by the Lee County School Board for Outstanding Service to the Children and Citizens of Lee County in 1991, was named Lee County Citizen of the Year in 1993, received the Key to the City of Fort Myers in 1981 and received the United Nations Prayer for Peace Award in 20016.

For more information, call 344-3220 or visit www.hacfm.org.*

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Female Pioneers of Fort Myers

Women Who Made a Difference in the City's Development

By Robin C. Tuthill and Thomas P. Hall

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

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

Financial Focus

Time For A Year-End Investment Review

by Jennifer Basey



With the holiday season upon us, you may well be busier than usual. However, by spending a few minutes reviewing your investment scenario of this past year, you

can see where you've been, where you might be going, and what you need to do to keep moving forward toward your long-term financial goals.

So, as you look back at 2016, pay close attention to these elements of your investment picture:

- **Performance** – Reviewing your investment performance over time is important in helping you determine if you're on track to achieve your financial goals. So, in evaluating how your investments did in 2016, ask yourself some key questions: How did your investments do relative to their performance in past years? If there was a big difference, what might have accounted for it? Were your returns relevant to your long-term goals? In other words, if you have already established a return rate you'll need to reach your goals – and you should indeed set such a rate – were your actual returns “on track” to help you make progress toward your objectives? And, just as importantly, were your return expectations realistic, based on your investment mix and the market environment?

- **Investment mix** – If you are a diligent investor following a well-designed strategy, you probably started out in 2016 with an investment mix that reflects your risk tolerance, time

horizon, and short- and long-term goals. But over time, your investment mix can change, even without your having done so on purpose. If you owned a certain percentage of an asset, such as growth stocks, and those stocks appreciated in price substantially, they could take up a larger percentage of your portfolio than you had intended, thereby exposing you to a higher risk level than that with which you are comfortable. So now that the year is coming to a close, examine your investment mix to see if it needs “rebalancing.”

- **Contribution levels** – Are you taking full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan? Specifically, if you got a raise this past year, did you boost your contributions to your plan? The more you invest now, and throughout your working life, the less likely it will be that you have to play “catch up” in the years immediately preceding your retirement.

- **Mistakes** – We all make mistakes in every walk of life, including the way we invest. In looking back over 2016, can

you spot some investment mistakes you might have made? Did you temporarily “bail out” on investing immediately after the “Brexit” vote, only to find, a few weeks later, that the markets had soared to record highs? Did you act on impulse and buy a so-called “hot” stock that turned out to be inappropriate for your needs and risk level? While mistakes like these might be costly in the short term, they can ultimately prove invaluable – if you learn from them.

We're just about ready to turn the page on the 2016 calendar. So, as you review your investment decisions for the past year, try to determine what worked, what didn't – and what you can do to improve your results in 2017.

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Retailer Supports United Way



Soma employees volunteer at a United Way Day of Caring at the PA Geraci Child Development Center

photos courtesy United Way

On the eve of the recent Giving Tuesday, United Way announced that it collected 70 percent of its \$9.65 million dollar goal. Giving Tuesday is a great way for the community to focus on helping neighbors and share in the holiday spirit by giving back to those most in need.

Chico's FAS recently concluded its United Way fundraising campaign, which included welcoming two new members to the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. Chico's FAS ranks third in Lee County as a United Way Pacesetter company and has raised \$250,000 for the 2016-17 United Way campaign. This level of leadership giving is reflected by the company's year-round commitment to United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee.

Giving Tuesday is a global giving movement in all 50 states and in 70 countries around the world. Since its founding in 2012, millions of people have come together to support and champion the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live. After two days of getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday – Giving Tuesday is a good day for giving back.

Businesses like Chico's FAS run employee fundraising campaigns, volunteer, and offer support through in-kind donations to United Way year round.

“Our pledge this year to the United Way has a significant impact serving the



Chico's FAS employees packing meals for United Way Partner Meals of Hope

most critical needs in Southwest Florida. It's truly amazing how one pledge can help change the lives of so many people,” said Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Chico's FAS, Inc.

Employees give at all levels, from a few dollars per paycheck to participating in United Way Leadership Giving that ranges from \$1,000 for Keel Club members to \$10,000+ for the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. Giving back isn't always about the money. This year, more than 60 Chico's FAS employees participated in United Way's Day of Caring, volunteering at United Way children's agencies, an abuse shelter, and our local food bank. Recently, employees also spent a day packing meals with the help of United Way Partner Agency, Meals of Hope.

“Chico's FAS is a proud supporter of the United Way's Day of Caring. It's eye-opening to see the need in our community, and we're proud that in just one day our associates packed over 13,000 meals to help feed 2,500 local families,” said Jessica Wells, vice president, public relations and corporate communications for Chico's FAS, Inc.

Chico's FAS employees also volunteer and participate in the United Way's Allocation process, which determines how dollars are distributed to the United Way Partner Agencies. In addition, each year Chico's hosts the Allocations Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at its Metro Parkway headquarters.

“Chico's FAS is an extraordinary supporter of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee. Not only do the company and the employees give generously to the annual United Way Campaign, but they give of themselves by volunteering for so many United Way Partner Agencies that need their help. A heartfelt ‘thank you’ to Chico's FAS,” said Cliff Smith, president of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee.

To donate to United Way, visit www.UnitedWayLee.org and click on the Donate Now button or call 433-2000 ext. 221.✴

Life Insurance

What's Your Number?



J. Brendan Ryan, CLU, ChFC, MSFS

Remember the ad on television where the commentator kept asking people what their number was? It was suggesting that each person needs to know the amount of money to have

on hand at retirement in order to maintain one's standard of living during retirement.

It is a reasonable question to ask but not an easy one to answer. And the further you are from retirement, the less accurate the calculated number will be. Variables, such as salary progression through the years, inflation, changes in one's standard of living, change in marital status, etc., can influence that number and are hard to reckon with early on.

But some commentators have some helpful information. Vickie Bajtelsmit is a lawyer and college professor. Anne Rappaport is an actuary. They published a paper, *When Should You Claim Social Security?* in the January 2015 issue of the Journal of Financial Services Professionals. Besides answering the question asked in their paper's title, they provide guidance on establishing that magic number needed for a couple to achieve a comfortable retirement, citing a 2013 study performed by the Society of Actuaries. They rightly posit that that magic number depends on when one starts Social Security.

They explain that the earliest one can receive Social Security retirement benefits is at age 62, that normal retirement age is now age 66 or 67, depending on year of birth, and that one can delay taking Social Security until age 70. The longer one waits to claim the benefits, the more the monthly check will be.

They use as their examples two couples, all age 62. Couple A had a combined income of \$60,000 and accumulated wealth outside of their residence of \$100,000. Couple B had a combined income of \$105,000 plus \$250,000 of wealth outside of their residence. The commentators made certain reasonable assumptions too complex to review here and ran a Monte Carlo simulation to determine the probability that a certain level of savings will allow a comfortable retirement (in light of their pre-retirement income) through life expectancy.

Couple A: They found that, if Couple A both retired at age 62 and started to collect Social Security at age 62, a nest egg of \$383,000 would give them a 50 percent likelihood of meeting their needs to life expectancy. A 90 percent likelihood would require a nest egg of \$520,000. If they put off retirement and the start of Social Security until age 70, the required nest egg would be only \$278,000 for the 50 percent probability level and \$427,000 for the 90 percent probability.

Couple B: Assuming that they both retired and started Social Security at age 62, Couple B would need a nest egg of \$918,000 to be 50 percent confident and \$1.2 million to be 90 percent confident of maintaining their pre-retirement standard of living. If they do not retire and claim until age 70, those numbers drop to \$707,000 and \$988,000 respectively.

Observations:

- These calculations do not factor in the effects of extreme financial shocks, such as living well beyond life expectancy, extremely poor market performance, or very high costs of long-term care.

- If the required nest eggs are out of reach for a given couple, no need to despair. Adjusting down one's standard of living during retirement is always possible.

- To get a better handle on what your Social Security benefits are, you can find information based on your actual Social Security participation by going to www.ssa.gov.

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Screaming Orphans To Play At Benefit

Hooley at the Heights, taking place on Thursday, March 9, will feature The Screaming Orphans in a limited seating engagement to raise funds for The Freedom and Virtue Institute's (FVI) Self-Reliance programs.

The concert will be held at The Heights Foundation, located at 15570 Hagie Drive in Fort Myers. Advance tickets are now on sale.

Self-Reliance Clubs are set up in schools to provide underprivileged students with the opportunity to work in various entrepreneurship initiatives, learn economics, earn money, and gain self-esteem and a sense of individual freedom. The money earned can then be used to purchase school supplies, equipment and clothing.

"Right now, we have seven Self-Reliance Clubs operating out of Florida

and have received requests from parents and schools to expand our clubs to Chicago, Minnesota, Milwaukee, Detroit and Miami," said Founder and President Ismael Hernandez. "In addition to setting up more Self-Reliance Clubs in the Charlotte, Lee and Collier county areas, we want this to be a national program and we are honored to have The Screaming Orphans join us in our endeavor to raise funds for these projects."

The Screaming Orphans are four sisters from County Donegal, Ireland. Angela, Gráinne, Joan and Marie Thérèse Diver draw on a diverse set of influences ranging from Simon and Garfunkel to The Bangles to The McNulty Family, with a strong focus on melody-driven songs with pop and rocks strains.

A friend Joan's came up with the band's name. "...We loved the name because we were going out on the road on our own and we were leaving behind our Mam who had been our lead singer for years and our Da who was our

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Planned Giving Council Meeting

The Planned Giving Council of Lee County, Inc. (formerly Partnership for Philanthropic Planning) will present To Endow or Not to Endow at the Thursday, December 15 meeting. Steve Shimp, business leader as well as an experienced board member of both small and large nonprofits, will be the guest speaker. The event is sponsored by Florida SouthWestern State College.

Balancing the demands of raising funds to meet this year's expenses with the stress of how to fund your program in future years weighs on the minds of development staff and governing boards. Shimp will offer tips of how to determine when it's wise to focus on endowing your agency's future.

Shimp brought his company, Owen-Ames-Kimball, to the area in 1982 and has since served on a number of nonprofit, economic development and general business and construction industry organizations. He grew the company to over \$190 million in sales in 2007, performing commercial, institutional, multi-family and public works projects with a staff of 70. He moved from president to chairman in 2007, gradually reducing engagement in company affairs. He has had extensive involvement in the community with past chairmanship and/or presidency of multiple nonprofit, economic development, general business and construction industry organizations.



Steve Shimp will be the featured speaker at the December meeting of the Planned Giving Council of Lee County photo provided

The meeting will be held at Blue Coyote Business & Social Club, 9854 Caloosa Yacht and Racquet Club Drive, Fort Myers from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and program begin at noon. The event is free to members. The cost for non-members is \$30 and includes lunch. Reservation deadline is Monday, December 12 at noon. To RSVP go to www.ppplee.org.

For more information, visit www.plannedgivinglee.org or call 850-0040.✴

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They Left Us Everything



by Di Saggau

A friend of mine on Sanibel recently gave me a book her bookclub had discussed in West Virginia during the summer. It's *They Left Us Everything*, a

memoir by Plum Johnson, a Canadian author. What a delightful read. It's funny and it's heart-wrenching, a meditation on aging, grief and our responsibilities to family. I could relate to so many episodes in the book because a few years ago, along with my siblings, we went through our mother's "treasures" in much the same way Plum's siblings did. I am the oldest of five, as is Plum, and like her, I also lost a brother, so it was easy for me to relate with her.

After almost 20 years of caring for elderly parents, first for their senile father, and then for their cantankerous 93-year-old mother, Plum and her three younger brothers have conflicted feelings of grief and relief. When it comes time to empty and sell the beloved family home, 23 rooms bulging with history, antiques and



oxygen tanks, Plum thinks, "How tough will that be? I know how to buy garbage bags."

Plum had planned to spend six months untangling the many scraps of paper left in pockets, family photos and everything else that was left behind after her mother died. Instead, she spent 16 months separating trash from treasure accumulated during mum and dad's combined lifetimes of more than 180 years. Dad had preceded mum in death.

I was sure that the message of the book, judging from the title, would be for parents to clean up their own mess before they depart this world. Just the opposite. Plum says wait until your children are old enough to appreciate it and then leave them everything.

We learn about her siblings, her parents and other family members. Mum, in her younger days, was an advertising copywriter for Macy's, coming up with phrases like, "Dress for one man, not for many," and, "Live on a budget but look as if you didn't." Dad was in the military serving, among other places, in India and Burma.

Plum struggled in her relationship with her mother. Through her mother's letters, she learns about her parents' life together, the good and the bad. She gains a greater insight as to what her mother was really like. She even discovers a letter her mother wrote to her but never gave her. She found it while going through things, and the letter brought tears of joy. The crankiness she experienced with her mum during her final years recedes from her memory and she gains more empathy and understanding. She sees now that old people are simply young people locked in aging bodies.

I loved the way for 20 years, she and her brothers would get together two or three times a year for group therapy. During their "Sibling Suppers," they would discuss mum and dad with good food, the best wine and laughter that lasted all night. What a great idea.

There is a lot of humor in the book. I loved the section talking about how, as children, if they misbehaved at the dinner table, they were told to stand in the corner of the kitchen where they would pick at the wallpaper. Years later, as they empty the house, they discover that the leafy green toile of red-coated fisherman casting their flies over rivers, shows that halfway up the wall, all the fishing rods have their tips picked off. *They Left Us Everything* is a warm, heartfelt memoir.✧

School Smart



by Shelley M. Gregg, NCSP

Dear Shelley, My son is in middle school now, and I'm having difficulty getting any information from him about his day at school,

what happened and so forth. I know that both good and some bad things are happening, yet I don't want to grill or nag him with incessant questions. Any ideas on how to make him more talkative?

Serena T., Fort Myers

Serena,

You are experiencing a very common problem – teenagers tend to talk less with their parents when asked to converse "on demand." In reality, teenagers want to converse with their parents but often in a different setting or different format and usually on their terms.

Elena Aquilar, a teacher, coach and leader in education, has some recommendations for parents on this concern. She wants parents to observe the situation and understand how and when they ask their kids questions. She says that parents should ask during a time when they have the ability to focus so that their child feels they have your full attention. Once you get an understanding of when the optimal time for questions is, (for

many parents it seems to be in the car and at dinner) don't pepper them with tons of questions, ask just a couple and let them talk. After a while, you'll figure out which questions elicit the most meaningful responses. Aquilar's suggestions for questions that will work with most age groups, perhaps with some wording modifications, are as follows:

1. Tell me about a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning.
2. Tell me about a moment in class when you felt confused.
3. Think about what you learned and did in school today. What's something you'd like to know more about? What's a question you have that came from your learning today?
4. Were there any moments today when you felt worried? When you felt scared?
5. Were there any times today when you felt disrespected by anyone? Tell me about those moments.
6. Were there times today when you felt that one of your classmates demonstrated care for you?
7. Were there any moments today when you felt proud of yourself?
8. Tell me about a conversation you had with a classmate or friend that you enjoyed.
9. What was challenging about your day?
10. What do you appreciate about your day?
11. What did you learn about yourself today?
12. Is there anything that you'd like to talk about that I might be able to help you figure out?

13. Is there anything you're worried about?

14. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

15. Is there a question you wish I'd ask you about your day?

She also has some excellent suggestions, listed below, for parents in regard to their communication style and intentions. These are particularly useful for expanding your conversations and getting a true picture of how your child is feeling as well as what they're doing.

- Don't interrupt. This is a good rule for any conversation, but especially if you want to get a lot of information out of a kid.

- Ask for more. Simply say, "I'd love to hear more about that..." Or, "Can you expand on that a little?"

- Ask about feelings. After a child describes an experience, ask, "How did you feel in that moment? What did you notice about your feelings?"

- Validate feelings. Whatever your kid feels is normal and OK. Let them know that. Feelings are OK. Tell them this.

- Tell them it's not OK for teachers

or kids to be unkind or mean. If they tell you a story about a teacher who yelled or disrespected them (regardless of what they said or did), let them know that it's not OK for an adult to treat them that way. Same goes for how they are treated by other children.

- Thank them for sharing with you. Always appreciate their honesty and willingness to share the highlights and bright spots, as well as the difficult moments. This will fuel their confidence in telling you more.

By following these excellent ideas, you can help improve the conversations between you and your child to be more meaningful, positive and powerful.

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Screaming Orphans

manager/sound engineer, and so we became 'orphans.' The 'screaming' bit is what usually occurs when surrounded by family, and we are known to hit certain high notes that could be interpreted as scream-like. That and our secondary school used to be an orphanage," said Gráinne Diver.

Hooley at the Heights will feature a VIP to meet and greet the band, FVI founder and author Hernandez, as well as food, specialty drinks and raffles. VIP is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Doors open to ticket holders at 7:15 p.m.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are available. For more information, visit www.fvinstitute.org/event/hooley.✧

Race Supports Kiwanis Program



Members of the Metro-McGregor Kiwanis after last year's race, front row, from left, Keira Pelle, Jennifer Molnar, Alyssa Gnagey, Rachel Toomey, Kate Smiley and Shea Cunningham. Back row, from left, Jessica Gnagey, Patrice Cunningham, Steve Hess, Todd Adams, Matt Toomey, Heather Chouinard, Liz Ross and Barbara Hartman

photos courtesy Metro-McGregor Kiwanis

The Fort Myers Metro-McGregor Kiwanis will hold the 9th annual Calusa Bug Chase 5K run and BUG Crawl on January 28 at the Calusa Nature Center, located at 3450 Ortiz Avenue in Fort Myers.

The race benefits the club's BUG (Bring Up Grades) program and other club-sponsored community service projects. Participants can register at www.ftmyerstrackclub.com.

The program recognizes local elementary students who raise their grades to an acceptable range and maintain or continue to raise them from one grading period to the next. The Metro-McGregor Kiwanis currently has BUG programs at Littleton Elementary School and is actively seeking more schools to participate.

The course, supervised by the Fort Myers Track Club, travels the trails at the nature center and a portion of the asphalt bike path on Ortiz. The race will be timed with Chrono Track Bib Tag Technology.

Packet pickup takes place the day of the race from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. Race day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and race time is 7:30 a.m. Adult pre-registration up to January 18 is \$20; registration is \$25 from January 19 through 25 and race day registration is \$35. Youth (age 17 and under) discounted pre-registration is \$10; January 19 through 25 registration is \$15 and race day registration is \$25. There is no charge for the BUG Crawl, a short run/walk guided by race volunteers, for children age five and under. Registration includes a long-sleeve commemorative T-shirt, complimentary race day admission to the Calusa Nature Center and refreshments. Overall and age group awards for the 5K run will be presented.

Race co-title sponsors are Pool Pros, Inc. and Larue Pest Management, Inc. Other sponsors include: Nova Southeastern University; Leslea Ellis, LLC; United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee; Pampered-Pooch Dog Boarding and Daycare; Island



The Mitchell family, with Pool Pros, Inc., sponsored and participated in the race



Sponsor and participant Keith Reubeling of Larue Pest Management, Inc.



Runners take off at the 2016 Calusa Bug Chase 5K run

Aire of Southwest Florida, Inc.; and Paychex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at the \$150 level.

For more information, contact Heather Chouinard at Heather.Chouinard@iberiabank.com.✪

Funds Going To Children's Behavioral Health

One in 10 children struggle with a mental health condition before the age of 10. Locally and across the country, there is a lack of resources for children in need of mental health care and this year, SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. is dedicating its fund-a-cause dollars to the pediatric behavioral health initiative at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to help give local children access to quality mental health care services.

"It's no longer a taboo subject," said Christin Collins, co-chair of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest. "Children's behavioral and mental healthcare is complex, and it's heartbreaking for the children and families who are suffering. This need is underserved and has reached a crisis point.

"Mental healthcare must become a priority for children in our community," Collins continued. "The mission of the SWFL Children's Charities is to advance healthcare services available to children in our region, and we have a huge responsibility to lead the way for improving access to care for children and families who are suffering with mental illness in Southwest Florida."

An estimated 46,000 local children currently or have had a seriously debilitating mental disorder. Reimbursement rates for behavioral and mental health make it difficult for healthcare providers to meet the current and growing demands for services. More than two-thirds of the pediatric patient population in Southwest Florida is Medicaid and low income.

"The pediatric behavioral health initiative at Golisano Children's Hospital is building a foundation for excellence in caring for the mental health needs for the children and families of our area, and the support of SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. will bring tremendous resources to boost our efforts," said Dr.

Denise Dutchak-Parmenter of Golisano Children's Hospital.

"Mental illness crosses all boundaries and affects every aspect of a child's functioning, whether it's a complex medical condition, their school performance or their family and friends. Our goal is to allow patients to access a multi-layered approach through individual group and family therapies, and coordinate with schools and their primary care doctors to promote the patient's best and optimal functioning now and for their lifetime. As our patient population grows, we anticipate the addition of providers and services dedicated to the advancement of mental healthcare in our community."

The pediatric behavioral health initiative at Golisano Children's Hospital treats a wide spectrum of behavioral and mental health needs, including psychiatric diagnoses such as ADHD, anxiety and mood disorders, autism and psychosis.

"Philanthropy will be the only way organizations like Golisano Children's Hospital will be able to create and

sustain programs and services to support the needs of children in our community with behavior and mental disorders," said Collins. "Donations to the auction's fund-a-cause will support the establishment of this region's first comprehensive behavioral and mental health counseling program, as well as patient and family navigation programs."

The two-day Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest includes private chef vintner dinners on Friday, February 24, and The Grand Tasting and Live Auction on Saturday, February 25 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, located at 10160 Miromar Lakes Boulevard.

The annual event has raised \$16 million over the past eight years, and SWFL Children's Charities, Inc. donates 100 percent of the proceeds to three local beneficiaries, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, Florida SouthWestern State College and Florida Gulf Coast University.

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

Golf Tournament Raises \$40,000 For Hospice

The Club at Shell Point recently hosted 144 golfers for the 13th annual Shell Point Open Golf Tournament, which raised \$42,000. Funds will benefit the general in-patient hospice unit in The Larsen Pavilion skilled nursing center, which serves both Shell Point residents and the Southwest Florida community.

Presented by The Legacy Foundation at Shell Point, along with title co-sponsors Wright Construction Group and FineMark National Bank & Trust, the 18-hole scramble began with a continental breakfast and patriotic salute in honor of Veterans Day.

Golfers finished at the clubhouse with a silent auction, tournament prize announcements, and a full, catered luncheon by Executive Chef Richard Brown of The Club at Shell Point.

"Between the great course conditions and beautiful weather, this golf tournament brought a smile to my face," said Marcia Seeland, Shell Point resident and longtime tournament participant.

"I love the new clubhouse – I feel so spoiled. We look forward to many more rounds of golf here," said Dawn Heintzelman, Shell Point resident and tournament golfer.



The Club at Shell Point recently hosted 144 golfers for the 13th annual Shell Point Open Golf Tournament, which raised \$42,000 to benefit the on-campus hospice unit

photos by Rich Cerrina



A tournament participant lines up a putt

Additional funding support for the tournament was provided by diamond sponsor Service Painting of Florida, and corporate sponsors: Solomon & Hoover, CPAs; Harvey-Engelhardt Funeral Homes & Cremation Services; J.A. Uniforms, Inc.; RDG Architects; and B.C. Ziegler & Company.

"Golfers and sponsors alike continue to contribute to this tournament each year not only because of the camaraderie, but because of the opportunity to help with a worthwhile cause," said Gary Keating, golf course manager, who announced the silent auction and tournament winners.

For more information, visit www.shellpoint.org or call 1-800-780-1131.✧



A golfer from the FineMark National Bank & Trust team hits a long drive during the tournament on November 11



Held on Veterans Day, the 13th annual golf tournament included a continental breakfast and patriotic salute



Executive Chef Richard Brown of The Club at Shell Point prepared a catered luncheon for golfers at the Banyan Grille

Calendar Girls Visit River District



The Calendar Girls pictured with a toy soldier in the Fort Myers River District

The Candy Canes, aka The Calendar Girls, brought some holiday sweetness to the Fort Myers River District on November 28. For more information, visit www.calendargirlsflorida.com.✧



The Candy Canes at Ford's Garage

photos courtesy Linda Floyd

Hospice Hosts Business Community



Candy Rodriguez, Lourdes Santillen, Sylvia Delgado photos courtesy Hope Healthcare

Hope Healthcare hosted more than 100 guests from community businesses at author Liz Jazwiec's presentation, *Yippee! Another Day in Paradise ... Driving Negativity Out of the Workplace*.

Sponsored by Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, PA, the complimentary presentation at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers focused on boosting morale and creating a positive work environment. Attendees received a signed copy of *Eat that Cookie* from Jazwiec's workplace trilogy.

Hope Healthcare is a not-for-profit health care organization dedicated to providing care and comfort to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life's journey. For more information, call 482-4673 or visit www.HopeHCS.org.



Gail Marra, Robin Healy



Kelli King, Madeline Panigua



Diana Willis, Gail Markham, Noelle Melanson



Hope Healthcare President and CEO Samira K Beckwith with author Liz Jazwiec



Rachel Schad, Tim Hauck, Fay Keller, Linda Fuller, Renee Duncan, Sharon Reardon, Mark Jones

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5 Minute Health Hacks



by Suzy Cohen, RPh

Dear Readers: The following are simple health hacks.

Pimple- Put a dab of essential oil of tea tree on it. Or put a dab of bentonite clay on it (mixed with water); you want a clay paste. You can

do both back to back (tea tree then clay mask). You can leave the dab on there overnight.

Foot cramp or Charlie horse- If these ailments are just occasional from over-stretching or dehydration, long travel, wearing high heels too long and so forth, just buy coconut water and drink it. The electrolytes work to stop the cramps and spasms. You can do this right before bedtime if it's frequent. Any electrolyte drink will work, unfortunately commercial drinks mostly contain artificial colors.

Kitchen cuts and wounds- Cayenne

powder, the spice, is a well-known hemostat so it stops bleeding within seconds. Outdoor survivalists know this and often have it in their backpack, but what about the rest of us? It's amazing that you can pour this onto a cut and within 10 seconds, the bleeding will pretty much stop. I found this out when I cut some crusty bread and the knife slipped onto my finger. The water from the faucet wasn't helping, nor any of the shameful words I mumbled while hopping from one foot to another.... so I poured some cayenne pepper on the cut and took a deep breath waiting for a burn. Surprisingly, no pain, but it did control the bleeding. Super cool for a hot pepper extract.

Headache- Sometimes a cup of coffee or black tea will help because of the caffeine, and you can also add two ibuprofen. If that doesn't help, then take a cool pack and put it on both your temples and take 250 to 350 mg of chelated magnesium.

Hangover- Truthfully, I have no experience with this one as my drinking habits amount to probably one drink (or a few sips of one drink), about three times a year. I just don't like feeling 'messed up' in my head, and it causes insomnia for me. But lots of my friends drink,

and some get hangovers. I suggest you take two N-acetylcysteine supplements (approximately 1200 mg of NAC) and also a B1 (thiamine) tablet with your drinks or in the morning. There's a biochemical reason for why this works better than drinking raw eggs or sweating in a sauna, just take my word for it.

Dry, chapped lips- Drink more, always infuse your water with marshmallow root (keep it in the fridge) and apply honey to your lips (instead of lip gloss). You're more kissable that way too. I have a much longer version of this article with more five minute health

hacks, it's free at my website, and now here's the last hack for a cold.

Stuffy nose- Take a hot shower so it is steamy in there and dump a few drops of essential oil of eucalyptus on your shower floor. This allows you to gently inhale the steam infused with a known decongestant. Basil essential oil is a good expectorant.

This information is not intended to treat, cure or diagnose your condition. Suzy Cohen is the author of The 24-Hour Pharmacist and is a registered pharmacist. To contact her, visit www.SuzyCohen.com.✱

Doctor and Dietician

Staying Healthy During The Holidays



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

We all know that weight gain comes with the holidays. Unhealthy habits can start with overindulging in Halloween candy, leading to overeating at Thanksgiving and other holiday meals, workplace snacks and parties, and family holiday reunions.

Resist the urge to overindulge in candy and sugar-laden drinks and sweets. Instead, create positive, healthier meal, snack and dessert choices that you can look forward to feasting on during the season. Snack on roasted pumpkin seeds, create meals that include squash, and enjoy desserts made with baked apples. Eating fresh, organic in-season food items provides a richness that your body will

love. Don't settle for processed foods loaded with artificial ingredients.

Plan ahead by creating a healthy meal schedule. Make sure your refrigerator and pantry are stocked with fresh, nutrient-dense foods. It is way too tempting to eat all of the leftover pie at home, or cookies brought to the office. Having a plan and sticking to it avoids developing unhealthy patterns.

Get moving! We sound like a broken record. But seriously, keeping your weight stable is a lot easier when you exercise. It also helps keep you more cheerful by counteracting the stress of holiday travel, traffic, shopping, and other events. If you are currently sedentary, then there is nowhere to go but up! If you currently exercise, but don't feel the benefits, you may be exercising too frequently in the "gray zone." In other words, your hard workouts are not hard enough. And your recovery workouts are not slow enough. Most Americans fit in the sedentary category – they do not do any form of regular exercise. Muscle burns more calories than fat. Enough said, right? You may even want to set a goal, such as completing a 5K – it's only 3.1 miles... you can do it!

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

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,

My husband is 25 years my senior. Our first child was born a year after our marriage and the second child 18 months later. These children were our interest completely, and we both enjoyed the journey. They are now both happy, successful adults.

We retired 10 years ago and now without the "children," we have little in common. My husband goes his way with his interests and I go mine in a totally different direction. I maintain the house and do all of the grocery shopping and maintenance, and when he is home he reads. We do eat together, then go our separate ways to our own TVs and then go to bed on our own private schedules.

We still are very involved with the children as they are not married. This doesn't seem too great, but I guess it's

"widow-in-training" for me.

Do others have lives like ours?

Sylvia

Dear Sylvia,

Your husband must be very strong, and have lived a very healthful lifestyle.

Most marriages don't have a 25-year age difference, and that in itself would make for different interests. Your children have been very fortunate to have loving, devoted parents caring for them, but they have grown up.

Retirement is different for many couples. If you have your interests and he has his and you both have the adult children in common, that is more than most people would consider happiness. You seem to have worked out a compromise that is satisfactory to both. Enjoy.

Lizzie

Dear Sylvia,

Raising a family requires a lot of time and attention, as we know. During this time, many events can occur. The husband and wife become so involved with the children, and the children's multiple activities, or the husband and wife were not very well matched prior to children, however, derived their happiness and joy individually from raising the children.

There are other scenarios as well, but each situation has similar endings after the kids are out of the home. One morning, you look over the top of your newspaper at someone you do not know or want to know.

It seems you have three choices: to do nothing, to improve the relationship and stay together or to decide to end the marriage. So, you have a lot of thinking to do. Perhaps some sessions with a counselor would be a great start.

Pryce

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

Autism Screening

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, offers a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to five years of age.

The next screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be held on Friday, December 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dunbar Jupiter Hammon Public Library, located at 3095 Blount Street in Fort Myers.

It is estimated that one in every 68 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer,

juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Medical consultants for the project stress that an early diagnosis can make a vast difference for toddlers and their families. They say early intensive behavioral intervention can make an immense difference not just in the development of the child, but in their families as well.

Screenings are conducted by the hospital and are administered by an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who has extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders.

A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838.✱

PETS OF THE WEEK

Katana is a 2-year-old female pit bull mix and is a very popular play partner with virtually all of the dogs at the shelter. She is bubbly, playful and happy-go-lucky. She's the perfect dog to blend in with your pack!

Adoption Fee: \$75 (Check Animal Services' website for December specials on select dogs).

Mandy is a gorgeous kitty who is a 3-year-old domestic long hair spayed female would love to be someone's one-and-only. She loves people and will lavish as much attention on you as you give her. Why not make this beauty your next family member?

Adoption Fee: \$10 (regularly \$50) during Animal Services' Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Promo through December 30.

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

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

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

The adoption package is valued at \$500.✱



Katana ID# 680324



Mandy ID# 680227

Grace Loves Her Cats



Grace Pabalan, pictured with GCHS shelter cat, Houdini, loves her cats. During her recent cat-themed birthday party, in which she had around 20 friends and family attend, she raised \$502. She donated all the money to the Gulf Coast Humane Society, which shelters, fosters and adopts cats, dogs and other animals. Grace earned The Purple Paw Award from GCHS for her honorable efforts.

photo by Brian Wierima, GCHS



Boo

PAWS Of Sanibel

Boo

Can this sweet little Boo Boo Kitty come to your home? She is a young girl, about 3-months-old, who made her home in someone's garage. She is now at the vet's office and will soon be spayed and ready for her new home. Can you adopt Boo Boo Kitty? If so, call Pam at PAWS at 472-4823.✱

Humane Society Receives Donation

Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) is a regional organization dedicated to helping companion pets find their forever homes, no matter how long it takes. GCHS provides an adoption center, spay-neuter and veterinary clinic, as well as education and awareness to the public about the welfare of homeless pets.

GCHS' mission is to care for companion pets in need by offering safe refuge, providing medical care and facilitating adoptions. GCHS promotes the concept the "adopt, don't shop" and helps educate the community about proper and responsible animal care, while providing quality, affordable veterinary care.✱



Young Professionals for Animal Protection (YAP) President Kimberly Spilman presents a check for \$667 to Gulf Coast Humane Society Events Coordinator Paul Howel

photo courtesy GCHS

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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
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Ft. Myers Chamber of Commerce	332-3624
Foundation for Quality Childcare	425-2685
Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce	454-7500
Fort Myers Beach Library	463-9691
Lakes Regional Library	533-4000
Lee County Chamber of Commerce	931-0931
Post Office	1-800-275-8777
Visitor & Convention Bureau	338-3500

ARTS

Alliance for the Arts	939-2787
Arts For ACT Gallery & Studio	337-5050
Art League Of Fort Myers	275-3970
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall	481-4849
BIG ARTS	395-0900
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Cultural Park Theatre	772-5862
Edison Festival of Light	334-2999
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Florida West Arts	948-4427
Fort Myers Symphonic Mastersingers	288-2535
Gulf Coast Symphony	489-1800
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The Schoolhouse Theater	472-6862
SW Florida Symphony	418-0996
Theatre Conspiracy	936-3239
Young Artists Awards	574-9321

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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Animal Refuge Center	731-3535
American Business Women Association	357-6755
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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
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Garden Club of Cape Coral	239-257-2654
Horticulture and Tea Society	472-8334
Horticultural Society	472-6940
Lee County Genealogical Society	549-9625
Lee Trust for Historic Preservation	939-7278
NARFE (National Active & Retired Federal Employees	482-6713
Navy Seabees Veterans of America	731-1901
Paradise Iowa Club of SWFL	667-1354
Sons of Confederate Veterans	332-2408
Southwest Florida Fencing Academy	939-1338
Southwest Florida Music Association	561-2118

Kiwanis Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach	765-4254 or 454-8090
Fort Myers Edison	694-1056
Fort Myers South	691-1405
Gateway to the Islands	218-5768
Iona-McGregor	482-0869

Lions Clubs:

Fort Myers Beach	463-9738
Fort Myers High Noon	466-4228
Estero/South Fort Myers	898-1921
Notre Dame Club of Lee County	768-0417
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

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum	395-2233
Burrough's Home	337-9505
Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium	275-3435
Edison & Ford Winter Estates	334-7419
Fort Myers Skate Park	321-7558
Imaginarium Hands-On Museum & Aquarium	321-7420
JN "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge	472-1100
Koreshan State Historic Site	239-992-0311
Langford Kingston Home	239-334-2550
Ostego Bay Foundation Marine Science Center	765-8101
Skatium	321-7510
Southwest Florida Historical Society	939-4044
Southwest Florida Museum of History	321-7430
True Tours	945-0405

To be listed in calling card email your information to: press@riverweekly.com

PUZZLES

Answers on page 37

Super Crossword

NOTED PHRASES

- ACROSS
- 1 Neighbor of Chile
 - 5 Chemist's outerwear
 - 12 Some captives
 - 20 Copies
 - 21 Magic's city
 - 22 Fearmonger
 - 23 Centennial State
 - pageant winner
 - 25 Start to chew
 - 26 Clinic fluids
 - 27 Enjoy a meal
 - 28 DVR biggie
 - 29 Baste, e.g.
 - 30 Text giggle
 - 31 Output of Tolkien
 - 38 Highly skilled people
 - 40 Prudential competitor
 - 41 "— found it!"
 - 42 Member of a noted racecar-driving family
 - 47 Surplus item
 - 51 Be a cast member of
 - 52 Oklahoma tribe member
 - 53 Placed in the middle, to a Brit
- 55 The NBA's "King James"
- 57 120-Down character
- 61 Uru. neighbor
- 64 Wildlife lair
- 65 Proverb
- 66 Add liberally
- 67 Most August newborns
- 69 Popular energy drink
- 73 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 74 Rome's country, in French
- 76 "Für —" (piano piece)
- 77 Sun, e.g.
- 79 — Moines, Iowa
- 80 Prism, cone or sphere
- 82 Beach shoe
- 85 Stands for hot dishes
- 86 Melody
- 87 "Salud!," say
- 91 Dutch genre
- 92 Port-au-Prince's land
- 98 No. on a road sign
- 100 Navigator Islands, now
- 101 Cry upon release
- 102 1991 Denzel Washington film
- 109 Gave a meal
- 110 Hubbub
- 111 Chiang Mai native
- 112 Johnny —
- 113 Pool coverer
- 115 Open ocean
- 118 Parts of it appear at both the starts and ends of this puzzle's eight theme phrases
- 123 Bel Air resident, e.g.
- 124 Funicello of the screen
- 125 Cry in church
- 126 Nonclerical females
- 127 "Possibly"
- 128 Veg out, say
- 7 Make swollen
- 8 Magna —
- 9 — par with
- 10 Stick in
- 11 Moreover
- 12 Natural home
- 13 With 84-Down, lunchmeat with pimiento
- 14 Goal in Zen Buddhism
- 15 Uno plus due
- 16 French bud
- 17 Knife of TV ads
- 18 Oxalate, e.g.
- 19 Vermont ski town
- 24 Wearing a lounge robe
- 28 Color a little
- 30 Tibetan priest
- 32 Ending for enzymes
- 33 She sang "Smooth Operator"
- 34 "— darn tootin'!"
- 35 4G — (T-Mobile offering)
- 36 Retaliate
- 37 Like some criticism
- 39 Singer Ochs
- 43 Actor Greene
- 44 — -Z
- 45 Luc's denial
- 46 Chilling stuff
- 48 Camera stand
- 49 Fixed up
- 50 Studmuffin
- 54 West Germany's Ludwig
- 56 Deprived
- 57 Not genuine
- 58 Wheel turner
- 59 Little jerk
- 60 Patients' gp.
- 61 First groups of invitees
- 62 Snappy reply
- 63 Net minder
- 65 California's — Woods
- 68 Splinters
- 70 MBA, say
- 71 — -ray Disc
- 72 Feature of the word "go"
- 75 — -Kit (police tool)
- 78 Tub traction aids
- 81 Medit. land
- 82 "Or — hear"
- 83 From way back: Abbr.
- 84 See 13-Down
- 86 Shut angrily
- 88 Structure of a plane without the engine
- 89 Belfry locales
- 90 Knotted
- 93 Quarterback
- 94 Spanish for "daddy"
- 95 Ball caller
- 96 "Sk8er —" (2002 hit)
- 97 Chick- — -A
- 99 Hold dear
- 102 Taj —
- 103 Singer Menzel
- 104 Drenched
- 105 1953 Alan Ladd title role
- 106 Disney mermaid
- 107 Religious branches
- 108 Die down
- 114 Rent- —
- 116 Chop down
- 117 — -mo
- 118 Animal gullet
- 119 A, in France
- 120 '75 TV debut
- 121 Ang of film
- 122 Certain M.D.

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Timber wolf
 - 5 U.K. television option
 - 8 Lily variety
 - 12 Opposed to, slangily
 - 13 Always, in verse
 - 14 Mimicked
 - 15 Get bigger
 - 16 Banner
 - 18 "— Street"
 - 20 Leads
 - 21 Edges
 - 23 Adam's mate
 - 24 Recklessly
 - 28 Book after Joel
 - 31 Sphere
 - 32 "SNL" alumna Cheri
 - 34 Debt notice
 - 35 Seniors' dance
 - 37 Vexing situation
 - 39 By way of
 - 41 Use scissors
 - 42 Offering a nice view
 - 45 Illegal steroid use, e.g.
 - 49 Vertical space
 - 51 Birthright barterer
 - 52 Not working
 - 53 Genetic stuff (Abbr.)
- 54 Matterhorn's range
- 55 Pinochle play
- 56 Affirmative
- 57 For fear that
- 8 Digestive aid
- 9 Widespread illness
- 10 Kelly or Hackman
- 11 Rhyming tributes
- 17 Payable
- 19 Venus de —
- 22 Old daggers
- 24 Bounce
- 25 Blunder
- 26 Especially often
- 29 Partner of aah
- 30 Take to court
- 33 Personal (Pref.)
- 36 Paid heed to
- 38 Attraction
- 40 Atmosphere
- 42 Thin wedge
- 43 Relinquish
- 44 Buffalo Bill's last name
- 46 Capri, e.g.
- 47 Siestas
- 48 Sudden rush of wind
- 50 Individual
- DOWN
- 1 Trails behind
 - 2 Shrek is one
 - 3 Life stories, for short
 - 4 Ahead
 - 5 Huge monster
 - 6 Spelling contest
 - 7 Rugged cliff

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X R A L U G E R T W U B T S T

- Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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| Accepted | Common | Orthodox | Stock |
| Average | Conventional | Reference | Textbook |
| Benchmark | Gauge | Regular | Touchstone |
| Classic | Model | Staple | |



"And do you, Alfred, promise to take
out the _____ without
having to be told?"
answer on page 37

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!

Spring
BUNCOE

Model
DUGIE

Peep
CANGLE

Chance
MODARN

TODAY'S WORD

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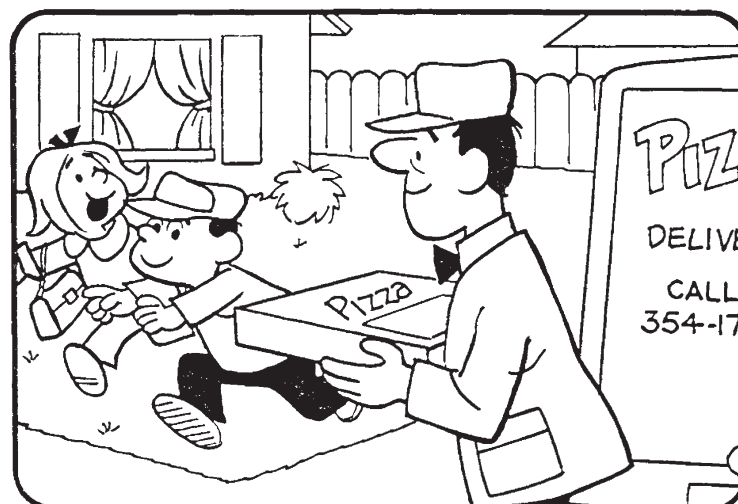
To play Sudoku:

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

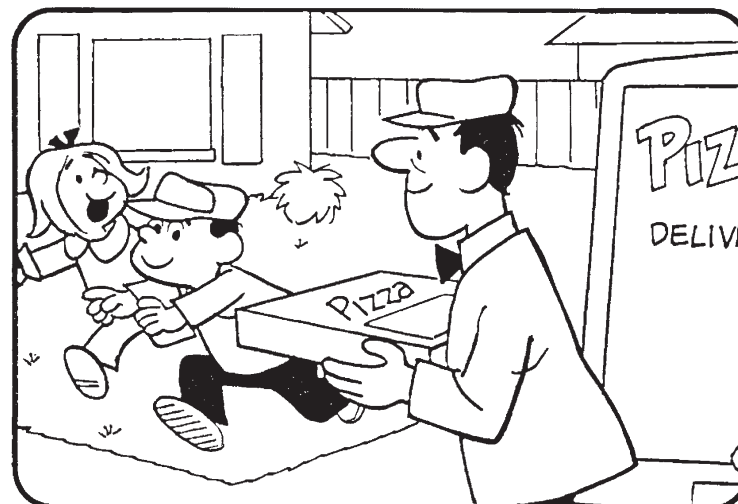
answer on page 37

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



FIND AT LEAST SIX DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS



Differences: 1. Curtains are missing. 2. Purse is missing. 3. Fence top is different. 4. Cap is different. 5. Pocket is missing. 6. Telephone number is missing.

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¼ cup dry bread crumbs
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¼ teaspoon seasoned salt
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons fat-free milk
2½ cups zucchini, sliced ¼-inch thick

Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Whisk together first five ingredients in a medium bowl. Pour milk into a shallow bowl. Place an ovenproof wire rack coated with cooking spray on a baking sheet. Dip zucchini slices in milk, and dredge in breadcrumb mixture. Put coated slices directly onto the prepared wire rack. Bake for 30 minutes or until browned and crisp. Serve immediately with Feta and Dill Dip.

Tip: To minimize cleanup, put aluminum foil on the baking sheet before placing the wire rack on it.

Feta and Dill Dip

1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
1 tablespoon fresh dill, chopped
1 tablespoon crumbled feta cheese
Mix all ingredients together and serve.

Yields eight servings.*



Zucchini Chips

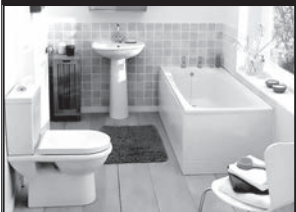
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Lake Kennedy Senior Center

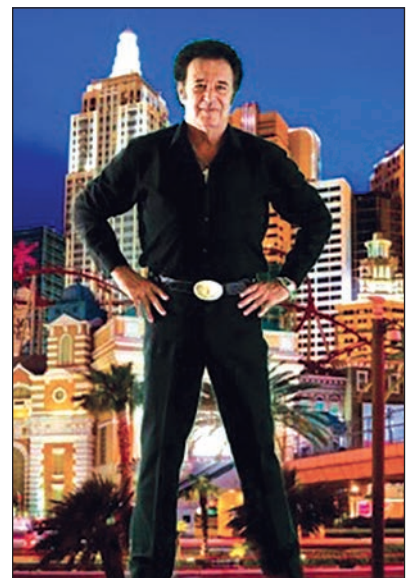
Winter Sock Hop

Lake Kennedy Senior Center, located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard in Cape Coral, will hold a Winter Sock Hop on Friday, January 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the praogrm starts at 7 p.m.

Hop into the new year with the Tony Blake Variety Show. Blake's stage presence, vocal experience with versatility, power and range will blow you away with his renditions of hits from the 1950s to today. All are invited to come dressed in your "sock hop" best.

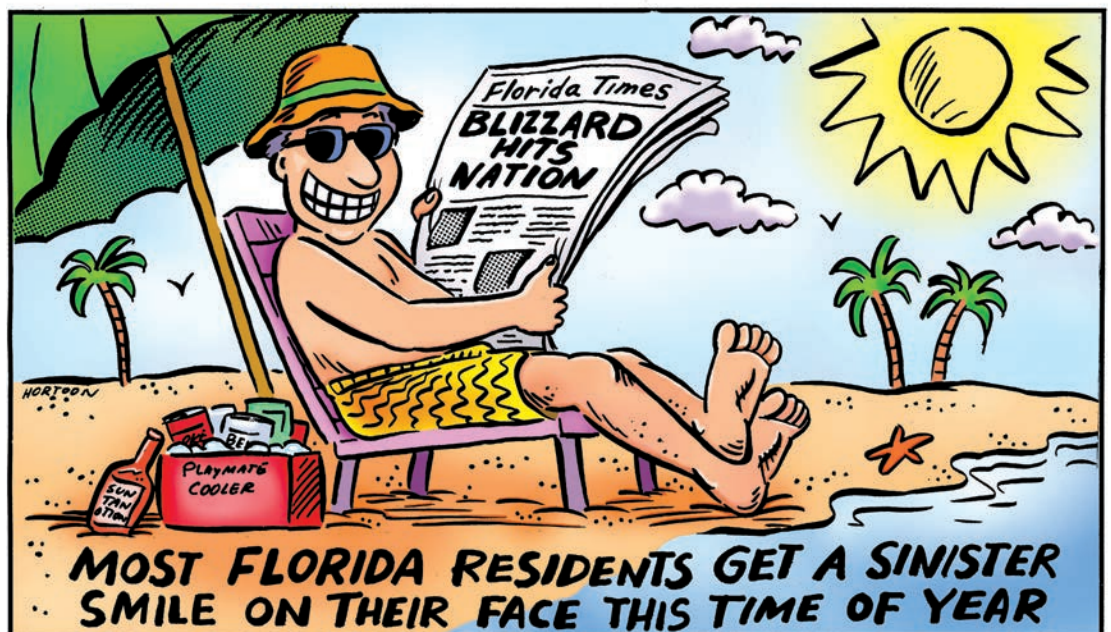
Cost to attend is \$10 per member and \$15 per non-member. A variety of appetizers, gluten-free soup and beverages will be served, BYOB. Pre-registration is required.

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



Tony Blake
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Subdivision	City	Year Built	Square Footage	Listing Price	Selling Price	Days On Market
Sorrento	Miromar Lakes	2016	6,401	\$5,638,575	\$5,638,575	1
Not Applicable	Sanibel	1980	1,935	\$3,300,000	\$2,800,000	350
Venetian Gardens	Fort Myers Beach	2016	4,104	\$1,995,000	\$1,900,000	224
Catalpa Cove	Fort Myers	2001	3,850	\$1,895,000	\$1,850,000	27
Jonathan Harbour	Fort Myers	1996	4,277	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	0
Vittoria	Fort Myers	2005	3,542	\$1,249,900	\$1,123,000	22
Banyan Cove	Estero	2002	3,576	\$1,215,000	\$1,150,000	42
Fort Myers	Fort Myers	2015	3,525	\$849,990	\$849,990	425
Nature's Cove	Estero	2005	2,972	\$849,900	\$800,000	141
Imperial Shores	Bonita Springs	1988	2,107	\$799,000	\$755,000	28

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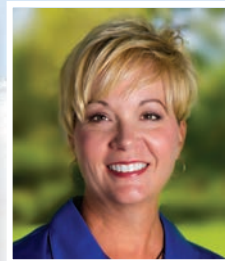
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